

Dobbs Exposes Truman on Prices

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should be financed with the billions now being spent for war preparations.

Congress was called back to Washington to do something about inflation. But whatever bill it does or does not pass, this much is assured: prices will be higher on the day Congress adjourns than they were on the day it convened. The Truman Democrats and the Dewey Republicans cannot and will not do anything about the high cost of living because they cannot cope with the fundamental causes of inflation.

The two main causes of inflation are the huge expenditures for war — the last one and the next — and the robbery of the American people by the profiteering monopoly corporations.

Both major parties are committed to a war program and have been voting billions in appropriations to finance it. Every ton of steel used for tanks or guns creates a scarcity and raises the price of refrigerators and automobiles. Every bolt of cloth used for uniforms creates a scarcity and raises the price of suits and dresses. The tons of food stockpiled for the military machine jack up the cost of pork chops and potatoes.

The war budget is not even up for consideration by the Special Session. And that's one little thing to be thankful for, because every time Congress takes up the war budget a few extra billions are tacked on to it.

Profiteering — or to call it by its right name, plundering of the American people — by the monopoly corporations is the second main cause of inflation. You are well aware of the billions made in profits during the war. That was bad enough. But today, according to Marriner S. Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board, peace-time profiteers are raking in twice the plunder they did in the war year 1943.

Profits Come First

The last Congress helped along this profit grab by lifting the excess profits tax. Truman does not now urge that this tax be completely restored and the Special Session is ready to turn down his suggestion for only partial restoration. Profits come first. That's what the capitalists say — and that's how their political agents act.

Truman is proposing a return to government control over prices. The experience of World War II shows he is baiting a trap for the workers. Despite wartime controls, prices rose steadily. Administration officials found one pretext after another to lift price ceilings and they winked at the thriving black market. But every capitalist politician in office did his level best to enforce the wage freeze which was clamped on the workers in return for a fraud of government price control.

The fact is that prices are controlled today, controlled by the huge monopolies. They fix prices, restrict production, ration raw materials — all for their own unlimited profit. It is the National Dairy Products Company that says how much you must pay for a quart of milk. The Big Four Packers set the price of hamburger. The United States Steel Corporation, as we saw only last week, can raise the price of steel and thereby increase the cost of almost every manufactured commodity.



FARRELL DOBBS

These monopoly corporations not only control prices. They control the Democratic and Republican parties. And through them they control the government. When the National Association of Manufacturers wanted price control removed, Congress removed them. When the meat packers demanded higher prices and imposed a meat famine on the nation, Truman quickly surrendered.

This control by the monopolies over the economy and the government must be broken before effective price controls can be instituted and the living standards of the people improved.

Smash the Stranglehold

The program of the Socialist Workers Party aims at smashing the stranglehold of Big Business and transferring control over economic and political life into the hands of the workers and farmers, the overwhelming majority of the American people.

We propose to nationalize, not this or that public utility as Wallace promises, but the meat combine, the steel trust, the chemical and oil monopolies, the banking syndicates and all other giant private corporations. These trusts must be nationalized without compensation. Through profits and high prices, the American people have already paid many times over for these industries. Unlike the Norman Thomas brand of nationalization, we advocate the operation of these basic industries under the democratic control of the workers.

While fighting for this basic program, steps must be taken to insure that wages keep pace with prices. The Socialist Workers Party was the first to advocate the principle of the sliding scale of wages. We propose that every union contract and government employment regulation contain an escalator clause which would guarantee an automatic rise in wages with every rise in prices. Such a cost of living bonus would be added to the guaranteed basic wage which could not be reduced even if prices fell.

Next month the General Motors workers will receive an automatic increase in wages under the escalator clause in their present contract. This increase will not equal the real rise in prices because it is based upon the notoriously inaccurate government price index. This emphasizes the need for the unions to establish their own statistical bureaus as the recognized agencies for measuring price increases.

Consumers Committees Needed

The capitalist government, swarming with servants of Big Business, has demonstrated that it cannot be relied on to hold down prices. Only the people themselves can do this. The great mass of consumers, workers, veterans, farmers, housewives, must organize their own independent committees in every locality which should become the official agencies for checking and policing prices.

The high cost of living is the high cost of maintaining the profit system. This profit system moves from depression to war to inflation — and then repeats this terrible cycle all over again. At every point along this ruinous road, the American people pay heavily. They suffer either from lack of jobs or from lack of buying power when they are working, while the rich become richer, more reactionary and more arrogant.

A Workers and Farmers Government would smash this vicious cycle. Its planned Socialist economy would guarantee security, improve living standards and make way for unlimited abundance for all.

That is our program. We call upon you to support it with your vote in November and to fight for it all year round by joining the ranks of the Socialist Workers Party.

Revolutionary International of Youth Must Be Built, Proclaims Manifesto

This is a continuation of the Manifesto issued by the recent World Congress of the Fourth International.

For a New Revolutionary Youth International

After the first World War, it was from the cadres of the Socialist Youth, following the glorious example of its great international leader, Karl Liebknecht, that the young communist parties of Europe issued. After the second World War, it is again in the cadres of the Socialist Youth of several countries that the first breaks with the treacherous leaderships are taking place and the first searchings for a new revolutionary International. That the youth is the motive force of all revolutionary movements is not at all a simple empirical observation. The conditions of existence of decaying capitalism weigh most heavily on the young generations of workers, whether of hand or brain, who find themselves from birth cut off from any hope of a future. Bureaucratic sterility and the stifling atmosphere of intrigue and hypocrisy, which now rule in the old workers' organizations, likewise drive the most gifted of the youth, and the most devoted to their class to violent revolt. It is not by accident that the Fourth International, itself deriving from an

opposition which in part came from the youth, is now an organization which is composed in its great majority of young workers and students in all countries. This is, at the same time, the surest pledge for its future development.

The organizations of bourgeois youth (Catholics, semi-fascist) and those which claim to be working class (reformist and Stalinist), intensify their efforts with the aim of promoting systematic de-politization of the young workers. The disgust inevitably provoked by the policies of capitulation and compromise of the traditional organizations also tends to operate in the same direction. That is why the Fourth International systematically instructs the exploited youth in political understanding of their miserable lot. Education of revolutionary youth cadres is the indispensable pre-condition for assuring that the emancipating struggle of the proletarian youth will be centered around class objectives.

The Fourth International completely rejects every condescending attitude towards the young workers and their problems. It neither puts on protective airs nor does it peddle professional speeches. It begins by itself applying the principle which it unceasingly proclaims: Emancipation of the working youth, like that of the proletariat in general, can only be accomplished by the young workers themselves. That is why the Fourth International fully recognizes the right of the revolutionary youth to its own class organization, whose activity is centered in the very first place on the problems of the working class youth itself: The struggle for the right to work and to education, for the right to life and leisure. The revolutionary policies of the youth and the organizations which embrace them take a place of prime importance in the struggle against militarism, imperialism and war, a struggle which is itself one of the central revolutionary tasks of our epoch.

But at the same time that it fully recognizes this right to a specific organization, policies and programs for the revolutionary youth, the Fourth International appeals to the working youth to understand that its own problems make up an integral part of the general problems which are today posed before humanity. In the factory and in the barracks, in the yards and the universities, the working class youth collides with enemies which are the enemies of the collective proletariat and laboring masses: Monopoly capitalism and its increasingly totalitarian State. That is why the revolutionary organization of the youth cannot act independently of the revolutionary organization of the proletariat, but must work in close collaboration with it. That is why the new REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL which is to be built can only be built on the granite program of the Fourth International.

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Guests of the Vatican



Shown after their audience with Pope Pius XII at the Vatican are the following self-confessed "labor statesmen" (l. to r.): Vice-President Luigi Antonini of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL; European Representative Irving Brown, ILGWU adviser and former head of the "Lovestone group," Jay Lovestone and ILGWU President David Dubinsky.

MINNESOTA BLFE GROUP PROPOSES LABOR PARTY

The following forceful resolution, calling for the formation of a labor party, was adopted by the State Legislative board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen at its just-concluded convention in Duluth, Minn.

Labor is on the retreat all along the line before the offensive of the employers. Labor is harassed by constantly rising living costs on the one hand and repressive labor legislation on the other hand.

But Labor's economic power is a tremendous force. Only through our organized force have we been able to wrest wage gains and improved working conditions from the powerful monopolists. But we do not have the political power, comparable to this economic power. Time and time again, we have seen our hard-won gains taken away from us by the actions of the employers' political agents in Washington and in other governmental centers. Over and over, we have been subjected to violence at the hands of those who have been elected as "friends of Labor."

An open-eyed review of the results obtained by the labor movement from the "reward your friends and punish your enemies" policy of supporting Democrats and Republicans must indicate that we should take another course.

Only one in ten thousand of these so-called "friends of Labor" has turned out to be even the least bit "friendly" to the trade union movement. How could it be otherwise? The employers own and control the Democratic and Republican parties completely. They will take over the Wallace movement, too, as soon as it serves their interests to do so.

Labor must have its own party — a Labor Party, based on and controlled by the trade unions. We have the numbers. We have the right on our side. We have a just and reasonable program. The vast majority of the American people will be with us when we go forward to a truly democratic political set-up, in which the control will be vested in the representatives of the workers and the working farmers.

Who would be opposed to a Labor Party and a Workers and Farmers Government? First of all, the big employers. Next, those who believe that the bosses are going to be "fair" about Labor's needs and demands. Perhaps, those, also, who think that their personal careers as "labor statesmen" entitle them to special consideration — very few others.

With our present policy, time operates against us. Look back to the record of the past ten years — just for a start. The Smith "Gag" Act; The Taft-Hartley Law; Truman's strike-breaking; the injunctions against the United Mine Workers Union; the recent calling out of the Minnesota National Guard against the United Packing House Workers Union. Much more "political progress" of this kind means slavery for the American workers. Now is the time to launch the Labor Party. Let us here and now, call upon the entire labor movement for agreement and action!

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Italian Stalinism In Crisis After Togliatti Attack

ROME, July 20 — The attempt to assassinate Togliatti is in keeping with the political atmosphere in Italy after the April 18 elections. It must be considered in the framework of the whole reactionary offensive unfolded both in the trade union and the political field and reflected in the strike wave of the last few months.

The spontaneity and depth of the workers' reaction constitute the most important element of the political situation. Never since the "liberation" have the masses been animated by such an offensive spirit. For a whole afternoon, after the attempted assassination of the Stalinist and trade union leaders lost control of the mass movement.

From North to South, in all Italian towns, the workers spontaneously downed tools, occupied the factories, and moved towards the town centers to demonstrate. The police reacted in a more or less violent fashion, depending on the locality. At Genoa, the workers barricaded themselves in the center of town, after having partially disarmed the police. In Turin, the factories were immediately occupied and industrial managers were seized as hostages by the demonstrators. In Milan, the factories were occupied and there was an attempt to occupy the broadcasting station. In Venice, workers blocked all routes leading to the town and occupied the broadcasting station. At Bologna, the workers were practically masters of the town. Similarly in Livorno and Spezia. Acts of railway sabotage were committed everywhere with the main routes blocked. All Italy was paralyzed, and the atmosphere was as if the bourgeoisie no longer existed. The workers were confidently awaiting the order to continue their actions towards taking power. In the streets of Rome groups were openly discussing the tactic to be followed for the occupation of the strategic points of the capital.

STALINIST ACTIONS
The first action of the Stalinist leaders was to secure themselves in Monte Citorio (the Italian Chamber of Deputies) under the protection of the police. Faced with an accomplished fact, the Stalinist-controlled labor federation was forced to call a general strike "for an indefinite period." The object of the strike was to be the resignation of the government. Next day, in the midst of big popular demonstrations, the Stalinists revealed their position: "Resignation of the Government. Constitution of a true government of national pacification."

The demonstrations which took place in all the great cities on Thursday morning were sabotaged by the leaders of the trade unions

THE MILITANT ARMY

Detroit's 1,000-Sub Drive Near Half Way

Less than four weeks after the opening of the Presidential Campaign Subscription Drive, Detroit branch was past the 40% mark in its local campaign for 1,000 new subs. Flint and Philadelphia were also piling up large sub lists, while radio listeners from coast to coast sent in subs.

The American workers, he said, who organized the world's most powerful unions in a few short years, will organize more rapidly and on a grander scale to take political power.

The audience donated \$35.35 toward the SWP election campaign expenses. After the speech, there was a lengthy discussion and question-and-answer period.

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"We're working in every available field: house-to-house, at union meetings and in the shops. One comrade has sold 27 subs in his plant and is still going strong. We took the Special Convention Issue of The Militant to a Budd Local UAW meeting and sold six subs and six single copies. At a Wayne County CIO Council meeting we sold 3 subs and 16 Militants, and at a Ford meeting 19 Militants. Believe it or not, Jessie even sold a sub to a Fuller Brush man!"

"A copy of Debs' collected speeches is being offered for the highest individual total of subs."

In one week Flint sent four batches of subs totaling 125, nearly all for Chevrolet workers.

From Maine to California and from Vancouver to Louisiana came subs from people who first learned of the Socialist Workers Party and The Militant by hearing the radio broadcasts. About 20% of these also sent for other literature.

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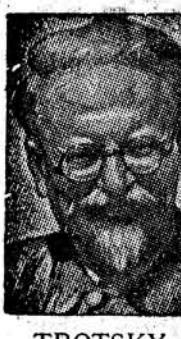
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"The human race has a right to be proud of its Aristotle, Shakespeare, Darwin, Beethoven, Goethe, Marx, Edison and Lenin. But why are they so rare? Above all, because almost without exception, they came out of the upper and middle classes. Apart from rare exceptions, the sparks of genius in the suppressed depths of the people are choked before they can burst into flame. But also because the processes of creating, developing and educating a human being have been and remain essentially a matter of chance, not illuminated by theory and practice, not subjected to consciousness and will. . . Socialism will mean a leap from the realm of necessity into the realm of freedom in this sense also, that the man of today, with all his contradictions and lack of harmony, will open the road for a new and happier race."

—LEON TROTSKY, Copenhagen Speech, 1932.



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TROTSKY

Local 107 Shows the Way

The July 26 *Militant* contained an editorial bringing attention to the case of two union men at the South Philadelphia works of Westinghouse Electric who were fired at the instigation of the Navy Department as "poor security risks." Our editorial hailed the prompt action of CIO United Electrical Workers Local 107 which struck the plant and forced the company to reinstate the victimized workers.

We are glad to see that Local 107 has not let the matter rest there. We have just received a copy of a hard-hitting pamphlet published by the local which described the events and their meaning for all labor. The attractive cover is decorated with a photograph of the motto over the entrance of the Supreme Court Building in Washington—"Equal Justice Under Law."

On the cover is also the statement: "American trade union workers in the South Philadelphia Works of the Westinghouse Corporation in Lester, Pennsylvania, sounded a significant note for the preservation of basic democratic rights in the United States on Monday and Tuesday, July 12 and 13, 1948."

We especially want to quote the introduction of the pamphlet: "It's an American story enacted and told many times before in America but rarely duplicated exactly. Each time it's new people, a new idea, a new driving force but always the same fight—the fight to preserve the individual's right to think . . . and say . . . and believe what he likes; the

fight to remain innocent until proven guilty; the fight for a just redress of grievances . . .

"For the first time in a long time Americans have fought back . . . fought back and won! That's what makes this story different. Plain people in the face of much opposition stood up and were counted when they recognized their civil liberties being threatened. We haven't been hearing about this kind of thing lately, especially in the trade union movement."

This pamphlet is a splendid contribution to the fight for the integrity of the union movement and the cause of civil liberties and we urge our readers to secure it, read it and pass it along to other workers. It can be obtained from Local 107, CIO United Electrical Workers, 345 Bartram Avenue, Essington, Pa.

We wish to repeat the warning of our previous editorial. The Westinghouse incident is but one of many similar attacks on union militants. The corporations are being assisted by the military authorities in victimizing good union men and women, without hearing or charges, under the pretext of "national security."

This outrageous and dictatorial abrogation of union rights by the military can lead to the destruction of the unions. The whole labor movement must be aroused to the danger and launch a nation-wide campaign to halt this menace. Local 107's action and pamphlet point the way.

A Shameful Incident

Shachtman's Workers Party has made its bow on the presidential election arena. It has come forward, not with a program or candidates, but with a "position" which is probably without precedent in the socialist movement.

The WP leaders advise their followers to vote for either Norman Thomas of the Socialist Party, Farrell Dobbs of the Socialist Workers Party, or Edward Teichert of the Socialist Labor Party. These are all equally socialist, according to the statement by the National Committee of the Workers Party, and that is why they do not prefer one to any of the others.

Having no better guide, it would seem that the conscientious WP members would have to toss a coin to decide whom to vote for in November.

But Marxism provides much better ways to differentiate between rival parties and their candidates. These are tested by their programs and performance.

From these decisive standpoints, Norman Thomas, as Trotsky once remarked, can be considered a "socialist" only as the result of a misunderstanding. Thomas supported U.S. imperialism in World War II while Farrell Dobbs went to jail for his revolutionary socialist opposition to the war. By supporting the Marshall Plan, Thomas shows his readiness to back Wall Street in its projected Third World War.

Teichert is the candidate of the sectarian Socialist Labor Party which comes to life

only at election time and ignores the real class struggle the year round. No one, including the WP, has taken them seriously as a force for socialism during the past 30 years.

Until yesterday the WP claimed to be Trotskyist and interested in uniting with the SWP. Today they cannot distinguish between Thomas, a supporter of American imperialism, and Dobbs, a consistent opponent of Wall Street and its policies.

This bizarre election statement by the WP is an obvious attempt to overcome its internal differences and reconcile the conflicting tendencies within the organization. This position is devised to permit its opportunist elements to vote for the Social Democrat Thomas, while leaving room for those who desire to be revolutionaries to back Dobbs.

This is the same kind of unprincipled politics which seeks to include in the same party those like Albert Goldman and others, who acclaim the Marshall Plan, and those who opposed it. It arises from their attempt to hold on to their intellectual friends, James T. Farrell, Felix Morrow, and others who are campaigning for Norman Thomas and support the Marshall Plan.

The choice is clear for those in the WP who wish to remain true to revolutionary socialism. They should vote for the SWP candidates, Dobbs and Carlson. Any one of the SWP election headquarters will furthermore welcome their assistance in the campaign to place the candidates of revolutionary socialism on the ballot.

Free Enterprise?

Under their banner of "free enterprise," giant monopolies have controlled the economic and political life of this country for the past 50 or more years. They are the real rulers of the nation.

From time to time—usually before elections—one or another of the very political parties controlled and financed by these monopolies put on a show of "trust-busting" in order to win some votes. The Truman Administration, through the Federal Trade Commission, is putting on such a show right now. As all such performances of the past demonstrate, it won't bust the trusts. But it does give us more information about them.

The FTC's recent report, entitled, *The Merger Movement*, shows how the big monopolies have continued to grow even since 1940 by absorbing smaller, independent firms. Such mergers have caused the disappearance in eight years of more than 2,450 formerly independent manufacturing and mining companies. Nearly a third of these companies have been absorbed by corporations with more than 50 million dollars of assets. Of the country's 200 largest corporations, 123 have made corporate acquisitions since 1940; 46 have absorbed from five to 10 other companies in less than a decade.

Two years ago, *The Militant* ran a series of articles on "World War II and the Monopolies," showing how the monopolies had grown during the war with the aid of the Roosevelt government. These articles analyzed the findings of the Senate Small Business Committee, which revealed that just 250 corporations by the end of the war controlled more than two-thirds of all manufacturing facilities in the United States. Since then the monopolies have obtained billions worth of government-built plants for a song.

The purpose of the FTC report, its authors claim, is to call attention to loopholes in the Clayton Anti-Trust Law, passed during the first administration of Woodrow Wilson to close loopholes in the Sherman Anti-Trust Law of 1890. The only conviction ever secured under the Sherman Act was the conviction of the great Socialist and union leader, Debs. Monopoly, as Marx and Engels pointed out a hundred years ago, is a natural development of the capitalist system. Monopolies cannot be curbed under capitalism. They can only grow and grow like a cancer until they destroy the country.

The only way to eliminate private monopolies is by governmental expropriation and the operation of the means of production and distribution under workers' control.

Keep Up Good Pace in \$25,000 Election Fund Campaign; 20 Percent of Quota Reached

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

The \$25,000 SWP Election Campaign and Party Building Fund is moving along at a good pace. The second scoreboard shows that the 20 percent mark has been passed. Last week added \$1,687.43, making a total of \$5,181.83 collected through Aug. 4.

Tacoma stands at the head of the procession this week. It sent in \$30 on its pledge and expects to take care of the remainder very soon.

West Virginia deserves special credit for its prompt payment of half of its \$100 quota.

Along with the sizeable sum of \$110.50 on account, Genora Dollinger writes from Flint: "We are doing our best to raise this money and get it in as fast as we possibly can. We have already visited a number of our sympathizers for contributions and intend to do this regularly during the campaign. But you can appreciate the effort it takes to collect money in this manner."

Yes, we can understand how much energy and effort is involved . . . and Flint's campaign spirit and results set a standard for other branches.

Comrade Cook encloses Pittsburgh's first payment with this note: "Things are just beginning to percolate here and we expect to make a little local history before the campaign is far under way."

Akron reports plans to hold a banquet for Farrell Dobbs on his visit there as the high point of its money-raising activities. From Chicago arrives the news that this hard-working local has gone over the top in its pledges. Pledges now amount to \$2,011 with some yet to be made. No less cheering was the \$274 that Fund Director Gus mailed in.

Although Youngstown hasn't started its climb on the scoreboard, Harry Braverman reports that the branch has already

secured pledges of \$540 and is confident of surpassing its quota.

New York City and Minnesota are marching side by side, each having paid up 31 percent of their allotments. The Harle, Central and Painters' branches in New York have already collected over a third of their quotas.

We want to thank B.P.J. of Miland for his \$3 donation. He's the latest of our readers to back up the great cause of socialism in this historic presidential campaign. You can help by sending your dollars to the Dobbs-Carlson Fund, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Tacoma	50	30	60
Allentown	50	25	50
St. Louis	50	25	50
West Virginia	100	50	50
Flint	400	150	38
Philadelphia	500	190	34
New York City	7,500	2,277	31
Minnesota	2,000	609	31
Baltimore	50	15	30
Newark	750	200	27
Reading	150	35	23
Los Angeles	2,500	510	20
Pittsburgh	200	35	18
Boston-Lynn	400	60	15
Detroit	1,600	200	13
Chicago	2,000	386	11
Milwaukee	400	45	11
San Francisco-Oakland	1,500	168	11
Seattle	600	70	11
Buffalo	1,000	37	4
Akron	400	10	3
Cleveland	400	0	0
Connecticut	250	0	0
Rochester	25	0	0
San Diego	50	0	0
Toledo	200	0	0
Youngstown	800	0	0
General	1,075	54	5
Total through Aug. 4	\$25,000	5,181	21

Sign Ford Wage Agreement



Ford company representative John Bugas (1) and President Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers (CIO) shake hands in Detroit at the windup of negotiations resulting in a 13 cent hourly wage increase plus 4 cents in fringe demands.

The fact that hundreds of unions came to the defense of the Trotskyists in the Minneapolis Labor Case, shows how much class solidarity exists within our labor movement. In this case only the Stalinists did all they could to murder this solidarity — since murder both political and physical is their stock in trade. How can we forget, even in a short statement, to remind the world about it?

The Minneapolis Labor Case is still fresh in the minds of thousands of workers who supported the 18 through the Civil Rights Defense Committee. Many of them know that the Stalinists' answer was — "let them rot in jail," — no defense for Trotskyists," etc. It's true that our defense of civil rights in America is much broader and much more deep-going than the defense of the few Stalinists, but their dirty record must be brought to the fore so that the class conscious militants will never forget it.

If you did not find it proper to place the record of the Stalinists in the statement, there should have appeared an editorial on it in the same issue of the paper. These criminals within the labor movement must be given their due.

I am not subscribing to *The Militant* again. It's too one-sided; it's too dictatorial, it uses abuse instead of argument.

J.R.
North Vancouver, B.C.

I cannot agree with your outlook on Stalin's Russia. You have been supporting Stalinism these last three years. You have been hiding the crimes of Stalinism since the close of the world's war. You have aided and abetted Stalinism.

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B.P.
Last week I tuned in on the radio on the tail end of a speech made by one of your officials.

The little I heard was so interesting that I would like to have a copy of the whole speech, which please mail me only if your party does not advocate the overthrow of our government by force and violence, as the Communists do.

Oratory facing the world crisis becomes hourly more neolithic. Devotion to the cause sounded loud through the long-drawn-out ritual that began no place, got no place and sedulously avoided any adult planning for the future.

Juvenile delinquency we label it when our children do it. But how about adult delinquency?

Occasional splurges of fiery denunciation that fell utterly flat: the former shadow boxing technique has lost all kick even with moral idiot politicians.

If this "ritualism of the mob" (Carlyle) could but be directed into the right channel! Can America ever grow up? When comes the workers' and farmers' convention?

M. E. H.
Enclosed you will find 25¢ for the special 15-week subscription.

B.P.
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FROM COQUILLE, OREGON.

Would you please send me a copy of the excellent speeches made by the nominees of your party for president and vice-president of the United States.

Miss P. M.
* * *

FROM ROCKLIN, CALIF.

In reading my first copy of *The Militant* I am greatly pleased with its message to the working man. If only everybody in this country could read *Militant* we could rise to unparalleled heights in the education of American people in the many benefits of socialism.

Devotion to the cause, strange to tell, was the basic keynote of both Republican and Democratic conventions.

The Militant has a certain standing in the labor movement. Those who agree or disagree with the point of view of this paper, have always nevertheless considered The Militant a serious and strictly politically principled paper. We must keep up this level.

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STALINISTS' "REFUTE" SPEECH OF DOBBS

The Daily Worker's (July 13) pathetic attempt to "refute" Dobbs' last radio speech on "Why Labor Needs Its Own Party" on

T.B.B.

It would also be helpful if you would send me information concerning the differences between your party and other socialist parties.

Most important of all, to what extent specifically would you consider socializing American industries, medicine, etc.

Miss E. K.

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