

VICTORY AFTER VICTORY IS SOCIALIST ANSWER TO FASCIST CHALLENGE

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The London election was but the latest in a long and inspiring series of election victories during the past year. It follows the great gains of last November, when the Socialists won 242 additional council seats in the municipal elections throughout Great Britain, and gained complete control over 25 cities, including Leeds and Glasgow. At that time, both in England and Wales, and in Scotland, the Labor Party scored its greatest successes, far outstripping its record of 1929, hitherto the peak of the party's success. There had been big gains in the spring of 1933, but these broke all records.

Since last November the Labor Party has taken over the government of Glasgow, second largest city in the British empire, and it is administering it according to the Socialist municipal program.

At about the same time six parliamentary by-elections were held in different parts of the country, five of them in districts always Conservative strongholds. They were so important as barometers of public opinion that they were called the "Little General Elections." In those districts the Labor vote totaled 83,729 to 60,714 in 1931 and 71,984 in 1929, formerly Labor's high-water mark. The percentage of the total vote was 40, as compared to 28 in 1931 and 34 in 1929.

The first general election in any country after Hitler's accession was held in Holland, where the Socialists sustained a very slight loss, due to peculiar local conditions. The party cast 798,669 votes, as compared to 704,714 in 1929. With intense Nazi propaganda going on, and with the workers stunned by what had happened in Germany, the vote was considered remarkable. With the Independent Social-

ists there was a slight gain in the Socialist vote.

Then began the march of victory. National elections were held in Finland in July, the Socialists winning 78 seats out of 200, and 412,759 votes out of a total of 1,100,000, a gain of 13 seats, while the Lapuan movement, the Finnish Fascist, was literally wiped out.

Norway came in October. The Socialists elected 69 members out of 150, lacking only 7 of an absolute majority, scoring a gain of 22 members, while the Conservatives elected 29, a loss of 15. The popular vote was 493,000 out of 1,241,000 cast. The Quisling Fascists, entering the field for the first time, suffered a crushing defeat.

The Swedish Socialist Party, the Belgian Socialist Party and other Socialist parties are showing a steady growth in party membership; partly Socialist governments of Sweden and Denmark are carrying on and with the enthusiastic backing of their people. Everywhere the party is growing fast in membership and influence.

In city and cantonal elections Zurich and Gengya, Berne and Lausanne, four of the most important cities in Switzerland, turned large Socialist minorities into Socialist majorities, giving city and canton Socialist rule.

The Spanish Socialists made gains in the local elections in the summer, and in November they polled 2,600,000 votes in the general elections to 1,400,000 for the Right, a heavy increase; but not distributed properly to give them the power in Parliament they actually represent among the people.

By-elections in France show steady Socialist gains, the latest one recorded in the Department of Deux-Sevres, Vendee, where the Socialist vote

But How Do You Suppose the Chimps Will Take This News?

Heil, Hitler! Heil, with a hand outstretched in the Nazi salute. Lots of Heils. Millions of Heils. If you don't salute with the paw outward and the hand up, you're likely to be "coordinated" into jail.

And where did the brown-eyed Slav who wants the world to be ruled by blue-eyed Nordics get the salute that indicates that you're a "hemically pure Nordic"? Why, from the Italian Fascists, who say they got it from the Romans, who weren't exactly Nordics, either. And where did they get it?

Here comes Sir Hesketh Bell back to London out of Uganda, where he earns his modest keep as a Colonial Administrator, and he tells the London Times—from which it is relayed to the New York Times—where he thinks it comes from. Sir Hesketh had a fine, big chimpanzee back in Uganda that had been brutally mistreated by natives. Whenever Sir Hesketh approached the cage "he would advance toward me uttering a guttural (Nordic? Ed.) groan and raising his right hand and arm above his head in the most approved Fascist style. This happened so often that I was obliged to accept it as a form of chimpanzee salutation."

What have the poor chimpanzees done to deserve this?

I. W. W.

Filling Station Attendant—Here comes another I. W. W. customer.
Patron—What's that?
Attendant—A motorist who wants only Information, Wind and Water.

Some people don't believe the story of the whale swallowing Jonah, but nothing what the American people swallowed during the last four years, we would believe the story if Jonah had swallowed the whale.

THE BETTER WAY

The first year of the "new deal" has been a flop. More and more people are beginning to realize that, regardless of what the future accomplishments of the NRA may be, thus far little, if any, change has been made in the fundamental difficulties which have been afflicting the nation for almost five years.

Chief among the administration's failures has been the CWA. If civil works had been a success, why would they not be continued?

"Oh, yes, but nobody can tell what would have happened if CWA had not been inaugurated," reply defenders of the administration. And that's a fact. But it is also a fact that all that CWA has done is to keep some people from starving to death by supplying federal funds to do the job which bankrupt local treasuries simply could not have done. Perhaps without CWA there would have been a great social convulsion and organized society as we know it might have died. Dr. Roosevelt applied the stimulus to keep the patient alive. But would you think of a medical doctor who did no more than merely keep the patient alive and who refused to remove the cause of his patient's illness?

Workers a little more than before and make them produce only as much for you as you can use and wisely reinvest," is what the "new dealers" are saying to American exploiters. They don't want to end the robbery which gives profit and dividends to idlers. All they want to do is to control and regulate the robbery because they fear that, carried to extremes, the victims may revolt and quash the entire game.

This is a good time to repeat that we Socialists are not opposed to CWA. Naturally, we approve anything which will keep people alive. But we do object to stopping with that. We want to end the exploitation of workers by owners. That is what causes widespread poverty in the midst of plenty, and we are out to end unfavorable results by abolishing their causes.

Now that CWA is abandoned, something else will likely take its place, something else which has the same old purpose of merely keeping ca-

pitalism's victims alive while the doctors of capitalism do a little more tinkering with the system of distributing the products of industry.

Workers ought not be satisfied with any plan which merely keeps them from starving too rapidly. In a nation as rich as ours they should feel insulted.

We are for America. When we say that, we mean that we are for the welfare of the American people. We believe our way of socialized industry is a better way than the president's way of controlled but legally protected exploitation. We have always believed that. We believed it while capitalism was functioning smoothly. We believed it back in the war days when capitalism was being saved from collapse by the blood of workers. And believing it today, we will now, as in the past, refuse to be herded into line with any mob which accepts slogans as substitutes for reason.—Reading Labor Advocate.

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

SEARCHLIGHT

Branch No. 1 JSF held a special meeting to discuss the agenda for the National Convention of June 1, 2 and 3 last Friday night. Frank Zaitz gave a general outline of the entire situation that will come before the convention and Anton Garben reviewed specifically the resolution on Unions, Farmer-Labor Parties and Agriculture. Two endorsements were voted. Somehow or other this meeting did not bring a division of views. Perhaps we are believers of letting the thing to others. Yet, taking each resolution separately does bring out the opinions of the members and does afford an opportunity for a definite stand.

Professor Maynard Krueger will lecture Thursday, April 5 for the Slovene Unemployed Club at the SNPJ Hall. We urge all of you comrades to attend and to bring friends along for our speaker is a capable comrade who speaks very convincingly. It is free. A social will follow.

Sometimes one must become a critic. That is, it is necessary to say things out of the regular procedure. Maybe it is best to say so now that our English Section has lost some of the pep and enthusiasm it possessed only a few months back. That is due to the inactivity of some of the committees in particular, the Membership Committee. Things looked mighty bright a few months ago. It seemed as if we had a splendid chance to expand but somehow, we muffed that chance. Our meeting last Monday was poorly attended. So we must perk up fellow comrades. We must work harder. We must not let up on our activities. We must, rather, increase them.

Tune in on your radio Sunday, April 8 and listen to the Slovene broadcast at 9:30 to 10:00 A. M. which will be sent over the waves by the Chicago District Federation of SNPJ on the 30th anniversary of the Society. The National Broadcasting Co.'s hookup will be used and WMAQ will be the Chicago outlet for the broadcast. It will be well to write in and tell us how you like it.

We anticipate a very big crowd at the 30th anniversary celebration of the SNPJ next Sunday, April 8, at the SNPJ Hall. A very good program has been prepared featuring Anton Sabelj, the popular Slovene baritone and three other unique parts. A very neat souvenir journal has been printed and many other things are being done to make it the outstanding event for 1933.

Did your branch arrange to send delegates to the Convention of the Socialist Party of Illinois? You only have a good weeks time to do so if you haven't. Private cars will be used to transport the Chicago delegates to Staunton and Earl Adams, our temporary State Secretary, wants to know who all is going.

The Chicago Tribune correspondent reports that Anti-Socialism is

growing in Northern Europe. What he means to say is that the bosses and rulers are trying to make a desperate struggle to gain a movement of force and violence against the Socialist movement. Despite the terror of Germany and the bloody battles of Austria London was carried by the workers only a couple of weeks ago and Switzerland stood up against the united opposition in a recall election. It is true that Fascism is rampant. With all the money at their disposal and the press publishing outright lies and falsehoods it is a wonder that democracy and Socialism can prevail. Although they are well aware of the actual truth neither the Tribune nor the other capitalist papers dare tell it. They fear Socialism and because of that fear they are willing to do anything even commit treason and discard democracy so that capitalism shall prevail a little longer. Where, oh where, are you millions of souls that went out to fight for Democracy? What's the matter with your voices? Why don't you raise them to the heavens, can't you see democracy perish at the stake, in Italy, Germany, Austria, etc.? Tell them you fought for Democracy. On Friday, April 6, 1934 is the time to tell them. That's the anniversary date of our entry into the war to save democracy.

What is this thing called democracy? Is it really a cherished acquisition for the workers? Then why do they allow it to be trampled upon and crushed? What man has been able to accede thru the struggles of centuries they are now pummeling and defaming in behalf of the so called Divine State. And Mussolini now claims his undemocratic Italy will rule the world in 60 years. They want power to use it against the man who works and makes everything. And they trample him right down into dust if he dares to arise. But all this is too artificial. It can't last. At least, they all can't claim to want to rule the world. And despite all the blows and bruises, despite every murder, despite all treachery democracy will remain if you comrades want it to. Work, work now, and hard to retain it.

THE BIG SOCIALIST DRIVE

Party members throughout the country have one of the most important duties facing them in several years. The United Socialist Drive to raise funds for party work is on. All our energy should be thrown into this big task and an effort made to make it an inspiring success. The proceeds are divided between the National Office and the state and local organizations.

There are Congressional and state elections this year. Literature must be printed and speakers routed; halls must be rented and meetings arranged. Without funds to do the many things required in making an effective campaign the party is helpless, and never was it more urgent for us to gather the funds than now.

Of the activities we carry on we are never satisfied, and properly so. We never reach the ideal no matter how much is done, but inability to do some important things because we neglected to raise the funds required to do them is not pardonable. Moreover, the less we are able to do the more is it likely to foster discontent in the party itself.

So we make this urgent appeal to every party member to put over this big job and see not only party members but sympathizers. Many members are unemployed, so that those who have jobs should

THE DEPTH OF COWARDICE

When a government moves its artillery into the streets and bombards the homes of its citizens, killing women and children as well as men, a depth horror is reached which carries us far toward hell. What happened to Dollfuss may never be known. The miserable little man lost not only his head but his nerve. Such things as were done in Vienna can be perpetrated only by a coward who is possessed by a mania of fear. But what this timid tyrant accomplished in his madness is as clear as the blood on the walls of the Karl Marx Haus. With the insensate fury

of a frustrated sadist, he destroyed a democracy which remained as one of the few truly civilized spots on the map of contemporary Europe. The Socialists of Vienna had done wonderful and beautiful things, and the working people of this city and its environs, and of Linz and Graz and other Austrian cities, were among the happy and free people of the earth. And now they are gone— with the latest Fascist dictatorship triumphant over the corpses of the heroic dead! That this Austrian Fascism is of the Italian rather than the German variety gives cold comfort. —Unity.

TURNED TO SALT



give till it hurts. The more we raise the more we have for our local activities and the more there will be for a national campaign. Get busy. Put this big drive over without delay!

Our Party's Literature
By Norman Thomas

One cause for encouragement is the improvement in Socialist literature. In this connection I want to say a somewhat belated word of praise for David P. Berenberg's thoughtful, well written, and easily understood text book, "America at the Crossroads". It ought to be of great use in lots of classes. Moreover it's good reading. Especially I want to praise the "American Socialist Quarterly," 7 E. 15th street, New York City. We have long needed such a publication and we have one now of which we need not be ashamed. The current number is of high grade. Every Socialist ought to familiarize himself with the arguments C. D. H. Cole puts forth in his article "Socialism and Monetary Policy." There is a very great danger in a great many parts of the country that monetary reforms or alleged reform will be put in the place of Socialism as it was in the old days of the Populists. In "Socialism and Democracy" Andrew J. Biemiller starts a useful and fruitful line of inquiry, a much more useful line than the dogmatism for and against democracy of which we have been inclined to have too much. The rest of the articles are up to this high standard.

Seeing how everybody gets along so nicely in wartime and what a helluva time most of us have in peacetime, it's no wonder folks take no stock in that peace on earth business any more.

THE SONG OF THE WAGE SLAVE
By ERNEST JONES

The land it is the landlord's,
The trader's is the sea,
The ore the usurer's coffer fills—
But what remains for me?
The engine whirrs for master's craft;
The steel shines to defend,
With labor's arms, what labor raised,
For labor's foe to spend.
The camp, the pulpit, and the law
For rich men's sons are free;
Theirs, theirs the learning, art and arms—
But what remains for me?
The coming hope, the future day,
When wrong to right shall bow,
And hearts that have the courage, man,
To make that future now.

Just suggesting: Motto for new money, "Made to Borrow."