

Chicago Labor Unions Must Launch United Front Ticket in Elections, Workers (Communist) Party Points Out

Arne Swabeck, district secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, District 8, in an interview with a representative of The DAILY WORKER on the alliance of the Chicago union officialdom with the union-smashing Crowe-Barrett faction in the republican party for the coming primaries declared:

"The workers have no interest in the primaries of the capitalist parties. Both the republican and democratic parties represent the bosses and at all times work for the bosses against the workers.

"These so-called friends of labor when forced to vote for legislation that really means something to the workers continually absent themselves.

"Chicago has seen the actions of a number of friends of labor. Judge Foell is a glaring example. He was endorsed for office by the Chicago Federation of Labor on the recommendation of the Chicago Federation of Labor committee on elections,

which was headed by Fitzpatrick. He was elected.

"When the International Ladies' Garment Workers went on strike he granted the bosses an injunction against the striking garment workers.

"Recently the Carpenters' Union went to this judge and asked for an injunction to restrain the Citizens' Committee, an open shop aggregation in the building trades, from threatening building contractors with bankruptcy by the withdrawal of loans and refusal to grant credits, if they employed union labor. Judge Foell refused to grant this injunction.

"Foell, elected as a friend of labor, at the real test stood by the bosses. All of the politicians in the capitalist parties are alike. The women's 8-hour day bill has been continuously sabotaged by these so-called "friends of labor.

"The real solution of the problem does not lie in the endorsing of candidates on the old party tickets but in the launching of a united labor ticket in the coming fall elections as a first step in the creation of a labor party."