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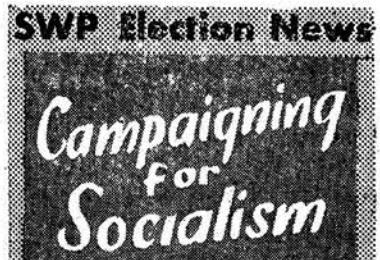
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Two blessed events occurred in Connecticut last week.

The first was the launching of the state electoral organization of the SWP on Sun. Oct. 3 in Hartford attended by an impressive ceremony in keeping with the birth of a new Trotskyist institution. Delegates were present from New Haven, New Britain, Bristol, Hartford and other Connecticut cities and a fraternal delegation from Massachusetts and New York.

The nomination of our national ticket, of the state presidential electors and of Morris Chertov, candidate for Governor was ratified unanimously. A state platform was adopted and speeches of greetings were heard from Lawrence P. Trainor, Massachusetts SWP State Organizer and by yours truly for the National Campaign Committee. Alvin Berman, State Campaign Director was in the chair.

The speakers rostrum was a battery of radio mikes representing the ABC and Yankee networks and independent stations which carried the speeches of Dobbs and Chertov to all parts of the state. As the program got under way, voices of radio announcers could be heard from all corners of the room saying: "We are speaking from the Bond Hotel here in Hartford where the Socialist Workers Party is nominating..." And that night, as we drove home exhilarated from our afternoon experience, we heard the entire program rebroadcast over two other stations.

The next day newspapers all over the state reported the convention doings.

The second Blessed Event was the birth of a nine pound baby girl to the wife of our candidate for Governor the day before the convention. The convention roared its approval. Two strapping babies had come into the world at the same time.

CAMPAIGNING AT THE PLANT GATES

Farrell Dobbs went back to the huge Westinghouse plant in East Pittsburgh where Grace Carlson had been a month ago. It was another rip-roaring meeting. Eloise Gordon writes that more than a thousand were listening in the street, sitting on the steps leading up to the plant and leaning out of the window. "Farrell held them spellbound. A worker alighted from the street car and stopped right where he landed.

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Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers candidate for President, speaking over a hookup of 15 Connecticut stations, including an ABC and Yankee Network, independent and NBC radio stations, from the Connecticut SWP state convention at Hartford on Oct. 3.

Wallace Party Backs Democrats, Breaks Pledge of Independence

FARRELL DOBBS TO DEBATE NORMAN THOMAS ON OCT. 17 "WHICH PROGRAM WILL LEAD TO A SOCIALIST AMERICA?"

The debate between Farrell Dobbs and Norman Thomas promises to be one of the most important events of the 1948 election campaign. The debate is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 17, at 2:30 P.M., Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd St., New York City.

A place in the debate has been left open for the Presidential candidate of the Socialist Labor Party, who has been invited to participate but has declined the invitation.

Advance tickets for the debate can be obtained for \$1 at SWP offices, 116 University Place, New York City.

RADIO AUDIENCE HEARS DOBBS AT CONNECTICUT STATE SWP CONVENTION

The following is the major section of the keynote address entitled, "Big Business and America's Future," delivered by Farrell Dobbs, SWP Presidential candidate, to the Connecticut SWP state convention on Oct. 3. The convention was held at the Bond Hotel at Hartford and the address was carried over the main radio stations of Connecticut.

Delegates to the first Connecticut State Convention of the Socialist Workers Party. Friends of the radio audience:

If you have listened carefully to the campaign speeches of the major candidates in this campaign, you will have noticed — as I did — that there is one refrain that runs through all of them. They say, in essence, that conditions may be bad in the United States but they are worse in the rest of the world.

The housing shortage may cause heartaches and suffering to millions of Americans — but the housing situation is worse in Germany.

Prices may be too high for families in Hartford and New Haven to make ends meet — but prices are higher in Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Negroes may be victimized and humiliated, civil liberties curbed and undermined by government-inspired reaction — but there are less democratic rights under the Stalin dictatorship.

Word has been officially received that petitions of the Socialist Workers Party for Dobbs and Carlson were "received and filed" in Iowa and Wisconsin. Unless unforeseen difficulties crop up this assures the SWP a place on the ballot in both these states.

Final information will be forthcoming in the next few days of the certification of the party ticket in Minnesota where nomination was made by petition and in Washington where it was made by state convention.

In addition place on the ballot has already been won in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Utah and Colorado.

Along with Presidential electors the Wisconsin state organization filed petitions for James Boulton SWP candidate for Governor; in Minnesota the SWP filed for Vincent R. Dunne for U.S. Senator and in Washington for Dan Roberts for Governor.

As we go to press news has been received that Harry Braverman SWP candidate for Congressman in Youngstown, Ohio, is winning his court battle against the local election board. The case now goes to the State Supreme Court.

Next week's *Militant* will complete roundup of all states where the SWP is on the ballot and of all candidates running on the ticket in local elections.



Kutcher Demands Clark Reinstate Him on Job

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1—James Kutcher, legless Newark war veteran, met here for an hour yesterday afternoon with Attorney General Tom Clark to appeal against his dismissal as a clerk in the Veterans Administration because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

Kutcher was accompanied by George Novack, Secretary of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee.

The victimized veteran, who lost both legs in action in Italy, stated that his whole case revolves around the issue of Clark's designation of the Socialist Workers Party as "subversive."

In a written petition which he presented to Clark personally, Kutcher charged: "Your department did not give the Socialist Workers Party advance notice of such designation. You did not issue any specification of charges. You did not submit any evidence. And when my party asked you for a public hearing at which it could defend itself and answer the charges, you denied it."

"Only a public hearing, leading to the removal of my party from the blacklist, can enable me to save the job to which I believe myself as much entitled as you are entitled to yours."

OPEN HEARINGS

Clark claimed at first that in denying a hearing to the SWP he was acting according to Truman's Executive Order establishing the procedure of the "loyalty" purge. When Kutcher and Mr. Novack pointed out that it was within his province to hold hearings, Clark then said he had held a couple involving unnamed organizations, but because they became so "boisterous" it was considered "impractical" to hold any more hearings.

Clark asked Kutcher whether he did not think he had received a "fair hearing" before the local Loyalty board in Philadelphia on Sept. 10. Kutcher pointed out that while he could say anything he wanted at that hearing, since the board was bound in advance by the "subversive" list it refused to discuss the real issue, "Is the SWP subversive?" This fact, said Kutcher, made it impossible for him to get a "fair deal."

In the course of the discussion, Kutcher revealed that his "subversive" list is "essentially the same" as an original secret list prepared in 1941 under the Roosevelt Administration by former Attorney General Francis Biddle. It was Biddle, acting under Roosevelt's orders, who carried through the prosecution of 18 leaders of the SWP under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act.

Clark claimed that the intent of the blacklist was to protect the government by eliminating "undesirables" from public employment, but it was not intended to harass any political party. Kutcher pointed out that the net effect

of the list, however, is precisely to persecute minority political parties and their members, as his own case amply proves.

KUTCHER FIRST

The Attorney General told Kutcher that while hundreds of others were dismissed from their jobs, Kutcher was the first to protest directly to him. This, Clark claimed, is "proof" that the procedure is "fair." Kutcher replied that, on the contrary, most victimized government employees have been intimidated and accept the dismissals because they do not want to be publiclyigmatized.

The only commitment that Clark made was that he would personally "study the record" of the case and talk on the matter with Maj. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Veterans Affairs Administrator, a banker and former vice president of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

This meeting was the result of (Continued on page 4)

New York City SWP Broadcasts In Fifteen Forums Over Sta. WNEW

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

The next SWP broadcasts will be heard on Mon. Oct. 11, Wed. Oct. 13, Thurs. Oct. 14, Mon. Oct. 18.

WNEW is 1130 on your dial.

National Candidates of SWP Brand Move "Unprincipled"

Our repeated prediction that Henry Wallace and his new party would buckle and retreat under fire is being fulfilled even more quickly than we had expected. Wallace and his lieutenants are backing scores of candidates of the corrupt Democratic Party that "Boomerang Hank" has been denouncing from coast to coast.

On Sept. 30—four weeks before the election—C. B. Baldwin, Wallace's campaign manager, demonstrably announced that the so-called Progressive Party is withdrawing candidates or withholding opposition in more than twenty key Congressional and Senatorial contests to aid "liberal" Truman Democrats.

Just how frantically the Wallace party is trying to cling to the Democratic coat-tails is shown by the further fact, as Baldwin emphasized, that the Wallaceites are supporting not less than 41 of the 47 incumbents of Congress who scored 75% or better on the pro-Truman CIO voting chart.

Headlong Retreat of Wallace

That this withdrawal of Wallace candidates is intended to strengthen the decrepit Democratic Party at some of its weakest points was likewise made clear by Baldwin. He pointed out that Wallace party backing is now going to 25 of the 35 Democratic incumbents who were elected by less than 55% of the vote in 1946.

Baldwin asserted further that the Wallace forces would have publicly endorsed even more Democrats "if it were not for the pressure and threats of withdrawal of financial support exerted on many Democrats if they accepted our endorsement."

This whole move comes as a cynical violation of Wallace's earlier campaign assurances that he was building a genuinely independent and progressive party against the two old-line capitalist parties.

We can imagine the feelings of hundreds of thousands of sincere Wallace supporters at this latest announcement. They have been giving of their time, energy and money in the belief they were helping to build a truly independent party. Now they find their leaders supporting the same bi-partisan politicians who are betraying the American people.

Not a single one of these Wallace-supported "liberal" Democrats even fulfills Wallace's own repeated definition of a liberal. The first criterion, according to Wallace, is that they shall be "for peace" and oppose the Truman-Marshall war program. Every one of the Democratic "liberals" now being strengthened by Wallace backing supports the Truman Doctrine, the huge military budget and peacetime conscription.

Among these are Chester Bowles, running for Connecticut Governor, of whom Wallace only two weeks ago said, "Bowles doesn't think that peace is important" and, "I don't know how good he'd be for peace." Another, Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas, of California, spurned the Wallaceite endorsement with the statement that "I strongly support the Marshall Plan."

An Unprincipled Policy

This opportunistic and unprincipled move by the Wallaceites is exactly what is to be expected from a splinter capitalist party composed of disgruntled Democratic "liberals," middle-class confusionists and Stalinist adventurers. Wallace had previously shown his colors when he said that if war came he would "naturally" support the war and that he is "the best defender of capitalism."

The millionaire demagogue Wallace and his party cannot fill the political vacuum created by the lack of an independent mass party of the working-class, a labor party based on the unions. The American workers need their own party, under their own control, running their own candidates and in uncompromising opposition to all the capitalist parties. That is the program the Socialist Workers Party fights for. That is the program you will be voting for when you vote for Dobbs and Carlson on Nov. 2.



Grace Carlson, SWP Vice Presidential candidate, addressing the 13th national convention of the Socialist Workers Party after receiving her nomination. Her acceptance speech was broadcast over Mutual and other networks.

Connecticut Radio Audience Hears Farrell Dobbs at State Convention

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nomy or they are deliberately deceiving the people to protect the material interests and huge fortunes of the few.

History is in constant motion and it is unlikely that the Republicans or Democrats will produce a Joshua to stop this movement. States and systems advance or degenerate. They never stand still.

Let us take an example. About thirty years ago, a capitalist democracy like ours was established in Germany. Trade unions flourished, social legislation more advanced in many respects than ours was enjoyed by large numbers and the right to vote was extended to all.

But as in this country, ownership of industry was in the hands of a few giant corporations and banks; the people suffered from unemployment, poverty, lack of housing, anti-labor laws and restrictions on civil rights — as they do here. A change to socialized ownership and workers' control of industry, to planning for production for use instead of anarchy for private profit, was an imperative and unpostponable necessity.

But the German Deweys and Trumans, and especially the German Wallaces and Norman Thomases, resisted and fought this change. They convinced the German people to bear their present ills rather than risk a change to socialism. They succeeded in halting progress but not change — a change for the worse; that is, to Hitler and fascism, to the rule of slave labor laws and concentration camps.

Woe to him who thinks that America is different from Germany and is excluded from this historic law of change!

CHANGE IN AMERICA

A hundred years ago, America was a nation of small farmers and traders. They were rich and poor, capitalists and workers, it is true. But wealth was more evenly divided than it is today. Despite the desires and fears of men like Jefferson and Jackson, an irresistible change uprooted and overwhelmed the society of our forefathers.

The small farmer has been displaced by large scale factory farming controlled by absentee owners. Small business has been gobbled up by giant corporations. Even the manufacturer, who knew production and was acquainted with his workers, has been pushed aside by Wall Street financiers and parasitic coupon-clippers. The small artisan's shop, where the worker owned his own tools, has given way to the system of mass production, where

thousands labor under one roof on monotonous chores created by an infinite division of labor.

This change was inevitable if mankind was to emerge from primitive conditions of life always at the mercy of uncontrollable forces of nature, prisoners of toil and backbreaking toil.

But with this change has come a terrible evil which has robbed the great majority of the people of the security, the luxury, the comfort which should have been the fruits of their collective industry and creative science. And now this evil threatens to rob the people of life itself.

A financial despotism dominates America today. This group, which owns and controls the industries, the natural resources, the transportation — yes, even the land and the air — is so small that Ferdinand Lundberg, a reliable economist, said that 60 families rule America. Rockefeller, Morgan, Du Pont, Whitney, Swift, Harriman, to mention but a few, are names which are as well known as were the names of kings and princes in another age. And their number constantly grows smaller, not larger.

The Federal Trade Commission, watching this process, reports that more than 2,400 formerly independent industrial companies have disappeared into mergers since 1940. Nearly one-third of these companies have been swallowed up by corporations with assets totaling \$50,000,000 or more.

Just name the problem — any problem — that besets the working people and the cause springs readily to mind. Take anti-labor legislation. Everyone knows that the National Association of Manufacturers Association rushed the Taft-Hartley Bill through Congress with the aid of the Republicans and a majority of Democrats, despite Mr. Truman's campaign oratory to the contrary.

Big Business is a totalitarian force. It cannot permit the workers to have a voice in deciding the speed of production, the safety and healthfulness of working conditions, the rate of wages or the length of hours.

Under Big Business ownership, minority rules and majority submits.

NASHUA CASE

Just the other day we had an example of this in New England. A textile manufacturer in Nashua, New Hampshire, decided he could extract more profits in the open shop south. So, after years of profit-making in Nashua, after milking the federal government for subsidies and the local government for all manner of tax



Morris Chertov (left), SWP candidate for governor of Connecticut, discusses his campaign with Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for President.

exemption and other rights, he served notice that he was closing his plant and laying off 3,500 workers.

Did he care that hunger and misery would stalk the 20,000 people of Nashua, a one-mill town? Did he even consult them? Why should he? The capitalist rules his factory as king, once ruled subjects.

How far is Connecticut from New Hampshire and how different are capitalists in this state? Think that over, workers of Connecticut!

Take prices. Here the connection may seem somewhat obscure because of all the propaganda about the natural economic laws. But that is all bunk. Big Business fixes prices. They are keeping prices up now by forcing the government into war production, more profitable to them than serving the peace-time consumer.

Dewey says he has no quick answers to solve the problem of high prices. Naturally. The darling of Park Avenue and the servant of Wall Street knows that it is bad business to monkey with Big Business.

Truman thought he had an answer in 1946, but the Meat Trust showed him how mistaken he was. When they wanted the price of meat raised and Truman resisted, they declared a meat famine — and Truman surrendered.

Truman surrendered because the government is controlled by Big Business just as the chemical industry is controlled by Dupont. It was once said that the government was controlled by "unseen powers," meaning Big Business, which exercised its controls by lobbying, intimidation and bribery. A robber baron stated that it was easier and cheaper to buy a few hundred legislators than a few hundred voters.

Today this control is exercised openly, brazenly, without attempt to conceal.

BIG BUSINESS CONTROL

The most important posts in the executive branch of the government are occupied by bankers, industrialists, speculators and corporation attorneys. Most of these plutocrats were brought into the government by Harry Truman — although Roosevelt and Wallace also did their share — by Harry Truman who is now running up and down the country warning of the danger of Big Business control of government if the Republicans win.

Big Business control is so secure today that the most fateful decisions on the Berlin crisis — on whether there shall be war or peace — are being made this minute while Congress is in recess and the President is campaigning. They are being made by six men, four of them money kings and two brass hats and none of them elected by the people.

It would be no different if the legislature were in session. A National Security Council, consisting of financial tycoons and brass hats, presided over by James Forrestal of the Dillon, Read

cro "loyalty" courts. The right to strike and to choose a union of one's own choice is overthrown by government by injunction. America, once the haven of oppressed from all over the world, now sees a frenzy of deportation proceedings against aliens who will not kneel at the altar of Big Business.

Free speech, guaranteed by the constitution, is now being gagged by the courts. Only a week ago, AFL Painters Local 481 here in Hartford was fined \$800 and its former President John O'Brien \$200 by a New Haven Federal Judge for carrying on political action during an election campaign.

If Thomas Jefferson who once said, "The tree of liberty should be watered with the blood of tyrants at least every twenty years" — if he were alive today he would see the name of his party on a Department of Justice "subversive" blacklist, placed there without prior notification, without charges and without a hearing. Then he would see veterans of the revolutionary war fired from government positions because of membership in the party.

For saying far less — that is precisely what happened to the Socialist Workers Party and to James K. Ketcher, the legless veteran who is being fired from his job with the Veterans' Administration because he is an admitted member of the party.

DESPOTIC PRACTICE

It is only natural that Big Business should carry over its despotic practices from industry to government. Those who prohibit free thought and free speech in the factories must eventually attempt to prohibit these rights in the voting booth, on the street and wherever men gather to voice their grievances and discontent.

They must do so, else freedom of speech in public places penetrate into the factories and destroy into their dictatorship.

It was once said that a poor man sleeps with his door unlocked, because he has no valuable to protect. By the same token our present rulers sitting in a fabulous hoard of ill-gotten wealth, looted and stolen from the people, must constantly multiply the guard against the right-wing owners. They must increase the number and the power of the police and decrease the rights and the liberties of the people.

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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 indomitable temper. This faith in reason, in truth, in human solidarity, which at the age of eighteen I took with me into the workers' quarters of the provincial Russian town of Nikolayev — this faith I have preserved fully and completely. It has become more mature, but not less ardent.

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

The Registration Lag

Although the voting-age population has increased by several millions since 1944, the registration figures have declined badly in a number of key states. Registration in the largest city, New York, last week fell 234,585 short of 1944's figure of 3,556,377. It was even 68,678 less than in 1940. According to the city's population trend, 800,000 more eligible voters should have registered this year than eight years ago.

Republican leaders claim the decline is due to "apathy" in "normally Democratic" districts. The Democrats reply by noting the drop in "normally Republican" areas. All join in a chorus of abuse against the "influence" of the voters. This chorus, we may be sure, will be echoed by the labor lieutenants of the capitalist parties in the CIO and AFL.

The "labor statesmen" will issue their usual slander of the rank and file as "lazy" and "stupid" because they did not flock once more to register in order to vote for candidates of the old-line parties that have deceived them and betrayed their trust for so long.

These millions of so-called "apathetic" voters are not at all indifferent to the grave issues facing this country. They are simply indifferent to the outcome of the election insofar as the only choice, as they see it, is Wall Street's Dewey or Wall Street's Truman or the muddlehead demagogue Wallace.

Blame is indeed due for the "apathy" of the workers. But this blame must fall wholly and directly on the union leaders, the Murrys, Greens, Reuthers, Lewises, Dubinskys, Potofskys, Tobins, who have blocked the building of labor's own party.

What alternative have these union leaders offered to Truman, the greatest strikebreaker

in American history, or Dewey, the darling of the Standard Oil trust and the Chase National Bank? What real choice does this present the voter?

In one of his more candid columns, the politically astute Walter Lippmann wrote in the Oct. 4 N. Y. *Herald-Tribune* that while there are "great issues" and "grave problems" facing the country, "to these problems the Republicans do not have one set of answers and the Democrats as a party another set... That holds not only in the field of foreign policy. In domestic policy... there is no fundamental conflict of doctrine — no ideological conflict remotely comparable with that which separates parties, say in France, or even in Britain."

In short, whether you vote for Dewey or Truman, you're voting for the same fundamental program. The union leaders insult the intelligence of the workers when they blame them for not seeing a difference that does not exist.

The workers are not "indifferent" or "dumb." They are waiting for a clear call, a program of action. Let the officials of the leading unions summon a National Congress of Labor of all the unions. Let this Congress of Labor launch an independent labor party. Then the "indifference" of the workers will change to stormy enthusiasm — such enthusiasm as they demonstrated in the Thirties when the CIO gave them the answer of industrial unionism to open-shop oppression.

The Socialist Workers Party and its candidates, Farrell Dobbs for President and Grace Carlson for Vice President, are campaigning and fighting for this program. By voting for the SWP candidates, you will be helping to advance this program and make it a reality.

"Force And Violence"

Every capitalist ruling class—including the Wall Street barons in this country—represents itself as the defender of "law and order" and "constitutional means" against working-class organizations, particularly the Marxists, who allegedly "advocate force and violence" and "seek to alter the form of government by unconstitutional means."

This propaganda is designed to conceal the fact that actually the capitalists毫不犹豫地 resort to the most bloody and illegal means when their rule is seriously challenged by the working class majority, as witness the recent history of Germany, Italy and Spain.

We have a striking reminder of this in an appeal made on Oct. 4 in England by a leading British capitalist, J. Gibson Jarvie, chairman of the United Dominions Trust, Ltd. In a widely-publicized speech, this eminent banker called for nothing less than armed rebellion against the Labor government. This "revolution... may be bloodless or it may not," said Jarvie, "but it must come... I believe in constitutional methods, but I also believe—and I make this statement deliberately—that when the government is in the hands of reckless and incompetent megalomaniacs there may come a time when the

only possible course is to rebel."

Here is the voice of a privileged capitalist minority advocating any means to oust a Labor government elected by an overwhelming popular majority. This is no isolated opinion.

In France today, Gen. Charles De Gaulle—darling of the French and U. S. imperialists—is openly mobilizing armed storm troopers to seize power. A N. Y. *Times* correspondent cabled from Paris last week that "on de Gaulle's recent tour... his (private) police force had jeeps and assorted firearms including machine guns."

For what purpose? De Gaulle openly stated it on Oct. 1: "Under democracy, power is obtained by an appeal to the people, but if law and order breaks down I reserve the right to take whatever action I regard as advisable."

In other words, capitalists discard democratic methods as easily as they do a worn-out garment and resort to force and violence when it suits their purposes and needs. When the capitalists accuse us Marxists of "advocating" force and violence, they are simply resorting to the "stop thief" cry of the criminal—an old dodge aimed at distracting attention from the guilty party.

Truman On Civil Rights

Truman stumped down South to bulwark his chances there against Gov. Thurmond's Dixiecrats. For four days, Truman roamed the fair state of Texas, a Jim-Crow stronghold and scene of some of the worst lynchings in recent years.

The President talked about the weather, communism, the Republicans, the power interests and whatever other topics swam across his stream of consciousness. He boasted how he had "stopped" John L. Lewis and the mine workers in the federal courts.

But he was mum as an oyster on civil rights. On Negro rights, on anti-lynching and anti-poll tax legislation he was a graven image of silence. Not even a direct and public challenge from Gov. Thurmond could incite so much as a mouse-squeak from Truman on the one issue that transcends all others in the South and that has convulsed and riven the Democratic Party.

It was easy for Truman in Philadelphia to boast he would not "compromise" on his promised civil rights campaign. But it's another story down South. That's where the real test came of whether Truman is campaigning for votes or for principles.

Farther north, in Oklahoma City, Truman did hint—merely hint—at the question of

civil rights, in a speech devoted principally to whether the Democrats or the Republicans are doing the most to suppress "communists."

Truman compared his "loyalty" purge among two million government employees and the federal frame-up indictments against the 12 Communist Party leaders to the record of the Republican-controlled House Un-American Activities Committee with its "reckless disregard of the Bill of Rights..."

His own "loyalty" purge, he bragged, gives "each individual—now listen to this, this is the meat of the thing—each individual... full opportunity to protect himself against charges which may be unfounded, distorted, or unbiased."

Like the Kutcher case, Mr. Truman? Like James Kutcher, the legless war veteran who has been given notice of dismissal from the Veterans Administration in your "loyalty" purge because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party? Jimmie Kutcher got a "hearing," all right. The loyalty board, at a closed session, just wanted to know one thing—was he or wasn't he a member of the SWP? Attorney General Clark said the SWP was "subversive," and if Kutcher belonged to it the dismissal would stand.

That's the real "meat" of Truman's "civil rights" program. They mean fear and agony, slav-

Ask Branches to Increase Efforts In S. W. P. Election Fund Campaign

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

Although a total of \$1,132 was received this week in the Socialist Workers Party election fund campaign—a tribute to the hard work and self-sacrifice of our comrades, friends and sympathizers—it is nevertheless necessary to run up the warning signal. Two weeks ago we reported that at least \$2,000 a week was necessary to make our goal of \$25,000 on schedule. Last week \$1,633 came in; this week receipts dropped below that figure.

Reading branch was the only one this week to move up into the 100%-or-better category. Congratulations to the Reading comrades whose consistent plugging has again put them over the top!

San Francisco-Oakland, who have been climbing steadily, this week sent in \$276, bringing them up to 81% of their goal!

Newark chalked up another \$50, taking them up to 80%, almost on the nose with the Bay area comrades and up with Seattle.

Seattle sent \$30, sufficient to cross the 80% wire but not quite enough to keep them ahead of the sprint from Newark.

Cleveland climbed from 59% to 77% with a total for the week of \$71.

Youngstown, formerly ahead of Cleveland, is now running neck

to neck with that branch, a weekly total of \$67 bringing them to 77%.

New York City, with a goal of \$7,500 moved up to 72% with a total of \$400 for the week.

Pittsburgh, faced with unusual difficulties, nevertheless managed to collect another \$10, bringing them up to 65%.

Toledo crossed the halfway mark to 51% with \$4.

Chicago inched up from 43% to 49% with a total for the week of \$119.

Detroit moved from 44% to 48% with \$65 for the week.

A contribution of \$10 and another of \$15 helped the "General" category. Thanks a lot H. A. of Chicago and E. H. of Eureka, Calif!

The next few weeks are very important for the success of the Socialist Workers Party Presidential campaign. Thousands of workers who have not yet seen our platform or heard our candidates can be reached if we have the necessary funds. We ask all our friends and sympathizers to rush their contributions. Dig deep to make the Election Fund Campaign a complete success!

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Baltimore	\$ 50	\$ 65	131
Tacoma	50	61	122
St. Louis	50	55	111
Milwaukee	400	419	103
Allentown	50	50	100
Philadelphia	500	500	100
Reading	150	150	100
Rochester	50	50	100
Boston-Lynn	400	380	95
Minnesota	2,000	1,792	90
Flint	400	328	82
San Francisco-Oakland	1,500	1,222	81
Newark	750	600	80
Seattle	600	480	80
Cleveland	400	308	77
Youngstown	800	612	77
New York City	7,500	5,424	72
West Virginia	100	70	70
Pittsburgh	200	180	65
Los Angeles	2,500	1,476	59
Akron	400	206	52
Buffalo	1,000	524	52
Toledo	200	101	51
Chicago	2,000	982	49
Detroit	1,600	775	48
San Diego	50	16	32
Connecticut	250	32	13
General	1,050	168	16
Total	\$25,000	\$16,976	68



Dr. Grace Carlson (right), Socialist Workers candidate for U. S. Vice President, filing her nominating petitions to get on the Minnesota state ballot. Accompanying her at the office of Arnold Gaudrud, Assistant Secretary of State, at the state capital in St. Paul, are her sister Dorothy Schultz, the Schultz twins, Vincent and Raymond, and V. R. Dunne, SWP candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota.

Campaigning for Socialism

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rooted to the street as Farrell let 'em have it."

They're going back to the Westinghouse gates when Manny Terbovich, Chicago SWP organizer, gets into town at the end of the month to address meetings of Slovenian workers on the Tito-Stalin conflict.

SPREADING THE WORD

An additional 200,000 copies of the National Election Platform made their way into the homes of workers in the form of a reprint of the full text which appeared in the *Denver Post*, the biggest paper in the city which circulates throughout the entire Rocky Mountain region. That's the soil of big class battles, ploughed up by the Western Federation of Miners, the I.W.W., by Bill Haywood and Gene Debs. It's a good place for Trotskyist ideas.

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were: When will the Third World War begin? What has happened to the promises made to the Negroes before and during the war?

The audience was attentive and sympathetic.

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column in the campaign on the streets in New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles and other cities. For New Yorkers, soapboxing is a tradition but in other parts of the country it is a new experience.

Detroit is particularly enthusiastic about their sound-track street meetings. Jack Gaynor reports a meeting of 250 in a Negro neighborhood. A novel feature was the mike they had circulating through the audience for people to ask questions.

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We got a good press in Pittsburgh again. Lengthy interviews with photographs of comrade Dobbs were carried in all editions of the Pittsburgh Press, the Sun Telegraph and a good sized write-up in the Pittsburgh Courier, leading Negro newspaper. The Press quotes Farrell as saying that "America is one place where the fascists can be whipped by the left

The Home Stretch

By Farrell Dobbs, Presidential Candidate

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. — We enter the home stretch in the presidential contest armed with valuable experience already gained in the campaign and confident that the Socialist Workers Party is emerging as a force to be reckoned with on the national political arena.

Millions of people know about the SWP today where only thousands heard of us before. Many have given us a sympathetic hearing despite the heavy pressure of the red-baiting hysteria. They are becoming aware of the bleak future in store for them under capitalism. They want to know how they can protect their interests.

Some in our new audience have already begun to grasp the essence of our program to abolish capitalism and build a socialist society. As the world crisis becomes sharper in the days ahead, the Trotskyist program will win the support of an increasingly large section of those who are now learning about our party.

Our slogans for independent labor political action are widely publicized through the presidential campaign at the precise moment when the political bankruptcy of the top union officials is most glaringly revealed to the workers. We are thus laying foundation stones for the building of a strong left wing in the unions.

We get particularly good response to our program among the doubly-oppressed Negro people, who have no illusion about capitalist "democracy." They are already convinced to the marrow of their bones that economic, political and social relations must be changed fundamentally.

Students, too, show keen interest in our ideas. The bitter alternatives under capitalism of a wartime chow line or a depression bread line have inflicted upon American youth a frustration which violates every law of nature. They are seeking a perspective that will restore to them youth's precious right to believe and dare and do.

The impact of our campaign and the timeliness of our basic program is also reflected in the changing attitude of the Stalinist rank and file toward us. From the reports of comrades and from my own experiences on the road, I have learned that many Stalinist workers are beginning to shed their worst prejudices and listen to our arguments.

SWP Election Tour

Militants in Minnesota

By Grace Carlson, Vice-Presidential Candidate

"All the Militants are for Dobbs and Carlson," reads a sign prominently displayed above the literature rack in the Minneapolis headquarters.

But Comrade Vincent Dunne, who originated the slogan made a serious omission in the sign. He left off the name of the SWP senatorial candidate from Minnesota. Certainly, all the militants in Minnesota are for V. R. Dunne, a former leader in the historic truck-drivers strikes of 1934 and now our senatorial candidate.

It's a certain thing that one 1934 militant — now a bartender in a Willmar tavern — is for Ray Dunne! After our Willmar public meeting last week, a number of us stopped at this tavern for refreshments and conversation. Our friend, the bartender, introduced himself, shook hands with Comrade Dunne and asked about the meeting. Then, he came over to our table and shook hands all around.

When he was given a copy of the election platform and *The Voice of Socialism*, he was pleased as punch. He assured everyone in the place that "it was these boys, Vince Dunne and Farrell Dobbs and the others that really did something for the working people in this state."

As we were leaving, several people came over

Case of Ilse Koch

By Joseph Hansen

An outraged Senatorial committee is going to probe and investigate the justice dispensed by the U. S. Military Government in Germany. And why are Wall Street's Congressmen indignant and angered? It seems that the Brass entrusted with commuting sentences of imprisoned Nazis, commuted one too many at a time. Congressmen do not appreciate: namely, the time voters go to the polls.

The cause of it all is none other than Ilse Koch, widow of a commandant at Buchenwald concentration camp, who is not the type you will generally find teaching a Sunday School class; in fact she is known for short as "The Beast."

At Nuremberg Court last summer, the American prosecution described how she had inmates beaten to death and how her devotion to Nazi culture lead her to making lampshades and wall plaques out of tattooed skin from murdered prisoners as well as covering the family album in the same material.

She was scheduled to be dropped from a beam with a rope around her neck. But an accident occurred, most mortifying to all concerned except Frau Koch. "The Beast" by some hook or crook, obviously done to cheat justice, turns up for sentence decidedly pregnant, though how she got that way in prison under the vigilant eyes of the American generals, judges, prosecutors and guards is a mystery that is still unsolved and which maybe not even Senatorial probing and investigating committee can unravel.

Naturally she can't be hanged in that condition. The generals, judges, prosecutors and guards have been outwitted and all they can do is admit defeat and let "The Beast" off with a lifetime sentence. So she goes into deep freeze with other Nazis who might suffer harm and annoyance from the German citizenry if turned loose too soon.

It is while lightening the sentences of the latest batch of top-drawer Nazis in connection with setting up the new puppet government in Western

Germany, it looks like she's pretty safe.



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'Tight' Strike Policy Can Win West Coast Maritime Victory

Uniformed Strikebreakers



This solid wall of armed Indiana state troopers broke the strike of CIO United Electrical members at the Bucyrus-Erie plant in Evansville. Congressmen from the Hartley Committee moved in then and helped smash up the local union. Federated Pictures

Wallace Backs Campaign To Pardon the Eighteen

SWP Backs Fight Of N. Y. Tenants

By Jean Bennett

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 — 150 members of the Lenox-Fifth Avenue Tenants League met last Wednesday night to organize a fight against the New York City Housing Authority which sent notices to thousands of tenants living in this area to vacate by Nov. 15 or face eviction proceedings.

This is the latest incident in the running battle with the city administration which 20 months ago moved to evict 2500 tenants from their homes.

At that time, the Harlem branch of the Socialist Workers Party proceeded to organize the tenants to fight these evictions. A series of packed mass meetings were held and preparations made to mobilize all tenants in the community to resist evictions by militant action. Faced with this determined opposition, the Housing Authority retreated and the eviction proceedings were halted.

Recently however, many of the tenants once again received notices to vacate, the first step in the legal process of eviction. The Tenants Committee immediately sent a large delegation to the local agency and demanded an explanation. The committee was assured that this was simply a "formality," that all these tenants would be offered temporary housing while a new housing project was being erected on the site of the present houses. Suspicious of promises by this agency, the committee called a mass meeting of the tenants.

THE DEMANDS

The following demands were unanimously adopted by the body: That no tenant be compelled to move, unless the new apartment offered was decorated and all facilities in order; that the rent in the new apartment be no greater than that which the tenant had been paying; that the new apartment be at least as large as the present one; that no tenant be compelled to move outside of Manhattan.

In addition the meeting voted unanimously to come to the defense of any individual tenant who was faced with eviction, even moving the furniture back into the house, if necessary.

Michael Bartell, City Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party promised the mass meeting the full support of his party in their fight. He further explained the reasons for the housing crisis, the need to eliminate the rent hogs and launch a large scale housing program that would wipe out the slums.

I am holding my breath waiting for the results of the probe since learning in the Oct. 2 *Business Week* that "During the past year there has been a big shift in our attitude toward the Germans. We now regard them as allies in the conflict with Russia." Seeing how this Nazi violet has become the symbol of Wall Street's policy toward Germany, it looks like she's pretty safe.

Have you asked your Friends to Help the Dobbs-Carlson Campaign?

Committee in N. J. To Defend Kutcher

NEWARK, Oct. 4 — The Kutcher Civil Rights Committee of New Jersey today announced the opening of its office at 843 Broad St., Newark. The committee describes itself as "a non-partisan citizens' group formed to win justice for James Kutcher, Purple Heart veteran who lost his legs in action in Italy in 1943 and who now faces the loss of his job as a Veterans Administration clerk in Newark because of his political views."

The chairman of the New Jersey committee is Peter J. Flynn, who is also state secretary-treasurer of the New Jersey State CIO Council. In a statement on the opening of the New Jersey office, Mr. Flynn declared: "It is wholly fitting and proper at this time that we should see an intensification of activities to help the legless veteran, James Kutcher, for this is the week that has been designated as National Employ-the-Physically Handicapped Week."

After describing the issues in the case, Mr. Flynn added:

"Our committee does not subscribe to Mr. Kutcher's political views, but we believe that he has the right to hold them and a government job too, just as he did during the war as an infantryman."

ORIGINAL DEMAND
The original demand for pardon was conveyed to Daniel Lyons, U.S. Pardon Attorney in Washington in 1945, by George Novack, Secretary of the Civil Rights Defense Committee. It was supported by over 300 union, Negro and labor fraternal organizations comprising more than two million members.

Dobbs wrote to Wallace on Sept. 13, reminding the latter of his statement to reporters at his nominating convention that he would support the appeal for restoration of the civil rights of the 18. "You have frequently criticized President Truman for his do-nothing attitude on important questions of civil liberties," Dobbs said. "Here is one case where he can act to rectify an injustice. It is all the more necessary that you (Wallace) state your position since this frameup and railroading to prison of the 18 occurred while you were Vice-President under the Roosevelt administration."

Mr. Wallace, in a letter to Dobbs, stated, "I believe that the prosecution and conviction of these defendants violated a fundamental constitutional principle and therefore advocate the granting of pardons to them and the restoration of their civil rights."

Farrell Dobbs has written his thanks to Mr. Wallace for this letter of support and urged him to send a letter expressing his views on the pardon case directly to President Truman.

Norman Mailer, author of the great war novel, "The Naked and the Dead," this week joined the Kutcher defense committee.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3 — The Pacific Coast maritime strike which began Sept. 2 settled down last week to the "battle of the ads" between Waterfront Employers and the striking unions.

The independent Marine Firemen's Union opened up with an advertisement in all leading San Francisco newspapers, inviting the employers to resume negotiations. The employers responded with an "Open Letter," demanding that the firemen sign a contract and work behind the picket lines of CIO longshoremen and cooks unions. This was answered through a second ad by the Firemen's Union.

This verbal exchange has served to expose some of the lying propaganda of the Waterfront Employers' Association.

MALONE'S FORMULA

In his answer to the employers, Vincent J. Malone, President of the Marine Firemen, proposed the following formula:

"First — Assign to all unions involved a reasonable negotiating period. Second — At these negotiations, all union officials should stand aside, and the negotiations be conducted by a committee of men who have to work under the contracts. A reasonable number on the committee, not to exceed ten. Third — Confine the shipowners' committee to representatives of operating companies, and keep the attorneys in the back room. Fourth — Incorporate the results of such negotiations in a tentative agreement to be voted on by secret coastwise referendum ballots, with a simple question — Are you in favor — yes or no?"

This proposal was summarily rejected by the operators.

Malone's formula was seconded by Harry Bridges, president of the CIO longshoremen's union, who offered to step aside so that a rank and file negotiating committee could meet with the operators.

The shipping magnates have declared that the only stumbling block to an agreement with the maritime unions is refusal of leaders of the CIO longshoremen and Marine Cooks to sign the non-communist affidavits.

HYPOCRISY EXPOSED

The hypocrisy of this position was exposed last week in a widely distributed statement of the Joint Action Committee. This statement, "Questions and Answers about the Maritime Strike," clearly explains that there is no law which requires any union official to sign the yellow-dog contracts.

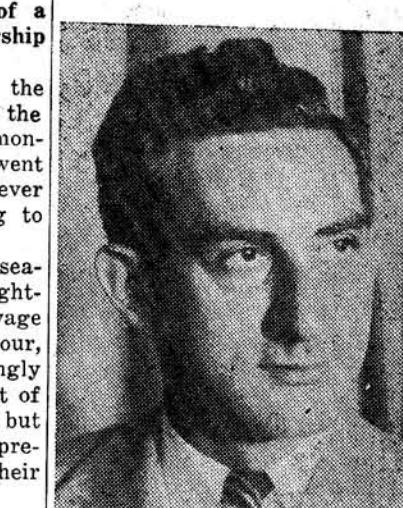
The union statement declares: "The only reason for any union to sign the 18 affidavits necessary for compliance under Taft-Hartley, is to obtain the services of the National Labor Relations Board. From the inception of the Board, many of the biggest unions, AFL and CIO, have refused to sign. They have done so because, in effect, the board is an employer's agency. There is not a single labor member on it. The result of its 'services' is that the unions are bogged down in red tape, injunctions, and elections which render them all but helpless."

The result of the present "tight" policy is to effect a gradual paralysis of industry on the Pacific Coast.

While the major financial and industrial interests now support the policy of the shipping clique, the strike can force these powerful forces to change their mind.

The unions can insure such a successful outcome of the strike by keeping all cargoes tied up, by demanding that the operators open their books, and that the government agency which finances them — the U. S. Maritime Commission — be sharply reminded of its responsibility to the public.

Picket Line Candidate



Campaign while you strike — that's the way Harry Press, 32-year-old member of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, does it. During the day, he takes his place on the waterfront picket line and at night he fights the shipowners' stooge, Thomas A. Maloney, on the election hustings.

Maloney is endorsed by both boss parties for Assemblyman from the 20th District. Comrade Press says in a statement that the working class voters will have a "clear cut choice." There can be no doubt of it.

MURRAY INTERVENES

Simultaneously with this local publicity campaign, CIO president Philip Murray has intervened in Washington in an effort to force re-opening of negotiations. Murray demanded of W. W. Smith, head of the U. S. Maritime Commission, which owns an 80 percent controlling interest in the American President Lines, to "use the good offices and powers of the Commission to bring about the resumption of collective bargaining."

APL is one of the largest companies on the Pacific Coast, influ-