

Foster Hails Victory of Paraguayan Leader

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, has sent a letter to Obdulio Barthe, leader of the Communist Party of Paraguay hailing his release after four years' imprisonment. Barthe is now in Guatemala where he has received political asylum.

Foster's letter follows:

"We have learned the magnificent news of your release after four long years in the dungeons of the reactionary Paraguayan dictatorship. This is a great victory for the working class and people of Paraguay and for all the peoples of the Americas. It was the worldwide protests, and especially the protest movement in Latin America, that finally compelled Washington's puppets in Asuncion to free you.

"You emerge from prison at a time when the horror of the hydrogen bomb and the threat of

increased U. S. intervention in the Indochina war have aroused hundreds of millions throughout the world. The North American people, too, who were deceived for a time into accepting the Korean war, are now raising their voices in unmistakable fashion against a second Korea in Asia and are demanding a ban on the hydrogen and atom-bombs that threaten to destroy civilization. Thanks to these worldwide protests and to the firm peace policy of the Soviet Union, the Chinese People's Republic and the European people's democracies, Wall Street's chief war incendiary, John Foster Dulles, met defeat at Geneva and the whole Eisenhower-Dulles war policy has suffered a setback.

"The reactionary Eisenhower-Dulles policy in Latin America is also encountering serious difficulties.

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culties. This was clearly manifested at the recent Caracas Conference. The courageous stand of the government and people of Guatemala is a high point and symbol of the rising resistance of all the Latin American peoples to domination and plunder by the Wall Street trusts.

"At the same time, the peoples of the continent are unfolding massive struggles for democracy, against the internationalization of fascist-McCarthyism, and in defense of their basic economic interests now threatened by the advancing Wall Street economic crisis. In our own country one of the outstanding developments of the past year has been the broad movement to defend democratic liberties against the attacks of McCarthyism, which is the spearhead of the monopolies' drive toward fascism and war.

"As an indispensable part of this struggle, Our Party is now launching a nationwide campaign for amnesty for Eugene Dennis, general secretary of our Party, and all other victims of the Smith Act and other anti-democratic laws. The fact that a mass campaign forced open the prison gates to free you from the clutches of the fascist Paraguayan regime, strengthens our own battle and shows it is possible to liberate our imprisoned fighters for peace and democracy, as well as Jesus Faria of Venezuela, Cayetano Carpio of El Salvador, Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos of Puerto Rico, Dr. Chaddi Jagan of British Guiana, and all other political prisoners throughout the continent.

"The heroic struggle you have waged is a shining example of Communist courage, principle and devotion to the people's interests.

"We send you warmest fraternal greetings and best wishes for your health. We are confident that the day is not far off when you will be able to return to your homeland to lead your people's struggles for freedom, peace and social progress."

Fraternally

(Signed) William Z. Foster