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VOTERS ARE SICK OF BOTH PARTIES

Steel Workers Seek "Healthy Pay Increases"

Murray's Statement Indicates CIO Is Heading Toward General Drive For Big Wage Raises

Philip Murray, President of the CIO and the United Steel Workers of America, on Oct. 26 told a Philadelphia district convention of the steel union that the USWA will demand "healthy wage increases" for its 900,000 members when contracts are reopened in January.

This announcement, coupled with the previous opening of the United Automobile Workers drive for wage boosts, indicates that the CIO is building up to a general campaign for higher wages to meet the rising cost of living.

Murray pointed out that pay envelopes worth \$50 or \$60 only three months ago today can buy only \$35 or \$40 worth. He charged that soaring prices are due to "the greed, lust and selfishness of American industry and business" and "cannot be blamed on the measly wage increases afforded labor in 1945 and 1946."

What increases will be demanded when the USWA wage policy committee meets in December was not stated by Murray. He indicated that substantial raises would be sought because "American industry is making plenty of money and can well afford to give very healthy wage increases now without increasing the price of commodities."

He emphasized that "the workers need the money and the day is rapidly approaching when our people will not have enough money in their pocketbooks to buy even the necessities of life."

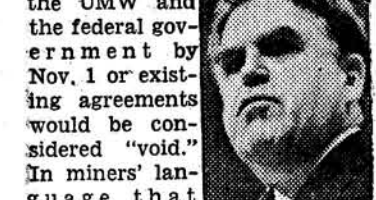
Just the day before Murray spoke, CIO United Automobile Workers President Walter Reuther, as part of the UAW's wage drive, demanded that Truman lift all wage controls, reminding the President that he had promised last year to remove wage controls along with the lifting of price controls.

"Throughout the war and during the period since V-J Day," said Reuther, the union leaders accepted wage controls as a "companion anti-inflationary measure to price controls... even though the record shows that during the war and most particularly since last spring, wages have been much more rigidly controlled than prices."

UAW negotiations are proceeding for 70,000 Chrysler workers and the union has called for reopening of the Packard and Hudson contracts.

Mine Workers Set Deadline In Demand For Negotiations

AFL United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis, acting on behalf of 400,000 soft coal miners, last week issued a demand that Secretary of Interior Krug reopen contract negotiations between the UMW and the federal government by Nov. 1 or existing agreements would be considered "void."



In miners' language that means "no contract, no work." The UMW's blunt demand was made after federal officials in charge of mine operations flatly rejected the initial demand of the UMW on Oct. 21 that the existing contract be reopened for negotiations on wages and other issues.

In his first letter to Krug, Lewis charged that the administration, which has been in formal control of the mines since May 21 when Truman tried to break the last coal strike, has repeatedly violated the terms of the contract that the UMW wrested from the government.

At the same time, Lewis declared that "significant changes in the wage policy of the Government have occurred" since the present contract was signed. This is understood as a declaration of the intentions of the mine workers to press for wage concessions to meet soaring living costs.

Miners Applaud Election Speech By M. Walker

(Special to The Militant)

RUTLAND, O., Oct. 25—A rousing meeting of striking coal miners tonight heard Malcolm Walker, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of Ohio, speak to an overflow meeting held in the rainstorm here in this Meigs County coal mining community. Walker denounced the boss party candidates, Lausche and Herbert. He pledged fullest support of his party to the valiant fight being carried on here.

Walker stressed the necessity for labor's defense of its living standards. Only the sliding scale of wages, inserted into each contract, plus provisions for a shorter work week to meet the coming period of unemployment, can resolve the problems of the Ohio mine workers, he said. Fighting the plans of the coal operators to destroy the United Mine Workers union, Walker stated that these plans went hand in hand with the plan of Wall Street to dominate the world and subjugate American labor.

Walker's speech was enthusiastically received. Miner after miner took the floor to express himself in favor of the program outlined by the SWP candidate. Indications are that a heavy vote will be cast in this area on November 5 for the only working class candidate in the election.

Over 500 pieces of literature were eagerly taken by the assembled miners, plus 400 copies of the State Election platform of the Ohio SWP.

Malcolm Walker, who has already spoken in 28 cities of Ohio on his state-wide tour, will speak in several other cities, including Youngstown on Oct. 27. He will wind up his tour on Nov. 2 in Toledo.

Jury Indicts Six Named In Lynching

Six white members of a lynch mob, named by Albert Harris, Jr. as guilty of the atrocity in which Harris was brutally beaten and left for dead and his cousin John Jones murdered last August in Minden, La., were indicted on Oct. 18 by a Federal Grand Jury for violation of civil rights statutes.

The six—Police Chief B. Geary Gant, two deputy sheriffs and three others—were not, however, indicted for murder. They were charged only with violating the constitutional rights of Negroes. This charge carries a maximum penalty of only a possible year in jail or a light fine of \$1,000.

These lynchers, three of them wearing the uniform of the law, were indicted only as the result of a nationwide protest of indignation against the crime, and the intervention of the NAACP which pressed charges. In most cases such Jim-Crow criminals go scot free, as in the case of Leon McTatie's killers.

McTatie, a Negro sharecropper in Lexington, Miss., was flogged to death last July and his body flung into a bayou. McTatie had been falsely accused of stealing a saddle from his white employer, Jeff Dodd. Dodd and several of his friends went to McTatie's shack and beat him to death. A few days later others confessed to stealing the saddle.

On Oct. 22, after 10 minutes deliberation, a Holmes County jury acquitted Dodd and four other lynchings who had been charged with manslaughter in the McTatie case. This is the usual pattern of Lynch Law justice.

N. Y. Republicans Join Democrats To Bar SWP Ticket From Ballot

A Vote Against Wall Street



Realty Sharks Threaten To Rip Rent Ceilings; All Prices Soar

Rent controls are dangerously threatened. While 4,000,000 veterans alone are desperately seeking decent housing, the big real estate interests are battering away at Washington to lift rent controls and place the American people at the mercy of the rent sharks.

A powerful bloc of Senators has declared it will push for the removals of all rent controls by March and for an immediate general 15 per cent boost in rent ceilings.

Meanwhile, in the state of Washington, rapacious landlords last week launched an organized movement to refuse to rent dwellings made available by tenants who vacate. All vacancies are being locked and kept empty.

This deliberate withholding of available housing began in Seattle and quickly spread to Tacoma and Olympia, Washington. Plans are on foot for a nationwide landlords' hold-out to be launched by the convention of National Apartment-Owners Association in Oklahoma City on Nov. 18 and 19.

Already in Washington state, prices are "settling" to — "40 to 50 per cent above former OPA ceilings." (N. Y. World-Telegram, Oct. 24.)

OPA officials and food merchants agree that food prices — food represents 45 to 65 per cent of workers' budgets — are going to soar to out-of-this-world heights.

A big press campaign to convince consumers that meat prices were going to become "reasonable" after the first post-control boom upward now amounts to admissions that meat

the United Press reported on Oct. 23, "thousands of families now jamming hotels, tourist cabins and trailers camps, many of whom have been seeking quarters for months, found themselves unable to rent apartments even where they were available."

Despite rent controls which have been in effect since April 1943, the average income of landlords has soared 40 per cent since December 1941. No vacancies, elimination of agents' fees and rent concessions, reduction of services, decorating and repairs, have boomed the landlords' take.

The drive against rent ceilings has been emboldened by the victory of the meat packing trust and the abandonment of price ceilings on almost all foods.

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SWP Campaigns For Candidates In Six States

In the most important election campaign in its history, the Socialist Workers Party is running candidates for office in six states.

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Court Ruling Upholds Wall St. Conspiracy

ALBANY, Oct. 25 — The Court of Appeals, highest court in New York State, tonight placed its official sanction on the removal of the Socialist Workers Party, Norman Thomas's Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party from the ballot on Nov. 5.

The decision of the Appellate Division and then the Court of Appeals affirming the action

How to Vote for Farrell Dobbs

Be sure to use the extreme top row of the voting machine. Push up the shutter over the large square marked number 1 on the extreme top row of the machine. Hold the shutter up and write in the name of Farrell Dobbs. Bring a pencil with you.

of the lower court was based on the flimsiest technicality. The Socialist Workers Party was barred because a number of its petition sheets lacked the signature of the notary public. The Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party were barred because the election district of one or two of their petition canvassers was incorrectly listed.

So raw was this knife-job on the democratic rights of minorities that the Court of Appeals staged an act to give the appearance of some "impartiality."

All three parties were ordered barred but while the vote against the Socialist Workers Party was unanimous, the vote against the SP and the SLP was split 4-to-3.

In the higher courts Republican judges joined with Democrats to establish the identity between the two Wall Street parties in committing mayhem on democratic rights.

Despite this openly reactionary move, the American Labor, Liberal and Stalinist leaders continue to sell the workers down the river by urging them to vote for the major Democratic candidates.

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1946 Elections Demonstrate Vital Need For A Labor Party

By Art Preis

The American working people and dirt farmers are disgusted with both parties of Wall Street, the Democratic and Republican.

That is the considered judgment of a leading political observer of the N. Y. Times, James Reston, after an extensive tour of 12 mid-western states. His survey of the political attitude of the average voter, reported on Oct. 22, draws the extremely significant conclusion:

"One feels, frankly, that if the people voted their true feelings and had two votes, they would cast one against the Democrats and one against the Republicans."

Unfortunately, the people have only one vote. And many have decided to cast that vote against the Democrats by voting Republican. They are not for the Republicans. They have simply become fed up with the Democrats

New York SWP Urges Write-In Vote For Dobbs

NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 28 — The State Committee of the Socialist Workers Party today urged New York workers to write-in the name of Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for Governor.

"A write-in vote for Farrell Dobbs," the State Committee declared, "is the only method now available to New York workers to register their protest against the Hitlerite court decree barring the Socialist Workers Party and other minority parties from the ballot."

"Every write-in vote for Farrell Dobbs will be a demonstration that New York workers refuse to be bludgeoned and intimidated into voting for Wall Street's candidates on the Republican, Democratic, American Labor and Liberal Party tickets."

"Every write-in vote for Farrell Dobbs will be a blow struck in the fight against the monopoly over the ballot box now wielded by Wall Street's parties. Every such vote will be a demand for a democratic election law that will permit workers of this state to vote for parties and candidates of their own choosing."

"Every write-in vote for Farrell Dobbs is a vote for peace, plenty, security, for a Workers and Farmers Government, for Socialism."

and feel they can record their protest only by voting Republican or staying away from the polls altogether.

Reston's sharp observation about the real political feelings of the American people points up the terrible tragedy of the coming elections for the working people. That tragedy is the lack of a party and candidates and program they can truly call their own.

Once again, the opposition of the American labor leaders to genuine independent labor political action through a labor party has left the American people politically helpless. In most places they are offered no choice but to vote for candidates of two parties they know cannot solve their problems, parties they recognize as the machines of Big Business, parties corrupt to the core.

This terrible political predicament and helplessness of American labor — the greatest organized force in the world today — comes at a time when the American people are entering a period of economic catastrophe and the danger of atomic annihilation in a third imperialist world war.

Yet only in the six states where the Socialist Workers Party is running candidates can they record even a real protest against the fate which awaits them if Wall Street continues its grasp on government through its two political claws, the Republican and Democratic parties.

PURPOSE CLEAR Never has an election campaign made clearer the real purpose of the capitalist two-party monopoly on American politics. The party of the "outs" serves as a safety-valve for the discontent against the party of the "ins." The voters are trapped like squirrels in a revolving cage, endlessly treading a circle going nowhere.

The American workers must learn the lesson of their present political position. The tragedy of this election must burn itself into their minds. They must smash their way out of the political squirrel cage. They must resolve NOW to build their own political party — a labor party.

VOTE LABOR BY VOTING SWP!

An Editorial

How shall we vote in the coming elections? That is the question puzzling more people this week than in any election for decades.

It is obvious to millions of workers that there is no basic difference between the program of the Democrats and the Republicans. Both parties peddle Wall Street's political poison—only their labels differ.

Sometimes these parties tell the truth. That's when they describe each other. The Republicans say the Democrats have used the government to interfere with free collective bargaining. That's true. The Democrats say the Republicans oppose the Wagner Act and collective bargaining rights—and that's true, too.

The Republicans have a field day telling about Bilbo, Rankin and all the rest of the Democratic race-haters and lynch-inciters. The Democrats reply by pointing to the Ferguson case in Freeport, N. Y., and telling about Governor Dewey's whitewash of the Jim-Crow murder of the Ferguson boys. And they're both telling the truth.

But there's one thing on which both parties agree. They vie in proclaiming their loyalty to American imperialism, its military preparations, its occupation of foreign lands and seizure of bases, its atomic-bomb diplomacy, its "get-tough" policy with the Soviet Union. On this issue of issues—foreign policy—Wall Street does not permit even the suggestion of differences.

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other, both parties lie about themselves. Then they try to cover up their real policies and rotten records.

The voters are getting wise to this. But where can they turn in this election? The answer in six key states is: Vote The Socialist Workers Party Ticket!

Vote SWP because it has the only program that meets the problems of the working people and oppressed minorities. The program of revolutionary socialism alone can solve the problems of war, economic depression and political and social oppression bred by decaying world capitalism.

Vote SWP because that is the only way to voice a real protest against the evils and frauds, perpetrated by the two capitalist parties.

Vote SWP because that is the only way in this election to support genuine working-class representatives. It is your chance to say you're through with capitalist politics—you want the labor movement to build its own party.

In several states, the conspiracies of the capitalist parties and the courts, aided by un-democratic election laws, have forced the SWP to conduct write-in campaigns. So study the directions given in this issue of The Militant on how to record your vote properly. And in addition to voting SWP wherever possible, we also urge you to support those independent labor and Negro candidates whom the SWP has endorsed in a number of areas.

Break with the Boss Parties. Vote for the Socialist Workers Party

Millionaire Gamblers In New York Stock Exchange Worried By Unionizing Drive And Slump On Market

By Evelyn Atwood

The New York Stock Exchange, nerve center of world finance, is housed in a huge, cold granite pile in the narrow canyon of Wall Street. Only millionaires—and their clerks—are permitted to pass through the guarded doors into this sacred temple of High Finance and big-time gambling.

When I visited the Stock Exchange on Oct. 25, Wall Street was the scene of a strange, unprecedented event—a unionizing drive.

Directly in front of the massive, forbidding doors of the Stock Exchange was a sound truck of Local 96, CIO United Office and Professional Workers.

In the bright sunshine, a union girl was demanding a decent wage for Wall Street's workers. The union is also organizing messengers, guards, floormen, vault men, porters and elevator operators.

Police pushed and shoved the attentive crowd on the sidewalk away from the Stock Exchange doors toward the curb.

FULL SWING

Inside the Stock Exchange, in a vast hall almost the size of Grand Central station, the day's trading was in full swing. I watched it from a narrow, guarded visitors' balcony. Below, hundreds of brokers, wealthy owners of "seats" on the Stock Exchange, milled around the horseshoe-shaped trading posts. Each of the 1,375 members had paid from \$50,000 to \$600,000 for his "seat"—that is, for the privilege to profit on the gambling in stocks and bonds.

On huge call boards covering two of the walls, numbers flashed every second, summoning traders to the telephones for orders to "buy" and "sell." Each deal was recorded on six mammoth moving ticker tapes in the Exchange. Simultaneously through elaborate and intricate recording machines, each deal was flashed throughout the world, to guide the operations of greedy speculators.

Today the market was jittery, uncertain. A break in U. S. Steel was recorded on the ticker tape. A moan went up from the pack of wealthy men on the floor. This was a far different sound from the groans of hundreds of thousands of steel workers.

sweating in the mills for low wages. It expressed the momentary disappointment of capitalist jackals lusting for more profits out of the products of the steelworkers' toil.

TRAFFIC IN LIVES

In the days of slave trading, men with money trafficked in live, human cargo. Today, in this Stock Exchange I watched the traders also traffic in flesh and blood, in the lives and labor of tens of millions of peoples, of all colors and nationalities, on every continent in the world. Only today the dirty business is hidden; the masses of victims are far removed from their Wall Street masters. The products of their labor are here transformed into little slips of paper, traded back and forth for profit.

The slave traders waded through the blood of dark bodies in the dungeons of their ships. Today the capitalists wade through ticker tape and bits of paper littering the immense floor of the Stock Exchange.

"BUY!" On every continent tens of millions of workers and poor farmers bend their backs in speeded-up toil. "SELL!" On every continent millions are thrown out of jobs, to starve. The panic is on. Traders are dumping their stocks . . .

UNION BUTTONS

But today workers all over the world are on the march. Even inside this financial bastion, the workers are lifting their heads. "That big button you see on many of the men shows he's a broker," said the girl-guide. The rich are ostentatiously identified.

"And that small white button?" I asked. "That's the union button of the clerks," she replied. In August these members of the United Financial Employees staged a walkout in sympathy with the CIO organizing drive.

Right in this Holy of Holies of Wall Street, the union buttons are mobilizing against the big buttons of the bosses and billionaires.

Protest "Graveyard Wages"



Pickets from the CIO Financial Employees Guild, Office and Professional Workers Union, carried the "skeleton of low wages" right to the heart of the bankers' empire—the New York financial district. "Don't Wait Till You're A Skeleton!" one placard says. "Join the Financial Employees Guild." "We Don't Want To Be Human Skeletons," says another, demanding wage raises.

"More Production" Demand Is Drive For More Profits

In opposition to labor's growing demands for higher wages to meet soaring living costs, Big Business and its government have launched an intensive propaganda campaign for "more production."

The National Association of Manufacturers is yelling "More production." The Truman administration and all its big and little mouthpieces are echoing, "More production!" Even some servile labor leaders, like AFL President Green, have taken up the cry.

The line of argument is not new. It is heard every time the workers demand a raise. It goes like this: If you raise wages, you have to raise prices; but if you raise production, you force prices down. So instead of asking for more money the workers should work harder, increase supply in relation to demand, and make prices go down.

The monopolies don't really want more total production of goods. What do they really mean by "more production" then? They mean more production per worker. They mean that the individual worker shall work harder and produce more for the same pay.

Then the bosses can hire less workers to turn out the same amount of production. The difference in the amount of wages paid out will then go as additional profits to the owners.

During the war, 460,000 steel workers in an average work-week of 46.6 hours produced 89,000,000 tons of steel. Today, 462,000 workers produce 84,000,000 tons in a work-week of 36.5 hours. With far lower pay due to loss of overtime and shorter hours, the average steel worker today takes 20 per cent less time to produce as much as he did during the war. Have steel prices come down—or have steel profits mounted? Everybody knows steel prices and profits have gone up together.

The monopolists want scarcity and high prices because that means more profits. They don't want higher wages because that means less profits. Higher wages don't raise prices—but they cut into the take of the profiteers. Profits—not lower prices—is the meaning of the cry for "more production."

We have the evidence of the recent report of Reconversion Director Steelman, for instance, that production of civilian goods is the highest in American history. We have the admission of the same report that in the last year average weekly take-home pay of American factory workers—the best organized section of the wage-earners—has declined nearly nine per cent. And prices have gone up 20 per cent.

So while production has soared to a new high, mass purchasing power has fallen. Yet prices continue to bound upward.

But we know something more about production. We know, as CIO President Philip Murray pointed out last week, that manufacturers and wholesalers have piled up 37 billion dollars worth of goods and materials for speculative hoarding. And we know that since big monopolies control most of production they withhold goods or keep down production just to create scarcity and high prices.

So we see that monopoly scarcity and speculative hoarding is contributing to higher prices.

The 23-year-old Negro soldier, a member of UAW Local 208 in Detroit, was found "guilty" of murder several months ago, following the death of a fellow-soldier. Evidence shows that the Army first appointed as Woods' "defense council" an ex-salesman who had never read a law-book. It then suppressed important facts, and ignored discrepancies. Finally it sustained its verdict by burying the prosecutor's letter which described the weakness of the whole case!

The Army claimed that Woods had bent down over the victim's cot, picked him up with one hand, and shot him with the other. Woods said the gun went off accidentally, and that his story would be proved by checking the mosquito net covering, which had a bullet hole.

Lt. Charles L. Martinelli, defense counsel for Woods, was told by Army Intelligence men that "the bullet hole didn't mean anything." The net was never brought into evidence.

Why "Daily Worker" Kept Silent About Eloise Gordon

Leading newspapers throughout the country last week reported the testimony of Eloise Gordon, Pittsburgh reporter for The Militant, before a hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. How she upset the committee's attempt to red-bait the Pittsburgh power strike and turned the hearing into an attack on the committee itself for its anti-labor, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic policies, was considered "hot copy."

But for the editors of the Daily Worker this "hot copy" was as cold as a dead mackerel. The Daily Worker and the Communist (Stalinist) Party have been denouncing the Un-American Activities Committee. Yet they were silent when a militant worker made national news by hitting the committee right between the eyes.

Why was the Daily Worker silent? It didn't dare publish the story. If Communist Party members and sympathizers read how Eloise Gordon—a Trotskyist representing the views of The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party—denounced and exposed the notorious House Un-American Activities Committee, they'd begin to see through the slanders the Stalinist leaders have spread about the Trotskyists.

The Stalinist leaders have tried to tar the Trotskyists as "fascists," "stoopigoons" and other varieties of vermin. How come, the Communist Party ranks might ask, that a spokesman for these alleged "fascists" took the stand in Washington and put up such a magnificent defense of labor and oppressed minorities against the fascist-like, red-baiting attack of the Un-American Activities Committee?

They'd see that the Stalinist leaders have been lying about the Trotskyists. They'd see that the Trotskyists are the best defenders of the workers and oppressed minorities.

And maybe many of them will note, anyway, what the silence of the Daily Worker tells so eloquently.



ELOISE GORDON

SWP Supports Harrison For Mass. Legislature

BOSTON—The Boston Local of the Socialist Workers Party is giving critical support to William J. Harrison, Negro candidate for election to the State Legislature. Harris is being run by the Communist (Stalinist) Party from Ward 12 here.

The SWP is urging the workers to vote for Harrison, despite the treacherous policies of the Communist Party, on the principle of supporting the right of the Negro people to political representation and backing Negro candidates who are running independently of the capitalist Democratic and Republican parties.

While urging the workers to vote for Harrison as a step in the direction of political representation for oppressed racial minorities, the SWP points out that Harrison is a Stalinist who opposed the struggle against Jim Crow during the second imperialist world war and who today offers no program of militant action to defeat discrimination and segregation.

The main address was delivered by Sven Godfredson, editor

Chief Weakness Of The UAW-CIO Wage Program

The International Executive Board of the CIO United Automobile Workers went only half way in their wage program to defend the auto workers' living standards against the continued sharp rise in the cost of living.

Their wage policy statement, issued last week, proposes a campaign for "substantial wage adjustments" based on an anticipated rise in the cost of living by December of '20 to 25 per cent or more above last January."

The statement indicates that the UAW leaders propose nothing more than flat wage increases to make up for the living cost increases up to the signing of new wage agreements. That, of course, is an objective every auto militant will support.

But it goes only half way. It doesn't protect the auto workers against slashes in real wages by further price rises after the contract is signed. The auto workers have already had the experience of seeing their substantial wage gains of last spring wiped out in a few months.

Many auto militants had hoped the UAW Board would take the lead in advancing the only immediately effective program to safeguard real wages—a demand for the inclusion in all wage contracts of an escalator clause. This would provide for automatic increases above the basic wage scale to meet every rise in the cost of living.

The UAW Board is to be criticized particularly because it failed to include in its program the demand raised by the Chrysler locals and endorsed by Ford Local 600 for a cost-of-living bonus, above the contract wages, regularly increased in direct proportion to increases in the cost of living. This demand, a variant of the sliding scale of wages, already has wide support among

Dobbs Speaks At Buffalo Rally

BUFFALO, Oct. 26—Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for Governor, spoke here tonight to a sizable audience of trade unionists on the election platform of the Socialist Workers Party. He exposed in detail the judicial fraud by which the Democrats, with the passive consent of the Republicans, were able to deprive the SWP of its right to run candidates on the ballot.

The discussion following Dobbs' remarks centered around the procedure of writing in the names of our candidates on election day. A collection of over \$63 indicated the sentiment of those present in support of work of the party.

A number of unions, veteran organizations, liberals and the political parties involved are holding a mass meeting to protest the court ruling which bars the Socialist Workers Party, Socialist Party and Socialist Labor Party from the ballot.

HALF WAY

the auto workers. All sections of the labor movement have their eyes on the CIO auto workers. Everyone knows that the auto workers set the pattern for the demands in other, basic industries and have spearheaded many of the biggest advances of labor in the past ten years. The auto workers have a magnificent opportunity to lead the way again. It is up to them now to insist that their leaders adopt and fight for the program of the escalator wage clause.

of The Packerhouse Worker, organ of the CIO United Packerhouse Workers. He described how the meat barons have conspired to get extortionate prices. He also told of the fight of his union for a cost-of-living bonus to maintain the standard of living in the face of rising living costs.

Fred Dillard, militant unionist of CIO Steelworkers Local 1462, reminded the workers of the hard hand the government used when miners or railroad workers were on strike for their vital needs, and contrasted it to how easily the meat packers got their fat profit increase from Truman.

"I'll tell you what the workers are going to do about it," he declared. "We are either going to get fair prices for the commodities we produce, or we will put our own candidates in the field. If the Republicans won't do it and the Democrats won't do it, we will do it ourselves."

"THAT'S IT!" His fighting challenge was greeted with applause, and shouts of "That's it!" and "Labor Party, boys!"

Another militant speech was made by Ted Dostal, officer of Steelworkers Local 1330 and editor of the Ohio Works Organizer, "The American labor movement," he said, "is the most powerful in the world today. This powerful labor movement if it really unites can move forward and offset this rise in prices by demanding an increase in wages, by going into the political field and demanding a program that is for labor and nobody but labor. Only labor can see to it that labor lives!"

Sam Camens, President of Local 1330, was cheered when he declared: "Let this meeting be a warning that if we don't get wage increases to meet the price increases that we will go out on that picket line and fight this thing through!"

Lee Hellman, of Local 1331; Agnes Evans, Financial Secretary of the General Fireproofing Local, who gave the housewives' point of view, and Al Snipke, Executive Secretary of the Mahoning County CIO Council, were vigorously applauded when they spoke along the same lines.

James Griffin, who is being supported by the largest majority of active unionists in this region for the position of District 26 Steelworkers Director in the coming election, presided at the meeting.

Youngstown CIO Meeting Asks Nationalization Of Meat Industry

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Oct. 21—A mass meeting called by the Mahoning County CIO Council to protest the high price of meat, tonight passed a resolution demanding nationalization of the meat industry "without profit to the owners" in order to insure a full supply of meat at fair prices for American working men, women and children.

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"I'll tell you what the workers are going to do about it," he declared. "We are either going to get fair prices for the commodities we produce, or we will put our own candidates in the field. If the Republicans won't do it and the Democrats won't do it, we will do it ourselves."

"THAT'S IT!" His fighting challenge was greeted with applause, and shouts of "That's it!" and "Labor Party, boys!"

Another militant speech was made by Ted Dostal, officer of Steelworkers Local 1330 and editor of the Ohio Works Organizer, "The American labor movement," he said, "is the most powerful in the world today. This powerful labor movement if it really unites can move forward and offset this rise in prices by demanding an increase in wages, by going into the political field and demanding a program that is for labor and nobody but labor. Only labor can see to it that labor lives!"

Sam Camens, President of Local 1330, was cheered when he declared: "Let this meeting be a warning that if we don't get wage increases to meet the price increases that we will go out on that picket line and fight this thing through!"

Lee Hellman, of Local 1331; Agnes Evans, Financial Secretary of the General Fireproofing Local, who gave the housewives' point of view, and Al Snipke, Executive Secretary of the Mahoning County CIO Council, were vigorously applauded when they spoke along the same lines.

James Griffin, who is being supported by the largest majority of active unionists in this region for the position of District 26 Steelworkers Director in the coming election, presided at the meeting.

Meigs County Coal Miners Firm In 8th Week Of Strike

By Paul Jensen

(Special to The Militant)

POMEROY, O., Oct. 25—With ranks firm and spirit high, 500 Meigs County miners today entered the eighth week of their strike for a contract. The men are members of the United Mine Workers of America.

Ebert Warner, president of Local 8587, told this reporter in a special interview at Rutland that his local called the strike Sept. 3, when the companies refused to live up to their agreement of

any attempt had been made to force the promised agreement out of the operators. The embattled miners have had to face numerous attempts by the bosses to run scabs into the mines. In the most recent attempt, Edward Spencer, mine owner, was sent to the hospital after he had abused and threatened pickets at Pateley's Run.

The pickets were turning back trucks which came to the mines for coal. When a driver honored the picket lines, it so infuriated Spencer that he came at the strikers with a drawn knife. His head was split in the fracas. Two pickets were arrested, and at this writing they are said to be out on bail.

The mine union leader stated that the strike has the fullest support of the union's district officers. More than 500 men in 30 mines are involved. It is right next to the field where a "No Work Holiday" was held recently. Negro and white miners are standing solidly together to defeat the coal bosses' drive to smash their union.

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last April. At the time of the national coal strike, Meigs County coal operators agreed that all strikers would be taken back, and that as soon as price increases in coal were granted, they would sign a standard UMW pact.

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Wall Street Planning World War III, Warns Hansen In Radio Talk

Excerpts from a radio address by Joseph Hansen, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U. S. Senate from New York, over Station WJZ, New York City, Oct. 24, 10:45 p.m.

How would another war affect our lives in America? Let us assume Wall Street emerges victorious from the dangerous adventure. The costs of the Third World War would be heaped upon those of the Second World War, towering above them the way the Empire State building towers above a peanut wagon.



JOSEPH HANSEN

The shortages of today would look like unparalleled abundance compared with the shortages we would then suffer. Prices today would look rock bottom and dirt cheap compared with the prices that would then stand between us and the goods we need.

The value of money would decline along the lines of the Chinese dollar and you could paper your house with thousand dollar bills. Small savings and insurance policies would go floating down the drain — not worth a transfer on the streetcar.

There is another danger. To plunge us into World War Three, Wall Street may decide to institute fascism in America. That was how German and Italian capitalism prepared for the Second World War. The present wave of red-baiting is an ominous indication of Wall Street's readiness to follow the path Mussolini and Hitler lined with skulls as markers for future dictators.

In face of this frightening perspective, a good-hearted, normal person who believes in living on friendly terms with his neighbors cannot help asking, but is it really true? Is Wall Street actually preparing for a Third World War?

We must learn to look facts in the face. Some people seek to escape facts through pleasant day dreams about the goodness of human nature among the Wall Street wolves. That kind of day-dreaming is a short cut to suicide. Consider the budget for military expenditure in the coming year. 18 billion dollars have been earmarked by Congress. Do you know how much money that is? If you began shoveling 170 dollar bills per minute into a furnace at the time of the Battle of Gettysburg you would still be shoveling today. In fact you would still have another 117 years to go before you succeeded in burning up that sum.

With that much money pouring into the war machine in one year, who is dealing the cards, the goddess of Peace? Or the brass-knuckled god of war?

Consider how Washington is stock-piling atomic bombs — manufacturing these atomic bombs on a 24-hour, day and night, basis. Is that an evidence of their faith in peace? Or an evidence of their belief in war?

Consider how militarism has become a permanent part of America today, so that we are saddled with the largest standing peace-time Army in our history, and a Navy greater than the combined navies of the rest of the world. Does that show Wall Street plans peace?

Or does it show how they are beating ploughshares into swords?

The evidence is inescapable. America's 60 families are preparing to take the United States into another world slaughter.

What is to be done?

Only one solution is possible, and that is to end the capitalist profit system which is the basic cause of imperialism. Capitalism must be replaced with the socialist system of production for use. Planning on a national and world scale must replace the present blind anarchy that has brought two world wars on our heads.

The labor movement must organize its own political party and set out to put a Workers' and Farmers' Government in power.

This is the great goal to which the Socialist Workers Party is dedicated. This is the great goal Socialist Workers candidates will fight for in office.

Berlin Election Results In Decisive Defeat For Stalinist-Dominated Party

By John G. Wright

In the municipal elections held on Oct. 20 in Berlin the Stalinist-sponsored and Stalinist-dominated Socialist Unity Party suffered a staggering defeat. The Stalinists received less than one-fifth of all the votes cast, running a poor third in a four party field.

They were snowed under by the Social Democrats who polled almost one-half of the total votes. The Stalinists did only slightly better in the Russian sector of the city than in other areas, polling 29.4 per cent there as against 19.8 per cent of the total vote.

An avowed capitalist party, the Christian Democratic Union, came in second. The only party outstripped by the Stalinists was the party of extreme reaction, the Liberal Democrats, who obtained about one-tenth of the votes.

In terms of seats in the Berlin City Council, it is provisionally estimated that the election results gave the Social Democrats — 78 seats; the Christian Democrats — 37; the Stalinists — 32; the Liberal Democrats — 15.

The political meaning of these developments is inescapable. They completely lay bare the bankruptcy of the Kremlin's policy in Germany. Recalling from Stalinism, the German workers voted overwhelmingly for the Social Democrats because there was no other working class party through which they could register their discontent and opposition. The Berlin elections show the speed with which Stalin is driving the German working class into the arms of reaction.

At the same time they show how by his policies Stalin is endangering the Soviet Union, on the European continent the German working class still remains decisive. It could represent a colossal obstacle in the way of Anglo-American plans to consolidate the Western bloc against the USSR. But just the reverse is happening.

The integration of Germany into this bloc, which was openly proposed to the German capitalists by Secretary Byrnes in his Stuttgart speech, has been greatly facilitated by the fact that the German masses are now, thanks to Stalin, following the leadership of the Social Democratic agents of German capitalism.

The degree to which the Kremlin by its policies has alienated the German masses is thus clearly revealed. This is further borne out by results of the simultaneously held Landtag elections in the completely dominated Soviet Zone (Saxony, Thuringia and Brandenburg).

Here the Stalinists had eliminated the Social Democrats as an independent organization. The Stalinist-dominated Socialist Unity Party "won" the elections, but the combined vote for the avowed capitalist parties (the Christian Democratic Union and the Liberal Democrats) was just over one-half of the total. In the same area last month, in the elections for lower bodies, the Stalinists had averaged more than 55 per cent of the total population vote.

The miserably showing of the Stalinists is underscored by the fact that they have been in control of the Berlin administration since the spring of 1945 when the Red Army occupied the city. In preparation for the elections they forced through a merger with the Social Democrats and confidently proclaimed that the latter had been completely eliminated as a political force in Berlin. Yet the end-result has been that in Berlin, the traditional stronghold of German communism, the Stalinists were able to poll proportionately less than half of the vote obtained by the Communist Party in 1932, the last elections held before Hitler's assumption of power.

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Canadian Trotskyists Found Revolutionary Workers Party

The Revolutionary Workers Party of Canada was founded at a two-day convention in Toronto last month. It represents a significant achievement for the Canadian workers and the whole Trotskyist movement.

The convention, according to the *Mid-October Labor Challenge*, was attended by delegates of Labor Challenge Clubs from all the most important cities in the country. The majority of the delegates were trade-unionists. They came together on the basis of the revolutionary socialist program of *Labor Challenge*, organ of the Canadian Trotskyists since its first issue in June, 1945.

Among the delegates present were four from the Labor Challenge Supporters Club of Vancouver, under the leadership of R. W. Bullock, Lloyd Whalen and T. J. Bradley, who recently broke from the treacherous Canadian Commonwealth Federation.

The first item on the agenda was a report on the international situation, which emphasized the degeneration of capitalism on a world scale, and pointed out the role and tasks ahead of the world party of socialist revolution. Following a full and democratic discussion, the delegates voted unanimously to apply to the Fourth International for recognition as its Canadian section.

Ross Dowson, delegate from Toronto, reported on the past achievements of the Trotskyist movement in Canada since its last conference in the fall of 1944.

"*Labor Challenge* was our first organizer," he stated, "and had become more than doubly effective since its appearance as a twice-monthly in January, 1946." Dowson dealt at length with the establishment of solid branches in the main industrial centers and the growth of the Canadian Trotskyist influence in organizations of the workers.

After a full discussion, in which delegates from other centers recorded their gains, the organizational report was adopted. The convention chose the name Revolutionary Workers Party of Canada, and a constitution based on the principles of democratic centralism was adopted point by point.

The convention resolved that the RWP would participate in elections under its own banner wherever possible in order to bring its program before the masses.

Other important steps forward for the coming period were the raising of \$1,500 to stabilize and increase the influence of *Labor Challenge*, the establishment of branch headquarters in several cities and the increase in educational work as one of the most important spheres of activity.

A National Executive Committee of nine and one alternate were elected to lead the party until the next convention. Ross Dowson was elected National Secretary. The National Committee was instructed to prepare a statement of principles of the party for publication in pamphlet form, in French and English.

The RWP opposes itself to the Stalinist Labor Progressive Party and the reformist Canadian Commonwealth Federation. The basic policies of these two treacherous parties are little different. Both supported the second imperialist war and acted as recruiting agents for the ruling class. Both have endorsed the United Nations, "the new thieves' kitchen."

Thus, the RWP stands before the Canadian workers as the only revolutionary party in the country, based firmly on the Marxist principles.

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Japanese Workers Picket Studio



In a scene like any of those in American strikes, Japanese workers here throw a mass picket line around the Japan Broadcasting Company. Union leaders charge that MacArthur supports strikebreaking employers. (See *MILITANT*, Oct. 26).

Korean Workers Resisting In American-Controlled Zone

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The Kremlin In Eastern Europe

Behind the "iron curtain" closing off Eastern Europe from Anglo-American imperialism, the Soviet Union has been expanding and attempting to consolidate its "sphere of influence." Wall Street fears—"and with reason—that despite Stalinist counter-revolutionary policy, the very existence of the USSR and its expansion" are undermining the capitalist system in all the Soviet-occupied lands.

E. R. Frank, writing in the November issue of *Fourth International*, after pointing out this basic conflict between the USSR and the capitalist world, proceeds to examine developments in Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Austria, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

His article, *The Kremlin in Eastern Europe*, explains the land reforms, the contradictory steps in industry, and the political forms utilized in the Soviet-occupied areas. The widespread looting and imposition of terrible burdens of reparations upon the people of these countries, are also discussed.

All these countries, Frank points out, are now caught in the swirl of the raging battle between the USSR and world imperialism. They are all in a state of most acute crisis; their economies are obviously of a makeshift, episodic and transitional character; their regimes are jerry-built. They are geared to the economy of the USSR by main force. "But they can secure capital, manufactured goods, loans, only from the West. And the United States is already putting on a murderous squeeze . . . Their fate and the evolution of their State and property forms, will be determined not through their own internal independent development, but by the outcome of the world struggle between the giants—Anglo-American imperialism and the USSR and the course of the socialist revolution."

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League Calls For Recognition Of The Republic Of Indonesia

NEW YORK—An appeal for immediate recognition of the Republic of Indonesia was issued this week to the United Nations organization now assembled in session in New York, and to its individual members by the Indonesia League of America. The memorandum was signed by John Andu, president of the League.

"In the more than a year which has passed since the Indonesians established their Republic, armed assault by the Dutch government upon the Indonesians has not ceased," the memorandum states.

"Dutch and British troops have penetrated into Indonesian territory, looting and burning villages, killing and imprisoning the inhabitants, and brutally treating even women and children. Only in the territories controlled by the Republic is there peace and an effort to rebuild the economy of the country."

The Indonesia League points out that the Dutch are attempting to blockade the free trade of the Republic with other countries, through confiscation and destruction of ships and supplies. It further states that the Dutch are augmenting the 70,000 troops they have in Indonesia with 30,000 additional troops to be sent from Amsterdam. "What is their purpose, except to suppress the young Republic?"

The Indonesia League requests the United Nations to consider the following proposals, submitted in the interest of peace, prosperity and democracy in Southeast Asia:

1. Recognition of the Republic of Indonesia.
2. Immediate lifting of the British-Dutch economic blockade in Indonesia. Permit ships of foreign flags to ply Indonesian waters freely without interference by the Dutch navy.
3. Invite Indonesian representatives to testify before the UN on behalf of the Republic.
4. Invite the Indonesian Republic to join the UN.
5. Request the Social and Human Rights Commission of the UN to investigate reports about Dutch atrocities against the Indonesian peoples.

Within a week of the sentences being known, almost two million signatures had been collected on petitions demanding a review of the sentences. More than 100 MPs joined the campaign. The Minister of War and the Cabinet of the Labor Government tried to justify the sentences when questioned in Parliament. The wide-spread storm of protest was too great, and within a few days the men were released.

Mass Protests Win Release Of British Troops (Special to *The Militant*) LONDON, Oct. 16—A storm of protest from the British working class and rank-and-file members of Parliament has forced the release of the 255 paratroopers sentenced with the Boss Parties Vote for the Socialist Workers Party by a court-martial in Johore, Malaya, for taking collective action against abominable conditions imposed by the officer caste.

Originally eight paratroopers were sentenced to five years' imprisonment plus discharge with "ignominy" and the remaining 247 men received three years' imprisonment and similar discharge. Later, all sentences were reduced to two years hard labor to be served in the East, and ignominious discharge from the armed forces. Evidence submitted during the court-martial proved a complete disregard on the part of the commanding officers for the elementary welfare and sanitary conditions of the troops. The men complained of lack of proper washing facilities, shower baths, poor feeding arrangements and the absence of educational and recreational facilities. The general feeling of the workers at home was that the officers, not the men who had fought in many famous battles, should have been court-martialed.

Japanese Workers Defy MacArthur

Reviewing the great strike wave in Japan which aims to unseat the "reactionary government of Premier Yoshida," *Fourth International* for November declares:

"During the 13 months that had elapsed since the American imperialists took over control of Japan, some 3,000,000 workers had united in trade unions, and of these at least 1,000,000 were estimated to have gone on strike. . . . In aiming their massive blows directly at the Yoshida government, the Japanese workers were in reality aiming at the American imperialists who are the actual masters of Japan . . . The great strike wave began to rise only 12 days after MacArthur had issued an order prohibiting 'strikes, walkouts or other work stoppages' . . ."

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"The capitalist system is in a blind alley. Without an entire reconstruction of the economic system on a European and a world scale our civilization is doomed. The struggle of blind forces and unbridled interests must be replaced by the rule of reason, of plan, of conscious organization."
—Leon Trotsky

Class Justice

Wall Street's courts in New York state last week played out their travesty of justice in the conspiracy to deprive three minority parties, including the Socialist Workers Party, of their constitutional rights to a place on the state election ballot.

Even the fiction maintained for several weeks that this was purely a Democratic Party conspiracy was abandoned. The final court of appeals that upheld the flimsy technicalities raised by the corporation lawyers of the Democratic Party was made up of four Democrats and three Republicans. They were unanimous in barring the SWP from the ballot.

Why were the Socialist Workers Party and the two other minority parties barred? The courts made that very clear. These parties did not support the candidates of Wall Street's Democratic or Republican Parties. The Communist (Stalinist) Party was also challenged in the courts. But it supports the major Democratic candidates. The courts demonstratively ruled the Stalinists could remain on the ballot.

So we have one vivid example of the class justice for which the capitalist-dominated courts and capitalist-made laws are designed. Their purpose is to help protect capitalist interests from any workingclass threat, political or otherwise.

There was another case that ran almost simultaneously with the New York ballot-ban case. It involved Senator Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi. Bilbo represents the Mississippi property and money interests.

He was elected to office by a privileged few—less than five per cent of the voting-age population can vote in Mississippi due to the poll tax. He openly called for lynch terror against the Negro people to prevent them from voting in the last election. He conspired to deny Negroes the right to register and vote. He incited gangs of terrorists to keep the Negroes from the polls by violence. NOBODY CAN DISPUTE THESE FACTS.

Yet the U. S. Supreme Court, the highest judicial body in the land, has refused to act on an appeal to prevent Bilbo from taking a seat in the Senate—a seat he had secured by fraud and violence. The Supreme Court didn't try to deny the justice of the appeal. It simply found the necessary legal technicality to keep Bilbo in the Senate.

That's how the courts operate. When the rights of working-class organizations are involved, they "interpret" the law against labor's interests. When the crimes of the capitalists and their political agents are involved, they "interpret" the law to favor the ruling class.

These two latest examples of capitalist class justice demonstrate that no small reason for building a powerful independent labor party is to clean out the capitalist courts and institute a system of real justice for the working people.

The Next Congress

CIO President Philip Murray and CIO-PAC National Director Jack Kroll last week sent out a letter addressed to every CIO member declaring that the coming elections "will decide America's course and the fate of every American and his family."

They go on to say: "The fact is that if the people are not to be thrust again to depression, if we are to avoid another horrible war, if our unions are to survive, a progressive eightieth Congress must be elected on November 5."

These CIO leaders have not exaggerated the consequences for the American working people if Big Business, through its reactionary control of Congress, continues its political domination.

But we can confidently assert right now, in advance of the elections, that the next Congress will be as reactionary as the last, which all union leaders admit was the "worst" in decades.

We can state further that the very politics

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of the union leaders like Murray and Kroll will help aid the further entrenchment of Wall Street reaction in Washington.

Murray and Kroll urge the election of a "progressive Congress." What do they mean by this? They don't mean a Congress no longer dominated by the parties and candidates of Big Business. They bitterly oppose any change in the traditional "two-party system" of rule by American capitalism.

They mean exactly what they meant in 1942 and 1944 when they also spread the alarm about the dangers of a reactionary Congress and had the satisfaction of helping to elect what they called a "progressive Congress." They mean working to get rid of the "progressive" capitalist politicians they supported yesterday and replacing them with new "progressive" capitalist politicians who will stab the workers in the back tomorrow.

The politicians of the Democratic and Republican parties are not controlled by labor. Sure, they're always willing to make promises to labor before elections. But they're agents of parties that are completely controlled by Big Business. And they take orders from their party bosses.

Only seven of the scores of Congressmen backed by CIO-PAC in 1944 opposed Truman's draft-striker bill. Practically all of these "progressives" went down the line to eliminate price ceilings. And when a few of them do occasionally vote for some progressive measure, it's just "for the record." They never put up a real fight.

Labor will elect a progressive Congress only when it runs its own candidates, backed by labor's own party and pledged to fight for labor's own program against the Big Business parties and politicians. Until then, Congress will remain a monopoly of labor's worst enemies.

Note To Our Readers

Owing to the greatly increased costs of printing, we have been obliged to reduce the size of *The Militant* to six pages. Our circulation has greatly increased during the past period, but the steadily mounting publishing costs have more than cancelled out the increased revenue and we now have notice from the printers of another big increase in publishing costs to take effect next month.

Nearly all other publications have reacted to the inflationary publishing costs by increasing their price for subscriptions and single copies. We did not think it expedient to take this step since our readers are mainly wage earners who are themselves suffering most from the soaring costs of living, and we felt that increasing the price of the paper would make it more difficult for many of them to subscribe. The widest possible circulation among the poorest people is *The Militant's* main consideration.

We are going to need help to keep going in the face of the steadily mounting inflation. To our friends and sympathizers who have never failed us in the past we appeal once again to make financial contributions to *The Militant* to the best of their ability through the difficult period ahead.

UN And Greece

With pomp and ceremony, with flowery speeches and idealistic phrases, the United Nations General Assembly opened its sessions in New York last week.

Millions of words are pouring out through the press and radio to delude the people that the rulers of all lands are erecting through this United Nations conclave an enduring structure of world peace.

But if we want a true picture of the kind of world that capitalist imperialism is building, we must brush aside the curtain of words the United Nations assembly has draped over reality. Let us take a good look, for instance, at Greece.

British troops armed with American weapons and supplies have been maintaining "peace" in Greece. Already in this "peace" thousands of Greek workers and peasants have been murdered in a savage civil war waged against them by the Greek capitalists and landlords, backed by British armed might.

A climax of this brutal slaughter was reached in a plebiscite to restore the hated monarch whom the Greek people twice drove from their land. A mighty array of American naval and aircraft carrier forces was deployed in Greek harbors to intimidate the Greek people. A "Ja" election was held that would have made Hitler envious. What corruption and fraud could not accomplish, bloody violence completed. Hundreds were slain to ensure the return of a vile tyrant through a "democratic" vote.

This is the reality. This is an example of the true world of the future being built by the imperialists. This is what the beautiful speeches of the United Nations assembly seek to camouflage.

The solution to the problems of peace and security for the people will not come from the United Nations. Only the independent action of the workers and oppressed peoples of the world can solve these problems.

The solution is indicated by the latest example of the growing working-class opposition to imperialism—the huge minority vote cast in the British trade union Congress last week condemning British policy in Greece. Delegates representing 2,444,000 workers, 40 per cent of the Congress, denounced British policies in Greece and other countries.

We can well understand the reports that Bevin and Attlee were "shocked" by this expression of growing opposition to their policies. Only four months ago, at the national conference of the Labor Party, which is based on the unions, resolutions opposing British imperialist policies were snowed under.

American labor should ponder this lesson being taught by their British brothers. And they should emulate their example. Only when the workers of all lands unitedly take into their own hands the issue of peace, the issue of the world's future, will humanity have the chance to march forward again.



"I can't seem to find ANY of those Socialist Workers Party candidates here."

Workers BOOKSHELF

THE JUNGLE by Upton Sinclair, 1906. Reprinted 1946 with new introduction by author. Viking Press, 343 pp., \$2.50.

The crimes of the meat trust—the same handful of packing barons who rob us today—has never been told with more passionate truth than in *The Jungle*. Forty years ago Upton Sinclair was an ardent socialist. He wrote honestly about the brutal face of capitalism and the corruption of its "democratic" politics.

This is the story of a Lithuanian family whose lives were ground up by the packers with no more regard than they gave to the filthy sausages turned out by the mill.

Jurgis Rudkus brings his family to America where he hopes to find freedom and work. He, "with the mighty shoulders and the giant hands," surely can make a living in this land of opportunity!

But even Jurgis shrivels in body and mind, as the packers' greed twists each member of the family. The ties of kinship, which seemed so unbreakable in Lithuania, gradually disintegrate into indifference and intolerance.

When the death of his son releases Jurgis from his last feeling of obligation, he does manage to get away from the yards for a time. But he comes back—first as the hireling of a political

boss, then as a scab when the packing barons break the strike of their starving workers. Selling out to the boss doesn't bring Jurgis security, however. Finally understanding that he cannot win alone against the capitalist system, he becomes a socialist.

Sinclair wrote with power about the sordid life of the immigrant workers. Jack London praised him for telling "not what man ought to be, but what man is compelled to be in this, our world, in the Twentieth Century." Today, however, Sinclair is a tired and disappointed radical.

"Man-made calamities have taught the author of *The Jungle*," Sinclair writes in his new introduction, "that he had placed far too high an estimate upon the intelligence of the human race, and its moral qualities. But he sees democracy spreading, both in industry and politics, and he still hopes to witness its victory, at least in his native land."

Sinclair doesn't give much credit to the men and women who have built the powerful packinghouse workers' unions, and wrested concessions from the Big 4. They're "not intelligent" enough to suit this tired intellectual.

But the militant workers today will not be disturbed by Sinclair's present fatigue. They will

prefer the vigorous, fighting anger of *The Jungle*.
—Ruth Benson

THE GREAT CHALLENGE, by Louis Fischer, Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 377 pp., 1946, \$4.

This book discusses the "great challenge"—the question of war or peace, which faces mankind today. It is written by an ex-Stalinist fellow-traveler, who fled from the Stalinist camp after the Stalin-Hitler pact, to beat the Allied imperialists. Now, in this book he is aiding the same imperialists in whipping up anti-Soviet sentiment, although it is cloaked with liberal phraseology.

Fischer, the pampered correspondent, traveled in good style all over the continents of Europe and Asia. On these travels he hobnobbed with open and concealed enemies of the toiling masses; the big-shot capitalists and their political agents. Like a typical mealy-mouthed intellectual, he sometimes chides them.

But the essence of his book is to whitewash the crimes of the "democratic" imperialists and spread illusions about their political agents in both capitalist and colonial countries. Workers in search of a program to get rid of capitalism and all its evils, will not find it in this book.
—Larissa Reed

Our Program:

- 1. Defend labor's standard of living!**
A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!
Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!**
For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!
Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!
Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!
- 3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!**
No restrictions on the right to strike and picket!
No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!
- 4. Build an independent labor party!**
- 5. Tax the rich, not the poor!**
Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes!
No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!
- 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!**
- 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!**
End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!
- 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!**
- 9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.**
Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!
Against capitalist conscription!
Abolish the officer caste system!
Full democratic rights in the armed forces!
Trade union wages for the armed forces!
Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!
- 10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!**
For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!
Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!
- 11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!**

Communist Party Policy In The 1946 Elections

By Joseph Hansen

How the Communist (Stalinist) Party betrays the political interests of the labor movement is clearly shown by their treacherous role in the New York elections.

The Stalinists made a deal with the reactionary New York Democratic machine, withdrawing their candidates for the main offices of Governor, Lt.-governor and Senator.

In return for support to the Wall Street politicians, Mead and Lehman, the Democratic machine agreed to let the Stalinists remain on the ballot. The Stalinists ran Benjamin Davis for Attorney General and Robert Thompson for Comptroller, both minor offices.

But Mead, the head of the Democratic ticket and the chief candidate of the Stalinists, has proved to be the outstanding red-baiter in America during the election.

Mead has joined in the nationwide campaign of red-baiting fostered by the Chamber of Commerce. His latest outburst is typical. On Oct. 24, Mead declared: "I revile and repudiate the support of anyone advocating beliefs or philosophies of government alien to our own. Both Nazism and Communism are repugnant to the practices of my faith, the dictates of my conscience and the institutions of my country."

Linking "Communism" with Nazism and declaring it to be an "alien" philosophy is the typical technique of the professional red-baiter. Mead's statement could have been lifted bodily from any number of speeches by Bilbo, Rankin, or Talmadge, the foul-mouthed Democratic representatives of the Negro-baiting, Jew-baiting Southern Bourbons.

Still Tub-Thumping

Yet the Stalinists continue to thump the tub for Mead as a bulwark against reaction! Their strongest reflex to Mead's brazen red-baiting has been an editorial twitch or two about Mead violating "the interests" of his "own party."

The Stalinist deal with the rotten Democratic political machine of Wall Street extends farther than is generally recognized. The Stalinists control the American Labor Party. Through their control, they forced the ALP to run an entire slate of capitalist candidates, mostly Democrats.

The Stalinists say that Labor's interests are best advanced by supporting the political party of Bilbo, Rankin, and "Get-Tough-With-The-Soviet-Union" Byrnes.

The Wall Street candidates plugged by the ALP, of course, have been as lavish with campaign promises as a war profiteer with public funds. As usual these promises, after Nov. 5, will end up in the ash can along with the confetti, tin horns and campaign badges. Two of the candidates, however, have already revealed their real views.

Joseph Clark Baldwin, when he lost the Republican primaries, denounced and reviled the ALP and called on the voters not to vote for him. Yet the ALP offered him to the public as a "liberal" and he will appear on the ballot as an ALP candidate.

Spencer C. Young, another candidate of the ALP, led the drive of the Democratic machine to throw three minority parties off the ballot, including the Socialist Workers Party. This drive shows how readily Wall Street resorts to fascist-like practices. Yet Spencer C. Young is one of the candidates whom the Stalinists are peddling to the labor movement on the ALP line as pillars of "progress!"

Why CIO-PAC's Fund Drive Lags So Badly

Several months ago the CIO Political Action Committee launched a national campaign to raise a million-dollar election fund through voluntary contributions of 50 cents and \$1 from the more than 5,000,000 CIO members.

On Oct. 14, with the elections about three weeks off, CIO-PAC National Director Jack Kroll revealed that only \$170,000 had so far been contributed to the projected million-dollar fund.

Officials at several recent CIO-PAC state gatherings sadly admitted they are having difficulty getting an enthusiastic response from the workers. This admitted apathy is reflected in the financial drive.

There are some who attribute the lag in the financial drive merely to innate reluctance of the workers to part with a dollar for a good cause. This is a slander. We need only recall how last spring the workers contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in a short time to aid the hard-pressed General Motors strikers.

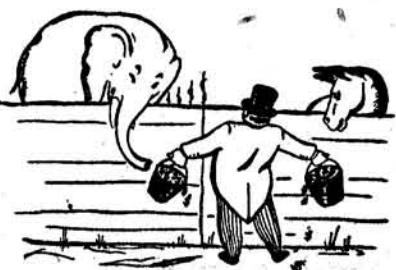
The American workers have demonstrated that they are ready to make real sacrifices for a cause in which they believe. Their lack of enthusiastic response to the CIO-PAC financial appeal is a measure not of their stinginess but of their dissatisfaction with the PAC's policies.

Contrary to the labor leaders' opinion that the workers never know what's good for them, the workers have repeatedly shown they know what's good for them better than their conservative leaders. Many have learned, for instance, that the only thing labor ever got from supporting candidates of the capitalist Republican and Democratic parties was worse political reaction after elections.

More and more workers have come to feel that contributing a dollar to help elect candidates of either Wall Street party is just tossing money down the drain. When CIO-PAC now tells them again to help finance the election of new "progressive" candidates of the Democratic Party, they think back to November 1944 when they gained that "great progressive victory"—as CIO-PAC leaders then called it—by returning a Democratic majority to Congress. These same CIO-PAC leaders now complain that the last Congress was the most reactionary and anti-labor in decades.

Let the CIO-PAC launch a movement for an independent labor party. Then watch the workers' dollars roll in. A labor party will inspire the greatest demonstration of enthusiastic support the American workers have ever shown.

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WORKERS' FORUM

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Warm Response For Party and Paper

I have just come back from a tour of South Jersey with Alan Kohlman, the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor, and I have just joined the Party myself. I am sending you my compliments; I like your paper very much.

The people in the Campbell Tomato Soup plant in Camden, N. J., said the paper is very interesting. They said that it is a good paper and it's written like one should be written.

We were in the city of Philadelphia too. There people grabbed for the paper like grabbing for a paycheck. They came and grabbed for The Militant and we didn't even have to hand it out. That's how interested the workers were in Philadelphia!

Many told us they hope that Alan Kohlman gets into office as Governor of New Jersey.

Edward Morgan
Newark, N. J.

Answer To O. K. Wilson

I know a lot of names that O. K. Wilson of Hempstead, N. Y., did not use in attacking Farrell Dobbs in your Oct. 12 issue. If he will send me a stamped envelope I will mail them to him; then he will have new ammunition for the next volley. "Ignorance is the greatest evil in this world."

Mr. Wilson is wasting time and energy writing for The Militant. Mr. Wilson should be (or is) writing for the Wall Street Angels. And I hope he remembers how Hitler and Mussolini rode to glory on capitalism.

Keep on going, Mr. Dobbs, you are doing good work that I am sure many of us civilian wage slaves truly appreciate.

Jarvis Dusenbery,
Perry, N. Y.



A Reader Appraises 'The Militant'

Having read The Militant for the past few months, I would like to tell you what I think about it.

My first impressions were that there were too many editorials under the pretext of being news items and that many of the items were written with an abundance of emotion far overbalancing their factual content. I liked the layout of the paper, and the choice of the columnists.

I think the paper is improving with each new issue. Bill Bohannon's column for the past two issues has been great. They are written with the calmness and deliberation that make for good reading.

I like Warren Creel's series on Wages, Prices and Profits. He writes very clearly and simply. (Occasionally I think he makes things a little too simple.) All his articles are no doubt understood by his readers. I think a bigger display of his stuff might be a great boon to your party.

I think you are doing a fine job. Good luck in the coming elections.

M. K.
Newark, N. J.



Workers Should Challenge Capitalist Parties

The Democratic and Republican Parties are Siamese twins. The time to start a new party was a year ago — yes, 40 years ago. But some people still say "it isn't time!"

I think we should challenge the legality of the two old parties — instead of their challenging working class parties. We should throw them out of power because they lie to get into power. If they get no opposition they may try to destroy all of us.

I wrote to you many times in the past few years and begged the people all over the United States to demand that we go on the ballot without signatures, but it was too early. We weren't ready.

This year we can write in the name of Malcolm Walker for Governor of Ohio.

L. B. Courts
Hamilton, O.

'Militant' Needed Now More Than Ever

I want to add my plug to that of the thousands of other readers to whom The Militant presents the only way out of the rotten mess world capitalism has gotten mankind into. If ever a paper like The Militant was needed, now's the time.

The confusion generated by the ruling press, their representatives (liberal and conservative), their stooges in places high and low, and by the phonies in the ranks of labor trying to hog-tie the workers to the two capitalist parties, is really appalling!

S. T.
Madison, Wis.

Thinks 'Militant' Program Is 'Screwed'

I received today The Militant which outlined the Socialist Workers Party Program of 11 requirements which to me add up to more pay and less work under workers' control. What stops that same labor leadership today from carrying out all the ideas and ideals mentioned?

But what I guess you mean is to give the workers, whoever they are, everything they want under a six-hour day five days per week and all the money they need to purchase what they produce in 30 hours or less.

Anyone with any sense knows that abuses of money and power exist. But destroying what has already been created by capitalists or men of vision under any circumstances, does not give you the right to attack everyone and everything that does not agree with such screwy ideas as published.

This country never lacked new leadership as today and no person is compelled by capital to stay at his job; but the representative group of labor compels men to donate by deduction from pay envelopes, for the right to work—millions yearly! And where is it when needed?

To get the reaction of your customers you have my permission to publish this.

Frank P. Lyons
New York, N. Y.

Asks United Action In Elections

The recent removal of the Socialist Workers Party, the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party candidates from the New York state ballot calls for decisive action in the coming years. The arbitrary judicial decision demonstrates the desire of the capitalist parties and their lackeys to remove any socialist opposition that may develop. This is a trend that has been making headway within the last decade.

One of the things that must be done is to forge a united electoral campaign of all independent socialist parties. By this I mean the running of one working class ticket in the next election backed by the combined efforts of the SP, SWP, SLP and any other working class party interested in the idea.

The program and candidates to be run can be decided by a joint committee representing all three parties. The united might of all socialist forces can defeat the nefarious schemes of the capitalist parties.

This is not a plea for the fusion of all the parties concerned. It is a plea for common sense. Divided, we are no match for the class enemy. United on a political campaign and in joint protest and defense issues we can really become a threat to the capitalist system. We can also lay foundations for the united movement which is necessary if we are to achieve our aims.

H. M.
Bronx, N. Y.

Editors' Note: The Militant advocates the formation of an Independent Labor Party based on the trade unions as the means of achieving united electoral campaigns of the workers. We do not regard the selection of joint candidates by a number of small political organizations as a substitute for the creation of such an Independent Labor Party.

It should be noted that the Socialist Workers Party believes firmly in joint labor action against the anti-democratic election laws and court decisions of the capitalists. The SWP proposed a united defense to three other parties whose New York State tickets had been challenged, but all of them rejected the proposal.

Meat Famine Hasn't Ended

I went without meat for weeks, feeding my family beans and spaghetti because the meat packers wouldn't sell any meat at ceiling prices. Last week I went without meat again because the prices were so high. Even hamburger was 90 cents a pound.

Now the newspapers all say our troubles are over because the prices have come down. Yes, they've come down — to 60 cents a pound for hamburger. I still can't afford it, and my neighbors can't either.

But we're supposed to be happy because the meat famine's over. We're supposed to give loud cheers because instead of being soaked three times as much as the meat's worth, we're ONLY soaked twice as much as last year's prices.

I know I'm not satisfied and I still think we should run the packing plants ourselves.

Housewife
New York

NEWARK Final Broadcast

Sunday, Nov. 3, 3:45

WPAT, 93 on dial

Final Rally And Dance

Friday, Nov. 1, 8:30

Cadillac Restaurant

Halsey & Hill St.

Hear The SWP Candidates! New York Street Meetings

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Saturday, Nov. 2	8:00-9:00 p.m.	7th Ave. bet. 125 & 126 Sts.
	9:15-10:15 p.m.	Lenox Ave. bet. 115 & 116 Sts.
	8:15-9:15 p.m.	4th St. & Avenue C
	9:30-10:30 p.m.	6th St. & Avenue B
Monday, Nov. 4	8:00-9:15 p.m.	Fulton & Nostrand Aves.
	9:30-10:30 p.m.	Fulton & Albany Aves.
	8:00-9:00 p.m.	7th Ave. bet. 125 & 126 Sts.
	9:30-10:30 p.m.	Lenox Ave. bet. 115 & 116 Sts.

Victims Of Fascism And War



Throughout Europe, boys and girls like these children of anti-fascist Spanish refugees, are in desperate need of your help. This picture, taken last winter, shows how ragged and inadequate their clothing is: thin dresses and broken shoes offer little protection against cold, rain and snow. They're hungry, too!

European Workers Appeal For Aid As Hardships Grow

Anguished letters appealing for help continue to flow into the American Committee for European Workers Relief office from many countries in Europe. One Italian worker who has received aid from the ACEWR asks if the committee if it can aid his aged parents who are absolutely destitute and face a bitter winter. From Italy too come names of working women who need help to support their families.

An anti-fascist worker in Vienna, Austria, thanks the ACEWR for a package received and states: "I and my family consider your relief work as a sign of closest solidarity and readiness to help, and beg you to accept our thanks as such."

Another Viennese worker, a woman with two small children, thanks the ACEWR in the name of her children for food and clothing that they have received.

Ten firms and individuals in India have already requested agencies, and several have been granted. Six such requests have come from Ceylon. In the Philippines a large book wholesaler is already distributing Pioneer literature. He recently reordered more than \$300 worth of books and pamphlets. High shipments have gone to Ceylon and small orders to China. The Orient displays a strong thirst for Trotskyist literature.

Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party keeps a very methodical record of literature sales and activities. Each month a list is prepared of all sales, classified as to popular pamphlets, standard classics, papers and magazines, with the number sold and amount of receipts from each title, as well as a record of credit or time payment sales.

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SWP Conference Discusses Future Of Work In Ohio

By Milton Genechin

AKRON, O., Oct. 26 — A state-wide conference of the Ohio branches of the Socialist Workers Party held in Akron last Sunday was attended by members and sympathizers from Cleveland, Toledo, Youngstown, Cincinnati and Akron.

The purpose of the gathering was to discuss the important question of the perspectives of the party in the coming period of social crisis in America. The agenda included a report on the Theses on the American Revolution adopted recently by the Political Committee, and supplementary reports on the party's trade union work, electoral activity, work among the Negro people and broad mass actions around consumers' and veterans' problems.

Break with the Boss Parties Vote for the Socialist Workers Party

From start to finish the meeting reflected the high morale in the party and the determination to build the Socialist Workers Party as the only genuine leader and spokesman of the American working class. The main report stressed economic facts which proved the impossibility of avoiding a deep social crisis under capitalism.

It was the unanimous opinion of everyone present that the world wide crisis of capitalism could only be resolved by the socialist reorganization of society. This in turn, all agreed, could only come through the bold application of the tested program of the party in every struggle of the masses.

Delegates spoke of the inevitability of the continued growth of the Socialist Workers Party. Every report and every comment from the floor was featured by a sure confidence in the program and future of the party.

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THE MILITANT ARMY

Exciting Sub Race Hits New High In Boston

The excitement of Boston's campaign is mounting. Literature Agent S. Brooks reports: "Sending 95 subs—the highest score yet in our sub drive. We have completed only five of our scheduled eight Sunday mobilizations, but we have already surpassed our goal of 250 new subscribers. Our total to date is 265 and we are not stopping there."

"Enthusiasm is very high as a result of this gratifying response to The Militant in our door-to-door work in working-class neighborhoods. Jessie Hall is still in the lead with 28 subs to her credit, with Sally and Irene Conti, Hilda Webster and Ann Anders close at her heels. Mary Stanley and your correspondent are only a step behind, too. A very close race."

The campaign in Cleveland Branch of the Socialist Workers Party to get renewals from all Militant subscribers in that area is bringing in steady and consistent results. Almeda Kingsley, who is kept busy forwarding these renewal subs to The Militant office, reports: "Here are more subs from Cleveland! Our renewal campaign is plugging along at a good pace."

Excellent subscription results are likewise obtained by the comrades in Philadelphia Branch. The latest batch received from Pauline Ryder, Literature Agent, totals 18.

Dick Clarke of St. Louis Branch sent us a sub that Comrade Oscar obtained on the job. "This makes seven for him in his shop."

A short note from Yetta Fine of San Pedro, which accompanied seven subscriptions, arouses our curiosity. "These subs were obtained by two comrades. In our 'October Handicap' Comrade Eugene is out in front." We hope that Comrade Yetta will send more information about the "Handicap."

El Snyder of Flint Branch writes: "Enclosed you will find five subs that you may credit to Flint Branch for October. Our new scoreboard system is working out fine and we definitely hope to reach our monthly goal regularly."

California's "Special Election Edition" of The Militant is being distributed widely, according to a report from May Manning: "I would like to state that we have already distributed about 5,000 copies of the campaign issue of The Militant, mainly at factory gates. They are being very well received."

M. Jones of Youngstown reports a change of plans which the branch hopes will result in

more subscriptions: "Two of the subs I am sending were gotten through personal contact; the others from our last sub-getting expedition. We have changed our subscription day to Sunday and we believe that now we will get more renewals."

Comrades in Oakland divide honors for subs. Beverly Wise writes: "There is no one special comrade who is getting our subs. We are a small branch and those who can go out on subs split up the honors between them. However, we do have one comrade who is getting them consistently in his shop."

Henry Daniels, an enthusiastic Militant booster in Brooklyn Branch, New York Local, wants to pass on one of his experiences: "I have had some very encouraging experience in selling Militant subs at our New York election rallies," writes Comrade Daniels.

"Workers at these meetings are often so inspired by the speaker's presentation of the party's fighting program that it isn't even necessary to make much of a 'sales talk'."

"Several times I have been interrupted in the middle of such a talk by workers who were impatient to fill out their sub blank. At the last two Brooklyn rallies in Bedford-Stuyvesant area I secured eight subs in this manner. "Bedford-Stuyvesant is a Negro working class area where the workers are responding enthusiastically to the party's call for Negro-white unity in the fight against Jim-Crow and the Wall Street lynch-law government."

Sam Taylor, another Militant booster in Madison, Wis., is doing a good job on his own in getting subs to The Militant. He writes: "My subscription must be somewhere near expiring, so I'm enclosing money for a renewal. Also enclosing three subscriptions from fellow-students and hope to obtain more soon."

H. M. Sherwin of Solway, Minn., is making a weekly appearance in this column through his good work in introducing The Militant to workers. This week he sent in a six-month sub for a friend in Bemidji, Minn.

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Death For The Young

By Grace Carlson

The hearts of millions of American people were touched by the press accounts of the tragic death of Angela Rose De Fabrizio a few weeks ago. On the morning of her wedding, the pretty, dark-haired young bride dropped dead in a church in Cedarhurst, Long Island—a victim of rheumatic heart disease.



This was a real "human interest" story and the press played it up. Pictures of Angela's bereaved fiancé and of her grieving family filled the daily papers all over the country. But there are 30,000 rheumatic fever deaths in the United States every year! Few of these deaths are reported in the daily papers. And the fact that these 30,000 young victims of rheumatic heart disease could have been saved receives no publicity at all!

Rheumatic heart fever is a disease of poverty. Dr. Ernst Boas, an authority on chronic disease, says: "Rheumatic heart disease would largely disappear if decent housing and wages became the order of the day."

A germ or virus causes rheumatic fever, but poor living conditions—damp rooms, overcrowded sleeping quarters, inadequate diet, lack of sunshine, poor ventilation—are known to be predisposing factors. Many early cases of rheumatic fever go unrecognized because the main symptoms, pain and swelling of the joints are often dismissed as "growing pains." In about 90

per cent of the cases of rheumatic fever, the heart is damaged.

Like tuberculosis, rheumatic heart disease requires long, costly medical care. Also like tuberculosis, this disease strikes most often at the children of workers least able to pay for such services. During the acute stage of rheumatic fever, the young patient should be given hospital care. Continuous medical observation and supervision are recommended for six months to a year after the rheumatic fever attack.

Even fairly well-paid workers find it impossible to give the right kind of medical care to their sick children when rheumatic fever enters the home. Free public health centers for the proper care of rheumatic patients are totally inadequate. The result is that thousands of children with early rheumatic infections develop serious heart conditions and die prematurely.

It is estimated that nine hundred thousand children and young adults in the United States are suffering from rheumatic heart disease. Between the ages of 10 to 14, rheumatic heart disease is the leading cause of death; between the ages of 15 to 25, it is second only to tuberculosis.

Every year, thirty thousand of the "ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed" children of the poor die from rheumatic heart disease. The early death of Angela Rose De Fabrizio was a heartbreaking thing. But the full record of deaths among young rheumatic fever victims is thirty thousand times as tragic!

AGE SIX

Ballot Ban Shows Need For Vote Law Revision

By George Clarke

One of the most basic democratic rights—the right of workers to vote for parties and candidates of their own choice—is a dead pigeon in New York State today.

This right was killed by the Democrats with the passive support of the Republicans. The leaders of the trade unions and of the American Labor, Liberal and Communist (Stalinist) Parties either stood by in silence or muttered a few harmless words of token protest.

Wall Street moved a step closer to its dream of Hitler "Ja" voting in New York State. The only candidates on the ballot this November will be Republicans and Democrats. The sole exceptions are the Communist (Stalinist) candidates for comptroller and Attorney-General. The Stalinists bought this privilege by withdrawing candidates for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and U. S. Senator in favor of the Democrats and by deserting the fight for a free ballot in New York State.

The unprecedented action of the courts in removing all minority parties running independent candidates, proved for all time that the New York election law is one of the most anti-democratic in the entire country.

The judges in the higher courts turned a deaf ear to defense attorney arguments that the purpose of the election law was to give minority parties a fighting chance and not to drive them off the ballot.

The defense counsel proved that the New York election law snatches the right of choice between parties and candidates from the hands of the people, and places it in the hands of seven judges. The election law makes the mumbo-jumbo of a few crooked judges more powerful than tens of thousands of ballots.

The judges refused to infringe on the joker in the election law which gives an "aggrieved candidate" of a powerful party the right to throw the minority party into court and then off the ballot. In effect, the court ruled that the very existence of an opposition was enough to constitute a "grievance" for the purpose of getting rid of a minority party.

All three minority parties were ruled off the ballot because the court found a few slight technical flaws in the petition sheets. Yet there is no reason to assume that the minority parties would have gotten on the ballot if their petitions were letter-perfect.

The final joker in the election law, which the Democrats threat-

ened to use as a last resort, is the comparing of signatures collected in August against registration lists signed in October. In this way signatures can be pronounced invalid by the wholesale lot if they do not appear on registration books two months after they were entered on petition sheets.

In the background of the case was the sordid deal made by the Stalinists with the Democrats. The Democrats were openly accused of this deal in the courtroom. They made no attempt to deny or refute it.

It was clearly established that the Democrats were prepared to bolster their waning political fortunes with Stalinist votes. For capitulating to Wall Street and for stabbing the other minority parties in the back, the Stalinists are now permitted to crawl on their bellies to the ballot box and vote for Mead and Lehman.

Stalinist treachery was flagrantly exhibited by union leaders under their influence. The CIO City and State Councils sent a lawyer into court in defense of all minority parties when the Stalinists were threatened by the Democrats.

But after the case against the Stalinists was dismissed, the CIO Council backed out of defense of the other three parties on the ground that only the "facts of the law" and not democratic rights were involved!

Not one of the dozens of Stalinist union officials who had protested when the CP was endangered continued this protest in favor of the other three minority parties.

The anti-democratic action of the courts must serve as the signal for the beginning of a fight to rewrite the Bilbo-Hitler election law in New York State. The trade unions can permit this blow to pass unnoticed only at their own peril.

Capitalist dictatorship begins with the denial to workers of the right to vote for parties of their own choice. It continues with denial of the right to belong to unions of the workers' choosing. And it concludes with concentration camps.

Victory can be wrested from this defeat in the New York courts if this set-back becomes the beginning of a big popular movement to revise the election law.

New Jersey Election Campaign Finishes In Barrage Of Activity

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 28—The Socialist Workers Party's election campaign in this state entered its last lap this week with a barrage of activity. Last Sunday Alan Kohlman, SWP candidate for Governor, opened the Party's radio series over WPAT with an attack on the Wall Street onslaught against labor's living standards.

On Monday, speaking to the American Veterans Committee on the same platform with spokesmen of the Republican, Democratic, Socialist and Communist Parties, Kohlman delivered a blistering indictment of the Republican and Democratic parties, condemned the Stalinists for supporting the Democrats, and counter-posed the SWP program.

TOURS SOUTH JERSEY
In Newark for the balance of the week, an enthusiastic group of campaign volunteers continued mass distribution of *The Militant* and election literature at plant gates in the Greater Newark area. Meanwhile, Kohlman left for a tour of South Jersey.

In the SWP Campaign Car covered with slogans and equipped with a loud-speaking unit and thousands of pieces of election literature, the campaign workers invaded the Democratic stronghold of Mayor Brunner of Camden, candidate for U. S. Senate. Kohlman spoke in front of the Campbell Soup plant on Thursday afternoon.

In the evening he shared the platform with Max Goldman, South Jersey SWP organizer, at a meeting in Camden's Hotel Plaza.

Friday at noon Kohlman spoke before the gate of the RCA plant and by four o'clock, after a dis-

tribution of literature before the gates of Roebing Steel in Trenton, another short speech on the Party program was made.

Returning to State Campaign Headquarters in Newark, Kohlman and Larry Carter spoke Friday night on "The Issues in the Elections" and urged all members and friends of the Party to redouble their efforts in the remaining days before election.

BOHANNON ON AIR
Yesterday afternoon, William E. Bohannon, candidate for Congress from the 11th District, took to Station WPAT to deliver a speech on the cause of Jim Crow and advocate a strong alliance of the unions and the Negro people to beat back the Wall Street attack. The same evening statements on behalf of U. S. Senatorial candidate George Breitman and Kohlman were read over Station WNEW.

Plans for the remaining eight days of the campaign call for: the completion of mass distributions of election literature, factory gate speeches by Kohlman in Paterson, Passaic and Elizabeth, four more open air meetings in Newark, a final election rally on Friday and a final radio speech over WPAT on Sunday.

Break with the Boss Parties Vote for the Socialist Workers Party

4 Radio Talks Wind Up Drive In Washington

By Clara Kaye

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 26—The Socialist Workers Party's election campaign in Washington State neared its conclusion this week with a stepped-up pace on all fronts of the campaign.

Last Sunday night Charles Swift, SWP candidate for U. S. Senator, delivered over Station KRSC a hard-hitting speech in defense of the struggle to maintain labor's living standards. Other speeches over the same station are scheduled for the remaining two Sundays of the campaign. Time has also been granted for a speech over Station KIRO, the CBS outlet for Washington, on Oct. 31.

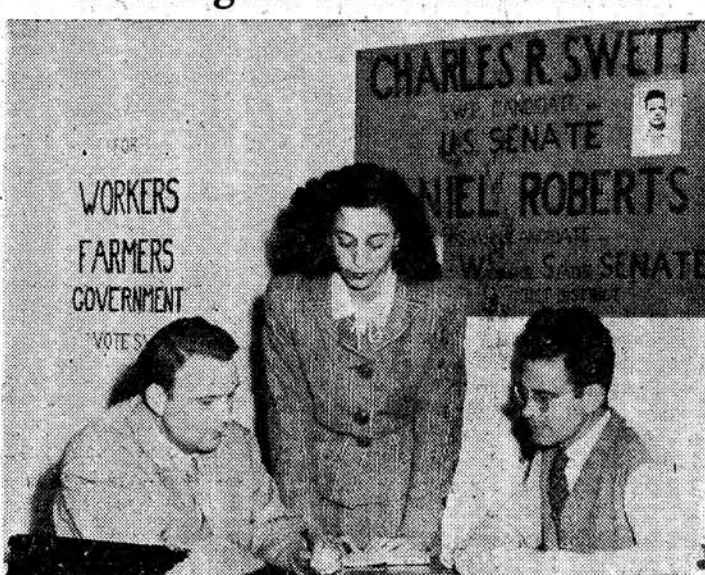
Listening parties have been organized in various communities on the occasion of each of these speeches. Telephone campaigns are conducted to popularize the radio parties.

COVER FACTORIES

Distribution of election literature continues in various working class neighborhoods, with emphasis being placed on the 31st District, where Daniel Roberts is running for State Senator on the SWP ticket. Large factories such as Bethlehem Steel and Boeing Aircraft are covered with copies of *The Militant* and the election platform. The SWP candidates have been invited to speak before a number of civic organizations and are taking this opportunity to further popularize the party program.

An open-air street-corner meeting is being arranged for the evening of Nov. 2, just a few hours before the Election Rally and Dance which will formally close the SWP campaign at its headquarters, 1919 1/2 Second Ave., Seattle.

Washington State Candidates



Daniel Roberts, Socialist Workers Party Candidate for State Senate, 31st District; Clara Kaye, Campaign Manager; and Charles Swift, Candidate for U. S. Senate, photographed in the Election Headquarters at 1919 1/2 Second Avenue, Seattle.

Candidates Tell Revolutionary Program At Minnesota Rally

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 25—A crowd which filled the St. Paul Socialist Workers Party headquarters tonight applauded enthusiastically when Dorothy Schultz, SWP candidate for Congress from the Fourth Congressional District, called for "an end to company unionism in politics."

as alike as Tweedledum and Tweedledee. Election contests between Republican and Democratic candidates are only "sham battles," she said.

Grace Carlson represented the SWP at a special meeting of the Minneapolis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held at the Phyllis Wheatley House last Sunday. According to the NAACP Bulletin, she showed, 90 per cent of the Republican and Democratic politicians in Congress voted against the bills in which the Negro people are interested.

A recent case of discrimination at the St. Paul Hotel was offered as proof of the fact that Republican and Democratic politicians will not put up a real fight against Jim Crow in Minnesota. She revealed that Republican and Democratic leaders who live at this hotel refused to aid the NAACP in its fight.

Warren Creel was the speaker at the opening forum of the 1946-47 series held at the Minneapolis SWP headquarters on the same day. A good crowd, including numerous trade unionists and university students who were attending their first SWP forum, applauded Creel's speech, "Minnesota Workers Need a Labor Party." The majority remained for the social hour which followed the forum. A substantial quantity of literature was sold.

A group of 75 students from the Agricultural Campus of the University of Minnesota, heard Grace Carlson discuss the program of the Socialist Workers Party on last Sunday evening, at the St. Anthony Park Methodist Church in St. Paul.

Only a few thousand of the 30,000 copies of the special Minnesota election edition of *The Militant* remain in the Twin Cities headquarters. Plans have now been completed for a mass distribution of the campaign literature to all of the packing plants in South St. Paul during the coming week. Delegates to the State CIO Convention which meets in Duluth early in November will also receive the campaign *Militant*, SWP Campaign Manager C. K. Johnson announced.

Write, do not print, the name of the SWP candidate in the empty box provided for that purpose below the title for that office. Then mark an "X" next to this.

To vote for FEPC, stamp a cross in the box marked "Yes" next to Proposition No. 11 with the rubber stamp provided for that purpose.

Instructions On California Voting

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 24—Urging a strong vote for the Socialist Workers Party candidates and a "Yes" vote on FEPC Proposition No. 11, the SWP campaign committee issued the following instructions for paper ballots:

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Mum's The Word In Washington

By George Breitman

Don't say it out loud, don't even whisper it. The demand for silence appears to have become one of the chief planks in Washington's foreign policy.



Fears of war are "unwarranted and unjustified," said President Truman in his speech to the UN General Assembly on Oct. 23. The real danger seems to lie in rumors: "If these rumors are not checked they are sure to impede world recovery. . . I am sure that every delegate in this hall will join me in rejecting talk of war."

Mum seems to be the word. Let's not worry about war; let's worry about rumors. The thing to organize is not a struggle against war, but a struggle to reject talk of war.

It's really spiballs they're manufacturing down at Oak Ridge. The rockets you hear so much about are intended for next year's Fourth of July celebration. Germ warfare probably means warfare against germs. Peacetime conscription is designed to educate, build up and broaden the outlook of the youth. And anybody who's got other ideas is the kind of rumor-mongering skunk who would impede world recovery.

It doesn't pay to talk about what the government in Washington is up to. Henry Wallace found that out. And now Czechoslovakia is finding it out too.

The State Department has just cut off all financial aid to that country. It has cancelled 40 million dollars of a loan to Czechoslovakia

to buy surplus U. S. Army equipment in Europe and has halted negotiations for 50 million dollars of credits from the Export-Import Bank for Czechoslovakian reconstruction.

The reason? According to the State Department there was a "misinterpretation by Czechoslovakia of United States motives in extending economic assistance to European countries." It seems that Czech delegates at the Paris Conference applauded a Soviet official's speech charging that Washington is using its financial power in behalf of "economic imperialism." Byrnes called a special press conference to explain the State Department was not going to grant credits to countries that expressed the opinion the U. S. government was trying to enslave them.

In other words, any country that doesn't like Washington's economic policies had better keep quiet if it knows what is good for it. That goes for clapping your hands too.

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it," declared Voltaire. "I disapprove of what you say, and you can starve to death until you quit saying it, even if it is the truth." That sums up the position of Byrnes.

Remember the Four Freedoms? One of them was freedom of speech. Truman is all for it as long as you don't use it to discuss the government's preparations for war. Byrnes is all for it too (except in South Carolina) as long as you don't use it to discuss the government's program to dominate the world through dollar diplomacy. Discussion of the weather is still approved, according to the latest communique from Washington.

PAC Policy Drives CIO Leaders Into Hague's Arms

By Alan Kohlman

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 1—When the New Jersey CIO Political Action Committee last month endorsed Lewis Hansen, Democratic candidate for Governor, it showed in practice the bankruptcy of the PAC policy of supporting "good" capitalist politicians.

The endorsement is motivated by the statement that Hansen "had been forthwith in his policy against anti-labor legislation" while the Republicans had not. This certainly is a negative "quality" and indicates the CIO leaders have not been able to find anything pro-labor that Hansen is for. In other words, he hasn't even made definite commitments for CIO-supported legislation.

Besides, words are cheap. Hansen is not the first CIO-endorsed Democrat who "promised" to oppose anti-labor legislation. The 79th Congress had over 80 of such promise-makers who knifed labor in the back by voting for Truman's draft-striker bill.

HAGUE MAN

These leaders of the CIO-PAC claim that "now is not the time to build a Labor Party." They are "practical" men. But their "practical" policies in the past have led to nothing but blows against the unions by the politicians they helped to elect.

And when it is recalled that Hansen is not even a so-called "liberal" Democrat, but the hand-picked Charlie McCarthy of Boss Frank Hague—how much faith can be put in his promises? In what sense do these "practical" CIO leaders believe that "Everything for Industry" Hague is going to help labor?

Hansen does not even pretend to have a "pro-labor" record. Listen to his own words in a recent speech: "I worked hard in my ward and spent many nights at it. . . I'll be honest and admit that I wasn't doing it for my

health. I hoped I'd maybe hit the payroll, as they say. Well, I've been amply rewarded. . ."

This self-confessed ward-heeler's explanation of why he "works hard" is the real payoff on the CIO-PAC policy. It is plain that he isn't campaigning for labor's "health" either.

"BE REALISTIC"

Actually, not a single reason for supporting Hansen can be adduced by the "practical" CIO leaders. Except one which does them discredit:

At a meeting where endorsement was being hotly debated, one of the leading CIO spokesmen argued as follows: "If you say that you are against Driscoll but you will not support Hansen, then what do you want the workers to do—vote for Alan Kohlman of the Socialist Workers Party? Be realistic."

This brand of "realism" is hard to distinguish from political cowardice. It certainly is based on the fear that there will be a large independent vote this year; and a large independent vote will be interpreted as a demand for the formation of a labor party.

After first refusing to run a labor candidate in 1946 and then hesitating about supporting any candidate, the CIO leaders rush into the arms of Hague to cover up the fact that their policy is the very opposite of realism.

Many workers in this state are dissatisfied with the CIO-PAC policy and they have shown it negatively by their lack of support for PAC activities. They can show what they want positively by voting on election day for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party who are the staunchest fighters for an Independent Labor Party.

Veterans' Problems

Housing As A Political Football

By Alvin Royce

It's no accident that every politician is going out of his way to appeal to the veterans in this election campaign. What GI didn't at some time discuss "cleaning up the old politicians when we get home?"



The veterans have registered in great numbers and are very much interested in politics, but not the politics of the Democrats and Republicans. All these capitalist politicians have offered is endless promises—the politics of words instead of the politics of deeds which the veterans want.

The gubernatorial campaign in New York State is a good example. Republican Governor Dewey and Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer have officially cooperated to sabotage an effective housing program. Both parties have spent the bulk of their campaign pointing out how little their capitalist opponents have accomplished. They have plenty of facts to prove that point. However, neither the Republicans nor the Democrats can say much about homes they themselves have provided.

In spite of these facts, the leaders of the veterans' movement have refused to act. Throughout the spring and summer the Stalinist leadership of the AVC in New York City postponed or blocked every proposal for housing action. Only with the approach of the elections did they suddenly become interested in "fighting" for housing.

They printed an anti-Dewey housing program (taken word for word out of the Democratic election platform) and distributed it in the name of AVC. A program had been proposed and generally accepted to apply consistent pressure on both the Democrats in New York City and the Republicans in Albany; yet all this committee asked the veterans to do was participate in an anti-Dewey picket line for a few hours and then return home. To quiet down opposition, Larry Knoble, Stalinist executive secretary of the AVC in New York, promised there would be action against the Democrats "some-time before the election."

When this Stalinist-led delegation arrived in Albany, they walked into and occupied the Senate Chambers. They promised to sit there till "hell froze over" unless they were shown some housing action. Workers and veterans throughout the country had their eyes on this "veterans' senate." The next morning Dewey received the veterans and gave a flat NO to their demands. Hell hadn't frozen over but the delegation went home, its "mission" completed.

This Stalinist committee now reveals that it will continue the action by supporting the Democrats in the elections. Like the capitalist parties, it is using housing as a political football.

Political action by veterans surely is necessary today. But if it becomes political action in support of capitalist candidates and platforms, such as the Stalinists advocate, it is of no use at all.