ELECTION LESSONS

TUESDAY'S ELECTION RESULTS throughout the country show what big possibilities lie before labor in '36.

It is true that by and large the elections were municipal ones and therefore took place in the cities where the labor vote is strongest. Nevertheless, the results saw some dramatic defeats for the Republicans—especially in areas where labor's grievances were sharp—as its military wing, the Inland Empire (the Big Four strike) and in flood-ridden Connecticut, and Philadelphias where labor was perhaps best organized for the campaign.

In other areas, while the 1934 trend against the GOP continued, it was not so sweeping. This was the case in New Jersey, where the Democrats got cut but couldn't dislodge GOP control of the legislature. It was also true of apseate New York, where the Democrats upset the GOP in Schenectady, Troy, Auburn, Ithaca, Little Falls, Newburgh and Port Jervis, but just the heavily industrialized cities of Lackawanna and North Tonawanda.

But while the trend against the GOP continues, labor can take nothing for granted.

In the first place, it must be remembered that this was another issue election. If the vote is a protest, its hopes and by large the Eisenhower name and prestige seem to have been prominent only in a few instances.

It is true, however, that a bolder one to take the Democratic gains as a sign that its dogmatism must be stepped up to higher pitch than in the past. This will be no shock to the Democrats for which labor in the past considered to be a good part—and particularly Gov. Harriman—are out of tune with the people, and on many domestic questions as well.

Finally, the conservative wing of the Democratic Party— including the powerful Johnson-Bayard leadership—has interpreted the Tuesday's results somewhat like this: the trend is with the Democrats, therefore there is nothing to worry about so long as no new social and political party unity with con-
troversial questions, like civil rights, Taft-Hartley, etc.

Such a policy would play right into the hands of the GOP. It is true that in 1934 the elections were largely determined by what happens in the coming session of Congress. Only if labor joins with its allies—especially the Negro people and poor farmers—and insists that both parties toe the line on the people's needs, will it be possible to administer the new ruling to re-
tion which Tuesday's results hold out as a possibility.

NEW YORK RESULTS

In NEW YORK CITY, where the off-year character of the election other rules aside, the results of the 1934 Democratic victories were, in the main, realized in the '35 balloting.

These included the election of the first Negro to the State Senate and the promotion of several Negro political officials in Queens, embracing the GOP and the remnants of the right wing Ro Democratic machine.

There was also the elevation to the City Council of the first woman, Judge Birdie Amsterdam in Manhat-
tas, as well as a State Supreme Court judge, for one of the more progressive stand-bys in the Democratic Party, Henry Epstein.

Elections of Judge Harold Stevens to the State Su-
preme Court is another of a series of important break-
throughs in the continuous campaign for Negro representation in the legislature, executive and public offices of city, state, and nation. Like every other victory, it comes as a result of a continuous struggle by progressives allied with substantial sectors of the Negro people. And like many other victories, it is a breakthrough which must be greatly expanded before there is proper representation.

To the extent that any evaluation can be placed gen-
erally upon the significance of the election results, in the city, we would say it shows that the workers and Negro people still consider the GOP as the anti-labor, reactionary party, as the vehicle for blocking reaction. But if the Democratic state and city administra-
tions fail to deliver on their promises of good jobs, then the polls will fall in line with the words and demands of the workpeople and Negro people.

By WILLY Z. FOSTER

WITH time passing and the statue of Liberty in New York Harbor towering over the Frank 

A woman fighter for the Bill of Rights and a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties. She has just released her own book—earning her a national reputation for her work.

Miss Jones, like so many others, was secretary to a prominent man on the basis of personal friendship by professional influence on the staff of the women's group. She was first to tell her story. Miss Jones, the daughter of a prominent politician, has been chief executive of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in charge of the A.D. edit-

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THE PITTSBURGH COURT

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ment. The trial of the Negro, whether accused of murder or other crimes, is being heard, and the case has been set for November 10. It is a case of great interest to all people.

The trial is being held in the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, and the defendant is a Negro named Williams. He is charged with the murder of a white man in Pittsburgh.

The trial will be closely watched by people throughout the country, and it is expected to set an important precedent for future cases.

The prisoner, a young man, was arrested on October 20, 1935, in connection with the murder of a white man in a Negro neighborhood. The Negro was one of the victims of a race riot which occurred in Pittsburgh on October 19, 1935.

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