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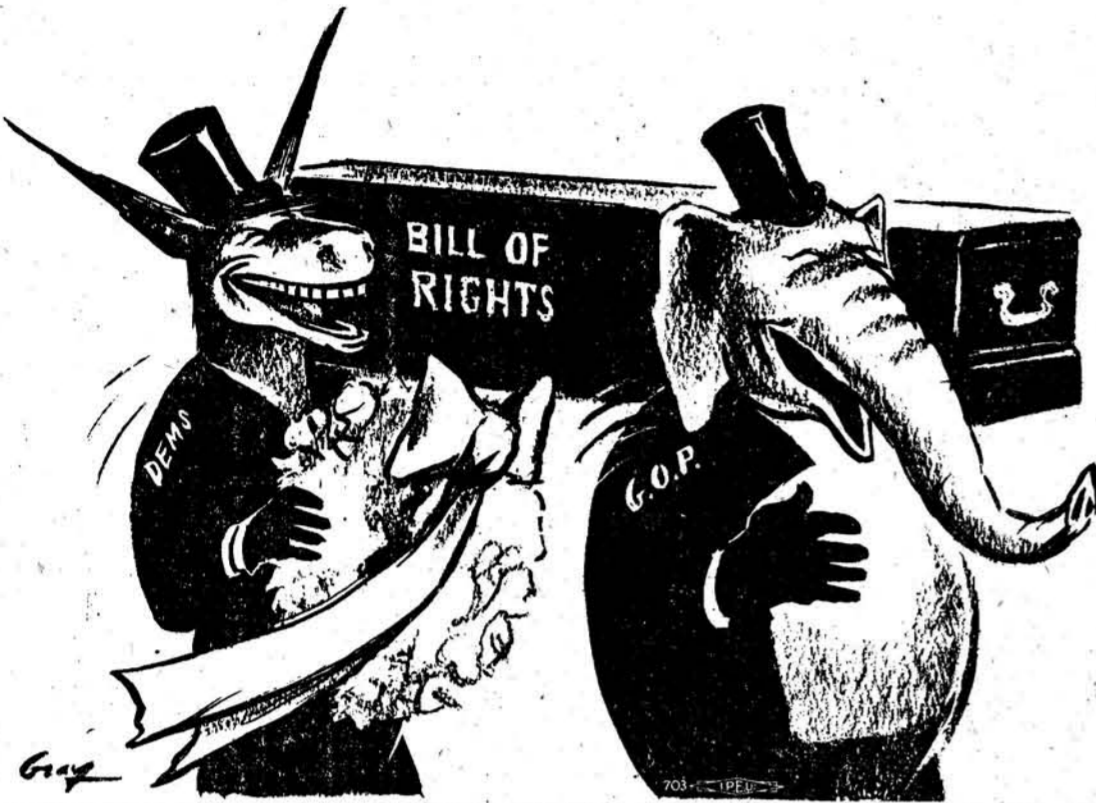
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The Pallbearers



The New Law vs. The Bill Of Rights

It is "unlawful" to "conspire" to "perform any act which would substantially contribute to the establishment" of a "totalitarian dictatorship." This is punishable "within ten years after" such "conspiracy" by \$10,000 fine or 10 years in prison, or both.

"Communist action" organizations, officers and members and "Communist front" organizations and officers must register with the Attorney General. Failure to register when ordered by a Subversive Activities Control Board is punishable by \$10,000 or five years in prison, or both, for each day of violation. A "Communist front" is defined, in part, by the "extent to which its views and policies do not deviate from" a "Communist action" group.

It is "unlawful" for persons required to register "to conceal or fail to disclose" that fact when they seek, accept or hold any federal or "defense plant" job. "Communist action" members are barred from any "defense facility." No "Communist" may apply for or use a passport. Mailed or circulated matter or radio and television programs of registered groups must be labeled or identified as "Communist."

Aliens are denied entry who are "affiliated with the Communist or other totalitarian party" or who "advocate or teach... write or publish... circulate... have in their possession for circulation" any matter that advocates "the economic, international and governmental doctrines" of "world communism" or "any other form of totalitarianism." Non-citizens are denied naturalization on the same grounds.

Whenever during war, invasion or insurrection the President proclaims an "Internal Security Emergency," the Attorney General is empowered to "apprehend and detain" any person "as to whom there is reasonable ground to believe... will probably engage in, or... conspire with others to engage in, acts of espionage and sabotage." This includes members of the Communist Party after January 1, 1949.

Appeal for release is only to a Board of Detention Review, then to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but the Board's "findings of fact" are final. The Attorney General, in appeals, may withhold "the identity or evidence of Government agents or officers" which he thinks "dangerous to national safety and security to divulge."

"Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." (Article I, First Ten Amendments (Bill of Rights), U. S. Constitution.)

"The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States." (Article IV, Section 1, The Constitution.)

"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States... nor deny to any person... the equal protection of the laws." (Art. XIV, Sec. 1, Amendment to the Constitution.)

"The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury and such trial shall be held in the State where the said crime shall have been committed;..." (Art. III, Sec. 2, The Constitution.)

"No person shall be held to answer for a capital or other infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury... nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;..." (Art. V, Bill of Rights.)

"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district where the crime shall have been committed... and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense." (Art. VI, Bill of Rights.)

"The privilege of the writ of habeas shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it." (Art. I, Sec. 8, The Constitution.)

"No bill of attainder or ex post facto law (making punishable an act not illegal when committed) shall be passed." (Art. I, Sec. 8, The Constitution.)

SWP Candidates Pledge To Fight Nazi-Like Law

'Militant' Backs These Candidates

California
Myra Tanner Weiss for Congress, 19th District (Los Angeles)
Harry Press for Assembly, 20th District (San Francisco)
(In California, members of minority parties are compelled to file as "independent." Candidates Weiss and Press are endorsed by the Socialist Workers Party.)

Michigan
Howard Lerner for Governor
Sol Dollinger for Lt. Governor
William H. Yancey for Secretary of State
Guilford Pennington for Attorney General
Alice Pollack for Treasurer
Larry Dolinski for Auditor General
Genora Johnson Dollinger for Congress, 6th District (Flint)

Minnesota
Grace Carlson for Congress, 5th District (Minneapolis)

New Jersey
William E. Bohannon for Congress, 11th District (Essex County)

New York
Joseph Hansen for U. S. Senator
Michael Bartell for Governor
Gladys Barker for Lt. Governor
Harry Ring for Comptroller
Arthur Preis for Attorney General

Pennsylvania
Clyde Turner for U. S. Senator
Herbert Lewin for Governor
(On ballot under designation of "Militant Workers Party.")

Washington
Daniel Roberts for Congress, 1st District (Seattle)

Wisconsin
James E. Boulton for U. S. Senator

FREEDOM OF SILENCE-- AMERICA NEEDS IT TOO

Dr. Hu Shih, Chiang Kai-shek's former ambassador to the U. S., got quite a press in this country last week when he said that "in Communist countries there is no freedom of silence." Informed Nor is there "freedom of silence" for persons hauled before Congressional committees and asked whether or not they are "Communists." If they refuse to answer on the constitutional grounds of self-incrimination, they are thrown into prison for "contempt."

U. S. HAS IT TOO
World opinion has long condemned the Kremlin's frame-up trials where the accused are forced to "confess" all kinds of crimes like "espionage" and "sabotage." But we now have a law requiring anyone whom the government says is a "Communist" to register with the Attorney General. This is tantamount to "confessing" that you are trying to set up a "totalitarian dictatorship" by "treachery, deceit, infiltration, espionage, sabotage, terrorism." If you don't "confess" by registering on government orders, you can get life imprisonment (five years for each day of violation.)

Freedom of silence is indeed a precious democratic right. In fact, it's something we'd like to see re-established in the United States. The press is making a big thing of Dr. Hu Shih's expression, "freedom of silence." Editorials are pointing to its absence in the Soviet Union or China. But Stalin doesn't have the patent on "loyalty" oaths. The system of compulsory statements of "loyalty" — forced swearing of "loyalty" oaths — is raging no more fiercely than in America today. Federal, state and city employees are forced to take oaths of "loyalty" or lose their jobs. School teachers, college professors, industrial workers, radio entertainers, even gambling joint employees are being forced to declare "loyalty." Union officials, under the Taft-Hartley Act, must sign affidavits.

Call on People Not to Submit To Police State

SEPT. 23 — "We will fight this Nazi-like law to the last ditch," declared all candidates of the Socialist Workers Party today after Congress enacted the McCarran-Kilgore police-state law. In a joint campaign pledge, the 1950 candidates of the SWP throughout the country called on the American people to force repeal of the law and "to drive from public life every scoundrel who has helped — directly or indirectly — to impose it on this nation." Their statement said:

Congress has ordered the American people to shut up or go to jail. Congress has commanded all of us not to think and not to speak except as the ruling plutocrats and their political gangsters dictate. Congress has demanded that we submit in servile silence to war, militarism, wage-freezing, price-gouging, profiteering and Jim Crow. This is the real arm of the catch-all "Internal Security Act" rushed through Congress over Truman's feeble veto.

Both capitalist parties — Democratic and Republican — criminally conspired to subvert and destroy the Bill of Rights in order to suppress all dissent.

We—the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party—openly and unequivocally declare: We will not submit. We will not be intimidated. We will not be silenced.

People Will Not Be Silenced

We predict that the American people, particularly the militant working class, will not submit and will not be silenced.

We will fight this Nazi-like law to the last ditch. We will call on the American people to organize mass opposition to this odious law, to force its repeal and to drive from public life every scoundrel who has helped — directly or indirectly — to impose it on this nation.

That is our solemn campaign pledge. The combined McCarran-Kilgore law atom-bombs the Bill of Rights. The very ones who voted for it denounced its various sections. Sponsors of the original McCarran bill called the Fair Dealers' Kilgore bill a "blueprint for dictatorship." Advocates of the original Kilgore bill called McCarran's measure "dangerous, burdensome and repressive."

What can the American people do now to prevent the Truman government from erecting its police state on the pattern of this dangerous, burdensome and repressive blueprint for dictatorship?

First of all, discard all illusions about ALL capitalist politicians and parties. Truman greased the way for the police-state law with his "loyalty" purge and political blacklist of "subversive" organizations. Instead of fighting tooth and nail against any and every form of police-state law, the Trumanites and "Fair Dealers" drafted their own concentration-camp bill and voted to add it to the omnibus McCarran bill.

The American Tradition of Resistance

The American people have great historic models showing how to fight oppressive laws.

In 1798, President John Adams invoked the Alien and Sedition Acts to silence the voice of the people. They rose in overwhelming political revolt, drove out Adams and his cohorts, elected Jefferson and put an end to the repressive laws.

In the 1850's, the Southern slaveholders used their control of the government in an attempt to make the American people enforce the slave system. The Fugitive Slave Law provided savage penalties for aiding escaped slaves or failure to inform on them and their assistants. It aroused popular defiance, helped inspire formation of the anti-slavery Republican Party and led to the Civil War that destroyed the Southern slaveocracy.

We will hold up these glorious traditions before the American people in this election campaign. We will call on them to fight the new would-be slaveocrats by building a mighty crusading party, a labor party of the workers, Negro people, working farmers, youth.

Our answer to the police-state law is: No compromise! No surrender! Drive the scoundrels out! Give the Bill of Rights back to the American people!

TRUMAN 'VERY PLEASED' BY CONGRESS--ARE YOU?

By Art Preis

Truman "left nothing undone to praise" the Democratic-controlled 81st Congress, according to the accounts of his Sept. 21 press conference. He said that Congress had given him "substantially" what he had asked for and that he was "very well pleased" with it.

But are you? Are you even a little bit pleased with the record of the Democratic Congress?

This is the Congress that, day after Truman's praise, overrode his veto and made law the most repressive measure in American history, the new "Internal Security Act" to make "Communists" register as "foreign agents" plotting to commit espionage and sabotage, and to throw political dissidents into concentration camps during war. This is the Congress which Truman's own veto message admitted would dynamite the Bill of Rights if it passed this law — which it did.

This is the Congress that, winking on the Democratic Party's and Truman's election promises, voted down every proposal to amend or repeal the infamous Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law, which remains as a companion law to the new "Subversive Activities Control" measure — a double-barrelled blast at the rights of the working people.

This is the Congress that buried every point of Truman's 10-point civil rights program which, along with repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, was his chief election promise to the American people, the Negro people above all. In the crucial test on civil rights, this Congress — with the Democrats in the lead — blocked even a vote on the Fair Employment Practices bill.

This is the Congress which has just passed a \$5 billion "soak the poor and protect the rich" tax bill that increases income taxes for the average worker by 20%, but by little more than 10% for the billionaires. It is the Congress, also, that on Truman's request threw out the excess profits tax amendment.

Why Should Anyone Believe Them?

An Editorial

The election campaign is on in earnest. The capitalist politicians are racing all over the country promising the voters the world on a golden platter — if only they will be elected or re-elected. But why should anyone believe them?

They said that victory over the Axis would inaugurate a lasting peace. But already American boys are dying abroad and the main concern in Washington today is preparations for another world war.

They swore that the last war was a war to end fascism. But the two parties united in Congress to grant a big loan to Franco, fascist butcher of the Spanish working class.

They promised that the last war would lead to the abolition of militarism. But now they have sanctioned and are speeding up

the rearming of Germany and Japan, and they have ordered the countries of Western Europe to vastly increase their war machines even at the risk of ruining their economic structures.

They pledged to uphold independence for the colonial peoples. But now they are spending billions of the taxpayers' money to prevent the people of Korea from working out their destiny in their own way, and they are trying to help maintain the corrupt rule of Bao Dai in Indo-China just as they sought to maintain the hated Chiang Kai-shek regime in China.

They told us that the blood and sacrifice of war were necessary to preserve democracy at home. But the two parties in Congress have just united to pass a bill that destroys the Bill of Rights and makes the exercise of free speech punishable by long prison sentences and heavy fines.

They assured the workers that they were "friends of labor." But

they passed the Taft-Hartley Act. Truman promised to repeal it if the Democrats won in 1948. But it is still on the books and Truman has used its strikebreaking injunction powers against workers no less than 62 times.

They appealed to the Negro people for votes, both parties pledging to pass FEPC and other anti-Jim Crow measures. But they killed the temporary FEPC at the end of the war, they have killed every effort to enact a permanent FEPC since then.

So why should anyone believe them? Why should anyone believe them when they tell us now that imperialist war in Korea is the way to achieve lasting peace, that the adoption of a police state law at home is the way to protect us against totalitarianism, that they were able to find time to impose a crushing tax addition on working people but couldn't find the time to enact an excess profits tax?

There is a good reason for the lies of the Democrats and Republicans. They are agents of the capitalist class, defenders of rule by a minority of exploiters, members of a conspiracy to bring the whole world under the domination of American Big Business, even at the cost of millions of American lives. How could they tell the voters the truth about the capitalist system they represent, and still hope to be elected to office?

We urge the workers not to be swayed by capitalist propaganda, even when it is peddled by labor leaders. We urge them to study the programs of the contending parties to determine which one stands for the rule of the majority and emancipation from war, dictatorship, economic insecurity and racial oppression. We are confident that workers who do this will give their support to the Socialist Workers Party.

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How Can We Prevent War?

By Joseph Hansen SWP Candidate for U. S. Senator from N. Y.

In 1916 the Democratic Party asked the people to return Woodrow Wilson to the White House because "he kept us out of war."

Once in office, Wilson took America full steam toward the battlefields of Europe. And the Republicans said, "Us too."

In 1940 the Democratic Party asked the people to give Franklin D. Roosevelt a third term on his solemn promise "again and again end again" not to send American boys to die on foreign battlefields.

When the election returns were in, Roosevelt like Wilson hastened the country down the road to war, stepping up the economic and diplomatic pressures aimed at forcing a showdown with Japan.

On the question of World War III, the Republicans remain 100% "bi-partisan." They're simply against a "third term" for the Democrats in the grisly business of marching America into another slaughter.

Neither of the two political machines of Big Business makes much claim about standing for "peace" nowadays. In fact they are trying to psychologize us into believing that another war is inevitable and that anyone who be-



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lieves in peace and sincerely works for it is "subversive."

But you cannot truthfully say that "war is inevitable" unless you add: if the capitalist system is not replaced by socialism.

THE SOCIALIST FUTURE

Socialism will eliminate the economic rivalries of warring national cliques of capitalists that now rend our globe. Socialism will integrate industrial and agricultural production on a world scale under a scientific plan.

These simple facts are the last things in the world either Democrats or Republicans will admit. As "cause" for the inevitability of war, they point to the prospective enemy, the Soviet Union. They point to Moscow's "influence" in other lands. They mean the great nationalist movements in colonial lands and the demonstrated readiness of workers in industrially-advanced countries to strike out on the road to socialism.

How is the mad race toward another war to be halted? The United Nations has proved to be an instrument of Anglo-American imperialism, not of peace.

What about Stalinism? Does it offer a program of peace? The entire foreign policy of the Kremlin since Stalin usurped power has consisted of seeking deals with the predatory imperialist powers.

By betraying promising revolutionary movements, Stalin helped pave the way for World War II. He has given a repeat performance in the past five years.

In view of the situation, it seems a formidable task to halt the drive toward war. A person feeling isolated in his opposition to imperialist war may even feel that it is hopeless. But that is not so. There is a way out —

through the struggle for socialism. The fact is that the great bulk of all mankind are aware of the war preparations, fear the plans of American imperialism, dread the outbreak of hostilities and fervently long for peace and a better world.

This liberationist movement has scored such successes as the loosening of Britain's chains on India, the smashing of the Chiang Kai-shek regime, and the heroic record of struggle against colonial oppression in Indo-China, Indonesia, Malaya and Burma.

It even achieved a Yugoslavia that has openly set out on the road to socialism in opposition to both Moscow and Washington.

The frantic efforts of reaction to suppress this world-wide move-

ment are a gauge of what colossal potential power resides in it. American imperialism moves toward world conquest not so much with confidence in victory as gnawing fear that the desperate gamble may not succeed.

This upsurge of the bulk of mankind is the mainspring of the struggle against war, giving a mighty impulsion to the struggle for socialism.

Capitalism is far from a fresh, rising system. It is a dying system, experiencing the frightful struggles of its death agony.

The new socialist system that will replace capitalism and do away with war is even now gathering together its spiritual forces. These can take organized form on a colossal scale with a rapidity never before seen in history.

The days of capitalism are numbered. We shall soon see the dawn of world socialism. All that is required now is a stout heart and a true comprehension of how much it means in these times to give the idea of socialism another push forward.



TROTSKY

"There are progressive, just wars and there are reactionary, unjust wars, independently of who 'started' first. From the scientific historical point of view, progressive, just wars are those which serve the liberation of oppressed classes or oppressed nations and thus push human culture forward.

—Leon Trotsky, article in Socialist Appeal, Sept. 11, 1939.



LENIN

Wallace Backs Police-State Law

Millionaire Henry Wallace hastened last week to offer his services to the architects of the police state in this country. This capitalist demagogue, before whom the Stalinists crawled on their knees and painted up all these years as the "champion of the people," coolly approved the passage of the McCarran-Kilgore bill by Congress.

There are still far too many individuals to whom this action will again come as a shock. But Wallace has not really changed. There is nothing "astounding" about his "utterance," as the editors of the Daily Worker continue to pretend, just as they did when Wallace announced his pro-war stand.

Wallace is now simply discarding another of those disguises he found so expedient previously to don. As a firm supporter of capitalism, Wallace must support war, without which this outlived sys-

tem cannot survive. Supporting the war, as he always said he would, Wallace now backs those measures which in the opinion of his class are indispensable for carrying out their war program.

Not only Wallace but every capitalist politician has behaved and will behave this way; they differ from one another merely in their choice of phrases, timing and tactics. Every supporter of capitalism, no matter how "progressive" a mask he wears, will sooner or later do what Wallace has done. That is why they must be exposed and denounced long in advance so as not to permit them to dupe or demoralize sincere opponents of war.

The Stalinists committed a crime by covering up the class character of Wallace's politics. Even after Wallace has kicked them in the teeth, they continue to keep mum about the real reasons why this Gideon of yesterday turns up today licking the boots of the McCarrans and the Kilgores. The Stalinists do so not so much because they are themselves embarrassed or "astounded" but because, if they told the truth, they would thereby expose their own treachery in cohabiting so ecstatically with Henry Wallace.

What Your Taxes Buy

When you see your next paycheck, you will find that a new and bigger rate of "withholding" has gone into effect. You and your fellow workers are in fact footing practically the whole of the five billion dollar tax increase. Just what are you getting in return?

By far the biggest share of your new tax dollar will go for more guns, bombs, tanks and planes, with sizable chunks earmarked for bigger and better atom bombs, hell bombs, and other still secret atomic explosives, radio-active gasses, super-rockets, and the like. It is your first down payment on the biggest standing armed forces in this country's history.

Next in size to the arms program at home is the arms program abroad. You are financing arms shipments not only to Europe but also to Indo-China to help the French colonial despots keep the insurgent native people enslaved. Today, part of your taxes goes to pay for Truman's undeclared war in Korea. Tomorrow it will go for any other undeclared wars they may wage in Asia. In any case, your money is destined to pay for the start of the rearming of Germany and Japan, for which the Truman administration is pushing so hard and fast.

In passing, you ought not to overlook that part of your tax money will also go

to extend loans to Butcher Franco, Chiang Kai-shek and any other reliable "defender of democracy" that can be located on our planet.

Still another chunk of your boosted taxes is earmarked for the erection of concentration camps at home and to pay the overhead for the destruction of the Bill of Rights and the entrenchment of the police-state.

More jails and jailors will be needed; more spies and informers, more FBI agents and a vaster secret police network. All this costs lots of money. And besides, there are the salaries to pay to the Attorney General, the new "security" boards, let alone the Supreme Court judges, and other federal jurists who will be very busy enforcing "laws" burying freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right of trial and all the other elementary civil rights.

The list, already long, has by no means been exhausted. But we cannot omit one more item, namely, that Washington's propaganda machine will also be greatly stepped up in a "Campaign of Truth." The world is going to be told that all this is being done in "defense of democracy."

All this should be borne in mind on election day as well as payday.

Candidates and Issues In the Seattle Elections

By Daniel Roberts SWP Candidate for Congress, First Washington District

SEATTLE — The 1950 election campaign in the First Congressional District of Washington will find all the basic tendencies in American political life represented.

My platform is that of the Socialist Workers Party. I am campaigning for a Socialist America at peace and prosperous in a Socialist World.

The incumbent in the First District is Hugh Mitchell, a great liberal Democrat, darling of the ADA, chief promoter of the Columbia Valley Authority, and a man who boasts of a perfect voting record as far as labor is concerned. There apparently is no greater "friend of labor" in either of Wall Street's parties than Hugh Mitchell.

Hugh Mitchell reminds me of Damon Runyan's character, Big Falseface. Big Falseface was an amiable young man who would stop passersby and engage them in very pleasant conversation — while his accomplice picked their pockets.

That is Hugh Mitchell all over. He is the local Big Falseface of the Democratic Party in its depredations against the working people of this country. While Hugh Mitchell puts out his pleasant chatter, his accomplices — the Democratic President, the Democratic Congress and the Democratic judiciary — blackjack the working men and women and rob them of their standard of living, their union rights, their freedom of speech, and in the case of the Negro masses, of their rights to full political, social and economic equality.

GLOBAL SCALE Hugh Mitchell is coming up in the world. He is now putting his Big Falseface act on a global scale. According to latest reports he proposes to front for American imperialism in Asia. As he moves up to do so, his line of conversation loses its pleasant ring. The demagoguery becomes less artful, and the brutal tone of the would-be colonial overlord is not so well restrained.

"We of the United Nations shall push the aggressor back across the 38th Parallel," he declared in a recent speech in Congress. "I dare say, the United Nations' forces will go further and occupy the whole of Korea. (How liberal!) The question is Mr. Speaker, where do we go from here?" The Asians, it seems, don't take

kindly to Wall Street. The "Reds" are winning them by promises of land, and — crime of crimes in the eyes of a liberal Democratic phrasemonger! — are fulfilling some of their promises. The peasants are actually taking the land. All this Hugh Mitchell admits.

The American soldiers, waging war against an entire population in Korea, are bewildered by the role they have been ordered to play. From American people letters arrive to Congress asking, "What is the war all about?" "What has Big Falseface to say about all this?"

Stop the shooting down of the Korean people and the destruction of their industry and their fields! Withdraw the American troops and let the Korean people decide their own fate? Unthinkable for Mitchell! These people must be "liberated" at all costs.

EXTRA BIG PROMISES

The situation calls for extra big promises. Twenty billion dollars must be spent in Asia for development, Hugh Mitchell proclaims. How about a CVA on the Yangtze River?

He has found the happy phrases and now everything is all right — the burning, the bombing, the slaughtering of civilians and all.

Seattle workers must recognize Hugh Mitchell for what he is. The local Big Falseface of the Democratic Party who should be rejected at the polls on November 7!

The Republicans are running Mrs. Frances F. Powell, once a "liberal," who now backs the Republican Party's line at home and abroad without any ifs, ands or buts. She deserves no workers' votes and will indeed receive very few.

The Independent Voters Party has put up Paul Bowen, a Negro maritime worker, who will run on the Stalinist platform of solving the world's problems by cooking up a new reactionary deal between Washington and the Kremlin. While he does not deserve any working class votes, any attempt to rule him off the ballot, as has been threatened by Earl Coe, Washington Secretary of State, must be vigorously protested and fought.

Vote for the Socialist Workers Party and its candidates!

SEATTLE SWP URGES LABOR TO VOTE FOR INITIATIVE 176

By Marianne Stanley Seattle Campaign Manager

SEATTLE, Sept. 22 — The Socialist Workers Party urges the workers in the state of Washington to vote for Initiative 176 and against Initiative 178 in the November elections.

Initiative 176 is proposed by the Washington State Pension Union, an organization of elder citizens which has sponsored and campaigned for all previous progressive general assistance measures. The proposed act would increase old-age pensions to \$65 monthly minimum and insure all welfare recipients an improved grant for two years. It would force the state legislature to keep hands off state aid to the needy for the next two years.

Initiative 178, proposed by Governor Langlie and R. Olzendam, reactionary head of the welfare department, has been correctly labeled the "Freedom to Starve" Act and is designed to cut pensions and to fix exceptionally harsh rules for eligibility.

The same gang is also attempting to amend the state constitution so that more signatures will be required to place an initiative on the ballot.

Initiative 176 is based on the progressive idea that any citizen

KOREA AND YUGOSLAVIA TEST FOR ALL PARTIES

By Joseph Keller

Korea and Yugoslavia are touchstones for the foreign policy of every political party and candidate. They embody the most fundamental world issues. For a party to be wrong in its attitude toward either or both of these countries places it in the camp of reaction and brands it unworthy of the support of the American workers.

Korea symbolizes the great struggle of the colonial peoples of Asia against imperialist domination and for national liberation. Combined with their revolt for national freedom, the Korean peasants, like those of all Asia, are striving to overthrow the system of landlordism and usury that has ground them into abysmal poverty.

Yugoslavia represents not only the struggle of small nations for national independence and self-determination, but the epochal battle for socialism against capitalism, the self-rule of the workers and peasants against the tyranny of private owners of the resources and means of production.

There can be no question where the Democratic and Republican parties and their candidates stand on Korea. They are supporting the U. S. invasion and destruction of that country. They are backing the corrupt and savage Syngman Rhee regime of landlords and capitalists against the revolutionary struggle of the Korean peasants and workers.

Does this mean, then, that the Stalinists have a correct position on Korea? Don't they say they are against U.S. intervention and for Korean independence?

The Stalinists are not for the independence of Korea or any other small nation. They are for whatever serves the interests of the Kremlin bureaucracy. The Kremlin found it to its advantage to supply a limited amount of arms to the North Korean regime and to encourage — up to a point — its civil war against the South Korean regime. But if the Kremlin now effects a deal with U. S. imperialism at the expense of the Korean people — a deal which Stalin appears to be desperately seeking — the Stalinists here and their candidates running on the Progressive Party ticket will hail and support any treachery against the Koreans perpetrated by the Moscow overlords.

The real attitude of the Stalinists not only to the rights of small nations but to the socialist revolution itself is revealed nakedly on the issue of Yugoslavia. The American Stalinists are waging a furious campaign in support of the Kremlin's preparations for assault on the Yugoslav people and their workers state, which has dared to maintain its independence against Stalinism and imperialism.

In addition to a blockade that seeks to strangle Yugoslavia economically, the Kremlin has moved its satellite troops to Yugoslavia's borders and engaged in wholesale provocations. This is being done under cover of a campaign of unprecedented slander, in which the Tito regime that organized and led the overthrow of Yugoslavia's former monarchist-capitalist ruling class is called "imperialist," "fascist" and "agent of Wall Street."

The real attitude of Wall Street is displayed, however, in its parallel economic squeeze on Belgrade. The bi-partisan coalition in Washington found no obstacle to pouring three-quarters of a billion dollars into monarcho-capitalist Greece, billions into the landlord-capitalist dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek in China and more than \$600 million into Syngman Rhee's South Korea. But it stalls even a promised \$25 million loan to the Tito government which refuses to make political concessions to American imperialism.

No one who upholds American imperialist intervention in Korea can be considered a trustworthy friend of a socialist country like Yugoslavia; and no one who supports the Kremlin's campaign against Yugoslavia can be considered a trustworthy friend of the Korean people in their struggle for national independence.

On the key issues of Korea and Yugoslavia, neither the candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties, nor the candidates of the Stalinist-dominated Progressive Party go with clean hands before the American voters.

The Socialist Workers Party candidates alone defend uncompromisingly the right of the Korean and Yugoslav peoples to determine their own destinies. The SWP candidates call for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea and for immediate material aid to the Yugoslav people who are facing terrible hardships in their resistance to the combined Moscow-Washington squeeze.

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