

A STRANGE SILENCE— WHERE IS COMRADE LORE?

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THROUGHOUT all the discussion of the party policy, it seems very strange that we hear not one word from Lore. Here is a comrade who claims to understand most clearly the developments in the American labor movement, who claims to be an authority on current events, who claims to have been the only one with the correct attitude on LaFollette (which the C. I. emphatically denies), and who is at the same time a member of the central executive committee. This same comrade, who very readily attacks the Communist International and upholds Levi and Trotsky, seems to be

very slow about making up his mind about a major matter of American party policy. Lore has neither signed one of the theses presented, nor has he proposed one of his own. Shall we hold up the course of the revolution in this country until the comrade makes up his mind? Or has Lore again lost the courage to oppose the F. L. policy as he stated at a New York membership meeting? Or does he desire to avoid staining the pure white wings of the majority?

Perhaps an additional reason for Comrade Lore's not presenting a thesis of his own is that, today, as last May he fears facing the Communist International,