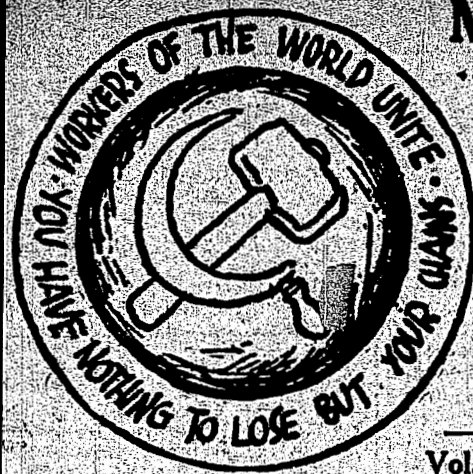




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Ruthenberg, Workers Party, 799 Broadway, New York City.

The French Communist Party heartily congratulates, and wishes the best of success on the occasion of the issuance of the Communist Daily, indispensable in the American class struggle against capitalist exploitation. The revolutionary French proletariat greets the American working class.

Signed: Sellier Treist, Secretary.

Minnesota City and Land Labor Fights Political Adventurers in Struggle to Build Party

By H. M. WICKS

(Special to "The Worker")

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Efforts of the trade unions, farmers' organizations and co-operatives to definitely organize their political power in the state of Minnesota for the purpose of conserving their victories at the polls and winning new conquests in the future, has aroused the opposition of the political adventurers who hoped to use this mass movement in their own interests.

The situation in Minnesota today is unique in the history of American politics. There is a strong Farmer-Labor Party movement, but there is no Farmer-Labor Party. The elections that placed Dr. Hendrick Shipstead and Magnus Johnson in the United States Senate were elemental revolts of the exploited farmers and the organized workers of this state.

The name Farmer-Labor Party was used in these campaigns because it is, in itself, an excellent slogan symbolizing the identity of interests between the wage workers, working farmers and farm laborers. In order that the name "Farmer-Labor Party" could have legal standing it was necessary to comply with the state laws regarding political parties, so the successful candidate for the nomination for governor of the state on the Farmer-Labor Party ticket ap-

pointed a state chairman. Other candidates successful in the primary elections selected the state committee. But this state chairman and the state committee constitutes the entire Farmer-Labor Party at present.

The state chairman is a lawyer, one F. A. Pike, who has political ambitions and who is opposed to the organization of a definite political party under control of the rank and file of the workers and farmers of this state.

Pike and his cohorts are in a strategic position, inasmuch as they now enjoy complete control of the political machinery that represents

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Workers Party National Office in Chicago

The past week has seen the National Office of the Workers Party moved from New York City to Chicago. The new address is Workers Party, 1009 N. State St., Chicago, Ill.

This is the last issue of "The Worker" to appear in New York City. The next issue will appear in Chicago. Address all communications in the future to "The Worker," 1009 N. State St., Chicago, Ill.

Italians and Greeks of New York City Protest Against War Threat

Italian and Greek workers of New York City will gather Friday Night, Sept. 7, at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., to show that they are opposed to the war that threatens to blaze up between Italy and Greece.

Antonio Presi, editor of Alba Nuova, Italian publication of the Workers Party, who will be one of the speakers, declares that

"The sentiment among the Italian workers against Mussolini's high-handed action is overwhelming. There are 150,000 anti-Fascisti in New York City, and over 450,000 in other parts of the country.

"We regard Mussolini as an imperialist of the worst type, and we think he will lead our country into war. The economic condition of Italy is bad enough. To start a war would be fatal."

Among the other speakers at Friday night's meeting will be Arturo Giovanitti, General Organizer of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union; Frank Bellanca, editor of the Italian organ of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, of the Workers' Defense Union.

Elect Communists in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.—George S. Thompson, elected as a Communist alderman of the Dunedin City council, is the first Communist to hold public office in New Zealand. During the war he was jailed for opposing the draft.

New Efforts Made to End Coal Strike

As this issue of "The Worker" went to press, the representatives of the mine workers and the mine owners were again planning to get into conference with Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg. Predictions were being made by the miners' officials, especially by Rinaldo Cappellini, of District 1, that the strike would be of short duration. No basis, however, was given for this belief. On page three, of this issue, we publish the declaration of the International Progressive Miners' Committee on the present situation. In the accompanying article, we show why the coal miners have refused arbitration.

By LELAND OLDS

Why have the miners' union representatives refused arbitration of their demands on the anthracite mine owners?

Every miner knows that he was double-crossed by the public representative who was chairman of the 1920 arbitration board. The subservience of this hanger-on of the capitalist system has cost anthracite workers at least \$30,000,000 in wages which were rightfully theirs.

Recent antics of the Railway Labor Board have confirmed this deep-seated determination not to accept arbitration. Only a year ago this board decreed that a living wage must wait until the railroads were satisfied with profits, and proceeded to lead the Wall Street attempt to substitute company unions for the independent shopcraft unions on the railroads.

Three years ago the anthracite coal commission began by ruling out exhibits that touched the anthracite monopoly in the sensitive spot of profits. Thus the miners' case was stripped of the most important proof of the ability of the industry to pay the increases without increasing the price of coal to the consumer.

The chairman centered proceedings on the question of changes in the cost of living and then repudiated the recommendation of his own economist that the cost of living justified a 27 per cent increase and handed the miners the scant 17 per cent which had been offered by the operators and by the secretary of labor prior to submission of the dispute to arbitration.

This last arbitration performance in the industry was a striking illustration of the subservience of so-called impartial chairmen to the financial overlords who can make or break the snug career of reasonable success and comfort dreamed of by the American middle class. This "impartial" chairman had agreed to accept the findings of an economist engaged to collect data on the cost of living. When the findings turned out to favor a 27 per cent increase the operators' commissioner objected and the economist was fired. Over a week-end the chairman reached the 17 per cent verdict.

It is first-hand knowledge that mysterious influences work on the minds of representatives of the public that underlies solid opposition of the miners to arbitration.

They Protect Would-be Assassins

By BEN GITLOW

Little did the men responsible for the shooting at William Z. Foster, in Chicago, dream what its outcome would be. They did not realize that the shot, that was intended to snuff out the life of one of the most loyal and devoted leaders of the working class, would react against them and their methods. There is absolutely no question that this savage and cowardly attempt to kill Foster was the direct outcome of the terroristic methods employed by the reactionaries against the militants in the unions.

The rank and file, quick to realize that the attempt on Foster's life was an attempt to kill the movement in the unions that he represents, lifted their voices in a mighty protest against this attempted murder. The rank and file, especially of the needle trades' unions, realizing the danger to the whole left movement in the continuance of the methods of terrorism and assassination is raising its voice in a mighty protest demanding at the same time that the gangster and terroristic methods resorted to in the unions against militants must cease.

It is interesting to notice how the reactionary machine in the unions together with Abraham Cahan's yellow Socialist Daily Forward reacted to the shooting. The Forward prints an edition in Chicago. The day after the shooting the Chicago Forward in spite of the fact that the shooting was the sensation of every paper in Chicago did not print a single word on the affair. Evidently the Forward wanted to maintain a conspiracy of silence on the matter.

But the Forward could not keep quite. The rank and file of the needle trades unions were expressing their indignation in no uncertain tones. Did the Forward come out in condemnation of the act? Not at all. The Forward the next day did the direct opposite. Instead of helping the movement to stop such outrages against working class leaders, the Jewish Daily Forward, in trying to ridicule the affair as a comedy of Foster's own making, rendered valuable assistance to the assassins.

Expose Lies of "Forward"

That the Forward story was a concoction of lies originating in the minds of one of its editors, was easily proven by the Jewish Communist Daily Freiheit.

The Freiheit printed the whole story as it appeared in the Forward together with the reports of the affair that appeared in other New York papers. The Forward story stated that Foster hired gangsters to attend the meeting to break it up and to shoot at him because it would give him publicity and would also give an opportunity to the Communist forces in the unions to put the blame on the leaders of the unions whom they were opposing.

Imagine such assinnity on the part of the Forward. At a meeting called by the Trade Union Educational League Foster would hire gangsters to shoot him. The Forward, however, did not inform its readers that the meeting was held in protest against the expulsion of members from the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union who were expelled because they were members of the Trade Union Educational League.

The Forward did not inform its readers as did some of the Chicago papers that those in opposition to the meeting had evidently sent in a gang of sluggers to create a panic and break up the meeting.

Shielding the Guilty Parties

The Forward did not inform its readers after it had changed its story, stating that blank cartridges were used, that an investigation by the Chicago police discovered the holes made by the bullets that were used. If this proves anything it proves that the Forward is not concerned over the possible loss of Foster's life, but is much concerned in shielding the guilty parties.

How did the "International machine" react to the shooting? The "International machine" reacted similarly to the Jewish Daily Forward. Did President Morris Sigman send a

committee to Chicago to investigate and bring to account the guilty parties? Not at all! Sigman was not concerned over the attempted killing of so valuable a man to the Labor movement. In a lengthy statement he tried to blacken Foster's reputation by resorting to the most damning fabrications. What interest has Sigman in this shooting that he is so interested in ridiculing it? This is a very pertinent question. The rank and file would like to know its answer.

Sigman knows well enough what took place in Chicago. Sigman knows well enough why the meeting was

they failed the shooting followed.

Those who hired the gangsters to break up the meeting of the Trade Union Educational League are responsible for the shooting. A miracle of luck saved Foster's life. His death would have been one of the greatest losses to the American Labor Movement. Every one in the Labor Movement, whether he agrees with Foster or not, should have immediately condemned the shooting. Every one in the Labor movement, if he truly has an interest in the welfare of the Labor movement should make an effort to bring to light the guilty parties and so prevent a recurrence of the affair.

But the reactionaries together with the Forward are interested in shielding the guilty parties by spreading the most brazen lies about Foster.

The rank and file, however, are not fooled by the stories of the reactionaries. They have determined to use the Foster incident as a weapon against the gangsterism that is now being used by the reactionaries against the militants and revolutionists in the unions.

The rank and file will not stand silent and permit their leaders to be murdered. The rank and file will no longer allow themselves to be terrorized and slugged into submission. The shot that was fired at Foster missed its mark. It, however, did accomplish something. It aroused the rank and file. It put the Forward and the reactionaries on the defensive, and gave the rank and file an opportunity of once more asserting themselves without fear in their own organizations.

West Va. Organizes Against Coal Bosses

The citizens of West Virginia, determined to wipe out the rule of private coal interests which have in recent years made their state the scene of violent conflicts between capital and labor developing, at times, into a virtual civil war, have banded together into an organization called the "Defenders of West Virginia" for the purpose of "enforcing the Constitution of the United States and reviving the Bill of Rights of West Virginia," according to information received by the American Civil Liberties Union.

held. Sigman knows well enough the tactics that were being used by Vice-President Meyer Perlstein in expelling the Trade Union Educational League members from the "International." Sigman knows because the entire campaign against the Trade Union Educational League in the "International" is being directed by President Sigman.

Rank and File Denied Rights

Not only have the militant members in Chicago been expelled, but in addition every opportunity for themselves to express and defend themselves in the organization was denied them. When the Rank and File came to the meeting to express their condemnation against the tactics of the "International machine," a group of vicious characters, evidently sent there for that purpose tried repeatedly to break up the meeting. When

Dunne Greet "The Daily"

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
Editor, Butte, Mont., Bulletin

Nothing will mark better the progress of the working class movement in the United States than the publication of a fighting daily paper, expressing the maximum position of labor.

There is to-day not one daily voicing the revolutionary determination of the courageous and intelligent section of the American working class.

Such a daily will inevitably rally to itself and the Communist Workers Party all the elements of the American working class who really wish to fight capitalism. Let it record the defeats and victories of the American workers and the reasons therefore with maximum precision and its future is assured.

Our Enemies Must Use Guns, Have No Arguments,—Foster

(Special to "The Worker")

CHICAGO.—The words of William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, that restored order at the mass meeting here after gunmen had attempted to shoot up the gathering and assassinate the speaker were:

"Our enemies must use guns, they have no arguments left. This is a final demonstration of the complete inability of the enemies of the Trade Union Educational League to answer our arguments for the League program—amalgamation, shop committees, and a Labor Party."

It is significant that one policeman arrived at the hall fully an hour after the shooting. Otherwise police, detectives and secret service agents of Bill Burns' department of justice usually swarm radical labor meetings held in this hall. Up to this writing no serious effort has been made to apprehend the gunmen.

Foster, has challenged Meyer Perlstein, vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, to debate the issues involved.