

WORKERS PARTY REPEATS CALL FOR UNITED LABOR TICKET IN NEW YORK CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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In nominating Benjamin Gitlow for mayor, William Weinstone for comptroller and Charles Krumbein for president of the board of aldermen the Workers Party has again repeated in its municipal platform the call for a united labor ticket and has unequivocally declared "That it stands ready up to the very last moment to withdraw its candidates in favor of a united front against the capitalist parties."

The question of a united labor ticket was discussed at the nominating convention held in August and was embodied in the platform of the party by unanimous vote of the entire convention. The position of the convention was expressed by Comrade Weinstone speaking for the platform committee when he said, "The issue of the united labor ticket and the demand made upon the socialist party brings up in a concrete manner the entire question of independent working class action and the menace of non-partisanship which has had such a disastrous effect upon the local labor movement. The socialist party says it stands for a labor party. In the past its position has been a platonic one. It has avoided every issue which might bring it into conflict with the local bureaucrats and would initiate a move against their support of the capitalist politicians. Last year it supported LaFollette but still declared it was for a labor party. This year it left out of its program any specific mention of a labor party and ignored the call of the Workers Party and the labor delegates at the so-called 'Fusion convention' for a united labor ticket in the coming election campaign.

"Again we call upon the socialist party to declare whether they stand for united political action of the working class against the powerful and united capitalist enemy or whether they will continue to break the front of labor on the political field as they have consistently done in the economic field."

In addition to the demand for the

united labor ticket, the platform calls for municipal ownership and workers' control of all municipal utilities; the maintenance of the five cent fare; a municipal housing program assuring better housing for the workers at rents commensurate to wages; the abolition of injunctions and police interference in labor disputes; the establishment of city markets to sell food and other necessities at cost; the encouragement of workers' co-operatives thru credits, loans, and other means, in order to combat the high cost of living; the construction of sufficient schools and the full maintenance of all workers' children attending school up to the age of sixteen; the abolition of all child labor under the age of sixteen; and work or wages for the unemployed.

These are only some of the demands made by the Workers Party in its platform to combat the ever-growing misery and poverty of the millions of toilers of the city. The platform points out the limitations of such demands within the frame work of the capitalist system and calls for the complete overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government.

The campaign to put the Workers Party candidates on the ticket has already begun. The branches of the district are called upon to mobilize immediately for the signature campaign.