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BIGGEST MARITIME STRIKE FORCES GOVERNMENT TO RESCIND WAGE-CUT

Dobbs Defends Seamen, Drivers In Radio Talk

NEW YORK, Sept. 12—Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York, tonight opened his campaign with a powerful radio address in defense of the striking seamen and New York City truckdrivers.

His 15-minute answer to the lies of the capitalist press and his attack on the Democratic and Republican politicians who are aiding the employers, was broadcast over Station WJZ at 10:45 tonight.

Dobbs exposed the "friends-of-labor" pose of the candidates of the Wall Street parties, the Democrats Mead and Lehman and the Republicans Dewey and Ives. He ripped savagely into Mayor O'Dwyer, political henchman of Mead and Lehman, who "was put into office less than a year ago with the workers' votes" and "today is threatening to spill their blood" in the truckdrivers' strike.

Full Text Of Farrell Dobbs' Radio Address See Page 2

TEST OF EVENTS

Even in advance of the elections, Dobbs points out, "living events are testing" the vote-catchers of the capitalist politicians.

"Where are the voices of Mead and Lehman, of Dewey and Ives, today?" Dobbs asked. "Why have they not said a single word in defense of the seamen and truckdrivers? During their long political careers they have never said one word on behalf of any

Stock Market Slump Reveals Wall Street's View Of Future

By Art Preis

As the Truman administration boasts of record-breaking peace-time production and as dividend payments soar to new highs, the stock market ominously clangs an alarm.

A new feverish wave of selling last week tumbled prices on the Stock Exchange. For the second week in a row that barometer of the capitalist system—the stock market quotations—fell sharply.

The landslide unloading by small investors and speculators climaxed a steady drift downward since the May high point. By last week, more than 19 billion dollars of stock values had been liquidated—\$9,300,000,000 in the first days of September.

LOOKS FINE

Administration spokesmen have responded with a cheery note of "optimism." U. S. Treasury Secretary Snyder on Sept. 11 opined business prospects "look fine." Civilian Production Administrator Small said, "It's all a state of mind."

And RFC Director Allen boomed: "Wonderful! Wonderful! We're going to have a wave of prosperity like you never saw before. And let me tell you this—we're never going to have another depression in this country." (Life magazine, Sept. 9.)

But these economic witch-doctors cannot with a mere pass of their hands wave aside the visible symptoms of malignant disease eating at the vitals of American capitalism.

The Stock Exchange is recording Wall Street's outlook on America's future. As Henry Hazlitt, N. Y. Times financial commentator, observed on September 9: "The stock market seldom reflects today's events; it reflects, instead, today's judgment, good or bad, on the long-term future."

"NO CONFIDENCE"

For the "long-term future" of its own system, Wall Street has cast a vote of "No confidence." That is the real meaning of the stock market slide.

The stock market's advance warning of an economic disaster comes when American capitalism stands at the summit of world power. It has crushed the most aggressive of its capitalist rivals abroad. And it boasts of record peace-time economic

workers in any strike." The Socialist Workers Party candidate for New York Governor charged that "a vast and well-financed propaganda drive has been unleashed to arouse hysteria and turn the people against the strikers."

He replied in detail to the boss propaganda about the strikers being "responsible for shortages." Turning the attack against the bosses, he showed how the monopolists are responsible for real shortages. He contrasted the fact that the capitalist press and boss politicians like O'Dwyer show no indignation about the meat trust cutting off all meat supplies, with the way they attack striking workers.

"If I were Governor," Dobbs stated, "I would make it my first duty to support the picket lines of my fellow workers." At the same time, he said, "I would use every power of office to force the employers to satisfy the full demands of the strikers."

Reuther Hits Attacks On Detroit SWP

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 14—Walter P. Reuther, President of the CIO United Automobile Workers, this week denounced the attempts of anti-labor elements to evict the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters in Detroit. Reuther's statement was along the lines of a similar public protest made last week by UAW-CIO Vice-President R. J. Thomas. Full text of Reuther's statement follows:

"As President of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, I want to add my protest against the forces within the City of Detroit who have banded together in a reactionary drive to force the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters at 6108 Linwood."

"The latest form of attack, that of trying to force the Socialist Workers Party to vacate its premises because Negroes attended its meetings, is a serious challenge to the fundamental constitutional rights of Americans to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. Any such attack must be met on those grounds because the rights of all citizens of this country will be jeopardized if such a precedent can be established by these reactionary forces."

"Labor cannot permit the zoning laws of this city to be utilized for the purpose of discrimination against any individual or organization because of race, creed, color or political affiliation."

Atom Workers Vote 2-1 For Unionism

Workers in two of the three atom bomb plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, have voted to have the CIO or AFL represent them in collective bargaining.

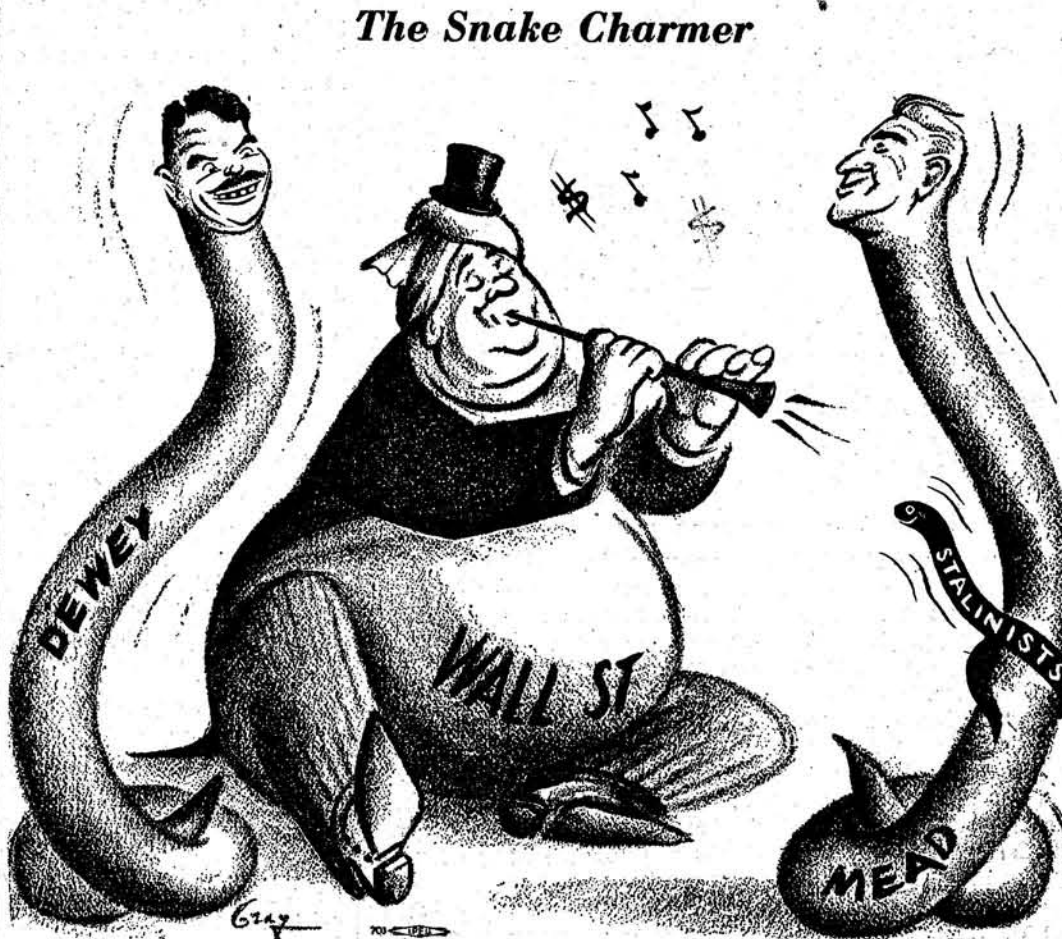
The CIO won the election at the second largest plant, run by the Carbide & Chemical Corp., by a vote of 1,918 to 1,893, in a run-off with the AFL. The AFL won at the Monsanto Chemical plant by 331 votes to the CIO's 136. The vote at the Tennessee Eastman plant was 3,120 for "no union" against 2,530 for the AFL.

Meat Trust Causes Famine

Thousands of packing-house workers were out of work, and housewives searched in vain for meat to feed their families this week as the packing trust intensified the meat-famine it has imposed on the country to force elimination of price ceilings.

Virtually no meat is on sale at even the high ceiling prices given to the packers by the OPA, although price increases averaged 10 to 12 per cent. The packers are shutting down their major plants and operating through black market outlets.

In Omaha, T. J. Lloyd, international representative of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen Union, announced that 25,000 of the union's 180,000 members have already been laid off, and another 25,000 face lay-offs next week. The CIO United Packinghouse Workers reported that half of its 30,000 members in Chicago are out of work because packers are curtailing legal production. Butcher shops "throughout the



Stalinists Drop Own Candidates To Back Capitalist Party Slate

NEW YORK, Sept. 14—The withdrawal of candidates of the Communist (Stalinist) Party from the three top places on the New York ballot is "one of the most cowardly and ignominious acts in the political history of this state," the New York State Com-

mittee of the Socialist Workers Party declared this week. Of their original five candidates, the Stalinists left only Robert Thompson and Benjamin J. Davis Jr. on the ballot and switched their candidacy from Governor and U. S. Senator respectively to that of Comptroller and Attorney-General. This move of the Stalinists is part of their drive to put Wall Street's Democratic machine in office.

At the same time, the Democrats are trying to throw the CP completely off the ballot. Louis Cohen, executive assistant to Mayor O'Dwyer and secretary of the Bronx County Democratic Committee, announced he is having the CP's nominating petitions photostated and checked.

"No one can take them seriously now, not even their own members," the SWP Committee continued. "First they sent their members throughout the state in the grueling work of obtaining thousands of signatures to place them on the ballot. Then they raised a storm of protest

IN THE NEWS

A Shot In The Arm For German Capitalists

FRANKFORT AU MAIN, Sept. 11—As a result of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes' speech on the future of Germany at Stuttgart Sept. 6, industrial stocks on the Frankfurt Exchange have risen an average of 10 per cent while bank stocks have risen as much as 30 per cent. Industrial stocks have now virtually reached the permitted ceiling price." (N. Y. Herald Tribune, Sept. 12.)

Hogs Never Satisfied

The U. S. Emergency Court of Appeals rejected demands of New York City landlords that they be permitted to jack up residential rents 15 per cent. The court contended landlords were making bigger profits under rent control than during the pre-war years.

Propaganda Sure Makes A Hearty Breakfast

"Each morning as I carefully spread a thin film of 66-cent butter on my undersized, off-color toast, I dutifully remind myself that America is eating more than it ever did before." (Saturday News, Lewisburgh, Pa.)

How About Putting Capitalists To Work?

"There will be no limit to production once labor makes up its mind to get busy and go to work." (Undersecretary of Commerce Alfred Schindler, Sept. 10.)

Civilian employment has reached an all-time peak of 58,100,000. Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small, reported on Aug. 30, said: "The stop-and-go output . . . has now been replaced by continuous high-level production."

Decentral's Already Jet-Propelled

Washington, Sept. 16 (UP).—John M. Bulkeley, OPA's decentral expert, said today the next few months would see a great speed-up in the removal of price ceilings.

CIO Pickets Tie Up Ports To Follow Up AFL Victory

Maritime labor's militancy and solidarity tied up every port in the United States so completely that the AFL seamen have won a smashing victory against the government.

Within eight days the Truman Administration was forced to capitulate. The AFL seamen won their demands—a pay increase of \$22.50 a month on the West Coast; \$27.50 a month on the East Coast and Gulf.

The AFL's victory was assured when the CIO maritime unions supported the strike. Now, the Committee for National Maritime unity, representing six CIO unions and one independent, is following up with a strike to bring CIO seamen's pay to parity with the AFL rates.

Last June, the CIO's strike threat won a gain of \$17.50 a month. The AFL unions then negotiated for still higher pay. Truman's Wage Stabilization Board disapproved the higher rates, thus provoking the AFL strike.

Full Report On Maritime Strike See Page 2

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WHAT IS NEEDED

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New York Truckdrivers Stand Firm; Break Operators' Front

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—Grimly determined to win substantial wage raises and a 40-hour week, the 15,000 striking members of AFL Truckdrivers Locals 807, 282 and 816 here are fighting back against the pressure of the boss newspapers, Democratic Mayor

O'Dwyer and their own weak-kneed leaders. The militant rank and file have rejected O'Dwyer's phony compromise proposal and brushed aside his attempt to divide their ranks with a red-scare.

Their determined stand, expressed at a stormy membership meeting of the largest local, 807, at Manhattan Center last Thursday, has forced the recalcitrant truck operators associations to resume direct negotiations. (See Evelyn Atwood's account of dramatic strike meetings, on Page Six.)

A break in the truck fleet operators front has been reported. Two large operators are now said to be offering wage raises amounting to \$7.40 a week for a 40-hour instead of the previous 44-hour week. The only previous offer of the truck operators had amounted to \$2.86 more for a 44-hour week—6 1/2 cents an hour.

O'DWYER FAILS

Mayor O'Dwyer sought the help of his Democratic political henchman, AFL Teamsters' President Daniel J. Tobin, to force the drivers back without assured gains. O'Dwyer, who had tried to put over a "compromise" giving the drivers only a dollar more a week, demanded that Tobin send the drivers back, charging that "communists" had taken over the strike, and threatening

now redouble their efforts to whittle away maritime labor's latest gains. Washington will push price-boosting measures and repressive legislation.

It has become crystal clear that the government has largely replaced the ship operators in dealing with the seamen. In every matter, great and small, the government confronts the maritime unions and wields the club for the ship operators.

This means that the battle to safeguard the seamen's gains and their unions has become a daily political battle.

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Tobin replied that the strikers' "cause is just." At the same time he ordered members of all other Teamsters Locals not to continue sympathetic strike action in support of Local 807. This was a move to isolate and weaken the general truckdrivers' strike.

Further efforts to weaken the strike were made with the proposal of union leaders that drivers for the big grocery chains accept a separate settlement and go back before the rest of the men. This proposition was overwhelmingly rejected at last Thursday's meeting.

This meeting also limited the power of the negotiating committee. They can sign no binding agreement without prior approval of the membership. Another membership meeting will be held today to consider the proposal of the negotiating committee to permit separate agreements with firms granting a \$7.40 raise for a 40-hour week.

The Big Business daily newspapers have been cut down to a shadow by their inability to get newsprint, tied up at warehouses. They have become more restrained in their attacks on the strikers, since a continued hold-out of the truck owners will mean that most of the daily papers will sustain tremendous losses because they have had to eliminate all advertising.

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"It is necessary to destroy imperialism in order to give mankind an opportunity to live." -Leon Trotsky

Government Boards

The maritime workers have just gone through another bitter experience with so-called "impartial" government boards. They have learned their lesson about such "tripartite" agencies...

The Wallace Speech

It appears that two men are inside the donkey's hide symbolizing the Democratic Party. A Southern Bourbon of the race-hate, lynch-law, James F. Byrnes type is manipulating the head, front legs and backbone.

The Same Enemy

Simultaneous with the American maritime labor's national strike, a million Japanese workers have risen in a mighty general strike spearheaded by the All-Japan Seamen's Union.

mon with the Japanese capitalists, the oppressors and exploiters of the Japanese masses. Let American labor stretch out the hand of union fellowship to our Japanese brothers.

Workers' Control

Demands for the government to take over and operate the meat industry are being raised in the labor movement. Twenty-three Chicago and Milwaukee locals of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers and the New York State CIO have called for nationalization of the meat industry.

The packinghouse workers themselves had a taste of this kind of "nationalization." Last January Truman tried to break their strike by "seizing" the packinghouses. This kind of "nationalization" is undertaken strictly to protect the profit interests of the monopolists.

Guam - Wall Street Colonial Prize

It's something of a shock to most people to learn that the United States has become a colonial power. They remember the stirring rebellion of the original thirteen colonies in 1776 against the rule of a dictatorial foreign power. It doesn't seem natural that America, so long boasted of as the land of the free, could now be oppressing other peoples.



"I don't care if they are my size - what do you think I'm going to do - walk!"

BOOKSHELF

INFLATION IS COMING! by Ralph Borsodi. Published by Bayard Lane, Inc., 1945-46, 61 pages, \$1.

The author of this book, written in popular style, is a retired consulting economist for big employers, including R. H. Macy and the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

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Let's take Guam, that small speck in the vast Pacific where 23,000 people are ruled by the Navy Department. Guam was seized from Spain in 1898, but its inhabitants are still listed as aliens - not as citizens of the United States.

MEN, WOMEN AND DOGS, by James Thurber. Bantam Books, 1946, 242 p., 25 cents. Feeling tired? Down at the mouth? Pull Thurber's Men, Women and Dogs out of your pocketbook.

That is why the author's proposed "solution" is such a monstrosity. He wants to flee from the most obvious afflictions of capitalism, while leaving its economic and political base untouched.

It's hard to think of a better way to have fun on 25 cents.

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Buffalo CIO Council Condemns Red-Baiting

Striking a vigorous blow in defense of democratic rights in the labor movement, the Greater Buffalo Industrial Union Council (CIO) on Sept. 10 voted 90 to 10 to adopt a resolution condemning "red-baiting in any form."

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Why The Veterans Remain Homeless

By Ruth Benson

Over 4,000,000 veterans and their families will be homeless this winter, while billions of dollars are being spent to erect race-tracks, night clubs, stores and offices. In New York City, Charles G. Bolte, Chairman of the American Veterans' Committee, laid the blame on a "systematic campaign..."

The Emergency Housing Program called for the starting of 1,200,000 new dwelling units in 1946. In the first seven months of the year, barely half were begun, and only one-sixth, 287,100 units, were finished.

While the situation grows constantly worse, John D. Small, head of the CPA, "has consistently demonstrated that he is more interested in 'protecting' commercial construction than he is in getting homes for veterans."

Only a full-scale program for low-cost housing, financed by the government, can meet the needs of the homeless. Workers and veterans must demand that the 18 billion dollars appropriated for war, be used instead to aid the victims of war by building low-cost federal housing - today!

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