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SOEKARNO GOVT. PROTESTS ROLE OF U. S. IN JAVA

By Ratna Soemanti

Achmed Soekarno, President of the Indonesia Republic, has protested American participation in the attempt of Dutch imperialism to re-establish its rule in Java. In an October 20 radiogram to President Truman, Soekarno declared that Netherlands troops were wearing American uniforms and using American arms, munitions and trucks.

"Protests have been made to Allied military headquarters with satisfactory results," said Soekarno. "I appeal to you please to disallow infringement of American neutrality and order the immediate discontinuance of American disguise by the Dutch."

Japanese troops, under directives of the Allied command-in-chief Christison, were busy last week attempting to crush uprisings at many points in Java. Headquarters of the "Indonesian People's Army" on October 13 declared a "holy war" against Dutch, Eurasians and Ambonese which resulted in wide-spread attacks on Europeans and on some predominantly Christian villages. (Eurasians and Ambonese always had equal legal status with the Dutch and the Ambonese formed the core of the Dutch East Indian army before the war.)

YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The Republican government headed by Soekarno quickly made clear that it had not sponsored this declaration of war. As far as one can make out of the Indonesian People's Army seems to be the military organization of a youth movement which is especially strong in Batavia. Although the Nationalist newspaper *Merdeka* (Freedom) also appeals to the Indonesians to support the republic for religious reasons, the Soekarno elements never presented their struggle

against the Dutch as a struggle of religions. Although these uprisings did not assume a general character it became abundantly clear that in case of a general uprising the Allies would at present be unable to deal with it. This brought some action from the imperialist camp. The Dutch, while complaining that their Allies do not provide them with the needed shipping for the transportation of troops to the Indies, changed to a more conciliatory attitude toward the nationalists, expressing willingness to meet even with Soekarno. Queen Wilhelmina's 1942 speech, promising an empire conference to discuss dominion status for the Indies was dusted off again and presented as an offer of partnership in the Netherlands empire.

Rejecting this proposal, Mohammed Hatta, Vice President of the republic, declared: "Not for a moment will Indonesia countenance any form of colonial status, whatever new garb it assumes or whatever fancy name is given it. War or revolution raging fiercely for years and years will be the only result. This may be the Dutch idea of bringing peace and order into the country, but certainly it will never end in Indonesia being brought under Dutch control."

4-POINT PROGRAM

A four-point program which the Indonesian government had earlier presented to General Christison, calling for the re-

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Why Detroit Trotskyists Back Labor Candidates

DETROIT, Oct. 20.—Arthur Burch, organizer of the Detroit local of the Socialist Workers Party, today delivered the first of a series of three radio addresses over Station WXYZ on "Why the Trotskyists Support Detroit's Labor Candidates." His next talks will be heard on Saturdays, 11:45 a.m., October 27 and November 3. The following is the text of Comrade Burch's talk today:

The coming elections are without doubt the most important in the entire history of Detroit. It is no exaggeration to say that all America, yes the whole world is awaiting the outcome. Will the mighty Detroit labor movement led by the largest and most powerful labor union in this country, the CIO United Automobile Workers, follow the inspiring example of the British workers? Will the Detroit workers go to the polls in overwhelming numbers on the sixth of November and elect a labor mayor to office? The whole future of labor in Detroit and throughout the country depends upon the answer to this question.

There are at present 200,000 workers in this city without jobs. That this situation is not a temporary one is admitted by the OPA itself. Writing in the N. Y. Post, September 13, Victor Riesel has the following to say: "Many corporations are aware of a secret OPA report which predicts that 10,400,000 persons will be jobless by December, 1946. The OPA's researchers told their chiefs the other day that 10,000,000 would be pounding the streets by 1947 although the United States will have reached a production level higher than any peacetime year."

Big Business' Roman Holiday

Thus we are headed toward another economic catastrophe. Meanwhile the cost of living has skyrocketed. Staggering taxes have been imposed on the workers, cutting into wages and salaries even below 10 per cent. Wages frozen in wartime remain the same, while take-home pay has been drastically cut. And now, to cap the climax, we are in the midst of mass layoffs with even worse prospects ahead.

But while the standard of living of the workers has been steadily worsening, Big Business has had a Roman holiday. War millionaires have blossomed forth despite Roosevelt's assurance that no millionaires would arise from this war. Congress turned down the proposal to limit salaries to twenty-five thousand dollars. Only the soldiers and workers were called upon to make sacrifices.

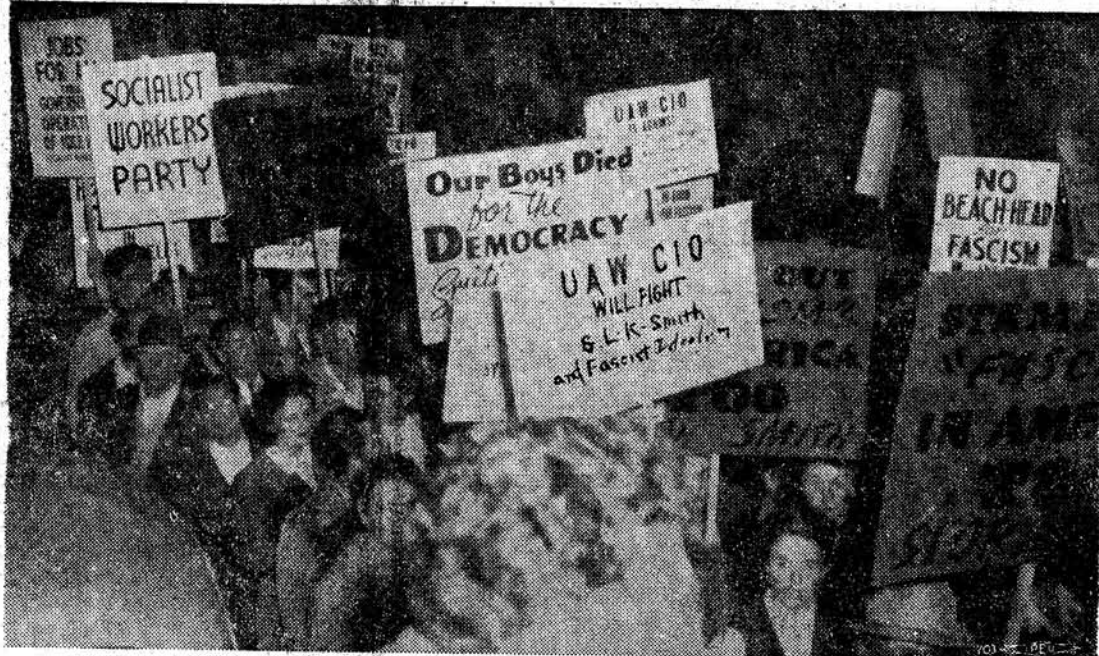
Corporation profits reached a new high in this country, outstripping the boom years of 1927-29. In 1944 they totaled 25 billion dollars—five and one-half times the average pre-war profits. Fluid assets mounted from 19 billion dollars in 1939 to 45 billions last year.

The corporations operated plants built with taxpayers' money, and in five years could become absolute owners of these plants merely by writing off each year one-fifth of the cost before computing profits. In addition, they can buy up government-built plants and materials considerably under cost. Further, Congress has made it possible for corporations through tax rebates to make a profit

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20,000 Workers In Los Angeles Picket Fascist Smith's Meeting

Picketing Against The Fascists



Los Angeles labor united on the picket line to show fascist demagogue Gerald L. K. Smith that the workers don't want fascism in America.

Foster's Deal With Tammany Hall Disappoints Ranks Of Stalinists

By C. Thomas

The current municipal election campaign in New York City is providing an instructive lesson in the "new" line ostensibly inaugurated by the Communist Party after the downfall of Browder. This is the first important election since Browder the "revisionist" was replaced by Foster, the exponent of the "Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist" line.

Wherein does Browder's "revisionism" differ from Foster's "Marxism"? It would be illuminating to pursue this question in the light of the application of the "new" line in the New York elections.

The Stalinists in New York have concluded an alliance with Tammany Hall, the most corrupt, graft-ridden, political machine in the country, and are supporting its candidates for office.

The Stalinist ranks are finding this tie-up rather hard to swallow—especially after O'Dwyer, Tammany candidate for mayor, publicly repudiated "communist" support, in a radio address.

To them it has the suspicious appearance of that policy of "revision" which they thought had been rejected along with Browder.

In an attempt to justify their policy of supporting the Tammany Democrat, O'Dwyer, in the New York elections, the "new-line" Stalinist leadership explains: "The people of the United States do not yet understand

the need for socialism in our country and therefore the Communists do not raise it as an issue in the present election campaign." (The Worker, Oct. 7, 1945). Where have we heard THAT before?

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IN THE NEWS

Child Life in America

"Haleyville, Ala., Oct. 13 (U. P.).—An elderly farmer was held without bond tonight for the death of a 6-year-old hired boy who died in a cotton field from drinking too much corn whiskey. The child was one of several hired to pick cotton by Charles W. Taylor who "passed a jug of corn whiskey among the children while they were at work."

Actions Speak Loudest

Truman on October 12 denounced the action of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington for refusing to rent their Constitution Hall to pianist Hazel Scott because she is a Negro. "At the same time, the White House affirmed that Mrs. Truman would attend a D.A.R. tea today." (N. Y. Post, October 12.)

"Dear Benito"

The Rome newspaper L'Epoca reported on October 7 that Winston Churchill, during a recent visit to Italy, recovered a file of letters exchanged between himself and Mussolini prior to the invasion of Ethiopia.

Reverse Demobilization

Navy Secretary Forrestal on September 10 reported the Navy had 3,389,000 personnel. A week later, on September 17, Admiral Denfeld, personnel chief, stated the Navy totalled 3,415,000, an increase of 26,000 in one week.

Hazardous for Whom?

Senator George, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, advocated eliminating all corporation excess profits taxes but maintaining taxes on all low incomes, because "the complete elimination of too many taxpayers is a rather hazardous undertaking at this time... it would be extremely difficult to get them back on the tax rolls at any time in the future."

Apt Comparisons

Truman on October 16 at a testimonial dinner praised Chief of Staff Gen. Marshall as a military genius outranking among others, even Alexander, Tamerlane and Genghis Khan, most feared of ancient conquerors.

Giant Labor Demonstration Biggest In City's History

Special To THE MILITANT

By Mac Patrick and J. Blake

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18.—More than 20,000 workers, veterans, servicemen, and youth of every race, creed and color, last night picketed fascist Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith's meeting here at the John H. Francis Polytechnic High School for three hours in the most powerful demonstration of anti-

fascist solidarity in

GM Head Wants Destruction Of 40-Hour Week

DETROIT, Oct. 21.—As 325,000 General Motors and 90,000 Chrysler auto workers were preparing to vote this week for strike action to win a 30 per cent wage increase, GM President Charles E. Wilson yesterday issued a provocative proposal for increasing the work week from 40 hours to 48 at straight-time pay, coupled with a wage rise of only 5 to 8 per cent.

The arrogant proposal of this profit-mad monopolist to destroy the 40-hour week, instead of substantially increasing the war-frozen wages of the workers, was made following an intimate conference Wilson held at the White House the day before with Truman—a conference Wilson reported as "satisfactory."

BRAZEN LIES

While hundreds of thousands of auto workers have been laid off, and take-home wages have been cut an average of 30 per cent by reduced hours, Wilson had the gall to claim that lengthening the work week and increasing hourly wages by a few pennies "will keep more people employed in this country at good jobs."

Lying that the giant war-profits swollen General Motors Corporation cannot "afford" wage increases, Wilson hurled brazen defiance and threats at

The largest picket line this city has ever seen demonstrated that no fascist union-busting atomizers of the working-class will gain a foothold here unopposed by united militant workers' action.

SMITH SNEAKS IN REAR

Afraid to face the singing, chanting, banner-bearing mass of workers before the entrance to the auditorium, the would-be fuhrer Smith, his two bodyguards, two plain-clothesmen, and their companions sneaked into the building through a dark and unpicketed rear entrance to address a mixed audience of less than a thousand, which included many unsympathetic observers as well as the "Ham and Eggers" of Willis Allen's Payroll Guarantee Association which sponsored the meeting.

The attendance represented a sharp drop from the 5,000 at Smith's last meeting here in July, and decreased, at least for the present, the usefulness to Big Business of this spouter of anti-labor, anti-Semitic, anti-Negro viciousness as a fascist organizer of storm troops.

Instead of "Hell, Hitler," "Ham and Eggers" was the shouted greeting with which Allen opened Smith's meeting. His followers, about a third of the audience, responded by rising

Northwest Lumber Strike Holds Firm In 4th Week

Special To THE MILITANT
SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 17.—Some 60,000 Northwest lumber workers are holding firm in their strike for a minimum wage of \$1.10 an hour and a 20-cent an hour "across the board" increase. They are concluding the fourth week of their militant struggle.

The last week has seen the beginning of a break in the hold-out tactics of the lumber employers. Several of them in Washington and Montana have already met the demands of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers. Other groups of employers in Oregon have resumed negotiations.

The strike broke out when the employers refused even to discuss any increase in wage.

CONFLICT WITH CIO

A conflict between the LSW-AFL and the CIO International Woodworkers of America likewise continues unabated. The IWA-CIO, which is pressing wage demands similar to the LSW-AFL and which has taken a strike vote, has still not "hit the bricks."

As reported in the October 13 issue of "The Militant," the LSW has been picketing the CIO operations, and the CIO has been teaming up with employers to obtain anti-picketing injunctions.

In the past week, the struggle between the LSW and the IWA

has centered on the U. S. Plywood plant in Seattle. At this plant the AFL pickets at first were given an enthusiastic welcome by the IWA men who immediately shut the plant down.

However, the leadership of the IWA local, Stalinist in composition, from the first insisted that the plant be reopened. They won a back-to-work vote from the membership, and failing to win a court injunction against the picketing, they decided to crash the LSW picket line.

STALINIST ACTIONS

Day after day for five days, the IWA men crashed the picket line with the Stalinist officials, aided by Hilda Hansen, secretary of the Seattle CIO Council, who led the parade.

The ire of the LSW pickets is understandable. "Here goes 90

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For Mayor



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in the

New York City Elections, Nov. 6



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For

City Council

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

France

The extent of inflation in France is vividly indicated by the way prices have skyrocketed on common household articles since 1939.

Australia

Ferocious treatment of Japanese prisoners of war is planned by the Australian Government, according to an October 11 broadcast of the Melbourne radio.

Norway

With the tabulation still incomplete, the Arbeiderparti, Norway's Labor Party, gained a clear majority of 75 seats out of 150 in the recent election for the Storting (Parliament).

Japan

Tokyo saw its first hunger march, according to the International News Service, when 5,000 persons paraded through the streets October 16, carrying banners demanding "Save us from starvation."

Greece

Archbishop Damaskinos, appointed regent last December 20 by George II of the hated Glucksburg dynasty, formed a new cabinet October 17. He took the premiership himself.

Korea

Hopes of the Korean people that the American conquerors will grant them early independence have received another brutal blow.

Philippines

The exorbitant cost of living in Manila is creating great unrest among the workers. Although the labor movement is still disorganized as a result of the war,

strike action has already started. The RCA Telegraphic Operators went out on strike October 3. The capitalist press reports they are demanding a wage increase of more than 100 per cent above 1941.

Some 150 employees of the Metropolitan Bus Co. struck for higher wages, and more strikes were said to be impending in the neighboring province of Pampanga.

The Stalinists got fewer seats than they had expected. They had counted on a minimum of ten but present reports indicate seven will be the maximum.

The gains of the Labor Party were made at the expense of the Conservative Party which lost eight seats and the Agrarian Party which lost seven. Unlike the British election, the parties of the center were not cut down.

The Japanese will be forced to build 13 concentration camps, each holding 10,000 persons, where they will be held.

A mass meeting in Hibiya Park formed the New Japan Working Mass Political Party and then marched to the official residence of Premier Shidehara to present their demands for food.

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"Such boyishness, even by old men," declared the General, "will be allowed to evaporate like smoke into the air" provided that "peace and order are not endangered."

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British Dock Strike Remains Solid; 50,000 Stevedores Reported Out

Voting To Stay On Strike



London longshoremen doom the back-to-work movement of the union officialdom by voting to keep their strike solid. The dock workers are demanding \$5 a day—an increase of \$1.90—a 40-hour week, abolition of piece-work, improved medical services, and in the case of the Liverpool committee, reorganization of the Transport and General Workers Union.

The British dock strike continues solid despite the efforts of the Government, union officials and Stalinists to break it. Estimates of the number of strikers range as high as 50,000.

Striving desperately to crush this greatest dock strike since 1926, the Government is bringing back troops from the continent to unload the 300 ships tied up in British ports.

The strike began a month ago in Liverpool when small groups of Longshoremen, fighting to maintain and improve wage standards, began walking out against the orders of the official union heads.

The committee in Liverpool is typical. According to the Mid-September Socialist Appeal, official organ of the British Trotskyists, the Liverpool committee called for action some time ago.

"Against the union officials and the Stalinists, who tried to prevent a national link-up, this committee established contact with London and other important ports. Every militant dock worker throughout the country hailed this essential step forward, every capitalist newspaper met it with abuse; every trade union official and Stalinist stooge tried to smash it."

Trade union officials and the Stalinists "began a national campaign against these committees and their attempts to form a national movement. This campaign was, and still is principally directed against the Trotskyists and our revolutionary communist policy."

When the strike became nationwide, the Trotskyists were accused of having instigated it. The same reactionary maneuver was utilized in the spring of 1944 when coal mine and shipyard strikes swept Britain.

However, the present strike, like the ones last year, is not due to the "agitation" of the Trotskyists. They supported the strikers then and support the strikers now, but they did not "cause" the strikes.

The British workers resorted to the strike weapon to keep up their standard of living and to counter the attempts of the bosses to place the burdens of the imperialist war on the backs of the working class.

Trotskyists Run Candidates In French General Election

Special to THE MILITANT PARIS, France, Oct. 8. — Despite the severe handicap of having to post 20,000 francs for each candidate, the French Trotskyists are participating in the general election scheduled for October 21.

The Trotskyists have a heroic political record. They were the first to publish an underground paper during the Nazi occupation. They suffered terrible casualties when the Nazi conquerors tried to stamp out the resistance movement.

In the recent cantonal elections the Trotskyists ran a few candidates, but were hampered by financial difficulties and the oppressive measures of the de Gaulle regime.

The cantonal elections proved how vigorously the masses are moving leftward. The largest working class parties, however, (Stalinists and Socialists) who gained 45 per cent of the electorate, are moving rightward.

The Socialist Workers Party states frankly that the question of jobs for all can be fully solved only by the scrapping of this outworn capitalist system and its replacement by a socialist society of plenty.

Secondly, we ask for an increase in wages to meet the increased cost of living. This way the workers can purchase the commodities that are being produced. And, thirdly, we call for a reduction in the work week to thirty hours with no reduction in pay.

The main issue of this campaign is jobs for all. Big Business found no difficulty in keeping the plants operating in war time. But we already see that monopoly capitalism has neither the ability nor the desire to operate all plants for full peace-time production.

True, the corporations cannot make as large profits by producing the necessary peace-time goods. Bosses naturally prefer an army of idle to keep wages down and thus maintain a higher rate of profit.

The workers want higher wages to buy the many things that modern industry can produce. With present-day technology the workers see no reason why they should be called upon to work long hours.

The Trotskyist candidates are asking the workers to vote in the referendum as follows: "Yes" on the proposal to make the assembly constitutional and "no" on the proposal to limit its powers.

The events in Indo-China have aroused little protest in the French press. Outside of the Trotskyists only the daily France-Tireur has come out unequivocally for the right of the Indo-Chinese to declare their independence from French imperialism.

The Singapore correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph reported last Tuesday that "the secret ring of the Annamese leadership working behind the Hanol government is composed of about a dozen people. Two or three are Communists, a few others are of Communist neighborhood. Some of them have attended the school of agitators of Moscow for the Far Eastern countries. One is Trotskyite."

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"The monstrous growth of armaments in the United States prepares for a violent solution of the complex contradictions in the Western hemisphere and should soon pose point-blank the

The Role Of Imperialism In The Argentine Events

By Joseph Hansen

A series of demonstrations, student strikes, clashes between police and opponents of the Peron regime in Argentina have been given great prominence in the capitalist press.

The American capitalist press pictures the events in Argentina as a struggle between "democratic" and "anti-democratic" forces. Peron is cast in the role of the "anti-democrat."

Wall Street's concern about "democracy" in Argentina is all the more suspicious in the light of its complacency about the brutal dictatorship of Vargas in the neighboring country of Brazil.

The political situation in Argentina is obviously far more complicated than the capitalist press makes it out to be. Argentina has long been the economic and political battleground of rival imperialist powers.

A four-cornered imperialist commercial and financial war raged in South America, with one of the sharp focuses located in Argentina. The various powers, of course, did not hesitate to encourage and even to help finance native political groupings which would represent their interests.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, Germany and Japan were eliminated overnight because of their weaknesses in sea power.

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question of the destiny of the Latin American countries. The interlude of the 'good neighbor' policy is coming to an end. Roosevelt or his successor will quickly take the iron fist out of the velvet glove.

"The theses of the Fourth International state: 'South and Central America cannot free themselves from backwardness and servitude except by uniting all their states in a powerful federation. This grandiose historic task is destined to be solved not by the belated South American bourgeoisie, the completely prostituted agency of foreign imperialism, but by the young South American proletariat, the destined leader of the oppressed masses.'

"Therefore, the slogan for the struggle against the violence and the intrigues of world capitalism and against the blood-stained work of the indigenous compradore cliques is: The Soviet United States of South and Central America."

These lines, part of them written 11 years ago, part five years ago, are now acquiring burning actuality.

Soekarno Govt. Protests Role Of U. S. In Java

moval of Dutch troops from the Indies, after which the question of independence could be discussed with a United Nations committee, remained unanswered.

On Oct. 15 the United States entered the picture by officially adopting a hands-off policy on Indonesia. Washington spokesmen discounted the Dutch explanation of the situation, which is indeed so untenable in the face of the facts that only an utterly desperate ruling class could use it in attempting to save its case.

American officials, as reported in the Herald Tribune of October 16, said that: "The problem of shipping for Dutch troops and supplies is a comparatively minor one compared with the necessity of reaching some agreement which would prevent a bloody uprising, at a time when the Netherlands government has few trained troops or resources to meet the challenge."

All this really means is that the Americans are telling the Dutch that if the Dutch had the troops and the resources to impose their rule on the Indonesians, the Americans would gladly provide them with the necessary transportation.

Dutch do not have the forces, however, they had better come to some accord with the nationalists, hence offer them something a bit more substantial than they have so far.

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The Indonesian nationalist movement, in spite of its clean record, is still a bourgeois movement. Its leaders cannot be expected to pursue other than bourgeois-national aims. While independence would be a tremendous step forward for the Indonesian masses, much of the actual content of independence could easily be lost if Indonesia got rid of the Dutch yoke only to fall under the U. S. domination like that of the "independent" Philippines.

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N. Y. Labor Leaders' Support Of Boss Candidates Is Real Cause Of Workers' "Apathy" To Election

The workers of New York City are displaying a marked lack of interest in the current mayoral election campaign. Registration has fallen off over a quarter of a million in comparison with the previous mayoral election in 1941. One New York newspaper reports: "Unmistakable apathy on the part of the electorate as evidenced by the smallest registration for a mayoral election since 1929." It is generally recognized that the bulk of those who refrained from registering are workers. The Stalinist Daily Worker complains that the low registration, "threatens to cut into the labor vote." An open letter to employees in the American Labor Party reports: "Lethargy in A.L.P. ranks has cut the number of workers. Vital strength of the A.L.P. has always been ability to organize large groups of canvassers, clerical workers, etc., lacking thus far in Mayoralty campaign. Progressives must overcome apathy..."

Despite large sums of money spent in an effort to stimulate interest, the workers remain apathetic. The "labor statesmen" who have undertaken the task of delivering the labor vote to their respective capitalist candidates are terribly upset. They have taken to scolding the workers for neglecting to exercise their democratic right to vote.

NO CONFIDENCE
It has probably never occurred to these gentlemen that the refusal of the workers to register was actually a vote of no confidence in the bankrupt policy of the labor officialdom. The workers, in increasing number, see no percentage in supporting candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties for public office.

Buffalo Labor Candidates Supported By Trotskyists

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representation for minority groups in all branches of the city government.
Both D. O. Walker, Pastor of Bethel M.E. Church, and Frank Merriweather, editor of the pro-labor Buffalo Criterion, declare that labor needs its own party. In an interview with the Buffalo correspondent of The Militant, Dr. Walker spoke of the terrible housing situation in the Negro districts and the need for low-rent housing without Jim Crow restrictions. Mr. Merriweather likewise spoke to The Militant correspondent on the question of housing.
Merriweather favors a 30-hour week without reduction in pay. He opposes scrapping the government-built plants, declaring they should be placed under control of the trade unions and used to produce the things the workers need.

SMASH FASCISTS
Discussing the increased activity of the fascist groups in this country, Merriweather expressed the opinion that labor must see to it that the fascists are smashed before they get started.
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RADIO BROADCAST SCHEDULE
Thursday, Oct. 25, 10:45 to 11:00 p.m.:
Station WQXR, 1560 on dial, "Public Service Series"
Saturday, Oct. 27, 9:00 to 9:30 p.m.:
Station WNEW, 1130 on dial, "People's Choice"
Sunday, Oct. 28, 10:15 to 10:30 p.m.:
Station WMCA, 570 on dial.
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Beaten By Anti-Union Thugs



Sol Dollinger comforts his wife Genora, who was seriously injured by unidentified thugs. The strong-arm assailants broke into the Dollinger home before dawn, flashed a light on the sleeping couple and black-jacked them.

Hoodlum Attacks Stir Detroit Labor Unions

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marks of a corporation plot to terrorize the auto workers and spread discord in their ranks on the eve of a pending great strike struggle for a 30 per cent wage increase and the city elections in which Frankenstein is running as a labor candidate for Mayor.

SMEAR CAMPAIGN
The kept press here, completely dominated by the auto corporations, has seized upon the assaults for a "smear labor" campaign amidst the UAW wage fight and the growing support for Frankenstein, reflected in a new high for registrations in municipal elections here.

This makes it all the more apparent that the corporations and their agents, both within and outside the labor movement, are behind these terrorist attacks, while scheming to discredit the labor movement with slanderous cries of "gangsterism."
Answering a vicious editorial in the Detroit Free Press of October 19, Richard Frankenstein that same night in a radio address correctly branded the newspaper campaign as a lynchetment against organized labor coupled with an attempt to foment discord in labor ranks, including the pitting of whites and Negro workers against each other. He charged that the boss campaign is an integral part of a plot to smash labor.

WORKERS CLOSE RANKS
A powerful sentiment is developing among local auto union officials and militants for a firm closing of the workers,

Mass Meeting Protests Chicago Jim Crow Acts

CHICAGO — An epidemic of strikes against Negroes in high schools of the Chicago-Gary area seems to be dying down. The movement started on September 18, when 500 white students at Proebel High School in Gary, Indiana, left their classes in protest against the presence of Negroes in the school.
The movement spread to at least two other Gary schools and to several Chicago schools, including Englewood and Morgan Park.
The strikes have been condemned by the Chicago Teachers Union and by several mass meetings. A mass meeting on Sunday, October 7, at the Metropolitan Church in Chicago, voted to send a delegation to Mayor Kelly, asking him to conduct an investigation and to enforce the law. It was also decided to appeal to labor through the State and City organizations of the CIO and AFL to use their influence in preventing such attacks.
Said Attorney Winbush at the Sunday meeting, "You can't blame a child for following the example of his government." He pointed to the policy of discrimination the government follows in the armed forces.

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STREET MEETINGS
FRIDAY, OCT. 26
Manhattan:
12 Noon—38 St. between 7 and 8 Aves.
Afternoon—146 St. and 7 Ave.
126 St. and 7 Ave.
Brooklyn:
6:50 p.m.—Franklin Ave. and Fulton St.
SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 27
Bronx: 161 St. and Prospect Ave.
Manhattan:
146 St. and 7 Ave.
126 St. and 7 Ave.
Vote for:
FARRELL DOBBS for Mayor
LOUISE SIMPSON for City Council

Trotskyist Candidates Fight Vicious Jim Crow System

By Louise Simpson
Trotskyist Candidate
For N. Y. City Council
FULL EQUALITY FOR ALL RACIAL AND NATIONAL MINORITIES!
This is one of the basic planks in the New York election platform of the Trotskyist Party, ballot designation of the Socialist Workers Party.

The Trotskyist candidates, Farrell Dobbs for Mayor and Louise Simpson for City Council, demand an end to the vicious Jim Crow system which subjects millions of human beings to humiliating segregation and barbarous discrimination because of their color.
Race discrimination is rooted in the capitalist profit system which is based upon the exploitation of man by man. That is why we Trotskyists declare that Jim Crow can be uprooted only by a radical transformation of the present social system. Only Socialism can remove the underlying causes which nourish all forms of hatred, fear, exploitation and oppression.

RECORD OF LIES
Those political parties which uphold the present social order CANNOT eliminate the evils which capitalism breeds. The whole record of the Democratic and Republican parties is one of lies and broken promises to the Negro people. How could it be otherwise? Both parties represent the interests of the ruling capitalist class. Both are dominated and controlled by the lords of profit and privilege. Under the present two-party system, the Republican and Democratic politicians may govern but Wall Street rules.

The Negro people can achieve their just demands for full economic, political and social equality only by breaking decisively with the capitalist political parties responsible for upholding the Jim Crow system and by taking the road of independent political action.

When the American Labor Party was formed, the working people of New York expected it would function as a genuine independent political organization, uniting organized labor with all racial and national minorities in a fight against their common enemy. But in this election the leaders of the American Labor Party and their counter-parts of the Liberal Party support the candidates of the Democratic

and Republican parties. This is political company-unionism.
STALINIST BETRAYAL
They are aided in this betrayal by the so-called Communist Party (Stalinists) which has concluded a shame-faced alliance with the bosses of Tammany Hall.

This alliance bore its first rotten fruit in the nomination of Benjamin J. Davis, a national officer of the Communist Party, as the candidate of the Democratic party. After being nominated, Davis was then publicly repudiated by the corrupt Tammany machine. Despite his willingness to accept the nomination of a party which includes among its leaders the bitterest enemies of the Negro people, Davis now finds himself running as an independent candidate.

The Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) therefore, calls upon the voters of Manhattan to cast their second choice vote for Davis not because he and his party have anything in common with real Communism, but solely because he is a Negro candidate on the ticket of a working class party. Under the method of proportional representation in the councilmanic elections the voters can indicate their order of preference opposite the names of the various candidates.

A vote for the Trotskyist candidates, Farrell Dobbs for Mayor and Louise Simpson for City Council, is a vote for independent working class political action!

A vote for independent working class political action is a vote to kill Jim Crow!

STALINIST RANKS RESENT FOSTER-TAMMANY DEAL

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ists logically concluded to dissolve the Communist Party.
AFTER BROWDER
The scapegoat Browder was flayed as a "revisionist," disgraced and deposed for drawing to its logical conclusion, the Stalinist proposition that: "The people of the United States do not yet understand the need for socialism in our country and therefore, seriously weakened, since, in practice, we relied upon the monopoly capitalists responsible for this discrimination, to wipe it out." ("Daily Worker," July 22, 1945).

MONOPOLY CAPITALISM
While taking responsibility for Browder's "revisionism" during the discussion last summer, the present crop of C.P. leaders promised to do better in the future. What real change, if any, has occurred since? In the current New York elections the Stalinists repeat the Browder formula for betrayal almost word for word. They call upon the workers to "unite" with the bankers, landlords and bosses in a "broad labor-progressive coalition" in support of the Tammany Democrat O'Dwyer.

The Democratic Party, as well as its Republican counter-part, is a political agency of the American capitalist class. "American capitalism," as Browder explained, "is monopoly capitalism." To support the Wall Street controlled candidates of the capitalist political parties means to support the continued rule of monopoly capitalism. It is impossible to escape from this conclusion. Camouflage it as they will, the "new" Stalinist line remains but a replica of the old.

The NEGRO STRUGGLE

by CHARLES JACKSON

Hellish Homecoming

Another lesson in the role of the official governmental agencies as sources of discrimination was driven home last month in Detroit, where a Negro ex-Coast Guardsman was openly and admittedly denied available housing accommodations for his family because his skin was the "wrong color."

Charles B. Johnson, 24, who was recently discharged after 36 months on Atlantic patrol duty, upon reaching home immediately applied for war housing accommodation under the provisions of a new housing act. He was informed that there were no housing units available. He soon determined, however, that white veterans were being placed and that there were hundreds of empty housing units in the so-called white projects which had been constructed with the money from taxpayers of all colors.

When he presented the War housing center with these facts, he was quickly informed that it was "against their policy" to place Negroes, be they veterans or not, in other than segregated projects. They did not attempt to hide their brazen Jim Crow policy in the least.

TIME TO STOP
Johnson then wrote the Common Council of Detroit, protesting vigorously against "this bilious interpretation of freedom." "It is time," he continued, that they "stop discriminating against Americans of Negro extraction because of their differences and start emphasizing the similarity of Negroes and all Americans... by a policy of integration in opposition to segregation."

By his uncompromising and militant approach, he forced the Detroit Housing commission to grant him a hearing. "In a cool and straightforward manner," reports the Michigan Chronicle, he presented his case against discrimination in his home town. Revealing the fact that the hypocrisy of the high-sounding slogans in the imperialist war for profits had been unfolded before him in real life, he stated, "I returned home hoping to find the freedom I had fought for. Now I'm back in my native Detroit and can't even find a decent place to live and bring up my son."

But the Detroit Housing Commission, reacting as all agencies of the capitalist government are forced to react, arrogantly used the occasion of this fearless attack on the vile practice of discrimination to reaffirm their position on Jim Crowism.

REAFFIRM POLICY
After listening to Johnson's exposure of the basic and unvarnished truth, they adopted a re-

Socialist Workers Party Branch Activities

- AKRON**—Visit The Militant Club, 405-B East 21st, 32 The Market St. open Tues. and Thurs. 2 to 4 p.m.; Mon., Wed., Fri. 7 to 8 p.m.
- ALBANY**—Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Forum on "The Indonesian Independence War," speaker: D. Swensen. Free admission to Militant Dollars-A-Month-Club members.
- ALLEN-TOWN-BELEMEN**—Public discussion meeting on current topics every Thursday, 8 p.m. at Militant Labor Forum, 8 E. corner Front and Hamilton Streets, Allentown.
- BOZEMAN**—Office at 39 Stuart St., open evenings (except Sundays) until 9:30; also Monday and Saturday afternoons. Come in and get acquainted. Complete stock of literature.
- BUFFALO**—Open house every Saturday night at the Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor.
- CHICAGO**—Visit the Chicago SWP headquarters to obtain The Militant, Fourth International, Marxist books and pamphlets, as well as information about the SWP. 180 N. Wells, R. 217. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday. Tel. Dearborn 7552.
- DETROIT**—All Militant readers invited to the SWP Open House held every Saturday evening from 8 p.m. on. Music, dancing, cards, refreshments. Admission free. Room 21, 3513 Woodward.
- Forums on topical questions every Sunday 8 p.m. Refreshments. No admission charge.
- Basic Training Class in Fundamental Principles of Marxism every Thursday 8 p.m.
- LOS ANGELES**—Buy The Militant, 4th International and other Marxist books and pamphlets and get information about the SWP at the following places in the Los Angeles area: LEO ALLEN, Socialist Workers Party, Rooms 200-05, 232 S. Hill St. VA-7235. SAN PEDRO, Socialist Workers Party, 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214.
- MILWAUKEE**—Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 226 Franklin Ave., Room 21, any evening between 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- MINNEAPOLIS**—Visit The Labor Book Store, 10 South 4th St., open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
- Attend the Twin Cities Sunday Forum held every Sunday, 3:30 p.m. Hear a Marxist analysis of the "Stew Behind the Headlines."
- NEWARK**—Lectures are held every Friday at the Progressive Workers School, 423 Springfield Ave., at 8:30 p.m.
- NEW YORK**
Saturday, Oct. 27, 8:30 p.m. Open House, Chelsea headquarters, 130 W. 23rd St., 2 flights up.
Sunday, Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m. Comrades and friends will meet at 116 University Place to sell subscriptions in The Militant Campaign for ten thousand new readers.
Every Monday, 8 p.m. Class on "Program and Principles of SWP," 116 University Place, first floor.
Historic Discussion Group meets every Wednesday night 8 p.m. to discuss "Labor and Negro Struggles" at 103 West 110 St., Room 31. Open day and evening 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. also 7 to 9 p.m. Books and pamphlets on sale.
PHILADELPHIA—SWP Headquarters, 408 W. Girard Ave. Open forums every Friday 8 p.m. on current topics.
Socialist Youth Group meets an alternate Saturday 8 p.m. All young people invited.
PORTLAND, Ore.—Visit SWP headquarters, 225 Grand Ave., Room 21. Open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Sunday, and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday.
SAN FRANCISCO—Visit the San Francisco School of Social Science, 305 Grant Ave., corner of Grant and Butler, 4th floor; open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, Sunday, Nov. 4, 8 p.m. Speakers: F. Kline, K. Chester.
TOLEDO—Forums held every Sunday evening at 905 Jefferson Ave., Room 204, 8 p.m.
Open House every Saturday night; dancing, refreshments.
YOUNGSTOWN—Youngstown School of Social Science, 224 N. Phelps St., open to public Tuesday and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5; also 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
Sunday, Oct. 28: Forum on "The Real Meaning of the Present Mine Strike." Speaker, Bill Caroly, 226 N. Phelps, 8 p.m.

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