

# The Reds Say--

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There can't be a hell of a lot of difference between a republican and democratic politician. They are all shaped up to be the bosses' man. And you sure can tell a bosses' man from a workers man, when these white primaries come around.

The A. F. of L. officials are as slick politicians as any. They are "impartial" when it comes to elections, but just look what they did during the white primaries.

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Governor Horton of Tennessee who sent the troops against the Elizabethton strikers, and Gwinn, who would have done the same thing if he had a chance, were running against each other in the Democratic primaries. The Tennessee A. F. of L. couldn't decide which one to boost. They were both good bosses' men, so the A. F. of L. had nothing to fear on that score.

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Jake Cohen, editor of the Memphis Labor Review, was all for Horton, Memphis is a Horton machine stronghold, so, Jake figured, he might as well put his fingers in the pie. The official non-partisan campaign committee of the A. F. of L., talking through the Labor World at Chattanooga and a mass meeting in this anti-Horton town, was all for Gwinn. Horton or Gwinn, which of this pair of robbers should an A. F. of L. man choose to shoot him down in a strike? The A. F. of L. officials were well taken care of, no matter which way the wind blew.

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The primaries, of course, are a white man's privilege—"meant only for the white men living in a white man's country," a Gwinn says. "For whites only," agrees the A. F. of L. and proceeds to elect a white boss man. That's the way with the A. F. of L.—jim-crow locals, lily-white elections for strike-breakers, and then sell-outs.

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The labor fakers in Chattanooga also backed a practiced Republican scab for sheriff of Hamilton county. They wanted to make sure that he'd be able to break strikes. Their man was Victor Williams who scabbed during the strike of the street car workers of the Chattanooga Railway and Light Company back in 1911. He was rewarded by the company and made an inspector. For further services rendered both to the bosses and the A. F. of L. he was to be rewarded and made a sheriff.

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The Alabama State Federation of Labor isn't backward. Now that they got the experienced direction of Paul Smith, chairman of the Southern campaign of the A. F. of L., they are sure to butter their bread on the right side. They, too, are "impartial" but they are for a real boss man for senator. Why take a bosses' candidate when you can get the boss himself to run? So they are all for John H. Bankhead, who owns a few mines himself in Alabama, and has got the United Mine workers to keep his men from striking. Fair exchange—a Senator for a sell-out.

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Exposing this den of thieves, the Communist Party is putting some real workers' men up for election. We don't expect them to get elected. But we do expect our election campaign to show that the workers are ready to join a real fighting man's party and kick the labor fakers in the pants.