

Lights and Shadows of the Election Fight

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"This election will be more like a corporation meeting than any of its forty-four predecessors. Outside of land ownership, the United States is now controlled by corporations."

This is what the "Magazine of Wall Street" said the other day. Of course this is not telling the whole truth. No land can be exempt long from the clutches of the corporations. But the significant feature of this remark is its frankness, brazenness and accuracy in so far as the general outstanding characteristics of the present election campaign go.

It is true that the capitalist class has always been on the job in selecting the chairman of its executive committee in Washington. It is equally true that the big bankers and manufacturers have always poured millions into the election efforts of their lackeys in the big capitalist parties. Yet, never did so many of the very biggest "business executives" in finance and industry participate so much in the open, or as actively in the general work of the election campaigns.

Never before was the apparatus of both parties of big capital so fused with the machinery of the biggest business interests. Vast contributions to the candidates' campaign chest were never so openly numerous as today. And this after all the froth and noise of the senate and the liberals about the menace of big campaign funds and "tainted democracy!"

The whole situation is strikingly illustrated in the fact that the democratic party, which has since the Civil War represented in a large measure the interests of the smaller capitalists, has now a whole heaven full of "angels" among the leaders of the most gigantic capitalist groups in the country. Never before was the ownership of the democratic party by the mightiest business interests so tightly sewed up.

Brushing aside all loose talk of Smith about "the people," "sacred Jeffersonianism" and "American liberalism," one finds that all liberals, Progressives, LaFolletteites, confused and bankrupt Farmer-Laborites, and pseudo-socialists, are really taking their orders from Raskob, one of the most notorious labor-hating plutocrats America has produced.

Smith has more big capitalists for him than any democratic candidate has ever had. These bar-headed exploiters of the workers and farmers are not accustomed to throwing their money away. It is not for nothing that they are now pouring millions into the democratic party coffers.

Let's call the first three names on the roll of recent converts to the democratic party. Raskob of General Motors, a violently anti-labor Morgan corporation; Geo. J. Anderson, president of the Consolidation Coal Company—a Rockefeller corporation, which is the largest producer of soft coal in the world—a perpetrator of the blackest outrages against the workers in the mine strikes; Pierre S. DuPont, biggest munition manufacturer of the country, a Morgan corporation which has a sort of martial law against the slightest attempts at organization by the workers.

Really, than these corporations there are no worse open shop organizations in the world. Perhaps that is the best reason why Mr. Green of the American Federation of Labor, is supporting Mr. Smith.

When Smith speaks of the "sidewalks of New York" he moans the "sidewalks of Wall Street." That is why the democratic campaign boast that:

"This most liberal governor has nevertheless the confidence of big conservative business men—a confidence such as they seldom give to anybody except their own associates and political servants."

And here is the reason why one of the glibbist of America's Jeffersonian liberals, Claude G. Bowers, in his speech as temporary chairman of the National Democratic Convention, truthfully declared:

"Woodrow Wilson was not an enemy of business."

"In the eight years of his administration we gave more intelligent legislative service to honest business than had been given in a generation before."

"We defy them to name a democratic president who was an enemy of business."

In the light of these facts, confessions and boasts, no worker should be fooled. The foreign born workers who are at all conscious of their class interests will not accept the piffle of Smith being their friend, because the democratic party machine in the eastern industrial centers is more foreign born in character than the republican machine in these localities.

The foreign language editors who ask the foreign-born workers to vote for Smith or Hoover are only well-paid agents and enemies of the working masses of all nationalities.

Hoover—the Speed-up President.

Hoover, of course, needs no introduction to the Holiest of Holiest, of Wall Street's best sons. Hoover is the symbol of the speed-up, of intense exploitation, open shop, mass production, and all that makes for the prosperity and power of the American imperialists. Says the magazine of Wall Street:

"If one likes the attitude of government toward business since Harding was inaugurated, then one must like Hoover's attitude toward business.... The election of Hoover would make it certain that there would be no business toot-rocking at Washington...."

"He believes in deliberately using the vast powers of the federal government to help business help itself.... A business engineer at the head of a business nation in keen world-wide competition Hoover would be as president, constantly rebuilding and improving at home and abroad. No one is in doubt about the general tendency of government under Hoover."

Some Shadows of the Campaign.

That is why John L. Lewis, betrayer and destroyer of the United Mine Workers of America has come out for Hoover. And that is just the reason for W. N. Doak, editor of the "Railroad Trainman" being so eloquent in his plea for the republican candidate. The admiration and attractions are mutual. The reason for it is because the class interests of the reactionary labor leaders and the worst exploiters and oppressors of the workers are har-

monious. Hoover is blood of the blood, bone of the bone of the enemies of the working class. In his book "Principles of Mining," Mr. Hoover thus gives us his "labor gospel" as follows:

"Given a union, with leaders who can control the members and who are disposed to approach the differences in a business spirit, there are few sounder positions for the employers.... The sooner the fact is recognized, the better for the employers."

Yes, the sooner the workers also recognize this fact the better for their position. Hoover is the president of capitalist rationalization and all that it spells for the worker—lowered wages, lengthened hours, life-sapping speed-up, disemployed workers by the millions, denial of the right to organize, government by injunction, no free speech of press, imperialist war and a nose to the grindstone turning out fabulous profits and swollen dividends for the ruling class.

The socialist party presents a very sorry figure in the campaign. It has gone over lock, stone and barrel to the worst enemies of the working class. Today its tune chimes in perfectly with the "Sidewalks of New York"—the magnates of lower Broadway. It is fighting for a place under the "Brown Derby." It is even fighting in the "sewers of Queens" (where Al Smith and his party feel so rich at home, in New York City), for the La Follette vote.

A perusal of the New Leader, the socialist party organ, and all socialist party literature, shows that the party of Berger, Hillquit, Thomas and Company has gone mad in its chase to snatch some liberal small capitalist votes from the net of the New Tammany Saviour, Al Smith. This is the corpse of what was once the socialist party. Debs were to come out of his grave he would burn with shame and hate at this horrible monstrosity calling itself the socialist party.

Changing America.

Big changes are taking place in the country. The solid south is cracking wide open. Its industrialization is proceeding with astounding speed. The old South of the plantation is giving way to the new South of the company town. The difference between the republicans and democrats are fast disappearing. The capitalist party lines are being wiped out. The two-party system is disintegrating and working more and more openly as the open-party system, the out-and-out dictatorship of the biggest capitalist interests.

That is why life-long republican capitalists are today for Smith. Rock-bound Southern democrats, now owners of huge cotton mills, of the most gigantic steel plants are stamping and stumping for Hoover.

Getting Hard to Fool.

It will be increasingly hard for the democrats, republicans and socialists to hoodwink the masses in the future. Workers are no longer interested in their fake issues, not fooled by Hoover's prattle of prosperity, by Al Smith's hypocritical liberalism or Norman Thomas's pacifist reformism.

The Communist platform is winning their interest and admiration for its straightforward, clear-cut working class position on the im-

perious and its exploitation of workers and oppression of colonial peoples. This is the chief task of the Workers (Communist) Party.

Peace Pact A War Move.

Even in the capitalist press thru-out the country, the Kellogg pact is ridiculed. It is not an instrument of peace, but of imperialist war. The Soviet Union, when signing the pact, exposed its nature as a maneuver to camouflage military preparations, to delude the workers into believing that the capitalist powers are preparing to disarm while they are preparing madly for an attack on the first workers' and farmers' government—the Soviet Union—and for the inevitable clash which competition for foreign markets, inherent in capitalism, brings nearer daily.

The socialist party has become a party of the smaller capitalists in its appeal, content and aspirations. The trade unions have never been as devitalized. America is marching headlong towards a new world war to insure its position as the dominant imperialist world power.

Communists Enter Struggle.

On the other hand, the Communists are increasingly vigorously and spreading their influence. No one can overestimate the significance of the Workers (Communist) Party being on the ballot in 32 states as against fourteen in 1924, despite the organized campaign to deny the Communists this right. There is growing discontent amongst great masses of workers and exploited farmers.

Millions are unemployed in prosperous capitalist America. The vast majority of the working class receive a pittance of a wage—much below the lowest limit set even by the Harding-Coolidge-Fall-Sinclair-Hoover administrations. The farmers are being robbed of their land and being driven off the fields into the factories.

The Negro masses are subject to the most barbarous oppression—lynch democracy—most ruthless exploitation. In the colonies there is growing resistance to American imperialist aggrandizement. At home workers are beginning to lay the basis for powerful militant labor unions in the mining, textile, and needle trades. Throughout the world there is a growing hatred of American imperialist aggression.

Vote As You Strike.

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intense struggles of the workers against imperialism, exploitation and oppression, the American socialists will play the same role as their brothers the social democrats in Germany, France and England, betray the workers, and support the imperialists.

The Forces of Revolution.

The rebellious oppressed peoples of Asia and Latin-America, together with the militant workers within the imperialist powers, are the forces that under Communist leadership will eventually be able to crush the imperialist dictatorship and set up the dictatorship of the victorious proletariat to rebuild the world on a socialist foundation.

Long live the Soviet Union!

Forward to the Proletarian Revolution!

action. But one Party, the Workers (Communist) Party, is fighting for the defense of the right to organize, to strike, freedom of speech, press and assembly, shorter hours, higher pay, better working conditions for the foreign-born as well as the native workers. But one Party, the Workers (Communist) Party, is sounding the alarm and fighting against the worst danger of the day—the impending imperialist world war. But one Party, the Workers (Communist) Party, is fighting against Jim-Crowism, race prejudice, segregation and fighting for complete social and political equality for the Negro masses. But one Party, the Workers (Communist) Party, is fighting for the complete independence of all American colonies. But one Party, the Workers (Communist) Party, is fighting for a workers' and farmers' government to take the place of the bankers' and business men's government.

Make Your Vote Useful.

The Communists ask the workers to vote for their own standard bearers, Foster and Gitlow, in order to demonstrate the growing solidarity of the working class at home and abroad with the victorious workers of Soviet Russia and with the oppressed colonial masses, with the fighting workers in every corner of the world—with the exploited farmers, with the oppressed Negroes. To vote Communist is the one way to utilize this election for the oppressed against the oppressors, for the exploited against the exploiters.

A vote for the Communists is a vote for the working class. A worker's vote for any other party is not only a vote thrown away but a dangerous and costly blow at the interests of the working class.

Help mobilize for the revolutionary overthrow and destruction of the citadel of international capitalist reaction—American imperialism—the fraudulent, strike-breaking and lynch democracy of Wall Street and its lackeys, Hoover, Smith and Thomas.

Class against class!

Vote as you strike!

Vote, work and fight for the Communist Party, its program and its candidates!

Chili Will Spend Millions for Planes

BUFFALO, Oct. 25 (UP).—A \$1,000,000 contract has been awarded by the Chilean government to the Curtiss Aero and Motor Company of Buffalo for the construction of pursuit and observation planes, officials announced today.

It was said to be the largest foreign contract awarded since the war.