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BANKERS' SPOKESMAN PREDICTS 'BUST'

Dobbs Brands Beck 'Traitor' For Scabbery

By Farrell Dobbs

SWP Candidate for President

When a union official helps a corporation fight a striking union, he is no less a traitor than the copperheads who sabotaged the Union Army to help the slave owners during the Civil War.

Such a traitor in labor's ranks is Dave Beck, West Coast AFL Teamsters Czar. Beck has stabbed in the back the striking Machinists Union at the Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle.



FARRELL DOBBS

But when these outraged truck drivers went on strike to force the employers to abide by the union agreement, Tobin moved fast. He sent reinforcements to help the local union bosses, who united with the employers to smash the strike.

Tobin tried to impose a dictator on the Minneapolis local. His candidate, by the way, was none other than Dave Beck. The union membership rose to a man in opposition to this Hitler-like act.

The Brewery Workers Union can tell a hair-raising story of men beaten with blackjacks, workers' homes destroyed by fire-bombs and dynamite, as Tobin plied his union-raiding activities.

In St. Louis, the rank and file of a Teamsters Local Union sent a committee to protest to Tobin because the union contract was

not being enforced; nor could they get a financial report from the local officers. Tobin ignored their complaints, despite the fact that the union boss was a gangster with a known criminal record.

I am thoroughly familiar with the methods of Tobin and his henchmen like Beck. I used to be on Tobin's field staff, but I got out when I saw what it was like.

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When I visit Seattle on my national campaign tour, I shall be glad to put my knowledge at the disposal of the striking machinists and the Seattle truck drivers who are fighting against the Boeing corporation and strike-breaker Beck.

Malayans Revolt For Independence From British Rule

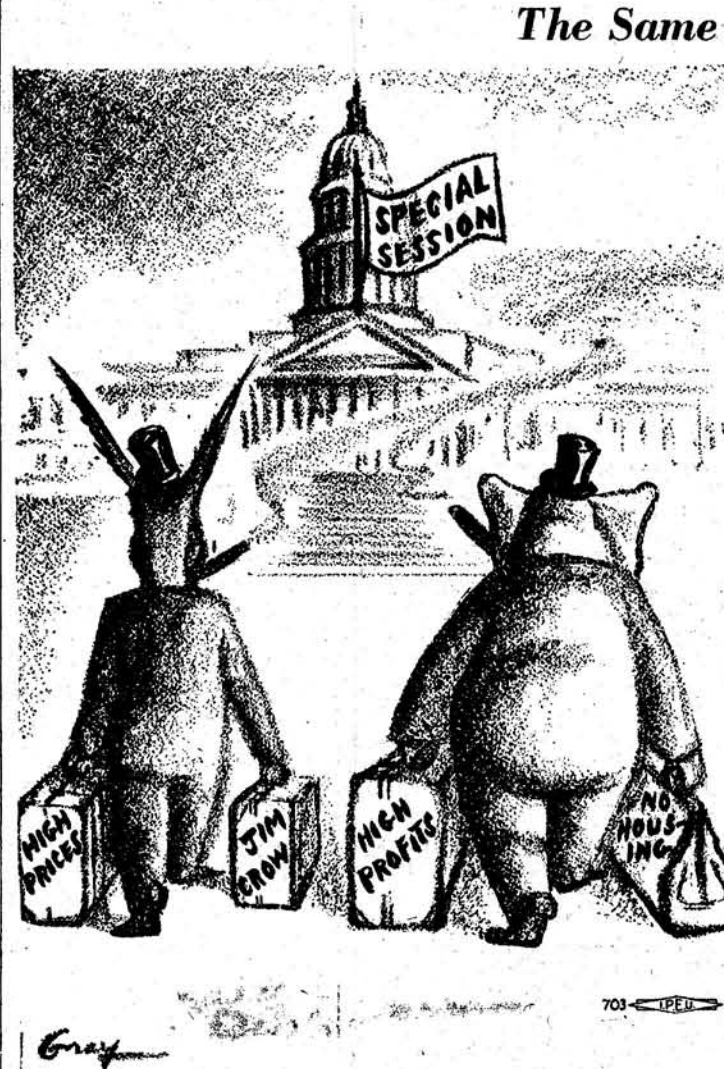
The flames of national uprisings continue to spread in the Far East and shake to their foundations the empires of the Western imperialists.

Malaya forms the long Indo-Chinese peninsula which runs down from the mainland of South-East Asia. For upwards of a century, its natives have been ruled and exploited by British imperialism through a system of indirect rule of native sultans, the Malay equivalent of the Indian Rajahs.

At the end of the Second World War, Britain tried to ward off the growing nationalist movement by establishing a phony consultative body under the "Union of Malaya."

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But British savagery and repression will not save their empire. Major General Charles Boucher, Commander of the British forces in Malaya, estimated that it would take at least 15 months to wipe out the guerrillas.



The Same Old Baggage



Boss Parties Offer Only Depression To Halt Inflation

The pre-election debate is raging: Who is responsible for the inflation?

Truman says if the Republicans had only passed his "anti-inflation" program of mild government controls, prices would be "rolled back."

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Indeed, it appears to have been "off too long" for Canada. The Aug. 10 N.Y. Times reports: "Steady increases in the price of food are mainly responsible for the new record high of 156.9 in the Canadian June cost of living index."

Republicans and Democrats have a common "solution" for inflation. It is nothing but the classic capitalist "boom-bust."

Marriner Eccles, former head of the Federal Reserve Board, declared flatly before the Senate Banking Committee three weeks ago: "We certainly are going to have a bust, but as to just when it will be, I can't predict."

It is too late for decayed capitalism to "solve" inflation except by depression. That is what makes sheer demagoguery out of the Stalinist and Wallaceite yapping about "buyers' strikes."

The only effective program against high prices is the program advanced by Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, Socialist Workers Party candidates for President and Vice President:

General Motors Workers Resist Intolerable Speed-up Conditions

Speed-up has become the burning issue for General Motors workers. Under the recent contract, considered the worst in the industry, the corporation is putting an intolerable squeeze on the workers for more individual output per hour.

GM workers in the Michigan auto towns are beginning to resist the corporation's drive to impose inhuman increases in production schedules.

On Aug. 5, the entire afternoon shift at the Fisher Body plant in Pontiac walked out in protest against speed-up. They returned to work and demanded a strike vote authorization by their local.

Reutherite leadership of the UAW gave the company a virtual blank check by agreeing to a contract that provides the most inadequate grievance set-up in the industry and permits the company to impose almost any working conditions it sees fit.

CARLSON REPORTS TOUR RECEPTION IN DENVER

By Grace Carlson From the Mile-High City

Denver's citizens point with great pride to the fact that their's is the only mile-high city in the United States.

The Socialist Workers Party election campaign attracted considerable attention in both the Salt Lake City and Denver newspapers.

peaks of any state — 1,080, which are more than 10,000 feet high. Like every visitor to the Colorado Rockies, I was impressed by the superb scenery and the wonderful climate.

That we are now organizing the outposts of the new, militant workers' movement in Colorado and Utah was still more impressive to me.

Taft-Hartley Act Incites Inter-Union Warfare

By Art Preis

One of the deadliest booby-traps in the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law is now spreading havoc among the trade unions. This is the "yellow dog" affidavit, a device cleverly designed to split the unions along "communist" and "anti-communist" lines.

Employers and government, acting in collusion, are employing the refusal of unions to sign "yellow dog" oaths as the chief legal pretext to break strikes and deny collective bargaining rights to previously recognized unions.

enging union raiders combine to try to destroy an established union is shown in the case of Oppenheim, Collins & Co., a large Manhattan department store, which refused to renew the contract of Local 1250, CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees.

Several weeks before the old contract was to expire, the company announced it would not renew the Local 1250 contract on the grounds that the union was "run by Communists" who had refused to sign Taft-Hartley affidavits.

This committee hauled the local union leaders before a typical inquisition. Naturally, the company loudly proclaimed it would have no dealings with "enemies of our government."

AFL union naturally "won." The latter began to scab-herd for the company, which obtained an injunction limiting pickets of the striking union and placed a huge sign over its entrance: "The Issue is COMMUNISM!"

The final touch was added when national officials of the CIO union itself, opponents of the Stalinist leaders of the New York locals, gave aid and comfort to the employers, government witch-hunters and AFL raiders.

The type of jurisdictional warfare now being carried out under cover of the Taft-Hartley Act is far from limited to AFL raids on CIO unions.

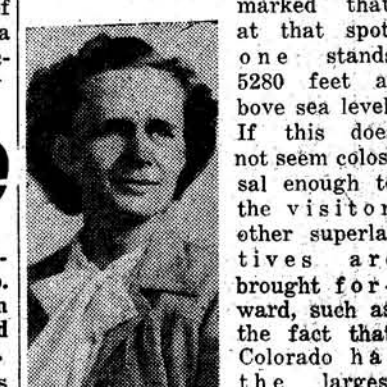
Workers to pieces, rushing in to grab off locals through direct raiding, or cooperating with the Taft-Hartley Board in government-run elections from which UE locals are excluded.

One of the latest developments of this disruptive internal warfare is the move of the CIO paper workers to raid the CIO Office and Professional Workers, where the sole similarity between the two occupations is that one manufactures paper and the other uses it.

That is the ugly picture we see today. AFL unions raiding other AFL unions and CIO unions; CIO unions rushing in to tear apart other CIO unions; the top leadership of both completely indifferent to the fate of the labor movement.

narrow-minded AFL leaders refused to take this necessary step. They turned inward, engaged in jurisdictional squabbles, forced the unions to devour themselves.

So long as the narrow outlook and primitive aims of these union leaders continue to dominate the labor movement, the unions will be torn with internal strife and dissension.



marked that, at that spot, one stands 5280 feet above sea level; if this does not seem colossal enough to the visitor, other superlatives are brought forward, such as the fact that Colorado has the largest number of high peaks of any state — 1,080, which are more than 10,000 feet high.

And I think that Militant readers will also be interested to know that we are getting in a few licks at Norman Thomas, who still poses as a "Socialist." Here are a couple of additional paragraphs from the same interview:

TOUR DATES The following are the coming dates of Dr. Carlson's tour: Aug. 15-21 Michigan Aug. 22-23 en route Aug. 24-26 Cleveland (For Dobbs' opening tour dates, see Page 4.)

The Tito Affair and Stalinism

By E. Germain

The Tito affair has thrown considerable light on the much debated question of the social nature of Stalinism. With one blow, Stalinism has lost the peculiar fascination of success, which, since the end of the war, it exerted even on certain revolutionists. The Russian regime, whose admirers as well as those most implacable enemies — in words! — proclaim its "astounding stability," has become a regime devoured by internal crisis. The territorial expansion of Russia, cited by so many of our superficial critics as a "definitive refutation" of the Trotskyist thesis, revealed itself as a projection outside the Russian borders of the internal contradictions gnawing Stalinism.

INTENSE CONTRADICTION

The Tito affair defines the essential elements of Soviet policy in Eastern Europe. This policy seeks to utilize and exploit these countries for the strategic, political and economic objectives pursued by the Soviet bureaucracy. It is true that experience has taught Stalin that it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain the desired results through collaboration with the traditional capitalist elements. But the Kremlin has also learned another no less important lesson. The elimination of the bourgeoisie from control of the economy and the state cannot be realized without a mobilization, however limited, of the masses. The Communist parties of these countries can achieve such a mobilization only to the extent that they maintain their effective influence among the laboring masses. But the more these parties seek to keep their mass base, the more sensitive they become to the pressure of the workers. The more they take into account the sentiments of the workers, the more their power tends to correspond to the social conditions of their own countries — and to become independent of the rigorous control of the Kremlin.

STALINIST PUPPETS

That is why it is not enough for Stalin to rid himself of Petkov, Mikolaczky and Masaryk. He has to seek to eliminate the Stalinist leaders who are most closely connected with the workers' movement and replace them with mere puppets who owe their power exclusively to the Kremlin. That is why Stalin tries in Rumania, Hungary, Poland and elsewhere to push into prominence

in the Stalinist parties such personalities as the Rumanian Bodnarus, who have no past of any sort in the Communist movement of their countries and who spent a decade or two of their lives in Russia. This is why he seeks to maintain the non-Communist political organizations while imposing on them a new leadership subservient to the Kremlin. That is why in Eastern Germany he authorizes and even favors the creation of a new middle class nationalist party which serves him as a counter weight to the Stalinist SED party.

NOT AN ACCIDENT

It is not by accident that Stalin has seen his first failure in Yugoslavia, where the Tito regime has the greatest mass support, where the country has experienced the most profound social overturn, and where the bourgeoisie opposition is the most significant and prostrate. Stalin wants to decapitate the most solid CP. It is wholly logical that the first refusal to capitulate should come from there.

SEEKS COMPROMISE

Contrary to all false appearances, we have never ceased to repeat that Stalin, far from seeking to extend a new social system over the entire world, sought fundamentally a compromise with world imperialism. The Tito affair provides explosive confirmation of our analysis. It uncontestedly shows how impossible it is for Stalinism to expand in an unlimited fashion.

The relation between the Kremlin and the Stalinist parties in "power" are modified to the extent that these parties enjoy the confidence of large masses. It is evident that Stalin, who views favorably the armies of Mao Tse-dun harassing the forces of

Chiang Kai-shek in China — a formidable trump card in his bargaining with Washington — considers with growing uneasiness any definitive victory on the part of Mao Tse-dun. If Tito, in a country so tiny in comparison to Russia, has already dared to rebel, what would be the attitude tomorrow of a CP dominating a country such as China? The more Stalinism expands, the greater become the centrifugal forces it unleashes.

Smelling the sensational aspect of the conflict, the ignorant section of the capitalist press shouts from the roof tops that the Tito defection breaches the strategic potential of the USSR in Eastern Europe. It is true that Tito has created a breach, but not in the place where the capitalists are looking for it. A breach has just been created in the ossified consciousness of scores of thousands of Communist members in Yugoslavia, in Switzerland, in all the countries of Eastern Europe, and one hopes, of the entire world; a breach in their belief in the infallibility of Stalin. This means a breach in the whole ideological edifice so painstakingly constructed on the basis of the USSR as "the only fatherland of all the workers." The word "degeneration" is already circulating in the Yugoslav CP cadres, and not only there!

It is now ten years since the end of the Moscow trial when Stalin massacred the old Bolshevik guard. That was the end of the initial period of Stalinism, during which Stalin did not yet dare break openly with the formulas of Leninism. The following period witnessed a series of abject crimes, not the least of which was the systematic poisoning of the workers of the USSR and the entire world with nationalist poison.

Today history is beginning to revenge itself on Stalin. We cannot but feel a certain satisfaction before the spectacle which makes the very instruments of Stalin's crimes, the instrument of his punishment.

TEN YEARS

If the Communist advance guard of several countries will succeed in drawing conclusions from the Tito affair — and they should be helped in this task with all our strength — it will signify an important step toward the regeneration of the world labor movement as well as the regeneration of the USSR.

(Condensed from the July 5, 1948 issue of La Lutte Ouvriere, organ of the Belgian Trotskyists.)

At New York AFL Convention



On the platform for the opening session of the New York State Federation of Labor convention are (l. to r.) Francis Cardinal Spellman, state AFL President Thomas A. Murray and Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York. Federated Pictures

CALIFORNIA SWP OPENS CONGRESSIONAL DRIVE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9. — James P. Cannon, national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, will address a public meeting launching the presidential and congressional campaign of the Los Angeles Local on Aug. 20. The date was selected as fitting tribute to the memory of Leon Trotsky, founder of the Fourth International, who was murdered by a Stalinist assassin on that day eight years ago. Comrade Cannon will speak on "The Presidential Campaign —



MYRA TANNER WEISS

the Men, the Parties, the Issues." The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Assembly Hall, Embassy Auditorium building, 837 South Grand.

Comrade Myra Tanner Weiss, selected at a membership meeting of the Los Angeles Local last week as SWP candidate for Congress in the 19th district, will speak on the local campaign.

California's undemocratic election laws, which practically bar minority parties from the ballot, make it necessary to cast a write-in vote for Dobbs and Carlson in this state. The Aug. 20 meeting will launch a campaign to place the name of Comrade Weiss on the ballot in the 19th district by securing the signatures of 3,000 registered voters who did not vote in the primary election.

"I welcome the opportunity to counterpose our program to that of the Truman, Dewey and Wallace candidates in the 19th district race," Comrade Weiss said. "Our campaign will provide the only working class alternative to the capitalist parties for voters in that district, just as the Dobbs-Carlson campaign does on the national scene."

Readers of The Militant and friends of the Socialist Workers Party who are interested in aiding the Los Angeles campaign may obtain information by calling Richmond 4644 or writing Militant Publishing Ass'n, 316 1/2 W. Pico Blvd.

Newark Readers!

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Southern California Militant Readers!

Hear JAMES P. CANNON National Secretary, Socialist Workers Party Speaking on "THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN — THE MEN, THE PARTIES, THE ISSUES" Friday, August 20th - 8 P. M. Assembly Hall, Embassy Auditorium Bldg. 837 So. Grand, Los Angeles

Rebels in American History

JOHN BROWN

By George Lavan

On the morning of December 2, 1859, they led the old man out of jail. His steps were slow because his wounds had not healed completely. All around him were soldiers with fixed bayonets. On the road was a wagon with a pine coffin. The old man got up on the wagon and sat on the coffin. The procession finally reached the execution grounds. Around the scaffold 1,500 troops were massed in a great hollow square with cannon trained on all approaches.

They put a hood over his head and led him onto the drop of the scaffold. The rope was adjusted around his neck. Then they made him wait. They were still hoping for a display of weakness from the old fighter whom they hated and feared. Minutes passed as the troops were put through parade maneuvers. The old man with the hood over his head and the rope about his neck never flinched. Finally after 12 interminable minutes the commanding officer gave the signal and the trap was sprung. The body jerked and then hung quietly.

The colonel's voice rang out: "So perish all such enemies of Virginia! All such enemies of the Union! All such foes of the human race!"

SINGING HIS NAME

John Brown was dead. But his indomitable spirit was to inspire the anti-slavery forces of the nation. And two years later Union troops marching to smash the

slave power would be singing his name.

Brown was born in 1800 and named after his grandfather who had died in the Revolutionary War. He was brought up on the Ohio frontier, and was deeply religious.

During the War of 1812 he witnessed the horror of slavery. He was then 12 years old and was delivering cattle to the army. There he saw a boy slave, with whom he had become friends, cruelly manhandled. As he later wrote, this "made him a most determined Abolitionist, and led him to declare, or swear eternal war with slavery."

In 1837 Elijah Lovejoy, an anti-slavery editor, was lynched by a mob at Alton, Ill. This murder convinced John Brown that the slave power could be destroyed only by force. It was in this period that he first conceived his plan of invading the South and freeing the slaves.

He kept his plan secret and went about his business as a wool merchant. On business trips east he visited leading Abolitionists and sounded them out.

AROUSED THE NATION

His plans were interrupted by the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act which opened the territories to slavery until the settlers should vote on the issue. The opening of hitherto free territory to slavery aroused the nation. Northern settlers went to Kansas to make it a free state while the slave owners sent hordes of hired gunmen to insure a victory for human bondage.

The planters openly campaigned to win Kansas by force. Southern Senators and military men called for the wiping out of all opposition in Kansas. General Stringfellow, addressing a band of gunmen about to leave for Kansas, stated, "I tell you to mark every scoundrel among you who is the least tainted with abolitionism and exterminate him. Neither give nor take any quarter, as the cause demands it."

Seven of Brown's sons went to Kansas as settlers. They wrote him of the rule of terror instituted by the slave power. Brown went out to Kansas to lead the fight. He found the leadership of the free settlers in the hands of timid compromisers. Outrage after outrage was visited on the anti-slavery settlers. Finally their main city, Lawrence, was captured and looted by the "border ruffians." Brown saw that the only way to fight the terror of the slave-owners was with terror. He led a raid upon a slave settlement and executed five men named on his slave-owners' list. The slavery men were quick in reprisal. They captured two of his sons who had not been in the raiding force and massacred them. They could not capture Brown's guerrilla band, however. A genius of partisan warfare, Brown

eluded pursuers and struck when he chose. He astounded Kansas by defeating and capturing a larger force than his own at Black Jack under Captain Pate.

Brown's methods finally resolved the situation in Kansas. The free-soilers took heart and the slavery elements became cautious. Kansas' status as a free state was assured. The foremost leader of the free-soilers later said of Brown: "He was the only man who comprehended the situation, and saw the absolute necessity of some such blow and had the nerve to strike it."

"ONLY ONE DEATH"

With victory sure in Kansas, the old fighter decided to get on with his plan for an invasion of the slave country itself. "I have only a short time to live," he said, "and only one death to die, and I will die fighting for this cause. There will be no peace in this land until slavery is done for. I will give them something else to do than to extend slavery. I will carry the war to Africa."

He collected picked Negro and white men, who were fighters and ready to die to destroy slavery. He collected arms and ammunition. He tried to raise money from wealthy Abolitionists. Then he marched his band from Iowa to the mountains of Virginia. His plan was to take a town and arm the slaves with pikes using his camp in the mountains as a base.

With 21 men he started towards Harpers Ferry. By early morning the town and the heavily stocked arsenal were in his hands. To avoid harming civilians he permitted a train to pass through. The news thus spread and quickly brought federal troops and the Virginia National Guard on the double. For two days Brown and his men held out, with half of his men, including two of his sons, dead or dying. Finally the troops, led by Robert E. Lee, broke into the arsenal.

The Virginia authorities, panicked by Brown's raid abandoned all pretense of judicial calm. Brown, badly wounded in the raid, was carried to the courthouse on a stretcher and the trial began a week after his capture. The verdict of guilty was predetermined from the beginning of the trial. But Brown's utter fearlessness and his noble bearing in the courtroom impressed the whole nation.

Brown was the revolutionary man-of-action in the struggle against the slavocracy. He inspired a whole generation by his dauntless and heroic. His raid on Harper's Ferry did not inaugurate the Negro uprising he hoped for, but it was one of the sparks that ignited the powder barrel of the slavery system and finally destroyed the slave power in four years of bitterly fought civil war.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Subs Make Possible 2 Michigan Branches

Two new Michigan branches of the Socialist Workers Party are in prospect as hundreds of new Militant readers in Pontiac and Saginaw are being signed up in subscription campaigns. Philadelphia, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles are also getting into high gear in sub drives, while radio listeners throughout the country continue to pour in their own subscriptions.

Detroit branch has already sold 73 subs in Pontiac and plans to set up a branch there.

"Sixty-four of these (69) subs were obtained on a trip to Saginaw last Saturday," reports Genora Dollinger of Flint branch. "Most of these new readers had never heard of The Militant or our party before. However, they displayed great interest in socialism and our program for attaining it."

"One comrade called at 17 houses and obtained 15 subs! Another stood on a corner by neighborhood stores and sold 20 subs. Our comrades ran across many auto workers who wanted to attend meetings and classes. One woman who answered the door replied 'Oh yes, I read The Militant. I get it in Chicago. I'm just visiting here.'"

"From this first campaign effort we have every reason to be confident that by the end of our election campaign a new branch of the party will be blossoming out in Saginaw."

Philadelphia "had two mobilizations this week, one in the rain. Three comrades went to a West-

inghouse union meeting and in a short time sold four subs, two at 25c and two at \$1 each. This makes six sold at distributions in the last two weeks," reports George. He sent 16 subs.

"Here are 24 subscriptions obtained at the opening of our sub campaign," writes Sarah Ross of San Francisco.

Los Angeles East Side branch sent 18 "results of first mobilization."

Fourteen from Seattle included subs donated to the library of the University of Washington and to the Pacific Dispatch. "We are experimenting with door-to-door sales of individual copies of the Special Convention Issue and returning one week later to get subs," writes Dan Roberts.

Subs from radio listeners came from Florida, California, Washington state, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. New York comrades obtaining petition signatures in upstate counties to put the SWP on the ballot are also selling subs in many communities.

Gene P. of LOS ANGELES sold 19 subs on his way home from the Convention; 14 in Memphis, three in Chicago and one in Cleveland. Congratulations, Gene. We're sure some of your experiences getting these subs would make interesting reading. That gives L.A. a good start on the Presidential Campaign drive. E. Smith of L. A. South Side sent five regulars and a Militant-Fourth International combination.

Manifesto Calls for Overthrow Of the Stalinist Bureaucracy

This is a continuation of the Manifesto issued by the recent World Congress of the Fourth International.

For the Overthrow of the Stalinist Bureaucracy!
For the Defense of the October Conquests
Against Imperialism!

Confronted by the incredible degeneration of the Soviet Union, a number of disillusioned revolutionaries identify the Stalinist dictatorship with what still remains of the October conquests and refuse to defend the latter. On the other hand, all the "fellow travelers" who, only yesterday, sang praises to the "victorious Red Army" when it was a question of "fighting the anti-fascist war," suddenly again become conscious of Stalinist barbarism at the moment when it collides with the interests of their own capitalists. The militants of the Fourth International, who were the first in the workers' movement to denounce all that is monstrous and reactionary in the Stalinist regime, are the only ones who conduct a genuine struggle against Stalin within the rigid framework of defending the interests of the Russian and world proletariat.

The war which Washington is preparing against the USSR does not at all pursue the aim of introducing political democracy or respect for the rights of man in Soviet Russia. On the contrary, in the face of the ferocious resistance which the Soviet

workers and peasants would put up if American troops occupied Soviet territories, Yankee imperialism would install there a terror regime similar to Hitler's.

The imperialist war not only would not liberate the workers from the totalitarian dictatorship, but it would prevent them from proceeding along the socialist road. Imperialism would at the most combine its search for capitalist profits with the wastefulness engendered by the Stalinist bureaucracy. Far from cleansing the structure of planning and eliminating the gangrene of profiteering from it, imperialism would bring the whole structure down with the hammer blows of its own exports and capital.

The violent ejection of the bureaucratic regime is today an urgent task of the Russian working class; otherwise what remains of the October conquests is in danger of being stifled under the weight of this parasitic regime. That is precisely the reason why the Russian workers cannot farm out this task to imperialism and will fiercely defend the remnants of the October conquests against imperialism without for a single moment relaxing their revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of the Stalinist Bonapartist clique.

Revolutionary Defense of USSR

By his reactionary policies in the countries occupied by the Russian army, Stalin primarily defends the privileges of the bureaucracy. Just as the bureaucracy undermines the foundations of the workers' state in the USSR, its counter-revolutionary policies outside the USSR constitute a permanent threat to these same conquests. The Fourth International defends what remains of October solely by revolutionary class struggle methods. Everything which weakens the proletariat inside and outside the USSR; everything which poisons its thinking or lowers its consciousness is a direct blow against the revolutionary defense of the USSR. That is why to defend the conquests of October today means to struggle against the reactionary Stalinist bureaucracy, against its oppression, looting and occupation of "buffer-zone" countries, against its secret treaties and deals on the backs of the peoples. The only form of defense of the USSR advocated by the Fourth International is the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat in each country against its "own" bourgeoisie—the struggle to smash all obstacles in the path of socialist revolution, even when these consist of Russian occupation troops.

In the absence of a powerful revolutionary pole of mass mobilization, the war, the defense of the Soviet State, and the pressing needs of reconstruction have assuredly brought about an acceptance of the bureaucracy by advanced workers as an unavoidable, lesser evil. On the other hand, the partisan struggles, the military victories and contacts with the advanced countries of Europe have also undoubtedly increased the critical spirit of the Soviet workers, their hatred of the parasites responsible for all the frauds and thefts; and has tempered their will to take the direction of the state into their own hands again. The

further reconstruction proceeds, the further the rate of accumulation declines as a result of bureaucratic leadership, all the sharper will be the economic difficulties and all the more exasperating will become the social inequality. In the course of constant upheavals which Soviet society will experience, the young worker generations will gain consciousness of their own interests. With the assistance of the revolutionary movements in capitalist countries they will find the way to overthrow the bureaucracy and will open up a new revolutionary chapter in the history of Russia.

(To be continued next week.)

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"The human race has a right to be proud of its Aristotle, Shakespeare, Darwin, Beethoven, Goethe, Marx, Edison and Lenin. But why are they so rare? Above all, because almost without exception, they came out of the upper and middle classes.

—LEON TROTSKY, Copenhagen Speech, 1932.



LENIN

Univis Strike and Labor Solidarity

One consequence of supporting the Taft-Hartley "yellow dog" oath is revealed in the Oppenheim Collins strike, as reported on Page 1. In this case, an AFL union has taken advantage of the Taft-Hartley Act and its scab-herding against a striking CIO union.

What damage such a viewpoint can cause the labor movement is further shown in the case of the Univis Lens strike in Dayton, Ohio. In this instance, the workers went on strike May 5 after the company discontinued recognition and demanded an NLRB decertification election.

Because the striking union was a local of the CIO Electrical Workers, which is Stalinist-led, the right-wing controlled county CIO Council for months denied support to the strikers, in spite of repeated appeals for aid.

But just as the crucial moment of this bitterly-fought strike was reached on the day

the Governor directed National Guards into Dayton to smash the strike, the CIO Council leaders announced the cancellation of all further demonstrations in aid of the Univis Lens strikers.

The logic of this policy is borne out to its inevitable conclusion in the Seattle Boeing strike. This strike involves the International Association of Machinists, a conservative union which was one of the first to sign the Taft-Hartley affidavits.

Union leaders who advocate a policy that encourages or condones scabbing and strike-breaking for any reason should be branded as moral lepers and quarantined from the society of healthy union men.

CP Convention

The French have a saying, "The more things change, the more they remain the same." This just about describes the recent national convention of the American Communist Party.

There was a lot of loud ballyhoo about the new Marxist line of the Foster-Dennis leadership and a lot of cussing about the revisionism and pro-capitalism of the past leadership of Browder.

The old Browder line was a direct sellout of the American workers and their class interests. It was simply designed to cement an alliance between the Stalin regime and American imperialism.

The phony character of the CP's new "left" policy is shown up in the ludicrous incident in connection with Browder's reapplication for membership.

The National Guard

Many youth have been fooled by the "out" given them in the Selective Service Act. They are joining the National Guard in the belief that it provides a "lesser evil" to conscription for, possible overseas war duty.

They are going to find out quickly enough that by joining the National Guard they are signing up for possible military duty against their own fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, relatives and neighbors.

The capitalist military machine has a two-fold function. One is for foreign conquest. The other is for the subjugation of the American people themselves.

We have had two proofs of this very recently, last spring in Minnesota and Iowa, and last week in Dayton, Ohio.

among other things, believe it or not, because his very "request for readmission was in itself a disguised form of anti-party activity." At the same time the Foster-Dennis leadership expelled another prominent Stalinist, Max Bedacht, formerly leading theoretician of the party, because he had the temerity to declare that the Wallace movement was capitalist and opposed the CP policy of supporting it.

The unregenerate character of the Stalinist party is further illustrated by the convention's conduct on the Smith Gag Law. At the very time that 12 of their own leaders are under indictment and face possible jail sentences, the convention is not permitted to even discuss the united front offer of the Socialist Workers Party.

In the same way the convention ignored the communication of the Civil Rights Defense Committee, which called upon the convention to record itself in favor of a presidential pardon for the 18 SWP and Minneapolis CIO Truck Drivers Union leaders, who were the first victims of the Smith Gag Act.

Thus at a time when the CP is under fierce attack from the American capitalists it reveals itself again as a hard-boiled foe of the solidarity of the working class; as an organization that puts its own unworthy factional interests above the interests of the broad labor movement and as a venal agency of the reactionary, anti-internationalist Stalin regime in Russia.

During the CIO packinghouse workers strike, the National Guard was sent in to subdue under-paid meat packing workers demanding a decent wage. They were sent in to protect the profits of the meat trust, now demanding as much as \$1.50 a pound for beef.

We have just witnessed the shameful spectacle of 1,500 National Guardsmen armed to the teeth and led by a tank unit, sent against a few hundred strikers in Dayton, Ohio, who were whipped back to work without a contract.

No, those who conceived the Draft Act, didn't do the youth any favor by putting in the tricky "escape clause" on the National Guard. They understood full well that they were preparing the instrument for a two-pronged war. Against the working people abroad — and the working people at home.

Contributions Average \$2500 a Week As Election Fund Reaches 30% of Quota

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

It's 30 per cent of the total on the third scoreboard of the \$25,000 SWP Election Campaign and Party Building Fund.

The branches have been raising the good average of \$2,500 each week. Philadelphia goes to the top of the list this week with \$340 of its \$500 pledge already collected.

San Francisco-Oakland reports that "by all appearances we will go over our \$1,500 quota. The comrades are making every effort to get the money in early.

In New York City the Painters Branch has been successfully securing contributions from their shopmates and fellow-workers on the job. Over \$30 taken in to date.

In response to our appeal, Militant readers are mailing in contributions. Here are a few of the encouraging letters received.

Attention Flint & Saginaw Readers

GRACE CARLSON SWP Vice-Presidential Candidate will speak Thursday, Aug. 19 - 7:30 P.M. COLUMBUS HALL 201 N. 6th Street SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

radio, I'm sending you \$10. Hope I could send you more. Yours for the emancipation of the workers." John Miller of Harrisburgh, Pa. urges our candidates to "Keep Fighting. Wall Street Monopoly Capitalism must go."

From far-off Wiseton in Canada, Jim Seward encloses \$5 to help Dobbs and Carlon. "It thrills me through and through to read their speeches which are so full of courage and determination and loyalty to the working class.

We want to thank these readers for their donations and urge others to follow their example. Help the voice of socialist truth to be heard by sending your dimes and dollars to the Dobbs-Carlson Fund, 116 University Place, New York 3, N.Y.

Support the Dobbs-Carlson Fund!

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

Table with columns: Branch, Quota, Paid, Percent. Lists contributions from various cities like Philadelphia, St. Louis, Tacoma, etc.

Forces of "Law and Order" in Action



Three cops hauling off to jail picket Marylin Hasselbeck, member of the CIO Electrical and Radio Workers, on strike at the Univis Lens Co., Dayton, O. "Send her to the morgue," yelled Federated Pictures

FROM OAKLAND, CALIF.

Listened to your program over the air. Please send literature and all information. I would like to work for this party in the campaign. Will the candidate be on the ballot in November? E.Z.

FROM SEATTLE, WASH.

Thank you for sending me your literature. From it I find that I could not support you if you were the only candidate running. How anyone can bear so much hate in their hearts is beyond me.

FROM HAMBURG, N.Y.

Oddly enough, I first heard of the Socialist Workers Party in a list of organizations classified by the Department of Justice as "subversive or un-American."

Ex-Veteran Addresses Buddies

My advice to Ex-Servicemen: I am an average fellow, 25 years of age, married, and a veteran of three years, including 2 years of overseas service in the U.S. Army.

Activities of 'Militant' Readers and the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

- List of branch meetings and activities for the Socialist Workers Party in various cities including Newark, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Flint, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New Britain, New Haven, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Toledo, and Youngstown.

Letters on Broadcasts

From the flood of appreciations, criticisms and inquiries coming into our office in response to radio broadcasts, we are printing these excerpts of a number of the letters.

From St. Louis, Mo.

I heard a broadcast by your presidential candidate last Friday night. I wish to request a copy of his address and your party platform.

From South New Berlin, N.Y.

I am writing for a copy of the speech which was delivered over NBC August 6 by your candidate, Mr. Dobbs.

From Houston, Texas

Will you please send me 4 copies of Mr. Dobbs' address heard over a Houston radio station today and a copy of the party's platform.

From British Columbia, Canada

Enclosed is \$1.25 and five copies of 25c 15-week subs. Hope to have more soon.

what I know of it I like it and I think it is a sincere effort to improve this nation and not cater to monopolies.

I'm 26 years of age and have been going to college 5 years. At the quickest possible time I would like information on your party and its platform.

From Pensacola, Fla.

I enjoyed very much your speech on Friday night on NBC and I wish all the workers, farmers and small businessmen of the entire country had listened to the true words you spoke.

From Vineland, N.J.

Please send me information as to what the Socialist Workers Party stands for and your presidential candidate's speech of May 15, 1948.

From Isanti, Minn.

Please send me a copy of the acceptance speech of the nominee for president on the Socialist Workers Party, which I heard in part over WCCO one evening last week.

From Rochester, N.Y.

I am extremely interested in the platform of your party. I loathe Henry Wallace and almost feel the same about the Democratic and Republican parties.

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us know in plenty of time if you get more time on the air.

Also enclosed is \$3.00 toward Election and Party-Building Fund I see no hope outside of the Fourth International program, and it is our responsibility to prevent World War III.

FROM SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

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BY GOD, YOU'RE THROUGH! Bill Armstrong Detroit

The Tombstone

By Theodore Kovalsky

Jimmy and I sat quietly by the side of the creek. The current moved steadily by, tugging gently at the bright little corks on our fishing lines. We had worked the night shift and driven straight out to the creek, for we were off to the next day and could afford not to sleep for a while. So there we sat, talking when we felt like it and enjoying the warm morning sun on our backs.

After one very long pause, Jimmy pushed a hand into his pocket and said, "Hey, I been meaning to show you this."

I took the crumpled bit of paper. It was a newspaper photograph of a tombstone, one like I had never seen before.

It was a large stone. Near the top were the words, "WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE." Also at the top was a five pointed star with a hammer and sickle cut into it. Beneath the star was the name of the man who lay in the grave, Morris Wohansky, 1882-1934. The inscription read, "Mourn not the dead, but rather mourn the apathetic throng, who sees the world's great anguish and its wrongs, yet dare not speak."

Jimmy watched me with a cynical smile as I read the little news item that accompanied the photograph. It seemed that the Canadian Legion had found out about Comrade Wohansky's gravestone in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Waterloo, Ont., and it had displeased them. They didn't act like the Nazis; they didn't steal into the graveyard in the dead of night and smear it with paint or oil or hack it with hammer and chisel. Had it been necessary, they probably would have done so, but it wasn't necessary.

They protested to the authorities. With the logic of red-baiters, they showed how a dead man had no right to have such a symbol on his tombstone. And the authorities gave ear to their protest. They saw the indecency of the situation and ordered the hammer and sickle removed. However, with the liberalism of these times, they otherwise left the tombstone intact.

"You think they'll dig him up to stand trial?" Jimmy asked.

I shook my head. "You got to be careful even after you're dead nowadays," I said.

"Who was the guy?" "I don't know, Jimmy," I said. "I don't know who he was, but he was my friend. Any guy that will have 'Workers of the world, unite!' on his tombstone is sure as hell a friend of yours and mine."

Jimmy spat into the creek, and we watched the widening circles move slowly down toward the lake. "I got mad when I saw that," Jimmy said. "What are you going to do when people act like that?"

I grinned. "You know what we're going to do, all right. We're going to build the kind of world that won't produce half-witted slobos who want to desecrate tombstones and rob the dead. But there's something in that picture that's pretty wonderful to me."

"What's that?" Jimmy asked, looking at the clipping.

"You won't see it there," I said, "but there's the picture of the victory of the workers. When the ruling class and the scummy elements who do its thug work begin to fear the dead and the ideas of the dead, it shows the great power of the ideas of our movement. It shows that not even death itself can stop us."

A 100 Percent American

By Art Preis

The Chicago Tribune's biography of John Parnell Thomas observes: "He seems to have been molded by life for the job he now faces." That job is chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, first made notorious under ex-Congressman Dies and which is currently seeking to hold the spotlight in whipping up the spy scare.

In a more critical appraisal of Thomas, "White Knight or False Prophet?" by Milton Lehman, published by the Aug. 1 N. Y. Times, the job for which "the stocky, florid Congressman" has been molded is as "a hunter . . . he tracks down people he considers subversive, un-American and dangerous to the national welfare"—as defined by J. Parnell Thomas.

"In his hunt," says Mr. Lehman, "he is usually flanked by a battery of photographers and reporters, and when he fires, he sometimes brings down a few of his quarry. But his buckshot has also hit a number of innocent bystanders."

Congressman Thomas has a very simple definition of "Americanism." He told Mr. Lehman that "Americanism is conservative. We've got to stop the radicals and stop them now." You'd better not differ with his definition, either. Several who have done so in his presence are now studying his definition in jail under a conviction for "contempt."

When Mr. Lehman asked Thomas during an interview to define such terms as "communist," "fascist," "subversive" and "un-American," the man who can sneer you at will and send you to jail for any of these things "buzzed for his secretary and asked her to bring in 'that list on communism and the rest of it I always use.' He wagged his finger. 'Every time I define them,' he said, 'I do it differently.'"

This flexibility in defining terms like "com-

munist" and "subversive" is a wonderful aid to Thomas and his colleagues of the Un-American Committee. He can make these terms fit just about anyone he dislikes or who disagrees with him. Moreover, Congressional immunity gives him the right to question, accuse, smear or otherwise "expose" anyone, without fear of suit for libel or even cross-questioning.

The two terms Thomas seems to have most difficulty in defining are "fascism" and "democracy." He told Mr. Lehman: "Fascism—I guess I've never been asked to define it. I'd say it's just like communism, dangerous to America. And democracy—why, everybody knows what that is."

With respect to fascism, Congressman Thomas is in the same position as a man with halitosis—even his best friend won't tell him. His subcommittee on fascism recently reported there was "no danger of fascism in America" and declared that such organizations as the Columbians of Georgia and the Ku Klux Klan are "native-American institutions and not subject to investigation by the committee." Which just goes to show how nature blunts people to their own smell.

We might add to this portrait of a 100% American—who looks like a Laura Gray cartoon of a Wall Street capitalist—that his zeal for hunting down "subversives" was undoubtedly nurtured in his years as a successful Wall Street bond and insurance salesman. He also managed to get through the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School, where, he now modestly admits: "I was never a good student, but I could always tell a troublemaker." And a troublemaker, for the New Jersey Republican who likes to make up definitions as he goes along, is anybody who makes trouble for J. Parnell Thomas.

The "Four Freedoms"

By Dinah Sanders

August marks the anniversaries of two proud achievements of American imperialism—the "Atlantic Charter" and Hiroshima! In August 1941, Roosevelt and Churchill met aboard a battleship somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean, and announced with great fanfare the signing of the "Atlantic Charter" guaranteeing the "four freedoms" to the peoples of the world forever. This was supposed to represent the great principles for which millions were asked to shed their blood.

While the middle-aged liberals cheered themselves hoarse, The Militant denounced the "charter" as a fraud. Who was right? Four years later, when the application of the Charter was being questioned, Roosevelt blandly announced that actually there never was any such document. Millions had gone to their deaths on behalf of a non-existent "Charter!"

As originally dictated to the press by Roosevelt, Point Three of this non-existent document read as follows:

"They (Roosevelt and Churchill) respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live; and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them."

The Militant files give an interesting account of how the imperialists have "celebrated" the succeeding anniversaries of this momentous proclamation.

Aug. 1942. INDIA: On the first anniversary of the "Atlantic Charter" the Indian masses got

their first taste of the "four freedoms" in the form of tear gas and bullets from Churchill's troops.

Aug. 1943. ITALY: Allied leaders through AMGOT prevent Italian masses from driving out the fascists and setting up their own government.

Aug. 1945. BERLIN: "The Big Three" (U.S., Britain, Russia) completed plans for enslaving the German people by dismembering the country, permanent strangulation of its economy and indefinite military occupation.

In 1945 U. S. imperialism staged a special commemoration ceremony in honor of the "four freedoms"—especially freedom from fear—by dropping the first atomic bomb as an "experiment" on Hiroshima's 344,000 inhabitants. Four days later they dropped the second atom bomb on the 250,000 men, women and children of Nagasaki. Just before the bombs were dropped, Washington assured the world that "We do not intend that the Japanese shall be enslaved as a race or destroyed as a nation."

On Aug. 18, 1945, The Militant's banner headline warned the world that "THERE IS NO PEACE!" This warning has unfortunately been confirmed over and over again in the past three years—in China, Indonesia, Indo-China, Burma, Palestine, Greece, in the "cold war" between the U. S. and Russia and the ever more feverish preparations for the shooting war.

In this seventh year of the "Atlantic Charter," the world has less of the four freedoms proclaimed by Roosevelt than before the second world holocaust began.

The prospect under imperialist rule is not a greater perspective of freedom, but a new world war—this time of annihilation. That is why the fight to take power out of the hands of the imperialists and place it in the hands of the workers and farmers has become a life and death question for the American people and mankind.

Notes from the News

PRESIDENTIAL STAKES — Whoever wins the presidential elections will have about 500,000 Federal jobs to dispense as patronage. H. Elliot Kaplan, Director of the Civil Service League, estimated that the total annual "patronage payroll" totals about one billion dollars.

SHAME-FACED SUPPORT—Jack Kroll, National Director of CIO-PAC strongly hinted that the CIO leaders would back Truman for reelection in November. He said the formal decision would probably be made at a meeting of CIO vice-presidents in Washington on Aug. 19.

POISON GAS — An NBC correspondent stated that Greek War Minister George Stratos charged U. S. officials with failure to make good on their promise to deliver poison gas for use against the guerrilla forces. He claimed that American representatives, including Gen. Wedemeyer, made the promise.

CHINESE DOLLARS—100,000 Chinese dollars are now worth one United States cent, as inflation continues to rage in China.

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N. Y. Transit Interests Move To Put Over New Fare Steal

By Art Sharon

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 — Fourteen private corporations controlling practically all surface transportation in the city are again reaching into the pockets of the city's working class population. They reason that if the city and the little coterie of bankers on the inside track of the city's subways could raise their fares then they too are entitled to more.

This outrageous hijacking is being attempted in broad daylight. The excuse for a fare hike is the new 24-cent wage increase granted the transit workers organized in the CIO Transport Workers Union.

Simple arithmetic reveals the extent of the proposed steal. The largest of the transit corporations, the Third Avenue Line and the N.Y. City Omnibus and Fifth Avenue Coach Company employ 7,000 workers and carry 4,000,000 passengers daily. The companies want to raise fares three cents.

The additional daily take thus would come to \$120,000. The proposed increase in wages amounts to \$13,440.

In order to put this scheme over, the transit corporations have to get the approval of Mayor O'Dwyer and his Tammany pals. The Mayor's board has tried during the course of several hearings to get the corporations to moderate their appetite. One corporation spokesman explained their point of view which bears repeating.

THIS IS AMERICA
"This is America . . . I hold bonds in this company and if it's any crime to hold a bond and make a profit I don't know what it is."

The Mayor and his cronies explained to the arrogant corporation attorneys that they, too, wished to see them get a reasonable return on their investment. A city expert had estimated a cent increase as being more than ample to cover increased costs

and still maintain the rate of return on their invested capital.

The transit barons turned down the cent increase with scorn. When asked what they considered a fair return on their investment the leading spokesman answered: "We're entitled to an 8 per cent return and we're entitled to as much of a fare as we can get."

The favorite financial swindle of public utilities is to load them down with paper debts, and thus drain off more than would come as a so-called normal return. In the case of the Third Avenue lines the Mayor's experts state that there is only \$11,000,000 invested. The Third Avenue's attorney claims that there is \$59,000,000 more invested. "There were actually 59 million iron men that went into the Third Avenue Company," he declared.

WATERED STOCK
This is so badly fraudulent that it brought laughter from the witnesses at the hearing. The Mayor answered: "They went in, but they came right out again."

"How long do you expect the Third Avenue riders to carry that \$60,000,000 in water that you have up there?" the Mayor asked.

The corporation attorney had the unbeatable answer: "There is no how much water there is in the city's bonds?"

Neither got an answer. Both quickly passed over to a less embarrassing point.

With the hearings concluded last week, the corporations can now take the next legal step with seven cents recommended as the "compromise" fare.

These hearings simply served to momentarily lift the veil and reveal the cesspool of corruption and legalized thievery that goes on daily in every city of this country. As the transit corporation attorney boasted, fleecing the poor and gouging the public is no crime under capitalism.

Fight Pressed Against Police Loudspeaker Ban

NEW YORK CITY — The opening of the presidential election campaign period in New York City finds the Socialist Workers Party, the Americans for Democratic Action and the American Labor Party engaged in a struggle with the police over the right to use loud-speakers at street meetings without police permits and the payment of big fees. The police have been making arrests, issuing summonses and otherwise harrassing the street speakers of the minority parties in brazen violation of the June 7 Supreme Court ruling on this question.

"Loudspeakers are today indispensable instruments of effective public speech," states the ruling written by Justice William O. Douglas. "The sound truck has become an accepted method of political campaigning. It is the way people are reached. Must a candidate for Governor or the Congress depend on the whim or caprice of the Chief of Police in order to use his sound truck for campaigning? Must he prove to the satisfaction of that official that his noise will not be annoying to people?"

On the strength of this decision, the SWP, ADA and ALP have been holding street meetings without applying for special police permits. There have been numerous arrests. But when the cases, which were in the nature of tests of the police ordinances on sound devices, were brought into court, the Police Department, fearing adverse court decisions, deliberately pressed for postponement. At the same time, the police continue to insist on their arbitrary rulings and restrictions.

Under pressure of the continued violation of these police rules by the minority parties, the Police Department has now announced that its Legal Bureau is drafting new legislation on the use of sound devices. This may result in regulations that merely get around the Supreme Court ruling, while withholding the concession which the ruling represents. The Socialist Workers Party in New York City is demanding that the Mayor call a public hearing at which spokesmen of all organizations concerned with this legislation can present their views.

L. A. School Board Hit on Prejudice

By Al Lynn

LOS ANGELES, July 20. — The reactionary Los Angeles Board of Education twisted into its opposite charges of racial prejudice and anti-racial sentiments brought against one of its principals at a hearing last night.

A committee to Combat Racial Discrimination in the Los Angeles Schools brought to light several months ago, a confidential memorandum from Mrs. Nell Haas, principal of the 28th St. School, in which she wrote her superiors that she wanted "to separate my union clique if possible," also "please do not send me any more Jewish teachers who want to reform the world."

She also asked for "a Caucasian teacher as all of my primary teachers, with one exception, are colored."

The Board of Education, elected despite labor opposition at the last elections demonstrated the necessity for labor to aggressively enter the political field. It reprimanded Mrs. Haas for being "indiscreet and unwise in the use of certain terminology." But its real fire was directed against Harry Jung, CIO representative and Harold Orr, president of AFL Teachers Union, Local 430, who were accused of acting in an unfair and undemocratic manner and of circulating "false, malicious and un-American slurs on the good names of the ladies and gentlemen who teach and who administer the Los Angeles City Schools."

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AFL Raiding



CIO members picket Oppenheim Collins Dept. Store in New York extorting management to "Negotiate, Don't Redbait." The Stalinist-led union is trying to save its bargaining rights from a joint employer-government-AFL attack. Federated Pictures

Seattle SWP Plans Extensive Program for Dobbs on Visit

By C. Kaye, Wash. State District Campaign Mgr.

Goldman Quits WP To Campaign for Norman Thomas

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Stalinist disruption and rule-or-ruin tactics were displayed last week at the University of Chicago. A Civil Rights Committee was organized and met on Monday, July 26, to plan a campaign of protest against the Smith "Gag" Act, and the latest use of that infamous law — this time against 12 leaders of the Communist Party. At the initial meeting, it was voted to sponsor a public meeting on Wednesday, July 28 in defense of civil rights.

The Stalinists present were voted down on their attempt to prevent the selection, as a scheduled speaker, of Albert Goldman, defendant and attorney in the Minneapolis labor trial for the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party, the first to be imprisoned under the Smith Act. The majority voted to invite Goldman and several other speakers, including a spokesman for the Communist Party. On Tuesday, the Stalinists again tried to get the committee to reverse its decision by refusing to invite Goldman. Again they were voted down.

On Wednesday, the day of the meeting, signs were posted everywhere listing Goldman among the speakers and mentioning that a spokesman for the Stalinist Party would be present. At the last moment the Stalinists pulled out and decided to boycott the meeting. They then attended the meeting on Wednesday evening and proceeded — as only Stalinists know how — to disrupt the meeting, to smear Goldman, and to whoop it up for the Communist Party.

GOLDMAN'S STAND

Both Goldman and a speaker for the American Civil Liberties Union condemned the Smith Act and protested against the arrest of the Communist Party leaders. A number of students present, however, were surprised to hear Goldman state that he would even defend the "rights" of fascists, a point of view that has nothing in common with Marxist class politics. Goldman's position on this question was warmly praised by the spokesman for the ACLU, an organization that has, frequently given legal aid to fascists.

Goldman's decision to defend "even fascists" came almost at the same time that he decided to quit the Shachtmanite "Workers Party" in order to stump more freely for Norman Thomas in the election campaign. Actually, this was not necessary, since Chicago Shachtmanites are currently engaged in circulating petitions to get the Socialist Party's Maynard Krueger on the ballot.

PETITION GOAL REACHED IN 53 N. Y. COUNTIES

By Irving Beinlin, N. Y. State Campaign Manager

Aug. 11—A mobilization called Saturday night by the New York Local for petition gathering netted 3,200 signatures on the Dobbs and Carlson petitions.

Signers of petitions included residents of all the boroughs of Greater New York. Friends of the party aided in the mobilization. One brought in 66 signatures and joined the party the same night.

The New York State total now stands at 15,000. This means that in 15 days of a 30-day campaign 60% of the 25,000 goal has been reached.

The Buffalo Branch is doing yeoman's work in this campaign. Its members have successfully organized all SWP petition work in Western New York State. The reports show that three times the necessary minimum signatures have now been obtained in each county of Western New York. The comrades expect to concentrate their work in the city of Buffalo itself and turn in 1,500 additional signatures.

Three times the required minimum of 50 signatures per county have been obtained in 53 of the 61 counties of the state. Petition work in the remaining counties has already been started and it is expected that all county requirements will be shortly fulfilled.

PACE SETTERS

A pace-setter's squad captained by George Rook is sparking the campaign in New York City. Squad members circulate in factory areas at noon and gather signatures from hundreds of workers daily. With this and other special measures, petition work is expected to be concluded well within the 30-day period. Plans are now being made for wind-up demonstrations and street meetings in the working class sections where the bulk of the signatures was obtained.

An Active Workers Conference is scheduled for August 29, upon the completion of the petition work. The conference will map plans for an effective campaign to aggressively bring the party's program to the working class of New York and bring out the vote for Dobbs and Carlson on election day.

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