

WORKERS PARTY TAKES STAND ON MILWAUKEE POLL

Swabeck Writes About Tuesday's Elections

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With a period of industrial depression and consequent unemployment in prospect, Tuesday's municipal elections become of added importance to the workers in Milwaukee. The candidates, both those endorsed by the Socialist Party and by the Milwaukee manufacturers, are mum on this question. They have nothing to offer for the relief of such a situation, nor have they anything to offer concerning the many vital questions confronting the workers at the present time.

Yet these elections become a question of choosing an alternative. The election of David S. Rose, as mayor, endorsed by the manufacturers, would mean a complete crushing of the last vestige of labor participating in government. It could mean nothing else than a renewal of the police terror of the olden days, with all possible support to the attempts to crush labor unions. The election of Daniel W. Hoan would at least mean an expression of opposition to the candidate of the big capitalists.

Must Defeat Bosses' Candidates.

The Workers Party, local Milwaukee, in a statement issued, clearly points out that in view of these facts, and particularly in view of the fact that the Workers Party has no candidates in this election, and is therefore unable to call upon the workers of Milwaukee to support its candidates, they should support the candidacy of Mayor Hoan and the others endorsed by the Socialist Party.

Of course this does not mean a united front with the Socialist Party upon its program of meaningless phrases. It is purely a question of defeating the candidates of the capitalists. The Workers Party has repeatedly invited the Socialist Party, both nationally and in many cities, to become part of a united front of the American workers thru the formation of a Labor Party, such a united front to be based on an active struggle for the pressing needs of the workers.

Point Out Socialist Failures.

The statement issued by the Workers Party, despite the fact that it calls upon the workers to support this ticket endorsed by the Socialist Party, very definitely points to the record of failures in the past and the betrayals by the Socialist Party, of the best interests of the workers.

It tells the workers that it would be a mistake to vote for the Socialist candidates without understanding that it will never militantly fight for the needs of the workers. It points out what some of the duties of a real working class party are.

It points out that the Socialist Party has made no attempt to participate in a united front of the American workers thru the formation of a class Farmer-Labor Party. It has made no attempt to be represented at the coming convention to be held in St. Paul, June 17th, called by the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, the Federated Farmer-Labor Party and many other State Farmer-Labor parties and groups, called for the purpose of forming a class Farmer-Labor Party. It points out that the duty of the Socialist Party is to join in such a movement; that it should fight to secure relief for unemployment; that it should assist the unions in organizing the unorganized; and that it should strive to actually protect the political rights of the workers and consistently fight for the abolition of the issuance of injunctions as a means, in the hands of the capitalists to suppress the workers.

Workers' Economic Needs Many.

The economic and political needs of the workers of Milwaukee are as many, and as pressing, as in any other city.

The Workers Party in its statement issued demands for the workers of Milwaukee:

First:—Immediate action by the City Council appropriating funds for the relief of the growing unemployment.

Second:—Money for this purpose to be raised thru requiring licenses for all business organizations, with a charge for such licenses sufficient to provide the money.

Third:—The organization of shop councils in all city and public service institutions made up of representatives of the workers with power of these shop councils to regulate hours of labor, working conditions and to participate in the management.

For the coming industrial depression, and for that matter for the present situation, as well, these demands are of particular importance. The workers of Milwaukee should unite their forces for the adoption of such measures and in making the demands even upon the Socialist Party, not commit the mistake of believing that the Socialist Party, with its present leadership, will fight for its achievements. Nevertheless they should force the hands of this leadership so the workers may become definitely convinced of the necessity of building a truly revolutionary party which can take the place of the Socialist Party—a revolutionary party which can become a vital and integral part of the working class, expressing all the struggles of the workers and lead the way to their emancipation.

IMPEACH COOLIDGE!