

# "White, Negro Workers Must Stand Together"

The following is the full text of a speech delivered by Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for President of the United States, over NBC-TV, July 27, 1952. Candidate Dobbs was introduced by George Clarke, SWP Campaign Manager:

In introducing me Mr. Clarke referred to my background as a union organizer. You may be interested to know why I left union work to enter politics. It is a simple story.

Time and again I participated in union organization campaigns and walked picket lines with my fellow workers to win improved wages and working conditions. Time and again I saw these gains undermined at a single stroke by the Democratic and Republican political agents of the employers in government.

We built strong unions with the power to win improved wages and then the capitalist politicians in Washington slapped a wage freeze on the workers. We built strong unions that had the power to represent the members on the job and the capitalist politicians slapped on a Taft-Hartley Act, restricting the right to strike and legalizing outside intervention in the unions.

I became convinced that the workers need their own representatives in government and their own independent Labor Party to elect them. I looked around for an honest party of the working people and found it in the Socialist Workers Party. I joined the SWP to help work for independent labor political action and I have proudly accepted nomination as the presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party to urge that policy be adopted by all the American working people.

## FOR COMPLETE EQUALITY

I learned something else as a union organizer. I learned that when workers divide along nationality or racial lines, it weakens the unions and strengthens the employers. The very worst division of all is created by discrimination against the Negro people. I am a 100% enemy of the Jim-Crow system. I and

my party stand for complete and unconditional equality for the Negro people. We call for a Federal FEPC that is compulsory. The Democrats and Republicans have been trying to deceive you on this civil rights issue. They promise equality for Negroes and they break every promise. They promised civil rights in 1948. They did nothing about it. Now they are promising it again in 1952. They will do nothing about that either except repeat the same old promises again in 1956. They tell the Negro people that they are actually succeeding in abolishing Jim Crow gradually. They say, be patient, these things take time; you must learn to crawl before you can walk. But the bomb that killed Harry T. Moore and his wife in Florida exploded the myth that Jim Crow is fading away.

## THE MOORE CASE

I have here a pamphlet, *The Jim Crow Murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore*, written by Mr. George Breitman, our party's candidate for United States Senator from New Jersey. Mr. Breitman describes how this heroic Negro school principal fought for Negro equality in the South where it takes real courage to stand up for civil rights. He tells how Harry T. Moore gave his life in this cause. Breitman sums up the whole score on the civil rights issue as it is so startlingly revealed in this brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. Moore. Harry T. Moore knew the risk he was taking. Shortly before his death his mother urged him to be careful. He replied to her: "Every advancement comes by way of sacrifice and if I sacrifice my life or my health, I still think it is my duty for my race." With fighters like that in their ranks, the Negro people don't need a white man to urge them to fight Jim Crow. They know all about the evils of race discrimination.

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# TIME FOR LABOR PARTY IS NOW, SAYS WEISS

The following is the full text of a speech delivered by Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Vice-Presidential candidate, over NBC-TV July 27:

The Democrats and the Republicans don't tell lies all the time.

When the Republicans talk about the Democrats — and when the Democrats talk about the Republicans — they sometimes tell the truth.

The Republicans call the Democrats a war party.

And that's true. The Democrats say the Republicans are also a war party.

And that's true. But let them start talking about any other subject, and they both begin to lie.

Both say they're for peace.

And that's a lie — because both parties support the slaughter in Korea — both stand for huge war preparations — both are getting ready for a Third World War.

Both say they're for labor.

And that's a lie.

The Republicans boast of being the authors of the Taft-Hartley Law.

The Democrats can merely boast that Truman has used Taft-Hartley injunctions twelve times to smash strikes by working people fighting for decent wages and conditions.

Both parties say they're against discrimination and for the rights of the Negro people.

And that's a lie. Both parties have just adopted planks on civil rights which promise even less than the little they offered in 1948.

## NO BASIC DIFFERENCE

The truth is there is no real basic difference between the two old parties.

They are financed alike by wealthy industrialists, bankers and well-heeled gangsters.

They are owned and run by Big Business in the interest of Big Business.

If you could get most of the union leaders to give a straightforward answer, they would probably say what the United Mine Workers Journal recently said:

"Neither Republicans nor Democrats made any really serious efforts to live up to the pledges of their 1948 platforms. The labor sections of these platforms were dishonored."

This is a candid admission by the United Mine Workers Journal.

If promises to labor have been dishonored — the promises to the Negro people have been doubly dishonored.

## NAACP OFFICIAL

I give you the words of Roy Wilkins, a leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who said:

"Cases involving the violation of Negroes' rights in 1951 were probably more shocking than during any other year in recent history."

If both parties are parties of broken promises — of violated pledges — of corruption and discrimination — of special privilege — of war and repression — then what are union officials doing asking labor to support either of such parties?

That's the question I ask and it's the question millions of you want answered.

And more and more you are coming to the same conclusion reached by us — the Socialist Workers Party.

The American people — the workers, the low-paid and poor, the oppressed minorities like the Negro people, the dirt farmers — we all need a party of our own — an independent labor party.

What a shameful spectacle the union leaders and the leaders of Negro organizations have been making of themselves in Chicago!

They — the representatives and spokesmen of the people — of the tens of millions who toil and make up the bulk of the population — they came hat in hand, like beggars, pleading for tiny favors — a little recognition.

I say it is a disgusting and disgraceful affair when these labor and Negro leaders — representing as they do the greatest power on earth — stand at the back door of the Democratic and Republican parties of Big Business and plead for crumbs.

This giant American labor movement which has brought the mightiest corporations to their knees — which has humbled Ford and General Motors and U.S. Steel — could sweep its own candidates into office, if we used our real political strength.

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# Socialist Workers Platform Calls for Fight Against War

## TV Viewers Contribute to Election Fund

By Reba Aubrey  
Fund Campaign Manager

After televiewing Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates of the Socialist Workers Party, friends who wished to remain anonymous contributed \$25 toward the \$18,000 Election Fund last week.

Kay Kean of Akron handed in \$20 while attending the Socialist Workers convention in New York. "That fills my pledge and puts Akron a notch or two closer to our \$150 goal," she said. "We know how this fund will help to spread the truth about socialism during the election."

Jimmy Kutcher, the legless Purple Heart veteran who is now battling the Veterans Administration in the courts because they fired him from his clerk's job on account of his belief in socialism, delivered Newark's weekly contribution personally. "The sooner we get it in, the better chance we have of taking full advantage of all the election opportunities to let people know how socialism can stop another war," he said.

The Philadelphia local of the Socialist Workers Party sent in \$15 and reported plans for a picnic "from which we hope to raise a sizeable sum." Los Angeles came through with its first \$250, an apology for dropping behind schedule and a promise "to catch up as soon as possible." New York chalked up \$303, Boston \$19 and Chicago \$40.

The Chicago branch reports lively interest in filling up the outline letters of their wall slogan: "Chicago will contribute its fund quota in full and on time." When you make a contribution, a proportionate part of a letter is painted in.

As the scoreboard on page 3 indicates, contributions lagged this week. The national total of \$7,652 is 43% of the goal, but 19% behind schedule. Two branches only are entitled to the boldface type this week for making the weekly deadline on time, Connecticut and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The other branches, we are sure, will catch up as the delegates return with some of that enthusiastic spirit that made the 15th convention a memorable one. Round up those dollars to help make America Socialist!

## Dobbs on TV

Tune in Sunday, August 3 from 5:30 to 5:45 P.M. on Dumont TV to hear and see Farrell Dobbs, Presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party. In New York City this is WABD, Channel 5.

## By Joseph Andrews

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## Their Unanimous Choice



# DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL TICKET IS ANTI-LABOR, ANTI-CIVIL RIGHTS

By John G. Wright

Stevenson, the "drafted" presidential candidate of the Democratic Party, is the hand-picked choice of virtually the same Big Money interests who nominated his Republican rival, General Eisenhower. So far as their basic interests are concerned, it makes no difference whatever to the billionaire monopolists which one is elected next November. They win in either case.

Stevenson, born to wealth and social prominence, owner of a law firm, heir to part-ownership of a daily paper in Bloomington, Ill., talks more glibly than does the political general, but he stands for exactly the same policies, domestic and foreign.

Both put the defense of private property above all other considerations. "I don't like any interference with free markets, free men and free enterprise," said Stevenson.

There is no difference whatever between him and Eisenhower

on foreign policy. "I believe," said Stevenson, "in the bipartisan approach to foreign policy, especially in these critical times." This military-minded civilian is committed to the same war preparations and war program as his militarist opponent now masquerading as a "civilian."

## FAVORS TAFT-HARTLEY

On domestic policy the differences, if any, between these two capitalist candidates are far less significant than their agreements. Both are anti-labor. Stevenson is as outspokenly in favor of the Taft-Hartley law as Eisenhower. All it requires is "modification," both say.

This may come as a surprise to many workers whom the labor leaders, from Murray and Reuther down, are now trying to herd on to the Stevenson bandwagon, but it is an undeniable fact. In an authorized interview to the weekly U.S. News, Aug. 1, Stevenson condemned it as "oversimplification" for anyone to say "flatly that he is either for or against that (Taft-Hartley) law."

"Some features of the law," Stevenson continued, "seem to me to advance the cause of good labor relations, and other features, in my opinion, do not. I could not conscientiously subscribe to any position with respect to the Taft-Hartley law which does not take account of its great variety, and I happen to think that most of the people of the country, including the unions, have come to realize that the Taft-Hartley law cannot be dealt with in such simple and absolute terms. . . . I think the Democratic platform should recommend modification." That's Eisenhower's position, too.

Stevenson issued this interview before the Democrat and Republican conventions were held. Its publication was delayed until after both conventions were over. But Stevenson's views could not have been a secret to the official

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# Worker-Farmer Govt. To End Big-Business Rule, Urged by SWP

The following is the full text of the 1952 Election Platform adopted by the recent national convention of the Socialist Workers Party which nominated Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss as candidates for President and Vice President of the United States:

We are told every day that Americans live in a special "paradise-on-earth," the richest, the most peaceful, the most stable country in the world.

But the truth is we face disaster.

We stand on the brink of the most destructive of all wars. Half the peoples of the world will be ranged against us. It is doubtful that we can win such a war. But whether our generals win or lose, we, the American people, will be the losers. Millions of our sons, brothers and husbands will lose their lives on foreign battle fronts in the remotest corners of the world. Our cities will be pounded by bombs, turned into rubble as were Coventry and London, Berlin and Hamburg, Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the last war.

The military machine will devour our great national wealth and resources. Our standard of living will be driven down to the European level. Our cherished rights and liberties will be trampled underfoot by a military dictatorship. Labor will be regimented and dissenters locked up in concentration camps.

This is the tomorrow our rulers are planning for us and our children. And it is later than most of us think. In the midst of our present seeming well-being such a prospect looks like sheer madness. But it is not the common people who have lost their reason, it is not they who are plotting national suicide. It is the capitalist system under which we live, the giant banks and monopolies which dominate it and the politicians of the two major parties who serve their interest. These are the real betrayers of our country. They are the enemy within the gates.

## Opposed to Stalinism

Big Business and its agents claim that preparations for war are necessary because of the threat of Stalinism. This excuse is a lie. We speak with authority on this because we stand in irreconcilable opposition to Stalinism, the deadly disease carried into the international labor movement by the Kremlin police regime. We were the first in this country to call attention, as far back as 1928, to the menace of Stalinism. We exposed its bloody purges, lying propaganda, frame-up trials and murderous political police even when many of its present-day foes sought to cover up or explain away the crimes of Stalinism.

Big Business has shown repeatedly that it can get along with Stalinism, if it so desires, make alliances with it and join it in hounding and persecuting socialists and militant workers. The real reason Big Business is preparing for war is because it wants to open up the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, China and other lands to the return of capitalism and colonial rule.

## False Prosperity

The present prosperity is an unhealthy one. Its chief beneficiaries have been the kings of finance and industry. They have made fabulous profits running into astronomical sums.

The mass of working people have received only the crumbs of this prosperity. Every slight improvement has been undermined by higher taxes and rising prices.

Meanwhile our industrial plant has been enlarged and speeded up. We produce twice as much as we did 15 years ago. The people earn too little to consume this vast output. Each year labor gets a smaller share of the national wealth. While productivity of labor rises and profits skyrocket, wages are held back by government controls, inflation and the tax bite.

This unequal distribution of wealth has resulted in accumulation of billions upon billions of dollars by the rich, who cannot invest them at a high enough rate of profit. And there are too few dollars in the hands of the working people to purchase the goods and services of the nation's industries. These conditions caused the 10-year depression that began in 1929.

The Second World War pulled us out of that depression. Now preparations for World War III are keeping us out of a new depression. Big Business likes this war profiteering. It prefers to have the nation's wealth invested in the means of destruction instead of in a system of social insurance to provide medical care and security for everyone. It finds it more profitable to build the engines of death — atom bombs, rockets and jet planes — than to build low-cost homes within the reach of millions of slum-dwellers. It has no competitors in this business of armaments; it ex-

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# Balance Sheet of Steel Strike

By Joseph Andrews

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cents across the board retroactive to last Jan. 1, 2½ cents effective July 1, and 2½ cents effective next Jan. 1, plus 8.9 cents in fringe benefits. This would have totalled 26.4 cents in wage increases.

The new agreement provides a total wage package of 21.4c, an hour, 5c less than the WSB formula.

The WSB proposal would also have provided a premium of time and a quarter for Sunday work. The new agreement omits this important provision. Steel workers are on the job most Sundays in the year.

The WSB formula provided more retroactive pay than the new memorandum. The "union shop" clause agreed upon is not a strong one. Thus far no agreement on outlawing company speed-up, or company ruled seniority have been announced.

During the strike Murray stated he would never agree to anything less than the WSB pro-

posals. He was backed by the angry steel workers in this stand. But the settlement shows that the tough spirit of the strikers did not prevail at the negotiations table.

## MURRAY'S STRATEGY

Throughout the 8-month contract struggle, the Murray leadership placed its hopes in government. This reliance on Washington, and not on Bethlehem, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, and South Chicago, deprived the steel workers of a clear-cut victory.

The first error was participation in the WSB. This business-dominated board served only to cut down the union's demands and stall their fight. For months the WSB gave the union the round-around, while stepped up production added to the stockpile of steel reserves.

When Truman seized the mills, Murray asked him to grant the union its wage demands and a contract. This Truman refused to

do. The union worked without a contract. That was the second big mistake.

The court fight over Truman's right to seize the mills, could not possibly have helped the steel workers. It served only to give the steel companies an excuse to make a political issue of the steel workers' struggle, while the workers' demands remained unsatisfied.

## DID NOT MOBILIZE LABOR

When the union finally went on strike on June 2, the union leadership did not change its fundamental course. Murray still relied on government intervention. He did not mobilize labor's support to bring pressure on both the steel companies and the government.

A call for a nation-wide 24-hour holiday demonstration by organized labor, proposed by The Militant, would have met enthusiastic response. The workers, especially in the CIO, saw in the

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# Anti-War Platform of Socialist Workers Party

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torts the prices it wants from the government, which gives it free plants and tax exemptions running into billions of dollars.

To keep this boom going requires war "scare" and wars, small ones as in Korea, or a bigger war later against China, the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe. That is the reason why it has been so difficult to arrange even a truce in Korea; that is why the State Department is pushing through the rearmament of Western Germany and Japan under the old Nazi officers and war-lords, against the resistance of most of the peoples of Europe and Asia.

A war machine has a logic of its own; once set in motion it is hard to stop. In the end it must touch off the powder kegs of World War III.

There is one condition on which our monopoly-banker rulers will consider peace. It is that the people of the world permit them to establish a "dollar" empire where French, British and Dutch imperialism ruled before.

But peace is impossible on that condition. The world of imperialism is finished.

The millions of brown, yellow and black-skinned people — who constitute the majority of the human race — have thrown off the yoke of centuries of exploitation by the masters from the Old World; they will not willingly accept the new would-be master from Wall Street.

The peoples of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe have eliminated capitalist rule and have begun the difficult climb to a planned socialist system. Despite the oppression of their dictatorial rulers, they will not willingly permit a return of the speculators, landlords and profiteers.

It is not "communism" which threatens America. It is Wall Street and the Pentagon, in their hunger for profits, investments and empire, which threatens one-third of the peoples of the world. Our so-called Atlantic "community" is a fraud. Our "allies" are a few plutocrats bought with dollars. But the people of England and the continent who are hungrier and poorer than ever, have come to hate the name of America. They don't want Washington's anti-communist crusade. They won't fight Wall Street's war. They don't believe we are fighting for "democracy" against dictatorship and totalitarianism. And they are right. They know that the only real friends of the State Department are the capitalist despots: Syngman Rhee, Chiang Kai-shek, the Greek King, the Nazi generals and the Japanese militarists.

## On Whose Borders?

The Russian army is not within 200 miles of the American border. But an American force of half a million men is within 200 miles of the Manchurian and Siberian borders.

The Russians and Chinese do not have troops and air bases in 55 foreign countries scattered around the globe. But the United States does.

The Russians and Chinese are not encircling America; but the United States, heading the greatest military alliance in history, is forging an iron ring around the borders of the Soviet Union.

It is not "communism" from afar, but reaction directed from Washington that threatens the precious liberties of the American people at home.

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights are being supplanted with a "dangerous thoughts" code.

Trial and imprisonment on accusation of advocating the 100-year old ideas of Marxism is now an everyday occurrence.

Charges of guilt by association, contrary to Anglo-Saxon law, is a customary procedure in Congress and in State Legislatures.

A sinister political police, called the FBI, conducts vast operations of prying, snooping into personal lives, making informers out of honest people, intimidating, purging workers from government jobs and even private employment.

Teachers are forbidden the right to political association outside the two major parties. Students are taught the ideological goose-step instead of being encouraged to inquire into new ideas.

The McCarran immigration law bolts the doors on racial grounds, against those who would come to our shores. We are not allowed to travel abroad without first being "screened" for our political views.

## The Bi-Partisan Gang

The same gang that dreams of invading New China and restoring capitalism to the USSR, put over the Taft-Hartley slave labor act at home, and is planning new curbs for the unions.

The same gang that has burned and bombed Korea to a wasteland, is responsible for the disfranchisement and segregation of the Negro people, and the mob-and-bomb law against their most courageous leaders.

Open shop, race terror and fascism at home are the natural inclinations of the would-be masters of China, Russia and the world. The enemy of the peoples of the world is also our enemy — and that enemy is at home.

Who are the war-makers and the witch hunters? The Democrats and Republicans are both for war. It will make little difference whether Eisenhower or Stevenson is elected; both are for the war program of Big Business.

Republicans and Democrats are also united on the witch hunt. The Democratic administration under Truman is the real inspirer of Republican witch-hunter McCarthy. Truman initiated and gave official sanction to the government "loyalty" purge, restricting and violating the democratic rights of millions.

The Democrats decreed "loyalty" oaths, and the "subversive" lists. The Democrats applauded. The Democrats object to McCarthy's character assassination only when it affects the administration itself. The truth is the Democrats have put into effect most of McCarthy's vigilante proposals.

Both old parties have aided the growing military domination of government. The Pentagon is virtually a state within a state. The military brass are in league with Big Business; together they are wasting our national re-

sources, devouring our wealth, plundering the public treasury and plotting war on a world scale.

The Democrats brought this Brass Hat-Big Business gang into positions of power. A Republican victory would put a general in the White House and perpetuate and extend their control.

One obstacle stands on this road that leads to military dictatorship, war and catastrophe: The working people! They are the majority in the country. Through their powerful union organizations they possess tremendous strength. They don't want imperialist war or foreign conquest.

They don't want to dictate to other countries. They are not interested in the profits of the billionaire bankers and corporations, or in the glories of generals.

They want to live at peace with the peoples of the world.

They want to see the great wealth of our country and the products of its industry distributed in such a manner as to guarantee a decent standard of living to those who work, without depression or war. Only the subservience of the official union leadership, who back the war policy of the State Department, keeps the American working people politically powerless.

## We Need a Labor Party

This force of the American working people has yet to be organized in its own political party — the party of labor and the Negro people. Such a labor party could stay the hand of the war-makers; it could break the power of the race-haters; it could remove the threat of depression amid plenty; it could knit together bonds of solidarity with the peoples of the world fighting for national liberation and a better life, in keeping with our own traditions of the Revolution for Independence and the war against slavery.

The Socialist Workers Party fights for the creation of a Labor Party. It is confident it will come into being and change the whole course of American life and history.

The working people have a voice and a program in the 1952 elections — the Socialist Workers Party and its banner bearers: Farrell Dobbs for President and Myra Tanner Weiss for Vice President.

The great issue before the human race today is capitalism or socialism. Hundreds of millions of people are taking the road to socialism. Shall America join the march of history, or will it go down in ruins and poverty in a disastrous war to save the outlived dying system of capitalism? That is the burning question of our times.

The Socialist Workers Party takes its stand on the side of progress, on the side of the peoples who have taken the first step in the direction of a new society. The peoples of this new world hate their present despotic Stalinist rulers, but they hate capitalism more. The American people can aid them against oppressive Stalinist political rule and save themselves from catastrophic war only by joining the world march to socialism.

## Only Road to Peace

The SWP urges the American people to reorganize the wealth of our country on a socialist basis, to rid ourselves of minority government of the parasites and plutocrats and to establish genuine democracy — the rule of the workers and poor farmers. That is the only road to lasting peace.

The Progressive Party fears to face this decisive issue. It cultivates the vain illusion that capitalism can be reformed into a system of peace instead of war, that the irreconcilable differences between socialism and capitalism can be compromised out of existence. Such a program cannot effectively organize the struggle against the impending counter-revolutionary war. It can only demoralize the ranks of the anti-war fighters and in the end lead to new defeats and to the victory of reaction.

The Socialist Workers Party warns the American people of the terrible future the Wall Street-Brass Hat rulers are preparing for them. We urge resistance against the threatening catastrophe, to save our vanishing democratic rights. We enter this campaign to blaze the trail for a real government of the people, a government of the majority — a Workers and Farmers Government.

The Democratic and Republican parties are war parties of the rich; the Socialist Workers Party is the party of labor, of equality for all races, of peace and a prosperous life for all under the rational human system of socialism.

Your choice is clear. Resist the imperialist war! Resist the witch hunt!

Vote the SWP ticket! Vote for Dobbs and Weiss!

## 1. Foreign Policy

The Socialist Workers Party proposes a foreign policy of peace, friendship and assistance to the peoples of the world. Instead of military bases, we advocate the building of factories, homes, schools, dams, parks and hospitals. We propose sending men abroad with tools, knowledge and skill instead of men with guns; we propose genuine aid to the people of less favored nations without making them satellites of our Big Business oligarchy. Above all we stand for the right of all peoples to establish governments of their own choice. We propose to stop the war drive and direct our foreign policy toward building a socialist world of peace and plenty.

Withdraw all U.S. troops from foreign soil. Get out of Korea. Recognize the new Chinese government.

Let the American people vote on war or peace. Give the vote to 18-year-olds. Old enough to fight — old enough to vote.

## 2. Democratic Rights

The bi-partisan war bloc wants to muzzle anyone who opposes the war drive. Roosevelt started the witch hunt with the Minneapolis prosecution against the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and Teamsters Local 544. Truman continued it with the purge of government workers, prosecutions against the Communist Party under the

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Smith Act, and loyalty oaths and "subversive" lists. The states picked up this campaign and extended it on a local basis. The Republican party, supporting all these measures, criticize Truman for not going far enough. Any ideas which do not conform to the official policy of Washington are in effect being outlawed.

Stop the prosecution of political minorities for mere expression of opinion. Repeal the Smith Act. Amnesty for all victims of Smith Act prosecutions.

Rescind the "loyalty" program and the "subversive" list.

Repeal the McCarran "Concentration Camp" Law. Repeal the McCarran-Walters "Race-Hate" Immigration Law. Preserve the Bill of Rights for all.

## 3. Equal Rights for All

The Negro people and other minority groups were promised an effective FEPC law by Truman in 1948. This promise has been betrayed. Intimidation of minorities has assumed new and even more terrible forms. Negro families are bombed in their homes. Leaders of the Negro people, like Harry T. Moore and his wife, are murdered. Police brutality against Negroes, Mexicans and Puerto Ricans has taken scores of victims. The federal government has done nothing to stop this. Those who defend minority rights are smeared and terrorized by the witch hunters.

Full social, political and economic equality for the Negro people. Smash the Jim Crow system. Wipe out the poll tax. Enact an FEPC Law with teeth. Abolish restrictive covenants in housing. Stop segregation wherever it exists. Enact a Federal Anti-Lynch Law.

Unite workers of all races for the common struggle against their exploiters.

## 4. Women's Rights

The war economy is effecting a revolution in the character of the American family. The improvement in living standards of sections of the working class has occurred only through its greater exploitation. Inflation and taxes have increasingly necessitated the employment of two or more members of the family.

The startling fact that 20 million women are wage earners, constituting 20% of the employed population, reveals the extent of this trend. Of these working women, almost one-fourth are mothers with children under 18 years of age.

The especially oppressed position of women is graphically illustrated by this double exploitation, with the women responsible for the family at home and at the same time working to support the family.

The Socialist Workers Party champions the struggle of women for an end to discrimination on the job. We demand:

Equal pay for equal work. Adequate Federal nursery care and Federally supported summer camps for children of working mothers.

## 5. Organized Labor

The two party-coalition against labor has already dealt heavy blows to unionism. The Taft-Hartley law has hamstrung the campaign to organize the unorganized. Truman has broken more strikes than any other president. The Wage Stabilization Board machinery has effectively stalled union demands in hearings dominated by Big Business. The witch-hunt has victimized union militants.

The Socialist Workers Party stands for the repeal of all laws both federal and state, restricting labor's rights. We are for the abolition of injunctions and all forms of

compulsory arbitration. We are for laws guaranteeing labor's right to organize and strike without government interference.

Repeal the Taft-Hartley Law. Repeal all state anti-labor laws.

## 6. Inflation

Inflation is one of the major enemies of the workers' standard of living. Chief cause of this disguised wage cutting is the huge war budget, and government-sponsored profiteering. Price increases, such as the boost in steel prices, are allowed by Big Business, while wages are curbed.

Abolish the wage freeze. Produce for peace, not for war.

For committees of unionists, housewives and small merchants authorized to stop profiteering and control prices and rents.

For a compulsory cost-of-living clause covering all wages, pensions and unemployment compensation, based upon a labor-controlled cost-of-living index which would include Federal, state and local taxes in computing living costs.

## 7. Taxes

The government's tax policy shifts the burden of war costs to the workers and low income groups. The billionaires are allowed to continue their record-breaking profits. Workers' wages are taxed in many forms, direct and indirect. Taxation is rapidly becoming the biggest menace to the standard of living won by American workers through years of struggle. What is won on the picket line is taken away by Washington.

Tax the rich and not the poor.

Abolish all taxes on incomes below \$7,500 a year. Abolish all sales taxes. Stop the war profiteers by a 100% tax on all war-goods profits.

## 8. Security and Welfare

The so-called "Fair Deal" welfare program promised by Truman in 1948 has been put in moth balls. It was only a campaign promise. Now it is being taken out of storage for the 1952 campaign. The Republicans and Democrats will never enact a genuine public welfare program. Their program is billions for war, not for the social benefit of the people. The Socialist Workers Party proposes to use this country's great wealth to raise the social welfare of the majority.

For the building of 20,000,000 low-cost housing units. For a national health service to provide free medical attention and hospitalization for all. For an adequate old age pension. For a Federal education program to guarantee a college education for all youth.

## 9. Militarism

Militarism more and more dominates our country. The Pentagon drains the nation of its wealth and its youth. The U.S. is dragged toward war by the two-party bloc and the brass hats. We are being transformed into a garrison state.

Stop the draft. Abolish the officer caste. For full democratic rights for the ranks in all the services. No troops to be sent abroad without a referendum of the people. Union wages for all service men.

For the right to unions to investigate conditions in the armed services and to protest against all undemocratic and oppressive actions of the officers.

## 10. Farm Policy

Establish a federal farm program to guarantee the cost of production to working farmers and to be operated under the control of their own representatives. Expand rural electrification. No limitation on crops. A federal program for soil conservation and flood control. No taxes on savings of cooperatives. A federal ban on all speculation in farm commodities. Abolish sharecropping and landlordism. The land to those who work it!

## 11. Government Ownership of Industry

Today the big trusts own and control the basic wealth of America. They run the government and decide the fate of our country.

Nationalize the basic industries, all war plants, all natural resources, and operate them in the interests of the producers and consumers by democratically-elected committees of workers and technicians.

Nationalize the banks. Institute a planned economy of abundance, based on production for use, not for profit.

## 12. Workers and Farmers Government

Labor has no representation in Washington. The Socialist Workers Party fights for the creation of a Labor Party which can unite the working people, farmers and professional people, and put a government in power which represents the majority.

The Socialist Workers Party alone consistently and unconditionally champions the interests of the workers in their struggles against capitalism and works for its abolition. This goal is concretely expressed in the Socialist Workers Party's fundamental objective in the 1952 campaign, the mobilization of the masses for a Workers and Farmers Government.

Only a Workers and Farmers Government can reorganize our society on a rational basis, and utilize the tremendous potential wealth and strength of our country for the benefit of humanity.

For a Workers and Farmers Government that will stop the drive toward World War III and reorganize America on a socialist basis!



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### The Truth About Socialism

In this country the revolutionary socialist movement is, as yet, a minority movement. It is therefore hardly surprising that misconceptions, let alone deliberate falsehoods, concerning socialism are widely prevalent. The chief sufferers from this ignorance about socialism have been the mass of the American people; the chief beneficiaries are the tiny minority of capitalist rulers.

The first socialist truth that the American people urgently need to learn is that the existing levels of production and technology can assure a high living standard for every man, woman and child not only in this country but the world over.

Yet, amid this vast potential of plenty, humanity still suffers from poverty, misery and hunger. Even in this country, not every family is adequately fed, sufficiently clothed and properly sheltered. In fact, today, as in the days of the terrible depression in the Thirties, one-third of the nation remains undernourished, ill-clothed, ill-housed.

Technology makes one remarkable advance after another. Machines multiply human productivity tenfold, a hundredfold and more. But the day's labor of human beings, attached to these marvellous machines, has not been lightened. We continue to toil as inhumanly as before. And to crown it all, our living standards decline not only relatively but absolutely. This is especially true for scores of millions of West European workers who produce more than they ever did, but whose living standards have fallen below prewar levels. The same fate awaits the American workers.

This is a monstrous contradiction. It is the inescapable product of the way in which modern society is organized and run. Modern industry cannot operate except on a mass-production basis and for world-wide distribution. In other words, our industrial process has been socialized. But industry remains individually owned and operated for private profit.

Private ownership of the basic means of production arose in the dim past of mankind, in the days of universal scarcity and universal impoverishment. To maintain itself, this private-ownership system must artificially reproduce conditions of scarcity and keep the mass of mankind impoverished.

Its primary source of wealth is the exploitation of man by man. Every advance of science and technology is utilized to perpetuate this barbaric exploitation under conditions of poverty, misery, hunger.

Such a system is one of human degradation. Such a system is self-destructive. This has been glaringly disclosed by the periodic economic crises that have convulsed capitalism since its birth some three centuries ago. This has been underscored since the turn of the Twentieth Century by the periodic wars, which have become a component part of capitalism, and without which it is no longer able even to function.

Socialism will take the already socialized industrial process out of private hands in order to operate it for the benefit of society as a whole. It will institute planned production whose basic aim is to guarantee every human being adequate food, clothing and shelter. In return for this economic security, from the cradle to the grave, every individual will be required to contribute in his or her lifetime the necessary minimum of socially useful activity. For the first time, the economic life of our planet will be placed on a rational, planned, scientific foundation.

### Who Is the Aggressor?

We are told that the Korean war is a necessary defensive action against "communist aggression." Our country is threatened, the capitalist propagandists say, by Chinese and Soviet "imperialism." Many Americans believe this fantastic lie.

How does this claim square with the facts? On July 30 sixty-six U.S. B-29 bombers blasted an aluminum plant four miles from the Chinese-Manchurian border. What is this but an arrogant threat to the freedom and independence of China?

If Chinese planes bombed the Canadian city of Windsor, just across the river from Detroit, there is little question that Washington would immediately declare war. But U.S. bombings just a stone's throw from China on the North Korean side of the Yalu river is called a "step toward peace."

The American government has sent tanks, planes, piles of armaments and 800 officers to fortify the Formosa bastion of bloody dictator Chiang Kai-shek, just off the China coast. What would happen if the Chinese government supplied arms and military personnel to fortify the island of Cuba under the rule of some anti-American despot?

What would the State Department say if the Soviet government installed a puppet regime in Canada, built up its military strength, occupied it with Russian troops, banned pro-American newspapers and patrolled the U.S. coast with its Navy? It would mean war. But that is exactly what the U.S. is doing in Japan, with military bases directly threatening the Soviet maritime provinces around Vladivostok.

The U.S. invasion of Korea, a small nation bordering on China, is comparable to an invasion of Mexico bordering the U.S. on the South. Say a civil war broke out in Mexico and Soviet troops intervened. Wouldn't this be called a provocation?

The facts are that the Korean war 6,000 miles from our shores is an aggressive threat to the security and independence of China, and U.S. military outposts in Asia point the gun at the USSR and all the countries of the Far East.

The enemy of world peace is right here at home. Wall Street and the Pentagon are deliberately planning a catastrophic Third World War.

# Televiewers' Letters Praise Dobbs-Weiss Talks

Hundreds of letters are pouring in from all part of the country in response to the national TV and radio broadcasts made by Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, the Socialist Workers Party Candidates for President and Vice President of the United States. The broadcasts were made on July 19 and 20 during the SWP national convention.

All but about a dozen of the letters have asked for copies of the speeches and other literature. Most have expressed agreement and interest in the views presented in the broadcasts. A number enclosed money to pay printing and mailing costs. The TV-Radio stations received phone calls asking for "more programs like this."

We print here a sampling of typical comments, the favorable ones under "PRO," and the hostile ones under "...AND CON." We are publishing most of the hostile letters. However, several were unprintable because of obscenities.

## PRO

Please send your literature. You were very good on TV.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Y. Paterson, N. J.

I enjoyed very much, and agree with, your critique of the witch hunt in present-day America.

S. B. Schenectady, N. Y.

It was just as though he (Dobbs) were reading my thoughts. We need more men like him to aid us in merciful deliverance from the crushing embrace

of Mother Capitalism with its brood of skunks, rats and weasels.

F. H. Chicago, Ill.

I saw your television program yesterday and was impressed very much. I therefore would like any additional information about the party and its principles.

R. M. Middletown, Conn.

I am very deeply interested in receiving copies of these talks which suit my views of the pres-

ent situation in this land of ours to a "T." I shall read to my chosen friends these well-written lines.

Mr. J. A. Flushing, L. I.

Please send a copy of Dobbs' talk on the radio. Enclosed you will find one dollar.

J. A. Milwaukee, Wisc.

In regard to the wonderful speech made today on radio, let me congratulate you on same. Could I have a copy?

C. S. Cranford, N. J.

After hearing and seeing your television speech, you'll have my vote. I'd like the data on your platform etc. I wish your party would win. It seems an impossibility try!

M. M. Hawthorne, N. J.

It seems to me you people have something. I supported Eugene V. Debs years ago, but of late I felt the Socialist Party leaders were more Republican than Socialist. We need a strong third party. Millions of people want to vote for a socialist party that really means business and isn't

just thinking of the party as a means to a profitable lecture platform. From over a million votes to less than 100,000 under Norman Thomas speaks volumes for the loss of respect for the Socialist Party. Please give us real leadership.

F. C. Boston, Mass.

While I will stand with my own party, the Socialist Party, in this campaign to the best of my ability, I do wish to convey my sincere congratulations to you upon the nomination of Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss. The Socialist Workers Party has a splendid ticket and in their speeches today your candidates have shown that they will wage a courageous, fighting campaign for peace, socialism and liberty in the great socialist tradition. What a welcome relief from the Wall Street stooges of the old capitalist war parties. What a brave blow against the fascist forces that are seeking to enslave our people and restore colonialism throughout the world.

G. S. Bayport, N. Y.

I have just listened to Mrs. Weiss on the radio. I would appreciate very much some literature. I am enclosing \$1 to cover the expenses.

Mrs. F. L. Middleburgh, N. Y.

Dear Madame: I am sorry I missed your name while listening to your talk over NBC's Buffalo station this afternoon; that, however, does not in any way minimize the importance of the subject of your talk. I shall be most interested in receiving details of the manner in which you and your associates are approaching the world's most pressing problem — world peace.

J. C. Toronto, Ont.

The facts Mr. Dobbs stated in this wonderful speech are 150% true and if the American people could only be made to understand and realize this and vote for somebody besides Democrats and Republicans this world would be a better place in which to live. The people will never improve and control the government so long as the two old parties rule.

However, before anyone can vote for a certain party or individual their names must appear on the ballot. Here in Illinois it is practically impossible to get a third party on the ballot. Therefore, I would suggest first of all that you concentrate your

efforts on getting on the ballot in all the states. This should be the first step and if you succeed in doing that in this so-called democracy the voters will do the rest.

T. K. Chicago, Ill.

I heard on the radio and also saw on the TV yesterday the speeches which were delivered by your candidates for the President and Vice President. Would you please send me a copy of these speeches. If you have any pictures available of your candidates would also like one.

F. L. Washington, D. C.

Your broadcast of Sunday, June 20, interested me deeply. I suddenly discovered that we share many ideals. It would be appreciated if you would send me more information concerning your party.

D. L. Louisiana

May I have a copy of the Socialist broadcast of Sunday, July 20. I am a British Socialist. I do hope the party here will make great strides. If ever the world needed a solution for its problem it's now. Socialism is the cure. The gentleman who spoke last night packs a mighty force in a nice quiet dignified manner. I shall hope to meet him on my next trip to New York City.

G. V. Massachusetts

Your talk was a sure-fire go-getter. May I have a copy of same?

Mrs. F. K. Ocean City, N. J.

Will you kindly send us copies of Farrell Dobbs' address given over WNBC this Sunday afternoon and any others that you have conveniently at hand? Thank you sincerely. They are quite thought-provoking.

P. F. Maplewood, N. J.

On a recent television broadcast I was fortunate enough to have heard a speech by your candidate. I was favorably impressed by what Mr. Dobbs said and I would appreciate it very much if you would send literature and associated information regarding your party's platform. I should also like a copy of the speech delivered on that broadcast.

E. B. Virginia

I was impressed by your recent television speech. Please send me more information concerning your viewpoint and the platform you intend to run on.

R. P. Baltimore, Md.

We would like a couple of copies of your talk as given yesterday and any others just as good.

G. J. Carlisle, Pa.

I was inspired by your sensible talk on TV the other day on Socialism. Please send a copy of your speeches to me, a loyal supporter of your work.

N. H. Niagara Falls, N. Y.

I am interested in Socialism and have been for many years. I want to learn more. Please send me literature on same. Your talk on television Sunday convinced me that I have been right in my

## ...AND CON

The amendment in the Bill of Rights which gives freedom of speech to men of your caliber who persist in attempting to hoodwink the American public into a glossed-over form of Communism is abominable.

"Heaven Help Me" Albany, N. Y.

Just watched and listened to you on television. Was quite unimpressed. If the young lady who read a speech was my daughter I'd lock her up until someone hammered some sense into her head. Now my advice is to try gaining admittance to Russia, run for some high office there and then try to speak your own mind.

"An American" Valley Stream, N. Y.

When you spoke of fear in this country, fear to express opinions and ideas you were no doubt describing attitudes in the Soviet Union. ... To you and your kind I say — migrate to the Soviet Union but do not try to impose its principles (which is a euphemism at best) upon us, the American Public.

D. R. (No address)

Why don't you get out of America and back to Russia where you would be strung up if you dared to open your mouth. No one is compelling you to live here. You don't fool anybody by pretending you don't want war. ... Your propaganda is as old as Time and nobody in their right mind would fall for it. It reeks of Russia and Communism.

E. M. New York City

thinking. Call it Socialist, then that is it.

Mrs. E. Y. Columbus, Ohio.

Please send me three copies of the talk given on WNBC, 3 P.M., Sunday, July 20, so that I may have one and pass the others on to friends. GOOD LUCK.

E. R. New York, N. Y.

Please send me more information concerning the Socialist Workers Party. I am interested in your platform and just what you advocate. I heard an address by your candidate for President on CBS the other day and enjoyed it tremendously.

C. W. Oklahoma

I did like your speech ever so much Sunday afternoon on NBC. May I have a copy.

C. B. Pennsylvania

Please send me three copies of your presidential and vice-presidential acceptance speeches. I am very interested in what you said.

B. L. Fort Worth, Texas

Please send me as many copies as you can of the speech made by your Presidential candidate over NBC Sunday night and I will distribute them among my friends and the doubtful.

J. K. Seattle, Wash.

Please send any and all information available about your party, its beliefs and platform. I am sick of Republicans and Democrats and will listen to most anything with the exception of Communism and I want no part of that. I am 22 and my husband is 28. We are very much interested in politics and also well read on the subject.

Mrs. T. B. Washington

The radio address broadcast by your presidential candidate Sunday evening was very impressive and I would very much like to obtain a copy of it.

C. W. Washington

Please send a copy of the broadcast. We had tuned in late (and did not get all of the program) but it seemed very enlightening and interesting and we would very much like the entire text!

F. R. Milwaukee, Wis.

Favor me with a copy of the platform and acceptance speeches of Mr. Farrell Dobbs and Mrs. Myra Tanner Weiss. If you can spare about a dozen it would be so much the better for distribution.

J. J. Illinois

I am a high-school senior and am slightly dissatisfied with the proposals set forth by both the Republican and Democratic Parties. Please send me the literature on how the Socialist Workers Party suggests that the United States can keep out of a third World War.

V. B. Minnesota

# I Told the Truth, Rev. Powers

By Farrell Dobbs, SWP Presidential Candidate

Both our Vice-Presidential candidate Mrs. Myra Tanner Weiss and I are gratified and inspired by the hundreds of letters of support we have received from people all over the country who saw and heard our TV and radio broadcasts on July 19 and 20.

A few letters, however, attacked us with vile language and threats. Most of these, I am sorry to say, are unsigned. I dismiss them with contempt.

But I welcome several signed letters we received which express honest disagreement or ask sincere questions. I am glad for the chance they give me to explain our stand more fully. From week to week in The Militant, I hope to answer some of the questions sent me.

This week I am answering the letter from Rev. Minor E. Powers, of Beech Grove, Tenn. He challenges me to prove one of the facts I cited in my radio speech and calls my personal integrity into question. Here is his full letter:

"Dear Mr. Dobbs:

"You stated that concentration camps were already being built for those who criticize the conditions that prevail in America today. I think you are a liar, but I

am willing to read any 'information' you might be able to give. You may send a copy of your lecture of July 20, 1952. I am a minister of the Gospel in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I am doubtful of your statements and of your loyalty to the American form of government.

"Sincerely  
 Minor E. Powers"

Here is the reply I am sending to the writer of the above letter:

Dear Rev. Powers: Let me first thank you for your fair-mindedness in offering me the opportunity to defend the truth of my radio statement that "concentration camps are already being built" to make it "unsafe to criticize the war policy."

From your letter, I assume that your local press has failed to keep you informed of the latest developments under the McCarran "Concentration Camp" Law — the so-called Internal Security Act passed by Congress in Sept. 1950.

This Act provides for the registration of "Communists." It uses language so loose and vague that the Attorney General can call anyone he doesn't like a

"Communist." It also has a section which authorizes the Attorney General to seize and imprison, in time of "national emergency," all those he claims "probably will" commit certain criminal acts. These acts come under the general heading of "subversion."

Title II of the Act says that in time of war or insurrection the President may declare a state of "internal security emergency." This gives the Attorney General full authority to "apprehend and by order detain ... each person as to whom there is reasonable ground to believe that such person will engage in, or probably will conspire with others to engage in, acts of espionage or sabotage."

This is not, you observe, a law to arrest persons for anything they have done. It is a law to permit one person, the Attorney General, to arrest and hold indefinitely, without jury trial or bail, any person he claims, on "reasonable grounds," might commit certain criminal acts sometime in the future.

Persons so "detained" would have appeal only to a hand-picked Board of Detention Review and then a Federal judge. How persons spirited away to a concentration camp will have recourse to a lawyer or the means to prepare a defense in order to obtain a federal court hearing, is not made clear in the Act. Relatives and friends might be afraid to speak for fear the Attorney General may pick them up and toss them also into a concentration camp on "reasonable grounds" that they "probably will conspire" with their imprisoned kin or friends.

Sec'y-Treasurer Frank Rosenblum of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who is bitterly anti-"Communist," in an open letter to Congress asking repeal of the Act, said it would deprive citizens of their liberty without due process of law and trial by jury, by establishing a system of detention camps.

Although the Act does not direct the establishment of concentration camps before a declaration of "national emergency," under orders of ex-Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath an appropriation of \$775,000 was sought and obtained from Congress by

Federal Director of Prisons James V. Bennett, who testified that the funds were needed "to take over and operate six standby camps."

A Dec. 31, 1951, Associated Press dispatch from Washington, buried on the inside of the Jan. 1, 1952, New York Times, reported:

"WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP) — Work has been started on three detention camps. ... Attorney Gen. J. Howard McGrath was reported today to have put in motion a plan for the detention of subversive elements of the population under provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950. ... These three detention camps are 'two World War II prisoner-of-war camps at Florence, Ariz., and El Reno, Okla., and a former military airport at Wickenburg, Ariz.'"

The venerable 100-year-old Nation magazine in its Jan. 12, 1952, issue also reported the above facts and stated further that the "so-called 'relocation centers' ... where 100,000 Japanese Americans, including thousands born in this country, were incarcerated without trial during World War II — 'will be used as additional future concentration camps.' The largest of these is the notorious camp at Tule Lake, Calif. [See picture above — Ed.]"

On Jan. 16, 1952, Senator Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, introduced a joint resolution "to set in motion forthwith the machinery of the Internal Security Act to apprehend and detain under lock and key as quickly as possible ... thousands of Communist conspirators who are now in this country." (Congressional Record, Vol. 98, No. 6, P. 222.)

A Jan. 16 Associated Press dispatch from Washington called Eastland's speech a proposal to put "Communists" immediately "into concentration camps." Eastland made clear these are the camps already being set up under the McCarran Act of 1950.

I hope I have answered your doubts. I trust you will acknowledge your error in alluding to me as a "liar." I also hope that you will not hesitate to address any other questions to me and will further investigate my views with an open mind.

Yours Sincerely,  
 Farrell Dobbs

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Buffalo	1,000	608	61
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Chicago	1,500	844	56
Cleveland	300	164	55
Akron	150	80	53
Allentown	40	20	50
St. Louis	50	25	50
New York	4,500	2,083	46
Newark	1,000	410	41
Boston	500	174	35
Flint	300	100	33
San Francisco	900	227	25
Philadelphia	350	85	24
Seattle	400	91	23
Milwaukee	275	45	16
Pittsburgh	40	5	13
Los Angeles	2,220	250	11
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By Joseph Hansen

Last week, Albert Parker proved in this column that the Republican plank on civil rights "was especially written to satisfy the Jim Crow South." He said that "the Republicans feel they don't have to offer their Negro members any concessions" because Negro Republican leaders "don't even fight for them."

Now let's take a good look at the Democratic plank on civil rights. Here is the key sentence: "We also favor legislation to perfect existing Federal civil rights statutes and to strengthen the administrative machinery for the protection of civil rights."

A lynch-minded Dixiecrat is not very rational, but it is difficult to see how the most rabid racist could object to a proposal "to perfect" existing statutes. As was intended, they can interpret that any way they please.

In addition, the Democrats included a plank in which they "urge that action be taken" to "improve Congressional procedures" so that majority rule prevails and decisions can be made after reasonable debate without being blocked by a minority in either house. This was a concession to those wanting to put an end to Dixiecrat use of the filibuster against civil rights legislation. It is meaningless. What is to prevent a Dixiecrat filibuster against such a token "action" to improve the procedure of Congress?

Compared with the 1948 plank, the Democrats moved backward. At that time Truman was ready to promise anything for a vote. He knew that if he was elected the promises would be in safe hands; and as a matter of fact when he got back in the White House he filed them in the waste basket in the usual manner. To capture the vote of labor and the Negro people, he had to out-promise Henry Wallace, phrase-mongering candidate of the Progressive Party in 1948. And so Truman made his civil rights plank so "strong" that the Dixiecrats split away in protest. This year they didn't split. And for good reason.

The real aim of the watered-down 1952 plank is to meet Republican competition in bidding for the Dixiecrat vote. However, the liberals hailed it at first as an improvement over 1948! The July 24 N. Y. Post, for instance, ran a headline: "Dixie Yells Fade Before Historic Civil Rights Plank." This liberal paper backed that startling statement with the following report from Chicago: "The Dixiecrats were docile about it. Without a single rebel yell and with only a few doleful 'noes' they accepted early today a Democratic Party civil rights plank much tougher than the one that caused them to bolt the convention four years ago."

The editors of the Post are out to sell the Democratic Party no matter how they have to lie to do it. However, it is difficult to understand

what led them to overlook the fact that on the television screens, the whole country saw the Dixiecrats screaming at the top of their lungs for God, states' rights and "principles." And there on the same screens the American people saw the only Northern Democratic politicians give the Dixiecrats everything they wanted. It was a convincing demonstration of how much reactionaries can win in a capitalist party convention by simply frothing at the mouth.

The truth about the Democratic platform was stated quite accurately by Herman Talmadge, white supremacist Governor of Georgia. The Associated Press quoted him as saying that the "South got the best deal in 20 years in the Chicago convention" and the "conservatives won a smashing victory." (Christian Science Monitor, July 29.)

Then just to twist the knife in the back of civil rights, the Democrats nominated Senator John Sparkman of Alabama for Vice President. This Dixiecrat fought even Truman's gestures on civil rights in Congress. It was he, as a member of the committee that drew up the Democratic platform, who made sure this particular plank was acceptable to the Southern Bourbons.

Stevenson himself, of course, was chosen to head the Democratic ticket because of his acceptability to the Dixiecrats. He is for the "states approach" and for "education" and all the other vague and pleasant-sounding platitudes that are the stock in trade of Northern capitalists; politicians anxious to keep in the good graces of their phrenetic Southern allies.

The Democratic plank was an insult to everyone concerned about civil rights. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D, N. Y.) called a public meeting to protest the "sellout of the Negro people" by the Democratic and Republican conventions. He said that it would be "sheer death" for a Negro leader to try to "sell" Sparkman. "They can cram a candidate down our throats but they cannot make us vote for him."

I'm sure Powell feels that such strong language is demanded by the situation, especially the situation in his district in Harlem. It will have a more sincere sound, however, when Powell backs it up with his resignation from the Democratic party and calls for formation of a Labor party.

The big lesson to be learned in all this is that the Negro people and their leaders have no business in either the Democratic or Republican parties. To win in the struggle for full equality it is necessary to fight and to fight effectively. That means above all building an independent political force, a Labor party, an instrument of political action far more powerful than anything the miserable, loud-mouthed, Dixiecrat spokesmen for Jim Crow and minority rule can muster.

## "I Wish Jerry Was Dead"

By Harry Ring

On Saturday, July 19, Jerry Andrian, a 29-year-old Navy veteran, fired five bullets into the back of a cab driver in San Antonio, Texas, because, he explained, "God told me to do it."

Four years of the monstrous hell of "combat duty" in the second World War to preserve "our way of life" cast Jerry's mind into a new shape. Forces beyond his control impelled him to kill an innocent man. Jerry feels these forces as the will of "God."

But Jerry's intelligent mother, a resident of Newark, N. J., understands who really pulled the trigger. She told the true story in an interview in the July 21 issue of the Newark Evening News. It is a scathing indictment of the criminal refusal of a rotten social order to even attempt to heal the minds that it has shattered.

"Please forgive me if I sound bitter," Mrs. Andrian told the News reporter. "I just can't help believing society was guilty of the murder they say my son committed."

She talked about Jerry's harrowing war experiences, how he had narrowly escaped death in a plane crash that killed the pilot. She explained that with this shock he became obsessed with the doctrines of Buddhism, Hinduism and Rosicrucianism. "I never questioned Jerry much about his mystical studies," Mrs. Andrian said. "I didn't want to embarrass him. From what he told me I gathered he imagined himself another messiah who was put on earth to free men of their sins."

After receiving a medical discharge from the Navy, Mrs. Andrian said, Jerry enrolled at Columbia University in New York as a student of music and social science. Troubled by headaches, restlessness and despondency, he applied for aid at Bellevue Hospital in 1948. Bellevue sent him to Kings Park State Hospital, a mental institution on Long Island. A short while later he was released over her objections.

## Notes from the News

**THE AFL AMALGAMATED BUTCHER** Workmen, have put out a deck of cards with pictures of labor figures replacing the traditional kings, queens, etc. Among these figures are Eugene Debs as the Ace of Clubs and Samuel Gompers as the Ace of Hearts. It isn't likely that Debs, the revolutionary socialist, would care to be back-to-back with Gompers, the class-collaborationist. Big Bill Haywood would make a better Ace of Hearts.

**AFTER AN 8-MONTH STRIKE**, St. Louis plumbing warehouse workers won a genuine victory. They forced the companies to give wage increases of from 12 to 32 cents an hour; five days of sick leave; jury and election pay; the check off; a seventh paid holiday; a cost of living escalator clause. During the strike employers used the Taft-Hartley law, injunctions and lawsuits in an effort to break the union. All lawsuits were called off as part of the settlement.

**AMBASSADOR O'DWYER WHO REPRESENTS** Truman and the New York bookies in Mexico, was enraged at the story that he would give up his U.S. citizenship and settle down south of the border. "For a year now," he said, "I've been having to defend myself against innuendoes, hints and rumors and now I'm having to defend myself again against something that is absolutely untrue." After all, O'Dwyer is a patriotic gangster and thief. Stealing the people's money is one thing, but renounce his country, never!

**A WAR OF EXTERMINATION** against the cockroach non-union manufacturers in the garment industry in New York began July 30. Three thousand pickets patrolled the streets in the garment area, carrying signs which charged the non-union sweat-shops were protected by racketeers.

Most truck drivers were refusing to pick up or deliver goods from the picketed shops, and most workers refused to cross the lines.

**MAJ. GEN. GROW OF DIARY WRITING** fame was reprimanded and suspended from command for six months for improper use of secret information. This tap on the wrist is in contrast to the heavy-handed penalties given GI's who break the army regulations. For falling asleep on watch, a soldier was given 20 years. But he was only a private.

**THE COST OF LIVING** has risen to a new record high, according to the Consumer's Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Rising prices of food, rent and miscellaneous goods and services, pushed the index up to 189.6. The previous high on Dec. 15, 1951 was 189.1. These figures are based on the new index, which plays down many basic items. According to the old index, the new high is 191.1.

**UNIONS ARE OUTLAWED** in French Indo-China, an article in the July AFL Federationist admits. Conditions of workers are "very miserable," the article states. "French industrialists operating in Indo-China oppose unions on principle." The Vietnam government does nothing about it. In spite of this situation, the AFL supports the French in their war against the Indo-Chinese people.

**IN MEXICO THE CAPITALISTS** are forced to admit that labor power is the source of all wealth. They are wailing about the exodus of labor to work on farms in the United States. One of Mexico's leading industrialists stated, "We cannot remain indifferent to the tremendous leakage of workers whom we need for our economic future." This would be a good time for Mexican workers to demand wage increases.

# THE MILITANT

## Dobbs-Weiss Petition Drive In N.Y. off To A Fast Start

By Harold Oliver

The campaign to secure 15,000 signatures to place Socialist Workers Party candidates on the New York state ballot in November is now in full swing.

Heading the Socialist Workers Party anti-war ticket will be Farrell Dobbs, for President, Myra Tanner Weiss, for Vice President, and Michael Bartell, for U.S. Senator.

Starting July 25, the first legal day for signing petitions, members and friends of the party throughout the state began the task of meeting the stiff requirements of the New York state law, which was deliberately designed to hamper efforts of any party that seeks to challenge the political monopoly of the two capitalist parties.

Nearly 30 workers have volunteered to take time off from their jobs or use their vacation time to secure signatures in each of the 61 New York counties.

In New York City many are going out every day after work and on week-ends. The election law requires 12,000 signatures in the state including a minimum of 50 signers in every county.

To avoid giving state officials grounds for a possible challenge, the SWP set a goal of 125 signatures a county and a total of 15,000. Though the state of New York has the biggest population in the country, most of the people are concentrated in a few large cities. Many counties within the 48,000 square miles of the state are sparsely populated.

Yet, in each of these counties, trudging from farm house to farm house, the petitioners have to seek 125 people willing to sign SWP petitions.

In previous years signature getters had been driven from some of these counties by hoodlums, inspired by reactionary business men, super-patriots and the local police. So far in this campaign, no incidents have occurred although several petition circulators have been stopped and questioned by local police.

### NO HOSTILITY

Campaign workers both upstate and in the city, have experienced almost no hostility from the general population, but all report an atmosphere of fear inspired by the political witch-hunt. Many people shamefacedly admit they believe in the right of the SWP to the ballot, but are afraid of being victimized.

Some people try to show their sympathy by contributing small sums of money toward the expenses of the campaign. One government employee, in the Bronx, after refusing to sign, insisted on

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paying the check when he later saw signature-getters eating in a restaurant.

From those who signed, many encouraging remarks have been reported. In one upstate community, a signer also bought a subscription to *The Militant*. Another reported he had heard our candidates on the radio and enjoyed it. Many declared that it was about time there was a working class party on the ballot. Others after some hesitation, said that even if we were "communists," they were fed up with other parties and tired of being scared, and would sign.

### PUERTO RICANS RESPOND

In New York City the party has met with an exceptionally friendly response from the Puerto Rican and other Spanish speaking workers. Despite language difficulties, these workers have answered the appeal to aid the "Partido Obrero Socialista" and many wanted to learn more about us and offered to help in the campaign.

Campaign workers find a friendly response, not only among the doubly exploited minority groups within the working class, but even in the supposedly satisfied section of white workers. Though it is tough going, the campaigners are confident they will finish the job in record-breaking time.

### It Happened in America



Evicted widow and mother of nine, 60-year-old Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, being dragged from her farm home by deputies.

## MICH. WIDOW BEATEN, DRIVEN FROM HER HOME

**LAPPER, MICH.**—A 60 year old widow was violently dragged from her farm home, beaten and sent to a hospital suffering from shock, after deputies forcibly evicted her for failure to pay a \$5000

assessment on a bankrupt insurance company in which she was an investor.

Burly deputies knocked down one of Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens' sons, kicked him in the face; furniture in the widow's home was smashed; Mrs. Stevens' daughters were also beaten.

"This is my home," Mrs. Stevens cried, "I have worked hard for it. This is my country. I am a good American citizen. This is unfair."

But that is how the law works. Many years ago Mrs. Stevens and her husband invested in the Lapeer Farmers Mutual Insurance Association. It went bankrupt. Creditors were granted a judgment against investors, and Mrs. Stevens was ordered to pay. The widow refused. So the court sold her farm, worth \$6,000 for \$500, to collect the assessment.

About fifty angry farm neighbors milled around the farmhouse,

threatening to move Mrs. Stevens' furniture back into the house. Sixty state police, set up a roadblock in the area, and protected the sheriff's deputies.

When she refused to leave her home, the deputies forcibly carried Mrs. Stevens out, spreadeagled her on the ground. Twice she broke loose and got back into her home.

A similar violent eviction in 1951 had occurred in Lapeer in what is known as the battle of "Fort Zeigenthaler."

These ruthless eviction actions against hardworking farmers in sharp contrast to the gentle treatment given tax evaders among big corporations, who stall paying huge tax debts for years, and never face a government threat of confiscation of their property.

The "sanctity of private property" does not hold good for a poor farm widow in Michigan.

## Democrat Ticket Is Anti-Labor

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interests, their war program, are secure whichever candidate is elected.

But it is the height of political cowardice, not to say political treachery, to try to palm off Stevenson as "acceptable" to the American workers, the oppressed minorities, particularly Negroes and the American people generally. Like Eisenhower, he is no "friend" but an evil foe.

## BALANCE SHEET OF STEEL STRIKE PROVES MURRAY POLICY WEAKNESS

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riding the coat-tails of the Democrats in the 1952 elections, it can expect no better deal from the government in the period ahead.

Only if the union movement organizes its own political party and elects genuine labor representatives to speak for labor in Washington, can the union hope to get anything but a slap in the face from government.

### Newark Fri. Night Socialist Forum

presents a talk on Four National Conventions (an analysis of the Republican, Democratic, Progressive and Socialist Workers Party conventions, platforms and candidates).

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