

FOSTER SAYS:

Fight Against Browderism Goes On

The following are excerpts from the summary remarks of William Z. Foster, Communist Party national chairman, to the National Committee meeting, July 18, 1946:

This leads me to say a few words about Browder.

First of all, we should draw every lesson from our experiences with Browderism in our Party and we should keep up an unremitting struggle against every manifestation, every hang-over of Browderism, until it is finally exterminated from our ranks.

Browder now has a contract, apparently, with some Soviet publishing houses to carry on the sale of books in this country. The business relations that Mr. Browder has formed as one of several persons in the United States representing Soviet publishing houses, in the exchange publication of books between our country and the Soviet Union, cannot and do not change our attitude towards Browder and Browderism.

Many Americans, wholly unassociated with the labor movement, and in many cases even sharply opposed to the Communist Party and to Marxism, maintain friendly relations with the socialist state which they recognize as a powerful democratic state at the forefront of the world's cul-

tural development, and the most consistent anti-imperialist force in the world.

Of course, in the case of Browder, our Party recognizes that he is not and can never be considered just in this category. To the extent that he undertakes the promotion of the exchange of books between the two countries, we will do nothing, certainly, to interfere with the circulation of such books. If, however, Browder tries to capitalize on this business arrangement with the Soviet Union for the purpose of continuing the propagation of his revisionist and bourgeois-liberal views, no matter in what form he continues to propagate these views publicly, he cannot in any sense claim exemption from public criticisms and certainly he will not get any exemption from us.

There is every indication to make us believe, from what he has said already, that he is continuing to propagate in substance the same line he had before, and if this is so, we should not only undertake to eradicate all semblances of Browderism from our ranks, as I have indicated, but we will unhesitatingly polemicize against him, publicly or in any other way that may be necessary, in order to keep

his bourgeois-liberalism from poisoning the minds of the American working class and people, and especially the members of our Party; and we will be doubly alert to that, inasmuch as he would undertake to carry on such an agitation under the guise that he is a Communist.

In Moscow, when asked if he was a Marxist, Browder said, according to the newspapers, that he could not answer that question. Now, according to the newspapers here in New York, he says he is a Communist. It is not necessary for me to say at this National Committee meeting that Browder has nothing in common with Marxism, but is a bourgeois-liberal. He must be relentlessly exposed as such. (His first article in the *New Republic* already shows that Browder stubbornly clings to and is propagating his revisionist policies—Editor.)

Yes, and another point. It is the firm conviction of our Board that every step we took in the struggle against Browder and Browderism, including our unanimous action for his expulsion on the ground of (1) his revisionism, (2) his factionalism and (3) his violation of the discipline of the Party—proved to be of basic and lasting character.