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The Communist Party's Election Platform

will become a much more serious chal- tention upon it as an immediate objeclenge in these coming presidential elective which can become helpful in buildtions than hitherto. That is so mainly ing, strengthening and unifying the movebecause of the vital working class issues ment today. Its realization will naturof the economic crisis and mass unem- ally mean a step forward to a stronger ployment which is pressing harder every class position. day for a solution, or at least for some measure of relief. There will, of course, be no solution found in the elections under a capitalist regime, and it is not for this purpose that Communists participate. They will foster no such illusions within the working class.

by the medium of the election campaign, politicians may grant such concessions of those foreign class conscious workers to advance the development of the (om- to "keep the masses from turning to in America who are subject to deportamunist movement and strengthen the working class politically. It is in this ing in common with Marxism. We do sense that the more serious challenge is presented.

force appealing in the name of the working class, calling for its support and this purpose. We ask the workers to do endeavoring to rally its ranks. Even the bourgeois politicians have not lost any tive and to strengthen their position toof their power of demagogy. And, it is well to remember that capitalism still controls all the main avenues of working class influence, propaganda and education. The Socialist party hopes to at least raise itself to its former level of position against, and over the opposition a contending force. It is stepping for of the capitalist parties. ward with a brand new platform, but as before cleverly designed to appeal to the working class and to the petty bourber of its demands have a more radical of the revolutionary objectives, temporflavor than usual, even here and there a smell of militancy. Yet it is so construed that it contains no serious offense-not to speak of danger-to the bourgeoisie. That, of course, is its ob- gle. ject. While it will bear more analysis later, it suffices here to say that it is a reformist platform through and

For the revolutionary workers the choice presented in these elections is an easy one. Their choice will be the communist party. It is our choice. To many impoverished ex-soldiers stick it out in the veterans by carrying on agitation Prussian state budget is short of fulfilligible splitters and traditional traitors of the workers, however, who may be entirely their encampmen's in the capital and against the more class conscious work ment and since the state officials have German masses, though their influence sincere in gaining relief measures their class, the distinction is not so clear. Many of those will undoubtedly yet of the American working class, whose life class and anti-Communist chanels. It to coerce the provincial administration Paper regime has exposed their policy Communists must be on the alert. The even the elections should become a valu-

It is in view of this that the platform presented by the Communist party assumes special importance. The needs of the workers come more to the fore during election times. Demands for amelioration of their distress become more pressing. The Communists . fight for these demands. But they do not expect a solution to issue out of the elections. That is entirely bound up with the revolutionary way out. Immediate or partial demands contained in their platform are there for the purpose of more dirthe struggle of today, which must steadily develop toward the revolutionary way out. Hence that latter objective must first of all be clear in the Communist platform.

Is that the case with regard to the platform submitted by the official party leadership? Not at all. It presents the revolutionary way out as a workers' and farmers' government-even in several instances calling it a "revolutionary government". What does this mean? Does it mean the Proletarian Dictatorship? If so, it should be stated so precisely by that term. If this is not meant-and it its press and its police, direct their cannot be under that formulation-it becomes an opportunist adaptation to reformist views. The slogan of a workers' and farmers' government is not an ad-[aptation to American peculiarities, for here the working class constitutes the overwhelming percentage of the population. The term a workers' and farmers' government in the accepted American sense is the reformist sense. When presented that way in a Communist party platform it becomes a mockery on Marx-

form measures.

tained in the party platform, which gen- capitalist resources assumes special erally correspond with the working class significance. needs today there appears, however, the one for self-determination for the Black als made by this combination of forces Belt (for the Negroes). It would have is the "expansion" of credits and the ther expansion of what already conbeen far more in keeping with Marxism measures which flow from such an ob- stitutes a superabundance of credits, alto substitute in its place the correct jective. The aims it holds in view are: though largely idle, and regardless of its slogan for economic, social and political First, to restore, within capitalism, the immediate results, will, without fail, equality for the Negroes. But is it ac- confidence in the continuity of the pro- resolve itself into more acute contradiccidental that there is no demand for the cess of production, which is badly tions in the next historical stage. sthorter workday? Even the socialist shaken by the prolonged crisis. Secondparties in the pre-war period demanded ly, an endeavor to increase commodity the eight-hour workday, during elections prices in the hope of extending a con- at the crisis and its present sweep, still capital. But the as a modest helper of accumulation has workers and peasants in these fields. and after. Today the demand should be tracting market. Thirdly, to neutralize, moving downward. To elucidate, the re- following figures, once before published now become transformed into an im- Davila, the ambassador to Wall Street the six-hour workday without reduction or at least check the fall in the rate statement of a few fundamentals will be in The Militant, illustrate the trend of mense social mechanism for the centrali- (sic), will see to it that the northern of pay. As a part of the Liatform it of profit by restoring a rate which will appropriate.

It is to be expected that Communism would become a means of focussing at-

weapon so powerful as a yote for Communism and participation in the daily struggles led by the Communist Party." Communism". This approach has nothnot ask the workers to vote Communist in order to force concessions from the But the Communists are not the only capitalist parties. We do not ask them to participate in the daily struggles for so because of our revolutionary objecthe class struggle, not our aim, and gained only because of our strengthened

> to prepare the working class for a clear ary concessions gained can, instead of becoming partial victories on the way, be turned into retardation of the strug-

Anti-Alien Bill

piece of anti-working class legislation in day. The direction of this movement is, the road for Fascism. years, has just been passed by the as has been pointed out, one that tends to House of Representatives. The bill is now extreme reaction, to the immediate pre-One proposition in the platform reads: in harmony with their congressional seizure of power. Even to force concessions NOW from brothers is a foregone conclusion . . the three capitalist parties, there is no if not enough working class pressure is brought to bear on the case.

There is no time to be lost. The workers must respond immediately. To per-(emphasis in original). And, it adds mit such a piece of legislation to go Nevertheless there is an opportunity, the direct inference that the capitalist through would jeopardize the very lives tion is Fascist countries. The bill is offered as an 'economic' blessing in disguise. The purpose of the bill is to deport all those workers who have found their way to Communism. The first workers to be affected will be those belonging to the Communist party. The shallow apology of the bill sponsors that comment here.

> branded as nothing short of neglect. This can and must become a broad movement of the masses. It is up to the Party to act correctly.

The Veterans' March on Washington that is not at present under the direct supervision of Von Schleicher. The man-

lightly-mindedly in the recent slaughter this is an attempt to isolate their sec- at the disposal of his minister. to make the world "safe for democracy". tion and to deprive it of the only form

eous in its inception, is called forth not party, the Communist party. by motives that separate them from the agement and by the savagery of the in more intimate contact, in closer col- Banner", etc.

The fact that they march as veterans only testifies to their desperate Their interests are not apart from the resort to any and sundry methods by which they will be enabled to get relief from their misery. This is the reason they resort to the slogan of the bonus, which gains concreteness now by the fact that is up for action in the legislature of the capitalist government.

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 that it must act also in regard to the class at heart. It is therefore not at all strange that the enemies of the worker ex-soldiers, the capitalist class, foremost attacks against the best friends of the veterans, against the Communists. the Soviet Union.

laboration with the rest of their class and with the party of their class.

the twelve million.

front of the struggle for unemployment relief and insurance. To carry out this struggle consistently, the party must strive for the utmost possible unity of the working class around the needs of the class as a whole. It is in this sense worker veterans. Unite the proletarian ex-soldiers with the rest of the class in the fight for unemployment relief and insurance, in the struggle for the sixhour day and for long term credits to

House Passes | Fascists Moving to Power in Germany

is blasting the way for the Nazi hordes. stage.

action under Hitler's leadership.

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

It is indisputable that the march of of mass support they have— the organ- to reestablish the Nazi Storm Troops as the Communist Party of Germany, by these desperate jobless workers, spontan- ized support of their class and of their a legal body. The brown shirts, a dis- its isolationist theory of social Fascism patch says, are to drop their nole of a and by its ridiculous policy of ultima-Isolation means defeat. Isolation is "private army" and will be enrolled in tums, demanding a guarantee of leaderrest of the class, but much rather by the the plan of the bourgeoisie which wants the government service "under the guise ship in advance from the workers, has intense suffering they are going through to evade every shape and form of re- of labor battalions". Their purpose is not been able to utilize the miserable in common with their other unemployed lief to members of the working class. to be intensified activity to demoraize position of the social democracy at the fellow workers as a result of the anarchic This holds true for the movement of the the workers' organization, especially the present moment so as to give it its death crisis brought about by capitalist man- ex-soldiers as well. Their salvation lies trade unions, the "Republican Reichs blow.

Another form of aid promised the Hitler forces by Schleicher-Papen is absolute freedom of action and propaganda leaders, has been missed by the incapectly tocusing the working class atten-tion, to become the cental points for resort to any and sundry methods by ployed workers as a whole. What they the first time, Hitler has been granted mann regime. But no more time is to be want is a form of unemployment relief. the use of the radio, which is state con-That is also the need of the rest of trolled. Every effort is being made to insure the success of the contemplated The Communist party is in the fore- National Socialist seizure of the state.

> On the other hand, systematic illegalization of working class organizations is on the order of the day. There are rumors that in addition to the already proscribed Proletarian Freethinkers' Society, the Young Communist League of Germany is to be driven underground. The paper of the Socialist Labor Party of Germany, the Sozialistische Arbeiter-

All these steps characterize the stratin the Senate. That the Senate will act paration of the scene for the Fascist egy of the German bourgeoisie at the for its class is that of the open Fascist It is being confirmed daily that the dictatorship which requires the stifling relation between the Von Papen govern- of every shape and form of proletarian ment and particularly its military back- democracy to make sure of the least bone-the clique around General Von possible resistance of the toiling masses Schleicher-toward the Hitler party is to its attempt at reducing their standard one of a herald to a conqueror. The of living to the level of barbarism. Demanifesto issued by the Junker cabinet spite the division of interests between last week was one long harrangue against the various sections of the capitalist the last vestiges of bourgeois democracy class, that class as a whole realizes that in the Reich. Even the Bruening gov- the moment is decisive for it, that a ernment-the government of the dictator- "strong arm" to which it will have to ial emergency decrees—is dubbed too make concessions of a political nature. The call for the unity of the German radical! The whole document is evid- is the only means whereby it will be able ence of the fact that the new ministry to escape destruction at the present

those workers belonging to the Commun. Hitler with regard to support of Von class in the face of this desperate deter. Soviet Union. The seizure of power by ist party "under duress" are not to be Papen has already been fulfilled. The mination of the masters? In spite of Hitler, involving a protracted internal Concessions gained are by products of intimidated is too transparent a piece of Reichstag has been dissolved and new the indisputable natural barriers creat- struggle which will pose most sharply hokum to be deserving of any serious elections are scheduled for July 31. Af- ed within it through the crisis and un- the question of class against class, will ter three high strung election campaigns employment, the German working class inevitably gain the support of the foreign No greater opportunity for the party within the last three months, the extreme nevertheless senses the danger confront imperialists in the ultimate. to apply the United Front correctly has nervous tension that a new election brings ing it and displays a distinct fighting presented itself in a long time. This is with it cannot be underestimated. That spirit. The May Day demonstrations this well as under all the previous govern-If we fail to educate, to organize and a fight for the elementary rights of the feverable for his machinetics in the previous governments and sight for the elementary rights of the feverable for his machinetics in the previous governments and ments, will remain impoverished, bankworkers, native and foreign, to organize favorable for his machinations is to be far more militant in sentiment than has rupt. It will not be able to carry on and join any party they see fit. The is- expected. In the meantime feverish been the case for years. The light- without foreign aid against its own workgeoisie. The tone and form of a num- understanding of, and for the attainment sue is too serious to be neglected. And preparations are being made by Hitler's minded disregard of the Fascist menace ing class. In return for this aid, it will any effort to evade the issue by arguing allies in the administration to tighten by the treacherous social democratic have to resort to an attack on Soviet for a "united front from below" can be every link in the reactionary chain, to leaders and by the confused and disor- Russia to repay its debts. The advent unite all the dark forces for coordinate ientated Stalinists has been overcome, in of a Hitler regime means war against no small measure due to the sounding the U. S. S. R. On the day of Hitler's of the tocsin by comrade Trotsky and coming into power, the Soviets will be the Left Opposition. The working class faced with the most direct problem of has been made aware of the entire im- defending their own frontiers. The Left port of the Hitler movement. It stands Opposition, with the Russian Bolshevikalert, it expects to fight.

> But for the present, all there is, is ner in which this is being done is indi- the desire to fight, the determination not The march of the world war veterans | There are all sorts of reactionary pro- cated by the recent reports concerning to let the enemy win without a strugon Washington has aroused national at- vocatzurs and government agents at the erection of a dictatorship over Prus- gle. The struggle itself has not yet been on their trek serve particularly to ers in their midst. It is their purpose been depending upon the federal author- has been tremendously weakened by the dramatize the tragic fate of this section to turn the movement into anti-working ities for aid, the Von Papen cabinet aims realism with which the Hindenburg-Von and blood was bandled about so must be made clear to the veterans that into putting the armed forces directly of the "lesser evil", still hold the overwhelming masses of the workers under Secret negotiations are also in process their sway. The Stalinist leadership of

> > A great opportunity to sweep into the leadership of the masses distillusioned by reality with their social democratic mislost. It is a question now of defense in the face of an onslaught. The semi-turn toward a half-hearted united front with local organizations of the reformists, with the lower functionaries, must immediately be transformed into a full turn. The social democratic leaders must be pushed into the alternative of joining with the Communists in the forthcoming struggle or of breaking with the masses still under their control.

An open, sincere, full fledged turn is the need of the day for the C. P. G. and zeitung, has been confiscated and its pub- for the Comintern. There is no time to ing to the military clique in power not lication suspended. Flank attacks of this be lost in establishing the united front to go too far. The latest news emansort against the working class are on the with the social democratic and reformist ating from Chile and quoting Davila dir-

Events in Germany are moving with order of the day for the Von Papen gov- organizations on a centralized basis. The Dies anti-alien bill, the most vicious alacrity, the press reports from day to ernment, the government that is clearing 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 Fascists are concentrating their troops on the proletarian strongholds. They are preparing to encircle them. The encirclers must be encircled!

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. Only its fighting unity will stave off the harbingers of a new barbarism in Europe. International solidarity is the task of the working class of the world toward its German brothers. workers is the concern of every proletarian in all the countries. What will happen in Germany will be of decisive One of the three conditions posed by That is the position of the working place for our workers' fatherland, the

Bourgeois Germany, under Hitler as Leninists at their head will be in the front ranks of this defense.

The struggle in Germany poses the question of world revolution once more in an acute and realistic form. It spells defeat for the reactionary tehory of national socialism, it opens up new perspectives of international action for the proletariat. It brings the day of reckonshevik-Leninism very close. The Worker fate of Communism, the fate of the revolutionary working class stands before a

«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. Utilizing the crying discontent of the Chilean masses as an aid to their demagogy. Davila and his henchmen shamelessly fooled the workers and peasants into support of their coup d'Etat.

Taking 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. The first dispatches declared the new government was going to nationalize industry and socialize property. Various other social reforms were to follow. In fact, the dispatches declared, they were going to model their regime after the Soviet

It is more than likely that Wall Street had something to do with those scare dispatches which were to act as a warnectly is prompt in denying the-"wild rumors about confiscating private property"-and more particularly "nationalizing foreign holdings." The junta had heard its masters's voice. The latest dispatches now tell of modelling the government after the "Socialist" fashion of Spain. A very commendable pattern afare prohibited. The universities are to be re-organized so as not to permit student strikes. About the only "revolutionary" demand still left on the plank of this bunch of political hi-jackers is the demand for the pawnshops to return articles pawned without demanding inter-

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. The fact that the United States has been forcing England out all along the line is too obvious to require too much mention here. England, from having the foremost investments in Chile prior to the war, now plays a poor second fiddle ests of the United States have practically eliminated England as a serious

The Economic Crisis, the Unemployment Situation and the Working Class With the passing of its two and half make possible to resume the cycle of | It is one of the laws of capitalist pro- From 1899 to 1929, in American manufac-

We would, of course, not propose that struments, outstanding among which are reduce the whole standard of living of there is a relative decrease of the variathe Proletarian Dictatorship become an the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the working class. objective for these elections. But as to and the Young Committee, the latter esthe revolutionary way out it must be tablished by the New York Federal Restated in that manner so that its definite serve Bank and expected to be followed with the capitalist measures proposed, proletarian and revolutionary basis be- by like committees in other federal reserve districts. By this is provided a Only in this way can there be continu- more harmonious blend of interests and this crisis, as well as other such crises ity in a revolutionary sense with the purposes of monopoly capitalism and its immediate and partial demands advanced. executive organ at Washington, D. C. Otherwise they stand alone as mere re- But because of its occuring within the framework of the strongest of the world Among the immediate demands, con- imperialist powers, this mobilization of

The sum and substance of the propos-

in capitalism is essentially one of overproduction of capital—an overproduction decline compared to the mass of the anization of industry. But it also in a of the means of production to the extent that they serve as capital, that is, serve for the exploitation of labor. The credit system itself is the main lever of overproduction because of its forcing of the process of reproduction to its extreme limit. Consequently the efforts for fur-

This question we propose to take up in

we must first of all bear in mind that time produce an ever growing amount of er. In 1929 it had increased to \$3,624. commodities. And, the number of employed workers are continually on the the intensity of production due to mechmeans of production and the commodities gense gives a picture of the accumulation produced. It follows that that portion of capital. of living labor which is unpaid and represents surplus value is likewise on the decline compared to the value of total capital invested. This results in the fall of the profit rate. But the increase of the mass of the absolute surplus value appropriated by the capitalists, or the mass of profit, on the other hand, pro-

We have not figures available showing domination over labor. the growing mechanization of industry:

year mark, the economic crisis is still reproduction. This latter is to be accom- duction, and which its develoment car- turing industry, the number of wage on its downward spiral. Now, however, plished essentially and most directly by ries with it, that compared to the total workers increased by 85.5 percent. While the American government has moved increasing the intensity of exploitation capital which it sets in motion and com- their nominal average wage increased ter which to model a military junta! much more actively into its orbit. It and depressing wages below the value pared to the constant part of capital 206 per cent, yet their share of the Paper reforms and oppression is now on has created a number of auxiliary in- of labor power, or in other words, to (means of production and raw materials) produce of their labor declined from 41.4 the order of the day. Strikes, unless they ble part of capital (labor power). In that during this period the value added How well these aims are being realiz- other words, compared to the growing by the process of reproduction repreed, or in the process of being realized, mechanization of industry the need for sented a 556 percent increase. Expresslabor power diminishes relatively. The ed in monetary form, in 1899 the value it is necessary for us to examine. But same number of workers can in the same thus added amounted to \$1,025 per work-

This clearly illustrates the growth of

In the process of reproduction the increasing mass of surplus value, or unpaid labor, appropriated by the capitalists, leave an ever growing part to be turned into additional capital. The capitalist mode of production accelerates the accumulation of capital. But with that also the specific capitalist mode of vices for the growth of the total capiproduction develops. Accumulation leads to the richer and mightier uncle across
tal—an ever growing accumulation of to an increased concentration of the to an increased concentration of the the sea. The nitrate and copper intermeans of production and a growth of the

detail, but before that, let us take a look the actual relative growth of constant The credit system which at first served contender to exploitation of the Chilean