CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY A FRAUD

We have been taught that any American boy has a chance to become President; that we must vote for the best man in elections and that usually, in the long run, the best man wins; that the crooks in government are sooner or later driven out of office by the good people of the community; that the system of elections and the system of voting in the United States is the most democratic in the world.

When anyone says that all this is a lie, that it is far from the truth, that our whole system is nothing but a sham democracy, that elections in the Fourth of July are a farce, that the press and the radio and the political party which say such a man is a dangerous radical, a red who should be deported. But if this radical can produce facts instead of fancy, proof that workers' votes count, and that democracy loses its form when the working class, the millions of dollars and millions of dollars in campaign funds and services which the capitalists have for utilizing the press, radio, movies, church and juries, etc., we will only mention the difficulties encountered in obtaining a place on the ballot.

The backingthr sham democracy in elections in the United States. What the real business of a workers' ticket which is to be placed on the ballot is the fight. Leaving aside the fact that a workers' party does not have the Workers millions and millions of dollars in campaign funds and services which the capitalists have for utilizing the press, radio, movies, church and juries, etc., we will mention the difficulties only in obtaining a place on the ballot.

The majority of voters are voted out by the voteless minority or the enemy party. It is not possible to obtain watchers over for every polling place.

Even when the voters' party obtains poll watchers many votes are challenged and in this way lost.

And finally when the workers' revolutionaries' ticket wins the battle they don't have enough votes to elect a member to office, the capitalist politicians who are in control usually count out these votes and lose the election.

And when this hurdle is also overcome with the help of the workers, gaining enough votes to acknowledge votes to elect a member of the workers' party, preventing the politicians from stealing the election, etc., then, when the representative of the exploiting class is in office, a whole series of hurdles again confront the workers. A whole law of the land and its millions or more phases of judicial interpretation to stop it up stands the armed might of the exploiters.

The whole system of parliamentarianism, the system of government in the United States, is organized and built upon the exploiting class. As long as the workers play the game of parliamentarianism, a game in which they try to handle the capitalists speak of the sacredness of "democracy." Real democracy is to be found only in the workers' movement; as soon as the workers gain sufficient organised might to seriously consider taking over state power the exploiters drop their democratic masks, the defence, etc., and resort to open dictatorship and brutal suppression of the working class.

This conclusion is made necessary by recognizing the strength of the workers is greater to gain more votes, to win more elections, over and over again the bosses and their government resort to martial law and a reign of terror against organized labor. Without economic freedom there is no political freedom in the United States.

In place of the capitalist dictatorship over the workers, the working class must establish its rule. Through its dictatorship over the exploiters it will insure democracy's point. The working class can only obtain power through elections and voting its representatives into office. The working class can establish its rule by legal means, by organizing and coordinating all the institutions which have been organised to defend them.

TO EXPOSE CAPITALISM

The Revolutionary Workers League participates in elections, in elections, in elections, so as to draw the exploiters, so as to draw the working masses of the United States into the trap of the class enemy. The lot of the working class cannot be improved through "parliament." The working class can only improve its lot by organizing upon its own force in the day-to-day class struggle which is its task - a much more difficult job than to establish a capitalist dictatorship and set up a Workers Government.

LABOR SKATES FIGHT

The most important facts that conscious workers need to keep in mind about the struggle in the United States is that the working class must put aside all illusions about the Labour forces.

1. The victory of the Committee for Industrial Organization over the National Federation in the strike question of organizing the steel industry is a clear proof that the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers makes a shutdown of the conflict between the labor movement forces unnecessary. The division between them has been solved. Organizational results will show this.

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4. The difference between them reflects differences among themselves. The Lewis-Hillman Committee is the agent of the union and the greens are independent forces.

5. Lewis's trade unionism is a class struggle and the greens are independent forces. The greens are independent of both, the workers and the bosses and there is no open split because the greens and Lewis would not have a chance of surviving.

6. The workers need industry-wide union structures, but they also need a more effective class collaboration with class collaboration policies, such as Lewis's own union, the "United Mine Workers of America," cannot bear the weight of the struggle against the capitalists. One of the reasons why the greens are losing is that they are unable to organize the mass of workers through such leaders as Lewis the communist leaders the other side, by giving their instruments which serve their interests to the workers.

7. The real problem of the organization of the working class is a question of building "revolutionary" trade unionism.

8. That is the line on which the Revolutionary Workers League of the U.S. is working. Workers should be organized by this position by writing to THE FIGHTING WORKER.

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Try to Dissolve the Non-Partisan Labor Defense

Following a number of unsuccessful attempts during the past year and a half to wreck the Non-Partisan Labor Defense Party, the Socialist Party is now engaged in another such maneuver.

The Socialist Party is as follows: the recent national convention of the Socialist Party voted to convert the Labor and Socialist Defense Committee into a Social Democratic group. In effect, this means the dissolution of the Socialist Party, into the Workers Defense Committee. In those circles in which this is no more than a change in name, the Convention endorsed the defense policy which had been followed in the past which has been frankly political and internationally legalistic. In order to keep the base of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense Party for a statement of its defense policy. Thus far the Socialist Party has acted on the basis of an unanswerable question.

The Socialist Party defense policy to drop the word "order" from the defense and policy. The Trotskyists are using the word order in a different sense than at this writing, is used.
For President
SAMUEL GARRETT

For Vice-President
JOHN ROBERTS

REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE, U.S.

Revolution is the Answer to Boss Oppression

For a Workers Government in the U.S.

The workers of the United States must organize on a class struggle basis as the first step in the

For the six hour day, five day work, and no

For unemployment and social insurance to be

For work relief at a thirty dollar a week mini-

NEW DEAL PROSPERITY

Under the New Deal prosperity has enabled

Civil War to End Imperialist War

The workers can only struggle for these demands
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Civil War and Imperialist War

The workers of the United States are going to

with civil war and must work for the defeat of its

The workers must establish a Workers govern-

The workers can accomplish this only by

For a New Society

The Workers Government will appropriate the

With the end of the war the workers will

The government of the U.S., by the workers, for

The workers will not be able to

The Workers Vote

Workers vote against capitalism for a

Workers vote in the New Deal election, and stand

The workers vote is a decisive factor in the

WHO CAN VOTE

All workers, poor farmers, all those who

The candidates of the Workers Vote stand on the

Write in Names of Workers Vote Candidates

Workers who vote in the New Deal election are

Write in the name of your Workers Vote candidate

VOTE FOR THE WORKERS TICKET THROUGH THE WORKERS VOTE LIST

GET YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR SHOP MATE AND SIGN THE WORKERS VOTE LIST!

GET YOUR SHOP, MINE, MILL, FACTORY TO CAST A WORKERS VOTE!

If you agree with our program then sign the Workers Vote List and have your friends sign it too.

In conjunction with the WORKERS VOTE, the Revolutionary Workers League of the United States presents an election program based on the class struggle and proletarian revolution. At the same time we strongly urge the workers to vote on the slate of candidates for the Socialist party, and to register their vote for the over-all program, even if they do not vote for the New Deal ticket through the New Workers Control.