

WORKINGCLASS RESPONDING TO COMMUNISTS; READY TO FIGHT

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The response of the workers in the cities where I have spoken on my nation-wide tour for the Workers (Communist) Party has been spontaneously enthusiastic and encouraging. The broad masses of American workers are showing increasing signs of readiness and eagerness for new leadership, and large numbers will not only vote Communist, but follow Communist leadership on the industrial field in more militant struggles against the bosses.

A lack of faith in the empty promises of the three bourgeois parties, an awakening to their reactionary anti-labor character, and complete disgust with the corrupt bureaucracy of the class-collaborationist American Federation of Labor, was apparent everywhere I went.

Most American workers are no longer afraid of the bolshevik bogey, no longer easily affected by anti-red drives of the capitalists and misleaders of labor. On the contrary, they are looking to the Communists more and more for trustworthy leadership in their class struggles.

Getting Hard to Fool.

It will be increasingly hard for the democrats, republicans and socialists to hoodwink the masses in the future. Workers are no longer interested in their fake issues, not fooled by Hoover's prattle of prosperity, by Al Smith's hypocritical liberalism or Norman Thomas's pacifist reformism.

The Communist platform is winning their interest and admiration for its straightforward, clear-cut working class position on the im-

portant issues and immediate demands and its scientific revolutionary program for the class-struggle against capitalism.

War Danger Great Issue.

The great issue of the campaign is the war danger. Our forces are being mobilized to fight the imperialism of the finance-capitalists of Wall Street in China, Nicaragua, Latin-America and wherever they are reaching their greedy hands to strangle colonial peoples. The masses of workers must be awakened to the threat to the Soviet Union and to the imminence of war between the rival leading imperialist powers, the United States and Great Britain.

We must be ready to defend the Soviet Union, and to turn the imperialist war into civil war to sweep away the whole iniquitous capitalist system with its murder for profit and its exploitation of workers and oppression of colonial peoples. This is the chief task of the Workers (Communist) Party.

Peace Pact A War Move.

Even in the capitalist press throughout the country, the Kellogg pact is ridiculed. It is not an instrument of peace, but of imperialist war. The Soviet Union, when signing the pact, exposed its nature as a maneuver to camouflage military preparations, to delude the workers into believing that the capitalist powers are preparing to disarm while they are preparing madly for an attack on the first workers' and farmers' government—the Soviet Union—and for the inevitable clash which competition for foreign markets, inherent in capitalism, brings nearer daily.

The Anglo-French agreement, following close on the heels of the Kellogg Pact, was a strategic move on the part of Great Britain to strengthen her position. International relations are strained, and the seeds of war have already been sown in many areas where the rival powers conflict.

For the socialists to preach pacifism in such a situation is criminal. This campaign has brought out more clearly than ever the pacifist, reformist, bourgeois character of the socialist party. Not only does Thomas and his party ignore the most important of all issues, the war danger, but their whole appeal is directed to the former followers of LaFollette, and middle-class liberals.

They have even forgotten their former socialist phraseology, and talk like the "liberal" democratic and "progressive" republicans. It is apparent to all that in the coming intense struggles of the workers against imperialism, exploitation and oppression, the American socialists will play the same role as their brothers the social democrats in Germany, France and England, betray the workers and support the imperialists.

The Forces of Revolution.

The rebellious oppressed peoples of Asia and Latin-America, together with the militant workers within the imperialist powers, are the forces that under Communist leadership will eventually be able to crush the imperialist dictatorship and set up the dictatorship of the victorious proletariat to rebuild the world on a socialist foundation.

Long live the Soviet Union!

Forward to the Proletarian Revolution!