VOTE THE FARMER LABOR BALLOT; ELECT HAYCRAFT; DOWN REACTION TRADE UNIONISTS! BEAT THE UNION HATERS

The working-class voters go to the polls next week to cast their votes for one of the two mayorality candidates who are competing for the office of chief executive of the city of Minneapolis. In the present city election there can be no apology and a lack of interest that is hard to explain. Now is no time for voters, who have the interest of the working class at heart, to remain away from the polls and leave the selection of a Mayor to those enemies of organized labor who would only be too delighted to see an election boycotted in the coming election. There is little question but that reaction, in the person of George Leach, is taking a determined and strong effort to stage a comeback in the best unionized city in the United States.

WHAT ARE THE ISSUES INVOLVED?

The issues in the present contest are so clear-cut and so well defined as to need little explanation or clarification. It is an out-and-out race between the forces of reaction and decay and those of progress and workers reform. George Leach, in the office of the National Guard, avowed supporter of the Citizens Alliance and the official spokesman of the Minneapolis Labor Unions, is opposed to Kenneth Haycraft, endorsed candidate of the Farmer-Labor Party. Workers have no choice but to cast their vote for Haycraft for Mayor.

WHAT REACTION WANTS

No one should fix his eyes on the issues involved in the coming election. Anyone who thinks that Minneapolis employers and bosses have been satisfied with conditions in this city during the past three years are as simple as the bird that hides its head in the sand and so expects to escape danger which is close at hand. Despite the fact that new unions have been formed in large numbers in the last three years and in spite of the gains made by existing labor organizations here employers of labor have not made up their minds that they are going to submit meekly to the demands of organized labor for higher wages and improved working conditions. On the contrary they are determined to use every method and to overlook no chance to cut the plans of labor for new gains.

A FIGHT FOR LIFE

Leach is the hope and the prayer of the reactionaries. In him they see a chance to regain power that was once held by him in this city by the forces of union labor haters. Organized labor in Minneapolis is at the crossroads. A vote for George Leach is a vote fororganized violence and suppression against workers who may be forced to strike for their rights. Labor must show a united and determined resistance to those brazen spokesmen of union hating exploiters of labor.

WHAT THE BOSES ARE DOING

Employers of labor in Minneapolis are alive to the possibilities that may unfold themselves if reaction succeeds in immobilizing their spokesmen in the chair of the Mayor. Huge sums of money have been raised in the ranks of the Associated Industries and in other employers’ groups to further their aims to capture the city administration. Our bosses are betting that Republicanism can be a comeback here. And that is not all. The primary election employers have indicated an unwillingness to meet with union spokesmen and are delaying the renewing of union agreements on the general election. They have indicated by their attitude that Leach be elected fight will be their watchword and resistance will meet every attempt of unions to renew old contracts and secure new ones.

WORKERS’ DUTY

Kenneth Haycraft must be the choice of every voter, organized and unorganized, in the coming election. All differences that may have existed prior to the primaries must be buried and forgotten. With the united support of Minneapolis labor, Haycraft can be elected and reaction, in the person of George Leach, can be defeated. VOTE FOR PROGRESS! VOTE FOR HAYCRAFT! MAKE MINNEAPOLIS A UNION TOWN!
CIO CALM OVER AFL CAMPAIGN

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tives that go with open conflict, that appear the CIO-AFL pact which makes it a matter of usual practice. Second, it is a certain fact that the AFL has not had the immense support that the CIO has. It is also true that the AFL has had the benefit of a century of organization and practice, whereas the CIO has had only a few years of organized labor and all its problems. The AFL has had the opportunity to learn and grow with the years. In short, the AFL is better equipped to handle this situation than any other organization in the country.

Through this strife has come, at the close of the CIO show a new and organized AFL which will hold its own and emerge from the struggle stronger than ever. And at any cost, that principle of other groups prevailing, it will hold fast to the principles that have guided it in the past.

Great Lakes Pipe Line Project Is Stopped as Workers Strike

Work Halted as Employer and Unions Confer on Wages and Conditions

Monday night at Farnam, both employers and workers there with the assistance of representatives of the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company, met at the Farnam City Hall to discuss the situation. The two groups had previously agreed to discuss the matter and to make a decision as to whether or not to continue the work. The decision was made to halt the work until the unions had a chance to talk things over.

The Great Lakes Pipe Line Company operates a pipeline which carries crude oil from the fields of Michigan to the refineries of Chicago. The pipeline is owned by a number of oil companies, including Standard Oil of New Jersey and Gulf Oil Corporation. The company has been in operation for over 50 years and is considered to be one of the most efficient pipelines in the country.

The workers who are striking are members of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, and Ornamental Ironworkers, Local 401. The union represents over 50,000 ironworkers throughout the United States and Canada.

The company has offered to meet with the union representatives to discuss the wages and conditions of the workers. The union has rejected the offer and has decided to continue the strike until their demands are met.

The strike is expected to last for several weeks. The company has already lost a significant amount of money due to the cessation of work. The union is also hoping to gain bargaining power and improve the wages and conditions of its members.

The strike has caused considerable hardship for both the workers and the company. The workers are without work and the company is losing money. The situation is expected to continue for several more weeks until a resolution is reached.
Steel Strikers Meet Brutal Repression from Bosses as Barons Prepare for Struggle

Hills Hide Stocks of Guns, Gas and Guards

As ominous quiet, portending a long endurance contest between the striking workers and the steel barons, settled over the sprawling Indus- trial Steel and Youngstown Steel company plants which have not yet tried to operate their plants since the strike began.

All efforts to break the strike are being concentrated on the Republic Steel, whose plants are being operated, according to the directors of both steel companies, at least 80 per cent capacity. The S.W.O.R.L.R.U. has been petitioning the courts to have the plants operated by an independent court in the absence of the strike. Workmen are being given job tickets for 12-hour shifts and are told to report to the plants at 7 a.m. and be at the gates at 7:30. At one of the Republic Steel plants, two guards were fired because they made a finding that some were not on the job or were not at the gate on time. It was also charged that workmen were being fed at the gates to keep them from returning to their homes at night.

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