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S.W.P. Candidates On Ballot in 13 States

(In all other states including California and Ohio, write in

Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson)

Candidate for
U.S. President



Candidate for
U.S. Vice-President

CALIFORNIA



HARRY PRESS

S.W.P. Candidate
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(San Francisco)

MYRA TANNER WEISS

S.W.P. Candidate
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(Los Angeles)



MICHIGAN



GENORA DOLLINGER

S.W.P. Candidate
for U. S. Senator



WILLIAM YANCEY

S.W.P. Candidate
for Secretary of State

HOWARD LERNER
S.W.P. Candidate
for Governor

NEW YORK

FARRELL DOBBS

GRACE CARLSON

WISCONSIN

JAMES BOULTON
S.W.P. Candidate
for Governor



PENNSYLVANIA

FARRELL DOBBS **GRACE CARLSON**
on ballot as Militant Workers Party

WASHINGTON

DANIELS ROBERTS
S.W.P. Candidate
for Governor

OHIO

HARRY BRAVERMAN
S.W.P. Candidate
for 19th Congressional Dist.
(Youngstown)

(Still contested in Courts)



UTAH

FARRELL DOBBS **GRACE CARLSON**

MINNESOTA

VINCENT R. DUNNE

S.W.P. Candidate
for U. S. Senator



NEW JERSEY

GEORGE REITMAN
S.W.P. Candidate
for U. S. Senator



WILLIAM E. BOHANNAN

S.W.P. Candidate
for 11th Congressional Dist.
(Newark)



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FARRELL DOBBS **GRACE CARLSON**

"A Remarkable Likeness!"



S.W.P. Candidates Hit Latest War Conspiracy Moves

By FARRELL DOBBS and
GRACE CARLSON
S.W.P. 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 reaction.

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 wars of modern times.

Everyone knows that this newest hero of the Democratic and Republican bi-partisan coalition, is not only a Spanish fascist. He served the Nazi cause faithfully during World War II and sent his Blue Division to fight side by side with the Nazi armies against the Allies.

The AVC Bulletin, national publication of the American Veterans Committee, in its current issue carries a report on the Kutcher case and publishes the resolution of the AVC National Planning Committee calling for all liberal organizations to join in his defense.

Norman Mailer, author of the great war novel, "The Naked and the Dead," who recently joined the Kutcher defense committee, issued the following statement on the case: "The attack and persecution of men of any left-wing political persuasion — Communist, Socialist, Workers, Socialist or Anarchist — is a direct indication of the strength of fascism in America. It is part of a larger process which is designed to silence finally even the mildest liberal conception in America today. The facts in Kutcher's persecution are hideous."

But what difference do (Continued on page 2)

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

He was further notified that 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 received after his personal meeting with Attorney General Tom Clark in Washington on Sept. 30. Clark then told Kutcher that he would "study the record" of the case.

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 reporters: "Five years ago I became a casualty of World War II. Today I am a casualty in the battle for civil rights and freedom 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 faults 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 will take his case to the civil courts and fight it up to the Supreme Court.

THANKS SUPPORTERS
He took the occasion to thank "the many organizations, periodicals and individuals who have come to my support even though they don't share my socialist ideas."

Participating in the press conference with Kutcher were George Novack, National Secre-

11, N.Y., sent out a national appeal for support of Kutcher on Oct. 6. It was signed by Harold Russell, armless star of the motion picture, "The Best Years of Our Lives;" Bill Mauldin, author of "Up Front" and "Back Home;" Carl Holdeman, President of the N.J. CIO Council; Merle Miller, former editor of "Yank," novelist and Editor of Harpers magazine; and Mr. Novack.

SWP Election News
Campaigning for Socialism

By George Clarke
SWP Campaign Manager

You see elsewhere on this page the pictures of the Socialist Workers Party standard bearers in this election from coast to coast. They occupy top place on the revolutionary scroll of honor in America. These candidates are not place-seekers or opportunists 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-cells, 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 local candidates on the ballot in two other states. Despite the 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 tribute to the gallant comrades who put the party on the ballot — to the few who have done so much.

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

RALLY FOR A SOCIALIST AMERICA

N. Y. Campaign Mass Meeting

Speakers:

FARRELL DOBBS
S.W.P. Presidential Candidate

GRACE CARLSON
Vice-Presidential Candidate

WM. E. BOHANNAN
S.W.P. Congressional Candidate in New Jersey

Chairman:

JAMES P. CANNON
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 at 8 P. M.
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Wallace -- A Defender of Capitalism And Supporter of Imperialist War

By Art Preis

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

You will find that in 1935 Secretary of Agriculture Wallace tried to sneak out the back door of his office to avoid talking with H. L. Mitchell, president of the 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 wage-freeze, the pro-employer War Labor Board, the Smith-Connally Anti-Strike 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 or said."

Wallace now poses as a champion 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



urge of the capitalist system, Wallace counterposes his childish notion that all that is needed to keep the peace is a sensible and cool-headed man-to-man conference between himself and Stalin.

The essence of his plan, for example, of restoring European economy is nothing but a crasser and cruder form of the Potsdam agreement — a cold-blooded division of the world between the great powers, with the peoples of the world as the pawns.

Wallace was for the Morgenthau plan, to gut and loot Germany, the heart of industrial Europe, and reduce it to an agricultural province. Last February, before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Wallace proposed "the United Nations plan (to) place the Rhee under international administration and control by the Big Four — the United States, Britain, Soviet Russia, France."

This program would condemn not only the people of Germany — but of all Europe — to starvation.

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 "imminently approaching" and that even if "some formula will be found or some artificial compromise effected which will be hailed as a solution and a deliverance... the fundamental danger and antagonisms will still remain."

TO SUPPORT WAR

Moreover, Wallace has already promised in advance, on April 25, that, "If the U.S. should go to 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 destruction.

In spite of this, there are those who will say that by voting for Wallace "right now" they will at least be casting a protest vote against war. This is a delusion. By voting for Wallace they will be helping to disorient the people as to the true cause and cure of capitalist war.

The only genuine vote that will help to build an effective movement against the war is a vote for Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, of the Socialist Workers party — the party that by its actions as well as words has demonstrated that it is dedicated to the mobilization of the working masses for the elimination of capitalism, the breeder of wars.

from the seed of weeds, only weeds can grow.

Wallace's basic social conception is his complete faith in capitalism. He promises to bring about reforms, to prevent imperialist war, to eliminate the dangers of both inflation and depression within the framework of the outmoded, anarchic capitalist system. It is this fact which belies all his promises and makes them mere demagogery.

When Wallace says he can prevent war under capitalism, he practices a base deception. American capitalism, with its vast and growing accumulations of idle capital, is forced inexorably to seek new fields for profitable investment, new markets, new sources of cheap labor. In its insatiable drive for profits, American capitalism must exterminate all that stands in its path, tolerate no rivals or competitors. War — costly and temporary expedient that it is — is the only prospect Wall Street capitalism sees for its own survival.

Against this fundamental inner

NEWARK
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For President

GRACE CARLSON
For Vice-President

George Breitman
For U. S. Senate

Wm. E. Bohannon
For Congress 11th Dist.

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Polish Educational Hall
255 Court St., corner Spring
field and Belmont Avenues,
Newark, N. J.

DOBBS-CARLSON
TOUR

The following are the next dates of Dobbs' tour:

Oct. 18-20 New York
21 Reading, Pa.
22 New York
23 New Haven, Conn.
24 Newark, N. J.

The following are the next dates of Carlson's tour:

Oct. 18 Allentown, Pa.
20 Lynn, Mass.
21-22 Boston
23 New York
24 Newark, N. J.
25 New Haven, Conn.
26 New Britain, Conn.

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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

(Continued from page 1)
stampeding ground of Jack London and the Frisco General Strike reverberated across the country last weekend.

Farrell Dobbs covered the strike-bound waterfront in San Francisco for the Socialist Workers Party. From the foot of the famous Embarcadero, he spoke over a loudspeaker system to hundreds of striking longshoremen and seamen telling them that the SWP supported their struggle against the shipowners unequivocally and without reservations and qualifications.

Bob Chester writes that the speeches were so clearly a call to working class struggle and the analysis so powerfully drawn that 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 candidates truck went to Fort

Mason where the army has been trying to recruit scabs. Comrade Dobbs' exposure of the army as a strikebreaking agency was in with the spirit of the pickets' placards which read: "If you want 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 picket captains took the mike to announce that although the meeting was not sponsored by the ILWU, the union supported our rights and welcomed our speech.

Comrade Dobbs also returns with glowing reports of magnificent meetings in Los Angeles. Next week we'll have the full report.

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 victimized Boeing workers, Negroes — a young and enthusiastic audience, Dan Roberts our Washington gubernatorial candidate writes.

WE TAKE OVER
GRAND CENTRAL

With Minneapolis giving the inspiration, the New York comrades and campaign workers marched in and took over the Grand Central station in a welcome reception for The Only Woman Candidate for Vice-President on her arrival from speaking engagements in Milwaukee and a radio broadcast in Detroit. The station was full of comrades wearing sashes saying Welcome Dobbs and Carlson club. Fifty new subs in the Brownsville area.

Nat Weinstein leads all individual sub-geters, with 22 of the 25 subs turned in by paint-splattered Harlem got 61, Bronx 54, Central 48, East Side 44 (including Youth). Jean Bennett of Harlem was second high individual scorer with 17.

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But the capitalist press, which gives columns to the arrival of all type of characters, kept its iron curtain drawn against two of the bravest people in America.

FROM THE AUTO EMPIRE

In a letter from Flint, a while back, there was a report of a NAACP meeting where Bill Yancy and Genora Dollinger our candidates for Secretary of State and U.S. Senator from Michigan spoke. The report says that one of the conservatives tried to scare the audience with "the force and violence" claptrap.

Genora took him apart and had the audience applauding her repeatedly. Her theme was that human rights came before property rights and unjust laws must be fought as Jesus fought the laws of Pontius Pilate. A round of applause goes to the comrades in Michigan who hold down jobs in the auto plants, function as union workers and campaign night after night for our candidates.

Detroit sold 35 of the new 10c pamphlet A Letter to American Negroes, by William E. Bohannon, at a neighborhood street meeting. It was cold, but a very enthusiastic crowd heard us. We sold two subs and also gave away many copies of the platform, writes Bea Allen.

World Events

By Joseph Hansen

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 majority to represent Division No. 32 in the City Corporation. Comrade Antonipillai polled over 5,000 of the 7,000 votes cast, the remaining being divided among 5 other candidates. Comrade Antonipillai's vote is the highest recorded in the history of the Madras Municipal Corporation.

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

"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 draw out the same alphabet."

Violence Flares as
Strikes in France
Continue to Mount

Violence flared again in France when the Quieule regime ordered Mobile Guardsmen to oust sit-down 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, drafting 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 many speakers dwelt at some length on the "Trotskyist danger."

Here are some extracts from the speeches of various Central Committee members published in the Sept. 25 L'Unità, official organ of the Italian Communist Party:

Roasio declared that "increased vigilance is necessary to avoid the infiltration of Trotskyist theory in the party. Trotskyism is not yet a danger in Italy, but it can be in the future if we do not intervene in time."

Ciuffoli insisted on the necessity of assimilating our doctrine (Stalinism) in order to struggle against Trotskyist, maximalist and anarchist conceptions."

Dozza "took up and developed once again the subject treated by Comrade Roasio.

THE MILITANT ARMY

N. Y. Campaign
Nets 304 Subs

New York's three-week subscription campaign netted 304 subs. Brooklyn led with 80, of which 15 were obtained by the new Bedford-Stuyvesant Dobbs-Carlson club. Fifty new subs are in the Brownsville area.

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James W. Connery, 75-year-old sub-letter of Keweenaw, 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 renewed his sub into 1953.

A St. Paul reader

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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 eighteen I took with me into the workers' quarters of the provincial Russian town of Nikolaev — 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.

TROTSKY



LENIN

A Remarkable Achievement

We are proud to report that in the first Trotsky 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.

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An Answer to James T. Farrell

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"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 radical Get-Rich-Quick-Wallingford, it performs in another manner."

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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 field.

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.

Now where does Lewis stand, what program

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 states.

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.

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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.

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 class.

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.

Now where does Lewis stand, what program

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

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

A total of \$874 was received this week on the Socialist Workers Party election fund campaign, bringing us to 71% of our goal of \$25,000.

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

Minnesota sent in a \$100 contribution, bringing them to 95%, well 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," they write.

Akron jumped from 52% last week to 77% with a contribution of \$101. They write: "We are pushing very hard so that we can come through with the \$400 which we have promised."

New York nosed up to 77% with \$330 for the week, thus entering the stretch for the final one-quarter of their goal of \$7,500.

West Virginia also hit the three-quarter mark with \$5 for the week.

Pittsburgh sent \$15, bringing them to 78%. An accompanying note says: "We are sure now of fulfilling our quota."

San Diego collected \$20 for the week this week, thus jumping from 32% to 72% at one leap.

Detroit moved up to 65% with a contribution for the week of \$265.

Lynn sent \$10 to reach 28% of their goal.

Thanks to L.A. and J.J. of Kewanee, Ill., for \$1 contributions each; and also to M.M. of Minneapolis for a \$1 contribution.

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Baltimore	\$ 50	\$ 65	131
Boston	275	355	129
Tacoma	50	61	122
St. Louis	50	60	121
Milwaukee	400	419	105
Allentown	50	50	100
Philadelphia	500	500	100
Reading	150	150	100
Rochester	50	50	100
Minnesota	2,000	1,892	95
Flint	400	347	87
San Francisco-Oakland	1,500	1,222	81
Newark	750	600	80
Seattle	600	480	80
Akron	400	307	77
Cleveland	400	308	77
New York City	7,500	5,754	77
Youngstown	800	612	77
West Virginia	100	75	75
Pittsburgh	200	145	73
San Diego	50	36	72
Detroit	1,600	1,040	65
Los Angeles	2,500	1,476	59
Buffalo	1,000	524	52
Toledo	200	101	51
Chicago	2,000	982	49
Lynn	125	35	28
Connecticut	250	32	13
General	1,050	172	17
Total	\$25,000	\$17,850	71

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SWP Western Campaign

By Farrell Dobbs, Presidential Candidate

Los Angeles, Oct. 11 — Because of the extremely anti-democratic election laws, we must conduct a write-in campaign for the presidential ticket in California. However, we will have two local candidates 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 Assembly 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

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 modern aviation." A much bigger 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



Democratic politician, Chet Hollifield. In both Los Angeles and San Francisco we had record breaking indoor election rallies. Predominant in the audiences were workers from maritime, auto, steel, aircraft, oil refineries, field trades and other fields.

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.

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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.

Although one might have thought that the members of the Milwaukee branch would have been laid low by the job of collecting 20,000 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 farmers in Wisconsin.

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 up," etc.

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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 crisis.

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 powers 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 Street bosses.

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.

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-Semitism, 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 condescend to what is wrong . . . is entirely different. That is why it is asked of the Lord that He should deign to humiliate the enemies of His Holy Church, and as such might Jews be considered."

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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 G-man Hoover was trying to "get" something on him, as he feared that Farley was out to get Hoover fired from his job.

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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.

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