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NEW YORK AND DETROIT: A LESSON IN UNITY

AFL and CIO members combined their votes in New York to re-elect Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia and to administer to corrupt Tammany hall a crushing defeat from which it probably will never recover. The amazing vote for La Guardia on the American Labor party ballot establishes this new party as a powerful factor in the city's life.

In Detroit, however, those members of the AFL who followed the lead of Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit Federation of Labor, helped elect the candidate of the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Assn., defeating Patrick H. O'Brien, sponsored by the United Automobile Workers. Could their be a clearer demonstration of the need for labor unity?

Labor fights labor and elects an obedient and reactionary tool of the union-hating corporations! Truly this is a case of cutting off one's nose to spite his face.

The results in Akron and Canton, Ohio, underscore the tragedy of labor disunity.

Because the CIO in these cities backed candidates on the Democratic ticket, some AFL leaders, at least, backed Republican candidates. Result: The liberal Judge G. L. Patterson in Akron was defeated, as was Darrell Smith, member of the Milk Drivers' union and the Newspaper Guild in Akron.

Labor in New York will be protected in its rights. Labor in Detroit, Akron, and Canton faces just what it faced in the recent auto, rubber and steel strikes: Clubs from business controlled police.

The New York vote shows the political solidarity of labor almost at its best. Except for the negligible desertions of Joseph P. Ryan of the longshoremen's union, the president of a house workers' union, and a few others, AFL and CIO united behind La Guardia. The CIO unions worked through the American Labor Party. The AFL unions worked through a non-partisan committee headed by George Meany, president of the New York State Federation of Labor.

La Guardia also had the support of middle class groups that couldn't stomach Tammany hall, but it is evident from the size of the American Labor party vote alone that he owns his election to union men and women.

Some newspapers, notably The Chicago Tribune and the Hearst press, attempt falsely to convey the impression that the defeat of O'Brien in Detroit means the election of an AFL candidate. If this were really true they would not be elated. The new mayor, Richard Reading, is an out-and-out reactionary, a die-hard Republican. AFL rank and filers can expect no favors.

Reading was not the first choice of Martel and his colleagues in the AFL. Martel, in the short course of the campaign, favored three different men. Last summer he was for O'Brien and was planning to run for city council on the labor slate. When the AFL-CIO fight became worse, and allegedly after strong pressure from the AFL Executive Council in Washington, he switched to John W. Smith, a former mayor, but never a friend of the AFL. When Smith was eliminated he jumped on the bandwagon of the most reactionary, Reading. This is scarcely an AFL victory!

Unfortunate as was the defeat of O'Brien and the labor candidates for the city council in Detroit, prospects for the future are encouraging. Labor has perfected a political organization in what a year ago was the worst open shop city in America.

Despite the temporary defeat, the CIO comes out of the election with a permanent political organization and the ability to throw a genuine scare into the city. The machinery of this campaign is certain to be seen again.

In smaller cities labor fared well. In Duquesne and Clairton, Pa., once open shop steel towns, Elmer Maloy and John J. Mullen, steel union organizers, were elected mayors. In Bridgeport, Conn., Jasper McLevy, was re-elected on the Socialist ticket in a landslide.

Labor is just beginning to show its political strength. We dare say that in the congressional elections next year New York, Detroit, Akron and scores of other cities will send men with union cards to Washington. —Kenosha Labor.

JSF CONFERENCE IN WAUKEGAN NOV. 21

JSF Branches, Fraternal and Cultural organizations located in this district have been invited by the Conference secretary to send delegates to the JSF Conference which meets in the Slovene National Home in Waukegan on November 21, beginning at 10 A. M.

On the agenda will be the following reports: Work being carried on by the Yugoslav Socialist Federation; Secretary Chas. Pogorelec; Activities of the Farmer-Labor Party in Wisconsin; Joseph Vidmar of Milwaukee; Labor and organization activities in Waukegan; Martin Jundich and a report on the future Labor Party in Illinois which will step into the field in 1938 and the part that Socialists will have in it, by Anton Gaden.

This district conference takes in the following cities: Milwaukee, Sheboygan, West Allis, Waukegan, Chicago, Cicero and the surrounding territory.

BERLIN-GERMANY OR WISCONSIN

The American Federation of Labor organizers including State Assemblyman Andrew J. Biemiller, Milwaukee, encountered upon quite an unexpected happening in Berlin, Wisconsin, when they arrived there in the endeavor to organize the workers of that locality. However, the obstacle which they were confronted with, did not prevent them from holding a general organizational meeting. For more than 500 persons had gathered about in the brisk open air to hear the labor organizers speak, when the hall they had previously rented for the meeting was refused them.

The management of the hall had told the organizers that it was obliged to cancel the arrangement because they were no longer renting the hall for meeting purposes. What an absurd and false statement. Perhaps even the management of the hall failed to realize it, for Assemblyman Biemiller revealed the fact that the night before the hall had been rented for company union purpose to the Truesdale Fur Company.

"This kind of treatment smacks more of Berlin, Germany, than of Berlin, Wisconsin. Wisconsin is noted for its progressive stand. Yet the Chamber of Commerce is apparently making an effort to keep us from organizing the workers of this town. For there is little question in our mind that the effort to bar us from speaking was dominated by the Chamber of Commerce," stated Biemiller.

But, despite the fact that the organizers of the AFL have met with reactionary difficulties, two plants have already been organized under the AFL, which still further proves that workers are interested in being represented under organized labor.

Louise B. Jursey.

"Plesno veselico"

The SNPJ lodge, "Slovenski Dom" is sponsoring a "Plesno veselico" this Saturday, November 13, at Fleiner's Hall, 1638 N. Halsted Ave., Chicago. The music will be furnished by the Pal-Noters orchestra. Admission 25c.

ILLINOIS LABOR PARTY CONVENTION DECIDES TO LAUNCH LABOR TICKET FOR 1938

Trade Union Political Parley Rejects Communist Party Line of Liquidation

By A. G. McDowell

DECATUR, Illinois.—The Illinois Labor Party, founded by trade union delegates in July 1936 as the organizer of a political arm for Labor, met here in a preliminary state convention October 30th and 31st and voted an organizing budget of \$6,000 for a fifteen weeks period of preparation during balance of 1937 and beginning of 1938. This is to be followed by a state convention in March to nominate a full state wide ticket and organize the first Labor Party campaign in Illinois since 1920.

The Constitution of the organization was modified to permit federation of large fraternal bodies of labor such as the Slovene National Benefit Society (very strong in many mine and industrial sections), the Workmen's Circle, Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, International Workers Order and Farmer, Cooperative and other organizations of a labor or allied character, in the Labor Party which up to now has been restricted to trade unions. No provision was made for admission of labor political parties already existing but it is clearly understood that an election agreement will be reached with the Socialist Party which was the only working class political party on the ballot in the last election. Socialist-trade unionists in accordance with the policy of the Socialist Party have been active supporters and leading figures in their unions in forwarding the Labor Party.

The most important action of the Convention which was called as a preliminary to action in 1938 on a larger scale, was the defeat of the forces organized by the Communist Party who openly sought to bury the Labor Party movement under the disguise of turning over all labor political activity to the Illinois section of Labor's Non-Partisan League. Under the leadership of Ray Edmondson of the United Mine Workers, Labor's Non-Partisan League has quite openly and honestly made it plain that they have as yet no policy or program worked out for Illinois and will watch with friendly interest whatever the Illinois Labor Party tries to do. The Illinois Labor Party in 1936, while dissenting from the policy of Labor's Non-Partisan League, in backing Roosevelt on the Democratic ticket, stayed out of the campaign except in two counties in order to prevent any direct collision between their forces.

Our Halloween Party

On October 29th we Falcons had a good time at our Halloween Party at the Slovene Labor Center. Everyone was dressed up as funny as possible. During the evening we had an amateur program in which everyone took part, entertaining in any way they knew how.

Mrs. L. Beniger, Angela Zaitz, Christina Turpin and Mrs. A. Andres prepared the refreshments and arranged the games in which we had a lot of fun.

Most of our members were present some also brought their friends along.

—Angeline Pluth.

The Convention was attended by delegates both from C. I. O. and A. F. of L. unions, the Labor Party not being looked on as dominated by C. I. O. as is the case of Labor's Non-Partisan League. Over 160 delegates were seated from some 80 local and Central labor bodies, most of the important ones of which, with the exception of those steel workers locals dominated by Communist functionaries, have formally affiliated with the Labor Party. Important unions include International Ladies Garment Workers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Steel Workers, Rubber Workers, Machinists, Carpenter, Distillery Workers, Auto Workers,

JAPAN STILL "DEFENDING" HERSELF IN CHINA

Nipon to slice another large piece off China regardless of what any nation may think about it



ARISE

This week we are greeted by the first issue of **ARISE** (Formerly Challenge of Youth) Monthly publication of the Young People's Socialist League, affiliated with the Socialist Party, U. S. A. **ARISE** is the magazine of young Socialism in America. It is dedicated to the development of revolutionary Socialism and to the building of a strong, influential Socialist movement among American youth.

Such a magazine has long been needed. **ARISE** has a number of functions. It is the official spokesman for the Young People's Socialist League. Editorially, it will present the position of the Socialist Party on war, labor, national and international affairs and the extension of these Socialist policies into the youth field through the policies of the YPSL. It will also be an American reporter for the labor youth movement through out the world.

The publishers of **ARISE** believe necessity to be the mother of invention but, they say, "We need a 'daddy' to effect this conception—in fact, What we need is a 'sugar daddy.' All our readers collectively, must be that 'sugar daddy.'"

The subscription rate is only 50c per year. Published at 21 E. 17th St., New York City.

It isn't laziness that makes people dodge hard work. The easier the job, the more it pays.

The Cost of War

How costly is war? The poor are sent to war to protect the rich. It has always been so. After the war is over what have the poor gained? Nothing. Not even their right to a decent livelihood.

The World War cost \$4,055,280 in human lives, 21,656,100 wounded and \$186,333,637,097 in money.

Imagine what could be done with that amount of money in helping to make this a better world to live in. And that many lives taken! And the terrible suffering of the wounded and others! All for what? How safe has the world really been made for Democracy?

Now we hear and read of another war. Who will benefit by it? Not the poor. They will do the suffering, yes. They will give up their lives and their health—not the rich.

Make a visit to the Hines Hospital in Chicago and get an eyeful of the remains of the last war.

—Mary Grubish.

PIONEER'S DANCE

Saturday, November 13th, the Pioneer Lodge, 559, SNPJ, will celebrate their twelfth Anniversary with a novelty dance at the SNPJ Auditorium, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago.

Music will be furnished by Steve Palla and his orchestra.

Admission: 35c in advance; 40c at the door.

Come out and enjoy yourself with the Pioneers on their Twelfth Birthday.

NOV. 11 50th ANNIVERSARY OF HAYMARKET MARTYRS

Fifty years ago this November 11th, the first successful red scare drive in Chicago history was ended. And, four men, outstanding labor leaders, had hanged by the neck until dead.

The Haymarket Riot, the Republic Massacre of its day, halted the onward march of labor when the cry of the 8-hour day was sweeping the country. A mysterious bomb, thrown by unknown hands, led to the legal death of four labor leaders, the suicide of the fifth, and years of imprisonment of three others before they were pardoned by Gov. Altgeld.

This week in Chicago and throughout the nation will be held memorial meetings to commemorate the sacrifice of August Spies, Albert R. Parsons, Michael Schwab, Samuel Fielden, George Engel, Adolph Fischer, Louis Lingg, and Oscar Neebe, the anarchists who paid the price for their advanced stand in that day. Wreaths will be laid on their graves in the Waldheim Cemetery.

The story of the Haymarket Riot is simple. Police shot strikers at the McCormick plant on the afternoon of May 3, 1886. Mayor Carter Harrison, the elder, attended a protest meeting called the next day.

Police March Out

Mayor Harrison left towards the end of the meeting and went to Desplaines Station where he told Capt. John Bonfield that no trouble need be expected. But as soon as Mayor

Harrison left, Captain Bonfield marched a large squad to Haymarket Square and ordered the meeting dispersed.

Suddenly a bomb exploded in the midst of the police, killing 8 and injuring 60 policemen. Immediately the police turned on the crowd with guns and clubs.

The person who threw the bomb or the persons responsible for the incident were either completely forgotten or consciously unsought by press or police.

Mayor's Statement

Mayor Harrison testified at the trial: "I went to the meeting for the purpose of dispersing it in case I should feel it necessary for the safety of the city. There was no suggestion made by either of the speakers looking toward calling for immediate use of force or violence towards any person that night; if there had been, I should have dispersed them at once. During my attendance I saw no weapon at all upon any person."

But the mayor's testimony meant little. On Nov. 10, Louis Lingg committed suicide in his cell, and on the next day Spies, Engel, Fischer, and Parsons were executed.

In June 26, 1893, John Peter Altgeld, after investigating the case, granted an absolute pardon to Fielden, Schwab, and Neebe and exonerated the hanged men.

For Workers, Progressive and United Mine Workers, Teachers, and Hod Carriers. The Convention action in preparing well in advance for a genuine state campaign in 1938 is most encouraging to Socialists, militants and progressives everywhere in the state. Among the other lines of program and policy approved by the Convention (and that like every other progressive policy) over the bitter and unprincipled opposition of the Communist Party, was the continuance of the Illinois Labor Party in the Tri-State Farmer Labor Political Action Promotion Committee of five set up by the Wisconsin and Minnesota Farmer Labor Parties in cooperation with the Illinois Party. This Committee first met and organized with authority of their state

committees at Madison, Wisconsin, October 1st. Dan Hoan of Milwaukee is Chairman and other members are Sarraine Loewe of Illinois, Sender Genis and John Bosch of Minnesota and Henry Ohl, Jr. of Wisconsin.

The Illinois Labor Party at this second convention announced that it was willing, once Farm groups were prepared to affiliate, to modify its name to indicate acceptance of Farmer allies. Vigorous action working towards the March 1938 Convention of the Illinois Labor Party will set the working class of the state well on the road towards independent class political action in spite of reactionary of the old capitalist variety and the new Communist kind, of opportunists and adventurists.

SEARCHLIGHT

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

Uncertainty prevails in the business world. Things aren't as rosy as many big business heads had predicted and expected. They blame the recess in the business rise on the government. The administration at Washington did tinker with everything possible to bring big business back on its feet after it had been knocked out flat and now we hear that these flatheads are trying to cause an artificial lull in business to force the administration to recede from its planned economy. Shipments have been ordered stopped until November 16 when the special session of Congress convenes. No doubt, pressure will be applied on Congress to relent and give big business more assurance and more opportunity to steal bigger wads from labor of the American workers.

I don't believe the capitalists are going to let it go so far as they did in 1929. They fear that. Furthermore, the administration at Washington, being more liberal, will not allow things to return to the low of 1932. It would ruin the entire program and all their accomplishments. And that would never do. And it would flatten out completely some of the big businessmen and give to the really wealthy class greater power over the lives of Americans. That concentration of power by the wealthy class has been going right on despite everything and everybody in the New Deal Administration and is still continuing.

On the other hand the poor never lived poorer than they have right thru these last half dozen years. It is pitiful how the poor suckers really sit still and take so little. But they had faith in Roosevelt and the New Deal. For them the New Deal didn't come. The standard of living hasn't been restored, much less improved. We haven't reached the steps from which we were shoved in 1929. We've learned to share what we have and that was generally less. If progress towards a better life for the working is retarded now it just simply means that there is no hope to regain our desire with even liberal politicians. And if the radicals could take control it would mean civil war. The only outlet is to build strong labor organizations which will withstand the onslaught of united reaction.

People forget so easily what we have been preaching all these years that capitalism cannot afford to give them a good life. That unless the

workers receive wages high enough to buy back what they produced, there will accumulate surpluses. These surpluses aren't overproduction. The exact contrary is true. It is simply underconsumption. People don't earn enough money to keep industry moving. But the capitalists have an outlet. They have a war all planned where the surplus manpower can be torn asunder; where loads and loads of ammunition can go; where property can be destroyed; where public debts can be piled up and saddled on the people to keep them in chains for another hundred years. All this because the workers haven't learned the necessary uniting and using their economic and political power.

If I may judge, the Socialist Party seems to have shaken off a lot of its unfortunate factionalism and is due to reorganize and become a potent factor again. The comrades in Chicago have started at the bottom again and hope thereby to rebuild. Weekly meetings are held. The last one took place last Thursday night at the Capitol Bldg, downtown Chicago. Art McDowell and Maynard S. Krueger treated the A. F. of L.—CIO situation. Comrade McDowell reported on the A. L. of L. convention, also. A fair attendance was had.

Last Friday night, the Executive Committee of our Federation met at the Center and heard reports on a number of pertinent matters including the annual Family Almanac which will go to press soon, district conferences of the Educational Bureau and English sub branches. The Almanac should have a much wider circulation this year. Ad soliders responded well.—Educational Bureau Conferences will treat special subjects from time to time. We intend to determine what has happened to our young people's groups. Some of our young folks might want to tell us.

The University of Chicago round table discussion today, Sunday, Nov. 7, brought out our opinions to a T on the Russian—Japanese situation. The truth was brought out surprisingly well.

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