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Alice in Wonderland

WHO'S WHO in the ELECTIONS



Alice: I see where New York is having elections again. Who is this Manoney?

Mad Hatter: Oh, let's not bother about him. He's just a Tammany stooge who wants more jobs for his boys. Besides he hasn't a chance.

A: But LaGuardia-he's a real liberal isn't he?

M.H.: Gee you are a naive little girl. Fiorello was elected by that part of New York capitalist class which objected to the extreme graft of Tammany, which caused high real-estate taxes. He's for "clean" graft.

A: Mr. Hatter, who is supporting LaGuardia?

M.H.: Judge by the newspapers. Reading from right to left, The Tribune, Sun, Times, Telegram, Post, Daily Worker & "Socialist Call".

A: But hasn't he got some liberals supporting him?

M.H.: Sure, his Republican campaign manager, Chadbourne, is director of Gulf Oil Corp., Commonwealth Int. Corp., Bruck Silk Mills, and former head of the Relief Comm. for White Russians. His Fusion manager is the director of National Trading Corp., Warren Securities, Clinton Gates Corp. Among his supporters are: Generoso Pope, Stimson, Winthrop, etc.

A: But what about his record, didn't he help the workers?

M.H.: Sure, this is how: 1) Instituted Sales Tax in 1934, even though he fought it in Congress in 1932. 2) Killed investigation Comm. on Negro living standards after Harlem demonstration. 3) Broke taxi strike in '34 4) Endorsed Harvey, the Queens Hitler 5) Opposed sit-down strike in shipyards, for which he was hailed in the New York Times, Aug. 15, 1937 6) Spoke at Fascist meeting on Columbus Day.

A: But what about the American Labor Party?

M.H.: The ALP was formed to corral left votes for Roosevelt and is the left-wing of New Deal capitalism. It's bureaucratically controlled, and most of its members are forced to join by their trade unions. About 50% of its candidates are capitalist politicians.

A: But the Communist Party? Et tu Brutus?

M.H.: In 1933 they called LaGuardia fascist, now they support him. But in line with their new policy of flag-waving reformism and people frontism (which is a fancy name for coalition with capitalist candidates), they're supporting Sales Tax Fiorello, the Republican candidate.

A: And what would Lenin say about this?

M.H.: Please, some ladies might read this leaflet.

A: And Norman Thomas' Socialist Party?

M.H.: They denounced support of LaGuardia as betrayal. Then they withdrew their candidate in favor of this betrayal.

A: But isn't anyone running an independent working class campaign?

M.H.: Sure, the Left-Wing Socialists. They're running Jim Cannon on a write-in vote. The only candidate divorced from all capitalist parties, who runs on a platform of militant class struggle.

A: When I vote in the City College straw poll, I'll

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