

# **A STRAIGHT TALK**

**on**

**Municipal**

**Affairs**

**by**



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Dear Fellow-Citizen,

The City Council concerns you. Health services, Housing schemes, food marketing, parks, nurseries and playgrounds and many other important services are the job of the Municipality.

And a very good job they have made of it.

### SOME FACTS

#### SLUMS.

Over-crowding, grossly insanitary conditions and lack of amenities prevail in both European and Non-European areas in Johannesburg.

Less than 500 houses for Europeans have been built by the Council since 1924.

Some of the worst Non-European slums — for example Pimville — are actually owned by the Municipality.

#### HEALTH.

**You cannot segregate disease!** Shocking conditions in Newclare, Pimville, Sophiatown, menace the health of all who live in Johannesburg.

There is only one Doctor serving the 60,000 residents of Orlando Township.

There are no Municipal ante-natal clinics in the whole of Johannesburg!

It is a shocking fact that our Council has provided no facilities whatsoever for the treatment and isolation of infectious diseases amongst Non-Europeans.

Johannesburg, the "golden city" out of which huge fortunes are made, is in fact a city of squalor and slums. Measured by the only standard that counts — the welfare of its citizens — the record of our capitalist City Council condemns it in the eyes of every progressive and democratic individual.

### MY POLICY

I stand for

1. Full support by the Council of the country's war effort; and provision NOW of decent homes for our soldiers to return to.
2. Adequate health facilities for all. Free clinics in all areas; day nurseries under the care of trained child-experts; public

sanitary living conditions for health education; and clean sanitary living conditions for all sections of the population.

3. The people's Food. By taking over milk supply the Council must provide clean, hygienic, cheap milk to the people and establish model dairy farms. The housewife must be preser-

ved from the greed of the food profiteer; Municipal markets must be opened in the suburbs where market produce is re-tailed to the consumer at wholesale prices.

4. **Homes for the people.** A great Municipal plan for the building of comfortable houses must be started now—and rent

should not exceed 10% of any tenant's income. Sweep away the City's evil slums!

5. **More open spaces.** Bring the countryside into the city. — Johannesburg must be rich in green parks, groves and gardens, and playgrounds for our children.

### MY PARTY

This is my policy. It is the policy of the Communist Party of South Africa. It is the policy which represents the needs and interests of all the citizens of Johannesburg — excepting the privileged few who bar the road to progress.

We all want a future of security, expanding democracy and freedom from want and fear. Only

in the Soviet Union under the leadership of the Communist Party of that great country, have the people really attained these human ideals. Guided by the same lofty principles, the Communist Party can build a healthy, happy Johannesburg, on the path to a future of Socialism and true democracy in South Africa.

### A WORD ABOUT MYSELF

I have taken an active part in the Labour Movement, both here and in England, for the past ten years.

Years before the war, when but few recognised the menace of Fascism or had the courage to combat it, I campaigned with all my power for the cause of Chinese and Spanish democracy against the Axis. I strove for friendship with Socialist Russia against those who heaped slanders and abuse upon her.

I have spoken at public meetings throughout the Union and

Rhodesia for Medical Aid for Russia, and I am the editor of "Soviet Life," a magazine devoted to the building of South African - Soviet friendship.

As a staunch trade unionist, and a former member of the executive of the National Union of Distributive Workers, I am familiar with the problems, and devoted to the cause of the workers, especially of working women. I am a founder and member of the Johannesburg People's Food Council, which aims at securing cheap nutritious food for all.

My record is your guarantee that as your representative in the City Council, I will work tirelessly

to protect and further the interests of the people.

### CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

The children of today are the citizens of tomorrow. We want them to grow up in a healthy, happy environment. We want them to grow up in a world free from the evils of poverty, unemployment, war and disease, with which capitalism has disfigured our lives.

You can help to build a free and happy Johannesburg in a free South Africa. You can begin now to ensure that the citizens of tomorrow live in a better world than we do. Safeguard your children's future! Cast your vote for progress and security on February 23rd!

Very sincerely yours,

HILDA WATTS.

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# SAFEGUARD

# YOUR CHILDRENS'

# FUTURE !

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## Vote

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