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## Communists Enter Elections

THE PEOPLE of America face critical days in 1940. A second imperialist world war is spreading over the world. There is a great danger we may be involved again. 1940 is a presidential election year. This will be the most critical and important election since the Civil War. In this election will be decided the issue: Peace or War. The outcome of this election will have a decisive bearing on the future of our country and on world affairs.

The Communist Party of Arizona is entering the 1940 election campaign in order to independently, through its own candidates and platform, arouse the American people for struggle against imperialist war, for jobs, security and civil liberties. We believe in this way (our independent role) we can best help crystallize a movement for a third party—an independent anti-war, anti-monopoly party of labor, small farmers, small businessmen and all sections of the population who bear the burdens of war and monopoly control—made necessary since Roosevelt has abandoned the camp of the people and moved into the war camp and the people are left with the choice of a tweedle-dee or tweedle-dum major party.

We Communists are not disturbed by the slander that we are “subversive elements” and “foreign agents.” It was ever thus, from Jefferson’s day, that those who fought for the people’s cause were so labeled. And we know that it is those who would have our people fight on the side of the British Empire, who are loudest in their cries that we are “foreign agents.”

We have distributed thousands of our platforms throughout the state. Our candidates will campaign on this platform. We think it is a platform that all genuine anti-war, anti-monopoly forces can endorse and support. We will even join with and support any other candidates who will fight for a genuine anti-war program and civil liberties.

Our platform recognizes the fundamental issues that face the Arizona people, crystallized in the slogans: *Free Arizona from Monopoly Control—Tax Absentee Monopoly—Oust Wall Street from State Capitol.* We believe out of the above fundamental condition arises all the other problems which face and burden the people of Arizona. On the basis of this, our platform was formulated. Its whole intent is to break the stranglehold of monopoly over the economic and political life of our people. But this is only our immediate program.

### SOCIALISM ONLY SOLUTION FOR CAPITALIST CHAOS

We are entering into this campaign also as the Party of Socialism. After ten years of crisis and depression, and seven years of the New Deal, the working-class has gained experience and lost many illusions. Millions of youth have come of age without the opportunity of becoming useful citizens. The aged are offered at best a pittance, after a life of useful production. The jobless have lost all hope of getting back to work in private industry. The Mexicans and Negro people are denied even the most element-

ary rights in our so-called “democracy.” And the solution offered for all this by capitalism, is the mass slaughter and destruction of war. A system which has nothing better to offer, is a dying, bankrupt system.

It will take a fundamental reorganization of society to change all this, to harness the rich resources and wealth of this nation for useful production, peace, and prosperity for all. We are entering this election campaign to bring this message of hope to millions, to popularize the great achievements of Socialism in the Soviet Union, and to win the American people for the socialist path.

A big vote for the Communist Party will show the war mongers that the American people will not be easily led into imperialist war. A big vote will require a vigorous campaign by our Party and candidates. This will require the support and help of *all* anti-war elements. It will require finances. We appeal to our friends and all enemies of war and unemployment to make contributions to our campaign fund so that the fight can be carried on without hindrance. We call upon *all* real democrats to sign our petition to get on the ballot. We urge *all* citizens to register to vote in the coming elections. It is the duty of every American to do his part in determining the outcome of the struggle for *Peace, Security, Jobs and Democracy.*

### *America Must Keep Out*

THE INVOLVEMENT of Holland and Belgium in the war, though it brings a shock anew of the horror which war means, comes as no surprise.

Nor does the fact that the Nazi barbarians have apparently again beaten the Allied barbarians to the draw detract from the fact that both sides are alike guilty, along with the ruling class elements within these little countries, of the crime against their peace desiring peoples in preparing and playing the bloody poker game of empire.

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in 1940

It is necessary again to emphasize the fundamental fact that has been known to everybody, that the British blockade was proving ineffective in "starving Germany out," and that consequently the Allies, themselves suffering almost as much as Germany by the costs of the hitherto "bloodless war of attrition," have long been seeking a new battlefield somewhere on Germany's flanks.

The rulers, even those feigning horror, are pleased. Only the people—the people of Holland and Belgium—who are being subjected to the horrors of war, bombardments from the air, the hammering of artillery are sorrowful.

And these people can blame the rulers of Britain as well as those of Germany for the calamity that has befallen them. Only superficially was it a "blitzkrieg." This tragedy had its origin long ago in the parallel policies of Britain, France and Germany, climaxed in the pact of Munich.

Yet, despite this damnable guilt that both sides must share, President Roosevelt issues statement after statement inciting the American people to war, discarding even the former flimsy pretense of "neutrality" in baldfaced war mongering.

A true neutrality can be seen among the nations strong enough to be really independent, only in the behavior of the Soviet Union. Reports from Bulgaria stating that Soviet representatives there had stated that Moscow had warned Germany and Italy, and Britain and France as well, that the Soviet does not desire "to see a Balkan adventure of any kind." And "A wave of hope swept through the Balkans and they appeared to be turning toward Russia for aid"—to stay out of war.

The American people must, more than ever, strengthen their opposition against our own warmongers who, from Wall Street, Washington and editorial rooms, propagate the criminal idea that, the bloodier the imperialist war becomes, the more "necessary" it is that America get into it.

Nor must our people be blind to the growing possibility that the administration may push us into the war by the back door of the Far East, while our attention is riveted on Europe. The Dutch East Indies are now the prize of any aggressor able to seize them and Washington's eagerness to "protect" them is in no way less imperialist than Hitler's "protection" of Denmark or Holland.

Every American who wants America to stay out of war, must make it a first duty to see to it that Washington is buried under a blizzard of demands that we *do* stay out and that the administration cease its unneutral steps toward involving our people in this imperialist blood bath.

## Keep Arizona's Water Free

WATER is the life blood of the southwest farmer. When he first came to Arizona as a pioneer to homestead the barren deserts, it was water that brought life and results to his and his families ceaseless toil. Since those great pioneering days many great dams have been built to assure adequate and expanding water supplies. And for many years the farmer was able to make a living from his toil on the land.

Then began the encroachment and gobbling up of the land and homesteads of these farm toilers by the land companies, banks and insurance companies. The agricultural crisis which came in the 20's intensified this process of the small farmer losing his land. The general crisis of 1929 nearly finished the job. Only by struggle was he able to force legislation and aid from the government to save the family farm. We are witnessing the yearly shrinkage of farming by the family farmer and the increased raising of produce and raw materials by the octopus—the factory farm, run by absentee landlords and big growers.

An uphill battle is taking place from which the small farmer can only survive through militant organizations and leadership against the factory farm and such big grower organizations as the Associated Farmers. We in Arizona have seen the difficulties of this struggle. We have seen the power of the absentee landlords mani-

fest itself in many ways. Not only by foreclosures and nullification of laws beneficial to the small farmer, by legislative and court action, but through control of the Water Users Associations, control of the water supply itself.

Everyone knows that the federal law prohibiting more than 160 acres votes to one farmer is evaded and violated by large growers. The shortage of water which has existed in the valley for years falls on the small farmer heavily, but the large growers seem to experience no difficulties in getting all the water they need.

In the election platform of the Communist Party of Arizona are planks which we feel will help *save the family farm*. The small farmer must demand that every party and candidate declare himself, without hemming and hawing, on these issues. Our platform includes: enforcement of the 160 acre vote federal law; federal government build high-line dam on Colorado to assure adequate water and municipal power through a Colorado River Authority; the government settle migratory farm workers on these lands; tax-free homesteads and increased taxation on factory and corporation farms; restoration to legality the state mortgage moratorium law, and united independent political action by the small farmer and labor against their common enemy—the monopolies.

## Dies at the Mexican Border

IT IS A typical hop-head story that Martin Dies has been peddling to the public about a "plot" by the Communist Party of Mexico to overthrow the Mexican Government and establish a puppet government.

The plans of the Communist Party are for peace, not war—both in the case of our own country and Mexico. That is just what is worrying Dies and the plotting imperialists behind him—oil grabbers, land sharks and bankers.

That is what is worrying Martin Dies, we repeat. The people who are backing Dies are the persons, or their successors, who have been supporting land-grabbers' and oil-speculators' putsches in Mexico since the fall of Diaz 29 years ago.

This explains why Dies says he will start his meddling "investigation"—doubtless with sensational press releases about "red revolts" in Mexico—at the Mexico-Texas-Arizona border in about a month or six weeks. That would seem to be about two weeks before the National Election of Mexico to be held July 7. At the very border of their own country the Mexican

people's cause will be attacked.

Timed, we say, and James W. Ford, vice-presidential candidate on the Communist ticket in 1936, claims to have proof, when attempted assassinations of Toledano, Camacho and other outstanding Mexican leaders, will take place by Almazanistas and other reactionary and fascist forces of Mexico.

When this takes place it will be the signal for armed intervention in Mexico by American troops, as Pershing did in 1916, on the pretext of putting down Communist fifth column activity. The American people must be alert to this trick and plot. They must not allow themselves to become tools in the hands of the oil and land companies. They must not let the Mexican Republic be strangled as was the Spanish Republic, by intervention, in the guise of non-intervention and lurid tales of "red-plots." Let's tell Secretary Hull and President Roosevelt, if American oil companies invest in Mexico, they must abide by Mexican laws and constitution, that American blood will not be spilled for Wall Street investments.

## Republican-Gazette

"NEARLY ALL Americans agree upon the necessity, or at least the desirability, of a free press, but too few of them understand how a loss of that freedom might closely affect their physical lives and their pocketbooks as well as their liberties and democracy" is the subject of an editorial in the *Republican-Gazette* of Phoenix, our two-faced contemporary.

We know that they have conscientiously suppressed news that interests labor, except such news as would discourage, defeat or hinder labor organization. They have consistently played up and welcomed all sorts of Dies Committee slanders and persecutions of trade unions and Communists. A witness at the California La Follette investigation stated that Arizona newspapers suppressed, by agreement, all news on cotton picking conditions (1937) so as not to hinder the luring here of pickers by false promises.

The *20th Century Arizonan* has carried for months items of "Suppressed News Notes," which interest workers, farmers and citizens generally. We have failed to see any of them, before or since, in the columns of our "free" *Republican Gazette*.

We come to the conclusion that our contemporary "twin" means by a free press, free to labor-baiters, union-busters, Associated Farmers, but closed to trade unions, communists, workers, small farmers and unemployed. This is not difficult to understand, since they are owned and controlled by Big Business.

A newspaper which economizes by cutting its newsboys 20 per cent, which is Republican in the morning, Democratic in the evening, and "copper-collared" at all times, cannot speak of a "free press" without convincing us that their reactionary policies are part of a consistent plan to suppress all efforts for security, civil liberties and democracy.

It is time the public show this two-faced reactionary sheet what it thinks of it. A few years ago when the Hearst sheets were particularly anti-labor & reactionary, the public boycotted them so effectively that their circulation dropped alarmingly and some papers had to close down. These mouth pieces of Big Business have got to be shown they cannot get the people to finance their anti-labor and reactionary plans.

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### Political Potshots

THE NEED of the people of Arizona in the coming elections, is independent political unity; selection of their own candidates—not waiting

until there is only the choice of the lesser evil, and concentration on legislative, congressional and sheriff offices.

The statement of the Tax-Free Homes Association to support only one initiative petition for a tax-free homes law, and not to confuse and divide tax-free home forces by additional petitions, is sensible. As we warned the people some months ago about too many petitions in the field, we now warn them to watch for traitors in the ranks of tax-free homes, who will sell out.

Last May 1939, Governor Jones issued a proclamation declaring June 3 "Jeff Davis" Day. With the Governor's recent letter to the U. S. Senate requesting it to defeat the Anti-Lynching Bill, it is apparent that he does not know the Civil War was won by the United States; that no loyal American citizen recognizes Jeff Davis as a president of any American soil, but a traitor against the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The citizens of Arizona should let him know by no uncertain language they want no "Jeff Davis" Days.

Earnest Charleton, aspirant to be Governor of Arizona, is the first open red-baiter. We predict his overwhelming defeat at the polls. The people have learned red-baiting means reaction, and is used by incompetents, stool-pigeons, demagogues and stooges of the "interests."

We urge *all* citizens of Arizona to register *now*, so as to participate in the coming elections.

## Suppressed Notes

DURING THE recent annual convention of the Associated Press, Wade Werner, AP correspondent in Finland, said: "Censored dispatches from Finland naturally were top-heavy with damage to schools and hospitals, with casualties among civilians rather than among soldiers. Yet I honestly believe the Bolsheviks were not deliberately trying to bomb civilians."

Martin Dies was elected to Congress in 1938 by only four per cent of the population of his district. No word about this from "Democrat" Dies.

The fact that the food speculators, processors and packers are raising prices of food that come under the Surplus Commodity Stamps.

The report of Malcolm Brown and Orin Cassmore, WPA researchers, on "Migratory Cotton Pickers in Arizona." It not only substantiates *The Grapes of Wrath* but shows it to be understatement.

Conditions of the colonial peoples of "democratic" Britain and France—Ireland, Palestine, India, Syria, Africa, Morocco, etc.

A government survey four years in the making, showing that two-thirds of American families in 1935-36 lived on \$69 a month; 14 per cent of the total population exist on \$26 a month. One per cent of the population has as much income as 40 per cent of poorer population.

*Hear* EARL BROWDER *speak on*

1940 Elections

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## Why Not America?

"THE SPREAD of education, the new leisure, the new zest for life, and the new security show themselves in a rising level of national culture in the Soviet Union. A seven-hour working day—the shortest working day in any industrial country—send the worker home at an early hour and with a reserve of energy for other occupations. A lengthening annual holiday with pay lays up a store of strength and through the opportunity it affords for travel, leads often to a wider outlook upon life. Insurance against sickness, infirmity, and old age removes the strain from brain and nerves, whilst the ban upon exploitation and the decreased incentive

towards, and opportunity for the development of the acquisitive instinct set men and women free for higher pursuits.

"There is one word more than all others on the lips of Soviet people. It is the word 'culture.' It covers all that is meant here by the same word, and much more. It is uncultured, for instance, to walk into a house with dirty boots, to neglect to brush one's teeth or wash behind one's ears. It is uncultured to neglect books and art or ignore the achievements of science."

REV. HEWLETT JOHNSON,  
*Dean of Canterbury Cathedral.*

## Copper Chains

THOSE silver-lined copperheads, known as politicians and office-holders, will have to discard the old hocus pocus of "Where is the money coming from?" when pensioners and unemployed ask for increased social benefits and the tax-burdened workers, small farmers and small businessmen demand *taxation according to ability to pay*.

The copper companies of Arizona, by their own financial statements answer the copperheads. Phelps-Dodge alone earned a net profit of \$8,299,928 in 1939. Just think of it. It doesn't take much figuring to know why Wall Street likes bloody wars. No wonder the *absentee monopolies* buy politicians, control legislatures, local governments, newspapers, schools, smash labor, and set up phony tax associations.

But this is not all. These copper barons and copperheads have plenty gall. They have seen to it that the state Tax Commission has decreased the assessed valuations of mining properties from \$450,000,000 in 1920 to less than \$100,000,000. No wonder people ask is the Tax Commission working for the people of Arizona or for Wall Street?

The copperheads and Wall Street must be *ousted from the State Capitol*. We need an army of St. Patricks. We need independent political action of the people tied to no politician. We need to support candidates for office whose records show who their master is. Like our revolutionary forefathers, we have *Taxation Without Representation. Organize to free Arizona from monopoly control*.

## Labor Front

THE U. S. Department of Justice has started "hell bent for the destruction of organized labor," President John P. Coyne of the AFL building trades department told the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor convention.

The conviction of 11 leaders of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union (CIO) as being "guilty" of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, is a danger signal to every labor man and friend, AFL, CIO or independent. The Justice Department said it was a conspiracy to organize an industry 100 per cent—shades of 100 years ago, when to belong to a union was considered a conspiracy.

CIO American Newspaper Guild won its 17-month strike against the Hearst Chicago papers. Not only that, but began negotiations for a

nation wide contract with the Hearst papers.

May Day was observed around the world with millions of workers pledging to struggle against imperialist war. 1,500,000 in Moscow, 250,000 in Mexico City, 90,000 in New York City.

National Scottish Mine Workers, meeting at Ayr, Scotland, called on the British labor movement to organize a conference to discuss means to end the war.

President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, writing in the April issue of *The Railroad Trainman*, stated: "Labor says, 'We want no part of war, nor any of the blood-drenched profits from war!' A West Coast maritime union stole Confucius' thunder when it declared: 'The Yanks are not coming!'"

## Work, Not War

MAY 1 to 8 was declared by President Roosevelt and Governor Jones as Employment Week. At the same time 200,000 WPA workers, 800 in Arizona, got the pink axe. How are these men going to get work when 12,000,000 are already unemployed? The majority of men laid off before have not gotten on. Laying off men and cutting down on WPA at a time when unemployment is a permanent national problem is criminal. It will only aggravate the situation.

Slogans and speeches don't feed men and families or create jobs. Jobs are created by demand by the people for the necessities of life. They get these only when they have money. They get money only when they work, therefore jobs are the first thing to get the ball rolling. Such antics are infantile and this pap and demagoguery is an insult to the intelligence of the American people.

There can be only one thing behind this and that is a gamble on war "prosperity." Anticipation of America being drawn into the imperialist war. The American people want work at home, not war abroad. There is only one way to increase jobs under capitalism and that is by higher wages to the worker and prices to the family farmer. There is only one permanent solution to unemployment and that is Socialism—the people owning the means of livelihood and not the profit seeking minority of Wall Street bankers.

## Questions & Answers

*Question:* Does the Communist Party believe in overthrowing our government by force and violence?

*Answer:* Force and violence comes not from the people but the economic royalists. Reading the record of the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee shows this clearly. The history of our country is strewn with violence by the rich against the people. The Constitution of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. says:

"The Communist Party of the U. S. A. upholds the democratic achievements of the American people. It opposes with all its power any clique, group, circle, faction or party which conspires or acts to subvert, undermine, weaken or overthrow any or all institutions of American democracy whereby the majority of the American people have obtained power to determine their destiny in any degree."

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Dear Friend:

That crisis is still with us. And headed for "bigger and better" suffering--greater misery. War throughout the world--thousands dying, wives widowed, mothers made sonless, children starving and our wealth and production destroyed in useless armaments and munitions--criminally insane.

Why? To increase the profits of a handful of monopolists whose sons do not have to die on battlefields. To save this system of wars, unemployment, insecurity and exploitation. The Roosevelt Administration no longer represents the interests of the American people. It has moved into the war camp and is following the footsteps of Wilson--the road to war. We are not neutral anymore. We have become pro-Allies. We have put our money on them. The next step is loans and then---

In the state another dreary picture. The Administration representing the Associated Farmers and Big Business. The Legislature, composed mostly of copperheads, and frankly admitting their masters. Low wages and thousands unemployed, with a relief standard ranking among the lowest in the nation. Our political and economic life dominated by Wall St.

But amid all this chaos and seemingly hopeless situation, there is a way out. A way to improve the immediate needs of the people. That way is the unity of the people--workers, family farmers and small businessmen--for independent political action, tied to no individual or tweedledee and tweedledum parties, but around an anti-war, anti-monopoly program.

The Communist Party, which stands not only for the immediate needs of the people but the permanent solution of PEACE, JOBS, SECURITY AND DEMOCRACY thru SOCIALISM--thru the will of the majority, is educating, leading and helping unite and organize the people in the struggle for their interests.

The Communist Party of Arizona is going to participate in the elections this year. It will utilize the campaign to make clear the issues and bring its program to the people. 1000s of the enclosed platform have already been distributed thruout the state. Many more 1000s must follow. Read our platform carefully and we believe you will find you can support it.

The Party is circulating petitions now to get on the ballot. It is also distributing bulletins and leaflets by the thousand. It will have candidates in the field who will travel all over the state campaigning. All this takes money. The Party alone cannot raise the necessary money. It needs the help of every enemy of war, unemployment and exploitation. Become a supporter of the fight for PEACE, JOBS, SECURITY and DEMOCRACY. Do your part now. Contribute to the people's cause.

Sincerely yours,  
Communist Party of Arizona,  
M. Graham, sec'y