

**LABOR MOVEMENT TO SUPPORT LA FOLLETTE**

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"It pledges the right to organize and collectively to cease work. "It pledges protection of the right of free speech, free press and free assemblage. "It pledges abolishment of the railroad labor board. It pledges a measure to annul the power of the supreme court to declare laws permanently unconstitutional. "It declares for the direct election of president and vice-president and election of federal judges. "It recommends prompt ratification by the states of the child labor constitutional amendment. "It pledges subsequent federal

legislation to protect child life. "On international issues this platform does not conform to labor's proposals but it does more fully than any other political platform meet labor's views in relation to domestic economic issues. "We can not do other than point out this fact, together with the further and perhaps more important fact that the candidates, La Follette and Wheeler, have throughout their whole political careers stood steadfast in defense of the rights and interests of the wage earners and the farmers. "We cannot fail to observe that both republican and democratic parties through manipulated control are in a condition of moral bankruptcy which constitutes a menace and peril to our country and its institutions. Machine poli-

ticians have brought upon our country moral obliquity and unashamed betrayal. We are judging on the basis of the condition which exists, and this judgment will be reversed only when the conditions upon which it is based are changed. "Service to the people is a noble cause which demands consecration, and the American labor movement demands that there be that consecration in candidates to whom it gives support. "Our course is clear. In pointing to the platform and records of the independent candidates, we do so with the confidence that no other course can be pursued, if we are to remain true to our convictions and our traditions. Those who are hostile to labor and to the people generally and who devoted their energies to the service of reaction and special interests, must be opposed. "We call upon the wage earners and the great masses of the people everywhere who stand for freedom, justice, democracy, and human progress, to rally in this campaign to the end that the representatives of reaction and special interests may be defeated and the faithful friends and servants of the masses elected. "Co-operation hereby urged is not a pledge of identification, with an independent party movement or a third party, nor can it be construed as support for such a party, group or movement except as such action accords with our non-partisan political policy. We do not accept government as the solution of the problems of life. Major problems of life and labor must be dealt with by voluntary groups and organizations, of which trade unions are an essential and integral part. Neither can this co-operation imply our support, acceptance or endorsement of policies or principles advocated by any minority groups or organizations that may see fit to support the candidacies of Senators La Follette and Wheeler. "In the campaign to elect to Congress, regardless of their political group or party affiliations, men deserving of labor's support there must be unity of purpose and method, therefore leadership must lie with the only organization having the right to speak for the entire labor movement. In this the American Federation of Labor yields to none, but will maintain steadfast its leadership, guidance and direction.


"In the selection and election of men to public offices within the several states leadership must lie with our state federations of labor, and in city or county elections this right must rest with central labor bodies. "Organized labor owes allegiance to no political party or group. It is not partisan to any political party or group. It is partisan to principles—the principles of freedom, of justice, of democracy. "It is the duty of trade unions, their friends and sympathizers, and all lovers of freedom, justice and democratic ideals and institutions to unite in defeating those seeking public office who are indifferent or hostile to the people's rights and interests. It is the duty of all to support such candidates for public office who have been fair, just and outspoken in behalf of the welfare of the common people. "We shall analyze the record and attitude of every aspirant to public office and shall give our findings the widest possible publicity. Labor's enemies and friends must be clearly known and be definitely indicated. "In calling upon all affiliated and recognized national and international and brotherhood organizations, state federations of labor, central labor bodies, local unions, labor's friends and sympathizers, to give united, unrestricted, loyal and active support to the non-partisan campaign now set in motion, we emphasize the imperative need of an intensive educational campaign to enable all to act with discrimination and wisdom in this election and to stand faithfully by our friends and elect them and to oppose our enemies and to defeat them."

Alabama is one of the few states that make no attempt to control the hours of working women. Philadelphia boasts of the woman paperhanger. Seventy per cent of the wage earners in China work seven days a week. The typographical union in Allentown, Pa., is 100 per cent organized. Teamsters and chauffeurs in Syracuse, N. Y., have organized. Shoe workers in Allentown, Pa., have a protective union. Most of the lumber camps in British Columbia have entirely closed down. About 50 per cent of the industries in Columbus, Miss., have union agreements. The National Federation of Federal Employes now claim a membership of nearly 25,000. Railroad shops in Elkhart, Ind., are laying off union men and forming company unions. Connecticut's State Federation of Labor Bank will probably be located in Hartford, the banking center of that state. The labor bill of the Class One railroads during the first quarter of this year was about \$50,000,000 under the same period a year ago. The New York Clothing Manufacturers' Exchange and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers have effected a wage agreement. Nearly 100 electric light plants have been installed within the last dozen years in China.

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