

To members and sympathizers of the Communist Party & Young Communist League The Prize Puzzle Of This Campaign

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"For whom are we to vote?" This question is on the lips of hosts of Communist Party members today.

The Republicans have their Landon; the Democrats their Roosevelt, and the Socialists again present Norman Thomas and their program of Socialism to the American people.

But communists have been told by their leadership to work for the "defeat of Landon at all costs."

And Earl Browder, presidential candidate and spokesman of the Communist Party adds, somewhat apologetically: "We are not responsible for Roosevelt." Here, one might rejoin: "Just who has asked the communist leadership to be responsible for Roosevelt?" Also, one might ask: "Why should Browder fear that anyone might hold the Communist Party responsible for Roosevelt?" Inasmuch as the communist leadership is aware of its unusual election position, the slogans of Browder are not without thorough premeditation.

No Difference

In his speeches, Browder points out that Hearst and members of the Liberty League are backing Landon's candidacy. For that reason, he says, Landon should be "defeated at all costs." However, it is undeniable that Liberty Leaguers are also supporting Roosevelt for re-election.

If you turn back the issues of the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party, you will discover Browder and other Communist Party leaders have in months past rightfully contended that Liberty Leaguers have no preference as between Republicans and Democrats.

The Daily Worker has published any number of editorials to the effect that the Liberty League is

back of both capitalist political parties.

Assuming this position is a correct one (and we believe it to be) why should a working-class party take the side of one capitalist political candidate against another? In other words, WHY SHOULD THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP SEEK TO GUIDE THE MASSES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE INTO A TRAP SET BY THE LIBERTY LEAGUE?

What Does It Mean?

Having been attacked for his vague and equivocal expressions, Browder now states that the Communist Party does not support Roosevelt. None the less, Browder has not yet explained what he means by the phrase, "defeat Landon at all costs."

"At all costs" means, of course, to use all possible means to reach an objective: Well, you can't use all possible means against Landon, if you vote for Browder or Thomas. That is obvious. There is then only one answer.

It is this answer that has thrown indignation and confusion into the ranks of communists. Why should workers support Roosevelt?

Marx said there were only two major classes in society, the toilers and the exploiters. He made it plain that to free themselves the toilers MUST EXPROPRIATE THE EXPROPRIATORS. He also made it plain that to free themselves the toilers cannot collaborate on the trade union or the political field with the owners of the tools of production and distribution. Under the circumstances, can the Communist Party remain true to Marxist principles and at the same time give left-handed support to a capitalist political machine?

To bolster his position, Browder also prattles about Roosevelt "be-

ing no barrier to fascism and that we must use pressure from the left to win concessions." But if mass pressure can win concessions from Roosevelt, then why can't mass pressure get results from some other capitalist candidate? Or will Browder say that mass pressure aids good for Roosevelt, but not for Landon—that the theory works on certain individuals, and not on others? If so, then the Communist leadership should at once stop talking about the value of mass pressure.

Politically Bankrupt

By its maneuvers, the Communist Party leadership has shown itself to be blatantly opportunistic and politically bankrupt. A recent report showed that eighty per cent of the membership has been in the party less than two years. More recent reports given me by responsible party members indicate that the membership is falling off at a rapid rate. And this is not surprising.

These class conscious workers must go to a political organization that fights unwaveringly for Marxist principles and rejects aid to the capitalist class in an election campaign or at any other time. THAT PARTY IS THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Norman Thomas has not been obliged to straddle on any issue facing the American people, because the Socialist Party presents a clear and unmistakable revolutionary working-class program.

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