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Vote the Dobbs-Carlson Ticket of the Socialist Workers Party!

By FARRELL DOBBS and GRACE CARLSON

SWP Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates



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BRAVERMAN CARRIES BALLOT FIGHT TO OHIO STATE COURT

COLUMBUS, Oct. 19—The Supreme Court of Ohio heard arguments on the Braverman petition and had moved to another address after registering. In the final stages of the fight, the county prosecuting attorneys spent two days taking depositions from clerks of the Board of Elections before a court stenographer. Since all the witnesses were subjected to cross examination by Braverman, doubt was cast on

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Rally for Socialist America in N. Y. to Hear Dobbs-Carlson

The response so far indicates a packed hall on October 27 at the "Rally for a Socialist America," the final mass meeting scheduled by the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party to climax the election campaign, according to Michael Bartell, Local Organizer.

Speakers at the meeting will be Farrell Dobbs, SWP Presidential candidate; Grace Carlson, Vice-Presidential candidate; and Wm. E. Bohannon, SWP Congressional candidate in New Jersey.

James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party will act as chairman.

The rally will be held at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd St., Wednesday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.

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Grasp This Reality!

Grasp this reality, fellow workers of America! The profit system breeds wars. All the propagandist talk about defending democracy against totalitarianism is deception. If the brutal Stalinist regime did not exist, U. S. capitalism would find other pretexts for war just as it did in 1917 and 1941.

That is why Wallace lies when he says his program can prevent war. Remember, Wallace boasts that he is "the best friend of capitalism." He upholds and defends the profits system. If he demagogically seeks votes today by his fake promise of "peace," tomorrow, as he already has promised, he will support U. S. imperialism if, and when it goes to war. Because Wallace believes in capitalism first and foremost, he can only disarm and mislead any anti-war movement, and betray it at the crucial moment.

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Consequences of New War

And this is nothing compared to what war itself will bring us. Even capitalist publications like U. S. News admit that in this next war the American people will suffer not less than 9 to 10 million casualties; labor will be placed under an iron military heel; we will spend not less than 500 million dollars; the national debt will pile up to as much as 750 billion dollars; production of all consumers goods will be halted and the dollar won't be worth ten cents.

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Dobbs Bares Thomas's War Role

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for another world war." In contrast to the bourgeois liberalism of Norman Thomas, Dobbs demonstrated how the program of the Socialist Workers Party, independent of both the Kremlin and Washington and in the tradition of Marxism "is designed to serve the interests of the working people and not of their masters or bureaucratic betrayers."

Dobbs concluded: "The alliance of the American imperialists with all the reactionary, privilege-seeking elements throughout the world is a great and fearsome power. But the alliance of the great American working class with the oppressed and freedom-seeking peoples of the world is a still mightier power. And in the end it will prevail."

THOMAS REPLY

Norman Thomas in reply declared: "The difference I will accept is this: Farrell Dobbs hails as scientific that which seems to me in a peculiar and rather appalling sense theological."

Thomas attempted to depict the real world as he views it—"a world in which there are very grave dangers—the danger of war. I look out at a world in which poverty is unconquered, despite our marvelous technological power. I look out on a world in which the increase, as if by explosion of populations in certain lands threatens the whole world with hunger unless we can vastly improve agricultural practice, stop the erosion of top soil, and voluntarily, probably, check the increase of population."

Thomas praised the democracy he sees in America: "It is a capitalist country in which it has been

demonstrated that if and when the workers generally desire, they can win a great deal for themselves and they can win it by pretty orderly processes." Thomas held that democracy "has a good deal of reality" in capitalist America, otherwise "we wouldn't be holding this meeting."

CLASS COLLABORATION

In reply to the charge that he collaborated with the capitalist class, Thomas pointed to the "collaboration of people" in giving Leon Trotsky a hearing in Mexico and in demanding a pardon for the 18 Trotskyists railroaded to prison during World War II for their socialist views. He did not bother to point out that the "collaboration" scored by Dobbs was specifically collaboration with the imperialist war-mongers and their agents in the State Department on behalf of the Wall Street war preparations program.

In contrast to the picture he painted of democracy in America, Thomas pointed to the Soviet Union where the Stalinist regime is in power. "The most complete tyranny that the world has ever seen in action. Now don't read me words out of a book. Don't tell me there is no private property and there is no capitalist class. The state has taken over the functions. The dictatorial state has taken over the functions of the old capitalist class and your business and there is no capitalist class, more tyrannical than capitalists under the curbs that we have succeeded in imposing."

This state of affairs in the Soviet Union, Thomas held to be a direct consequence of Bolshevism. "The arid controversies, the bitterness, the cold impersonal cruelty that have worked such woe on the great scale of mighty

Russia are all to be found in the history of the Bolshevik party before 1914."

Thomas saw the main job as one to stop "the drive which has taken the slave state to the very borders of central Germany." "How is it going to be stopped?" he demanded.

Thomas advocated as a realistic program an appeal to all nations to disarm: "The end of the armament race and the strengthening of the United Nations, abolishing the veto power. Those who want that, have a program, a program worth advocating."

BREAKS PLEDGE

At the conclusion of his first rebuttal, Dobbs asked Thomas why he had broken his promise to oppose war, solemnly given in the resolution passed by Thomas and his friends at the 1936 Socialist Party convention.

Thomas was forced to give an explanation: "I never was a 100 percent satisfied in 1936 with that resolution. It was a compromise resolution. But I was willing to accept it as a compromise resolution of that date. It did not prove adequate to the development of facts in the following years."

He tried to make out a difference between one imperialist war and another, trying to justify his support of World War II in contrast to his opposition to World War I. He came to the conclusion that revolution was not likely in "any conceivable time." All we had was a "tremendous choice of evils." And so he decided that the best thing he could do was to give "critical support" to the imperialist war.

Farrell Dobbs ended the debate by expressing his confidence in



Farrell Dobbs at the rostrum in the debate with Norman Thomas (seated) Oct. 17 at the Hotel Diplomat in New York. George Clarke (background), SWP Campaign Manager, acted as chairman.

Campaigning For Socialism

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the revolutionary capacities of the American working class:

"Norman Thomas doesn't believe that the workers have the power to make a revolution and that's why he falters and halts and leans back on the American State Department. He's got no faith in the working class. We HAVE. And that's where we differ fundamentally with the Socialist Party. We have unbounded faith in the mighty American working class and we stake our lives on that future that will be made by the struggle to make a proletarian revolution, overthrow the capitalist system and build a socialist America and go from there to build a socialist world."

outstanding one in this field is reported from Los Angeles where Myra Tannen Weiss, SWP candidate in the 19th Congressional District was scheduled to debate her opponents, the Democratic Holifield, endorsed by Wallace, and the Republican Quigley. We hope to have a report on this event next week.

While we are on L.A., here are a few notes on comrade Dobbs' visit in that city two weeks ago. As in San Francisco, the biggest audience in ten years came to hear Dobbs, Cannon and Myra Weiss. And the night before the meeting there was a reception for Dobbs with the hall full of workers from the GM plant, maritime and oil strikers, needle trades workers and others—they talked about their problems with comrade Dobbs for hours. In addition a good street meeting was held in Boyle Heights, a Stalinist stronghold where Wallace had spoken a few days before.

A Mexican auto worker summed up the impression Dobbs had made: "He's not just another politician—he's one of us."

QUESTION BOX CORNER

At a UAW symposium in Bristol, Conn., attended by representatives of all parties, Republican newspaperman asked comrade Dobbs the kind of questions he relished. Do you subscribe to the philosophy of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky? Do you want to abolish the capitalist system? Isn't your party on the subversive list? Do you advocate that soldiers elect their own officers? Weren't you jailed for opposing the last war? The man wasn't a stooge, he was an opponent!

Another interesting sidelight of this debate was the way the Democratic representative "boosted" Truman. "After all," he pleaded, "Truman is less irresponsible, less dangerous and less obnoxious than Dewey."

STALINISTS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

The "lesser evil" gentlemen are being paid off in their own coin every day. Take this case. No sooner did Wallace get through supporting Humphrey, the Democrat for Minnesota Senator, Humphrey paid them back by declaring that the Taft-Hartley law was not a major issue in the campaign. That being the case, Robert Wishart, once a well known Stalinist union leader and now a supporter of Humphrey invited Joe Ball, one of the inspirers of the Taft-Hartley Law, to speak before his UE local. Ball started his speech with a denunciation of the national UE leadership as "communists." Yes, that's right. Wishart didn't invite Vincent Dunne to speak before the local.

Most of those at the Dobbs-Thomas debate last Sunday were surprised to see me as chairman. Here's how it happened. Listen. Oak, editor of the Social Democratic New Leader was scheduled to be the impartial chairman. Ten minutes before the debate opened we discovered by accident that he had prepared a speech where he declared his support of Thomas and denounced the Trotskyists as "immoral Bolsheviks." We objected, saying that the debate called for only one speaker on each side. Then I won the toss with Fleischmann of the S.P. How right Trotsky was when he warned us to watch our pockets when these fakers start talking about morality... Bouquets to Jack Dale of L.A. who is now campaigning in Utah.

World Events

By J. Gomez

Revolt in Peru

The revolt of Callao in Peru is the culmination of a prolonged political struggle between the Apra, a mildly reformist party, and the small ultra-reactionary group of the ruling plutocracy of landowners and capitalists. This ruling clique did not hesitate, as soon as it was able, to wipe out all opposition. Representing a small minority in the Senate, a group of ultra-conservatives staged a sit-down with the result that proceedings were completely paralyzed.

They then proceeded to destroy the dominant position of the Apra in national life. President Bustamante, although he came to power with the help of the Apra, deserted his allies of yesterday, just as Gonzalez Videla of Chile deserted his erstwhile Stalinist allies, and is ruling the country in the most dictatorial manner, by presidential decree. Actually, from a democratic and parliamentary point of view, the Apra armed uprising was completely "legal," as it was directed against a small minority which was trying to impose its will on the parliamentary majority. It is obvious that the conspirator against the democratic process and the parliamentary system was not the Apra but the tiny ruling clique. Furthermore, by outlawing the Apra, this clique destroyed the parliamentary system of representation. Here is another striking confirmation that the capitalist rulers adhere to the "democratic process" only when that serves their best interests, and that they discard and violate democracy, when they find their rule menaced in even the smallest degree.

Only the Peruvian forces of the Fourth International were able to correctly evaluate the meaning of the struggle against the Apra. From the first day, they sounded the alarm. They proposed to the Apra, which has the active support of the middle classes as of the majority of the working masses, to launch a counter-offensive of its own by a mobilizing of the popular forces on the basis of their economic and political needs.

But the Apra, a middle class party, doesn't understand the realities of the present day social struggle. Instead of taking the offensive, it appealed to the "good" capitalists and "good patriots" to work with them for the "national" interest. They got their answer in the good old tradition of the "civilismo" days of the dictators of the twenties and thirties, Leguia, Sanchez Cerro and Benavides. The Apra was outlawed and subjected to a campaign of persecution and imprisonment. Thousands of apistas have already been arrested, a big number are due to be tried by military courts, and a manhunt is in progress for the remainder.

The Apra has, of course, undergone considerable change since its foundation in 1924. When it started its political career, it was one of the most developed petty-bourgeois radical anti-imperialist parties. It exercised influence not only in Peru but throughout Latin America.

But long ago it renounced its struggle against imperialism. Since the beginning of the Second World War, the Apra, personified particularly in its founder and chief, Haya de la Torre, became one of the main supporters of U.S. "democratic" imperialism. The same change took place in its opposition to the reactionary forces at home.

It's sorry plight today proves that the only possible liberation force today in Latin American politics is a revolutionary party resting on the working masses.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Detroit Leads in Militant Sub Drive

Detroit still leads all branches with 612 subscriptions in three months of the Presidential election sub campaign. This is nearly one-fifth of the 3,100 subs received to date.

New York is second with over 400, Flint third with about 350 and Philadelphia a close fourth. Election rush prevented accurate tabulating of subs by branches. Other high scorers are Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Newark, Chicago and Pittsburgh, in undetermined order.

Three thousand new readers found The Militant useful in studying election campaign issues and comparing political programs. This paper will be just as valuable after the election. The Militant will continue to lead the struggle for an independent labor party and the fight for civil liberties and labor's rights, against the

Taft-Hartley Act, against government by injunction, against the "loyalty" blacklist and other anti-labor onslaughts.

Encouraging numbers of renewal subscriptions are being received from new readers who got acquainted with The Militant during this campaign, either by responding to radio broadcasts or by attending street meetings or being visited by sub-getters. Nearly 1,200 of the first 15-week subs are expiring this month, but the many that are being renewed prove that we have made solid new friends.

SEATTLE

Final Election Rally

Daniel Roberts
SWP Candidate for Governor
Sat., Oct. 30 at 8:30 P.M.

Maynard Building
First Ave. & Washington

(Upon receiving the following letter of reply from Peyton Ford, Assistant to Attorney General Clark, Farrell Dobbs, SWP Presidential candidate requested a personal interview with President Truman. The correspondence is printed below.)

Oct. 18, 1948

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

Your letter of September 29, 1948, to the President concerning the inclusion of the Socialist Workers Party among the organizations designated by the Attorney General, as within the purview of Executive Order 9835 has been referred to this department.

The list of organizations made public by the Civil Service Commission on September 25, 1948, to which you have referred, does not, as you know, represent additional or "expanded" designations but is merely a consolidated list of those previously designated, segregated according to the classification contained in Part III, Section 3 of the Order.

In carrying out his obligations under the Executive Order the Attorney General has had strict regard for all of the substantial and procedural rights of those affected thereby.

Yours sincerely,

Peyton Ford
The Assistant to the Attorney General

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Oct. 21, 1948

President Harry S. Truman,
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

On September 29 I wrote you a letter protesting the listing of my party, the Socialist Workers Party, on the political blacklist of so-called "subversive" organizations published by your Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, under your Executive Order 9835.

As the Socialist Workers Party candidate for President, I urge you to use your powers to secure a fair and public hearing for my party and redress from the Attorney General's administrative abuse to which we have been illegally and unconstitutionally subjected.

Instead of a reply from you, I received on September 29 a letter

from Mr. Peyton Ford, Assistant to the Attorney General containing nothing beyond a lot of double-talk and advising that my letter to you has been referred to his department.

Mr. Ford's statement that "the Attorney General has had strict regard for all of the substantial and procedural rights of those affected" stands in flagrant contradiction to the facts. We have been denied a hearing; we have been denied a list of the charges and allegations on the basis of which the Attorney General has presumed to declare us "subversive"; we have been denied the right to confront and cross examine our accusers—in a word, our rights as guaranteed by the Constitution have been completely violated.

By referring my appeal back to the Department of Justice, you referred it to the very agency against which I had appealed, and which in turn again denies us a hearing on the basis of your Executive Order. It seems to me that you are passing the buck. Certainly this run around you are giving my party belies your campaign professions on civil rights.

I therefore request you to demonstrate good faith in your promises regarding civil rights by granting me a personal conference with you so that I may present the facts of our case and secure redress of the injustice committed against us.

Yours truly,

Farrell Dobbs,
Socialist Workers Party



Vincent R. Dunne, SWP candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota, greets Grace Carlson, SWP candidate for Vice President, at the railway station in Minneapolis, at time of her homecoming. Picture courtesy Minneapolis Morning Tribune.

FLINT Wind-Up Election Rally

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SWP Candidate for U.S. Senator

William Yancey, SWP Candidate for Secretary of State

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

TROTSKY



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The Key Civil Rights Case

The firing of James Kutcher, legless Newark veteran, from his government job because of his political views has become THE civil rights case of this year.

That is not simply because the victim is a war-maimed veteran, but because he is the only one of hundreds fired for their political views who has dared to make a principled stand. He provides a perfect test case of whether a man may dare to think and speak freely in these United States.

The facts are plain. James Kutcher was a member of the Socialist Workers Party in 1941 when he was drafted. He was a member in 1943 when a German mortar crew in Italy blasted his legs and the Army doctors amputated them. He was a member when he obtained a job two years ago with the Veterans Administration as a \$40-a-week clerk. He has never denied his political views.

This year, on the basis of orders from Truman, Attorney General Clark published a list of so-called "subversive" organizations.

On this list was the Socialist Workers Party, which never received any specific charge and was flatly denied a hearing to defend itself. James Kutcher was fired because of association with an organization listed as "subversive" by one man, without a hearing.

The flagrant nature of this case, the malici-

ous branding as "disloyal" of a veteran who lost both legs in battle, the clear-cut issue of principle involved has aroused widespread indignation. James Kutcher symbolizes the whole meaning of the current witch-hunt whose ultimate purpose is to terrorize and silence free-thinking American people with "thought-control."

A number of prominent labor and liberal figures have courageously voiced public protest against this outrage. Among them are such famous ex-veterans as Harold Russell, Bill Mauldin, Merle Miller and Norman Mailer, and union leaders like Carl Holderman, President of the New Jersey CIO Council, and Peter Flynn, its Secretary-Treasurer. The New Jersey CIO and the American Veterans Committee have come to Kutcher's defense, as have numerous magazines and newspapers.

Formerly, a protest of this type would have sufficed in a case like Kutcher's. But today the forces of reaction are riding high.

James Kutcher will not receive justice until a powerful protest movement comes to his defense. This means, above all, that the entire labor movement must rally in his behalf. The labor unions have a tremendous stake in the preservation of civil rights. The Kutcher case is the key civil rights case today.

Taft-Hartley Decisions

One year of the Taft-Hartley law has amply demonstrated that it does not merely restrict or curtail the rights of the unions—it is an out-and-out union-busting instrument.

Two NLRB rulings of the past ten days, if enforced, will make it a cinch for employers to smash strikes and destroy striking unions. One ruling outlaws all mass picketing, "even where . . . conducted peacefully," as "intimidatory and coercive" and in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act. The other declares that "strikers who have been permanently replaced are no longer eligible to vote in a representative election."

In short, an employer can run scabs into his plant. He can fire all strikers. He can secure an NLRB "election" at which only the scabs may vote and thus gain legal recognition.

If he can't break the union even under these conditions, the employer can get the government to slap an injunction on the union and convict its officers of "contempt" if they fail to comply with a court order dictating that they "cease and desist" from demanding certain terms and instead sign a contract on the employers' terms.

That's the case in the contempt ruling handed down last week against the AFL International Typographical Union and its officers, who are charged with violating an injunction by seeking contracts allegedly evading the closed-shop ban in the Taft-Hartley Act.

This Taft-Hartley onslaught is going even beyond the law itself. The Atomic Energy

Commission, an agency having nothing to do with labor law enforcement, has ordered the General Electric Corporation not to recognize the CIO Electrical Workers in the Schenectady atomic energy laboratory run by GE for private profit, because its officers have not signed the Taft-Hartley yellow-dog affidavits and are "suspected" of being "Communists."

Now that the government presumes to dictate what officers a union may elect, private employers are naturally following suit. The West Coast shipowners are flatly refusing to negotiate with the striking CIO maritime unions because, said one of the ship moguls, Lewis Lapham, "We don't like the leadership."

On top of this, the Taft-Hartley Act has given unscrupulous, short-sighted union leaders the green light for opening the worst fratricidal warfare inside the labor movement in many years. These union-raiding scavengers are scab-herding and strikebreaking against established unions which have failed to sign the yellow-dog affidavits. Thus, instead of fighting the Taft-Hartley Act, the unions are cutting each other's throats to the great delight of the labor-hating employers.

When the CIO and AFL leaders, instead of organizing a united struggle against the Taft-Hartley Act, tried to buy immunity from the law by compliance with it, they committed a crime against organized labor. The results of little more than a year of this law proves the unions cannot "live with it." They must destroy this law, or it will destroy them.

Persecution of Stalinists

Hatred for Stalinism — legitimate and justified as it is—should not blind us to the grave danger for the entire labor movement involved in the present drive to illegalize the Communist Party.

This has already gone to extreme lengths. Two leaders of the Communist Party have been indicted under the Smith "gag" Act.

This is the same act under which 18 members of the Socialist Workers Party and Teamsters Union were railroaded to prison during the war. Should the Stalinists be convicted, one more dangerous precedent will stand upon the statute books for use against other labor organizations.

In addition to this, several leading members of the Communist Party in Colorado have been given "indefinite" jail sentences and denied bail for "contempt" of the Grand Jury that is investigating the Communist Party in Colorado. The "crime" of these Communist Party members was refusal to answer certain questions and to turn over lists of party members.

Furthermore, every foreign-born worker who belongs or is associated with the Communist Party, has been subject to rabid persecution. No matter how many years he may have lived in the United States, no

matter what family ties he may have established, he is subject to deportation. A few days ago, Immigration Service Director Watson Miller upheld an order of a lower official to deport John Santo, National Organization Director of the CIO Transport Workers Union.

The Democratic and Republican hatchet-men of Big Business selected the Communist Party as their target in this campaign to wipe out civil liberties and destroy the labor movement because the Communist Party happens to be highly vulnerable. The witch-hunters calculate that the unsavory reputation and isolation of the Stalinists will limit the number of workers and labor organizations willing to defend their rights.

But if the witch-hunters are successful, no labor organization will be immune or safe from attack. The recent savage rulings of the NLRB and the courts give us an inkling of what is in store for all labor, if the red-baiters are not stopped dead in their tracks.

That is why, despite the sharp differences that exist between different sections of the labor movement, the WHOLE labor movement must unite—as a matter of life and death—in the defense of civil liberties. The witch hunt must be stopped!

\$18,873 Contributed to Election Fund So Far; Reach 75% of Quota

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

This week a total of \$1,023 was received in the Socialist Workers Party election fund campaign, making the grand total to date \$18,873, which is 75% of our goal of \$25,000.

Rochester sent another \$25 this week, bringing them to 150% and likewise to the top of the list, thus nosing Baltimore out of first place.

St. Louis, already in the 100%-better category, sent in another \$1, giving them a score to date of 128% and a position ahead of Tacoma, their nearest rival.

Cleveland came through in exemplary style with a contribution for the week that lifted them from 77% to 100% completion of their quota. Well done, comrades!

Newark jumped from the 90% class into the 99% with a contribution of \$75 for the week.

West Virginia. The hard-plugging comrades in the coal fields started down the last quarter of their lap with a \$10 contribution that brought them to 85%.

Toledo, barely at the half-way mark last week, sent in \$26, taking them to 64%.

Chicago notched up another 7% rising from 49% to 56% with a contribution for the week of \$143.

Thanks to Comrade J.H.H. of Youngstown for a contribution of \$2.

San Diego likewise inched out

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Rochester	50	75	150
Baltimore	50	65	131
Boston	275	355	129
St. Louis	50	64	128
Tacoma	50	61	122
Milwaukee	400	419	105
Allentown	50	50	100
Cleveland	400	400	100
Philadelphia	500	500	100
Reading	150	150	100
Minnesota	2,000	1,892	95
Newark	750	675	90
Flint	400	347	87
West Virginia	100	85	85
San Diego	50	41	82
Youngstown	800	654	82
San Francisco-Oakland	1,500	1,222	81
New York City	7,500	5,994	80
Seattle	600	480	80
Akron	400	307	77
Detroit	1,600	1,200	75
Pittsburgh	200	145	73
Buffalo	1,000	712	71
Toledo	200	127	64
Los Angeles	2,500	1,476	59
Chicago	2,000	1,125	56
Lynn	125	35	28
Connecticut	250	32	13
General	1,050	185	18
TOTAL	\$25,000	\$18,873	75

Press Comment On Kutcher Case

(Reprinted from "Feathers from the Left Wing" column, Oct. 10, N. Y. Herald-Tribune)

Early in World War II, eighteen Trotskyists of the Socialist Workers party were tried and jailed in Minneapolis for violations of the same Smith act under which the twelve Communist party leaders are now indicted. Far from challenging the constitutionality of those convictions, the Communists then approved the law and applauded the conviction of the unhappy Trotskyists. This the SWP "Militant" recalled, with more sorrow than wrath, when the twelve were lately indicted, but said that they could not return evil for evil, but must protest against the indictment as loudly as they could. For this decision they were recently thanked by John Gates, one of the indicted Communists, in typical Stalinist style. While defending himself against expulsion from the American Veterans Committee, Gates was asked a question about the Socialist Workers party and replied that he did not consider them a party, but a mob of "assassins." This is all introductory to another story. A veteran named James Kutcher, who lost both legs in action in Italy and who has held a job for two years in the Veterans Administration in Newark, allegedly doing satisfactory work, was recently dismissed because he is a member of the Trotsky SWP, and because that party is on Attorney General Clark's blacklist. Now practically all "Leftist" papers, and many that are not, have reported this case with some sympathy.

This is, moreover, a "natural" for "The Daily Worker"; and if Kutcher were a Communist there would be protest meetings and pickets all over the place. "But," says "The Militant" of Sept. 27 editorially, "there is one newspaper for which the Kutcher case does not appear to exist—a publication, incidentally, whose columns for months have been complaining about the government's witch-hunt and 'loyalty' purge of political dissidents. That is 'The Daily Worker,' mouthpiece of the Communist party. Since the Kutcher case was made public more than a month ago, 'The Daily Worker' has studiously avoided all mention of it. It is almost fantastic that a party, itself under heavy attack, a party professing to fight for civil rights, is stone silent about the most dramatic civil rights case in years."

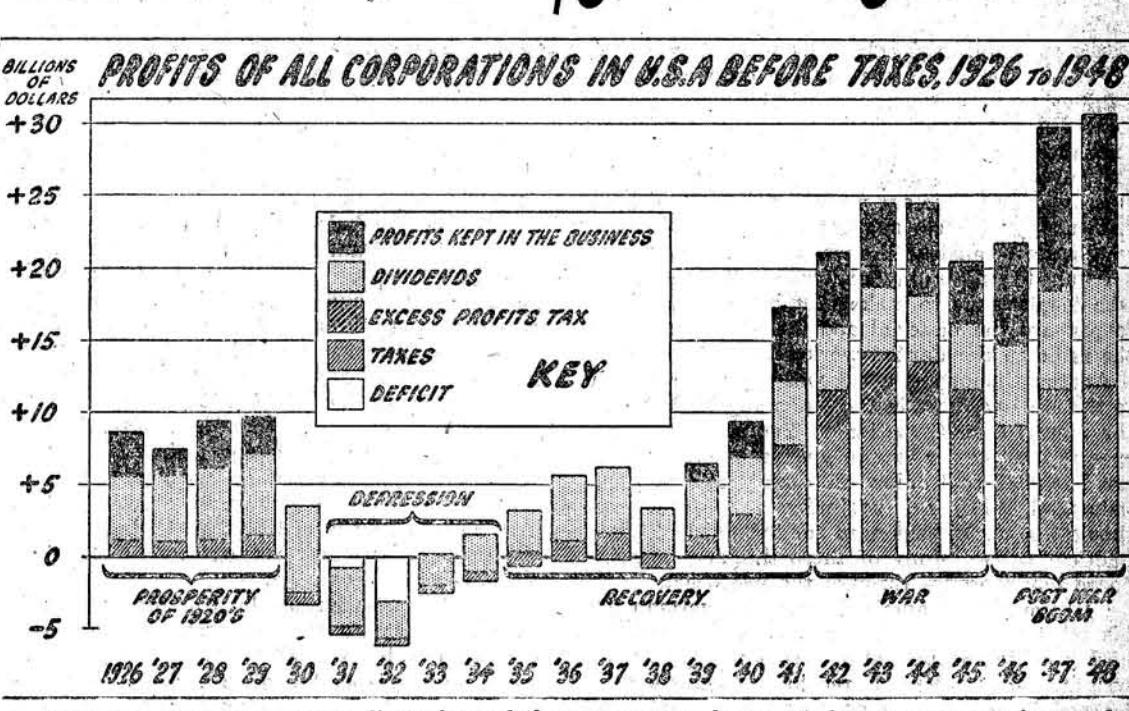
Braverman Fights Ballot Case

(Continued from page 1) every aspect of the Board of Elections case. Eventually, the county prosecutors were compelled to throw out the entire two days testimony and agree upon a statement of facts as the SWP wanted it in almost all details. This statement of facts, together with the argument presented by Braverman for the SWP was put before the Supreme Court today. The Court will rule on the question within a few days.

All four Mahoning County prosecutors, and two Trumbull County prosecutors have been participating in the case on the side of the Board of Elections, while

Braverman alone presented the SWP case.

Braverman is a Youngstown



Starting comparison of the dimensions of the two postwar booms of the past 25 years is revealed in this chart showing corporation profits, published in the AFL Labor's Monthly Survey.

WORKERS FORUM

Who Wants \$30,000,000

Editor:

Who wants 30,000,000 dollars?

That is the amount available to any community that wants it. All that is necessary is for that community to be willing to open its doors to an experimental station to determine the cause of hoof and mouth disease. This is a disease that only attacks cloven-hoofed animals, cows, pigs, goats, etc.

The big cattle and sheep raising interests got a big scare last year when it was learned that an epidemic of this disease had broken out in Mexico. They demanded that congress appropriate money to study the cause and find a cure. Congress was obliging and granted the sum of thirty million dollars. Now these same interests still want the research—in someone else's backyard. They are afraid that if experiments are carried on locally the native herds will be affected. This in spite of the superhuman safeguards that are to be built into the experimental station.

Also in face of the testimony of Dr. I. A. Galloway of England, who stated that a similar experiment had been going on in the heart of their dairy country for 25 years with no known case of the disease infecting the herds.

So we have the ridiculous spectacle of an industry demanding money from Congress and getting it, then afraid to use it!

On the other side of the picture is the fact that research in

medicine for human beings is carried on in most of the big hospitals of the country, research into the most contagious diseases known. And in addition, these research centers have a very hard time getting money to carry on that research. MILLIONS TO PROTECT THE MEAT INDUSTRY BUT PEANUTS FOR THE HUMAN RACE.

R. M.
San Francisco

Business Connections Of John Foster Dulles

Editor:

Life magazine prints in its Oct. 4 issue a long article about John Foster Dulles, the secretary of State of tomorrow. He is presented as a great "idealistic" a churchman who "believes that force is evil unless allied to a moral and even a spiritual purpose." However, "despite the opposition of some of the churches, he came out strongly for rearmament."

But there is something which Life refrained carefully from informing

Campaign Highlights

By Farrell Dobbs, Presidential Candidate

New York, Oct. 19—So many events are packed into a presidential campaign tour that it is hard to chronicle all of them. This week I want to backtrack as far as Ohio and record a few more of the campaign highlights.

For me, one of the outstanding events was the Canton radio speech, made possible through the combined efforts of the Akron and Cleveland comrades. That speech, honoring the memory of the revolutionary anti-war fighter, Eugene V. Debs, was an important preliminary to my debate last Sunday with war-supporting Norman Thomas, who seeks to mislead the workers in Debs' name.

I want to express my gratitude to Ted Selander, who inspired me to make that broadcast, helped to prepare the material and introduced me over the radio to the Canton workers.

Another important event was my radio speech to the steel workers in the Mahoning Valley over the powerful ABC station in Youngstown. From special meetings with two groups of steel workers, I learned that union militants in that teeming industrial valley are beginning to give serious thought to the urgent need for independent labor political action. Many of these thinking workers heard our program through the broadcast.

I have always admired Harry Braverman for his talents, both as a 100% Trotskyist and as a highly skilled coppersmith, layout man and millwright. But when I reached Youngstown I learned that Harry is acquiring a new skill in an altogether different field. Here is the story:

The Ohio comrades worked long and hard to gather sufficient signatures to put Harry on the ballot as our candidate for Congress in the Youngstown district. Then the Democratic hatchet men went to work on the petitions and disqualified him on trivial and illegal grounds.

Legal aid was secured and our case taken to court. Although the lawyers all agreed that justice was on our side, so much heat was put on them by the local capitalist politicians that they dropped the case like a hot potato.

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Notes from the News

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WOODWORKERS SPLIT—The Canadian district organization of the CIO Woodworkers Union held a separate convention to set up an independent organization during the regular convention of the parent body. They charge that the red-baiting of President James A. Fadling forced the secession.

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CUBAN UNION HEAD SLAIN—Aracelio Iglesias Dias, general secretary of the National Maritime Federation and Stalinist representative in the House of Representatives, was struck down by six bullets fired by gunmen while he presided at a union meeting Oct. 17. Other union members wounded named Alberto Gomez Quesada head of a government-sponsored union as leader of the assassins.

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CAMPAGN SONG—Reporters on the Truman campaign train composed the following parody of the popular song: "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover":

I'm looking over a well-warmed-over Dewey from '44;

One for the money and two for the show;

Halleck was promised but Warren will go.

No use complainin'; I'm still maintainin'.

We'll get what we had before;

Harry or Dewey, the same old hokey,

Again and again and more.

SHOE UNION—The Stalinists have lost control of another union—the CIO Shoe Workers. At the union's recent convention in Boston, the new president, Rocco Franceschini, previously a Stalinist supporter, led the debate in favor of a pro-Truman, anti-Wallace resolution, which passed overwhelmingly.

Ship-Owners Plot To Smash Unions On West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17—Waterfront employers last week underscored their determination to destroy the maritime unions on this coast. They rejected out of hand two moves on the part of union representatives to resume negotiations.

In week-long talks with employer representatives, national CIO Vice-President Allan Haywood and his assistant, R.J. Thomas, had tried to work out a formula for resuming negotiations.

The employers' answer to these efforts was given by Lewis Lapham, president of American-Hawaiian steamship company. He said: "We are in our September position in regard to Bridges (President of the CIO longshoremen) and the longshore union. We don't like the union leadership."

Haywood reported after his talks with the operators that "the non-Communist affidavits offered no problem to resuming negotiations." He reminded the employers that "they have been dealing with Bridges for the past 14 years and up to 9 o'clock on the night of Sept. 1 they were willing to sign a contract with him if they could get one." He added, "In my opinion there is no reason for their present attitude."

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S.W.P. Candidate
for 20th Assembly District
(San Francisco)

MYRA TANNER WEISS
S.W.P. Candidate
for 19th Congressional Dist.
(Los Angeles)

COLORADO
FARRELL DOBBS **GRACE CARLSON**

CONNECTICUT

MORRIS CHERTOV
S.W.P. Candidate
for Governor

MINNESOTA

VINCENT R. DUNNE
S.W.P. Candidate
for U.S. Senator

IOWA
FARRELL DOBBS **GRACE CARLSON**

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

(Still contested in Courts)

UTAH
FARRELL DOBBS **GRACE CARLSON**

WISCONSIN
JAMES BOULTON
S.W.P. Candidate
for Governor

PENNSYLVANIA
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on ballot as Militant Workers Party

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