

ELECTION PLATFORM

Communist Party

New York Municipal Elections

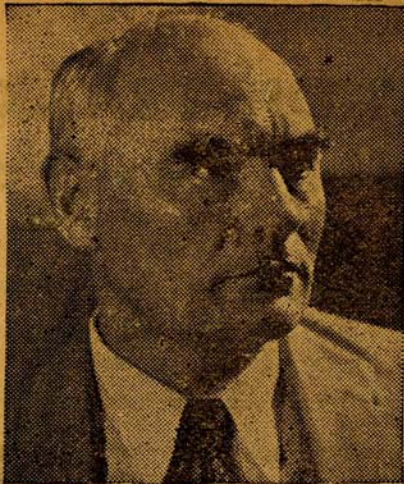
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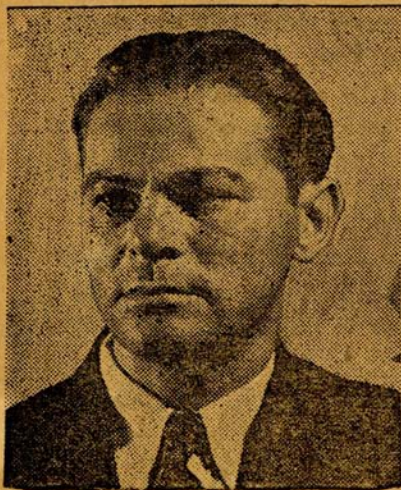
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Communist Candidate for Comptroller

ELECTION PLATFORM OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party, the party of the working class, stands firmly on the principle that the provision of adequate food, clothing and shelter for the unemployed, part-time, and poorly paid workers, and the protection of the living standards of all the working people of the city, is the primary issue of this election campaign.

The Communist Party in this election campaign puts forward this platform of struggle:

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MISERY INCREASING. RELIEF CUT

The working people of New York face more serious problems today than at any previous time. More than a million

and a quarter unemployed workers face dire misery and the most drastic attacks on their very right to live.

With 201,000 vacant apartments in eN wYork, the landlords filed 308,516 eviction applications in 1932.

Thousands of omthers are forced to nurse their children on tea or hot water. In the poor workers' section the children are supplied in the schools with on-seventh of the milk necessary to preevent rickets, scurvy and tuberculosis. The death-rate of infants has increased by one hundred per cent since the crisis began.

Fully three-fourths of the total working population of Negro Harlem are unemployed. The death rate is 42 per cent higher in Harlem than in the rest of the city. The bulk of the Negro unemployed are discriminated against, and receive no relief whatsoever. Employment in numerous factories, shops, offices and in the public service is closed to them. The criminal conspiracy of segregation enables landlords to force 25 or 50 per cent higher rents from Negroes. Tuberculosis among the Harlem Negro population has increased 50 per cent since the crisis began—the rate being twice as high as in the "white" neighborhoods of the rich. The most frightful disregard for human life exists in the Harlem "butcher" hospital. Negro prisoners are murdered in cold blood on Welfare Island; while a new police lynch incitement campaign is spreading through the city.

Veterans for whom a special state law was passed making city relief compulsory find relief reduced or denied altogether. By the thousands, veterans fill the hospitals and flop houses of New York, and are on the slightest excuse thrown into jail.

The young, single workers of New York, both male and

female, are not even permitted to register at the Home Relief Bureaus, are denied all relief.

N.R.A. AND LIVING STANDARDS

The program of the bosses and their government for the solution of the crisis and unemployment is to increase their profits by beating down the living standards of the workers. Workers are told to believe that the Blue Eagle is a guarantee of higher wages, better conditions and the right to organize into unions "of their own choosing." But what are the facts?

Under the N.R.A. the cost of living is rising to the skies. Even those workers who received wage increases find a good slice of these increases eaten up by the mounting cost of food, clothing and all necessities. These wage increases are furthermore temporary. The N.R.A. is already establishing the minimum wage as the maximum in industry after industry. Better paid workers are already being fired, and others are hired at the minimum. At the same time, the speed-up grows more intense.

Early in September close to 100,000 workers in New York City alone are on strike in N.R.A. factories against N.R.A. wages. Under the wings of the Blue Eagle, Tammany police are clubbing and arresting strikers wholesale. In the name of the N.R.A., Whalen, "New Deal" administrator in New York, arrests pickets and attempts to outlaw strikes. Vicious strike-breaking injunctions are issued and an attempt is made to rob the workers of every civil right. (Shoe, metal, furniture, bakery, fur workers, etc.)

The N.R.A. will not solve the crisis. It will not abolish unemployment and misery. It is a means of raising the profits of the bosses by driving down still lower the living standards of the working population. The recent increase in

production, due to inflation and speculative buying, is again filling the warehouses with goods that cannot be sold, because low wages and high prices do not permit the workers to buy.

Already production is falling in the heavy industries. New mass lay-offs are taking place. A new and worse crash is coming as a direct result of the N.R.A., which is lowering the standard of living of the workers. The New York workers can win gains in wages and improvement of conditions; but they can win them ONLY BY FIGHTING THE N.R.A., not by submitting.

THE NEW DEAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE N.R.A. ALLOTS THREE BILLION, THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS MAINLY FOR WAR PREPARATIONS. THE N.R.A. IS THE BOSSES' INSTRUMENT FOR WAR PREPARATION. ALL CAPITALIST PARTIES AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR LEADERS SUPPORT THE PROGRAM OF THE BOSSES FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR LIVING STANDARDS, AND FOR IMPERIALIST WAR.

TAMMANY'S RECORD

In the face of the increasing misery of the workers, the Tammany administration reduces home and work relief, stops rent checks, cuts wages of city employees, and organizes brutal police violence at the Home Relief Bureaus.

It has reduced by 8,800,000 dollars the yearly salaries of teachers, and crowds the children in the working class sections into old and unsanitary school buildings, while 12,500 teachers remain unappointed—without jobs. Teachers and other city employees who protest against salary grabs, or dare to hold social, political and economic views not in agreement with Tammany, are expelled.

The Tammany administration is about to put over further reductions in wages of teachers and other city employees. Already the Tammany Board of Aldermen carried through a new raid on the dwindling incomes of the working people of the city.

The new water tax means ruin to additional thousands of poor home owners and a general rise in rents. The taxi tax robs the taxi drivers of one-sixth of their wages. While turning over \$170,000,000 per year, or 30 per cent of the entire budget to the bankers on the bonded debt, the Tammany administration would after election attempt to put over higher subway fares and general sales taxes.

The billion dollar utility corporations are shamefully plundering the people with the compulsory one dollar minimum charge for light, and the general exorbitant light and gas rates.

In the interests of the bankers, mortgage companies, and the Tammany graft ring, tens of thousands of small home owners have lost their homes, and the life-savings of many thousands of families were wiped out by Tammany speculation and graft in the banking system.

Tammany pays for its privilege of commercialized bribery, corruption, the sale of "justice" to the highest bidder, and for plying the trades of the underworld, by rendering to the bankers the service of strike-breaking and suppression of the workers with police brutality, injunctions and jails.

The so-called reformers, the liberals and the Socialist leaders who babble about "honest government" and "clean politics" under capitalist parties, and by capitalist politicians, are trying to deceive the workers. **GRAFT AND CORRUPTION IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF ANY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTING A SYSTEM THAT IS BASED UPON GREED, PRIVATE PROFIT, EXPLOITATION AND**

OPPRESSION. The Republican and Fusion parties are not any better for the working people than Tammany.

WHAT IS FUSION?

The Republican and the new Fusion parties serve the same masters as Tammany Hall. They represent the same interests: the bankers and trusts, the interests of the capitalist system as a whole. The whole Fusion campaign is but a "new" deal between the Republican and Democrat capitalist politicians (to be gained from robbing and starving the people). Who are the men behind Fusion?

Fiorello H. LaGuardia, several times decorated by Mussolini for his faithful services to the Fascist butchers of the Italian workers, is one of the most dangerous agents of the finance kings. With Tammany more and more discredited, and the Republicans having little chance in New York, LaGuardia is brought forward as "a man of the people." LAGUARDIA IS A FORMER REPUBLICAN, A FORMER SOCIALIST, A FORMER PROGRESSIVE AND A FORMER HIGHLY PAID CONSULTING COUNSEL FOR A TAMMANY ADMINISTRATION.

Who are some of the powers and financial backers behind Fusion? William M. Chadbourne, connected with the Morgan and Mellon firms, one of the chief contributors to the Czarist, monarchist organizations, is Fusion campaign manager. Colonel Henry Rogers Winthrop, director of the Chase National Bank (a Rockefeller institution), a railroad magnate, one of the financiers of the Hoover presidential campaign, is chairman of the Fusion Finance Committee, etc., etc.

Behind the smoke screen of demagoguery and promises, LaGuardia and Fusion are committed to the same program as Tammany Hall, the plundering of the poor, the breaking

of strikes, starving the unemployed, and maintaining the profits of the same handful of bankers at the expense of the welfare of the workers and their families. Another party that makes a special bid for the workers' vote is the Socialist Party.

SOCIALIST PARTY—THIRD BOSSES' PARTY

The Socialist leaders are and have been openly supporting every labor racketeer and strike-breaking leader of the A. F. of L. The leaders of the Socialist-controlled unions have broken a thousand strikes, put through fake stoppages in collaboration with the bosses, police and gangsters. Socialist lawyers: Solomon, Waldman, etc., take out injunctions against workers (food, needle industries). Norman Thomas and Morris Hillquit hail the N.R.A. as "paving the ground for Socialism." Now that the workers are more and more recognizing the strike-breaking role of the N.R.A., the Socialist leaders have tried to modify their support of the N.R.A. While the Socialist union leader Dubinsky, showers praises and takes pictures with the chief strike-breaker, Whalen.

The Socialist leaders are out to "prevent revolution," in support of capitalism. The Socialist Party leaders of Germany in the name of democracy in 1918 shot down the revolutionary workers in Berlin, and in 1932 called upon the workers to vote for Hindenburg, and paved the way to Hitler. The Socialist leaders in the name of "democracy," prepare the ground for Fascism everywhere.

At the very moment that the Socialist leader Panken sings hallelujahs to the blessings of American democracy and states that he has "no fears of Fascism in America," martial law and machine-gun rule rages in Utah and New Mexico; gas bombs and police clubs are viciously rattling

on the heads of the striking workers in New York, Paterson and Lodi New Jersey, and coal strikers are murdered in Pennsylvania; and the murderous muzzles of Yankee warships are in Cuban ports ready for bloody intervention against the growing militant struggles of the Cuban masses for independence, for bread and freedom.

The Socialist Mayor Dan Hoan, cuts relief and wages of the city employees, and brutally slugs the unemployed, while his Socialist sheriff Al Benson, evicts 12,000 families a month in the "Socialist" city, Milwaukee.

The Socialist Party leaders attempt to disrupt every struggle for the vital needs of the workers by splitting the unity of the working class... They sabotage and split the anti-Fascist movement. They expel whole branches from their party and from the Young People's Socialist League for answering the united front appeal of the Communists for joint struggle against Fascism, hunger and war, for relief and unemployment insurance. The Socialist leaders have been sabotaging the movement for the freedom of Tom Mooney and the Scottsboro boys. The Socialist Party leaders withdrew from the United States Anti-War Congress after accepting on the Congress Arrangements Committee. The Socialist leaders betray their rank and file members who honestly want to fight capitalism and for Socialism.

The unity of the Socialist workers with the Communists is however growing. The Communist Party extends a fraternal, comradely hand to the members and followers of the Socialist Party, and will continue to do everything in its power to cement the unity of the working class.

WORKERS SHOULD NOT BE FOOLED BY THE TERM "SOCIALIST" USED BY THE SOCIALIST LEADERS. THEY USE THE NAME TO FOOL THE WORKERS, TO BE ABLE TO SERVE BETTER AS THE LAST RESERVE OF CAPITAL-

ISM. WORKERS MUST REMEMBER THAT HITLER PROMISED "SOCIALISM" FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, THE PURPOSE OF SAVING CAPITALISM, OF PREVENTING SOCIALISM.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY—PARTY OF THE WORKERS

The Communist Party is the revolutionary party of the working class. As the party of the working class, it has no ties with the ruling class and is the only party that represents and fights daily for the vital needs of the workers. The Communist Party proposes that the mass hunger and misery of the working people of the city be relieved entirely at the expense of the rich exploiters and their government. The Communist Party is bitterly hated and feared by the bosses and their agents because they know that the election candidates of the Communist Party, when elected to office, will carry on a persistent, ceaseless and fearless struggle to put into life our election platform, the platform of the defense of the living standards and the rights of the toiling masses, just as the Communist Party leads workers' struggles in the shops, at relief bureaus and neighborhoods every day.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS SHOWN IN ACTION THAT THE WORKERS CAN FORCE THE CAPITALISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE WORKERS. THE ELECTION PLATFORM FOR BREAD, MILK, CLOTHING AND SHELTER AND FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE WORKERS, CAN BE REALIZED JUST AS THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED AND EMPLOYED WORKERS WON RELIEF, STOPPED EVICTIONS, DEFEATED WAGE CUTS, AND WON WAGE INCREASES THROUGH STRUGGLE UNDER MILITANT LEADERSHIP.

The Communist Party pledges itself and all of its candidates when elected to office to work to the best of our ability to carry out the following platform within the halls of the Assembly and Aldermanic chamber and to rally a broad mass movement in the shops and on the streets for the following planks of our election platform.

ELECTION PLATFORM

I. IMMEDIATE UNEMPLOYED CASH RELIEF.

FOR THE ADOPTION BY THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF THE "WORKERS' RELIEF ORDINANCE" ADOPTED AT THE CITY-WIDE CONFERENCE OF UNEMPLOYED AND EMPLOYED WORKERS ON AUGUST 19, WHICH CONTAINS SOME OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

a) Immediate cash relief for all unemployed without discrimination at the rate of \$7 per week to each unemployed worker, and \$5 per week for each dependent under fourteen years of age.

b) Above cash relief provision to apply also to all single unemployed workers. Relief allowances to be adjusted monthly in accord with the increase in the cost of living.

c) Full union wages to all workers employed on relief projects, in no case less than \$5 per day for not more than seven hours per day, with 12 days work per month guaranteed.

d) All relief allowances to apply without distinction as to race, nationality, religious or political beliefs, or affiliations, citizenship or length of residence.

e) Absolute prevention of any evictions of unemployed or part-time workers. Such eviction to be made a criminal offence.

f) Public works on an extensive scale to be started im-

mediately. The immediate tearing down of all unsanitary and unsafe tenement houses and for the inauguration of a vast program of building modern apartment houses at rentals covering only cost plus maintenance. The immediate building of new schools, parks and playgrounds in working class districts. The school-building program to provide for a seat for every school child and to employ all New York teachers, unemployed or unappointed.

g) All vacant apartment houses to be thrown open to the unemployed without charge.

h) Universal free and adequate medical and dental service to all school children and to the families of unemployed and low paid workers. The abolition of all fees and charges to unemployed and their families in all hospitals, clinics, etc. The city government to assume obligation for all medical charges of private physicians in the homes of unemployed and low paid workers.

i) Free hot nourishing lunches; shoes, books and school supplies to all children of unemployed and low paid workers.

j) No tuition fees for workers in institutions of higher learning.

k) Full support of the demands of the war veterans for the full and immediate payment of the bonus by the Federal government.

The immediate fulfillment of the obligations placed upon the city by the state law providing for the cash payment of relief to all needy and disabled war veterans and servicemen, and full payments to be increased in proportion to the rising cost of living. No discrimination against Negro veterans. No discrimination against unmarried veterans.

l) Immediate moratorium on payments of mortgages by poor and unemployed home owners; the absolute stopping of all sales or seizures of homes or foreclosures; for a

moratorium on taxes on the homes of unemployed workers.

2. FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INSURANCE.

The Communist Party undertakes to mobilize the workers on a national scale for a system of unemployment and social insurance by the United States government, guaranteeing insurance to the amount of average wages of all unemployed workers; insurance against old age and disability, the entire cost to be borne by the government and the employers. In the absence of the system of social insurance by the Federal government, we propose that the city government of New York should endorse the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill.

3. HIGHER WAGES TO MEET THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

a) For general wage increases and for the periodic upward adjustment of wages and salaries in proportion to the rising cost of living and inflation.

b) For organization and militant struggle to resist wage cuts of any kind.

c) Against salary cuts of teachers and other city employees. For the immediate restitution of full amount of salary cuts to teachers and other city employees.

4. REDUCTION OF HIGH COST OF LIVING.

a) We propose to enact a law making the shutting off of gas, light or water from the homes of unemployed or part-time workers, a criminal offense.

b) We call upon the working masses, the housewives and professional people to wage war against the mounting cost of living. We propose a city ordinance restricting the cost of milk, bread, potatoes, meat, fruit and vegetables, to make these staples accessible to every worker's family. At

the same time, we demand that milk sold in the city of New York should be paid for by the dairy companies at prices which will guarantee to working farmers costs of production and a living income.

c) We propose a city ordinance for a general 25 per cent reduction of rents; for a drastic reduction of light and gas rates.

d) We fight against any increase in subway, street car, bus or elevated fares.

e) We propose a consistent municipal policy to raise the standard of living of New York workers. We propose the granting of public funds in the form of strike benefits to trade unions in all cases where workers undertake by strike action to raise their standard of living.

5. CIVIL RIGHTS—RIGHT TO ORGANIZE, STRIKE AND PICKET.

a) Complete freedom of speech, assembly, the right of petition and demonstration, the full right of the workers to use of the streets. We demand the release of all political prisoners, strike pickets, etc.

b) We demand the withdrawal of all city and state police or private guards from the vicinity of all places where strikes are in progress and from home relief bureaus. For the absolute and unrestricted right of the workers to organize into unions of their own choice—for the unqualified right of the workers to strike and picket.

c) For the complete abolition of injunctions under all conditions against trade unions or workers engaged in struggle.

d) For the right of teachers and other city employees to belong to any organization and to express any social, economic or political views they desire without victimization.

e) The Communist Party calls upon the workers for a mass

struggle against all interference of the capitalist courts and police in labor disputes. We call for the organization of Workers' Self Defense Corps, to resist gangster and Fascist attacks upon the workers.

6. EQUAL RIGHTS FOR NEGROES AND SELF DETERMINATION IN THE BLACK BELT.

The Communist Party fights uncompromisingly against all discrimination and inequality practiced against the Negro people. We denounce the reactionary, criminal practices of the ruling class of New York, supported by their political parties: Democratic, Republican, Socialist, by which a population of 300,000 Negroes is confined in segregated districts, overcrowded and charged extra high rents for homes in the oldest and most unsanitary buildings and are systematically excluded from restaurants, hotels, theatres, and other places of public resort by the connivance of the police and open support of the city, state and federal governments.

a) For full social, political and economic equality for all Negroes.

b) For the right of Negroes to any job on absolutely equal terms.

c) We propose to enforce this both by drastic criminal laws and by the mass action of the working class, both white and Negro, in defense of Negro rights.

d) We propose a criminal law subjecting to heavy imprisonment any person acting to segregate Negroes in residence districts, to exclude Negroes from restaurants, hotels, theatres, etc., or to segregate them in such places, or to refuse equal service.

e) The Communist Party proposes to organize as part of the election campaign, mass picketing demonstrations against Jim Crow institutions to compel the admission of

Negroes on equal terms and without segregation in all such places.

The Communist Party, the only party which has fought for the defense of the innocent Negro boys framed up at Scottsboro, Alabama, proposes that the city government of New York publicly endorse the defense of the innocent Negro boys of Scottsboro and other Negroes framed up in Tallapoosa County, Tuscaloosa, etc., and that the city government vote public funds to aid in the expenses of their defense.

7. RIGHTS OF YOUTH—ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOR.

a) For the right of all persons above 18 years of age to vote.

b) We demand an end to the discrimination of the N.R.A. codes against "beginners," "learners" and "apprentices" in minimum wage provisions.

c) That the city government go on record against the forced labor Civil Conservation Camps.

d) We demand an end to the violation of the academic rights of students, and for the reinstatement of all students and teachers expelled or suspended on this issue.

e) We demand not only the abolition of child labor, but government maintainance of all children under fourteen who are now employed, and vocational training for youth in industry between fourteen and sixteen with full average wages under trade union supervision.

8. RESISTANCE TO IMPERIALIST WAR AND DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION.

All war funds to the unemployed!

The Communist Party proposes that the city government

use its influence to secure the diversion of all funds now allotted to war purposes by the Federal and State government, for the relief of the unemployed. The Communist Party would use the authority of the city government for a popular mass campaign against imperialist war and against the imperialist plans of the United States government for intervention against the Soviet Union.

We propose to organize the workers to stop the shipment of munitions from New York ports for use against the Chinese people, for South America or elsewhere. We demand the end of intervention in Cuba and for the immediate withdrawal of all warships from Cuban waters. Hands off Cuba!

We propose the establishment of fraternal relations between the workers' organizations: trade unions, etc., and the soldiers of the Federal army and the National Guard with a view to encourage soldiers to refuse interference in strikes and to resist imperialist war.

The Communist Party, if successful in securing a majority in the city government, will call upon the workers of all large factories in New York City and all mass organizations of workers and all unemployed organizations, to elect delegates to cooperate with the workers' administration of the city, as advisers.

WHAT A COMMUNIST VOTE MEANS

The Communist Party, while fighting for the daily immediate needs of the working class, prepares the workers for the final overthrow of the capitalist system, and for the building of a socialist society in America. The Communist election campaign is a step forward in the struggle for the destruction of capitalism, and for the establishment of socialism.

Capitalism is chaos, anarchy, exploitation and ruin of the working class and the farmers, enslavement of the Negro and colonial peoples. Capitalism is inseparable from unemployment, hunger and war. Capitalism is bankrupt and dying and cannot continue to exist without plunging the world into the most horrible suffering and war.

The Communist Party is the only party of Socialism. Socialism is the only way out of capitalist ruin, starvation and war. But socialism is only possible with the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a workers and farmers government.

Capitalist democracy, the masked brutal dictatorship of a handful of big bankers and trust magnates must be replaced by the only genuine democracy for all the toilers, which can be nothing else but the dictatorship of the working class.

The Communist Party of this country is the American brother party of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union under whose heroic leadership the Russian workers and peasants have already succeeded in building the foundations of Socialism, in creating a new life and culture for the masses, is the only country on earth that knows no unemployment, where crises are impossible, where the living standards of the masses are rising rapidly, and where classes are being finally abolished. The Russian workers and peasants are achieving these mighty successes only because, under the leadership of the Bolsheviks, they kicked out the Czar, the landlords and capitalists, and took control of the mines, mills, factories and the land.

A LARGE VOTE FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY WILL STRIKE FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF THE CAPITALISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT AND WILL FORCE CONCESSIONS FOR THE WORKERS!

A LARGE COMMUNIST VOTE WILL BE AN EXPRESSION OF MASS DETERMINATION TO ORGANIZE AND STRUGGLE FOR THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE WORKERS!

A VOTE FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE ELECTION OF COMMUNIST CANDIDATES IS A VOTE FOR BREAD, MILK, CLOTHING AND SHELTER!

A VOTE FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS A VOTE AGAINST THE BOSSES—AND FOR THE WORKERS; AGAINST CAPITALISM—FOR SOCIALISM!

ENROLL, REGISTER, SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR THE PARTY OF YOUR CLASS—REGISTER AND VOTE COMMUNIST.

READ! SUBSCRIBE TO! SUPPORT AND SPREAD THE FIGHTING ORGAN OF THE WORKING CLASS "THE DAILY WORKER"!

GUIDE TO VOTERS

WHAT ALL WORKERS MUST KNOW IN ORDER TO VOTE
COMMUNIST

Workers Must Register in Order to Vote.

Law Requires All Supporters of Communist Candidates to Enroll With the Party; This Does Not Mean Party Membership.

In the 1932 elections the Communist Party won an important victory in New York State by gaining enough votes to give the Party official recognition. By reason of this new status, the Party has set up a State Committee and will set up various county and city committees throughout the state as the permanent election apparatus of the Party.

Next year, 1934, these committees will be elected by the enrolled voters of the Communist Party who will also nominate the Party candi-

dates in next year's election. This will be done by a primary election.

Because of this, the matter of enrollment with the Party by all revolutionary and sympathetic workers, this year, at the time of registration, becomes of prime importance.

I. QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS

Every worker is entitled to register and vote if he or she will be on election day, November 7, 1933 (not at the time of registration):

- 1) A citizen, whether native or naturalized.
- 2) Over the age of twenty-one years.
- 3) A resident of New York State for one year.
- 4) A resident of the county (like New York County, Bronx County, Kings County, etc.) in which he or she will vote, for four months.
- 5) A resident of the election district in which he or she will vote, for thirty days.

Exceptions:

- 1) If you are a foreign-born citizen, you must, in addition, have become a citizen at least ninety days before election day.
- 2) If you became a citizen by marriage (even if you have your own citizenship papers), you must, IN ADDITION, have lived at least 5 years in the United States, and must be married for at least ninety days before election day.
- 3) If you never voted before, you must, in addition, prove your ability to read and write English by taking a literacy test.

II. LITERACY TEST FOR NEW VOTERS

Literacy Tests must be taken only by new voters before they register in order to prove their ability to read and write English.

1) What is a Literacy Test? It is a simple test to prove you can read and write English.

2) Who are New Voters? A new voter is one who never voted before in New York State. However, the following new voters do not have to take a literacy test.

a) If you were entitled to vote before January 1, 1922, even though you never voted before, you do not have to take a literacy test.

b) World War veterans who became citizens before January 1, 1922, do not have to take a literacy test.

c) The wife of a man who became a citizen before January 1, 1922, does not have to take a literacy test.

d) If you have a public school diploma you do not have to take a literacy test. Just bring your diploma with you when you go to register and show it to the official.

3) When and where to take literacy tests? If you are required to take a test, you should do so by going to the school in your neigh-

borhood during registration week. If you pass the test you will be given a Certificate of Literacy. Take this certificate with you when you go to register and give it to the officials.

III REGISTRATION

In order to vote on election day, you must first register with the election officials during registration week (October 9th to October 14th, 1933). The place to register is in your own election district. Make sure in advance what election district you live in and find out the place of registration in that district. Give this information to all the workers in your neighborhood.

If you are a foreign born citizen, you must bring your naturalization papers with you when you register. If you became a citizen by marriage to a foreign born citizen you must bring your husband's naturalization papers with you when you register. If you are required to have a Certificate of Literacy, bring this with you when you register.

If you do not register, you cannot vote! Be sure to register!

IV ENROLLMENT

Primary elections are elections held about two months before every general election. The purpose of the primary election is to give the enrolled voters of the Party the right to nominate the candidates of the Party who are to run for office on the Party ticket at the general election, and also to elect the officials of the party election committees. Only voters who are enrolled with the Party have the right to vote in the primary elections.

HOW TO ENROLL

At the time of registering, after you have signed the registration book, you will receive a white Enrollment Blank.

Underneath this, there are the names of all the parties and their emblems and under each party there is a circle. Look for the Communist Party and the hammer and sickle emblem and place a cross inside the circle directly underneath. Then sign your name. After this, place the blank into an envelope which will be supplied to you and place the envelope into the Enrollment Box which you will find right there. In this way you become an enrolled voter in the Communist Party and will be entitled to vote for the Party candidates at the primaries in 1934.

IMPORTANCE OF ENROLLMENT

1) The candidates of the Party and the Party's election committees can be nominated only by primary elections, so that if there is no enrollment, the Party will not be able to nominate candidates.

2) Every worker should take advantage of the right to enroll with the Party so that he may have a voice in selecting the Party's candidates and election officials.

It is the duty of every Party member and of every worker to enroll with the Party so that the power of nominating candidates for the Party and of electing the Party's election officials will remain only in their hands. Since anyone at all, merely by putting a cross in the Communist Party's circle, can become an enrolled Party voter, there is serious danger that reformist, anti-working class and renegade elements will attempt to obtain the majority of the enrolled voters in the Party, and in that way capture the whole election machinery of the Party and set up their own anti-working class candidates. This danger can be overcome only by mass enrollment in the Party of rank and file workers. It is an important task for every Party member to enroll with the Party and to get every worker in his shop and neighborhood to enroll.

ENROLL WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY!

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