

LA FOLLETTE'S LABOR RECORD HIT BY GITLOW

Philadelphians Applaud W. P. Candidate

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PHILADELPHIA, July 21.—Benjamin Gitlow, Workers Party candidate for Vice-President, was given an enthusiastic reception at a mass meeting held in this city last Friday, July 18.

The meeting was called by the Philadelphia Farmer-Labor Party in order to enable the delegates to the St. Paul Convention to report and for the purpose of discussing the latest political developments. Gitlow was one of the speakers. The hall was packed to the doors.

A thunder of applause and cheering rocked the hall when comrade Gitlow was introduced as the Workers Party candidate for Vice-president. All those present rose on their feet and continued to cheer and applaud for several minutes. His eloquent and vigorous speech was likewise met with continuous applause and cheering.

Hits LaFollette Labor Record.

In his speech comrade Gitlow gave a splendid review of the anti-labor record of Coolidge and Davis and of the petty bourgeois character of the LaFollette movement. One cannot recall a single measure introduced by LaFollette in the interests of the working class during his forty years of public service. He has never even put up a serious fight against injunctions, despite of the fact that he claims to be opposed to injunctions. LaFollette's own state where he is in complete control over the political machine, is well known as an Open Shop stronghold. He spent a good deal of his time in order to get a correct railroad valuation, which to the working class means absolutely nothing.

McClurg and Jakira Speak.

Other speakers who addressed the meeting were H. O. McClurg, secretary of the Philadelphia Farmer-Labor Party, who gave a detailed report on the work of the St. Paul Convention, and comrade A. Jakira, who spoke on the role of the Communists at that convention and on the socialist party betrayal. The latter in its official appeal to its membership states—"We are stepping back a pace or two to meet the main army of labor, then to march forward together." The same argument was given by the socialist parties of various countries ten years ago when the world war broke out. They then retreated "to the main army of labor" and to the camp of the capitalist brigands, but instead of marching "forward together" they have since been seen in continuous retreat. The Communists are the only ones doing the forward marching.

The Philadelphia Farmer-Labor Party is calling a special conference for July 31st at the Machinists' Temple for the purpose of taking final action on the coming presidential elections.