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WILL H-BOMB DOOM U.S.?

Seek Surplus Food for Buffalo Unemployed



DOROTHY HAINES



LOUISE ELLIS

How Housewives In Buffalo Formed Food Delegation

Here is how the delegation of housewives to see Secretary of Agriculture Benson about getting surplus food for Buffalo's unemployed got started:

On Sept. 22, SWP candidates Vincent Copeland, Dorothy Haines and Louise Ellis discussed the problem over WGR-TV. Dorothy Haines and Louise Ellis followed up by visiting workers' areas, discussing the plight of the jobless and seeking women to join the delegation.

The woman who answered the door at one home greeted them with, "Say no more! I'll pack my bag right away. I saw you on TV."

She told the candidates that she had intended phoning them, but her husband had talked her out of it. "You know how these political parties are," he said. "They've probably got the women picked already, and this is a lot of widow dressing."

But her enthusiasm was not easily dimmed. "Maybe they'll come here," she said.

"Nobody ever comes to Seneca Street."

"Well, if they come I'm going."

"Okay," the husband agreed. "If they come, you go."

She did.



HAROLD ROBINS

10 Women Demand Government Aid

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27—A non-partisan delegation of 10 Negro and white women from Buffalo today demanded that the Department of Agriculture give some of its surplus food to the needy in Buffalo.

The delegation was headed by Dorothy Haines, Socialist Workers candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York, and Louise Ellis, SWP candidate for State Senator in the 55th District.

The 10 women, who arrived by automobile, were met in Secretary Benson's office by Roy W. Lennartson, deputy administrator of the Department's Agricultural Marketing Administration and Dr. Earl L. Butz, assistant secretary of agriculture.

"Buffalo has been designated as a critical area of unemployment," Louise Ellis told the department representatives. "According to the last reports, there are 34,000 unemployed in Buffalo, with 16,000 families on relief. The Eisenhower administration has stored away in warehouses surplus food that is not being used."

"We are going to ask that the surplus food be distributed to the unemployed in Buffalo. It is being done in Pittsburgh, and there is no reason it can't be done in Buffalo."

A TOUGH TIME

Dorothy Haines said that the Buffalo unemployed have a tough time because of the red tape. "The needy just can't live on \$30 a week, which is the maximum unemployment compensation and which is insufficient to feed and clothe a family."

"Proper help isn't available to the unemployed in Buffalo because of technicalities. They make you feel like it was a crime to ask for help."

PASS THE BUCK

Eisenhower's spokesman responded by passing the buck to the Republican Governor Dewey. "We can give food only to those states with which we have agreements," said Lennartson.

"New York State has no agreement with us on the delivery of surplus food products."

When Dorothy Haines demanded that the food be distributed "whether New York State likes it or not," Lennartson claimed it was "essentially a state responsibility."

Dr. Butz sympathized with the plight of the unemployed, which was vividly described by Dorothy Haines, but said, "Our hands are tied. If New York should want this program, we will have our surplus food program rallying promptly in that direction."

Study the record of the So-



VINCENT COPELAND

Both Capitalist Parties Fail on Unemployment

By Vincent Copeland

SWP Candidate for Congressman, 41st Dist., N. Y.

The Democrats accuse the Republican administration of tolerating more than 5,000,000 unemployed. The Republicans charge that the Democrats, when they ran the government, halted depressions only by going to war. For once, I agree with both of them. For once, they are both telling the truth.

What they lie about is themselves. The Democrats lie when they cover up the fact that for the first eight years of the Roosevelt administration unemployment never fell below ten

or eleven million. They lie when they brush aside the fact that the country was in a steep slide when Truman achieved "recovery" through his Korean "police action."

Equally, the Republicans lie when they claim to have a program of "prosperity" different from the war program of the Democrats. They supported both World War II and the Korean war. Eisenhower continues to operate the government on the basis of a monumental war budget of more than \$65 billion a year. The federal debt has burst the previous ceiling of \$275 billion.

Now that the Democrats are out of both the national and New York state administrations they can afford to tell a little of the truth about unemployment. They don't need to make a "little" unemployment look like a good thing, as Truman did back on Feb. 15, 1950, when the N. Y. Times quoted him as saying: "A certain amount of unemployment, say from three to five million, is supportable. It is a good thing that job-seeking should go on at all times. This is healthy for the economic body."

The Republicans simply doctor the statistics and issue false figures with a straight face. They hope to convince the uninformed that mass unemployment doesn't exist and that everything is rosy. They are no better as prognosticators. They told us a year ago that steel production would drop no more than 15%. But for months now it's been working at around a third below capacity. They don't know where they're going.

They talk about a crime wave. But what about the crimes committed every day by New York cops against Negroes and Puerto Ricans? Has either of the boss parties stopped police brutality?

In the past few years alone a dozen innocent Negroes and Puerto Ricans have been murdered by trigger-happy cops. Not one of the guilty cops has ever been punished.

Study the record of the So-

cialist Workers Party and what its candidates stand for. This is one party that actively supports the fight of all workers and minority peoples for a decent life.

When you vote Socialist Worker you are telling the Republicans and Democrats you are fed up with the dirty deal they have been giving you.

You are serving notice on them that you are going to stand up and fight for all the things you are entitled to. And together we will win.



CATHERINE GRATTA

A Law Aimed Against the Unions

By Harold Robins
SWP Candidate for N.Y.
State Comptroller

In the closing days of the 83rd Congress, the Democrats and Republicans "outlawed" the Communist Party. In the same measure they included the infamous Butler Bill, a deadly anti-union piece of legislation.

This new law sets up a category called "communist-infiltrated organizations." Any union can be labeled "communist infiltrated" if the Justice Department merely points to any "communists" in it.

Such unions can be deprived of all bargaining rights and subjected to "legalized" raiding.

The Aug. 30 CIO News declared the new law "dangerous to a free union labor movement since it would give the government the power of life and death over unions."

Labor's Daily said in an Aug. 26 headline: "Unions Are Real Target of Law." Next day an AP dispatch reported that "the Justice Department said . . . it

was laying the groundwork for action against labor unions that appeared to be red-infiltrated or red-dominated." Two days later on Aug. 29 the N. Y. Times reported "that the Justice Department was embarking on an inquiry into the mine-mill union under the Communist Control Act of 1954 . . ." And this in the midst of a strike by members of this union at Kennecott Copper and Anaconda Copper for an eight-cent hourly wage increase.

Senator Ives, Republican candidate for Governor of New York said on the Senate floor Aug. 12: "I believe a great deal of damage can be done to bona fide labor organizations. That is why I fear the bill." But later that same day he voted for it!

Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., Democratic candidate for Attorney General, voted for the bill in the House.

Democratic Senator Lehman called it a "blunderbuss bill" and said it would "constitute an ex-

tremely serious threat to the great organized labor movement in this country." But he too voted for it.

The bi-partisan witch hunters have shown their hand. No one can any longer pretend that only a few "reds" and "spies" are being hounded. We face an America where "unions" will be run by the employers, their State Department, and their FBI unless labor fights back on the political front by organizing a party of its own.

New York Forum

The New York SWP Election Forum Series opens Friday, Oct. 8, 8 P.M., at 116 University Place. The subject is of critical importance to the labor movement nationally: "The Square D Strike—Detroit Labor's Showdown With Union Busters." The speaker will be Murry Weiss, staff writer for the Militant.

Socialism Is Only Way Out from Atomic War

By David L. Weiss

Socialist Workers Candidate for Governor of New York

When the life of a simple Japanese fisherman, Aikichi Kuboyama, flickered out on the night of Sept. 23, the whole world asked: Are we doomed? The death of this obscure worker from radiation sickness, caused by a U.S. Hydrogen bomb test explosion last March 1, has given tragic proof of the incalculable deadliness of the H-bomb.

Aikichi Kuboyama was one of 23 members of a fishing-boat crew who, as the daily press put it, were "dusted" with radioactive ash from an H-bomb set off more than 80 miles away. The word "dusted" gives an impression of a substance no more harmful than talcum powder. But bombs that can kill 80 miles from the blast point can wipe out the human race.

If American Big Business in its drive to control the world for private profit sets off an atomic war, the human species may perish.

Japan has been "plunged into almost hysterical mourning" over the death of the 40-year-old fisherman "who has become the nation's symbol of hatred and fears of atomic weapons," reports the Associated Press. But that mourning should not be

confined to the Japanese. The American people, too, and more than all others, should grieve for what this symbolizes to this country, to its 162,000,000 people and, first of all, to the tens of millions in the area of New York City and several hundred miles around it.

Bit by bit, we have learned of the true nature of the H-bomb set off last March.

I read with chills in the N.Y. Herald-Tribune of Sept. 27 the report of the Alsop brothers that an H-bomb of the March 1 type "will destroy a circular area of 300 square miles by fire and blast. But it will probably expose an area of 6,000 square miles to lethal radiation." That means a curtain of death dropped over an area covering all of New York City, Newark, Jersey City, Hoboken and as far south as Philadelphia. Just 100 such bombs could wipe out the United States. But the merchants of death have not stopped there. An H-bomb with three times the explosive power of the March 1 device has been perfected.

A condensed version of "The Hydrogen Bomb," by James R. Shepley and Clay Blair, Jr., which appears in the Sept. 24 U.S. News and World Report, reveals that it had been planned to follow the March 1 blast with a "super-giant of all atomic bombs." But "new calculations pushed the giant bomb near the practicable limit of thermonuclear weapons, 45 megatons, 2,400 times the force of Hiroshima." The risk to the U.S. bases and ships was so great that explosion of the new bomb "was postponed for a later test in a greater expanse of the Pacific."

Postponed — not abandoned! The madmen of Wall Street and Washington appear determined to go through with their incredibly risky tests that have already saturated the world's atmosphere with immense amounts of radioactivity. They are planning with deliberation, driven by the economic contradictions of the decayed profit system, sooner or later to hurl the bomb and involve us in a war of complete obliteration.

We can put a stop to it. We can end their scheme of world murder. Socialism, with its planned non-profit, cooperative economic system, alone can save us from H-bomb doom. We are in a race between socialism and annihilation.

"We Must Heed Voice Of Humanity Abroad!"

"What are we going to do about the world-wide hatred for America caused by the Democratic and Republican handling of foreign policy? Can we afford to have the great majority of humanity look at America the way we once looked at Nazi Germany?"

These are key questions that we must face, in the opinion of David L. Weiss. In a statement to the press, the Socialist Workers candidate for Governor of New York declared: "We used to be considered a democratic country devoted to the great ideals of liberty and human progress. Throughout the world America was held up as the hope of humanity. Today, however, America is universally feared."

"Then the long list of dictators and kings and playboys backed by Washington further heightened the hatred. The loathing felt for the Syngman Rhee, Chiang Kai-shek, Franco, Bao Dai and similar butchers and puppets is extended to their patrons and backers.

"Finally, intervention in the internal affairs of other countries like Guatemala and Iran shows to the nations of the world that behind the Republicans and Democrats stand the most rapacious business interests on the face of the globe."

It is high time that we listened to the indignant voice of humanity abroad, Weiss said. "Instead of blockading the Chinese people we should recognize the government of their choice and help them overcome poverty. Instead of preparing for war on the Soviet bloc, we should right things at home so that together with the people of all other countries we can end oppression and establish enduring peace."

DAVID L. WEISS

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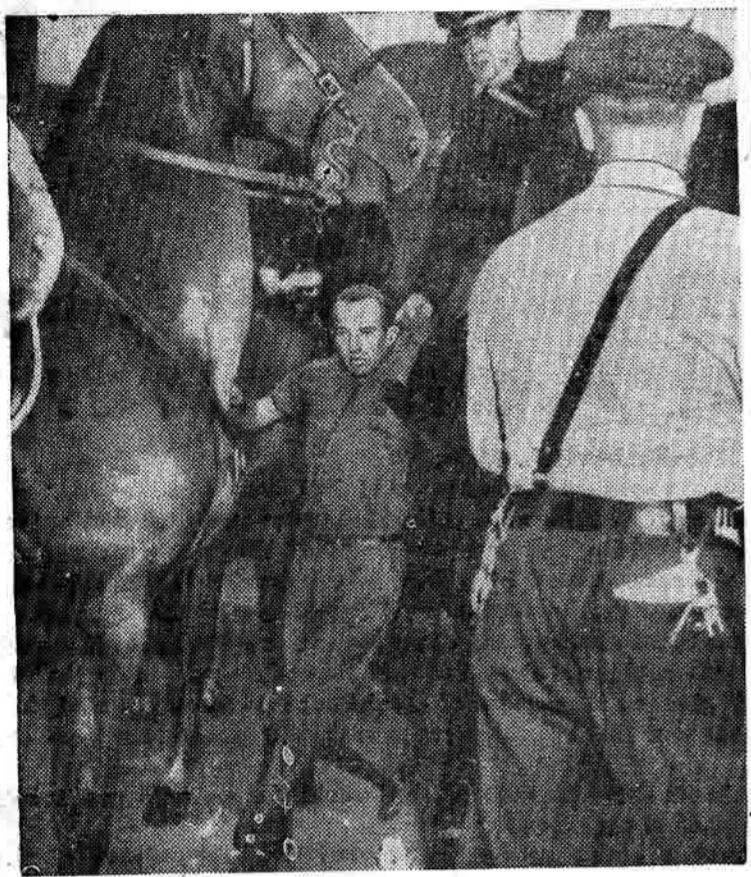
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Cops Maul Square D Picket



Mounted cops remove a picket from struck Square D plant in Detroit. Police violence and scabbing aroused CIO United Automobile Workers members to swell picket lines of the striking United Electrical Workers, although the striking union was labeled "Communist-infiltrated."

Trumbull Park Violence Shows Need for Change in City Hall

CHICAGO — "The firing of Elizabeth Wood as Executive Director of the Chicago Housing Authority, and the continued violence at Trumbull Park homes point up the need for a change at City Hall," Howard Mayhew, Socialist Workers candidate for Congress from the 2nd District, declared in a recent speech. "For more than 14 months,"

Howard Mayhew Fights for Place On Chicago Ballot



Howard Mayhew, the only candidate in Chicago to come out four-square for a 30-hour week at 40 hours pay to help end unemployment, is fighting for his place on the ballot as candidate for Congress from the Second District.

Members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party collected more than 12,000 signatures to put Mayhew on the ballot. When the petitions were filed, however, the Board of Elections cynically rejected them, claiming they were "inadequate."

It was the Board's way of telling the Chicago workers: "Stay out of politics. We've got a monopoly and we intend to keep it. We'll tell you who to vote for."

The American Civil Liberties Union is backing a court suit to compel the Board of Elections to grant Mayhew his rightful place on the ballot.

Meanwhile the Socialist Workers Party is taking the issue to the voters of the Second District. By supporting the case, Chicago workers can register their opposition to war, unemployment and McCarthyism and their desire for peace, prosperity, equality and freedom of thought. "We are confident," Mayhew declared, "that the workers of Chicago will back us in this fight."

Lovell Scores Clardy As a "Strikebreaker"

By Frank Lovell
SWP Candidate for Governor of Michigan

DETROIT — The Sept. 24 Detroit News ran a free-swinging editorial praising the police strikebreakers and damning everyone who supports the picketing workers in the Square D battle. With a tone of snarling challenge, the News asks:

"And finally, with an election six weeks away, there are those so-far silent parties to the Square D strike: The candidates, city and state, who have joined their political fortunes with the

favor of the CIO. What have these candidates to say of this strike and the part of their sponsors in it? In the weeks just ahead, they will be asked. And Detroit will be curious to know."

Well, the CIO is supporting capitalist "friends of labor" who have kept quiet about Square D precisely because they are on the side of the bosses. The questions that embarrass these politicians are the questions I asked them several weeks ago: Why have they said not a word on behalf of the workers against the strikebreakers?

As for myself, I repeat what

I have said publicly from the first day of the struggle. I am for the strikers with every atom of my being. I am against the brutal police strikebreakers. I urge the whole of organized labor in Detroit to join as one man with the Square D strikers and protest this outrageous attempt at official strikebreaking.

I have said right along that this violent attack on the Square D strike is a test-tube case to determine if employers, with government aid, can get away with open strikebreaking in a city like Detroit by labeling a union "Communist-infiltrated." It is no accident that vicious McCarthyite, Rep. Clardy (R. Mich.) has promptly stuck his nose into the Square D situation with his House Un-American Activities Committee. He's come to Detroit for one purpose — strikebreaking. Whoever aids him, aids a deadly enemy of labor.

NO AID TO CLARDY!

Clardy threatens to hold "hearings" on the Square D strike and will try to line up the usual crew of informers to smear the union as "red." Sen. McCarthy has called on everyone to become an informer for him, but anyone who does is aiding a would-be Hitler. I am against giving information to McCarthy and I am against giving one word to Clardy, McCarthy's admirer and imitator. In either case, it means helping a fascist strikebreaker. Everyone called before these political gangsters should stand on his constitutional right to remain silent under the Fifth Amendment. And let organized labor meet the challenge of Clardy's McCarthyite invasion with the mightiest mass protest this city has ever seen.

Labor to set up a permanent defense committee in collaboration with the NAACP.

(3) Anti-Jim Crow Flying Squadrions to protect citizens endangered by hoodlums at Trumbull Park.

(4) An independent Labor Party to oust the Democrats and Republicans and put working people in office.

School Bias Fight Must Go on Without Let-up

By Howard Mayhew
SWP Candidate for Congressman, 2nd Dist. Ill.

CHICAGO — Every opponent of Jim Crow has naturally been heartened by the Supreme Court's ruling that segregated schools are unconstitutional. This is a great legal and moral victory for civil rights and racial equality.

This is not surprising," Mayhew said. "When you consider that capitalism makes money out of Jim Crow and that the mayor is a Big Business man, it is easy to understand that events like those at Trumbull Park will continue."

Mayhew pointed to the profits that rent-gouging landlords make in the slums. In Chicago, he said, an average of 27,000 people live in a square mile; but in the Southside Negro area there are 55,000 people per square mile — double the city average. With such crowding, landlords can charge high rents and get away with it.

In one tenement where fire killed 18 people, the rent for one year was more than the whole building was worth. "If Negroes could move out of such places," he declared, "the slums would soon be empty and rents would fall. That is why landlords have a stake in maintaining prejudice and keeping Jim Crow."

As for the Democratic mayor, his service as director of Wilson Co., an anti-union, meatpacking outfit, as president of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, and as director of the Chicago Association of Commerce, indicates what can be expected from him. The bosses have long used race hate to divide the workers.

Mayhew scored the firing of Elizabeth Wood. "She was a good-hearted woman who really did her best against Jim Crow. She took on the racist groups at Trumbull Park. She took on the Jim Crow minded Housing commissioners. She was fired. That shows what happens when you

WHY COURT ACTED

It is a common belief that the Supreme Court ruling resulted strictly from a court fight. This

is incorrect. Legal action by the NAACP was an important factor; but the decisive element is the action of people thousands of miles across seas. The great revolutionary struggles of the Chinese, Indo-Chinese and Korean people, which promised to spark colonial revolts of the oppressed colored masses everywhere against the white imperialists, influenced the Supreme Court. The no-segregation ruling was intended to appease revolting Asians, Africans and Latin Americans.

We must press the legal fight to achieve full school desegregation everywhere. But we must recognize that the battle will be won primarily through mass action of the Negro people and their allies of the labor movement.

Let's Build a New World of Abundance



By Robert Himmel, Jr.
SWP Candidate for Congress First Dist. Detroit

The youth want a chance in life, and they aren't getting it. We younger workers must take up the problems of the young people and rally to their defense. That is one reason why I am running for Congress on the Socialist Workers ticket.

"The youth of this country is out of hand," screams the Big Business magazine Newsweek in the Sept. 6 issue. Cops, judges, newspapers — all have ganged up on the teen-agers. The excuse for this disgraceful and unfeeling attack is the alarming growth of juvenile delinquency.

But what causes juvenile delinquency? Why are more young people turning down this destructive road?

I say the rule of Big Business is the main cause. The capitalists and the Democratic and Re-organize around their own problems so that war, depression, Jim

publican parties are the real criminals. All they offer the young people is the choice between war and depression with union wages until they land a job.

Let's demand trade-union wages and democratic rights for all members of the armed forces.

Let's demand that police guilty of beating young people be prosecuted for their crime and placed in jail.

Let's take this program to the unions and press for its adoption, linking ourselves to the labor movement.

In office I would push for the passage of this program in Congress.

But above all I want to try to convince the youth that the solution to their problems lies in the organized fight for a better social order.

Young and old, students and workers, children and parents must organize to change society

Police Violence in Detroit



Pres. Paul Silver of Local 351, CIO United Automobile Workers, is shown pinned against a wall by mounted cops during picketing demonstration at the strikebound Square D plant in Detroit. The UAW-CIO is helping striking United Electrical Workers, independent, fight scabbing.

Solidarity Of Labor Is Decisive

DETROIT. Sept. 30 — The 108-day attempt of the Square D Company to smash Local 351 of the United Electrical Workers ended in defeat for the company today.

Although the 1,200 workers who had been on strike since the middle of June were forced to make heavy concessions they saved their union.

This was the feeling uppermost in the minds of the Square D workers when they voted today to accept an agreement negotiated with the company in the past week.

(A full analysis of the new contract will appear next week in the *Militant*.)

The setback to the company's union-smashing plan, which had been followed with avid interest by Big Business from coast to coast, was made possible by the intervention of rank-and-file unionists in the struggle. When Detroit's police were mobilized to run strikebreakers through the line and to club pickets, militiamen from plants in the area rallied to the aid of the strikers.

This was followed by a declaration of solidarity from 13 officials of local United Automobile Workers unions. They joined the pickets together with Flying Squadrions.

Yesterday the co-ordinating committee of the UAW contingents declared, "We are glad that the Square D strike is over, and that it has been shown that strikebreaking and unionbusting are not proper or feasible ways to settle a labor dispute."

The committee again scored the witch hunting with which the company, the press, the police and city and other government officials tried to build up hysteria against the Square D strikers.

"We believed the strike issues were legitimate, and we still do. We did not believe that this was a 'push-button' strike of the Communist party and we still don't."

This statement was signed by Russell Leach, UAW Local 155; Ken Morris, Local 202; Carl Stellato, Local 600; Harry Southwell, Local 174; Syl Sumerack, Local 1227; and Paul Silver, Local 351.

The union-smashing attempt, coming during the election campaign, faced every candidate with the issue: For or against the strikers?

Frank Lovell, Socialist Workers candidate for governor of Michigan, challenged Democratic Governor Williams "to come down and march with the Detroit workers on the Square D picket line and see for yourself the scabbing being done by the Detroit police."

The SWP candidate told Williams: "You are the acknowledged leader of the Democratic party in this state, yet neither you nor any other Democratic politician has made a single statement in protest against company and police department strikebreaking . . ."

In a radio address over WJR on Sept. 22, Lovell repeated his challenge to Williams, stating:

"The attempt by the employers to smash the union at Square D is part of the general anti-union drive and the preparation for the advent of fascism. On the picket line we have seen the methods of fascism employed by the club-swinging mounted police who daily ride down the pickets and escort scabs into the struck plant."

"The battle line between unionism and the open shop has been drawn in this strike. That is what is at stake."



FRANK LOVELL



RITA SHAW

SENATE CANDIDATE HITS DETROIT COP VIOLENCE

By Rita Shaw

SWP Candidate for U.S. Senator from Mich.

DETROIT — The police here claim they are "neutral" in the Square D strike — they are just preserving "law and order." They are "neutrally" beating and arresting pickets and riding them down with scabs and strike-breakers into the plant.

We are getting a good reminder here of what the role of the cops is in a society run by the employers and their political agents. They are scabbers and brutal enemies of decent, honest working people. All union labor should get behind the protest against cop brutality here at Square D.

If the working people had their own party and sent their own true spokesmen to Congress, we would get a law to close down all plants where there are labor disputes until there is a settlement. We'd make unionbusting a crime. The police would be unionists who would protect the working people against the parasitic rich, not the other way around like it is now.

Let's demand that young people looking for work receive unemployment compensation at union wages until they land a job.

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CROW AND POLICE-STATE RULE ARE ELIMINATED.

BUILD NEW SOCIETY

This is the program of the Socialist Workers Party which advocates a government run by the working people — a Workers and Farmers Government. Such a government will build a Socialist society of peace, equality, freedom and plenty for all.

I am sure the young people will rally to that program. When their present mood of despair and frustration gives way to hope and confidence that a better world can and will be built, the youth will be in the forefront of the battle. Enthusiasm, self-sacrifice and courage — the natural qualities of young people — will stream forth, and mankind will march forward to a glorious future.

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LABOR NEEDS OWN PARTY

"Police-State" Humphrey Slashes at Throat of Unions

The record proves that Sen. Hubert Humphrey betrayed his promise to fight union-busting legislation and uphold the Bill of Rights, as soon as the McCarthyite heat scorched his tender skin.

Here is how it happened. The Eisenhower-Brownell-sponsored union-busting Butler Bill was being debated in the Senate on Aug. 12.

Sen. Herbert Lehman, the liberal leader in the Senate, said of the Butler Bill: "This bill would place in the hands of an Attorney General who might (1) be antagonistic to labor, a powerful weapon to cripple labor, to break strikes." Lehman, Humphrey and the other liberals proposed to refer the Butler Bill to a special board "for study" as a means of blocking its passage. They argued against passing legislation in an hysterical atmosphere. Their move to refer was defeated. Then they did an about-face.

HUMPHREY AMENDMENT

They proposed to amend the very bill that would "cripple labor" and "break strikes" by adding a measure to cripple political liberty and outlaw freedom of thought. Humphrey's lieutenants have been whispering around that his double treachery in the Senate was really diabolically clever scheme to outwit the McCarthyites. "Look!" they say, "They can't attack him now. He has stolen their thunder. Now, wasn't that just about as smart a move as you can imagine?"

That's about as smart a move as the man who cut his throat before the murderer could get at him. Only Humphrey didn't cut his own throat, he took a razor slash at the throat of labor. We don't think that's clever. Do you?

MYRA WEISS TO SPEAK FOR DUNNE CANDIDACY

Myra Tanner Weiss, Vice-Presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party in 1952, will visit the Twin Cities, Oct. 13-19, as part of a coast-to-coast tour to campaign for the socialist candidate in the 1954 elections.



MYRA WEISS

Those who met Myra on her two previous visits, 1951 and 1952, are looking forward eagerly to hearing her again. The Twin Cities SWP branches are rolling out the welcome carpet and preparing a number of events which you will not want to miss.

Her visit is part of the schedule of election rallies planned by the Minnesota SWP:

Wed., Oct. 13, 8 P.M.—"The Struggle for Socialism and the 1954 Elections." Speaker: Myra Weiss. Place: 10 S. 4th St., Minneapolis.

Sun., Oct. 17, 3 P.M.—"McCarthyism: Key Issue of the Election Campaign." Speaker: Myra Weiss. Place: Eagles Hall, 113 University Ave., St. Paul.

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The Minneapolis rally will take place Sunday, Oct. 24, 3 P.M., at 10 S. 4th St. The subject will be: "The Bosses' Assault on the Trade Union Movement." The St. Paul rally will be Sun., Oct. 31, 3 P.M., at Eagles Hall, 113 University Ave.



SWP Candidate For Senator Has Inspiring Record

By Roger Kent

The Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Senator from Minnesota, V. R. Dunne, is a veteran socialist campaigner. But he is best known, perhaps, as the leader of the drive to break the open shop and bring union organization to the workers of Minneapolis.

V. R. Dunne was born in Kansas City, Kansas, 65 years ago. He spent his boyhood in Little Falls, Minnesota. Comrade Dunne went to work at the age of 11. Coming from a poor home, he was deprived of a formal education. But his active and curious mind led him to do extensive reading.

BECOMES SOCIALIST

Investigating a wide field of human thought, he found his way, in early youth, to the ideas of Marxism. Curiosity, a strong sense of justice, and the courage of a fighter, made a life-long socialist of him.

When he was 15, he followed the booming lumber industry to Montana, where he soon joined the IWW. Like other lumberjacks of that period he pushed on into the Pacific Northwest and down the coast. He returned to Minneapolis, and after working as a laborer and a teamster, he went to work for the DeLaitre Dixon Coal Co.

During these 12 years he was an active leader of the local Communist Party until his expulsion for "Trotskyism" in 1928.

At the same time he was bending every effort to organize the coal drivers. These efforts were crowned with success in February, 1934. After a short but well-organized strike the coal drivers won a signed contract.

1934 STRIKES

This victory was the spark that ignited the flame. The Minneapolis truck drivers saw what could be accomplished by well-organized strike action. They flocked into the union by the thousands. Two major strikes in the summer of 1934 brought victory to the movement. These strikes were models of labor militancy and organization. Workers throughout the country were inspired by the example. To this day the truck-drivers strikes have not been forgotten by either the workers or the bosses.

Then, on the eve of World War II, Roosevelt, Governor Stassen, union-Czar Tobin and the Minneapolis bosses ganged up on the truck drivers, removed their democratically elected leaders and railroaded them to prison, V. R. Dunne among them.

Since his release from prison in 1944, Comrade Dunne has given all his time to building the Socialist Workers Party, to prepare for the great struggles ahead.

Seek to Bar Deportation Of Skoglund

Carl Skoglund is known to thousands in Minnesota as one of the outstanding leaders of the great struggles of the truck drivers in the Thirties.

Recently he celebrated his seventieth birthday. Then he was locked up on Ellis Island. The bi-partisan gang of witch hunters and union busters who run the government in Washington said Skoglund was "undesirable."

That's what is happening in the U.S. Carl Skoglund, lumber worker, railroad man, union builder, is cooped up and slated for deportation to Sweden.

But the capitalist crooks, the moneyed scoundrels, the war profiteers and the housing swindlers, are free to walk the streets — and occupy the seats of power.

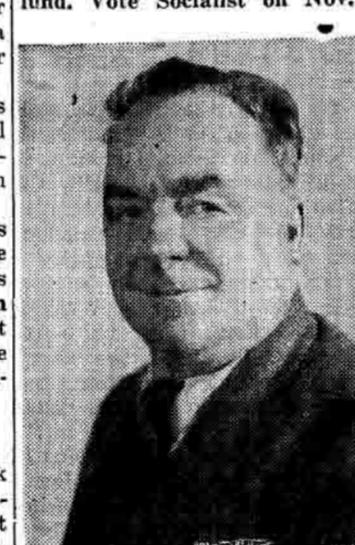
LONG FIGHT

Skoglund's 13-year fight against deportation is now at the critical point. A few weeks ago they dumped his belongings into a grocery bag, rushed him onto a freighter, and tried to whisk him out of the country. That's the way things are done in the U.S. in 1954. They didn't get away with it — that time. The fight still goes on in the courts.

Skoglund is "charged" with holding ideas hateful to the witch hunters. If he had chopped down trees and hauled coal for 43 years, and kept his mouth shut, he would be regarded by the bosses as a model citizen.

But Carl spoke up for the downtrodden. He believed in a world free of exploitation and war. That made him a marked man.

There is one way we can strike a blow for men like Carl Skoglund. Vote Socialist on Nov. 2.



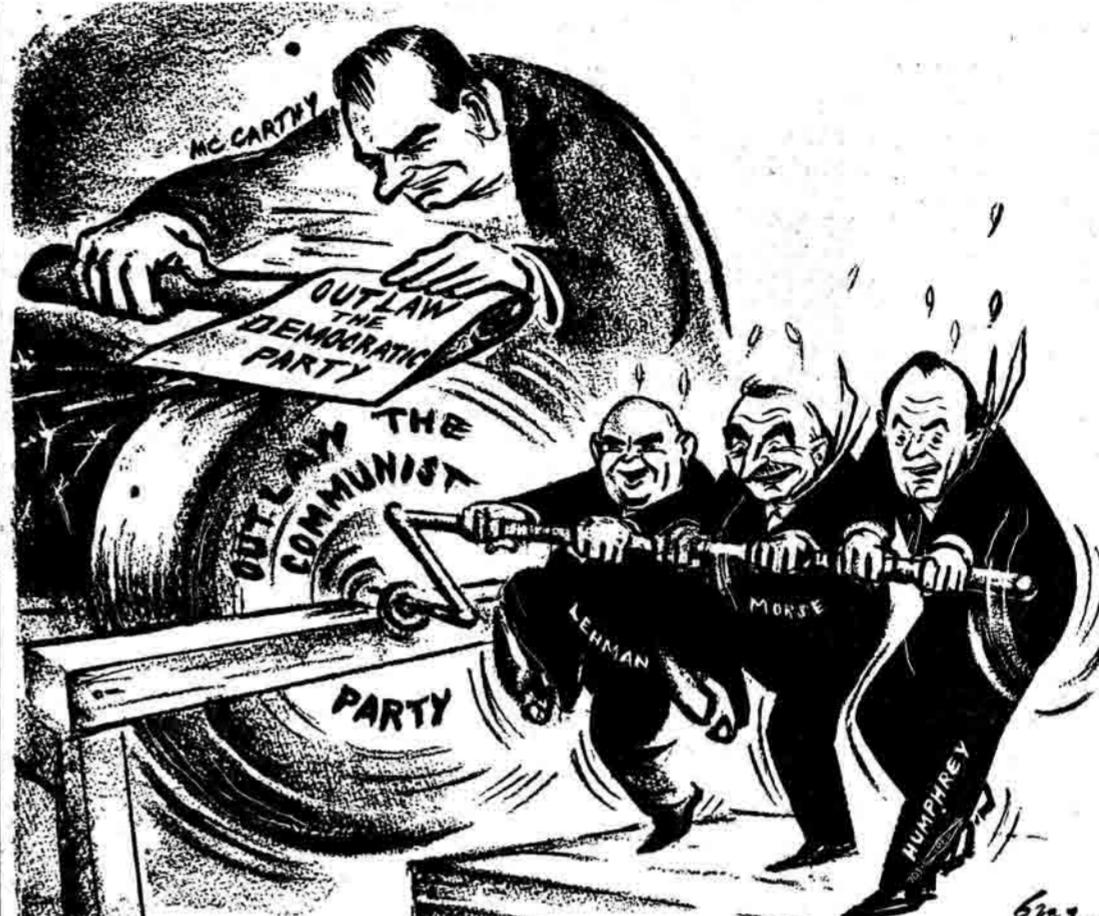
Minneapolis and St. Paul Rallies To Hear Dunne

The Twin Cities working class public will have an opportunity to meet Vincent R. Dunne, socialist candidate for U.S. Senate, during the month of October.

Two special rallies are scheduled where Dunne will analyze the foreign and domestic situation. In an atmosphere of informal and free discussion workers of all political views will be invited to ask questions of Dunne and give their own views.

The Minneapolis rally will take place Sunday, Oct. 24, 3 P.M., at 10 S. 4th St. The subject will be: "The Bosses' Assault on the Trade Union Movement."

The St. Paul rally will be Sun., Oct. 31, 3 P.M., at Eagles Hall, 113 University Ave.



Dunne Hits Demo-GOP Opponents

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 1—Vincent R. Dunne filed today as the Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Senator, with several hundred over the required amount of signatures on nominating petitions.

The only socialist in the field for Senatorial office, he issued the following statement:

TEXT OF STATEMENT

My opponents, running as nominees of the Republican and Democratic-Farmer-Labor parties, are trying to perpetuate a sham. They cover up the fact that in reality they belong to different factions of the same party — the party that is controlled and operated by the warmad coupon clippers in Wall Street.

Both "parties" of Big Business have been dancing to the tune of McCarthyism, the American brand of fascism. In the last hours of the 83rd Congress, the Democrats, led by the junior senator from Minnesota, Hubert Humphrey, proposed a plan to send a two-pronged thrust at the heart of both the Bill of Rights and the labor movement.

Humphrey and his liberal colleagues spearheaded the enactment of the so-called Communist Control Act of 1954. This measure is a long step in the power drive to outlaw and crush all workers and farmers organizations and to silence all voices of protest.

DARK DAY

Humphrey had plenty of company on the dark day of Aug. 12, when he led one of the most offensive gerrymanders and stampedes in the history of the U.S. Senate. The white supremacists, both, North and South, linked arms with the McCarthyites and other well-known labor haters. The liberal "friends of labor" vied with each other and assorted Jim Crows and McCarthyites for "first place" in voting for the union-busting measure.

Humphrey the "progressive," the leader of Americans for Democratic Action, the coddled darling of the trade union fakers, AFL, CIO, RR Brotherhoods and Independent unions alike, welched on his promise to fight union-busting legislation. He and the other Police-State liberals are guilty of the slimiest double-cross.

Double crossing and double-talking is not new thing for Humphrey.

KNIFED THE FLP
He, together with the Stalinist Communist Party hacks, who, in 1937, 1938 and 1939, were cheek and jowl with him, jointly knifed the independent party of workers and farmers in Minnesota, the Farmer-Labor Party, and threw the coffin into the swamp of the Democratic Party, controlled for the most part by the Southern White Supremacists.

For this criminal act, Humphrey was hailed as a hero by the trade union officials and supported for Mayor of Minneapolis.

Then as a candidate of the Jim Crow faction of the Bosses' Party (labelled Democrat), he became a U.S. Senator.

In the Senate, Humphrey showed what his "friendship" for labor was worth by his stab at labor's back with the McCarthyite Communist Control Act.

The moral is clear for all workers and farmers to see: No trust in the Republican and Democratic parties of Big Business! Labor needs its own party.

You can order your copy of this book from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y. The price is only one dollar. Kutcher is donating all royalties from the book to the Kutcher Defense Committee.

HOW LEGLESS VETERAN FOUGHT PURGE ORDER

James Kutcher has told his story, simply and powerfully, in an auto-biographical book: "The Case of the Legless Veteran." His book contains the record of his struggle for reinstatement on his clerical job with the Veterans Administration at Newark. He was fired in 1948 because of his socialist views as a result of Truman's "loyalty" purge order.

Kutcher's case is clear-cut. From the beginning he stated that he was a member (and proud of it) of the Socialist Workers Party. He challenges the right of an Attorney General to arbitrarily place his party on a "subversive" black-list.

Thousands of individuals and hundreds of labor and fraternal organizations, who refused to take the witch hunt lying down, have rallied to Kutcher's defense. Kutcher is now touring the principal cities of the country to get support for the long court fight and publicize his book. Kutcher and his supporters regard the legal fight as a crucial test of the whole witch hunt and all its procedures.

"The Case of the Legless Veteran" is not only a vivid description of one man's struggle against victimization. It is a handbook of the most important facts and events related to the witch hunt.

HUMAN DOCUMENT

At the same time, the book is a fascinating account of the life of a "typical" American socialist of this generation, and a moving human document. Every important episode in Kutcher's life recalls the history of our times: The depression, which made a socialist of him; the war, which robbed him of his legs; and the witch hunt, which took his job.



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Unemployment, Jim Crow -- Key Issues in Phila.

By Robert Chester

SWP Candidate for Congress, 4th District

Growing unemployment, continued segregation and police brutality are the worst problems facing the working people in the so-called "City of Brotherly Love" in the 1954 election.



ROBERT CHESTER

Stergar to Run For Assemblyman In Wisconsin

By Henry Klimek

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 28.—"The Kohler strike is living proof that labor must organize its own party," stated Albert Stergar, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the Wisconsin state Assembly in his nomination acceptance speech. Stergar is running for Assemblyman in the 2nd District.

The very laws which are being used against the union in the Kohler strike were put on the books by the boss parties which the labor leaders supported," the SWP candidate pointed out. He added: "The wage-cuts and speed-ups, the lower standard of living suffered by the workers and farmers are not due to any weakening or destruction of the unions. There wouldn't be a bottle of champagne delivered, a Cadillac produced, and the plutocrats would have to walk 30 flights to their penthouses, if the 17 million organized workers so willed. Labor, which produces the means of life, is the most powerful force in the country.

"An independent Labor Party, with a program to lift the standard of living here through production for use and not for profit and war, a program to end layoffs and wage-cuts, a foreign policy to aid the colonial people in their fight against imperialism, would bring the middle class and farmers to labor's side."

The candidate stressed the necessity for the whole Wisconsin labor movement to give full moral, financial and physical backing to the long Kohler strike.

At the meeting in the new SWP headquarters at 150 E. Juneau Ave., Raymond Shepherd, secretary of the SWP campaign committee, reported on the successful conclusion of the nominating petition drive. He announced that 1,500 signatures had been collected, 150 over the legal requirements.

Stergar, who is running for political office for the first time, has been active in the labor movement for more than 16 years. He was one of a group, with James Boulton and other young socialists who had been active in the Young People's Socialist League, which founded the Milwaukee SWP after they left the Socialist Party.

Stergar is well-known in the CIO United Auto Workers. He formerly served on Local 283's strike committee, as its shop paper editor and as delegate to the state CIO convention and County Industrial Union Council. For the past four years he has served as a steward and head steward at Nash Body Local 75.

"What you say about it being either war or depression under the Democrats and Republicans is absolutely true," workers have told me at street meetings where I have presented the Socialist Workers program. "It's time something was done about it."

The jobless now top 400,000 in Pennsylvania and the situation is getting more serious. Coal, textiles, steel, transportation and some machine industries are all hard hit. Unemployment compensation is being paid more than a quarter of a million of workers, three times as many as last year.

Of the various sections of the working class, the Negroes are hit the hardest by layoffs. But it is not the only problem that is particularly acute for them. On the segregation front, the race-minded bosses and their Democratic and Republican political representatives are doing their utmost to maintain the patterns of discrimination.

THE CLARK CASE

The Wiley Clark case, which has attracted wide attention is only one of many. Clark, a 26-year-old garage attendant, was driven from his newly purchased home together with his wife and children the day after he moved in. There was supposed to be police protection, but no arrests have been made and the vandals who damaged the home still move about the neighborhood without hindrance.

A committee has been set up to repair the damage and help the Clark's move back in, but the real test is yet to come. A motorcycle policeman was overheard by a bricklayer offering to contribute \$20 to buy oil to burn the house down.

In face of such an attitude, which is typical of the police, it is felt that a victory can be won only if the committee mobilizes the entire weight of the Negro community. With the backing of the Philadelphia trade-union movement, there could be no doubt of the outcome.

Recently two new cases of police brutality came to light. A Negro veteran suffering an epileptic attack in the subway was brutally beaten, jailed, and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. In the second case, a Negro Moslem was fatally wounded.

Such incidents highlight the crying need for a basic remedy. This cannot come from either the Democrats or Republicans. The Negro people, together with the labor movement must unite and take the road of independent political action.

A program of public works, including the building of homes, schools, hospitals, etc., could do much to end unemployment. A party of the working people capable of putting such a program into effect would also put an end to Jim Crow.

A vote for Robert Chester is a vote for that program. Vote Militant Workers Party (ballot name of the SWP) in the Fourth Congressional District.



LILLIAN KIEZEL

Calif. SWP Fights Witch Hunt

By Bill Morgan

OAKLAND, Sept. 27—An intensive six-week campaign has been planned by the California branches of the Socialist Workers Party on behalf of the candidacies of Erroll Banks for U.S. Senator, Frank Barbaria for Governor and Lillian Kiezel for Lieutenant Governor.

The SWP here is calling on the voters to write in the names of Banks, Barbaria and Kiezel. California election laws make it practically impossible for a minority party to gain a place on the printed ballot.

One of the main issues in the campaign is the witch-hunt aimed at all the militant unions. The powerful Longshoremen's union, the Marine Cooks and Stewards and several other labor organizations have been the target of the Velde committee. At the University of California, in Berkeley, professors and students have been victimized by the loyalty oath.

The SWP candidates call for an independent labor party to cement the forces of all labor and minority peoples to defend the rights of all. "An injury to one is an injury to all" is a slogan the SWP campaigners are advocating as the keystone in the fight.

In Marin County, adjacent to San Francisco, a self-appointed committee of reactionary snappers recently publicized a list of books which they claim are "subversive and filthy" and attempted to terrorize the school authorities into banning them from the school libraries. Investigation proved that none of the books was either subversive or filthy—but that fascist elements are trying to purge the schools and ban all books they dislike. The SWP answers: "Stop the Book Burners—organize and Fight to Preserve Civil Liberties for All."

The Democratic Party politicians have put a Mexican-American, Edward Roybal, on their slate. Roybal, a former independent reformer from Los Angeles, is now a cog in the Democratic machine. He is exploiting the aspirations of the large Mexican-American community for political and social recognition in the interests of a capitalist party that has long ignored or suppressed the Mexican-Americans and other minorities. The SWP calls for full economic, political and social equality for all minorities.

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GEORGE BREITMAN

"Censure" Fascist Senator

By George Breitman
SWP Candidate for Senator
From New Jersey

I am running as the anti-McCarthy candidate in New Jersey. I know that both Howell and Case, my Democratic and Republican opponents claim to oppose McCarthyism. But the fact is that only the Socialist Workers Party advances a program that can defeat McCarthy and prevent him from becoming fascist dictator of the U.S.

Let us make no mistake about it, McCarthyism represents the chief menace to the liberties of the American people. McCarthyism in power would crush the unions and Negro organizations, and transform the country into a vast concentration camp.

McCarthyism in power would visit such terrors on the Negro and Jewish peoples as to make the racist policies of Hitler look humane by comparison.

A fascist victory in the U.S. would mean the launching of World War III and the danger of atomic annihilation.

The liberals tell us that "McCarthy is finished." After all, they say, he isn't even speaking for the Republican Party in the elections. He was reprimanded in reports of the Army-McCarthy hearings. He was criticized by the Watkins committee and faced "censure" from the Senate. "The McCarthy danger is over," they say.

We say the workers must not lower their guard against the fascist menace for one minute. McCarthy isn't sleeping. He is using every maneuver to turn tactical set-backs into strategic advances for the fascist movement.

The fight against the menace of McCarthyism cannot be left to the Police State liberals or the Eisenhower Democrats. They are committed to the continued rule of Big Business just as much as he is. They want to cripple the power of the unions if not to smash them outright.

They are for war, for Jim Crow and for the witch-hunt. They just don't want to go all-out for a fascist solution, which would wipe them out along with all remnants of democracy.

Their main strategy against McCarthy is to try to outdo him in the fight against "Communism." In the closing session of the 83rd Congress they joined with all other Republicans and Democrats to rush through the Communist control bill and other witch-hunting and union-busting measures.

That didn't weaken the fascist McCarthy. It played right into his hands by helping him to accomplish his objective.

The Socialist Workers Party looks to the working people to destroy McCarthyism and not to Big Business politicians. We say the working people must do two things right away:

(1) Organize against the witch-hunt. Fight to repeal the union-busting Communist-control bill, the Smith Act and all other police-state measures. Permit no more jailings, firings, deportations or executions for what individuals believe! Defend all victims of the witch-hunt!

(2) Build a Labor Party now. Put an end to the rule of Big Business and replace it with a Workers and Farmers Government!

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How to Win 30-Hour Week Law

By Frank Barbaria
SWP Candidate for Governor
of California

SAN FRANCISCO—I see where the American Federation of Labor has again gone on record for the shorter work week. That's fine. I've been for that for a long time. The AFL convention in Los Angeles recently voted for a 30-hour week as a "long-range" goal and called on Congress to set the "statutory" ceiling of 35 hours a week by 1956. The delegates further urged all AFL affiliated unions to press for the shorter work week in their respective industries.

What I can't see is why the AFL leaders consider the legal 30-hour week something for the dying future. We need it right now. When you count something like five million out of jobs and millions more on part-time, then you can't talk about a problem that lies ahead. It's here with us now. We need an answer now. And we can't wait until there are still more millions of unemployed.

I think the fight for a statutory 30-hour week should start in earnest at once. That's a political fight. What's more, it's a class fight. It means that the whole of organized labor has to be mobilized and sent into action politically behind the slogan of

the 30-hour week at 40-hours' pay.

That's where it seems to me that the AFL leaders don't really mean business about the shorter work week. They don't propose any action program to win it.

It's all very well to suggest that the various individual unions press for a shorter week in their contracts and I hope they will, with all their might. But I want to see a fair labor standards law that says any work over six hours a day and 30 hours a week must be paid for at time and a half. And we won't get that kind of law unless every one of the 17,000,000 organized workers are in there pitching together politically to win it.

CONGRESS OF LABOR

How can they do that unless the labor movement gets together and fights united for this program? How can they do it unless they have a party of their own that will carry out this program in Congress and the White House?

My party, the Socialist Workers Party, is campaigning in this election for the unity in action of all labor unions, AFL, CIO, Mine Workers, Railroad Brotherhoods and all other independents. Let rank and file delegates of every union meet in a giant Congress of Labor in Washington and there draw up a program to fight for the shorter work week and all other necessary measures against unemployment.

And let them take the one big step that can give meaning to labor's program—the launching of a class party of labor based on the unions. I consider the finest program—including the shorter work week with no cuts in weekly take-home pay—is just so much talk, unless there is a party of, by and for labor, to carry this program through.

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UP TO YOU

The Socialist Workers Party believes that every person who sees this alternative today and does something about it can play perhaps a decisive role in swinging America one way or the other.

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What the SWP Means to Your Future

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Along with the native American socialist tradition, the Socialist Workers Party has as its heritage the rich contributions to scientific socialism made by Europe's finest thinkers, from Leon Trotsky right back to Karl Marx.

As a distinct organization, the Socialist Workers Party was born in 1928 when James P. Cannon, one of the founders of the Communist Party, took up the struggle against the pernicious influence of Stalinism. At first a prolonged effort was made to reform the Communist Party by getting rid of Stalinism. But this did not prove feasible. And so those who had dedicated their lives to the socialist cause formed a new organization.

The Socialist Workers Party holds that the capitalist system was once progressive. Today, however, capitalism has reached its decline. That is why it continually tends toward depression, fascism and imperialist war.

But on the basis of the achievements of the capitalist system it is now possible to build a new society that can guarantee world peace and world prosperity.

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