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# The State of Colorado.

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There are some encouraging features about the kidnapping and deportation of William Z. Foster from Colorado.

It is, first of all, a tribute to the growing strength of organized labor in this state that Adjutant General Pat Hamrock should be forced to spread his propaganda that Foster came to Denver in disguise and registered at his hotel under an assumed name.

The kept press retails at great length how the trained bloodhounds of the law, heeding no law, tracked Foster, with great difficulty, but, nevertheless, with unerring acumen, to his hotel and there nabbed him.

Foster has been on a tour to the Pacific Coast. This tour has been widely advertised in *The Worker* and throughout the militant labor press. The capitalist press has also given Foster considerable notice, a hair-raising story of several columns in the *Los Angeles Times* being widely copied over the nation.

There has been nothing secret about Foster's tour. All of his meetings have been made known so far as possible to the masses of the workers, who have been invited to attend and hear his lecture on "The Crisis in the Labor Movement." Foster came to Denver, as he had arrived in a hundred other cities, and registered at a hotel under his own name.

Foster has a message to bring to all the workers and he doesn't intend to hide his light under a bushel basket in doing it. But secrecy and stealth are dear to the hearts of all Hamrocks and he spread his harrowing tales to frighten the timid and prejudice the ignorant.

This incident is also encouraging in that it will help prove to more workers that capitalism doesn't change, it doesn't reform.

The state of Colorado today is still the state of Cripple Creek and Trinidad, of the kidnappings of Moyer, Haywood, and Pettibone, of the savage burning of women and children of the working class, as at Ludlow.

Adjutant General Pat Hamrock was with the fiend Lieutenant Linderfelt when the latter brutally murdered the Greek coal mine leader, Louis Tikas, striking him dead with the butt end of his gun.

Hamrock was in command at Bloody Ludlow. At that time he was a "major." But that was nearly ten years ago. He is now "Adjutant General." The Rockefeller-owned Colorado, of brute capitalist force, has rewarded him handsomely.

He has been thanked and rewarded rather than punished for the crimes he has committed against the workers.

If a few more thousands of workers in Colorado will learn this lesson of the bitter struggle of capitalism against labor then Foster will not regret the attack that was made upon him.

He will continue the fight he is making to organize the militant workers of this nation for united resistance to the exploiters, for united effort to awaken the backward elements in the labor movement.

Let the many respond.

Let labor's answer to the state of Colorado and its Adjutant General be hundreds of thousands of members for the Trade Union Educational League.

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