

# Foster Denies Lurid Charges of Hughes' Anti-Russ Agent

William Z. Foster, Secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, has sent a telegram to the Borah sub-committee of the Senate foreign relations' committee investigation on the question of the Recognition of Soviet Rule in Russia, denouncing as lies the charges of the State Department's Special Agent, A. W. Klieforth. Foster's statement denying Klieforth's charges is as follows:

"The statement made by Mr. A. W. Klieforth, special agent of the state department, before the senate foreign relations' committee to the effect that I have received \$170,000, or some such sum, are unqualified and deliberate lies. I challenge him to prove them. A. Losovsky, secretary of the Red International of Labor Unions, has never been in this country in his life.

"The books and accounts of the Trade Union Educational League are open for public inspection. I have stated this time and again when Gompers, Lewis, Woll and other reactionaries have retailed the manufactured charges now being reiterated by Klieforth, they failed to take advantage of their opportunity to audit our books. And the Department of Justice will fail likewise. If the latter had proof of any such money being sent me, why did they not produce it at my recent trial in Michigan? Klieforth's charges against me are but one more chapter in the Department of Justice's long record of criminal treacheries.

• (Signed) **WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.**"

It will be interesting to await any action of the Borah sub-committee in investigating the books of the Trade Union Educational League, that Sam Gompers, John L. Lewis, and other reactionary labor leaders have consistently refused to touch.