

The Communist Party's Election Platform

It is to be expected that Communism will become a much more serious challenge in these coming presidential elections than hitherto.

Nevertheless there is an opportunity, by the medium of the election campaign, to advance the development of the Communist movement and strengthen the working class politically.

But the Communists are not the only force appealing in the name of the working class, calling for its support and endeavoring to rally its ranks.

For the revolutionary workers the choice presented in these elections is an easy one. Their choice will be the Communist party.

It is in view of this that the platform presented by the Communist party assumes special importance.

Is that the case with regard to the platform submitted by the official party leadership? Not at all.

We would, of course, not propose that the Proletarian Dictatorship become an objective for these elections.

Only in this way can there be continuity in a revolutionary sense with the immediate and partial demands advanced.

Among the immediate demands, contained in the party platform, which generally correspond with the working class needs today there appears, however, the one for self-determination for the Black Belt (for the Negroes).

would become a means of focusing attention upon it as an immediate objective which can be accomplished in building, strengthening and realizing the movement today.

One proposition in the platform reads: "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."

If we fail to educate, to organize and to prepare the working class for a clear understanding of, and for the attainment of the revolutionary objectives, temporary concessions gained on, instead of becoming partial victories on the way, be turned into retardation of the struggle.

The Veterans' March on Washington

The march of the world war veterans at Washington has aroused national attention. The tenacity with which the impoverished ex-soldiers stick it out in their encampments in the capital and on their trek serve particularly to dramatize the tragic fate of this section of the American working class, whose life and blood was bled about so lightly-mindedly in the recent slaughter to make the world "safe for democracy".

It is indisputable that the march of these desperate jobless workers, spontaneous in its inception, is called forth not by motives that separate them from the rest of the class, but much rather by the intense suffering they are going through in common with their other unemployed fellow workers as a result of the anarchic crisis brought about by capitalist management and by the savagery of the profit system.

The fact that they march as veterans only testifies to their desperate condition, in which they are forced to resort to any and sundry methods by which they will be enabled to get relief from their misery.

The only organized force that understands the plight of the veterans and comes to their sincere support is the Communist movement, which has the interests of all sections of the working class at heart.

With the passing of its two and half year mark, the economic crisis is still on its downward spiral.

How well these aims are being realized, or in the process of being realized, with the capitalist measures proposed, it is necessary for us to examine.

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This question we propose to take up in detail, but before that, let us take a look at the crisis and its present sweep, still moving downward.

House Passes Anti-Alien Bill

The Dies anti-alien bill, the most vicious piece of anti-working class legislation in years, has just been passed by the House of Representatives.

There is no time to be lost. The workers must respond immediately. To permit such a piece of legislation to go through would jeopardize the very lives of those foreign class conscious workers in America who are subject to deportation in Fascist countries.

No greater opportunity for the party to apply the United Front correctly has presented itself in a long time.

Fascists Moving to Power in Germany

Events in Germany are moving with alacrity, the press reports from day to day. The direction of this movement is, as has been pointed out, one that tends to extreme reaction, to the immediate preparation of the scene for the Fascist seizure of power.

It is being confirmed daily that the relation between the Von Papen government and particularly its military backbone—the clique around General Von Schleicher—toward the Hitler party is one of a herald to a conqueror.

One of the three conditions posed by Hitler with regard to support of Von Papen has already been fulfilled.

It is definitely known already that plans are in order to gain full control of the Prussian police force, the only important armed contingent in the Reich that is not at present under the direct supervision of Von Schleicher.

Secret negotiations are also in process to reestablish the Brown Storm Troops as a legal body.

Another form of aid promised the Hitler forces by Schleicher-Papen is absolute freedom of action and propaganda in the coming election campaign.

On the other hand, systematic illegalization of working class organizations is on the order of the day.

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order of the day for the Von Papen government, the government that is clearing the road for Fascism.

All these steps characterize the strategy of the German bourgeoisie at the present time, that of the open Fascist dictatorship which requires the stifling of every shape and form of proletarian democracy to make sure of the least possible resistance of the toiling masses to its attempt at reducing their standard of living to the level of barbarism.

That is the position of the working class in the face of this desperate determination of the masters? In spite of the indisputable natural barriers created within it through the crisis and unemployment, the German working class nevertheless senses the danger confronting it and displays a distinct fighting spirit.

But for the present, all there is, is the desire to fight, the determination not to let the enemy win without a struggle.

A great opportunity to sweep into the leadership of the masses disillusioned by reality with their social democratic misleaders, has been missed by the incapable and stupidity bureaucratic Thaelmann regime.

An open, sincere, full fledged turn is the need of the day for the C. P. G. and for the Comintern.

The Committees of action against Fascism, proposed by the German Left Opposition must be organized without delay and coordinated for immediate defense against the Fascists.

The eleventh hour is at hand in Germany. Epoch-making struggles are ahead. The working class has not yet been defeated. It is still disorganized, it is still disunited.

Bourgeois Germany, under Hitler as well as under all the previous governments, will remain impoverished, bankrupt. It will not be able to carry on without foreign aid against its own working class.

The struggle in Germany once the question of world revolution comes more in an acute and realistic form. It spells defeat for the reactionary theory of national socialism, it opens up new perspectives of international action for the proletariat.

«Socialist» Revolt in Chile

Led by the wealthy landowner and former ambassador to the United States, Carlos G. Davila, a new military junta has come into power in Chile.

Supporting a lead from their social-Democratic half-brothers, Davila and Co., at first issued proclamations of various "Socialist" reforms that the new government was to inaugurate.

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The Economic Crisis, the Unemployment Situation and the Working Class

make possible to resume the cycle of reproduction. This latter is to be accomplished essentially and most directly by increasing the intensity of exploitation and depressing wages below the value of labor power, or in other words, to reduce the whole standard of living of the working class.

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Like most of the week-end Latin American revolutions, this one too, undoubtedly came about as a result of the conflicting desires of the two most interested imperialist nations in Latin America—the United States and England.