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To the Working Men and Women of Dundee

COMRADES and FELLOW WORKERS,

ON November 15th you will be called upon to make a decision that will have far-reaching consequences for you and to the future of our class.

In this election you must choose between a representative of capitalism and a representative of the workers.

Capitalism gave you the war, gave you its horror, its bloodshed, atrocities. However much the Imperialists may haggle over whose was the blame, over who made the war, never forget that Capitalist governments were in power in every country involved. On each and all of them responsibility lies.

Capitalism Will Give You More War

Even now nations are preparing! Surely you have had enough! Surely the time has come to end it! Unemployment, low wages, semi-starvation, these are the rewards served out to thousands of the Dundee workers by the system you have so long tolerated. A determined effort is being made to find a government that will stabilise industry, something the Lloyd George Government signally failed to do. But the very process of stabilising simply means that the industrial defeats inflicted on the workers during the past two years will be supplemented by political suppression and neglect. **STABILISATION CAN ONLY BE SECURED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WORKERS.**

Parliament is only one of the many institutions that will be used to effect this end. It is a sham and I do not believe the vital questions affecting the lives of the working class can be finally solved there. But a working class representative can expose and reveal all the deception and trickery behind which the power of the capitalist class is maintained.

Full Maintenance for the Unemployed

I have fought with you industrially. I have taken my part with you in the struggle for Maintenance for the Unemployed, and if it is your will that I should carry on the struggle in Parliament, I will give my whole strength to the task.

IF I GO I WILL GO TO FIGHT TO DO WHAT IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO HELP TO BREAK THE POWER OF CAPITALISM BY FORCING ALL CLASS ISSUES TO THE FRONT RIGHT IN THEIR OWN INSTITUTIONS, THUS PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE TO POWER OF THE WORKING CLASS.

For this purpose I shall uncompromisingly forward all the immediate needs of the workers.

Useful work at full trade union rates or full maintenance I have advocated since the unemployed crisis first evidenced itself. I still go forward with that as one of the most pressing issues.

Wages and Working Hours

Continued attacks are being made on wages and working hours. The standard of living is being forced lower and lower. In every such attack the employers have been able to rely upon the state forces being brought in on their behalf. I shall resist every attempt of the capitalists to use the resources of the state, directly or indirectly, to support the attack upon the conditions of the workers.

Defence of Workers Organisations

The Capitalists are trying by all the means in their power to destroy trade union organisation and to prevent the political combination of the working class. I shall resist every attack upon any organisation of the workers and oppose any voting of public money for such institutions as the Army, the Navy, and the Police which are used to suppress the workers.

Ex-Service Men and Dependents

The treatment given to those who served capitalism during the war scarcely bears mention. Broken men, orphan children, and widowed women have time and again been treated with callous indifference. I will strongly support thoroughly adequate pensions for all.

War on Militarism

I am strongly in favour of scrapping the Treaty of Versailles as I consider it has brought only ruin and suffering to the workers of Europe. I stand for the annulment of war debts and indemnities alike, the vain pursuit of which has only served to still more fasten the yoke of slavery on the workers of the world. In the war that now threatens us I shall vote against all war credits.

Recognition of Soviet Russia

If the ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS spent by Churchill and his colleagues in hiring cut-throat adventurers, such as Koltchak and Denikin, to attack the Russian Government, had been spent in fostering trade relations, the Famine in Russia and the Unemployment in this country could have been avoided, and the workers of both countries saved from unspeakable suffering.

Recognition of Soviet Russia means an opportunity for the workers there and work for the unemployed here.

The present situation in Ireland is one that has troubled many of those who have been loyal supporters of the Irish cause. It

is a compromise on the part of the Free-Staters that cannot be considered as a lasting solution of the long drawn out Irish struggle.

Sooner or later the workers' republic must come into its own.

The workers and peasants of Ireland have paid too big a price to be fooled with the shadow of a Free State Parliament. The Land and the Industries to the peasants and workers of Ireland is the issue to-day. This would be easy of achievement if British Imperialism did not hold it back with a threat of a military conquest.

If returned I will support the Irish Republicans and do everything possible to break the power of their imperialist enemies.

Ireland, India, Egypt, and the Peoples of the East

India, Egypt, and the peoples of the East suffering under the oppression of British Imperialism will receive my support in any effort they may put forward for independence.

In general, I will support the Labour Party in whatever it may do to serve the interest of the workers, but clearly recognising the timidity of the existing policy of the Labour Party, I will strive always to strengthen and encourage the forward section of the Party in the hope that it may openly declare its enmity to Capitalism and take up the fight for working class emancipation in real earnest.

In conclusion, let me say that I come before you as a worker with no desire but to serve the class to which I belong.

I COME BEFORE YOU AS A COMMUNIST AND AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. UNDER THE BANNER OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL ARE GATHERING THE MILITANT FORCES OF THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD. ONLY THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY OF THE WORKING CLASS CAN THE POWER OF THE CAPITALIST IMPERIALIST BE BROKEN FOR EVER.

If you return me to Parliament I will go there to fight without ceasing the enemy that has held us in bondage for so many generations. I place myself in your hands. I have nothing but an intense hatred for Capitalism and have therefore neither respect nor loyalty for the Monarchy and the Constitution which serve as its tools.

My unswerving loyalty I reserve for my own class in whose cause I pledge myself to work and strive until the day when all our enemies overthrown, we will enter into our heritage and the land and industries of this country become the property of all.