

WORKERS AGAINST BOSSES! FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE! AGAINST WAGE CUTS, BOSSES' WAR!

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The issues of the election campaign for the workers—are Unemployment, Hunger, Misery, Wage Cuts and the acute Danger of War Against the Soviet Union. For the bosses, through their various parties, Democratic, Republican and Socialist, the issues are "clean government", reforestation measures, etc., to fool the workers.

Just before election, the bosses have begun their charity drive for relief of the unemployed. With more than 1,000,000 in the city of New York alone, according to Mr. Rybleki of the City Employment Bureau, the relief to be raised through proposed legislation by the city—\$15,000,000; through appropriations by the state legislature—\$20,000,000 for the entire state; and through the charity drive—\$12,000,000, the 1,000,000 workers of New York will have to support themselves and their families on a maximum of \$42 through the entire winter. The unemployed workers are condemned by the bosses to further starvation, so that the bosses' profits may remain high.

But even this amount will not reach the unemployed. Part of this—the major part—is for so-called "work." Construction, cleaning work, etc., will swallow the bigger part of these sums, and as a matter of course, the graft to the politicians, contractors, will absorb the bigger part of the sum. The politicians, from Walker through his "secretary and agent," Sherwood, who is known to have taken at least \$1,000,000; Doyle, Farley, McQuade and the endless list—will continue to fill their pockets, in true boss fashion. Thus the unemployed will starve—while the bosses and their parties are shedding tears about the misery of the unemployed, are holding big dinners to eat for the unemployed; while Walker goes to Harlem and makes big promises about what he will do for the unemployed, etc.

The Communist Party is the only party that has a clear-cut program for the unemployed of this country. The Communist Party demands that the city of New York appropriate out of the unheard-of budget of more than \$631,000,000, \$200,000,000 for unemployed relief—\$150 for each unemployed worker as winter relief, and \$50 for at least one dependent. This shall be taken out of the present budget, and in order to achieve it, the following shall be done: the salaries of all officials shall be cut to a maximum of \$5,000. Walker now gets \$40,000 and costs the city, through secretaries, limousines, etc., \$323,740 a year. Aldermanic President McKee costs the city \$81,730; the borough presidents cost the city tens of thousands more each. The Communist Party demands the cancellation of appropriations for the national guard and naval militia, which are used for strike-breaking purposes. The Communist Party demands that all contracts be sifted, the graft be cut out, and thus at least \$100,000,000 can be taken from the city budget for the relief of the unemployed. In addition, the Communist Party proposes a graduated tax on all incomes above \$5,000, and a levy on all capital of \$100,000 and above. In this way the fund of \$209,000,000 can be raised. But this fund shall not be administered by the crooks and grafters, who sit in city hall, but by a commission representing the Unemployed Councils, unions, etc.

The bosses, politicians say that the Communists are dreamers. These politicians only know about hunger from the newspapers, by going to the registration places, or now by going into the neighborhoods to solicit votes. They have nothing to do with the working class, except to rob it. The Communist Party, the only party representing the working class, makes the demands that the workers put up. The Communist Party, in addition, tells the workers that only by organizing into the Unemployed Councils and fighting for relief, will the workers get what they demand. The Communist Party is organizing the workers for these demands, and will continue the fight through the winter, in spite of police terror, laws against "voluntary idlers," as introduced by McKee, against forced labor—all outside workers will be forced to saw wood before they can get relief, against the derision not to register or give work to unemployed workers of 20 years and under; against discrimination against the foreign-born and particularly the Negro workers. This is the fight that the Communist Party pledges to the workers—and for this reason alone the workers will vote for the Communist Party as the only party fighting for the interests of the 1,000,000 unemployed of New York.

There is no factory or shop in which the workers have not suffered one wage cut after the other. The general wage slashing campaign is on, the bosses being determined to cut the wages to the bottom. The building trades workers are not getting the scale. Not 5 per cent get the scale even for a few months of the year. The majority of them get \$5 a day for a few days a week, a few months of the year. The needle, food, metal, textile office workers all are having their wages cut to the bone. Women and girls are working for \$6 a week. The bosses who are cutting the wages, and preparing for mass lay-offs, are making idle workers to contribute more to their earnings for unemployment relief; to spend their wages freely, as a means of "bringing back prosperity." These

hypocrites and demagogues, who for the sake of their profits, are cutting wages and staving the workers, are trying to load the crisis on to the backs of the workers. They talk of a shorter work-day, but that also means in their language shorter wages. They speed up the workers mercilessly, work 2,000,000 children in the factories and on the farms of the country—and then come forward with their bank of "returning prosperity."

They cut wages—and have the assistance of the leaders of the A. F. of L. and the "socialist" party. Hillman and Shlosberg, the "socialist" racketeers of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who are charged with misusing \$1,000,000 of the union's funds; Orlofsky and Beckerman, "socialist" racketeers of a local of the Amalgamated, who made away with \$47,000; Schlesinger of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, the "socialist" racketeer of that organization; Joseph Ryan, president of the Trades and Labor Assembly and of the International Longshoremen's Association, who in league with the bosses cut the wages of the longshoremen 10 per cent; the leaders of the building trades who kick out of the union the unemployed who cannot pay dues, who take graft from the building trades contractors, while the wages of the workers sink to the bottom—these people, "socialists", Democratic and Republican, show where they stand on this question. Only the Communist Party puts up a fight against the wage cuts and speed-up, for the 7-hour day with no reduction in pay, for organization and strike. And for this reason the workers of New York will Vote Communist on election day, and continue the fight under Communist leadership against the bosses and their democratic, "socialist" and Republican labor racketeer agents.

The bosses are using terror to divide the working class. More police to smash the growing revolt of the unemployed and the fights of the workers on the picket line. Eight hundred more police last year, 1,000 more this year. The national guard held in readiness, Governors Island fort and its troops to be held in readiness in case of "domestic troubles", as Hoover put it. Injunctions, gangsters, thugs, detectives, labor spies, frame-ups, terror against the foreign-born with the threat of deportation, terror and open discrimination against the Negro workers with open threats of lynching. The white and Negro leaders of the Negro organizations—National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Universal Negro Improvement Association, the Urban League, Better Business League—are trying to terrorize and mislead the Negro workers, in order to separate them from the white workers. The Communist Party fights for the unity of the working class, native and foreign born, white and Negro, young and adult, men and women—**one united working class, employed and unemployed, fighting for the interest of the working class against the bosses, their government and their tools in the ranks of labor.** And in support of this growing unity, the workers of New York are supporting the program and campaign of the Communist Party and will Vote Communist on election day.

Unable to find any way out of the crisis, except to throw crumbs to the unemployed, to cut wages, to terrorize the workers—while filling their own pockets with profits and dividends, with graft and corruption—the bosses are preparing for war—while talking disarmament. This is some more of their two-faced methods. They are building the air fleet with all kinds of secret devices for destroying whole populations. They are inventing and producing in tremendous quantities gases, chemicals, bombs, with which to wipe out entire populations. U. S. imperialism is leading the fight against British imperialism the world over. With the aid of French imperialism, Great Britain is to be reduced to a second rate power. In Manchuria the scene of the coming war is being laid. Japan with the aid of U. S. imperialism is invading China, threatening the Soviet Union, and with definite aim of destroying the Chinese Soviets, which today control 70,000,000 workers and peasants.

War against the Soviet Union is on the horizon—war against the only country in the world, that has no unemployment, no wage cuts, no long hours; but wage increases throughout the country, a need of 2,000,000 workers for the new factories that are being opened up every week, with the 7-hour day, 6 hours for young workers; with increasing leisure and well-being for the masses of 160,000,000 workers and peasants. The Soviet Union shows the only way out of the crisis—it shows the way that the workers in the capitalist and colonial countries must go—the way of revolutionary struggle against the damnable capitalist system of hunger, starvation, wage cuts, misery. The workers of New York hungry, suffering wage cuts, filling the hospitals and jails, their children starving, hundreds of thousands of these workers who have seen through the last world war, that promised "prosperity" and "democracy" know what this war means. It is a war made by the same bosses and their government that is starving the workers here, and will want to send them across the ocean to shoot down the



Tammany

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SAMUEL SEABURY, whose family for generations have been sucking the blood of the American workers, now appears as the St. George killing the dragon of graft in New York City.

Seabury is a rich lawyer who inherited millions from his exploiting father. He classes himself as an "independent" democrat, thus trying to make the workers think that this capitalist party is not as bad as the open graft of Tammany Hall makes so clear.

In the present crisis Seabury is performing a necessary job for capitalism. To do it he must dig up some of the graft, though he is particularly careful to place "individual" responsibility. He scraps a few lice off the Tammany tiger. He does not want to blame the capitalist parties or the system for it. He knows the workers are losing faith in capitalism, especially at this time with mass unemployment and hunger. Hence Seabury is chosen—even with the approval of the Socialists—to purge capitalism city government—not of grafters or graft, but of the bad name it has with the workers. Because of his boasted "honesty," that is, his source of graft is through the usual channels of exploitation and grinding down the workers, instead of open robbery, Seabury is played up to the skies by the capitalist press. The New York capitalist press reveals in the Seabury "disclosures"

workers and peasants of the Soviet Union.

The Communist Party is the only party that organizes and leads the workers against the coming war. It is preparing them to declare civil war against their imperialist war. It is mobilizing the workers for defense of the Soviet Union against the war plans of the imperialist powers.

The "socialist" party shows its stand. When the workers and peasants of India fought for their independence, they were shot down by the soldiers sent against them by the "socialist" Ramsay MacDonald; when the workers and peasants of Cyprus rose in insurrection against starvation, MacDonald sent troops against them. When the British bosses wanted to cut wages, and lower the unemployment insurance, the British Labor party ("socialist") put it through. When the German government wanted to cut wages and cut the dole, the social democrats were their best aides. This is the position of the "socialist" party, as carried out through the "socialist" administrations with their "socialist" police in Reading, Pa., Racine and Milwaukee, Wis. This is the "socialist" party—the third party of capitalism, the bitterest enemy of the Soviet Union.

Workers of New York: There is only one choice; either the hunger program of Hoover, Roosevelt, Walker Wall Street aided by the "socialist" party—or the program of struggle and fight of the Communist Party. This is the only choice—either starvation, or struggle. The workers of New York will support the struggle as the only way out of the crisis. They will Vote Communist on election day, send Communist workers to the legislative halls to carry on the fight there, while the Communist Party will organize the workers for unemployment relief and insurance, against wage cuts and speed up, against discrimination against foreign born and Negro workers, against another imperialist slaughter, for defense of the Soviet Union, and for the overthrow of the whole capitalist system of starvation and plunder.

Vote Communist—organize and fight. The Communist Party is carrying out its revolutionary program of struggle against capitalism, for its overthrow, and for the establishment of a Workers' and Farmers' government in the United States!