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Sure Thing In Mayor's Race Is Mrs. Jenness Won't Win

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One thing can be said with certainty about the outcome of the mayor's race—Mrs. Linda Jenness, the Socialist Workers Party candidate, won't win.



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She's virtually unknown, has little money, has a platform unacceptably to the majority of voters and is a woman. But that hasn't deterred her campaigning.

Mrs. Jenness won't attract as much attention as other can-

didates, but she has something to say and here it is:

For example, she explained recently how her socialist campaign differs from that of a capitalist politician, who, she said is either satisfied with the status quo or believes reforms

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can be made within the framework of the existing capitalist system.

"Since the primary goal of the capitalist politician is to get elected, he will make whatever unholy alliances are necessary to achieve this aim. How many Democratic presidents have been elected on the basis of a

voting bloc between the labor bureaucracy, moderate black leaders and the Dixiecrats? Capitalist politicians often attempt to woo the vote of the black community and the labor movement with sugary promises and when elected throw the promises in the waste basket," she said.

Socialist candidates, however, don't believe the major problems of the nation can be solved "by piling reforms one on top of the other within the walls of the capitalist system," she said. Mrs. Jenness added that the United States' foreign policy attempts to preserve capitalism throughout the world and intervene against "the rising revolution of oppressed people. . . ."

RACIST PLAGUE

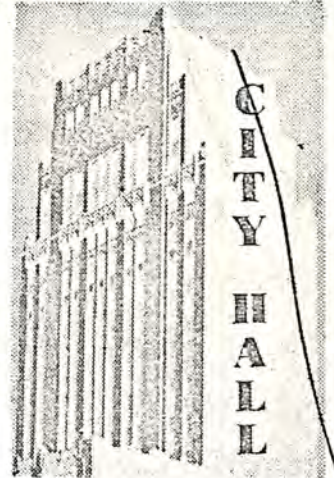
At home, the "racist plague . . . cannot be wiped out without uprooting the existing economic and political order. . . . The privileged minority of capitalists that run this country cannot permit the black community to control its own affairs because it would end the profitable fruits of racism," she said.

Mrs. Jenness demands abolishment of sales and gasoline taxes, no taxes on income less than \$7,500 and 100 per cent on incomes more than \$25,000, raising corporate taxes and 100 per cent tax on war profits.

"Politicians like (Everett) Millican, (Sam) Massell and (Rodney) Cook may argue that this would be a good demand but it is impossible. It is only 'impossible' if you are a capitalist politician attempting to defend the capitalist system," she said.

The Atlanta Water Department set an all time record June 27 when the system pumped 129.6 million gallons.

Tenants United for Fairness (TUFF) have asked six organizations invited by the Atlanta Housing Authority to select representatives to the public housing advisory committee to



The six are the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Housing Resources Committee, Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Atlanta Urban League, Atlanta Christian Council and the Community Council of the Atlanta Area.

Reliable sources say Dr. Horace Tate is having trouble raising money for his campaign for mayor. Other political observers say that while Tate is far from being highly popular in the black community, he may get a lot of votes just because he is the first black candidate for the top elected spot in the city.

Add Dr. John Middleton, president of Morris Brown College, as a strong possibility for the new 9th Ward seat on the Atlanta Board of Aldermen.

Jerry Luxemburger, a leader of Good Government Atlanta, told the Community Relations Commission recently, that his group had not been as successful as it had hoped in getting school board candidates.

Luxemburger predicted that Ed S. Cook of the First Ward and Robinson W. Schilling of the 6th Ward will retire after this term.

Luxemburger had high words of praise for the school board's newest member, William T. Beebe of the 8th Ward.

John Boone is leaving the Southern Regional Council to take a job with the U.S. Department of Justice.