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# Communist Broadcast Suppressed on West Coast

Speech of EARL BROWDER over Columbia Hook-up on March 5th  
(Reprint from Western Worker)

## COMMUNIST POSITION IN 1936 ELECTIONS

Friends:

The main issue of 1936 is how to put America back to work. We have from twelve to fifteen million unemployed. More than 16 million people are on a starvation relief dole. This is cutting the wages of those who still have jobs. It is completing the bankruptcy of the farmers. It is driving the small business men and professionals to the wall. Millions of young people leave the schools without hope of employment. Half the country is already below the poverty line. The cancer of unemployment is eating at the heart of the whole country.

Just this problem is evaded by all the political spokesmen who are filling the air with their frenzied speeches. Democrats and Republicans, of all factions, are united in covering up this issue with optimistic reports of increasing production and pessimistic opinions about each other. They cry that prosperity is again just around the corner. They point to profits multiplied by several hundred per cent. But they do not tell you that increased production is mainly of more labor-saving machinery, which is throwing several more workers out of a job for every one that gets temporary work. With increasing production, we have increasing unemployment. Even if we regained the 1929 production level, there would still be nine million workers on the streets. Prosperity, yes! But only for the bankers and great industrialists.

### SCARCITY AMIDST PLENTY

What insanity is this! What incredible crime against humanity! Our country has half the riches and productive capacity of the world. We have factories and enterprises capable of producing enough to fill all needs. We have millions of workers and farmers, able and eager to produce. But our wealth is monopolized by a handful of so-called "best families." And the government refuses to put men to work producing what we need. It says that if it must put men to work, they must produce things we do not need. It scratches its head over the problem of how to maintain millions in poverty and idleness, so that they will not interfere with the growing profits of Wall Street. Meanwhile in the name of a "balanced budget," it spends billions for war and subsidies to Wall Street, cuts relief and refuses Old Age and Unemployment Insurance, and shifts the tax burden off the rich over to the shoulders of the poor, by processing, sales and excise taxes.

We Communists demand that the government shall assume responsibility that every able-bodied worker shall be given a job, at union wage scales. We demand that the farmers shall be guaranteed a market at fair prices for their produce that all the people need. We demand that all people not thus taken care of shall be provided with a Federal system of Old Age, Unemployment and Social Insurance, sufficient to maintain the American standard and paid for out of the profits of the capitalists.

That is why we are called "reds" and are attacked so bitterly. This is why the Hearsts and MacFaddens incite to lynch-law against us. Every agent of Wall Street demands that the Communists be crushed, because the Com-

munist constantly keep this issue of unemployment before the country. When you hear the blood-and-thunder denunciations of the Communists, remember that the same accusations were made against Lincoln when he led the struggle against chattel slavery.

### BREAK THE RULE OF WALL STREET

Let us have no illusions! We cannot begin to solve this problem of unemployment until we begin to break the rule of Wall Street over the country. The House of Morgan is the real ruler today. It ruled under the first Roosevelt, under Taft, under Wilson, under Harding, under Hoover. It has strengthened its rule under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Presidents come and go, but the House of Morgan goes on forever—until the American people are prepared to make a fundamental change in the present system which produced the House of Morgan, and the other monopolists—Rockefeller, duPont, Mellon. Republicans and Democrats alternate in and out of office, but the rule of Morgan grows stronger and more all-embracing. With the growing power of Wall Street grows the misery and starvation of the people.

The New Deal, which aroused such hopes among the people, is in ruins and bankrupted. Now all the most reactionary forces in the country, gathered from both old parties in the Liberty League, with its agents, the Ku Klux Klan Talmadges, the Hearsts, the Coughlins, the Hoovers, try to stampede a desperate and despairing people onto the path already followed by Hitler Germany, fascist Italy, militarist Japan. They have entrenched themselves behind the apparently impregnable stronghold of the Supreme Court, which in brushing out the wreckage of the New Deal has outlawed all future social legislation.

### DEFEAT REACTIONARY BLOC

The Communist Party calls upon the American people to defeat this reactionary bloc as the greatest threat to our liberties and our life-interests. But we are profoundly convinced that it cannot be defeated by the Democratic Party and Roosevelt. They have surrendered all strategic points to reaction. The first steps of a real struggle against Wall Street and its agents requires that we break away from Wall Street's machinery of rule—the old two-party system of alternating between Republicans and Democrats, both parties owned by Wall Street. This is the old game of matching pennies, according to the rules: heads Wall Street wins, tails the people lose. Tweedledum and Tweedledee are still twins, even when one wears the cold mask of Hoover and the other the professional smile of Roosevelt.

Every great crisis in American history has required a new party to solve it. The old parties have always failed at the turning point in history. The people have always found it necessary to create a new party and put it into power.

### BUILD A FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Millions of American workers, farmers, and middle class people are already coming to this conclusion. Mil-

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lions are ready to agree on a simple program that could immediately begin to improve conditions. We Communists propose that in 1936, all of this opinion should get together in every town and city, in every state and on a national scale, to form a Farmer-Labor Party.

Such a Farmer-Labor Party would not require that we all agree on a complete program. It would not yet take up the full program of Socialism, of revolution, for which many are not yet prepared. It would pledge itself to carry out only those few simple measures which millions of people are already agreed upon.

#### WHAT A FARMER-LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD DO

Whenever a capitalist closed down his factory and threw out his workers, such a Farmer-Labor Party when in power, would be pledged to reopen that factory and put the workers back to work at union wages.

Such a Farmer-Labor government would outlaw the yellow-dog contract and company unions; it would help the workers to make our industries and agriculture 100 per cent unionized and here let me say one word about the Committee for Industrial Organization headed by John L. Lewis: While we disagree with his support of Roosevelt, we support fully the fight for industrial unionism.

A Farmer-Labor government would tax the rich to care for the poor; it would enact genuine old-age, unemployment and social insurance legislation that would really give social security to all of those who would not yet be put back to work; legislation along the lines of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill now before Congress, which everyone knows was originated by the Communists.

Such a government would really guarantee the equal rights of the Negroes who now are stirring with revolt against their shameful treatment, even worse than Hitler's treatment of the Jews.

Such a government would provide for the millions of youth at least their minimum needs by enacting the Youth Act worked out by the American Youth Congress.

Such a government would stop the rising tide of reaction in the country.

Such a government would handle the Supreme Court as Lincoln did, and drastically remove its dictatorial usurped powers.

Such a government would make impossible for Morgan-Hearst to drag us into another imperialist war; it would join with all peace forces in the world to restrain the German, Japanese and Italian war makers; it would keep America out of war by helping to keep war out of the world.

All these measures, while not revolutionary, would organize masses of people against Wall Street rule, would place the representatives of the people into office, would relieve the population from its most immediate and desperate difficulties.

#### PROGRAM OF THE COMMUNISTS

The Communist Party, in 1936, puts forward as its main proposal to the American people that they organize themselves in such a Farmer-Labor Party, with such a program. We have complete confidence in the American

people.

We feel certain that life itself will finally bring the great majority to support the full Communist program of the fundamental reconstruction of the country along the lines of the highly successful Soviet Union, on the basis of Socialism.

The Soviet Union has proved this is the right road. While capitalist nations have fallen into crisis, the Socialist system of the Soviet Union has made the greatest gains in production, in living standards and culture ever witnessed in the history of the world. It abolished unemployment and won the broadest democracy because it drove out its Liberty Leagues, Hearsts and Wall Streets. That is why the Soviet Union is today the stronghold of peace.

With a system of Socialism, which the Communists propose, every able-bodied person could immediately be put to work. The wage scale under Socialism from the beginning could range from a minimum of \$1,000 per year up to ten or twelve thousand dollars at present value. To realize this requires an aroused population, organized and determined to sweep all obstacles out of the way, to break the rule of the bankers of Wall Street and to put the masses of the people in possession of their own country.

#### UNITE FOR A FARMER-LABOR PARTY

That, in brief, is the ultimate program of the Communist Party. When we have the support of the majority of the toiling people, we will put that program into effect with the same firmness, the same determination, with which Washington and the founding fathers carried through the revolution that established our country; with the same thoroughness with which Lincoln abolished chattel slavery.

We say most seriously that within two months after a majority gives power to the Communist program we can completely abolish poverty.

Whether you agree with the full Communist program or not, however, we are convinced that millions of you in America are ready for this immediate organization and program which we propose—of a Farmer-Labor Party. Let Mr. Hamilton Fish, when he answers me tomorrow night, answer this proposal for opening the factories, of Old Age and Unemployment Insurance, and give the program of his party—not drag out red herrings. Each listener who wishes more information, write to me at 35 East 12th Street, New York City. I will be glad to put you in touch with people of the same opinions in your locality and give you all the information possible. Read the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker (National organ of the Communist Party. Ed., Western Worker), outstanding fighters for the workers and farmers.

The Communist Party has no interests apart from yours. We propose no actions except those which the American people are prepared to organize and carry out themselves in their own interests. We are convinced that millions of you are ready for such a Farmer-Labor Party in 1936. Let us get together and by our united efforts make it a reality.

## BUILD A FARMER-LABOR PARTY IN CALIFORNIA

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