

# Weiss Nominated SWP Candidate For N.Y. Mayor

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 — The Socialist Workers Party today announced its entry into the municipal election campaign with David L. Weiss, veteran socialist leader, as its candidate for Mayor. Other Socialist Workers candidates for major offices will be designated shortly.

The SWP plans a hard-hitting campaign to reach the New York working class, women, youth, Negro and Puerto Rican people and other oppressed minorities with its message of socialism.

David L. Weiss fired the opening gun in the campaign with an attack on the "sub-standard conditions under which the millions of under-privileged live in the richest city of the world."

Although the elections are held on an ostensibly "non-partisan" basis, Lovell made clear that in office he would be highly partisan, opposing the monopolies and big corporations and favoring the workers, minority and consumer organizations, tenants; small home owners and unions.

"The working people of Detroit enter the 1953 mayoralty campaign in the face of widespread layoffs and unemployment," he said. "The cessation of the shooting war in Korea will bring more unemployment. The shut-down at Kaiser-Frazer foreshadows the same trend in this city."

In addition to unemployment, the working people of Detroit face the problem of continued price and rent rises, Lovell declared. "To top it off, labor is confronted by an industry-Pentagon-inspired attack against their living conditions and their unions. Speed-up and union-busting is threatening in many shops."

To help meet these problems, the Socialist Workers candidate said that as mayor he would "institute a large-scale program of public works" and "increase wages of city employees."

He would also cut the work week of city employees to 30 hours but at no reduction in pay. In addition, he would "wholeheartedly" cooperate with the United Auto Workers union in its campaign to win the guaranteed annual wage."

**FOR COMPULSORY FEPC**  
A strong advocate of equal rights, Lovell announced that one of the major planks in his platform is passage of compulsory FEPC legislation.

The SWP choice for mayor scored "all McCarthyite witch-hunting committees and liberty-burning investigations." He attacked the Trucks Law in Michigan as "a standing threat to all liberal, labor and minority organizations and individuals."

Lowell said he was opposed to Wall Street's preparations for another world war. As a step toward peace, he demanded the immediate withdrawal of all American troops from Korea.

## St. Louis Takes Lead In National Fund Drive

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Manager

Contributions to the \$18,000 Party Building and Publications Fund took another drop this week, enough to throw the campaign 21% behind schedule as compared to 18% last week. The scoreboard, compiled on the basis of receipts through Aug. 3, shows \$5,936 sent in by the Socialist Workers Party branches on their quotas for the 3-months campaign.

The above are the on-schedule branches, but others added to their scores during the week.

Comrade Jean of St. Paul sent in \$125 for the Twin Cities, explaining: "This will leave us a little short of 50% at the halfway point."

St. Louis took first place with a \$50 check and a promise that "more will follow soon." This branch is just a quick jump from the goal with 73% of its quota.

Newark's steady pace assures an in-full, on-time performance. Their \$17 payment this week keeps them ahead of schedule with 67% — and in second place.

Cleveland's determination has pulled them into fourth place with 59% of their \$350 quota. In addition, \$40 from the comrades, L. G., a friend who understands the need for the Party Building and Publications Fund, contributed \$10 with the request that it be credited to Cleveland Branch.

This explanation accompanied Chicago's \$40 check: "Sorry it is so small this week — just about half the branch is on vacation now so payments are slim." Chicago set such a fast pace from the very beginning that even though this week's contribution fell short of their \$100 weekly goal, they are still ahead of schedule with 56%.

Buffalo hasn't missed sending a weekly check since the launch-

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## East German Workers Stand Firm Against Stalinist Blows



### Gov. Lausche Vetoes Ohio 'Thought' Bill

CLEVELAND, O., July 31 — Gov. Frank J. Lausche yesterday vetoed House Bill 308, unpopular Ohio witch-hunters' all-inclusive measure for outlawing "subversive" groups and continuing investigation of so-called un-American activities on a permanent basis by the attorney general's office.

"Whenever vague, cloudy and all-embracing criminal legislation is passed," Lausche's veto message said, "we, in effect, create a government of men instead of a government of law."

His chief objection to the proposed law was that "we already have on the state and, especially, the national level the means to detect and prosecute persons bent on overthrowing our government."

The governor revealed that at a conference of governors with J. Edgar Hoover last spring, the officials concluded unanimously that the problem of combatting subversives "should be left completely and fully in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

The legislature was scheduled to meet today to act on the governor's veto before adjourning for the summer, but only a brief memorial session for the late Senator Taft was held. Then a recess was called until next Friday, when an attempt will be made to pass H.B. 308 and several other bills over the veto.

Since it takes 82 votes in the House and 20 in the Senate to over-ride the governor's veto, there is little doubt that it will pass the House, where the vote on the measure was 119 to 2. In the Senate, however, where the final vote was 21 to 11, there is possibility that the governor's veto will be upheld.

The widespread opposition to the notorious Devine bill is considered by liberal forces in the state to be an indication that a popular reaction has emerged against the McCarthyite drive against traditional civil liberties.

Further evidence of growing concern about the invasion of democratic rights is seen in the fact that editorials against the Devine bill appeared in the past two weeks in the following leading newspapers across the state: the Cleveland Press, Youngstown Vindicator, Akron Beacon Journal, Toledo Times, Toledo Blade, Dayton Daily News and Cincinnati Post.

Earliest opposition to H.B. 308 came from the Cleveland Civil Liberties Union and the State CIO, which sent representatives to protest the measure at legislative hearings.

### Battle Police Blockade In Fight for Food and Right to Cross Border

By Murry Weiss

Defying Stalinist edicts and terror, hundreds of thousands of East Germans fought last week for their right to cross the East-West boundary and secure meager parcels of food that American agencies in West Germany began distributing July 26.

Throughout the week of July 26, the East German workers fought the Stalinist terror. They displayed the same discipline, class independence and political skill as in the days of the June general strike. Protest strikes were reported in the Leuna refinery at Mersburg, the electrochemical works at Bitterfeld, and plants at Jena, Halle, Magdeburg, and Erfurt.

Other manifestations of workers resistance to the Stalinist terror against the hungry took the form of battles to break through the travel blockade and to protect the victims of Stalinist gangster attacks.

The mass nature of the turnout from the eastern zone is irrefutably established by every source, including the Stalinists themselves. The foreign department of the American Stalinist paper, the *Daily Worker*, for example, writes Aug. 5: "Project

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### Know When to Smile



Dictator Syngman Rhee and State Department representative Walter S. Robertson in talks over Korean truce, take time out to smile for photographers. The U.S. Senate, chilled at Rhee's declaration of intent to reopen the war in a few months, hastily approved \$200,000,000 to be put at disposal of Rhee's corrupt regime for rehabilitation work in Korea and talked of another \$2 billion to come.

### EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION MOVES MORE AMERICAN TROOPS INTO KOREA

"Parents of men now in Korea must and will face up to the harsh reality that they will not see their sons for some time." This editorial statement by the influential Cleveland Plain Dealer (July 28) condenses into one sentence the political line adopted by the Eisenhower administration toward the universal sentiment in American homes that it's time to get out of Korea.

The N. Y. Times, whose editorials shape policy for a good section of the American press, gave the pitch in the following words (July 28): "There is no irresistible cry this time to bring the boys home, as there was in 1945, and though the men who fought the war have every right to be relieved, there is general agreement that they must be replaced by others, and that we shall stay for a long time not

only in Korea but also in all our other far-flung defense posts until peace is assured."

The Times does not reveal how it determined there is "general agreement" that "we shall stay for a long time" in foreign military bases. Certainly it was not through consultation with the American people. No referendum vote has been taken on the question whether American troops shall remain in Korea or come back home.

The fact is that instead of withdrawing troops, the Eisenhower administration is sending more troops into Korea. Hanson W. Baldwin reports in the Aug. 2 N. Y. Times that the equivalent of "more than one division was shifted from Japan to Korea. . . . The net result of the armistice so far is an increase in emphasis upon the Pacific."

The continued build-up of American armed forces in Korea

is an indication of how unstable the true is estimated to be in the opinion of Eisenhower and his Brass Hat entourage. They should know.

They do not even have full control over their own puppet Syngman Rhee, who blandly announced July 29 that it was "inconceivable" that the U.S. would refuse to start up the war in Korea once again if the Chinese and North Koreans refused to agree to unification of the country on his reactionary terms.

Rhee's position follows logically from the whole shift that has taken place in the war-making powers. These were taken from the people and lodged in Congress. Then Congress abdicated and permitted Truman to plunge America into the Korean war by simply calling it a "police action." Now Rhee thinks it is self-evident that the power to plunge America into war rests with him.

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### Anti-Labor Profiteers Mourn Sen. Taft's Death

By Art Preis

The capitalist newspapers and politicians are sincere in the grief they voice at the death of Senator Robert Alphonso Taft. Eulogistic headlines like "Nation Mourns Taft" are, of course, obviously fantastic exaggerations. But the capitalists really mean it when they bewail Taft's death as the loss of "our greatest statesman." This bespeaks not so much Taft's historic merit as the low level of American capitalism's moral and political standards.

If we judge by such standards, then Taft did embody "greatness." His whole political career, particularly his activities in the U.S. Senate since 1938, was marked by an exceptionally single-minded and fanatic devotion to the interests of the class of wealthy parasites and by an equally intense hatred of the working people, especially the millions of organized labor.

In Taft, the profiteers and monopolists had a champion they felt they could trust under all circumstances. In protecting their



SENATOR TAFT

teeth in a mechanical smile whenever a camera was pointed at him.

Ask any man on the street just what was "great" about Taft — what he did of benefit to the overwhelming majority of the people — and you will have a hard time getting any kind of an answer. The truth is, he did nothing. In all his years in the Senate there was scarcely a bill even slightly favorable to the wage-earners that he did not bitterly oppose or seek to water down; or hardly a bill of advantage to the corporations and special interests that he failed to uphold.

He enshrined himself permanently in capitalism's "Hall of Fame" by a single measure that he co-authored and spearheaded through Congress, the notorious Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Law. This law, enacted in June 1947, was a composite of every anti-labor, union-busting bill that had been submitted to Congress up to that time. They say of it that its father was the National Association of Manufacturers; its

mother was the capitalist two-party Congress; and Taft was the mid-wife.

Taft was born in no log cabin or even in the modest comforts of the standard two-story frame house of his time. He was a scion of one of the 60 wealthiest multi-millionaire families in America. His political road had been cleared and paved for him by his father, William Howard Taft, who ruled the White House from 1908-1912. To emulate his father as President for the Morgans, Rockefellers, Mellons, DuPonts and Taft's was the one ambition denied Robert Alphonso.

But he attained a position of tremendous political power, second only to the President himself. As head of the Republican majority in the Senate, Taft wielded immense influence in the Senate and in the Republican machine. Following the inauguration of Eisenhower, he played a decisive part in keeping the various conflicting factions in the Republican Party welded together. As long as Taft was active in the

Senate, he was able to keep the McCarthy-Knowland "Pacific Firsters" wing in check and put over such legislation as the Eisenhower administration considered indispensable.

No small part of the sense of loss felt by the Republicans at his passing is their concern over the conflicts in their own party that may come to a head with the stabilizing and conciliating hand of the shrewd machine-politician Taft.

The question that arises when we take into account Taft's entire career, his background and the class he so openly served, is how ever came to be elected to the Senate, particularly after the passage of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law. How did he win re-election in the State of Ohio where the wage workers constitute the overwhelming majority and the unions are a real power? How could a man with so little to command him to workers get where he did?

The answer lay not in Taft, but in those who purported to oppose him, the union leaders especially. They let him win, you might say, almost by default. Instead of fighting Taft with a party and candidates that could inspire the workers and poor farmers — a Labor Party and labor candidates — the union leaders offered only the discredited, corrupt Democratic machine. In the last Senate race in Ohio, the union officials backed a Democratic wheel-horse of such low calibre that he became an absolute embarrassment to his own sponsors and an insult to the voters, Taft got in by sheer default.

The speculation that a Democrat may now be appointed by Ohio's governor to replace Taft in the Senate is no cause for joy. There are a lot of Tafts, in outlook and class loyalties, in the Democratic as well as Republican party. His class interests will continue to dominate in Congress until labor undertakes a completely new political course to defeat Taft's class and put labor's own spokesmen in the House and Senate.

## SHOULD GERMAN REBELS TAKE EISENHOWER FOOD?

By Murry Weiss

**Question:** Have the East German workers a right to take food from the American imperialists? Won't this play into the hands of Wall Street's plan to recapture all of Germany for capitalism?

**Answer:** A revolutionary people have the right and duty to take food, or other material means, from any source. We are 100% on the side of the East German workers in this fight for their right to move freely from the East to the West and get food for their starving families. We are 100% against the violent interference of the Stalinist police and military. The East German workers have started a revolution. Given the violent repressions of the Kremlin and their East German henchmen, it becomes a civil war. In war, food can be as decisive as arms. Napoleon — who should know — said that an army marches on its stomach. In 1918, after the Russian revolution, when German capitalism was waging war on the young Soviet State, French and British imperialism offered to help the Soviets against Germany. Lenin made a characteristically blunt and simple motion in the Bolshevik Central Committee "That Comrade Trotsky be authorized to accept the assistance of the brigands of the French imperialism against the German brigands."

The East German workers haven't made the slightest concession to the capitalist "brigands" of Wall Street by taking their food. Together with the West German workers they want no part of Washington's war plans and counter-revolutionary plots. It is the duty of the American workers to demand the withdrawal of American troops from Germany and Europe so that the designs of the capitalists in Germany can be defeated by a united German working class free to decide their own fate without the counter-revolutionary interference of the capitalists or the Stalinist bureaucrats.

**Question:** Wasn't it necessary for the Soviet Union to insist on a temporary lowering of the standard of living of the East German workers in the interests of the industrialization of China? Isn't it true that the East German workers are living on a higher standard than the Chinese people and shouldn't they sacrifice something in the interests of the general welfare of the Soviet bloc?

**Answer:** There isn't a grain of truth in this slander against the East German workers cooked up in the Stalinist lie-factory. In the first place the Kremlin hasn't taken from the East German workers in order to give to the Chinese people. The Chinese revolutionary government is paying for every ounce of material coming from the Soviet Union. And the only reason the Kremlin is no longer looting in China, as they did at the end of World War II, is because they can't get away with it. The fact is that the Kremlin has reduced the East European people to the status of vassals of their regime. Their policy is not socialist collaboration in one common industrial effort to the advantage of all, but the military-bureaucratic pillage of East Europe. The Kremlin has sought to foist on the East European people an exact replica of their repressive rule within the Soviet Union.

That is why a political revolution is erupting against them, a revolution which will start on the foundation of planned economy. The liberation of the workers from Stalinist tyranny spells the release of their productive and political energy on behalf of the world-wide socialist upsurge. This political revolution has one of its major starting points in East Germany, but it is simmering and boiling up in many sectors of Eastern Europe and there are marked signs of its approach within the Soviet Union.

**Question:** Do the concessions to the workers indicate a change in the nature of the Stalinist bureaucracy? Aren't the concessions proof that a reform wing of the bureaucracy is developing?

**Answer:** We are the last to ignore the concessions the workers have wrested from the Stalinists in East Germany. They are the surest indication that the events of June are not a sporadic and desperate rebellion that can be quelled with a few tanks and firing squads. They indicate that a broad revolutionary working-class movement announced itself in the person of the East German worker to challenge the "omnipotent" bureaucrats. This spells the beginning of the end of the Stalinist police regime. Their concessions, the real ones and the promises, far from indicating a reform of Stalinism, reveal rather the weakening of the real power of Stalinism.

As the bureaucracy feels the impact of the resurgent mass movement of the workers, its reflexes become more violent and a complex process of convulsions and disintegration within the bureaucratic caste sets in. The bureaucracy, trying to get the situation under control, shifts from brutal repressions to concessions and back again. The workers movement, correctly sensing the crisis in the regime, seizes on each concession to reinforce its position. It combines its struggle for basic demands with tactical maneuvers to consolidate each minor concession in the form of real gains, and demands "less talk and more action" from the bureaucratic promoters.

The same mass pressure induces a process of fragmentation in the bureaucracy. The purges in the highest echelons of Stalinism in Germany are ample proof. Whether this fragmentation results in the development of a "reform" wing in the bureaucracy is not a basic question. Even the smallest rifts create openings through which the workers can press their own independent interests. The essential direction and goal is the smash-up of the bureaucracy through a political revolution and its replacement by the rule of workers democracy. The program of Trotskyism indicated the main line of this many-sided process; now life is confirming this program to the hilt in the crucible of the revolutionary struggle of the East German workers.

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# The Political Meaning of Malenkov's New "History"

By John G. Wright

On July 26 the Kremlin issued a condensed falsification, brand new one, of the history of the Russian Communist Party. The major aims of this post-Stalin forgery, as of all the previous ones in Stalin's lifetime, are crudely practical. First and foremost, the new 7,500-word version is intended as the start of the build up of Malenkov by the Kremlin propaganda machine. In this way Malenkov, after purging Beria, hopes to consolidate his bid to inherit Stalin's mantle as Purge-Arbitrator-in-Chief. Second, it is intended as an official state statement of domestic and foreign policy.

Malenkov urgently needs a falsified version of Stalin's historical falsifications for a number of reasons; chiefly because his name was not even mentioned in the original 1939 version entitled, *History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union*, personally edited by Stalin. That "history" did mention the names of Molotov, Kaganovich, Mikoyan, Voroshilov, Khrushchev, even Shvernik and Andreyev, all of them still alive. To make good this glaring discrepancy, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the birth of Bolshevism has been taken as the occasion to expunge all living names from the record of the last 50 years.

The name of Lenin figures most prominently, as an icon. Next to it, but distinctly subordinate, appears the name of Stalin. Most prominent of all, however, is the anonymous "party Central Committee," the repository of all authority, "collective" wisdom and "collective" experience.

To be sure Malenkov's name is not mentioned in the "27 theses" on party history, personally edited by Malenkov and drafted jointly by the "Propaganda and Agitation Department of the Central Committee, CPSU" and by the "Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin Institute Attached to the Central Committee, CPSU." Nonetheless Malenkov prominently figures in the text. Two contrivances are used.

To begin with, pronouncements by Malenkov are written into the text without being formally quoted. For example, the necessity "to eliminate the Talmudic, dogmatic approach" is a catch phrase notoriously associated with Malenkov. It is made the nub of "Thesis 24." Similar treatment is accorded to Malenkov's recent foreign policy pronouncements concerning, in particular, "long co-existence and peaceful co-operation of the two systems."

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## The Small Men Tinker with Cancer

A chilling little drama was enacted in Congress the other day when the political representatives of Big Business took up the question of an appropriation for cancer research. The Senators, moved by Taft's death, the fourth victim of cancer from their ranks in three years, quarreled with Eisenhower's Secretary of Health Mrs. Ovett Culp Hobby. She wanted to cut the appropriation by \$5,000,000. The Senators overruled her objections and restored Truman's \$20,000,000 budget.

What a piddling, palsied, mouse-like tinkering with a giant challenge to the human race! What a commentary on the constricted horizon of the minds of these "rulers of destiny." Here is the powerful Senate, which voted \$2 billion for research to produce the first atomic bomb, a bomb that was used to cremate hundreds of thousands of human beings, and all they can do for cancer research is make a token gesture of one percent of the amount it took to invent the atomic bomb. And how many billions have they appropriated since Hiroshima and Nagasaki for atomic bombs and other horror weapons?

When news of the invention of an atomic bomb at the cost of \$2 billion was released, medical research authorities estimated that a similar appropriation could guarantee science the means to unlock the secret of cancer and thereby the secret of destroying it. Think of it! The amount spent by capitalist America to invent a horror bomb could erase cancer.

This fact alone shows how imperative it has become to the human race to speed the elimination

of the capitalist system which is incapable of taking such measures — how imperative it has become to replace capitalism by the rational system of socialism.

A socialist system won't nibble at the problem of cancer. It will launch total war against the disease and defeat it. And cancer would be only one of the targets of the socialist war against disease. Tuberculosis, heart disease, infantile paralysis — all the great killers would fall under the blockbuster attack of socialist mankind.

Where's the hitch? Is it an intrinsic characteristic of the human race to deliberately limit the possibilities of triumphing over blind natural forces? On the contrary, man is rightfully proud of his long ascent from the primitive technique of the stone age to the industrial wizardry that has now unlocked the secret of the atom. But man's great upward climb has come only by revolutionary struggles to overcome the obstacles of outworn social systems.

We are living in the epoch of one of these great changes today — the change from capitalism to socialism, the most crucial change of all in man's history. It will usher in the stage where man will become the ruler of his own social destiny, and thereby the true ruler of nature.

Long before socialist man opens up vistas of progress we cannot even dream of today, the Workers and Farmers Government of the very first stage of the socialist reorganization of society will claim undisputed victory over the demagogic.

Immediately following the coup

# A People Rising in the Valley of the Nile

By Charles Hanley

"Entered as second class matter March 7, 1944 at the Post Office at New York, N. Y. under the act of March 3, 1879."

European counterparts, not permanently connected with active nationalism, but serving foreign imperialism as well, aligning itself with all the enemies of the people after exploiting nationalist sentiments.

Basically, this is the same structure the imperialists are trying to bolster or establish throughout the colonial world — a pseudo-nationalist, dictatorial and reactionary government submissive to orders from abroad. (Formosa, the Philippines, Indonesia, South Korea, etc.)

In Egypt, Naguib may well become another Chiang Kai-shek. The Egyptian dictator has already dealt severe blows to the masses by outlawing political dissent, banning democratic freedoms, repressing trade unions, continuing Farouk's martial law and censorship, and granting economic and other concessions to foreign capital. His policy is aimed at betraying the national struggle one of the main forces that raised him to power, as Chiang did in China, even if he has to conceal this and engage in certain nationalist actions for a time.

The author warns that the fascist danger in Syria and Egypt is real. The capitalists, he points out, seek to win over "a part of the growing forces of the middle class, by graft, bribery and demagogic."

Because of the particular social and economic forces in the East, this "military fascism" will be somewhat different from its

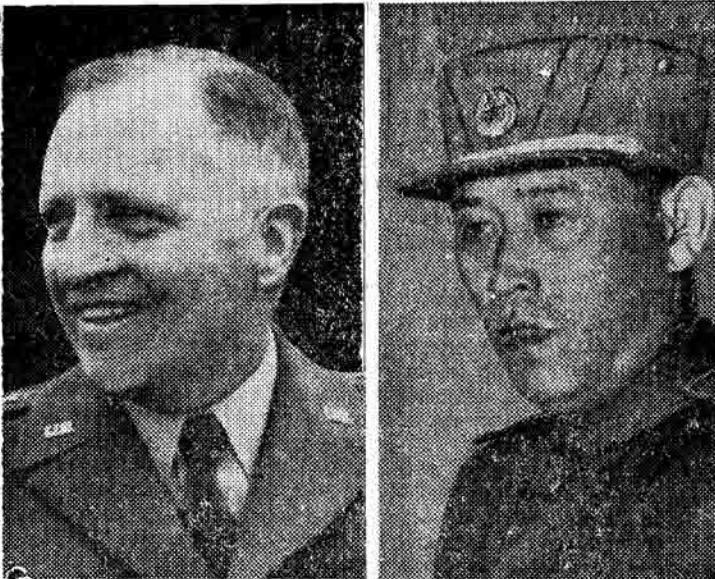
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## Top Negotiators Sign Truce



Truce in Korea was signed July 27 at Panmunjom by Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr. (left) chief negotiator for the U.S., and Lt. Gen. Nam II (right), representing North Korea.

## Defend the New Smith Act Victims

The shooting war in Korea may be at a standstill, but the witch-hunt in America is going strong. And the witch-hunt is part of the preparation for World War III.

That is the meaning of the recent indictment of eight alleged leaders of the Communist Party in Pennsylvania. The eight are accused under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act of "conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States' government by force, and violence."

The Smith Act was first used to imprison 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and the Minneapolis Teamsters Union, during World War II, for their socialist opposition to Wall Street's War. Since July 1948 when the cold war got underway, ten groups of Communist Party leaders have been arrested under the Smith Act — a total of 87 people.

The bail for the Pennsylvania victims was set at the outrageous figure of \$225,000. This continues the policy practiced in recent thought control trials of defunct elimination of the right to bail. It is part and parcel of the attack, on the right to belong to legal organizations, the right to refuse to testify against yourself, the right to refuse to become an FBI stool-pigeon and the right to think critically of Wall Street's government.

We are unconditionally opposed to these witch-hunt trials of the Stalinists. It is the

elementary duty of every working class organization, of every liberal and minority group to wage a struggle in defense of all victims of the Smith "Gag" Act. The fact that we are bitter political opponents of the Stalinists within the labor movement, in no way alters the case. Nor does the fact that when the Minneapolis trial took place, the Stalinists called for the stiffest penalties against the first victims of the Smith Act. We repeat — it is necessary to give full support to the defense of the civil rights of all, no matter what the political differences may be. The facts of life under the Eisenhower-McCarthy administration show that every organization, and every individual however remotely regarded as a dissenter, is placed under fire when one organization is attacked.

If this wasn't clear in 1948 to the labor officials who played the witch-hunt game, it should be clear now.

McCarthy has the formula. Even New Deal Democrats are included in the charge of "conspiring to advocate." He will broaden his formula. Anyone associated with those who "conspire to advocate" will come under attack.

Once again we propose: a broad independent united front of all labor, minority and civil liberties organizations to defend all victims of the Smith "Gag" Act. To delay the launching of such a genuine united front is to court disaster.

## Wanted--Plain Talk on Labor Party

Every now and then a labor official issues a statement about the need for effective political action by the labor movement. All these statements have one point in common — they implicitly admit the ineffectiveness and even bankruptcy of labor's official political policy. Another common feature of these "militant" declarations is the hint that a labor party would be a good thing, but like a world which would have Christmas every day it isn't practical.

This can be said about the statement by A. J. Hayes, President of the International Association of Machinists, in his column in the August issue of the *Machinists Monthly Journal*. Nevertheless, he did come up with some sound comments. For example, he says that "political inactivity spells out economic suicide for all of us... If your enemies make the laws we are fools to expect a fair share and we are more than fools if we believe that we have no enemies."

This is a slap at the policy the labor officials have been following, isn't it? Hayes points out that the enemies of labor have obtained a monopoly on political power so that it has become "difficult, if not impossible, for us to function in the political field at all." He goes so far as to say: "Already they have tied our hands so that we are prohibited from engaging in politics except in a straitjacket designed by them when we neglected our job in 1946."

This description of the state of affairs is by no means an exaggeration. It is well known to one and all in the labor movement. But what we look for when we read the articles and speeches of labor officials is even a small suggestion of action to correct this outrageous situation. Hayes makes only one proposal that

is worth noting. He recommends that union lodges and locals shouldn't depend on the daily papers to gather their political information or they "will be sadly disappointed." He urges that "there should be a committee in each local lodge charged with the duty of studying the *Congressional Record*. This is an excellent suggestion. (Subscription, \$1.50 a month. Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.)

But isn't it about time that unionists following the procedures and debates in Congress should have their own spokesmen there to present labor's views? Aren't we all getting sick and tired of the political monopoly of Big Business? On this point, Hayes takes the usual nose dive. He says, "I realize the impracticability at this time of a Labor Party due to the present reliance on a two-party system, that has come about through evolution in our country, and due also to the physical and psychological barricades to any present move in that direction."

The very weakness of the argument against the Labor Party and its "impracticability" is in itself a hint that Hayes may have a good word to say for the idea. But as usual the matter is confined to hints and half-thoughts. With inevitable major clashes between labor and capital on the horizon, the time for this type of coy inference has passed. The 1954 elections, which will witness a fierce McCarthyite offensive, require immediate consideration by labor. A national conference of labor should be summoned without delay to map out the policy and plan of action for labor in this crucial coming election year. We would like to hear a little less hinting and a lot more plain talk from the labor officials on this score.

## SORRY

Nuclear scientist Robert J. Moon of the University of Chicago, speaking in Switzerland July 29 on the dropping of the atom bomb in Japan, turned to the Japanese ambassador and said: "I would like to extend to Your Excellency my deepest regret for what has happened."

et al., the leadership of the army received unqualified support from some of the progressive groups in Egypt and abroad. Abu Hashim says about this: "What has been wrong is their failure to realize the vital importance of urging the masses to take the initiative in their own hands, if any hope of directing this movement into progressive channels is to be entertained... Instead of leading the masses, they try to follow them, and are rarely successful even at that."

The Egyptians are undoubtedly "a people rising." Over the past 10 years the masses have learned a great deal, paying for the lessons "with their own blood." Unity among the industrial workers has been forged under the blows of savage repression. They "believe in this unity as the supreme source of their strength." They "depend upon nothing but their own heads, hearts and hands... They march persistently and unshakably on their way. They have raised the torch of freedom and progress in the dark continent of Africa and in the Middle East..."

The agrarian reform proclaimed by Naguib is insufficient to solve Egypt's agrarian problem. But it is to some extent an anti-feudal measure, and if the poor peasants are mobilized and employ all the possibilities at hand, it could be a stepping-stone to greater conquests by the masses. In order to achieve this, a united front of poor peasants and agricultural and industrial workers — a united front which Naguib is trying to prevent — will have to be created.

Such a united front would attract sections of the middle class, a "potentially progressive" force, fighting against the existing state of affairs" but unable to end them without the aid and leadership of the working class.

The Egyptian working class needs organization and revolutionary leadership "from their own hardened sons" if it is to win through to victory. "The forces are there, ready to move on to the long-awaited goal... But who will give the WORD?" The creation of cadres and the construction of a revolutionary party are at present the decisive tasks facing vanguard militants in the Middle East.

## CCF Fights for Office In Canadian Elections

By Peter Farnsworth

Canada's federal election campaign is now well underway. Voting is August 10 and the campaign line of the principal parties is clearly defined. The St. Laurent government, the Liberal Party, is campaigning on its past four-year record and its previous 14 years in office.

The other two parties of capitalism, the Progressive Conservative Party (Tories), hungry for the fruits of office, and the Social Credit Movement, anxious to consolidate in the federal field the gains that it has scored in the Western provincial capitals, are indulging in a fantastic fanfare of demagogic promises.

The CCF (Cooperative Commonwealth Federation) with the aid of the growing Western farmers movement, the Canadian Congress of Labor (CIO) and important forces in the Trades and Labor Congress (AFL), is projecting a program of social reform.

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## SIGNS OF SLUMP

There are many signs that point to an end of the boom which had been tapering off just prior to the Korean war expenditures. The government probably set Augus

10 as election day, a time when many are away from their constituencies on holidays, in order to beat the harvest which, it is predicted, will be a bumper one and will only pile up on the already monstrous unsold accumulation of farm products. A serious agricultural crisis is threatening with the loss of the British wheat contract, the raising of restrictive quotas against Canadian dairy products by the U.S., the possibility of further restrictions on oats, and the threat that the dumping of U.S. farm surpluses has to world grain prices.

The cancellation of U.S. military orders which have been propping up the economy has already resulted in mass layoffs in the Montreal area. While employment is still generally high, thousands of workers in Ontario farm implement plants have been laid off. Over 5,000 coal miners are walking the streets in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

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THE CCF is advancing a rounded program of social reforms — for free hospital and dental care, a national labor code, subsidized housing, redistribution of taxes onto the corporations and the wealthy, increases in family allowances and old age pensions, parity farm prices, etc. Despite the fact that the leadership's op-

## \$18,000 Fund Scoreboard

| Branch               | Quota    | Paid    | Percent |
|----------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| St. Louis            | \$ 75    | \$ 55   | 73      |
| Newark               | 500      | 334     | 67      |
| Akron                | 150      | 90      | 60      |
| Cleveland            | 350      | 205     | 59      |
| Chicago              | 1,500    | 843     | 56      |
| Buffalo              | 1,500    | 812     | 54      |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul | 1,200    | 520     | 43      |
| Philadelphia         | 400      | 152     | 38      |
| Boston               | 550      | 193     | 35      |
| Milwaukee            | 400      | 118     | 30      |
| New York             | 4,500    | 1,297   | 29      |
| Los Angeles          | 2,500    | 685     | 27      |
| Flint                | 250      | 65      | 24      |
| San Francisco        | 1,000    | 225     | 23      |
| Youngstown           | 450      | 105     | 23      |
| Pittsburgh           | 30       | 5       | 17      |
| Oakland              | 250      | 40      | 16      |
| Seattle              | 450      | 72      | 16      |
| Detroit              | 1,500    | 33      | 2       |
| Allentown            | 60       | 0       | 0       |
| General              | 385      | 87      | 23      |
| Total through Aug. 3 | \$18,000 | \$5,936 | 33      |

## World Events

By Charles Hanley

ITALIAN PREMIER De Gasperi's Christian-Democratic cabinet was ousted July 28 when it failed to obtain a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies. The vote was 233 to 282. The Social-Democrats, the Republicans, and the Liberals, who had been his allies in the previous government, voted against him, thus precipitating the political crisis.

PRESIDENT ZAPOTOCKY of Czechoslovakia conceded Aug. 1

