

Earl Browder

Presidential Candidate: for Peace, Freedom, Security

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This is the final chapter of the life-story of Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, by M. J. Olgin, Communist leader and editor of the Morning Freiheit.

Browder is always with the workers, the farmers, the trade unionists, with all the organizations of the workers. He would be happy if this year there were a national Farmer-Labor Party ticket. He would whole-heartedly support such a ticket. He and the Communist Party did everything to bring this about. The Farmer-Labor Party is growing—so far, on a local scale.

The Farmer-Labor Party has the full support of the Communists wherever it has been organized. Browder and the Communists are also supporting Labor's Non-Partisan League, which was organized this year, insofar as it supports and builds the Farmer-Labor Party locally. But he cannot agree with their reliance upon Roosevelt. He warns the progressives in the labor unions that their present reliance upon Roosevelt does not guarantee the defeat of Landon. On the contrary, he is aware of the fact that reliance upon Roosevelt creates the imminent danger of Landon's victory. The situation is such that the more the masses move to the Left, the more the progressive leaders fight for the interests of the masses, the more the forces of the Farmer-Labor Party are organized, the more will the entire country advance Leftward—and the more will the country turn against Landon.

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY

This is the reason the Communist Party appeals to the masses to vote for the Communist candidate for President. A vote for the Communist Party is a vote for the united People's Front against reaction. The election campaign of the Communist Party will secure an increased vote for its candidate, and help to move the whole country in the direction of progress and thus defeat reaction.

"The Communist Party, its platform," says Browder, "are in this election campaign for one purpose, and only one—to unite the broadest masses of the toiling people effectively around a program which, if carried out, would bring a better life; would relieve the present suffering of millions of men, women and children; would preserve democratic rights and civil liberties; would keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world. In accepting this nomination, I pledge to fight for the achievement of this program."

Browder's life history is a guarantee that he will fight for the achievement of this program with unusual power, efficiency and wisdom.

The battle is difficult and complicated, he says. The enemy is strong, ferocious and unscrupulous, an octopus with a thousand poisonous arms. The battle calls for all our strength and wisdom. We are organizing an army of the liberation of the people.

These words are perhaps the best expression of what the Communists are out for in the election campaign.

We advise every man, woman and youth in the United States to study the election platform of the Communist Party. You will find there

words written with the very blood of millions suffering in our rich country—a country which could be so prosperous but in which there is so much unhappiness and hunger.

"The peace, freedom, and security of the people are at stake. Democracy or fascism, progress or reaction—this is the central issue of 1936."

OPEN THE FACTORIES!

And then this great demand, placed as the first plank in the Communist platform:

"Open the factories—we need all that our industries can produce. If the private employers will not or cannot do so, then the government must open and operate the factories, mills and mines for the benefit of the people. Industry and the productive power of our nation must be used to give every working man and woman a real, American standard of living, with a minimum annual wage guaranteed by law."

"Provide unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, and social security for all."

"Save the young generation!"

"Free the farmers from debts, unbearable tax burdens and foreclosures. Guarantee the land to those who till the soil."

And then the powerful answer to the question where the money shall come from to finance all this. The answer is one that will reverberate in the heart of every worker and farmer in this country:

"The rich hold the wealth of our country—make the rich pay."

This, together with the demand for the defense and extension of the civil liberties of the people and a curb upon the Supreme Court, the demand for full rights for the Negro people and for maintaining the peace of the entire world as the only way to keep America out of war—forms a real people's platform for the election of 1936.

The Communist election platform winds up with the following burning words:

"By supporting, working with, and voting for the Communist Party in the November elections; by organizing the mass production industries into powerful industrial unions in a united American Federation of Labor; by independent political action and by building the American People's Front—the Farmer-Labor Party—the toilers of America can best fight for the realization of their aims in 1936."

"Forward to a progressive, free, prosperous and happy America."

"Vote Communist."

Earl Browder is the man who personifies the aims of the American people in 1936.

Vote for Earl Browder as President and James W. Ford, Negro leader, as Vice-President of the United States.