

Our Party's Election Campaign

(Continued)

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THE election platform adopted by the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party is the most complete presentation of Communist analysis and indictment of capitalism as well as statement of the position of the party towards the basic questions confronting the working class that we have gotten out to date. American imperialism is presented in its true light. The striking gap between the wealth of the bourgeoisie and the poverty of large sections of the working class and exploited farmers is brought into clear contrast. The unemployment crisis is analyzed from a Marxist viewpoint and a program for immediate action is proposed. The parties of the big and small business interests—republican, democratic and socialist—are put before the masses in their true light.

Program Outlined.

A program to meet the offensive of the capitalists is outlined in detail. Special attention is paid to the heroic struggle of the miners. Particular emphasis is laid on the need for mobilizing the masses to paralyze the aggressive imperialist maneuvers of Wall Street against the Central and South American countries, China and the Soviet Union. The party pledged itself to do everything in its power to turn the next imperialist war into a civil war and raises the slogan: "Not a man, not a gun, not a cent for the imperialist army and navy." The party called upon the American marines to go over to the side of the revolution in Nicaragua and China. The party demands complete and immediate independence for all American colonies and semi-colonies. We demand immediate recognition of the Soviet Union and establishment of direct connections

Communist Program Outlined; Veil Stripped From Capitalist Parties

between the American and Russian working class.

Veil Stripped.

THE veil is stripped from the hypocritical capitalist democracy serving as the most cunning, powerful, ruthless strikebreaking agency in the world—the strikebreaking United States government. The party makes clear its position as an advocate of the building of a national mass labor party, but at the same time emphasizes that it is "a dangerous illusion to think that the workers can assume power by electing more and more members to congress or executive officials."

Our party demands a labor party:

"... Because it considers this the first decisive step towards independent political action by the working class, the first step of the workers to break away from the parties of the bosses. At the same time the Communist Party considers it its duty to tell the workers frankly that a labor party has its limitations and that it will not be able to lead the workers in their final struggle for their emancipation. Only a Communist Party can do that."

Position Clear.

The Communist position towards tariff and taxation is made clear in the platform. The plight of the exploited masses is brought home very effectively. Particular stress is laid on the oppression of the Negroes. The party demands the abolition of race discrimination and stands for full racial, social and political equality. The platform demands, in part: "Abolition of all laws which disenfranchise the Negroes on line of color. Abolition of

all laws forbidding intermarriage between persons of different races. Abolition of all Jim Crow laws. Immediate removal of all restrictions in all trade unions against the membership of Negro workers. Equal opportunity for employment, wages, hours, working conditions for Negro and white workers."

Solidarity.

The platform further draws the attention of the workers to the need for solidarity of all workingmen, native as well as foreign-born, in order to resist the attacks on the foreign-born workers, which attacks are only part of the general offensive against the whole working class.

The status of working women and working youth and an immediate program to meet these conditions are outlined in the platform.

Prohibition.

In discussing the prohibition question, the platform brands alcoholism as "one of the most terrible social diseases of capitalist society." It declares further that "only the overthrow of capitalism will sweep away the despicable bootlegging industry and the equally despicable corrupt, hypocritical prohibition enforcement."

The platform then declares:

"1. The Workers (Communist) Party favors the repeal of the Volstead Act and the 18th Amendment.

"2. Dissolution of the federal and state prohibition enforcement apparatus.

"3. Energetic propaganda against alcoholism as one of the most malignant social diseases under capitalism."

Our summing up slogan is "Forward to a Workers' and Farmers' Government." We emphasize that a workers' and farmers' government in the United States will

"... free all American colonies immediately, grant the right of full self-determination to all Latin American peoples, will realize social equality for Negroes, will disarm the master class and will arm the working masses, will expropriate all large scale industries, railroads, power plants, meat-packing plants... will nationalize all large land estates and will hand them over to the mortgaged and tenant farmers and agricultural workers, will nationalize all banks and commercial interests."

Class Struggle, Slogan.

The whole spirit and purpose of the party election campaign is summed up in the conclusion of the platform which calls upon the working masses "to go forward by means of relentless class struggle" and emphasizes that:

"The Workers (Communist) Party is the party of the class struggle. It is the deadly enemy of capitalist society. It fights for the complete unity of the working class, for the united struggle of native born, foreign born and Negro workers against the common enemy—trustified capital."

We have gotten a good start in our election campaign. The coming months will see our activities intensified. The entire party is being drawn into the election campaign. The outlook is, that because of the energetic activities of our party in the big struggles of the workers, like the miners and textile strikers and the needle trades, our American section of the Communist International will receive this year many times greater support in the election campaign than ever before.

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