

all workers' areas! Your newspapers are banned, your printing presses closed, your leaflets confiscated. But you yourselves are there. No one can prevent you—from mouth to mouth, from floor to floor, from factory department to factory department, outside and inside the unemployment bureau, with all the fire of your hearts, with the heated force of your conviction—from agitating, agitating, agitating for List 3 and from being on the alert and ready for action!

Communists, antifascists, all you men, women, and young people from among the working class! The cause of freedom and socialism has been placed in your strong hands. Onward, proletarians, all at the side of the Communist Party! Onward with the party! With the party to victory!

Vote KPD List 3

Our Unified Front Against Fascism

Meat and lard are listed at even higher and all-time-high prices on the markets. The government issues a vigorous démenti, as if a forced cut in high wages were planned. The unemployment statistics show an increase of 33,000 in 14 days. In Gronau's largest clothing manufacturing factory in Germany, a capitalist throws 1,000 workers onto the street, without having to be prepared to go to jail. Wage-cut arbitrations are awarded. The exemption from judicial execution does not apply to evicted worker tenants. Hitler declared in an interview that he would punctually meet all private debt obligations to creditors in capitalist foreign countries. The number of workers killed and wounded by fascist formations and of victims of emergency regulations has already reached the hundreds. At the feudal Berlin Auto Show the head of government of the "new Germany" promises the automobile owners considerable tax allowances. The National Socialist "Four-Year Plan for the Rescue of the German Workers and Farmers" has begun...

The gentlemen of the "new Germany" have borrowed the term "four-year plan" from the Soviet terminology they otherwise so despise. But that does not mean the words refer to a higher development of society, to borrow a phrase from Mr. Goebbels's propaganda chest. The prerequisite for a planned economy and the further development of society according to a unified, societal will of millions of people is the overthrow and expropriation without compensation of the Junkers and the banking and industrial lords, and the transfer of capitalist property into the hands of the working people.

Such a socialist Germany without capitalists, without the cabinet of Hitlers, Hugenbergs, and Papens, however, needs no four-year perspective to carry out urgent social immediate measures without delay. The lowering of working hours with wage compensation and the recruitment of a hundred thousand workers and employees for the production process could be immediately implemented. The lowering of giant salaries and in their place the improvement of wages and welfare support could be immediately implemented. The transfer of land from the gentry to the farmers could be immediately implemented, as could the declaration of the Versailles reparation payments and private debt payments be pronounced null and void, and many other measures. This has nothing to do with the 14-year Weimar rule, with the falsely named "Marxism" demagogically propagated by fascism. This would be the true and unadulterated Marxism, which only the Communist Party has emblazoned upon its banner. This is why the KPD organizes the proletarian unified front in the antifascist red freedom army! And this is why they intend to destroy the KPD!

Fascism is the mortal enemy of communism. For fascism is decaying capitalism's form of rule that subverts socialist transformation within existing capitalist barbarism. The condition for its further existence is to destroy the revolutionary workers' organizations, behead the fighting proletariat, and rob it of its leaders. Just as Noske quelled the Spartakus movement in 1918/19 to ensure breathing space for capitalism, so the organizing force of the proletarian freedom struggle is to be crushed today, at another nadir of the capitalist postwar crisis. In 1919 the SPD minister Heine issued permission to shoot at the Spartacus movement. Today, it is Göring who orders the state's ruthless handling of the Communists. In 1919 Noske's soldiers struck at the editorial offices of the *Rote Fahne* (Red Flag), and killed Karl and Rosa. Today, Göring has had the headquarters of the KPD Central Committee, the Karl Liebknecht House, occupied by the police and closed down. Back then the revolutionary yellow press wrote that Spartakus meant starvation and infanticide. Today, swastika posters on the advertising columns speak a language no less bloodthirsty. The heads of the ruling class have changed; its only enemy, communism, has remained the same. No hair on a capitalist's head has been harmed, no bank expropriated, no stock-market newspaper banned. But in all of Prussia, no KPD newspaper is published anymore, freedom to demonstrate has been completely suspended for the revolutionary workers, the KPD's election material is being confiscated by the crate, workers are being arrested in the hundreds, antifascists are being killed in the dozens by the Nazi hordes, even a poorhouse has been raided in Großbeeren.

The current regime is the highest concentration of fascist forces to date. It consists of the strongest party of the bourgeoisie, the NSDAP, along with the state authority, the Stahlhelm, and the most aggressive capitalist party, the Hugenberg Party. It is the expression of both the most extreme intensification of the fascist offensive methods against the proletariat, and the weakness, the constant fear of the revolutionary upsurge of the masses, the bourgeoisie's realization that any solution to the crisis appears impossible for the foreseeable future. Fascism is capable neither of solving the general crisis, of breaking through the knots and contradictions of the Versailles system, nor of meeting even the most elementary and burning needs of the working masses. But even though the class antagonisms are further developing at a rapid pace, the rifts in the bourgeoisie's own ranks over the ruling of the state apparatus, the struggle for the allocation of the decreased profit, are growing by the hour (see, for example, the antagonisms between industrial and agricultural capital, between autarchy and export interests, between the Junker regiment and the South German fronts)—any claim that fascism will bring about its own ruin is nevertheless an insolent deception of the working masses. On the contrary: the more fragile the capitalist system becomes, the greater, faster, and more surprising the domestic and foreign policy conflicts; the slimmer the parliamentary basis for fascism, the more stubbornly, angrily, and violently it will attempt to assert itself. The central newspaper of the Stahlhelm organization and numerous Nazi speakers have left no room for doubt that they intend to rule after March 5, even if they cannot combine 51 percent of the votes between them. Even though the march on Berlin by the fascist organizations on the election night of March 5, announced in the foreign press, and a ban on the KPD before the elections are officially denied, we call to mind Severing's "denial" of rumors of a ban of the RFB, only to outlaw the defense organization of the German proletariat all the more surprisingly 24 hours later. The rapid ruthless ejection of all so-called "republicans" from state functions, their replacement by Nazis with stamped membership books, was not done for no reason.

The policies of the SPD, ADGB, and Reichsbanner must be evaluated in the light of this decisive development for the German proletariat and the entire European workers' movement. While the Reichsbanner's Höltermann openly declared in the Lustgarten that the bourgeois members of the Reichsbanner (not the Catholic workers but Brüning and consorts) "are more preferable than ten Muscovites," while Leipart spouted a nationalist address to Hindenburg that exceeded even the social chauvinism of August 7, 1914, while only two days ago the labor union leaders consulted with the Hitler government's labor creation commissioner, Gereke, about the organization of the labor service as preparation for a militia, the SPD leaders are taking care of "left-wing" cover-up maneuvers to carry out this toleration policy. They have solemnly announced the "necessity of the unified front" and make it dependent on a non-aggression pact by the KPD with respect to the SPD. We are expected to form a "unified front" on the basis of their wait-and-see policy, so that fascism has time to establish itself. We are expected to go as far as adopting the deceptive theory of fascism "ruining itself" and prevent all practical measures by the working class. We are expected to conclude a "non-aggression pact," according to which the workers should hold still until March 5, as "the decisive battle shall begin" on handing in their ballots. Such a "unified front," a "non-aggression pact" toward such toleration policy merely in other, new forms, means taking the same path as Italy, where fascism established its power via the destruction of workers' organizations and demolished labor union houses thanks to the Italian Social Democrats' wait-and-see policy.

We Communists prove through our actions that the lives of the SPD workers are just as dear to us as our own. We have declared our willingness, several times and without conditions, to form a unified front with every worker and every organization which is prepared to take action against fascism and social reaction. We declare once again at this hour of need: Yes, indeed, the hour commands the unity of the German working class! Yes, indeed, ideological and programmatic differences must not prevent joint action by the workers. But this common struggle—and this is decisive at this moment—can, may, and must be fought on the basis of action.

Despite all sacrifices, the German working class's fighting strength is unbroken, but this strength will only be asserted, can only lead to victory, if the SPD workers, the labor unionists and Reichsbanner comrades, the unaffiliated and Christian proletarians do not take the path of the SPD leaders, the path of waiting, of slow, bloody suicide.

Only one short week away from March 5, we once again say to the workers in all urgency, with no promise, with no illusion, that the ballot will bring no decision and that extreme alertness is the order of the day. But with the same weight of our Bolshevik openness, our ruthless fight against illusions and deception, we declare that a vote for the Communist Party, regardless of whether they intend to ban it or not, is nevertheless of greatest significance for the further development of the proletarian class forces against fascism. For the number of votes that the red unity party gains demonstrates the will to fight of the best, the most progressive of the German proletariat. For the red military parade for the KPD is the vow of millions to tear the unified front of the workers out of the cycle of demagogical phrases and put it into practice. Those anti-fascists who succumb on Sunday to the fatalist attitude that there is no point to elections "anyway" are helping fascism.

Under the class enemy's fire, in the face of looming attempts by the fascist reaction to catch us off guard, of smoldering fires of war on the borderlines of all of Europe and of Japan's now factual imperialist war of conquest in the Far East, in our unshakable will for socialism, we German Communists and antifascists know that we are one with Comrade Stalin, the leader of the Communist world party: For Bolsheviks, there is no fortress they would not vanquish!

Attention! Extremely important!

**You are missing from the electoral register!
Every third voter is missing in Neukölln!
Today is the last day you can check!**

Today is the last day on which those eligible to vote can check, from 10 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, whether their names are listed in the electoral registers. We urgently appeal to all Berlin workers to make use of this last chance today under all circumstances.

Strange things are happening. In the Neukölln borough electoral office it has been established that the name of every third voter in over 40 wards of Neukölln has been left off the register. The fault is allegedly due to a mechanical error.

Whatever the case, there are grounds to suspect that similar incidents have occurred in other boroughs. Therefore, no worker and particularly no young worker should today neglect the opportunity to check his name on the register if he wishes to prevent an unpleasant surprise next Sunday. The posters on public pillars indicate at which locations the electoral lists are available today for the last time.

Go there straightaway, comrade! It is very important! Every communist vote is especially significant this time.

Karl Liebknecht House Occupied by Police and Closed

Workers of Germany, raise your voices against the fascist attack on the KPD Central Committee!

As part of their persecution campaign against the only freedom party of the working people, the government has now carried out a move that will unleash the mass protest of workers in Berlin and in the entire Reich. As so often before under Zörgiebel and Grzesinski, on Thursday afternoon swarms of police officers from the criminal and general sections broke into the Karl Liebknecht House on the command of Nazi Police President von Levetzow. They occupied the building from the basement to the attic, the rooms of the party central committee and local leadership, the entire premises of the City printing press, the editorial office of the *Rote Fahne*, and the workers' bookstore. The entire staff of the building was removed, during which five arrests were made. All material on the premises, including all legal election leaflets and posters in the printing press and awaiting delivery, was confiscated.

At the very beginning of the operation, the commanding officer declared that this time a final end was being put to the Karl Liebknecht House. At noon on Friday the police headquarters officially informed the public that it had ordered the building's immediate closure.

This ordinance was accompanied by a rather long justification, which states that after the parties of the national government had taken over governance, the Communists allegedly began to have a demoralizing (!) effect on the population through their newspapers and leaflets. Since the beginning of the election campaign Berlin had allegedly been "veritably flooded with a wave of treasonous leaflets." The statement claims that the Communists had in part produced the flyers in basements and attic apartments and usually distributed them without any statutory referral to the responsible party, making it considerably difficult to apprehend their producers. A large amount of material of treasonous content and flyers containing calls to strikes and acts of violence was allegedly found in the City printing press. This was the official reason given for closing the building.

We ask openly:

What is this allegedly "treasonous" material the police claim to have found in the Karl Liebknecht House?

Is it the typesetting machines and the rotary printing equipment that are thereby being shut down to prevent communist election agitation, thus throwing numerous workers out onto the street with no means to earn a living?

Is it the manuscripts of the *Rote Fahne*, which the police refused to release despite the expiry of the ban and which included the original print of an elegant luxury automobile, which the Nazi minister Göring was the first to purchase at the automobile exhibit for several thousand marks?

Is it the posters for List 3, which were torn out of all the windows of our party headquarters immediately after the occupation? Do they really believe that there is the slightest doubt among the workers about the methods and their purpose, of unceremoniously branding all communist election material as "treasonous" and confiscating it?

The workers have eyes to see and ears to hear. They see that the magnificent villas and bank palaces of the rich go untouched, while the property purchased with their pennies is occupied and "nationalized." They hear the cheers of jubilation over it from the camp of "high society" and the stock-market kings. And millions of workers' fists are clenched for the vow: You will not force us!

Protest everywhere! Resolve everywhere to stand by the only freedom party of the working people in inviolable loyalty, now even more than ever! Now even more than ever, making sure that everywhere, despite even the worst persecution measures, the avowal of millions of workers to the KPD and for List 3 on March 5 will be an overwhelming one.

Disgraceful!

The *Vorwärts* has surpassed even Berlin's bourgeois press by reporting not one word on the closure of the Karl Liebknecht House either yesterday morning or in the evening edition.

To our readers!

The occupation and closure of the Karl Liebknecht House directly before the expiry of the ban on the *Rote Fahne* has made normal printing of our party newspaper in the City printing press impossible. The editorial work has been hindered by the confiscation of perfectly legal manuscripts. However, we are convinced that the reactionaries will achieve the opposite of their intentions with these measures. Now more than ever, red Berlin and the revolutionary workers of all of Germany will stand by inviolably and be willing to make sacrifices for the sake of their party newspaper, the *Rote Fahne*.

Editorial Board and Publishers.

Workers of Berlin! Hang out your red flags!