

Vote Clears Way for Quick Victory: Browder

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In the early hours of Nov. 8, a menacing cloud that had been hovering over the democratic world cleared away. The threat of a break in the unity of the United Nations, the USA, was decisively thrown back. The policies of President Roosevelt were confirmed by the masses of the American people and his leadership was established for the next four decisive years. The most arrogant, shameless, and dangerous bid for power in our country by a group of irresponsible men who placed private above national interest, was broken against the solid unity of the mass of patriotic Americans.

President Roosevelt's overwhelming electoral victory was the result of a great upsurge of the people, of labor, business men, artists, professionals, Negro people and middle classes rising above party lines. It brings joy not only to the United States but to our Allies all over the world.

While the rest of the democratic world maintained silence during America's election campaign we all knew it was oppressed by a nightmare of fear at the threat of success for the reactionary bid for power. The whole United Nations is stronger and happier today.

UNSOLVED PROBLEMS

Americans will not allow their joy at the decisive over-all result of the election to cause them to overlook the unsolved problems. It will not cause them to ignore the threat against the future contained in the size of the Dewey vote.

Within that vote are millions of individuals who on the whole agree with Roosevelt's main policies, yet who were victimized by the Dewey demagoguery. The nation cannot rest



content until the conditions which made that possible are removed. The decisive defeat of outstanding Congressional reactionaries, such as Day of Illinois, Nye of North Dakota, Fish of New York, Danaher of Connecticut, Maas of Minnesota, registered the bankruptcy of old-fashioned isolationism in America.

But the new Dewey type of double-talking unprincipled reaction has demonstrated a dangerous demagogic power of gathering the most varied discontents into an electoral striking force. That danger was not ended with Roosevelt's electoral triumph.

The Dewey forces made anti-Communism, and the anti-Semitism that always accompanies it, their dominant issue. This was most vulgarly expressed in their slogan, "A Vote for Roosevelt Is a Vote for Browder." This was the biggest lie in American political history. Fortunately for America and the world, this Hitlerite tactic did not succeed. But among the uninformed, the red-scare was effective in terms of votes, because the American people were least armed to meet it, and because it was only half-answered for the main body of voters.

DUBINSKY'S ROLE

President Roosevelt himself handled the issue on a high level, and smashed the legend of any Communist tendency in the policies of his administration; but his own party made it impossible for this issue to be met head-on and settled in this campaign on the basis of reality, which is that Communists also have a legitimate place in the national unity on their merits in facing the nation's problems of the day, in America just as in China, in France, in Italy, in Yugoslavia and other countries. And much of the failure to fully solve this problem of national unity, as well as much of the damage of the red-scare, must be found in the fact that the climax of Dewey's campaign was exactly his quotations from David Dubinsky in his Boston speech.

Dubinsky must bear the responsibility for a large number of Dewey votes, and he still retains a mischievous power for future elections.

The Communists played their role in the election campaign as a sector of the national unity coalition. They did everything in their power to remove the issue of Communism from the election, knowing this was the chosen issue of the nation's enemies from Hitler down. They dissolved their own party as a signal of their long-term allegiance to the democratic front. They gave everything they had, and ask for themselves nothing but the common rights of all Americans. They have no illusions about any advance of Communism in America, and reject after the elections with the same vehemence as before, the stupid and lying slogan that Roosevelt's victory is a victory for Communism in this country.

IMPORTANT SECTOR

The Communists remain as before, a small if important sector of the great patriotic coalition, a coalition which sets its own goals and makes its own policies, and shares in the victory of that coalition only as they share the great democratic aspirations and goals of the vast majority of the American people.

The non-partisan electoral triumph of President Roosevelt and his policies clears the way for a quick victory in the war, for consolidation of the United Nations, and for a lasting and prosperous peace for our country and for the world.

Let all patriotic Americans consolidate the unity of our nation around that victory, go to work with renewed courage and energy to win the great future that lies before us, and make sure that never again will that future be placed in jeopardy as it was in the election campaign just ended.