

# W. Z. Foster Visits "Daily" for First Time in 16 Months; Praises Improvement, Hails Drive for 10,000 New Readers

NEW YORK. — William Z. Foster, outstanding Communist leader, made his first visit in months to the editorial offices of the Daily Worker yesterday.

Foster returned to the United States on Thursday, following a stay in the Soviet Union where he had gone to recuperate from an illness which forced him to give up all activity. When he became ill, Foster, as the candidate for President of the United States on the Communist Party ticket, was in the midst of a campaign which brought the Communist program and its solution for the way out of the crisis to hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers throughout the country.

The "great improvement in the Daily Worker" was the first thing which struck Foster's attention upon his return, he said at the office of the "Daily" yesterday.

"I want to state," said Foster in that precise, deliberate manner which is known to literally millions of workers in this country, "that one of the most gratifying advances that I have noted since my return, is the great improvement in the Daily Worker."

Foster talked in that quiet, assured manner peculiarly his own, and one could sense, in his simplicity



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of manner, the profound earnestness which has provoked from workers everywhere the greatest respect and affection.

"Of course," Foster continued, "I haven't had a chance yet to get in touch with all sections of work of the Party, but this one fact sticks out: the need for building the Daily Worker."

Foster enthusiastically hailed the announcement of the Daily Worker circulation drive. He described it as "gratifying," and said that he was certain that the same spirit and mass enthusiasm which had brought \$40,000 to the paper would bring the new 10,000 new readers for the daily edition, and 20,000 new readers for the Saturday edition.

He saw the Daily Worker in the Soviet Union too infrequently, Foster said, because the doctors advised against any serious political work. The Communist leader, during his stay in the U. S. S. R., received treatments in three famous Soviet sanitariums: Kislovodsk, in the North Caucasus; Sochi, on the Black Sea, and Archangelskoy, near Moscow.

Foster recalled yesterday that he made his last public speech, just before he became ill, in Moline, Ill. "I expected to lay off for three days and then speak at that big meeting in the Coliseum in Chicago, but I couldn't do it—as you remember—and the speech had to be read."

Two or three days before the conclusion of the presidential campaign, at the Communist election rally, which filled every inch in Madison Square Garden, Foster spoke briefly to the huge throng by means of a telephone-amplifier connection from his sick-bed at his home.

Foster looks considerably improved in health, although he is still not sufficiently recovered from his long and dangerous illness to return to active work.