

# Workers!—Send a Shopmate to Represent YOU at the Local Communist Election Conference Where Delegates Will Be Chosen for Chicago

## Old Parties Serve Capitalists

The capitalist parties—Republican, Democratic and Socialist—together with their A. F. of L. henchmen—will each appear in this election campaign in different garb; each will pretend to offer a way out of the crisis beneficial to the masses; each will freely promise jobs and plenty to the workers if elected. But behind all their false promises and all of their apparent differences, the workers must see their reactionary actions while in office, their brutal attacks on the workers and their protection of the rich. The workers must see that these parties have been and are now the defenders of the capitalists and the bitter enemies of the workers.

Leading the attack against the workers is the Hoover government, with its bi-partisan coalition of Republican-Democratic parties. Composed of rapacious profit-seekers, loyal agents of Wall Street, corporation promoters, and the biggest capitalists themselves (Mellon-Hoover-Smith-Raskob-Young et al), these partners in the robbery of the masses seek in the coming elections to again ensnare the masses in the age-old swindle of "turning out the Republican rascals" only to replace them with their Democratic twin brothers.

In order to trick those workers and farmers who are no longer fooled by two-party fakery, NEW demagoguery and promises are being indulged in to make the masses choose between "Progressives" and "Reactionaries" within the two open capitalist parties.

But this is merely the division of labor between two parts of the same gang of swindlers, who are working together on one platform, which is the capitalist way out of the crisis.

The so-called Progressives have exactly the same reactionary program as Hoover, the program to lower the living standards of the masses in order to raise the profits of the capitalists. The "progressive Republican", Pinchot, as governor of Pennsylvania, drives through the wage-cuts against miners, steel workers and all others, with the same ruthlessness as Hoover does nationally; his state troopers kill strikers and unemployed workers and smash labor unions just as effectively as his "reactionary" brothers. The "progressive Democrats", Roosevelt and Ritchie,

starve the unemployed and club strikers, smile upon the lynching of Negroes and dispossession of bankrupt farmers, the same as any "reactionary".

The difference between Progressive and Reactionary is merely on the surface, for purposes of demagoguery, to hide the same basic program of the capitalist way out of the crisis.

Openly supporting the Hoover program, is the officialdom of the American Federation of Labor. It fights against the workers and for the capitalists on every essential point. It fights against Unemployment Insurance, against the bonus for the ex-soldiers, it prevents strikes and signs agreements for broad wage-cuts, it fights for huge grants of money to the corporations and taxation of the masses, it supports new laws to help build greater giant monopolies, it helps prepare imperialist wars, especially the war against the Soviet Union. Through its deceitful "non-partisan" policy of "reward friends and punish enemies", it delivers the workers gagged and bound to the Republicans and Democrats, "progressives" and reactionaries, in order to further confuse and divide the working class. It decks itself out in "victories" like the so-called anti-injunction law, which fastens injunctions and "yellow dog contracts" ever more firmly upon the workers than ever before.

The reactionary officialdom of the American Federation of Labor is an agency of capitalism among the workers for putting over the capitalist way out of the crisis.

The Socialist Party, together with its self-styled "left wing"—the Muste group—is the little brother of the American Federation of Labor. Its special task is to cover up the same program with the mask of Socialist phrases, and thus to prevent the awakening workers from organizing for a really effective struggle. It supports capitalist monopoly and trustification under the hypocritical slogans of "nationalization of banks, railroads and mines" through the capitalist "nation". It covers the worst capitalist robberies as "steps toward socialism". It fights against the Worker Unemployment Insurance Bill, and puts forth its own demagogical emasculated proposals to keep the workers from fighting for their

own bill. Its leaders in the trade unions help sign wage-cutting agreements, and break the strikes of workers who resist.

The Socialist Party and the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota carry through the same policies in America, as their brother party, the Labor Party in England, which launched the wage-cutting campaign, cut down the unemployed insurance, raised high tariffs and taxes on the masses, and carried through inflation. They support and operate on the same principle as their brother party in Germany,

the Social Democracy, which is in coalition with the Monarchist Hindenburg and supports his emergency decrees which cut wages, destroyed social services, halved unemployment relief, and threw the burden of taxation upon the masses, carrying through the fascist suppression of the working class and preparation for the open fascist government. They support the pacifist swindle of the League of Nations and especially help prepare war on the Soviet Union, one of their principal occupations being daily slander against the Workers' Republic.

## Rally Against Starvation and War

Against all these parties which openly or hiddenly attempt to force through the capitalist way out of the crisis, the Communist Party calls upon the workers and farmers of America, white and Negro to rally for the struggle against starvation and war, for the immediate demands stated above, for the revolutionary way out of the crisis.

These measures represent what a large majority of workers and farmers WISH TO HAVE NOW. These things can only be gotten by fighting for them. They cut across the capitalist way out of the crisis, because they do not take into account capitalist profits, for which the capitalists and their lieutenants will fight to the death.

It was the Communist Party alone which forewarned the workers of the approaching crisis long before the crisis began; it was the Communist Party which has persistently warned the workers of the war plans of the imperialists; it was the Communist Party which alone raised the banner of mass struggle against unemployment, lynching, police terror, wage cuts and imperialist war.

The great hunger marches and demonstrations of the unemployed in hundreds of cities; the strikes of the miners in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky; the textile strikes in Paterson, Lawrence and many other cities; the mass mobilization against terror in Chicago, Detroit, Harlan, etc.; the strong fight against lynching, for the defense of the Scottsboro boys—all these, in which the Communist Party played the leading role, are the best proof that the Communist Party alone deserves the confidence of the workers.

The Socialist Party and its "left" ally, the Muste group, especially has tried in the past and tries now to break up the workers fight for the program put forward by the Communists, by bringing forward its own substitute of "something just as good", by making its fake program look as much as possible "like the Communists", by talking "revolutionary", by arguing for a choice of "the lesser evil", by putting themselves forth as "the same thing only more practical".

But all their demagogic claims are given the lie by the capitalist class itself, which takes the Socialist Party and its leaders, especially its darlings, Norman Thomas, the

respectable churchman, and Morris Hillquit, the millionaire lawyer, to its heart.

The Socialist Party is openly recognized by the capitalist press as the Third Capitalist Party, which more and more becomes equally respectable in capitalist society with the other parties, as the capitalists more and more need it to fool and trick the awakening workers.

Even to force concessions NOW from the three capitalist parties there is no weapon so powerful as a vote for Communism and participation in the daily struggles led by the Communist Party.

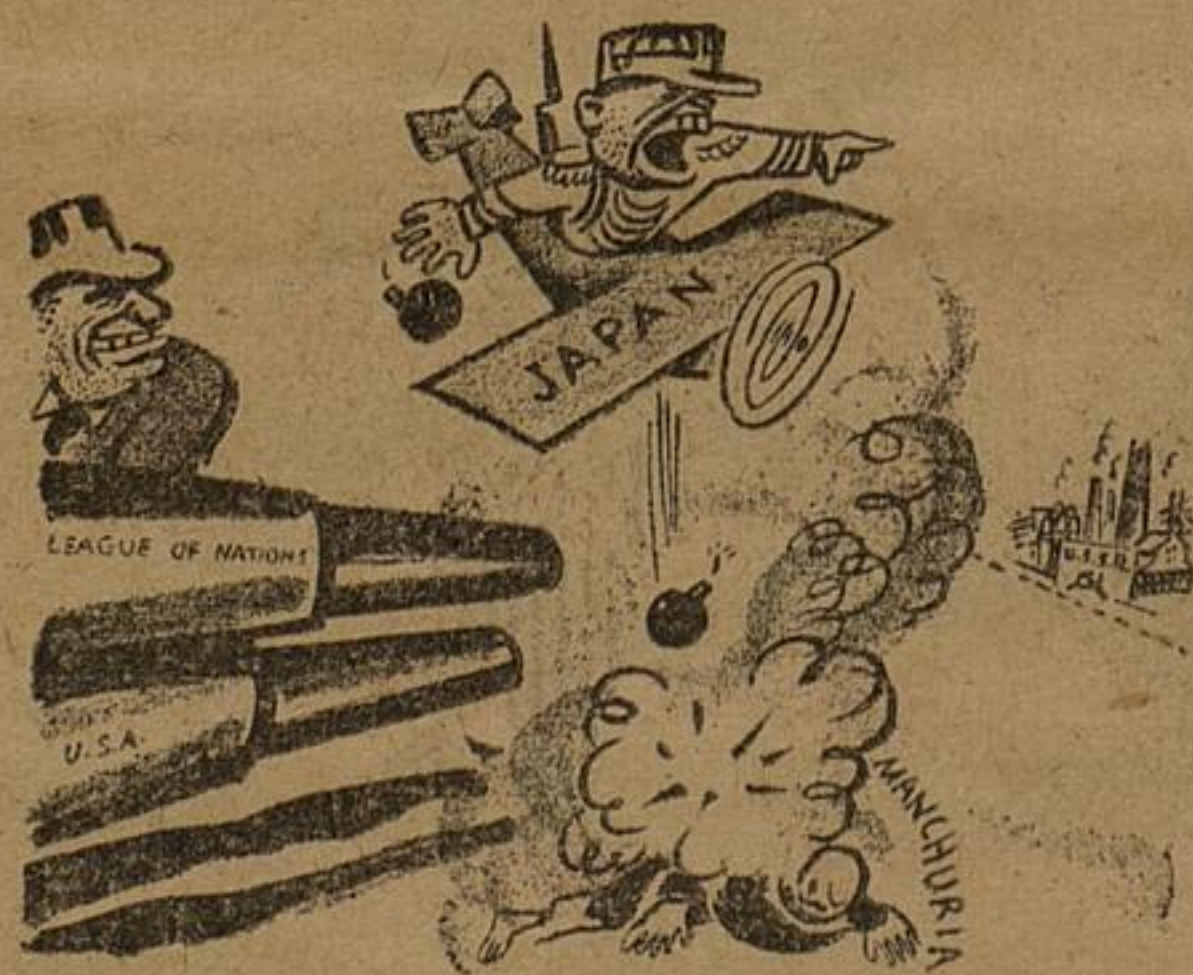
Every concession, even the smallest, has only one powerful argument in its support which is listened to by every capitalist politician; that is the argument that it is necessary in order to "keep the masses from turning to Communism". The capitalists will grant nothing to "keep the masses from the Socialist Party". They, on the contrary, help drive the masses to the Socialist Party as soon as the masses begin to break away from the Republicans and Democrats.

In the election campaign of the Communist Party, there is room for the organized participation and support of every worker in America, man and woman, white and Negro, without regard to whether he is a member of the Communist Party or not.

Every worker and workers' organization which is ready to fight for the immediate demands is invited to be represented in the Communist Campaign Committees which will organize and conduct this campaign.

Support the Communist Election Campaign. Rally behind its platform and candidates. Make this the starting point of a gigantic mass movement against starvation, terror and war. Resist with all your energy and strength the brutal attack of the capitalists. Fight for unemployment insurance, against wage cuts, for relief for the farmers, for equality for the Negroes, against the murderous capitalist terror and against the plans for a new bloody imperialist war. Resist the carrying through of the capitalist way out of the crisis. Fight for the workers' way—for the revolutionary way out of the crisis—for the United States of Soviet America.

**VOTE FOR THE WORKERS' CANDIDATES — THE COMMUNIST CANDIDATES!**  
**VOTE COMMUNIST!**



## Send Militant Workers from Factories to the National Nominating Convention to be Held in Chicago, Illinois, May 28-29