

THOUSANDS IN PHILLY CHEER WM. Z. FOSTER

Rips Into Capitalist Candidates

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 15.—The Workers Party election campaign opened officially in this city with Comrade William Z. Foster addressing a meeting at the large Musical Fund Hall which was packed to capacity by more than two thousand workers.

All seats on the main floor of the hall, the stage and even the steps leading to the stage were occupied and hundreds of workers were compelled to remain standing during the two and a half hours of the meeting. About fifty uniformed and plain clothes officers, who came to "preserve law and order," added color to the gathering which was about the largest and most enthusiastic political gathering held in this city for many, many years.

Cheer Foster.

The audience arose to its feet as one man when the chairman introduced comrade Foster as the presidential candidate of the Workers Party to give him a prolonged ovation which lasted for several minutes. This was followed by singing of the International. Three cheers were then given to comrade Foster, to the Workers Party, to Soviet Russia and Soviet America.

Comrade Foster went into details to point out that the existing system of wage slavery is the cause of all labor troubles, of unemployment and of wars and that all these evils can be abolished only by abolishing the existing wage system of exploitation and by establishing a dictatorship of the proletariat which, he explained, means nothing but a Workers and Farmers Government.

The speaker was met with loud applause when he pointed out that the "Gold Dust Twins," Coolidge and Davis, are but two wings of the same buzzard, a bird that lives on dead bodies, in this case the dead bodies of the working class.

Foster Hits at Bob.

Special compliments were paid to LaFollette who was denounced as the arch betrayer of organized labor. Speaking of LaFollette comrade Foster said: "Millions of workers and poor farmers will probably be fooled into voting for this defender of capitalism. But the election of LaFollette couldn't possibly be of benefit, immediate or distant, to the masses of the country." LaFollette, he pointed out, can not solve the problem of unemployment and can not prevent war because he is a staunch supporter of the existing wage system and of capitalism.

Comrade Foster denounced in most vigorous terms the Defense Test Day as an unmistakable sign of the coming of a new bloody capitalist war. He then proceeded to outline the platform and policies of the Workers Party and was again cheered when he appealed to the workers of this country to organize and prepare for the establishment of a Soviet government. With facts in his hands he proceeded to show that the American government, the press, the church and all means of education are under the iron dictatorship of Wall Street and that the workers must choose between the dictatorship of the capitalist class and that of the working class.

Expose Fake Party.

Comrade A. Jakira, District Organizer, who presided at the meeting; in his introductory remarks pointed out that in the State of Pennsylvania LaFollette is trying to go thru the "Labor" Party which is neither labor nor a party and thru the Socialist party which is not socialist and which has long ceased to exist as a party. He called the attention of the audience not to be misled by the name "Labor Party," which in this instance is nothing but a fake and a caricature of a Labor Party used by the LaFollette followers in order to get the workers of the state to vote for the politicians of the old capitalist parties.

Comrade Harry Winitzky, Communist candidate for congress in New York, also delivered a short and eloquent speech which was met with enthusiastic applause.

Over three hundred and fifty dollars were collected in addition to the admission fee charged at the door.