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I would lead in the primary, Bradford (candidate of the labour leaders) second, and Mayor Gill third, with the "great young man" last. And so it happened. Under our non-partisan election law the top two are nominated and then two weeks afterward the election takes place.

In the primary I received nearly one half of all the votes, although there were seven candidates. In the finals Mr. Bradford and his supporters endeavoured to offset the charge that the I. W. W.'s were backing him by claiming that his ancestors came over in the *Mayflower*. The *Mayflower* certainly must have had gutta-percha sides. His "ancestral father" claim did him little good, for I had a logger friend of mine poll the I.W.W. hall and the result was Bradford 180, Hanson none. This result was published and when the votes were counted on election day, Bradford was overwhelmingly defeated, and to the labour leaders' chagrin and surprise I carried dozens of precincts where no one but union workers lived! Union labour people are the same as you and I. They are for right just as you and I, and when the facts are before the rank and file no fairer jury could be desired.

On the same day I was elected mayor, Anna Louise Strong, who had been educated in Germany and was a member of the School Board, was recalled from that honourable position because of her antagonism to our Government, and she was recalled by almost exactly the same number of votes that elected me mayor. The same forces that supported me voted for her recall. The line was plainly drawn and most of the people took their stand on our side. The entire campaign