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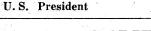
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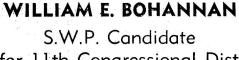


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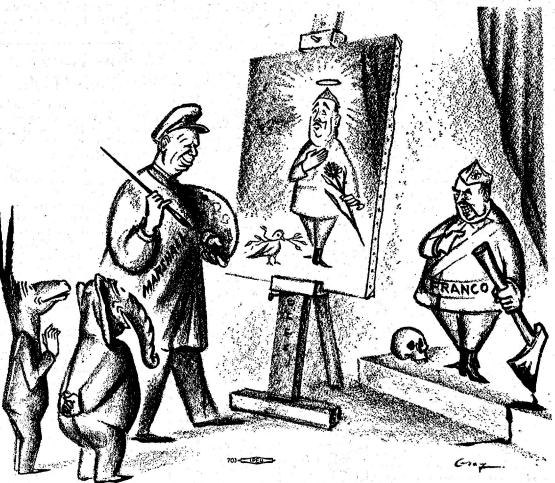
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"A Remarkable Likeness!"



Kutcher, Legless Vet, Suspended Without Pay

James Kutcher, Newark war veteran who lost both legs in action in Italy, received formal notification on October 12 that "effective upon receipt of this notice" he was suspended without pay from his \$42-a-week clerical job with the Veterans Ad-

inistration for "disloyalty" because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

the Branch Loyalty Board of the VA in Philadelphia has ruled that he be fired permanently on Oct. 25, if the decision is not reversed by a higher body after final appeal to the Administrator.

This is the answer that Kutcher cceived after his personal meetng with Attorney General Tom lark in Washington on Sept. 30. Clark then told Kutcher that he would "study the record" of the

Kutcher had demanded that Clark grant an open hearing to the Socialist Workers Party on the charge that it is "subversive," that being the sole ground for the persecution of the war-maimed veteran. The SWP was put on Clark's "subversive" list without so much as a notice, and subsequently denied the right of a hearing to defend itself.

At a press conference in Newark on Oct. 13 arranged by the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, the victimized veteran told the in this election from coast to reporters: "Five years ago I be- coast. They occupy top place on came a casualty of World War the revolutionary scroll of honor II. Today I am a casualty in the in America. These candidates are battle for civil rights and freedom not place-seekers or opportunists of speech. Two years ago, when I learned how to use my artificial limbs, the government gave me a job. Now it has taken that job away - not for any fault in the way I did my work, but solely because of my political views.

"Meanwhile, I naturally intend to appeal the decision of the Philadelphia Loyalty Board, which refused to consider the real issues in my case — is the Socialist Workers Party actually subversive; and is it constitutional to blacklist a legal party without giving it a hearing?"

If necessary, Kutcher said, he courts and fight it up to the Supreme Court.

THANKS SUPPORTERS

He took the occasion to thank come to my support even though they don't share my socialist much.

Participating in the press con-George Novack, National Secre-

He was further notified that Committee; Peter Flynn, Secretary-Treasurer of the New Jersey CIO Council and chairman of Committee; and Arthur Burch, one of Kutcher's attorneys.

The Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, 19 W. 10th St., New York



By George Clarke SWP Campaign Manager

You see elsewhere on this page the pictures of the Socialist Workers Party standard bearers but working class fighters every last one of them.

Their candidacy is a challenge - the only real challenge - in the midst of a hurricane of reaction to the profitmad rulers of our country. Where others have retreated to the storm-cellars, the SWP candidates are out in front fighting for a new day for American labor. The best way to honor their fight and join their struggle is to vote SWP.

The SWP is on the presidential ballot in eleven states, and has ocal candidates on the ballot in two other states. Despite the will take his case to the civil seemingly small number, this is a great achievement for a first try. Its full significance is estimated in the editorial column.

Your campaign manager wants to doff his hat once again in the many organizations, perio- tribute to the gallant comrades dicals and individuals who have who put the party on the ballot - to the few who have done so

> A roar of approval for our with Kutcher were Presidential candidate from the (Continued on page 2)

SWP Candidates Hit Latest War **Conspiracy Moves**

Bv FARRELL DOBBS and GRACE CARLSON SWP Presidential and-

Vice-Presidential Candidates

The capitalist rulers of America are broadening their drive to strengthen and bolster up the forces of fascism and world re-

First came the brazen reduction of the sentence of Ilse Koch, the "Beast" of Buchenwald," together with the commutation of the sentences of other. leading Nazis.

Now on the very heels of this scandal, comes the move to include Franco in the 'democratic' camp.

Everyone knows that Franco conspired against the legally constituted government of Spain in 1936 and with the armed aid of Hitler and Mussolini, overthrew the Spanish government by force and violence in one of the bloodiest civil peal for support of Kutcher on Oct. 6. It was signed by Harold modern times.

Everyone knows that Our Lives;" Bill Mauldin, author this newest hero of the the state Kutcher Civil Rights of "Up Front" and "Back Home;" Democratic and Republican bi-partisan coalition, N.J. CIO Council; Merle Miller, former editor of "Yank," novelist is not only a Spanish fascist. He served the Nazi The AVC Bulletin, national cause faithfully during cublication of the American Vet- World War II and sent his ssue carries a report on the Blue Division to fight side Kutcher case and publishes the by side with the Nazi ar-Planning Committee calling for mies against the Allies. all liberal organizations to join It is also public knowledge that the prisons and congreat war novel, "The Naked and centration camps where the Dead," who recently joined thousands of members of issued the following statement on the Spanish labor movethe case: "The attack and persement are held to this day cution of men of any left-wing political persuasion — Commun- are just as vile and horist, Socialist Workers, Socialist rible as those maintained or Anarchist - is a direct indication of the strength of fascism in by Franco's former friends, Hitler and Musence finally even the mildest lib- solini.

> But what difference do (Continued on page 2)

RALLY FOR A SOCIALIST **AMERICA**

Russell, armless star of the mo-

tion picture, "The Best Years of

Carl Holderman, President of the

and Editor of Harpers magazine;

rans Committee, in its current

resolution of the AVC National

Norman Mailer, author of the

the Kutcher defense committee,

America. It is part of a larger

process which is designed to sil-

eral conception in America today,

The facts in Kutcher's persecu-

tion are hideous.'

and Mr. Novack.

n his Defense.

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Speakers:

FARRELL DOBBS SWP Presidential Candidate

GRACE CARLSON Vice-Presidential Candidate

WM. E. BOHANNAN

SWP Congressional Candidate in New Jersey Chairman:

JAMES P. CANNON HOTEL DIPLOMAT 108 West 43rd Street

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 at 8 P. M. Auspices: New York Local, Socialist Workers Party

Sudden conversions invite suspicion. Henry Wallace's case is no exception. There is a struction. remarkable coincidence between his decision to run for president and his interest in labor, the

weeds can grow.

mere demagogy.

its own survival.

Wallace's basic social concep-

sion within the framework of the

outmoded, anarchic capitalist sys-

tem. It is this fact which belies

all his promises and makes them

When Wallace says he can

prevent war under capitalism, he

ractices a base deception. Amer-

can capitalism, with its vast and

growing accumulations of idle

capital, is forced inexorably to

seek new fields for profitable in-

vestment, new markets, new

sources of cheap labor. In its in-

satiable drive for profits, Amer-

ican capitalism must exterminate

all that stands in its path, tolerate

no rivals or competitors. War -

costly and temporary expedient

Against this fundamental inner

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Negro people, civil rights, etc. Wallace has already left many

footprints in the political sands. We can trace his imprints back through 14 years as Cabinet member, Vice President and loyal servant of the Democratic Administration. That record of 14 years speaks more loudly than the promises of 14 months.

The "Fact Book" published by Wallace's campaign committee says that in office "he invariably used this power and influence to advance labor's cause." The record proves otherwise.

Through all the great labor battles of the Thirties, Wallace was as silent as the Sphinx. If he ever defended labor, it was the most silent defense ever known, You won't find a hint of it in from the seed of weeds, only any public document or the public

You will find that in 1935 Secretary of Agriculture Wallace capitalism. He promises to bring Britain, Soviet Russia, France." tried to sneak out the back door of his office to avoid talking with lalist war, to eliminate the dan-H. L. Mitchell, president of the gers of both inflation and depres-Southern Tenant Farmers Union, who led a delegation to protest Wallace's policy of subsidizing Southern landowners to limit cotton production and thus providing them with a pretext for evicting hundreds of thousands of sharecroppers and tenant farmers. You will also find that Wallace suppressed the report of his own investigators, who upheld the position of the STFU, on the grounds that the report was "too hot to handle.'

BAD RECORD

During the war, while he was Vice President, Wallace never said a word against the wagefreeze, the pro-employer War Labor Board, the Smith-Connally AntiStrike Law. When the Smith-Connally predecessor of the Taft-Hartley Act was pending, a committee of union leaders called on Wallace as President of the Senate to use his influence to block this strikebreaking law. The United Mine Workers Journal of August 15 recalls:

"The report on the Wallace visit was to the effect that Wallace didn't seem to know what the bill provided or what the committee was talking about, and the committee in turn could not understand what Wallace thought

pion of Negro rights. We do not recall, however, that Wallace ever protested segregation in the armed forces during the war. And we do have the testimony of Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that the worst conditions of segregation and discrimination prevailed in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce and that Wallace, when head of these departments. was deaf to all appeals to eliminate the anti-Negro practices in his departments. Wallace had full power to change conditions but refused to do so.

The mere recital of the record - which is evidence enough for the politically astute - will not suffice to convince many ardent Wallaceites. They will argue that Wallace was not in position, while in office, to do much on the issues about which he speaks so loudly today. Or they will grant that the record is extremely unfavorable, but that Wallace has

"changed." But Wallace's fundamental ideas remain the same as before. These have not changed. And

The essence of his plan, for capitalist war. economy is nothing but a crasser help to build an effective moveand cruder form of the Potsdam ment against the war is a vote the world as the pawns.

Wallace was for the Morgenmany, the heart of industrial Europe, and reduce it to an agriculprovince. Last February, before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Wallace proposed "the United Nations plan (to) place the Ruhr under international administration and control by the tion is his complete faith in Big Four - the United States, about reforms, to prevent imper- This program would condemn not only the people of Germany but of all Europe - to starva-

> Against the assurances of the utopian Wallace that he can secure peace through mere "good will" and "negotiations," we have the more realistic conclusions of a Winston Churchill who last week declared that war is "remorselessly approaching" and that even if "some formula will be found or some artificial compromise effected which will be hailed as solution and a deliverance. . . the

fundamental danger and antagon

isms will still remain." TO SUPPORT WAR

Moreover, Wallace has already promised in advance, on April 25, that it is - is the only prospect that, "If the U.S. should go to Wall Street capitalism sees for war I, of course, would withdraw' from candidacy and opposition to the U.S. foreign policy. Regardless of its foreign policy, Wallace said, he would "certainly" support the U.S. war effort.

> And in the same sense, this defender of capitalism would have to support the consequences of the war - military dictatorship, suppression of the rights of the workers, forced labor, conscription, terrible shortages and scar-

city, incalculable death and de-

In spite of this, there are those who will say that by voting for urge of the capitalist system, Wallace "right now" they will at Wallace counterposes his childish least be casting a protest vote notion that all that is needed to against war. This is a delusion. keep the peace is a sensible and By voting for Wallace they will cool-headed man-to-man confer- te helping to disorient the people ence between himself and Stalin, as to the true cause and cure of

example, of restoring European The only genuine vote that will agreement — a cold-blooded divi- for Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlsion of the world between the son, of the Socialist Workers great powers, with the peoples of party — the party that by its actions as well as words has demonstrated that it is dedicated hau plan, to gut and loot Ger- to the mobilization of the working masses for the elimination of capitalism, the breeder of wars.

Workers Party Wins Ballot Fight

The Workers Party is to be congratulated on their successful court fight against an aftempt by the Democratic Party and the Board of Elections to rule their sole candidate off the ballot in the 19th Congressional District in New York City. Every victory over the discriminatory election laws strengthens civil rights and weakens the bipartisan stranglehold over the ballot

But in their rapturous acclaim for Attorney Joseph Glass, a member of the Socialist Party, who represented them in court, they do violence to the fact and whitewash a black mark on Glass' record.

The fact that the Socialist Party and the Socialist Workers Party appear on the New York ballot this year is not "the result of a court victory won two years ago by Attorney Glass" as Labor Action (Oct. 11) claims. Just the contrary. Glass, representing the SP, brought the suit in the State Supreme Court to prevent the SWP from using its own name. And he did this in the very midst of proceedings to throw all minority parties off the ballot. Fortunately, he did not win his case. He lost it.

Welcome, Grace Carlson!



Grace Carlson, Socialist Workers Party Vice-Presidential candidate, being greeted by welcoming delegation on her arrival in New York City at Grand Central Station following her national tour. Farrell Dobbs, Presidential candidate, is speaking to the audience of several hundred in the station.

Campaigning For Socialism

last weekend.

Farrell Dobbs covered the Francisco for the Socialist Workers Party. From the foot of the famous Embarcadero, he spoke over a loudspeaker system to picket captains took the mike to hundreds of striking longshore- announce that although the meetmen and seamen telling them that ing was not sponsored by the the SWP supported their struggle against the shipowners "unequivocally and without reservations and qualifications."

Bob Chester writes that the to working class struggle and the analysis so powerfully drawn that report. well-known Stalinists, old Wobblies and young seamen stood around for well over an hour listening to every word. Bob says that the playing of old working class songs and the Internationale brought a light into many a worker's eye.

From the Embarcadero, the

stamping ground of Jack London trying to recruit scabs. Comrade For Independence and the Frisco General Strike Dobbs' exposure of the army as a reverberated across the country strikebreaking agency was in with the spirit of the pickets' placards which read: "If you want strike-bound waterfront in San to work for the army why don't you join it?" and "No union man will pass this line."

After the meeting one of the ILWU, the union supported our rights and welcomed our speech-

with glowing reports of magnif-

CARLSON STUMPS THE NORTHWEST

Last week Comrade Carlson made a flying trip to Seattle. Highlights of the trip were a good-sized meeting of students on the University of Washington campus and a lively public meeting organized by the party. The party's hall was crowded to the doors, consisting of many victton gubernatorial candidate Flan supplies this year) they have writes.

With Minneapolis giving the and arms into fascist Spain with- together. The same Big Business inspiration, the New York comcut the embarassment of violating circles anxious to strengthen fa- rades and campaign workers scism in Spain, Germany and marched in and took over the Grand Central station in a welcome reception for The Only Nets 304 Subs Woman Candidate for Vice-President on her arrival from speaking scription campaign netted 304 engagements in Milwaukee and subs. Brooklyn led with 80, of

came through the gate. Here she ers. Harlem got 61, Bronx 54. was greeted by Farrell Dobbs, Central 48, East Side 44 (inwho had arrived early that morn-cluding Youth). Jean Bennett of ing by plane. Farrell presented Harlem was second high in-Grace with a bouquet of red dividual scorer with 17. dahlias. By this time hundreds of onlookers had gathered around, celebrate its 20th anniversary and to the assembled crowd Grace with a fund-raising campaign to and Farrell spoke briefly of the cover the difference between reception our great socialist plat- dollar subs and the actual cost form had met from coast to coast. of publication. It is not too soon cheers for the candidates and the donations and getting new subsinging of Solidarity.

gives columns to the arrival of Franco's fascist legions which Russia, should now herald the scious deception or muddle-head- all type of characters, kept its iron curtain drawn against two The platform of the Socialist of the bravest people in America.

> In a letter from Flint, a while back, there was a report of a NAACP meeting where Bill Yancey and Genora Dollinger our candidates for Secretary of State and U.S. Senator from Michigan

to a head and make a final set- peace is possible under capital- the audience applauding her reism! Full solidarity with the re- peatedly. Her theme was that Negroes, by William E. Bohan-Let no one imagine that the volutionary struggles of workers human rights came before pro-American ruling class will pro- and farmers in all lands — those perty rights and unjust laws enthusiastic crowd heard us. We In accordance with the careful- abroad without touching democra- ism as well as those dominated must be fought as Jesus fought sold two subs and also gave away ly drawn time table, these declar- cy here at home. Just as the new by reactionary Stalinism! For the laws of Pontius Pilate. . A many copies of the platform, ations of friendship were followed | Congress will be asked to convert | Socialist United States of the round of applause goes to the | writes Bea Allen. comrades in Michigan who hold Marshall approached Bevin of the full scale armament of West- YOU ARE VOTING FOR down jobs in the auto plants, function as union workers and policy toward Spanish fascism. more savage than the Taft-Hart- YOU VOTE FOR DOBBS AND campaign night after night for renewing for one year a 15-week

World Events

Indian Trotskyist Polls Highest Vote In Madras Election At the elections to the Madras

Municipal Corporation, the third largest local body in India, held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, Comrade S.C.C. Antonipillai, member of the Central Committee of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party was elected by an overwhelming majcrity to represent Division No. 32 in the City Corporation. Comrade Antonipillai polled over 5,000 of the 7,000 votes cast, the remain- clay and so forth. ing being divided among 5 other candidates. Comrade Antonipilsi's vote is the highest recorded vote in the history of the Madras Municipal Corporation.

Six members of the Madras Labor Union were also elected to the Corporation. Being sympathizers of the Trotskyist move ment they will work in cooperation with Comrade Antonipillai These seven will be the only spokesmen for the labor movement in the Council of 80, as the Socialist and Communist Parties did not run any candidates. Comrade Antonipillai is the President of the Madras Labor Union and a member of the General Council of the All-India Trade Union

Viet-Nam Celebrates Third Year of Fight

On Sept. 23, the Indo-Chinese people celebrated the third anniversary of their struggle for independence from imperialist France. The young Viet-Nam republic has an impressive record of achievement.

"Three years ago," reports the Vietnam American Friendship Association, "people in South Viet-Nam faced the French armor and tanks with rusty rifles and bamboo spears. Today Viet-Nam war factories are turning Comrade Dobbs also returns out bazookas, mortars, anti-tank grenades, land-mines and other speeches were so clearly a call icent meetings in Los Angeles. deadly weapons. Hand-grenades Next week we'll have the full have been manufactured in so the speeches of various Central great quantities that they now serve as wedding presents in the the Sept. 25 l'Unità, official organ villages.'

During the past three years seized 103 field guns and mortars is not yet a danger in Italy, but and 75 bazookas as well as de- it can be in the future if we do stroying a great number of weap- not intervene in time. . ."

Although the French despots sity of assimilating our doctrine maintain an army of 110,000 men (Stalinism) in order to struggle imized Boeing workers, Negroes at an annual cost of about \$200,- against Trotskyist, maximalist a young and enthusiastic aud- 000,000 (of which about \$40,000,- and anarchist conceptions." ience, Dan Roberts our Washing. 000 will come from Marshall Dozza "took up and developed been forced to retreat from the Comrade Roasio.

countryside, back to the big port

When the Viet-Nam republic was formed three years ago some 90% of the people were illiterate. Today this figure has been cut down to 20%, about 7,000,000 Indo-Chinese having been taught to read and write since the new government was

Lacking customary school supplies such as paper, pens, ink, chalk, books, the pupils use wooden plates, leaves, charcoal, bricks.

"In many villages," declares the report; "whole families from grandmothers down to 5-year-old boys go to the same school, sit at the same table and drawl out the same alphabet."

Violence Flares as Strikes in France Continue to Mount

Violence flared again in France when the Queuille regime ordered Mobile Guardsmen to oust sitdown strikers from a steel mill in Lorraine. One worker was killed in another clash.

When the guards used tear gas, the angry workers answered them with stones, bricks and tiles. They finally regained possession of the plant after ten persons had been seriously injured.

Premier Queuille called the miners' strike "insurrectionary" and threatened to use force to break it. A decree was issued Grafting all the technicians of the coking ovens in northern France into the armed forces.

"Trotskyist Danger" **Arouses Fears of** Italian Stalinists

At a late September meeting of the Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party attended by Togliatti, the various speakers dwelt at some length on the "Trotskyist danger."

Here are some extracts from Committee members published in of the Italian Communist Party:

Roasio declared that "increased Viet-Nam troops killed 21 French vigilance is necessary to avoid colonels and majors, 53,600 enemy the infiltration of Trotskyist soldiers, wounded 45,000 others, theory in the party. Trotskyism

Ciufoli insisted "on the neces-

THE MILITANT ARMY

N. Y. Campaign

New York's three-week sub-

Nat Weinstein leads all individual sub-geters, with 22 of paper has more important articles A great cheer went up as Grace the 25 subs turned in by paint-This fall The Militant will

scribers to build up toward a smashing anniversary celebra-

James W. Connery, 75-yearold sub-getter of Kewanee, Ill. has sent \$1 for himself and \$3 from two of his subscribers, for the SWP election campaign fund. From a little village in the Michigan Thumb came a \$5 donation to The Militant. An upstate New Yorker renew-

ed his sub into 1953. A St. Paul reader renewed both Militant and Fourth International

subs for a year with a \$10 bill.

Detroit sold 35 of the new 10c. pamphlet A Letter to American non, at a neighborhood street meeting. "It was cold, but a very

"Whatever you do, don't stop publishing your paper!" pleads Michigan State College student subscription he took after hearing a Socialist Workers Party radio broadcast last July. He

writes:
"My subscription to The Milltant is soon to expire so I would like to have it extended. I am and send me a copy each week because I want to know what is going on here in the United States and also in other countries. Your in it than any copy of our Lansing

SWP Broadcasts IN 15 Forums Over N. Y. Station

The Socialist Workers Party is broadcasting in the series of election forums sponsored by station WNEW. The series entitled "Peoples' Choice" consists of 30 broadcasts running nightly from 9:45 to 10 P.M. The next SWP broadcasts

will be heard on Mon., Oct. 18, Wed., Oct. 20, Fri., Oct. WNEW is 1130 on your

WHAT THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY STANDS FOR"

Joseph Hansen Thursday, Oct. 21, 8:30 P. M.

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For" autographed by author.

Denounce Marshall Plot

(Continued from page 1) these unpleasant details make to the bi-partisan coalition of Democrats

and Republicans? Franco is against "communism," isn't he? He's against Russia, isn't he? That makes him a blood brother of the Wall Street gang who are lining up every dictatorial cut-throat, every fascist criminal, The following are the next every despot and authoritarian butcher to fight for "democracy" in the Third World War against "totalitarianism."

The conspiracy of the Wall Street gang to rehabilitate Franco, bring him into the United Nations, and send him American arms and dollars, has been carefully engineered and plotted step by step.

First, Senator Chan Gurney, Republican head of the Senate Armed Forces Committee, went to Madrid with a group of highranking Brass Hats to discuss "both the Generalissimo and myself would be delighted to see reinstated throughout Europe," Gurney called for a full military alliance with Franco.

the ball for the Democrats. A is," urges "our American friends tion-wide referendum on the few days after Surney, he too to let bygones be bygones" so far question of war or peace! shook hands with the executioner our observations."

Farley likewise called for a full military alliance with Franco | tlement." and freely admitted that it was designed for "trouble" with Rus-

up by Secretary of State Marshall. the Marshall Plan into a plan for World! Britain and Schumann of France ern Europe, so it will be asked to THIS GENUINE SOCIALIST on revising the United Nations enact anti-labor legislation even ANTI-WAR PROGRAM WHEN

ington to pour American dollars estic policy are intimately bound UN resolutions.

PITILESS LIGHT

The campaign to enlist Spanish fascism in Wall Street's war CRUCIAL QUESTION camp throws a pitiless light on ileged few will sit enthroned over breaks out.

the slaves of a new dark ages. their way.

"remorselessly approaching third ed ignorance. world war."

Empire hails the "rearming" of ple to take the war-making powthe U.S. "on a large scale," con- ers out of the hands of Congress. Then James A. Farley carried demns the "trials of former Naz- Let the people vote through naas Nazism is concerned, tells his Withdraw all troops from for-

France will just as readily nourish fascism here in America.

an earth made safe for tyranny is a vote thrown away for Waland despotism, where dictators lace has already promised to supruling in the interests of a priviport the war if and when it

These ominous moves clearly enduring peace by permitting the portend the clearing of the decks capitalist class — the real rulers for action. They reveal with what and masters of America - to speed World War III is approach- remain at the helm of governing, if these war-makers have ment and in control of the country's destiny. War can be pre-So it is not surprising that vented only by taking power out Winston Churchill, who went to of the hands of the war-makers. The reception concluded with lusty for readers to begin making Truman's home state of Missouri Any program that promises to "communism" and World War in 1946 to make the first an- bring peace — as does that of III with the fascist dictator. Ela- nouncement to a stunned world Wallace - without kicking out ted over the "moral courage" of of the "get tough" policy with the war-makers is either con-

This watch dog of the British Workers Party calls on the peo-

of tens of thousands of Spanish friends of the bi-partisan coali- eign soil! For the complete indesay we were in general accord on the top of his lungs for an early despots of every variety and dewar: "We ought to bring matters signed to spread the illusion that Genora took him apart and had mote dictatorship and fascism dominated by American imperial-

The question of war or peace is what these war preparations real- the most crucial question in the a radio broadcast in Detroit. The which 15 were obtained by the sending \$1 to cover this. Be sure ly mean. The inclusion of Franco 1948 election campaign. A vote station was full of comrades new Bedford-Stuyvesant Doobsbares the real aims of American for the bi-partisan bloc of Dem- wearing sashes saying Welcome Carlson club. Fifty new subs are imperialism, its real program, ocrats and Republicans can only Dobbs and Carlson and distribut- in the Brownsville area. and the kind of world it aims at hasten World War III. A vote for ing election platforms and leafbuilding. Big Business envisions Wallace and his "peace" program lets announcing Grace's arrival.

You cannot fight war or secure

Such revision would permit Wash- ley law. Foreign policy and dom- CARLSON ON NOV. 2.

WE TAKE OVER GRAND CENTRAL

But the capitalist press, which

FROM THE AUTO EMPIRE

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The experience of my life, in which there has been no lack either of successes or of failures, has not only not destroyed my faith in the clear, bright future of mankind, but, on the contrary, has given it an indestructible temper. This faith in reason, in truth, in human solidarity, which at the age of gighteen I took with me into the workers' quarters of the provincial Russian town of Nikolaiev - this faith I have preserved fully and completely. It has become more mature, but

-Leon Trotsky, Address before Dewey Commission, Mexico City, 1937.



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A Remarkable Achievement

We are proud to report that in the first Trotskyist national election campaign the Socialist Workers Party presidential ticket has been placed on the ballot in 11 states— Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Colorado, Utah and Washington.

According to the latest Census Bureau figures, these states comprise 36% of the present U.S. population of 146,114,000.

In other key states, such as California, Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts, etc., where exceptionally restrictive election laws have made it next to impossible for the SWP to get on the ballot, the party is conducting a write-in campaign for Dobbs and Carlson.

For the SWP to get on the ballot in 11 states is a truly remarkable—indeed, a unique -achievement. No minority party of comparable size—and on the first attempt too has ever come near this achievement.

For the best comparison we have to go back to the first campaign of the old Communist Party in 1924. With many times the membership of the present SWP, and with far more liberal election laws, the CP succeeded in getting on the ballot in only 14

The accomplishment of the SWP is all the more remarkable because it comes at a time when the capitalist government is giving full vent to its campaign of intimidation and terror. In a state like Connecticut, for example, voters signed the SWP nominating petitions in the face of a threat to publish their names in the daily papers.

The fact that the SWP overcame these many obstacles in 11 states is testimony to the powerful motive force of its program and a herald of its growing position of influence in the American working class.

An Answer to James T. Farrell

One of the most vociferous of the disoriented intellectuals supporting Norman Thomas is the novelist, James T. Farrell. Farrell once prided himself on being a Marxist. He was one of the few intellectuals who, so far as-we know, gave no support to the second world war. Norman Thomas, on the contrary, whom Farrell now favors, was a supporter of the imperialist slaughter and today endorses the major planks of the bi-partisan war policy of the State Department. How does Farrell square his position during the last war with support of Norman Thomas today?

A letter by James T. Farrell printed in the Sept. 29 N. Y. Post gives a partial answer. In the letter, Farrell, who is noted for the politeness of his manner and tone in controversy with bourgeois and literary figures, launches an insulting personal attack against SWP Campaign Manager George Clarke and a slanderous denunciation of the SWP. The pretext for this unrestrained diatribe was a letter by Clarke to the N .Y. Post calling attention to Norman Thomas' role in the second world war, contrasting it with the revolutionary stand of Eugene V. Debs in the first world war, and noting the continuity of the Debs tradition by the candidates of the SWP.

Unwilling to frankly repudiate his own past, unable to square it with his present position, unable to challenge the facts, Farrell attacks the very act of making these facts public. This leads Farrell toward some mischievous and dangerous conclusions. He

"Today Mr. Norman Thomas is supporting the appeal of Mr. Dobbs and other Minneapolis defendants who are seeking a presidential pardon. When this so-called political party needs support, it acts one way. When it needs to act like a radical Get-Rich-Quick-Wallingford, it performs in another manner."

In plain English, this means that Norman Thomas should be entitled to absolution for his political crimes because of a decent act which is to his credit—in behalf of civil

liberties. Such a concept is abhorrent not only to revolutionary Marxists but to all genuine fighters for civil rights.

We, as revolutionary Marxists, consider that an integral part of the fight against capitalist reaction is the exposure of those who parade under a "Socialist" label while giving aid and comfort to the class enemy. In this fight we were not intimidated by repression and we will not now be intimidated by blackmail. The 18 Minneapolis defendants made no concessions to their prosecutors although they might have purchased liberty with such concessions. We have far less reason to compromise our principles to buy the support of anyone who would make that the price of defending our civil liberties.

Whether one agrees with revolutionary Marxism or not, no honest fighter for civil liberties would dare question our right to uphold our program or threaten to withhold support to our victims of capitalist repression if we continue to defend our political ideas. Whether he knows it or not, Farrell is flirting here with a method made infamous by the Stalinists. They too are ready to defend civil liberties-but only for themselves and their political supporters!

But it is easy to defend one's political friends. The test comes in the defense of the civil liberties of political opponents. We have passed this test many times, actively defending social democrats, anarchists, Stalinists and all other victims of political persecution. We have always joined with opponents in these struggles without any political conditions whatever.

This traditional labor solidarity, however, cannot operate if one or another party or individual attempts to extort political concessions from another party or from the victims of the persecution. Such blackmail will not work, and it certainly will not work with us. We never demand political concessions from others as the price for our cooperation in the defense of civil liberties. And it is useless for others to demand such concessions from us.

Political Bankruptcy John L. Lewis last week blasted those union

leaders who run down to the White House "at the whim of the President" and there "sell out the labor movement and sell out their own union for a lunch." Lewis told the Mine Workers convention:

"Labor in America is given too much to the appeasement of its oppressors. . . They seem to fawn too much in the presence of the rich and powerful, and they are untrue to the men who work and pay their salaries and sustain them in the comforts they enjoy. I have a contempt for such men."

But Lewis's scathing indictment of the American trade union leaders only underlines his own bankruptcy on the political

Witness the developments at the mine union convention itself.

Lewis began with a scorching denunciation of Truman for his strikebreaking against the miners union. So far, so good. Then, with Truman eliminated, Lewis offered as an alternative — Dewey, banner-bearer of the Taft-Hartley party! But no sooner was this position adopted than Dewey came out flatly for the Taft-Hartley slave labor law. Lewis thereupon had to eat his own words of the day before.

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Now where does Lewis stand, what program

does he offer the miners and American labor in the decisive field of politics? Nothing, absolutely nothing. Though they confront the machinations of the capitalist government at every turn, the miners are told by Lewis, in effect, to abstain from a presidential choice.

What is the source of this political bankruptcy? Lewis, for all his aggressiveness on the economic field, is wedded to the profit system and to capitalist politics. This blinds him to what his own experiences should have taught him—that this government is an instrument of the capitalist class, that this class has a monopoly of political power which it exercises ruthlessly to subdue the working

That is why Lewis leads his own union astray no less than the AFL and CIO officials who seek to tie labor to Truman and the Democratic Party. That is why he does not and cannot give leadership in the next great forward step that the American labor movement must and will take—the building of a labor party. For that next great step, labor cannot depend on Lewis, but must select new young leaders who understand the class nature of modern society and the compelling necessity for labor to build its own party on the political field.

Election Fund Reaches \$17,850; 71 Percent of Total Campaign Quota

Selling Out the Rank and File



"Labor Statesmen" from AFL and independent unions trotted down to the White House to assure strikebreaker Truman of their support for his reelection. Shaking Truman's hand on the right is George Harrison, Chairman of Labor's Committee for Truman and Barkley and President of the AFL Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

WORKERS FORUM

British RCP Hails SWP Campaign

The Political Bureau and members of the Revolutionary Communist Party send the Socialist Workers Party our best wishes on the occasion of your participation in the U.S. presidential elec-

We are following with deep nterest and pride, the magnificent campaign you are conducting which is doing such a fine job of work in putting Trotskyism on the political map in the U.S.A. The politically conscious work-

ers in Britain take a deep interest in the election campaign for U.S. president, and we are proud to bring to their notice the existence of independent working class candidates, about whom the capitalist and Stalinist press are silent.

To the candidates, the campaign organizers and all the party members, we extend our greetings and wish you every success. Yours is a real contribution in the fight for world social-Your fraternally,

International.) A Letter from Vienna

General Secretary, R.C.P.

(British Section of Fourth

J. Haston,

Editor: We are following your Presidential campaign with great interest and wish you great success. We're sure that you are aware of the following: Trotskyists the world over are watching you; a ignificant success on your part vill also be of real value to us

-A letter from Vienna, Austria

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Thank you very much for educating the workers to understand | feeling of insecurity which plague their economic interest in this all of us. If we can focus the nsane society. With your tireless attention of the rising army of striving for a better world to discontented workers on the soluive in, we are bound some day tions offered by the SWP we will to build a new society without make great strides forward. superstition, war, murder and lavery, so we some day can live happy and secure.

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I have enclosed \$10 to cover the subscription rates of both the Militant and Fourth International for a period of one year.

nearly enough to cover the cost publications, so please accept the on my part to help meet the cost of producing these splendid disseminations of truth. You can be sure the amount is limited not by the extent of my appreciation but only by my means.

I have learned a great deal since becoming acquainted with the Militant and the Fourth International, as well as various works of Leon Trotsky. As a student of sociology, I am happy to discover that one can learn the underlying processes and composition of our civilization from the Trotskyites if not from our colleges.

I want to assure you that I'm hundred percent for Dobbs and Carlson. While it's quite certain Position of that they won't be elected this fall, their splended campaigning should have valuable results. Great numbers of working people are beginning to feel the need nesses" and as you know we don't

of things. Conditions in the world are forcing them to cast about for solutions to alleviate the terrible

for a radical change in the state

Chicago, Ill. 'Subversive List' -- A Hitlerite Act Editor:

St. Paul, Minn.

The following is from a speech delivered by Adolf Hitler to his rubber-stamp Reichstag on March 23, 1933—only a few weeks after take part in politics of this

I realize that your rates are not tended to the toleration on an of course. You'll say that will What It Stands For equal basis of those who scorn never be done but man has been of printing and mailing these the laws on principle, or indeed 6,000 years trying to bring a Who rules America? Who to surrendering the nation's better Government but all in vain. balance as an appreciative gesture freedom to them on the basis of Remember what I tell you (man democratic doctrines. But the will fail again) only God can pull Government will accord equality in the eyes of the law to all those who take their stand on the line adopted by the nation and behind the national interests and who do not deny their support to the Government."

Clearly the Attorney General of the United States has taken leaf out of Hitler's book by drawing up his infamous "subversive" list and prominently displaying in it the name of the Socialist Workers Party.

> S. T. Chicago, Ill.

'Jehovah's Witnesses'

Editor:

I am one of "Jehovah's Wit-

Press Comment On Kutcher Case

(Reprinted from the Oct. 9 Nation)

Mr. Truman's Administration, whose battle against the Republicans on loyalty inquiries does not obscure the fact that some of the most unfair and ludicrous loyalty-check procedure has been established by Mr. Truman's own Attorney-General, would seem to have caught a Tartar in the person of James Kutcher of Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Kutcher, who had both his legs blown off by a German mortar shell in Italy, was recently dismissed from his job in the Veterans Administration because he is a member of the Socialist Workers Party, which Tom Clark included on his blacklist of some 400 "subversive" organizations. The Socialist Workers are Trotskyites, few in number albeit scrappy and articulate. They are not fond of Stalinist Russia, nor, they state, do they believe in overthrowing the United States government by force and violence. Mr. Kutcher, after a futile closed hearing before a loyalty review board in Philadelphia, has appealed to Mr. Clark and to the President for reinstatement in his job and for the clearing of his party's good name. From the beginning, Kutcher has "proudly affirmed" his membership in the Socialist Workers; while considering "the entire procedure involved in (loyalty) hearings as illegal and unconstitutional," he has complied with all its demands. Mr. Clark granted him an audience last week and, though assuring the veteran that his case would be carefully looked into, maintained that it was impossible to grant public hearings to all - and therefore presumably any - so-called "subversive." We have a feeling that this almost perfect test case will not end there: Mr. Kutcher is obviously a fighter, and he has received strong support to date from the CIO, the AVC, and, among others, Eleanor Roosevelt, Bill Mauldin, Merle Miller and Harold Russell, the disabled veteran of "The Best Years of Our Lives."

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

A total of \$874 was received bringing us to 71% of our goal of

Boston was the only branch to move up into the 100%-or-better category, with a score to date of the week. 129%. At a joint meeting of the Boston and Lynn branches it was decided to divide the goals which nad formerly been combined. Minnesota sent in a \$100 con-

ribution, bringing them to 95%, vell in advance of those branches with the bigger goals. Flint reached the 85% mark with \$19. "We expect to reach our

goal before the campaign is over," Akron jumped from 52% last

week to 77% with a contribution of \$101. They write: "We are

New York nosed up to 77% his week on the Socialist Work- with \$330 for the week, thus eners Party election fund campaign, tering the stretch for the final one-quarter of their goal of \$7,-

> West Virginia also hit the three-quarter mark with \$5 for"

> Pittsburgh sent \$15, bringing them to 73%. An accompanying note says: "We are sure now of fulfilling our quota."

San Diego collected \$20 for the fund this week, thus jumping from 32% to 72% at one leap. Detroit moved up to 65% with contribution for the week of

Lynn sent \$10 to reach 28% of

their goal. Thanks to L.A. and J.J. of Kewanee, Ill., for \$1 contribupushing very hard so that we can tions each; and also to M.M. of come through with the \$400 which | Minneapolis for a \$1 contribu-

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being handed the power of state: world. We are looking for the "Socialist Workers "Theoretical equality in the Government spoken about at eyes of the law cannot be ex- Isaiah 9,6,7—"Christ's Kingdom" Party - What It Is us out of this mess. Things have gone too far.

We have also served long prison terms during the first and last war and expect to have to again, only because we were looking for "God's Government" where Revelations 21 chapter says, God will make the earth new.

Mrs. N. C. Fort Worth, Tex.

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conduct a write-in campaign for the presidential ticket in California. However, we will have two local cand-

idates on the ballot, thanks to the long hard hours of labor of the party membership, working against terrific odds. Myra Tanner Weiss is battling for election to Congress from the Los Angeles area. Harry Press is slugging it out with his capitalist opponent in San Francisco's 20th As-

sembly district. Both Myra and Harry were in there pitching on the streets and at the indoor rallies during my visit.

We had two rousing street meetings on the San Francisco waterfront where about 600 striking longshoremen and other maritime workers heard the program of the Socialist Workers Party. Stalinist slander merchants got busy against us right away, but they couldn't cut the mustard. The SWP hit the waterfront with an impact that flattened the Stalinist liars under the hammer blows of truth.

We also took to the streets in the Los Angeles district where Myra is campaigning. Here too, we are hammering the Stalinist betrayers, who support not only the Wallace swindle but also the pro-Marshall Plan, pro-military conscription Democratic politician, Chet Hollifield.

In both Los Angeles and San Francisco we

Another contact from Sandstone prison showed up at the Los Angeles meeting. He is a former Jehovah's witness who learned about the SWP and its program through his prison conversations with Oscar Coover. He asked to be remembered to Oscar for whom he has the warmest feeling of gratitude and friendship. The Los Angeles comrades will now take up where Oscar left off and we hope soon to have another recruit.

Our campaign work in Salt Lake City is already bearing rich fruit. A former member, now living in that Utah city, came out to Los Angeles during my visit. He will take the initiative, with the assistance of the Los Angeles comrades, to organize a party branch among the excellent contacts developed in Salt Lake City during the election campaign.

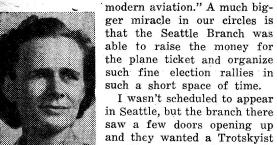
While in San Francisco I fulfilled a long-held desire to clasp the strong hand and look into the honest eyes of Warren K. Billings. He together with Tom Mooney, spent 20 cruel years in prison as a victim of capitalist injustice because of his fidelity to the working class. As I stood in the presence of that incorruptible hero of labor, I found new inspiration to go forward in the struggle for man's socialist future.

SWP Election Tour

Seattle and Milwaukee

By Grace Carlson, Vice-Presidential Candidate.

To make campaign speeches within the space of two days in places as far apart as Seattle and Milwaukee is possible because of "the miracle of



ger miracle in our circles is that the Seattle Branch was able to raise the money for the plane ticket and organize such fine election rallies in such a short space of time.

I wasn't scheduled to appear in Seattle, but the branch there saw a few doors opening up and they wanted a Trotskyist candidate to stick her foot in these doors. I know we got in

some good socialist sales talks to many new friends during this Seattle trip. And we sold the Socialist Workers Party program to one railroad worker who joined the Seattle branch after one of the election rallies.

We had another very important group of customers at a campaign meeting at the University of Washington. This meeting was sponsored by the "Students for Dobbs and Carlson," which is a small group with big ideas—and a lot of know-how! I'm sure that it will become a big group with big ideas in the near future!

The "Students for Dobbs and Carlson" members aided by Seattle branch members passed out hundreds of printed leaflets announcing the meeting, issued press releases and took a big ad in the University of Washington Daily. Despite competition from the Democratic Party's election rally, we had 55 students at our meeting, including a reporter from the campus daily. We had a long discussion period and afterwards several students took Militant subs so that they can continue to make an intelligent investigation

of social and political problems. The next day, the University of Washington Daily carried a long story with the headline, "Trotskyist Speaks Here," to tell to the whole student body that Trotskyism is alive on the U. of W. campus.

signatures on the election petition, they were bouncing all over, looking for campaign possibilities. And they found many. I was interviewed by reporters from both large Milwaukee dailies as well as by the editor of the Deutsche Zeitung. a German language daily which goes out to many thousands of Socialist-minded workers and farm-

A radio interview over Milwaukee's independent station WEXT offered the opportunity to give a 16-minute presentation of the Socialist Workers Party platform to Milwaukee housewives. Called the "Lady of the House" program, the interviewer is a young, idealistic radio worker who told me that she wants to bring housewives more than "fashion chit-chat." In marked contrast to most radio interviewers, she asked questions for the sake of getting answers and not just to fill up the time. Even more unorthodox, she departed from her script completely so as to get at points which she thought the listeners would like to have developed-how does the SWP differ from the SP; do we believe in just "dividing everything

We also had a radio interview in Kenosha, an old Socialist Party stronghold. Through all this work, Wisconsin workers and farmers are learning that there is a real socialist party functioning in Wisconsin, the Socialist Workers Party and that it's here to stay!

His Master's Voice

- By Joseph Keller

Right while Harry S. Truman was touring the country trying to convince voters how big and tough and independent-minded he is, the real powers-that-be slapped him down publicly and let the people know who really runs the government, including the President of the United States. In the enthusiasm of his election campaign,

Truman got the notion that he really has a lot to do with determining the conduct of foreign policy. So he cooked up the idea of sending one of his cronies, Supreme Court Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, as a personal emissary to Moscow to negotiate man-to-man with Stalin over the Berlin

But he didn't hold on to that project very long. Secretary of State George Marshall-who is a non-elective appointee with no constitutional nowers of any kind—came flying across the ocean from the UN conference to let the man who appointed him know he wasn't standing for any mere President reversing decisions of the Wall

Truman dropped the Vinson idea like a boy caught with his hand in the cookie jar. And Marshall took off to Paris again with a statement to the press that made his "Boss" out to be nothing but a political stumblebum.

If anybody thinks the President calls the tune on policy, this incident helps to correct that illusion. Truman may be the highest elected official in the land-but he doesn't run the government. This government is run-its most fateful decisions are made—by a small handful men, which is one of the striking built up through collusion with met with Mayor William F. Devin of individuals operating behind the scenes for unions and one of the first in the the U.S. Maritime Commission the real masters—the Wall Street money lords.

They don't hesitate to crack down on anyone, including the President, who gets out of line. The maneuvers in the UN, the war preparations, the very decisions on war and peace are determined by this tiny clique of Brass Hats and Wall Street representatives who run the State less an authority than the well-known columnist Walter Lippman wrote in the Sept. 27 N. Y. Herald-Tribune:

"There is, one might say, a certain honesty in admitting that Mr. Marshall, Mr. Lovett and Mr. Bohlen, Mr. Forrestal, Mr. Draper, Mr. Royall, General Clay and Mr. Douglas have been handling the great conflict, which may mean peace or war, that they have not had guidance and leadership from the President, and that therefore his absence from Washington makes no dif-

Notes from the News

RR BOSSES WANT PRICE HIKE - Class I railroads asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for an 8 per cent increase in freight

rates. The railroads, making more money than ever before, are pleading poverty.

MIXED MARRIAGES -The California Supreme Court by a 4 to 3 decision ruled the

state's ban on inter-racial marriages as unconstitutional. 29 other states still have laws prohibiting mixed marriages.

POPE ON TAXATION — The Pope came out foursquare against heavy taxation of the rich. In an interview with delegates representing the financial administrations of Brazil, Turkey and seven other countries, he condemned taxation systems that are "confiscatory."

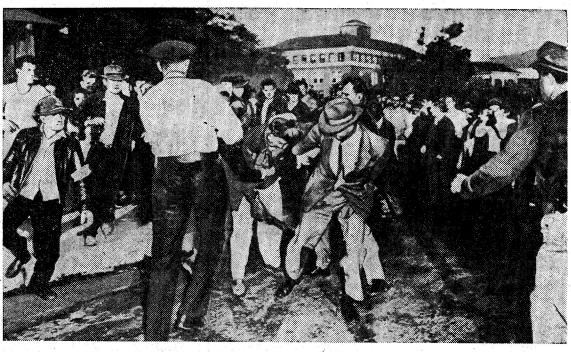
ANTI-SEMITISM - The Hollywood film "Gentleman's Agreement," which attacks anti-Bemitism, was banned in Franco Spain by order of the ecclesiastical member of the Film Censorship Board. The order stated in part: "Evil should be despised and evildoers pitied, but to SWP nominee told a crowd of Press concluded by stating that million if it forces shipment via ferent. That is why it is asked of the Lord that not solve your problems under ture he would demand that the He should deign to humiliate the enemies of His Holy Church, and as such might Jews be con-

WIRE-TAPPING-That the FBI is an uncontrolled, law-unto-itself secret police is revealed in a sensational series currently being run by the New York Star. Ex-FBI agents testify that they were assigned to even spy on ex-Postmaster General Farley, tap his telephone wires and search his personal belongings — all because the WEA, the organization of livered a major campaign speech G-man Hoover was trying to "get" something on him, as he feared that Farley was out to get Hoover fired from his job.

MIKADO MACARTHUR-A U. S. Provost court in Japan sentenced a labor union official to three years in prison and fined him 10,000 yen for publishing "derogatory remarks" about the American occupation.

VOLUME XII MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1948 had record breaking indoor election rallies. Predominant in the audiences were workers from maritime, auto, steel, aircraft, oil refineries, needle trades and other fields. Oil Strikers Fight Desperate Battle Against Scab-Herders.

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Police attack the picket line for the second time in the current strike of the CIO Oil Workers against the Standard Oil Company in Richmond, Calif. Four pickets were arrested on charges of

Although one might have thought that the members of the Milwaukee branch would have been laid low by the job of collecting 20,000 Ship-Owners Announce Union-Busting Scheme

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10-Industry spokesmen last week publicly reaffirmed their determination to keep ships and docks idle until the maritime unions here are smashed and striking longshoremen and sea-

The present formula of the operators is slightly different from the original declarations which said that there would be no negotiations with any union "unless each of its officers files with the National Labor Relations Board, in pursuance of law, nis affidavit he is not a member of the Communist party." The latest statement of the employers emphasizes that they "cannot regard the present leadership of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union as responsible." This lays the basis for refusing to negotiate even if the present leaders sign

affidavits. MC&S may move to sign the non-communist affidavits.

WEEK'S EVENTS

The following developments occurred during the week:

1. Vincent J. Malone, president of the independent Marine Firemunist affidavits, appeared before ILWU local 1-10 and urged treasury and are tax-exempt. the union to alter its position and instruct its officials to sign the seamen are confronted not only

men starved back to their jobs. affidavits. Harry Bridges, international president of the ILWU. was not present at the meeting. 2. Allan Haywood and R. J. organization, arrived here and are seeking to resume negotiations with the employers. Longshore local 1-10 asked Murray's support in the strike.

3. Bridges demanded of the ship operators to "cut out the stalling and get before the court on your charges of Communism. sabotage, irresponsibility and all the other things you have thought After issuing their latest union-

busting pronouncements through the Taft-Hartley non-communist paid advertisements in the local dailies, leading spokesmen for the This shift of emphasis in the employer groups departed for New York to attend an industrymula was apparently prompted wide conference of the Propeller Angeles, the striking unions are by indications that the Stalinist Club there. These west coast allowing shippers to move cargoes top leadership of the ILWU and operators are expected to present off the dock. Checkers and longtheir union- busting formula to shoremen, when needed, are hired the shipping fraternity of the directly by the shippers from the Atlantic coast for approval and union hall and paid at pre-strike

The reason the ship operators anteed. Similar movements of can afford to behave so arrogantly cargo have been reported in the is because they now have reserve port of Stockton. In Seattle, the funds amounting to \$529 million, country to sign the non-com- during the lush war years. These the Alaska fleet under an interim monies came out of the U.S.

Department and dominate the White House No Dobbs Pledges His Full Support **To West Coast Maritime Strikers**

By Frank Daniels

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9-Bring up that strong left arm of independent political action to match your strong right of economic action. Away with company-unionism in politics. Form your own party, based on the trade unions and take the power away from the corrupt boss parties," SWP Presidential candidate Farrell Dobbs told throngs of workers in three separate meetngs in San Francisco.

war III.

gle of the maritime workers to to them." case all over the country."

Cooks & Stewards Union, \$150 to the SWP campaign fund.

SWP candidate for the California state legislature from San Francisco's 20th Assembly district.

of billions of dollars of public money in the form of mail subsidies and other grafting. He STRIKE FIRM exposed the role of the Maritime Commission in building ships from bound cargoes dribble through the public funds and then handing picket lines has as yet not bethem over to the operators for a song. He cited the testimony before the Senate committee presided over by the now Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black which ral interests. California cotton Speaking at an open-air meet- uncovered numerous instances of ing on the Embarcadero, the shady deals and outright graft. 300 striking unionists, "You can- if he were elected to the legislathe capitalist system." Dobbs books of the ship operators be made clear that the anti-union cpened and that the "parasitical drive had its origin in Wall operators" be eliminated from Street's preparations for world the industry. He further declared that he would demand that "all The SWP nominee placed him- workers on strike be awarded unself and the Socialist Workers employment compensation from mains high. The power of their Party squarely behind the strug- the money that rightfully belongs strike can force a successful set-

defend their unions. He scored On Friday evening, Dobbs dethe Waterfront employers as a at Solomon Hall. Dobbs' inspir- en assumption that this is the "band of plunderers and graft- ing speech was enthusiastically way to gain public sympathy and ers." He concluded his talk by applauded by the audience of 200 win victory. stating that he would carry "your working people, a large percentage of them strikers. Despite the Preceding Dobbs on the speak- fact that many of those in aters' stand was Harry Press, a tendance were maritime strikers. member of the striking Marine the audience liberally contributed

with the tough policy of the operators; they are also badgered by the union-raiding designs of that port. This is the only port strike held firm. on the coast that is not struck. William Gettings, regional

director of the CIO longshoremen in Seattle said that picket lines will be maintained but that no attempt will be made to keep AFL longshoremen from workng, as the vessels will be declared 'hot" and tied up by sympathetic dock workers throughout the

There were other moves during the week by the strike leadership wages with retroactivity guarand offered to sail all ships of agreement with the Alaska Steamship Association at pre-Striking CIO longshoremen and strike wages with a guarantee of retroactivity, if and when an agreement is signed with PASA and WEA.

Agreements of this sort, if gradual movement of cargoes and thus remove the pressure for an early settlement of the strike. Such strategy on the part of the strike leadership may extend the Press delivered a sharp attack strike indefinitely and permit the on the ship operators as recipients operators to carry through their policy of starving the strikers back to the job.

This tendency to let strikecome wide-spread and the grip of the strike is being felt in several industries on the coast. The greatest cry has come from agricultugrowers claim the strike will cost Gulf ports.

Strikers are holding fast to their demands for a 15 cents hourly increase for longshoremen and an average monthly increase of \$17.50 per month for seamen.

The morale of the strikers relement if this is not dissipated through the gradual releasing of ships and cargoes on the mistak-

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experience on one of labor's toughest picket lines the members

of the CIO Oil Workers In-P ternational Union have entered of Union Oil and Martinez, where the second month of their strike Shell is located, are all out for against the six major refineries the strike. Wives and even chilon the West Coast. At first the only major issue

was wages. The union asked for effort. an increase of 23 cents an hour and the best company offer was 12½ cents per hour. This the union rejected and pointed to the higher wages being paid by the same companies, in the East and Middle West for the same work.

Some of the smaller companies willing to discuss the union's deoctopus of the oil industry promptly put the squeeze on the

Boilermakers union and police bership on the question of going were hurled back from the gates back to work. Local officials of the Standard Oil refinery in promptly called mass meetings Richmond. Officials of the Ma- and the proposition was practicchinists union joined the Boiler- ally drowned in a landslide of maker union bureaucrats and to- solid union sentiment. gether with hired goons made another attempt only to suffer the LOCKOUT OF SAILORS ineffective when massed pickets by Union Oil Co. against the CIO

INJUNCTION SUITS

Injunctions followed quickly. Restricted to only four pickets covered by four or five cops the agreement calling for "safe workthe AFL officialdom. Last week companies again tried to run ing conditions." Immediately the Thomas, national director and the Washington State Federation scabs into the Standard plant in company paid off the crews and assistant national director of CIO of Labor announced that Tacoma Richmond. This time flying hired scabs off the dock. The AFL longshoremen will handle squads in cars made life miserable NMU membership on the West cargo from all ships diverted to for the scabs and police, and the Coast are locked out for express-

Then law suits were filed men on strike. against local unions and local officials until, today, suits amount- Pacific thereupon proceeded to ing to ten million dollars are announce that since no contract pending against these valiant derenders of their union.

cellent organization which includes Oil tankers are sailing with scabs a series of soup kitchens managed supported by the SUP. This is by wives and daughters of the the sordid role of the AFL offimembers, flying squads to keep cialdom in their blind struggle to scab oil trucks from moving and smash the CIO on the West Coast. a veritable "navy" of fishing The oil workers and the longitself which permitted movement boats to patrol San Francisco shoremen, together Bay so that oil barges and tank- ands of rank and file AFL memers can be stopped. Local strike bers, are fighting to preserve bulletins are issued daily and sev- trade union solidarity and workeral sound trucks patrol the lines ing class unity against the bosses with the latest news and instruc- - and against reactionary union

Standard is located, Rodeo, home labor movement.

dren of union men join the lines and help the total, all-out strike

Now the issue is union recognition and it is a life or death strug-

Attempts made from within the union to start a back to work movement have all met with a speedy end. The International president, K. O. Knight, twice s Union Oil and Richfield were tried to make a settlement based upon the companies' demands but mand, but Standard Oil - the local meetings quickly voted down his surrender terms.

A small group of union memsmaller companies and took on hers under company influence bethe task of destroying the union. gan to circulate a petition asking Several attempts to smash the the local officials to accept the picket lines were defeated. Scabs, 121/2 cent offer and proposed a ed by AFL officials from the secret referendum of the mem-

Incident to this drive to smash Tear-gas and clubs were rendered the CIO oil union is the lockout held their ground and returned National Maritime Union. The blow for blow with police and NMU seamen aboard Union Oil tankers have had an agreement for the past eight years with Union Oil but refused to connect oil hoses behind picket lines since it violated that section of their ing their solidarity with union

The AFL Sailors Union of the existed between Union Oil and the scabs, it would organize them The strikers have set up an ex- into the SUP. Today six Union

officials who aim to stamp out Towns like Richmond, where militancy and democracy in the

port of Stockton. In Seattle, the leaders of the striking unions CARLSON PULLS NO PUNCHES IN DETROIT RADIO PROGRAM

DEROIT, Mich. Oct. 14 -Sitting at opposite sides of the table, Dr. Grace Carlson, Vice-Presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party and Mr. McMahon, news editor of Detroit's reluctantly admitted the questionntered into, would allow for the largest radio station WWJ (NBC) er. went at each other hammer and tongs in a radio interview here tonight. The issue was: Socialism vs. Capitalism.

"When did you run afoul of the federal law? Of what were you accused?" demanded McMahon. "We were accused on the basis of the Smith Act," answered Dr. Carlson, "but actually for our anti-war views like that workers' leader, Eugene V. Debs."

"What is your philosophy of government?" asked McMahon. "We are against the capitalist government, the government of yourself, but I think you're a bankers and industrialists. We worker." are for a majority ruling in reality, through a Workers and Farmers Government," answered Carl-

Seeking to tie her up, Mr. Mc-Mahon asked about private ownership: "So you are opposed to all private property?"

"Now wait a minute; you don't catch me on that one," she re- son." sponded. "What we want is more private property - shoes, clothes, houses - for the people. But we the union's traditional song, "Soldon't believe that any one indiv- idarity," and the playing of this idual should control the lives of union song over the party's sound thousands and deny them these car at the station. Platforms of

talists?" asked the news editor. | terested by-standers. "That's an understatement. We ity — a Workers and Farmers can rise to the top."

asked "Wasn't he a poor man?" terview to Glen Taylor,

"Yes, but how about his sons? What did they ever do? And how about the Tommy Manvilles, the Doris Duke Cromwells?"

"Well, I'll have to admit that you might have something there,"

Again seeking to trap Dr. Carlson and to prove that the Socialist Workers Party believes in seizing control by a minority, the radio commentator asked. "How many of the 140 million of this country are workers and farm-

"We speak of workers of both hand and brain - the majority,' said Carlson.

"And how about news editors?" "Well," Carlson replied, "I don't know what you think of

"Well, I agree there," said the buffeted questioner.

The evening before the radio interview, Dr. Carlson was met at the station by a group of "Youth for Dobbs and Carlson Club" members. They carried a three-foot sign reading, "Welcome to Detroit - Grace Carl-

Hundreds in the train station were attracted by the singing of the Socialist Workers Party were "So you're opposed to all capi- distributed to several hundred in-

The interview over station want a government of the major- WWJ was granted only after a month-long fight with the station Government - where real ability by the Detroit branch of the Socialist Workers Party after the "How about Ford?" she was station granted a 15-minute in-

Now where does have seen w