

'YOUR BOSSES WANT TOO MUCH,' SAY SOVIETS

Message to Japanese Labor Unions

(By Rosta News Agency) PEKING (By Mail).—In reply to a message from the Kanto organization of Japanese labor, in which the latter expressed to L. M. Karakhan, Soviet representative, their "hopes for immediate recognition of Soviet Russia" and requested him to convey greetings to the Russian workers, the Soviet ambassador sent the following telegram to the Kanto Rodosodomei, Tokyo: "At the present time I have less hope for the restoration of relations with Japan than I had at the beginning of the negotiations. The main and unexpected difference of views existing is on the dimensions of the concession which Japanese industrialists wish to receive. We give 40 per cent of the oil resources and are willing, should we wish to lease to foreigners the remaining 60 per cent, to grant to the Japanese preferential rights on same. "If negotiations break up, it will be either because of this question of the concession area, or if Japan will not have ceased the occupation of northern Saghali before winter. "I thank you for your greetings to the Russian toilers, which I will transmit to Moscow. (Signed) Karakhan."

PARTY ACTIVITIES NEW YORK CITY

Williamsburg Readers Attention. Class in Social Forces in American History, every Saturday 4:30 p. m. at 319 Grand St., Brooklyn. Comrade Bosse, instructor. Class in the Fundamentals of Communism, every Tuesday 8 p. m. at 319 Grand St., Brooklyn. Comrade B. Miller, instructor. Party members and sympathizers are strongly urged to attend these classes. Bronx Attention! NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Every Tuesday night at 1347 Boston Road, class in A. B. C. of Communism, all Workers Party members who have recently joined the party must attend. Others welcome. Bronx Open Forum. Sunday, Dec. 21 at 8 p. m. Moisseye J. Olin will lecture on "Revolutionary Aspects of Russian Culture" at Workers Hall, 1347 Boston Road. All welcome.

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every cent of this sum is needed if this slogan

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is to be transformed from mere words into ACCOMPLISHMENT.

YOU MUST HELP!

Residents of New York and vicinity who are interested in SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR WORKERS' CHILDREN are invited to attend an Educational Conference, Friday, Dec. 19, at 8:30 P. M. at the LABOR TEMPLE, 247 E. 84th St., New York City. Auspices of United Modern Sunday Schools, 247 E. 84th St., New York City.

We Must Win Five Thousand New Members!

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16, 1924.

TO ALL BRANCHES AND MEMBERS OF THE PARTY! COMRADES:—During the months of the election campaign, our party carried on a widespread and aggressive campaign for Communist principles. We distributed several million pieces of literature and held hundreds of meetings thru which the principles of our movement were brought before the workers of this country.

This campaign has prepared the ground for an organized effort to increase the membership of our party. There are thousands of workers who have become interested in our party and its principles thru our activities during the election campaign. Many of these workers will come into our party and fight with us for our principles if an organized effort is made to win them as members of our organization.

We must strengthen our party. We must increase the number of workers who are pledged to carry on organized, systematic, disciplined work for Communism as members of our party. It has been one of the weaknesses of our party work that we have not followed up our campaigns with organized efforts to secure new members. As a result, we have not reaped the benefits from these campaigns thru strengthening our party organizationally, which we should have been able to do.

We can, thru an organized effort, add 5,000 members to our party by March 1. We must, during the next two months, systematically go to work to win these 5,000 members. Such an increase in the membership of our party means a strengthening of the party for every phase of its work. We will have more workers in our political and industrial campaigns. We will have more readers to support our press. We will be able to strengthen the financial support of our movement. We must secure these 5,000 new members.

The Central Executive Committee of the party has approved of the following plan for this drive for 5,000 members:

"1. The national organization is securing the subscription lists of all party papers and will classify these by districts and furnish them to the district organizers. The district organizers should be instructed to transmit these lists to the party branches with instructions that each branch organize a membership committee which will carry on a systematic campaign to reach non-party subscribers of our papers and bring them into the party. In those places where there are no party units and we have subscribers for the party papers, the district organizers establish communication with these subscribers, endeavor to arrange a public meeting in this city and try to organize a party branch. In the unorganized territory the national organization will follow the same plan of action in regard to the subscribers for the party papers.

"2. The members of our party in the trade unions and other workers' organizations should be instructed by the membership committee to make a list of prospective members who shall be visited and invited to join our organization.

"3. The membership committee in each branch shall use all other available means to reach the most conscious workers and to add to the membership of the organization.

"4. PUBLICITY. (a) As a means of giving material for the mem-

bership campaign, a short pamphlet of sixteen pages shall be prepared by the Executive Secretary to contain a simple statement of Communist principles. (b) All members of the Central Executive Committee shall be instructed to write at least one article immediately, to be turned over to the Executive Secretary, on the membership drive, for use as publicity in the party press during the campaign. (c) A manifesto shall be prepared in the name of the Central Executive Committee initiating the campaign when the material is ready to go to the district organizations. (d) The Trade Union Educational League shall issue a manifesto calling upon the militant workers to join the Workers Party.

"5. As a means of extending the party organization in the territory where we now have no party units, Comrade Snyder shall be stationed at Kansas City to carry on work in western Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska, to establish party branches, using the readers of the party press in this territory as the nucleus to work with. He shall give particular attention to the Iowa and Kansas mining regions in conducting this work and shall endeavor to develop further the beginnings already made in the state of Iowa to build up a party organization, with which we had some success during the period of the party campaign."

The first step to carry out this plan is for each branch which has not already organized a membership committee to elect such a committee to carry on the campaign.

Lenin Memorial Meetings Drive.

The first stage of this drive for 5,000 new members is to be registered at all Lenin Memorial meetings thruout the country. A special section in the hall should be assigned to all the new members who have been brought into the party during this drive up to that time. The roll call of branches in each city holding a Lenin Memorial meeting is to be called as part of the program of the meeting and a representative of the branch shall be appointed to announce the number of new members who have been brought into the branch up to the time of the Lenin Memorial meetings.

This roll call of the branches with the number of new members accepted is to be signed by the chairman of the meetings and sent to the national office for publication in the DAILY WORKER.

On March 1, every branch of the party will be sent a blank to report the total number of new members accepted by the branch during the period of the campaign and the roll call of branches with the number of new members accepted will be published in the DAILY WORKER and the party press generally.

Comrades of the party! This organized campaign must be considered one of the major tasks of the party. It is our duty not only to carry on agitation and propaganda work but we must organize our forces so that we can make a greater and greater fight against the capitalist enemy. The addition of 5,000 new members to our party during this campaign will greatly strengthen us for the struggle.

Let every party member and every party branch throw itself into this campaign and we will realize our goal.

Fraternally yours, William Z. Foster, Chairman, C. E. Ruthenberg, Executive Secretary.

OPPORTUNISM AND THE ISSUES BEFORE THE PARTY.

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lowing walls of gloom, this spirit of abject hopelessness and utter despair: "The fact that the LaFollette movement, supported by the workers, although objectively a movement of the middle classes, the well-to-do farmers, and certain sections of the labor aristocracy, failed to get the expected mass support in the elections, will undoubtedly create a spirit of pessimism as regards the possibility of creating a new mass party within the frame of 'democratic' capitalist government. Among some sections of militant workers it will strengthen the syndicalist tendencies of conscious opposition to working class participation in politics."

Further on this Foster-Cannon election statement says: "The demonstrated weakness of the LaFollette movement, compared to the pre-election estimates of all sides, not only seriously retards the development of the third party movement, but also completely eliminates the immediate possibility of the growth of a mass farmer-labor party of industrial workers and poor farmers, distinct from the Workers Party. Consequently a successful general agitation campaign by the Workers Party under the slogan of 'For a Mass Farmer-Labor Party' is now impossible." (Our emphasis.)

A Non-Marxian Analysis. It is true, the Communists should never strew their difficult paths with illusory roses. The Communists should never fool themselves, and thus the masses, as to the actual conditions and countless hardships of the class war. But this does not mean that the Communists should turn to the opposite extreme displayed in the above quotations. Communists perpetrate a major crime against their cause and inflict serious damage on the interests of the working class when they turn to propagating panic, pessimism and paralysis among the masses. The above quoted point of view would have the workers of the world believe that, with the setback of LaFolletteism, Doomsday was at hand for the revolutionary proletarian movement in the United States. In effect the above declarations are plainly a call to the workers and poor farmers to go into mourning indefinitely and put on sack cloth.

To the Marxist, momentary losses are always of lesser importance than the question of winning a strategical base of operations for the coming battles thru these very losses. Marx made that very plain in one of his letters to Kugelmann on the defeat of the Paris Commune. The defeat of the LaFollette revolt of the petty bourgeoisie and their followers against big capitalism was, by itself, an event not to be acclaimed and rejoiced at. But this very defeat of the petty bourgeois leadership, due to its wavering and weak policy, due to its lack of courage and organization, with its consequent result of being a force for the disillusionment of the working masses following such leadership, only affords the Commu-

lists, as Marx would say, "a new strategic position." This experience may be a rude, but nevertheless effective source of learning for hundreds of thousands of the working and poor farming masses who voted for LaFollette because they wrongly thought that by so doing they could hasten or even guarantee the establishment of a farmer-labor party. The election results, the necessitating extra vigilance and emphasizing the need for increased political and economic organization of the masses, affords no basis of bankruptcy of the widespread movement for independent working class political action, which has an independent source and a potentially independent existence from the LaFollette movement.

Increasing Our Field of Activity. The fact that several million workers and poor farmers, for the first time, broke away from the parties of biggest capital, only increases the field and enhances the fertility of the soil where we can sow such Communist political propaganda as the call for the independent working class political action against the exploiters. Whatever else the election results may show, they indicate that today there are several million workers and exploited farmers more susceptible to our farmer-labor united front propaganda than there were when we first launched our agitation campaign for a farmer-labor party.

To refuse to take cognizance of this fact is to be politically purblind beyond the pale of faintest hope. To refuse to utilize this improved base of our farmer-labor united front campaign betrays a feeling of dismal despondency that no Communist can be afflicted with, a dangerous lack of faith in the power and possibilities of the Communist Party. Such a refusal translates itself in practice into burying alive a splendid opportunity for bringing the Communist program before huge masses of workers.

The F. L. P. Slogan and Our Election Campaign.

In the August, 1924, issue of the Liberator Comrade Foster, speaking for the C. E. C., declared: "It (the Workers Party) must carry on a relentless struggle for the formation of a great mass farmer-labor party." Thruout the election campaign, when many hundreds of thousands of workers and exploited farmers saw in the LaFollette movement the realization of their vague and confused conception of a class farmer-labor party, the Communists proclaimed the slogan and emphasized the need for the organization of a genuine farmer-labor party—of, for and by the working and poor farming masses. No one will deny that these tactics were correct and beneficial to our party.

What are the conditions today? Great masses have had their belief in LaFolletteism, as the harbinger of independent working class political action, shattered because of the election not bringing the looked-for results. If it was in place for us to throw out the farmer-labor united front slogan in the darkest days of

DILLONVALE, O., NOW HAS CITY CENTRAL BODY ORGANIZED

(Special to The Daily Worker) DILLONVALE, O., Dec. 17.—The different Communist branches in and around Dillonvale have finally gotten together and elected delegates to represent them at the City Central body. The members elected are as follows: Representing Bradley, O., Y. W. L. branch; Frank Waldman, Andrew Novacek; Dillonvale Italian W. P.: Paul Marocci, Joe Russ; Bohemian W. P.: Joe Miron, Joe Kasal, Joe Kobylak, Sr.; Lenin Junior Group: Andy Pleahaty; Y. W. L. branch: Joe Kobylak, Jr. The City Central Committee was formed to bring about better understanding between all Communist branches in and around Dillonvale.

Foster Receives 71 Votes. William Z. Foster polled 71 votes in the election campaign here. Communist candidates' names had to be written on the ballot. Those votes cast for the Communist ticket were thrown out because the state of Ohio did not procure the necessary number of signatures. If our candidates had been on the ballot, then there would have been more votes cast for the Workers Party here.

Herriot Coming Out Again. PARIS—Premier Herriot, who has been suffering from lagrippe and inflammation of his leg, was reported improved today.

ATTORNEY SAYS VETERAN BUREAU WAS INTOLERABLE

Discuss U. S. Business "in Corners"

Because he objected to the "indiscretions" of Charles Forbes, then head of the United States Veterans' Bureau, John B. Milliken, attorney, was transferred to another bureau. Milliken testified in the trial of Forbes in federal court here, Milliken declared he was glad to go, that conditions were intolerable in the veterans' bureau. Charles F. Cramer, general counsel for the bureau, had become chief adviser to Forbes, and Milliken had no confidence in Cramer, he testified. "I objected to Cramer's habit of taking people off in corners by their coat lapels to discuss government business and the distribution of government funds," Milliken stated. Milliken accompanied Forbes and the Mortimers on the western trip where some of the corrupt practices of Forbes in letting illegal contracts in return for bribes is alleged to have taken place. "I told Charles B. Hurley, a western contractor, that Forbes was not a proper person to head the veterans' bureau," Milliken said. Milliken wrote Forbes' speeches for him to deliver to the convention of disabled war veterans and elsewhere, he declared.

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COMMUNIST CHILDREN'S COLUMN

Why We Organize Junior Groups.

By WILLIAM LURYE, Marshfield Junior Group.

We, the children of the workers, see how our mothers and fathers work day and night so that they can make a living for their family.

July and August when our party was so splendidly isolated from the masses and when the masses were dizzy with optimistic illusions as to the LaFollette movement being their farmer-labor party, then how much more is it in place for us to throw out this slogan of "for a farmer-labor party" today when so many masses, for the mentioned reasons, are being disillusioned with LaFolletteism and its real role? Is it not true that the party has an improved opportunity to precipitate and crystallize this disillusionment when the ranks of LaFollette are showing multiplying signs of indecision, wavering, confusion and internal dissension? (In a subsequent article I will discuss the growth of united front farmer-labor sentiment.)

Most of the workers do not understand that the bosses are robbing them of their life. They think they are getting their share. The capitalist makes \$10 worth of material and the boss pays the worker \$3. The capitalist then makes \$7 profit. Yet the worker thinks he is getting his share when the capitalist doesn't work a single bit and takes \$7 for himself just because he happens to own the machinery. Even the machinery a worker made—and the boss bought it with money he took from other workers. We, the children of workers, must know better when we get big. That is why we must have Junior groups—to teach all the children the TRUTH—COMMUNISM! We do NOT want to grow up to work day and night just to keep ourselves alive. We are out to make a workers' and farmers' government! Organize more Junior groups! The more we organize the quicker we shall reach our aim! JUNIOR SLOGAN: ALWAYS READY!

Northwest English Branch Endorses the Theses of Majority

The Northwest English Branch Workers Party, Local Chicago, at a special meeting called to discuss the immediate tasks of our party, by a vote of 22 to 7 endorsed the policy of the C. E. C. as formulated in the theses of the majority.

The meeting was held on Tuesday evening and was the second special meeting called by this branch to discuss the party policy. Comrade Ruthenberg, executive secretary of the party, who is a member of the branch, led the debate for the minority and was supported by Comrades Engdahl and Dozenberg.

Comrade Tom Bell led off for the majority and was followed by Comrades Swabeck, Dalles, Chilofsky, Harris, O'Flaherty, Kjar and Slavin who supported the theses of the C. E. C.

The discussion was animated. There was no time limit and Comrade Ruthenberg closed the debate. There were no representatives from the majority group of the C. E. C. present at either meeting.

Scandinavian Branch.

The Scandinavian branch of the Workers Party, Local Chicago, at a well attended meeting went unanimously on record for the theses of the majority of the C. E. C. and against the farmer-labor policy of the minority.

Northwest Jewish.

By a vote of 22 to 7 the Northwest Jewish Branch of the Workers Party, Local Chicago, went on record for the theses on the immediate tasks of the Workers Party, presented by the C. E. C. of the party, after thoro discussion of both the theses of the majority and minority.

Foreign Industrial Exhibit in Russia.

MOSCOW.—The Northwestern Regional Industrial Exhibition, organized by the Supreme People's Economic Council is opening a section for exhibits of foreign industries. It is learned that the biggest electro-technical engineering chemical, aeroplane building and other firms of western Europe will participate. Over fifty applications have already been received from Germany.

Next Sunday Night and Every Sunday Night, the Open Forum.

Chicago South-Slavic Branch Votes Fifty To 0 for Minority

At a special meeting of the South Slavic Branch, Workers Party, Local Chicago, held Tuesday, Dec. 16, the branch after becoming thoro familiar with both the majority thesis of Foster, Cannon and Bittelman and the minority thesis of Ruthenberg, Lovestone and Bedacht, by a vote of 55 to 0 unanimously endorsed the minority thesis.

(Signed)—L. Ursich, Branch Secretary.

A Correction.

In the report in yesterday's DAILY WORKER, it was stated that the Chicago Lettish Branch voted unanimously to indorse the minority thesis. The vote recorded by the branch was not given. The branch wishes to state that the principles of the minority thesis were supported by a vote of 56 to 0.—E. Zelms, Branch Secretary.

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DETROIT JUNIORS STAGE THREE PLAYS WITH CHILD ACTORS

(Special to The Daily Worker) DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 17.—The House of the Masses was filled to capacity the other night to see the Detroit Junior groups in action. These children have only been organized for a few months under the leadership of the Young Workers League here, but in spite of this short time of organization they were able to show the old comrades a thing or two.

The children put up three plays in which all the actors were children. Especially the last play "School Days" was interesting as it was based upon the revolt of the children in the schools against the domination of Garryism.

Other plays were "King Hunger" and "Children's Auction." This successful affair concluded with the singing of the Internationale and the Red Flag by the children.

It is to be hoped that the old folks will feel as satisfied when this revolt starts in the schools as they did when seeing it on the stage.

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