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McCarthy Victory Points Up Need For Labor Party

By Myra T. Weiss
SWP Candidate for Vice President

McCarthy's victory in the Wisconsin Republican primaries is a danger signal to American labor. It is a warning that labor must break with both capitalist parties, form its own Labor party and advance its own program. Failure to do so will play into the hands of every enemy of labor, every foe of civil rights, and embolden the most rabid forces of reaction.

The policy of the official labor leaders, who have tried to fight McCarthy and McCarthyism by backing the Democrats, is completely false and utterly bankrupt.

The primary results clearly show that this dangerous demagogue cashed in on middle-class discontent, in the first place, the farmers. Many Democrats voted in the Republican primaries — for McCarthy.

What does McCarthy symbolize to the Wisconsin farmers and small businessmen and shopkeepers? They are bitter about the senseless Korean war, its mounting costs and frightful casualties. They resent the squeeze of inflation and the alarming rise in taxes. They are burned up about the sharp decline in farm income early this year. All this and more, gives a razor edge to the farmer's anger over the "whole mess" in Washington. They see these evils as consequences of "communist influence" in the government and Truman's alleged weakness in combatting the "communist danger."

The labor officials bear responsibility for this because they permitted McCarthy to articulate the opposition to the unpopular Truman administration.

Instead of opening up a new road for America, the labor leaders helped clear the way for McCarthy by going along with Truman when he started witch-hunting with his government "loyalty" oaths, purges, subversive lists, and hue and cry about the "communist danger." They thereby left the road open for a fascist-minded witch-hunter to appear like a hero to discontented middle-class elements, simply because he poses as a fighter who gives no quarter to the hated Truman administration.

Instead of coming forward as champions of labor's own fighting program and party, and slugging it out with the Truman administration all up and down the line, the labor leaders have, year after year, cuddled up to the foul Democratic machine — and they are still carrying on this stupid, cowardly game. Such politics are suicidal.

Let labor heed the ominous sign of McCarthy's victory.

SWP Election News

Campaigning for Socialism

By George Clarke
SWP Campaign Manager

The news of our tour this week comes from Ohio where Farrell Dobbs put in the first licks in his presidential campaign. By a stroke of good fortune — or rather by dint of dogged efforts of our campaigners in Cleveland — Farrell succeeded in speaking to the people of Cleveland, Akron and Youngstown on the video screen in advance of his public meetings in those cities. The WEWS television interview was also broadcasted later over stations WJW, WTAM and WSRS.

An ironical part of the program was the concluding remark of interviewer Don Paris: "Whether you vote for Farrell Dobbs," he said, "Dwight Eisenhower, or Adlai Stevenson you must be registered to vote. . ." Now, you can't vote for Dobbs in Ohio whether registered or not. The election law in that state makes it practically impossible for any party outside of the Republocrats to get on the ballot. It provides no facilities whatever for write-in votes!

Dobbs hammered away at the law as the worst on the books on the TV interview, in his statements to the press and in his public meetings. That brings us to another irony of the Ohio campaign. All of the newspaper stories about Dobbs make a point of featuring the question: "Do you believe in the overthrow of the government by force and violence?" And Dobbs' truthful answer that we do not. The question, we would like to add, is just as phony as the Big Brass asking: "Why is Stalin preparing to go to war against us?"

Nobody has used any force or tried to or even dreamed of using force against the government of Ohio. But the government of Ohio has forcibly evicted all genuine dissenting opinion from the ballot. Just how is this government of Big Business bourbons, pork barrel politicians and racketeers to be changed if the minority is deprived of constitutional rights? The smart boys of the press are invited to try to answer this twister — we'll print.

In Youngstown and Akron, Dobbs concentrated on the need for a labor party. The discussion before a group of steel workers in Youngstown on this question, our reporter tells us, was very spirited and lasted for several hours. In an excellent radio interview over station WCUE in

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Bohannan Scores Opponent's Alibi On Sen. Sparkman

By William E. Bohannan
SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

NEWARK, Sept. 9 — My undistinguished opponent, Congressman Hugh Addonizio, along with all the other Northern Democrats, is having trouble explaining how anybody can believe in the civil rights promises of the Democratic Party when its vice-presidential candidate is a notorious opponent of all civil rights legislation.

Speaking to a group of Negro Democrats in Newark last Wednesday, Mr. Addonizio couldn't find anything good to say about his vice-presidential candidate. Like the lawyer who couldn't find anything favorable to tell the jury about his client, he decided to try to change the subject.

He said he felt there was "no need to offer apologies for the Democratic candidate for vice president, Senator Sparkman, on the civil rights issue, because of the record of the Republican candidate, Senator Nixon, on the question." (Newark News, Sept. 4).

It's true that the Republican candidate is as bad as the Democrat. But this is the first campaign where I have heard that given as a reason to vote for either of them.

For Congress

WILLIAM E. BOHANNAN

For Senator From Minn.

VINCENT R. DUNNE

Minnesota SWP Nominates Dunne For U.S. Senator

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 6 — Vincent R. Dunne, National Labor Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, was unanimously endorsed as that party's candidate for United States Senator at the SWP state convention, held yesterday in the party's Minnesota headquarters here.

"This campaign is a milestone for the Socialist Workers Party," Dunne declared in his acceptance speech, adding, "No other party is taking the forthright position that capitalism must be replaced by socialism. That is our program — because the only thing that capitalism has to offer today is destruction."

Dorothy Schultz, St. Paul organizer, stressed the importance of the SWP election platform saying "There is no difference between the Republicans and Democrats, nor their platforms. No capitalist party's platform can hold any kind of a candle to ours. Contrast our plank for equal rights, for instance to that of the Republicans and Democrats!"

The convention pledged full support for the campaign to obtain 2,000 signatures to place the names of Farrell Dobbs for President and Myra Weiss for Vice-President on the ballot here, and made detailed plans for the signature campaign.

Plans were also made for the Myra Weiss meetings in Minneapolis Friday night, Sept. 6 at 10 S. 4th St., and in St. Paul Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28 at the American House.

"Pull U. S. Troops Out Of Korea," Dobbs Urges

Michigan Unionists Hit Trucks Act

DETROIT — **The Michigan CIO's condemnation of the Trucks Act is favorably reported on the editorial page of the August issue of Voice of Local 212, paper of Briggs Local 212 of the United Auto Workers.**

Discussing the "hard-hitting" resolution against the Trucks Act adopted by the recent state CIO convention, the Briggs Local paper writes:

"In hope of crippling the labor movement in general and the CIO in particular, the Republican McCarthy-minded legislators in Michigan seek to whip up a lynch spirit and drive through fascist legislation such as the Trucks Act, the resolution insists.

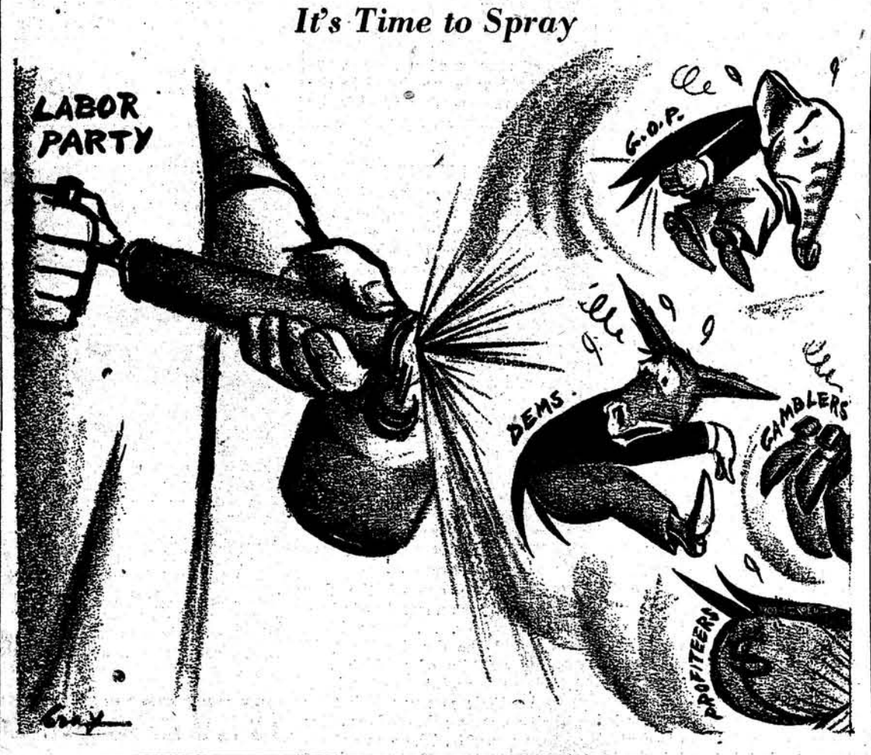
"If thought-control and tyranny are not to overtake America, the Trucks Act and all similar law must be repealed and the possibilities of enacting such legislation in the future must be obviated, the resolution holds."

TWO COURT CASES

The Trucks Act makes it possible to imprison people arbitrarily designated as "communist" even though they do not belong to any organization and to bar legally qualified political parties from the ballot.

This police-state law is being challenged in two different courts. The Socialist Workers Party contests the law in a suit filed in Wayne County Circuit Court. Another suit, filed by the Communist Party led to a two-to-one federal court decision that the law was constitutional. This decision is being appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Meanwhile, a restraining order blocks enforcement of the law, and the SWP has regained the place on the state ballot from which it was originally barred under the new law.

It's Time to Spray



ATTORNEY FILES SUIT FOR ORDER TO MAKE TRUMAN STOP KOREAN WAR

By Jean Simon

CLEVELAND, Sept. 6 — A young Cleveland attorney who filed suit here Wednesday asking a court order to compel President Truman to stop the war in Korea told me today that he has received over 400 telephone calls since his action was made public. Only two were decidedly unfavorable.

William W. Cavanaugh, 33 years old and a former Air Force bombardier-navigator, is asking the Federal Court in the Ninth Judicial District to order the President to withdraw all U.S. armed forces presently engaged in armed conflict consisting of repeated acts of war in Korea; to direct the President to stop U.S. armed forces from engaging in any similar acts of war in the future unless in pursuance of a declaration of war by Congress; to publicly and sternly reprimand the President for having usurped powers never delegated to him and for causing the said acts of war to be committed without any declaration of war by Congress.

Cavanaugh told me that in addition to phone calls he has received numerous letters from people in all walks of life indicating a widespread interest in finding some means to prevent an "irresponsible executive from going around exceeding his authority."

"USELESS SLAUGHTER"

While his primary concern is to oppose the violation of the U.S. Constitution, which he considers "one of the greatest documents ever written," Cavanaugh said that in his opinion the war in Korea is a "useless slaughter which serves no purpose for anyone." He expressed confidence that if the question of waging war there were submitted to Congress for a vote, war would not be declared.

He cited as precedent for filing an injunction suit against the Chief Executive exceeding his Constitutional authority the action of the steel companies when Truman "seized" the steel plants.

Cavanaugh, who described himself as "just a young punk lawyer" of limited means who cannot afford to go to Washington for the suit against the President, stated that he is not a pacifist, but an "ultra-conservative Republican."

"If there has to be war," he said, "let's at least have it declared and conducted in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution."

WHO SHOULD DECIDE?

It is his opinion that instead of trying to run the world, Americaps should "concentrate on solving our own problems here at home and provide an example for the rest of the world."

The pro-war campaign platforms of the two parties that run Congress make it clear that Cavanaugh's reliance on that body to oppose the war in Korea is misplaced. A popular referendum on war, rather than a Congressional vote, would reflect the will of the people, which at present is expressed only indirectly through the widespread interest in actions such as Cavanaugh's and in public opinion polls.

Answers Stevenson, Eisenhower

By Farrell Dobbs
SWP Presidential Candidate

Both Stevenson and Eisenhower support the U.S. military invasion of Korea. Neither has a program to end the Korean war. The Democratic and Republican presidential candidates, by their own clear-cut public statements, propose to continue the Korean slaughter.

I am running against them, on the Socialist Workers Party ticket, as an uncompromising opponent of U.S. intervention in Korea. I opposed the Korean war from the start. If elected President, I would order the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. armed forces from Korea.

Democrat Stevenson proclaimed on Sept. 10 that he is "proud" that U.S. armed might has been sent into a foreign land 6,000 miles away to blast and burn that country into rubble and bring millions of its people the "liberation" of death.

He upholds every step of the Truman administration's policy in waging that barbarous assault. He claims that "history will never record that Korea was a 'useless' war." And he even questions whether the U.S. has given "fitting recognition" to the British and French imperialist butchers seeking with U.S.-supplied bombs and napalm to keep their hold on the spoils of empire in Malaya and Indo-China.

"ME TOO"

Eisenhower attributes the Korean war to the "really terrible blunders" of the Truman administration. That is hindsight bequeathed the General the moment he was nominated. But, he made clear on Aug. 22, that once Truman committed this country to war in Korea — by whatever unconstitutional means and for whatever lying reason — then "how you could stay out of the thing, I don't know."

Well, I know "how you could stay out of the thing." I believe that it was a crime to intervene in Korea in the first place and a still worse crime to stay.

There's a simple way to stop this criminal adventure: Get out of there. Pull the troops out at once. Bring them back home now.

I firmly believe that is what most of the American people want. I think I voice the sentiments of the overwhelming majority.

REVEALING POLLS

Every poll of public opinion upholds or confirms this position. The Gallup poll last March showed 51% of those questioned in a national survey said that "the United States made a mistake in going into the war in Korea." Only 35% said it was "not a mistake."

I see that a Princeton Research Service Poll, made public on Aug. 27, found that only 45.1% of a cross-section of citizens of voting age think that it was "the right thing" to send U.S. troops to Korea.

After more than two years of the most intense propaganda to sell the Korea war and after a terrific campaign of witch-hunting to intimidate all opposition to the war, only a minority say the war is "right."

I am for the people exercising their full power to stop the war. The Socialist Workers Party advocates: Let the people vote on the life-and-death question of war and peace. The democratic way is to let the people decide. On that I take my stand.

BRITISH UNION CONGRESS DEBATES VITAL ISSUES

LONDON, Sept. 6 — Rearmament, social ownership of industry, and wages were the three major issues fought out at the British Trades Union Congress this week between its General Council and the 900 delegates representing 8,000,000 unionists. The Right Wing, dominating the General Council, scored a victory for its policy on the first point; was unexpectedly and emphatically set back on the second; while the third ended in a draw.

The Congress was held in the Winter Gardens at Margate-by-the-sea, an English equivalent of the Auditorium at Atlantic City. Its chairman, Arthur Deakin, leader of the Right Wing, belligerently championed the imperialist policy of arming to the hilt: "We must build up armed defenses against aggression as a means of enforcing peace. . . Are we faced at this Congress with a demand to scrap the results of five years' effort to create a system of mutual security? Are we to take the view that our own arms program and the general rearmament undertaken by the Western Union and the NATO leads not to peace, but to war?" he asked.

Two voices at the rear cried out: "Yes!" Deakin stopped and replied: "Never has a war occurred when all the nations of the world were prepared for it."

FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS

The opponents of all-out rearmament were divided. One resolution offered by the Constructional Engineers, and supported by the Stalinists, opposed war preparations and urged a 5-power peace pact. A second, backed by the Amalgamated Engineers, demanded an arms cut and a ban on atom and germ warfare. The third was an amendment along Bevanite lines which said that rearmament was "a necessary part of UN policy of resistance to aggression" but contended that Britain's arms budget must be reduced to maintain economic security and living standards.

The Right Wing defeated all three by four-to-one margins through mobilizing the full pressure of its machine plus the block vote of the two big general unions. However, the resistance to its position was greater than the nearly 2,000,000 votes record-

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What AFL Leader Told British Unions

LONDON — The AFL fraternal delegate, J. R. Stevenson, vice-president of the Carpenters, told the British Trades Union Congress: "After the war you were fortunate in having a friendly government which revoked the anti-union Trades Dispute Act. We on the other hand were confronted with a hostile legislature which passed the Taft-Hartley Law."

Unionists in the audience could have asked: "Then why don't you launch a Labor Party in your country, take over the government, and get rid of the Taft-Hartley Law?" But they were polite to their guest.

Election Fund Campaign Reaches 77% of Quota

By Reba Aubrey
Fund Campaign Manager

This week's contributions of $903 from the Socialist Workers Party branches on their pledges of $18,600 to the Presidential Election — Anti-Trucks Law Fund campaign increased the national total to $14,512, or 77%. Because branch contributions dropped $600 under last week's, the campaign is now lagging 5% behind schedule. With only three weeks to go, each and every branch must concentrate its efforts in order to fulfill its pledge IN FULL AND ON TIME. The deadline is Sept. 30.

Chicago joined the 100% ranks, making a total of six branches that have gone over the top IN FULL AND AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. **Howard Anderson** sent in the $311 check that put Chicago over the top, saying: "It was a hard fight, but we made it."

New York's $139 pushed them 3% closer to their $4,500 goal; **San Francisco's $56** scored a gain of 7%; **Pittsburgh** chalked up a big gain of 25%; **Newark** a 3% gain with $26.

On Sept. 6, **C. Feingold** sent in $200 for **Los Angeles**. On Sept. 8 he sent in another $100, telling us that the branch "received this amount from a contact just after mailing in the $200." These two checks gave Los Angeles a 14% boost toward their goal.

Youngstown has been picking up speed since the end of the steel strike. Another $50 fulfilled 50% of their $400 pledge and **M. Jones** says: "We are hoping to send in the balance in a couple of weeks."

CHICAGO BOARD RULES SOCIALIST OFF BALLOT

CHICAGO, Sept. 6 — "The free ballot in Illinois has received another stab in the back," said Irving Beinin, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress from the 2nd Congressional District, in a public statement today.

According to the **Chicago Daily News** (Sept. 5) the petitions of the socialist candidate were ruled invalid by the Board of Election Commissioners.

DICTATORIAL MOVE

The SWP standard bearer went on to say, "It is evident that the Board of Election Commissioners has arrogated to itself the right to decide for the voters whom they may or may not elect.

"The workers of the second Congressional District will soon learn of the attempt of the Democratic candidate Barrett O'Hara to deprive them of a free election. This 'liberal friend of labor,' on his own initiative, interfered in the hearings on our petitions. He left no doubt with those present that he did not wish to have any opposition in the coming campaign.

"Eleven thousand citizens of the 2nd Congressional District have signed petitions asking that my name appear on the November ballot. We do not intend to let this attack against their civil rights go unanswered.

MAY CHALLENGE BOARD

"Our attorney is now investigating the possibilities of a court challenge of the board's decision. In any case, we are determined that voters of the 2nd Congressional District will have an opportunity to express their opposition to the war in the Nov. 4 elections.

"Barrett O'Hara and the election board are wrong if they think they have succeeded in gagging the socialist anti-war campaign."

Anti-Semitic Clause

The State Department is "undecided" on whether prospective immigrants will have to list themselves as "Jewish" or not to meet the McCarran law requirements.

$18,600 FUND SCOREBOARD

Branch	Pledge	Paid	Percent
Connecticut	$ 125	$ 137	110
Allentown	40	43	108
Akron	150	150	100
Buffalo	1,500	1,500	100
Chicago	1,500	1,500	100
St. Louis	50	50	100
Cleveland	300	264	88
Boston	500	430	86
Philadelphia	350	298	85
New York	4,500	3,790	84
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,500	1,244	83
Detroit	2,113	1,638	78
Seattle	400	306	77
San Francisco	900	582	65
Pittsburgh	40	25	63
Newark	1,000	566	57
Los Angeles	2,200	1,100	50
Youngstown	400	200	50
Milwaukee	325	130	40
Flint	300	118	39
Oakland	300	92	31
General	150	349	232
Total through Sept. 8	$18,600	$14,512	77

HOUSEWIVES BITTERLY DENOUNCE HIGH PRICES

Four hundred Fresno women filled the air with bitter denunciations of high prices at the first meeting held by Tighe Woods, new price "stabilizer," to find out just how "housewives feel" about price controls.

"Women clamored to be heard and as many as ten arose simultaneously shrilly demanding to give their views," reports a feature article in Sept. 9 issue of the **Wall Street Journal.**

The gathering, it appears from this account, was not exactly representative of the mass of the country's housewives. One woman arose to point out that she "saw very few wives of common ordinary working men" in the audience, and the protests to this almost brought the proceedings to an end.

In any case, the report of the mouthpiece of Wall Street financiers and speculators does not contain a statement from a single worker housewife.

But there was no question as to the gathering's attitude to high prices. They were angrily denounced alike by women who favored controls and those who came to the meeting to voice the anti-price control views of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The **Journal**, of course, loaded its account with anti-control statements, but it grudgingly included the views of a young wife of a college graduate, scrimping along on a salary of "less than $200 a month," who declared: "I certainly don't want controls as they are now. I want them to be much, much stricter."

At the termination of the two-hour session, the women "were loathe to leave. They stood in groups discussing the meeting and the hard time they had getting foods cheaply."

Tighe Woods plans to hold six more meetings in three "test" cities. He was "somewhat shaken by the comment, hubbub and noise" and declared the outcome to have been "inconclusive."

Farrell Dobbs Tour Schedule

Sept. 17-19	Boston
Sept. 20-21	Newark

Newark Public Meeting:
Sun., Sept. 21, 8 P.M.
52 Market Street
(Corner of Plane)

Sept. 22-24	Philadelphia
Sept. 26-29	New York

New York Public Meeting:
Fri., Sept. 26, 8 P.M.
at Cornish Arms Hotel
23rd St. near 8th Ave.

Oct. 2-5	Los Angeles
Oct. 7-9	San Francisco-Oakland
Oct. 11-13	Seattle
Oct. 16-18	Minneapolis-St. Paul
Oct. 19-20	Milwaukee
Oct. 21-24	Chicago
Oct. 26	St. Louis
Oct. 28-Nov. 2	Detroit-Flint-Toledo

Myra T. Weiss Tour Schedule

Sept. 12-17	Chicago
Sept. 19-23	Detroit-Flint
Sept. 25-28	Minneapolis-St. Paul

Minneapolis Public Meeting:
Fri., Sept. 26, 8 P.M.
SWP Hall, 10 S. 4th St.
St Paul Public Meeting:
Sun., Sept. 28, 4 P.M.
American House, 444 Rice St.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Akron
Oct. 2-3	Youngstown
Oct. 4-5	Cleveland
Oct. 7-10	Buffalo
Oct. 12-16	Boston
Oct. 17-18	Newark
Oct. 19-20	Philadelphia
Oct. 21	Allentown
Oct. 23-26	New York
Oct. 27	New Haven
Oct. 29-31	San Francisco-Oakland
Nov. 1-2	Los Angeles

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which his interlocutor was Kay Kean, Akron SWP secretary, Dobbs declared that "a Labor party would in a few short years sweep across America and find itself at the helm of the government."

He told the Akron **Beacon-Journal** correspondent (who wrote up a lengthy story about Dobbs) that "Akron is a hub of the future socialist movement. It is a concentrated industrial area under leadership of the workers. The whole key is to convince the workers of the need for such a society. And the breakdown of capitalism will convince them."

NEW YORK GETS READY

We have word from the local campaigners that New York will have a first-rate meeting for Dobbs on Friday, September 26 at the Cornish Arm Hotel. The wheels are all turning and the local comrades are hitting the ball to put the rally over in a big way. Michael Bartell, SWP candidate for Senator, will share the platform with Dobbs; yours truly will be in the chair.

Human Misery in Iran--The Real Source of the Great Upheaval

If you read the American press regularly, you may forget that world upheavals and revolts are produced by a great excess of human misery and suffering. This is above all the case in Iran, which is in the throes of a double-jointed crisis, internal and international. A reading of the U.S. press gives the picture of an Iran stirred up by demagogues, communists and agitators. "Troublemakers" are said to be the cause of all problems, and if the "troublemakers" can be outmaneuvered or disposed of by force, all will be calm again.

Of all the lies of U.S. imperialism, this is one of the greatest. And in order to buttress this monstrous lie, the American press consistently suppresses the truth about the colonial revolutions. The European press, by no means so closely blanketed, has in recent weeks supplied a remarkable picture of life in Iran, in the form of a series of articles in the Paris Le Monde, reprinted in the Manchester **Guardian Weekly**, by a French reporter, Jean-Marie De Moreuil.

STARTLING PICTURE

De Moreuil toured the industrial cities and the rural regions, and his narrative paints a startling picture. Consider what he writes about the capital city of Iran: "Every morning I see four ragged boys settle down by a gutter full of dirty water that comes down from Takhte Jamshid and goes round Firdausi Square. These gutters, known as 'jubs' play a large part in the life of the inhabitants of Teheran. They are at once water conduits and open sewers. Every hotel and private house takes its water from these filthy drains which cross the whole city and which housewives use to dispose of rubbish, children to relieve themselves, and beggars to wash their sores. . .

"Teheran is one of the few capitals without a supply of piped drinking water. . . These boys, who spend the day by the 'jub' feeding on bits of rubbish and drinking this polluted water, hope to beg a little money which they will share among themselves after endless quarrels. There are thousands, even tens of thousands of these hungry children in Teheran. Every week this starving army is swollen by new recruits driven out of the countryside by the inflexible demands of great landowners and tax collectors, out of factories and builders' yards by the spread of unemployment and the standstill of production. One cannot stop one's car in any Persian town or village without seeing ten children's faces press against the windows, tirelessly begging for alms; they are ill, rickety, half-naked in mid-winter. Amid this poverty the shining luxury and chromium plate of American cars soon becomes unbearable. In no other Middle Eastern country is the contrast as shocking as it is in Persia (Iran).

"HUMAN DECAY"

"Poverty soon becomes an obsession in Teheran. These people in rags, these festering sores complacently displayed, these eyes drowned in trachoma, these half-mad beggars who pester one in the street all day long — all this implacable human decay gives one in the end a feeling of stifling and hallucination and a desire to flee."

On the countryside, where the landowners, making up two-tenths of one percent of the people, own 70% of the land, and where the huge majority of peasants owns absolutely nothing, De Moreuil saw sights of agonizing poverty. He visited a peasant's home, and found it to be a dark, windowless, chimmneyless hut less than twelve feet square, in which the people slept on the floor with the animals. "Since wood was scarce and what there was belonged to the landlord, the wife threw on the embers a cake of dried buffalo dung. . . These wretched people go about in rags, for they never have enough money to buy a shirt, and live like animals. . ."

These are the people who would presumably be "quiet" if they weren't being stirred up by "reds." An Iranian peasant, speaking his bitterness from the heart, told De Moreuil what the real feelings of the people are, and why no one has to "stir them up." He said:

"Tradition says that life in the country is made up of five things: earth, water, seed, animals, and finally work. The first four belong to the landlord; we have never seen him, but he owns our village and 22 others hereabouts. We only have work. So we have a right only to one-fifth of the crops, and out of this we have to pay taxes to the governor of the province. It has always been so. But today things are even harder than before, crops are poorer and taxes are heavier. Our children often have to leave the village and go off to the city in search of work."

The rebellious feelings of the peasants cause the government to allocate fully half of the public budget to police funds for "putting down disturbances." On Aug. 29, the **N. Y. Times** reported an uprising on an estate near Teheran where the peasants are reported to have pulled their landlord out of his car and "beaten him to death." The report indicates that this was the result of "a long dispute over the sharing of the crop, water rights and land allocation."

MOOD OF THE WORKERS

How about the workers? De Moreuil reports that "It is a fact that today the Persian police is afraid of the Communists. Abadan (the site of the world's biggest oil refinery) is the great revolutionary cauldron. . ."

De Moreuil tells an anecdote that shows the militant temper of the Abadan oil workers: "When I wanted to take a few photographs of Abadan the chief of police had my car escorted by a truckload of six armed policemen under a lieutenant. Every time I stopped to take a picture the lieutenant, who would obviously have liked to be somewhere else, whispered: 'Hurry up, hurry up please.' 'But what have I to fear?' I asked. 'After all, I'm not an Englishman.' 'Of course,' he answered, 'but that makes no difference. The yellow dog is brother to the jackal.'"

Wealthy Americans might be interested to know the conditions under which their fabulous Persian carpets are made. They are fabricated "exclusively by child labor — girls aged from 5 to 12, who work eight to ten hours a day for a pittance of three to fifteen rials (eight to forty-two cents a day), without food. . . After seeing this one understands why towns like Ispahan, Yazd, Tabriz and others are strongholds of the Tudeh (Communist) party, why one sees so many armed patrols around the streets, why the police and security forces have once again had to be reinforced after bloody riots, and, finally, why Dr. Mossadegh (Premier) dares not hold elections in a good many places."

Notice that the French reporter explains the communist strength and the "bloody riots" without mentioning "agitators" as the cause. He speaks only of the miserable working and living conditions of the workers, and this is undoubtedly the truthful analysis of the causes of the Iranian revolutionary mood.

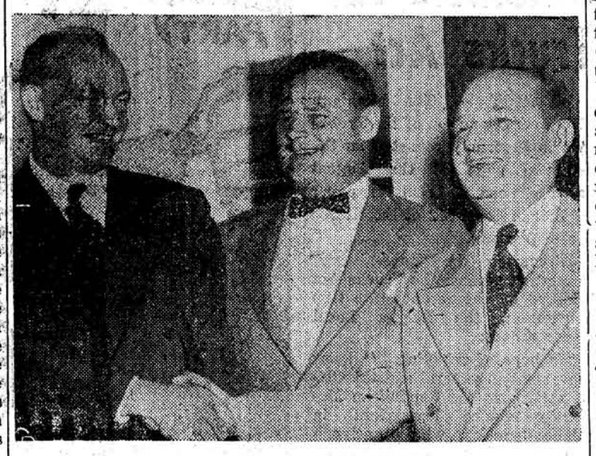
75% DRIVEN TO OPIUM

It is estimated that about 75% of the people of Iran are abdicted to the use of opium. This is a "solution" to their problems which the government either encourages or winks at. Iran supplies 30% of the world's opium; one-fifth of the country's agricultural population is employed in poppy-growing and fully one-tenth of the national income comes from that source.

De Moreuil reports: "The cruel fate of Persia, which has given so much unhappiness to a naturally gay and amiable people, has also provided a dangerous solace: opium. The women who cut the white poppy in the fields of Khorassan and Fars allow their bawling children to suck their fingers. The peasant or the workman smoking a pipe at home hands it to the child who asks for food. . ."

The Iranian government of landlords and capitalists and the western imperialist powers that exploit Iran wanted this situation to continue forever, but the people have initiated a powerful movement of revolt, and have even forced the government to take a nationalist line against the British and other foreign imperialists. It is useless to blame this on "Russia" or "agitators." The true facts tell another story: the crimes of capitalism, landlordism, feudalism are at last catching up with the exploiters in Iran. And that's good news for workers all over the world.

Won't Earn His Salary



Appointed new price stabilizer by Pres. Truman, rent stabilizer Tighe E. Woods (l.) shakes hands in Washington with Ellis Arnall, who quit job. In center is economic stabilizer Roger L. Putnam. If Woods "stabilizes" prices no better than Arnall did, then he won't earn a cent of his salary.

STEVENSON'S DEMAGOGY ATTRACTS PP LIBERALS

By Tom Conlan

Something is happening in certain liberal circles that's worth noting and thinking about. I have in mind those liberal circles to whom the Progressive Party has been trying to appeal, and who have, in fact, previously favored this party. Many of them are now having "second thoughts" about Stevenson and are obviously considering whether they shouldn't, after all, jump on the Democrat bandwagon.

There is Ted O. Thackrey, editor and publisher of the **Daily Compass**, a New York newspaper favoring the Progressive Party. In a signed editorial Sept. 8, Thackrey announced that he is now convinced "there is a genuine contrast between his (Stevenson's) views and those of the Republican candidate." "Stevenson," adds Thackrey, "has given me real cause to reconsider" a previous decision "that my vote in November must be cast for the Progressive Party candidate."

NEW ADMIRERS

The columnist I. F. Stone, writing in the same paper, had previously announced that he was taking "his hat off" to Stevenson. The weekly **New Republic**, another liberal mouthpiece, is becoming unrestrained in its enthusiasm. "As we watch Stevenson he seems almost too good to be true," they say in the Sept. 8 issue.

This pro-Stevenson trend among the liberals is bound to lead to new defections from the Progressive Party. And it only took a few phrases by Stevenson, especially his expression of "readiness" to engage in "negotiations" with Moscow.

Frankly, this does not surprise me at all. Indeed, it can come as a surprise only to those who learned nothing at all from similar defections from the PP four years ago when Truman talked of sending a personal emissary to Stalin, and in this way pulled the rug from under the feet of the then Wallace-led "progressives."

CLASS PROGRAM IS DECISIVE

Class program, class interests are decisive in politics. Instead of advancing a clear-cut program in the interests of the workers, the Progressive Party continues to come forward as a champion of "progressive capitalism." That's where the PP plays right into the hands of the Democrats. Because Stevenson-Truman and Co. need only say, as they do, that it is they who stand for "progressive capitalism," and they need only make a few meaningless promises in order to attract the liberal supporters of capitalism. Truman did this in 1948; Stevenson is repeating the performance in 1952.

The truth is that the one and only "progressive capitalism" there is or can exist under the sun is that represented by Stevenson-Truman and the like. Those who, following the PP, envision anything different are simply day-dreaming.

The PP's anti-war program, for which it tries to rally liberal support, is just as unreal, wishful and illusory. It is based on the theory of peaceful coexistence of the Soviet Union and the capitalist system. But the capitalist system in its present stage of advanced decay requires war preparations and ultimately war itself to even keep alive. The sum and substance of the PP's foreign policy is negotiating some sort of deal between Washington and Moscow. That is why a vague promise by Stevenson to negotiate is enough to cause liberal supporters of such a foreign policy to "reconsider."

SWP POINTS THE WAY

In a word, the false class position and program of the Progressive Party makes it impotent and promotes continued defections from its ranks.

On the burning issues, from the struggle against war to the defense of civil rights and living standards at home, it is necessary today not to seek compromises but to definitely take sides.

We of the Socialist Workers Party take our side uncompromisingly against capitalism and capitalist war; we stand on the side of labor, on the side of the oppressed minorities and people struggling for liberation throughout the world. Our program is a class program, genuinely socialist, for no other can serve the interests of labor and promote universal progress, peace and prosperity. You will be truly working for a new and better world by casting your vote and getting your friends to cast their vote on Nov. 4 for the presidential candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

Too Much of a Good Thing

Workers who "perspire excessively" are "too costly" in metal shops because their sweat causes machinery "to rust," according to Dr. Binstadt of Cincinnati Milling Machine Co.

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The American Way of Life

For the Good of Our Minds

If there's one thing in America we can be proud of it's our progress. This thought came to me with real impact the other night.

I was absorbed in the **Encyclopedia Britannica**, which I am reading page by page to improve my mind and make up for lack of a college education. Edwin, my young nephew, let me have it with his Atomic Rocket, a 16-inch projectile that scoots along the floor, roaring and throwing out sparks. The bang, when the warhead explodes on contact with your ankle, knocks the cotton right out of your ears. For the coup de grace he unloaded his flying saucer gun in my brains and then disposed of the corpse with a blast from his atomic disintegrator. A twist of his anti-gravity dial and he shot away in his space suit to the bathroom.

In my time, the best we had was a wooden six gun. We shouted, "Bang, bang. You're dead." We got away by laying the quirt to both flanks of a pinto stick horse.

I suppose the change to atomic power is for the best. Each new generation seems to pick up the latest stuff and thus reflect the times in their toys, their games, their pattern of thinking. It's a way of preparing children for the tough problems they will face when they grow up, I suppose; and from Edwin I can see how much America has progressed in just a few decades.

ALARMIST VIEW

Of course, there are always those who take a gloomy view of what is happening. The latest issue of **The Journal** of the American Medical Association, for example, is alarmed about the possible effect on today's children of the innumerable saloon brawls, sluggings, assaults and miscellaneous acts of crime and violence on TV shows.

It cites a 1941 study of the effect on 53 children of horror movies and radio shows. 76% showed increased nervousness, 85% suffered from sleeping disturbances, fears were increased five-fold in 94% and 51% were found to be nail-biters.

The Journal said that "Up to the age of 12, common reactions included retiring to the mother's bed for comfort and reassurance, screaming, pulling the bed covers over the head, burying the head under a pillow, or diving under the covers — there to spend an uneasy night plagued by vivid recollections."

Besides lack of appetite, scholastic difficulties and increased irritability, it was noted that as early as the seventh year, "habitual exposure often produced a callousness to the suffering of others and an atrophy of sympathy and compassion toward those in distress."

WISE THEM UP

Personally, I feel more complacent than **The Journal** about what TV horror and violence shows are doing to the minds of children, and my conclusions are not based simply on observations of Edwin, who might be considered somewhat precocious in the pleasure he gets out of slaughtering adults.

First of all, it seems to me wholly in the spirit of the times to load the nursery TV screen with fist fights, eye-gouging, shootings, knifings, throttlings, skull-bashings and the rest of the assorted mayhem, murder and torture that is used to carry the subtle but highly lucrative advertisements you get on TV.

After all, it's only our duty to put our children in tune with the age they're born into. As soon as they're old enough to crawl up to the TV set and turn on the switch, let's greet them with a realistic picture of what to expect in the Twentieth century as we prepare for World War III. Any who become nervous wrecks from this experience would surely become nervous wrecks anyway under the strains and stresses of our day and age.

LET'S KEEP OUR HEADS

Just how great are the dangers? I think they're somewhat exaggerated by the alarmist article in **The Journal**, which generally demands its writers meet a higher standard of conservatism. We shouldn't lose confidence in our American way of depending on the government to do something when our children get old enough and it's necessary to handle anything really dangerous to their minds.

For example, socialist literature that talks about peace and how to build a better world has already been labelled "subversive" by the government and those who preach it are charged with conspiring to "teach" the overthrow of the government by "force and violence." These advocates of dangerous thoughts about the brotherhood of man and peace on earth are intimidated, fired from their jobs, hounded as public enemies and even thrown into prison under auspices of the beneficent government program to protect adult minds.

PENTAGON ON THE ALERT

This is not all in the way of government protection after we're finally grown up and it really matters what we think. When we're drafted and sent abroad to bring the blessings of machine-gun strafing, jellied gasoline and saturation bombing to people in need of liberation in distant parts of the world, the best brains in the Pentagon watch over our minds.

For example, according to an Aug. 30 AP dispatch, Twelfth District sailors have found their comic book supply restricted. Seven comic books have been "placed on a list by the district, which advised officers to keep them out of the hands of susceptible sailors."

The comic books which might have a bad effect on tender-minded sailors were not identified because they have been "classified" by the Navy. But a Navy spokesman "cited as an example one comic showing two servicemen on a grave-digging detail. One says to the other, 'All I've done since I'm out here in Korea is burying my buddies.' The other replied, 'Better than being shot at the front.'"

Naturally, the alert Navy brass did their duty in seeing to it that sailors are not exposed to the shattering experience of reading comic books like that.

So in the light of the evidence, I say we don't have to get in a sweat about the possible evil effects of horror and violence on children's programs. The government steps in when the proper time comes. We have registered great progress, I believe, since America's raw pioneer days when they worried about little children's minds and let grown-ups think however they damn pleased.

— Jack Bustelo

THE MILITANT ARMY

Chicago Literature Agent **Bert Deck** reports good sales of recent issues of **The Militant** with scores as follows: **Helen**, 29; **Sherry**, 22; **Mary Lou**, 20; **Carole**, 5; **Snow**, 26; **Mitch**, 23; **Marj**, 14; **Manny**, 24; **Jacky**, 37; **Dotty**, 41; **George**, 5; and **Rachel**, 10. These papers were sold on street corners, house to house, and at union meetings.

The **Seattle** branch announces a good response to the Harry T. Moore pamphlet in their area. They have sold over 125 copies so far.

Miwaukee is planning increased sales of **The Militant** during the election campaign. Literature Agent **Francis Griffin** writes, "At our last literature and **Militant** committee meeting we decided to just about double our bundle order for use during the campaign."

Detroit has reached a total of 30 subs in their current renewal campaign.

Friends in **Vancouver, Canada** write for 100 copies of the Aug. 4 **Militant** containing the Socialist Workers Party platform and the speech by Farrell Dobbs, "White, Negro Workers Must Stand Together."

C. H. D. of **Pottstown, Penna.**, sends in his renewal to **The Militant** and writes, "I certainly do not want to be without your swell **Militant** during the days just ahead."

C. J. of **Seattle**, a new subscriber, sends in for a copy of the Moore pamphlet and Trotsky's "Their Morals and Ours," and writes, "Sincere good wishes to the success of the SWP in the November elections."

D. K. of **Larchmont, N. Y.** is another new subscriber to the paper. After receiving his first few copies he writes, "I am very much interested in the Socialist Workers Party and look forward to hearing its candidates when they come to New York. Although I do not agree with many of your principles, I do believe that you are the only party working for the interests of the unionists and laborers. I enjoy **The Militant** very much. It is a truly progressive newspaper."

Mrs. E. C. of **Detroit** writes to informs us of her new address and to comment on the SWP election campaign. "We would appreciate some campaign literature and copies of Farrell Dobb's and Mrs. Weiss' acceptance speeches. We hope that the SWP is able to get even more radio and TV time so that even more Americans will become aware of the true issues at stake in our country today. My husband and I wish to express our complete sympathy and agreement with your beliefs. We would like to say also that we have friends who are members of the SWP and not only are they fine people personally, but their principles are such that anyone could be proud of holding to them.

"Although you don't have my vote because I am under the age minimum, you do have my husband's and as many other people's as we can convince of the rightness and truth of the SWP position. Good luck."

Many thanks to the friend who drops up to the business office occasionally for copies of **The Militant** for his donation of $1 to help pay our printing costs.

The Jim Crow Murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore

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1. The Need for Change

In the 1952 presidential campaign one issue is coming more and more to the foreground: It is **the need for a change in the government.** The Republicans as the major opposition party are hammering on this issue. The campaign speeches of General Eisenhower have persistently struck the keynote: "It's time for a change."

The mere slogan itself is a serious threat to the continued rule of the Democrats. Stevenson, a shrewd capitalist politician and a clever demagogue, recognizes this. He understands that mass discontent is beginning to boil up in this country and that such unfolding mass moods can invest the demand for a change with an overwhelming power.

For this reason Stevenson has himself brought the issue to the fore, especially in his Denver speech of Sept. 5. Recognizing that it would be foolish, if not fatal, to ignore or ridicule the demand for a change, Stevenson is striving instead to picture himself as the genuine champion of change and the Democratic Party as the only party that really understands the meaning and urgency of "change in the modern world," and as the only party that has "anticipated" and worked for change.

What Douglas Didn't Tell About Imperialism in Asia

By Art Preis

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas has been hailed by professional liberals and labor leaders for his "enlightened" views on U.S. foreign policy, particularly with respect to the backward countries of Asia. That venerable liberal weekly The Nation and the N. Y. Daily Compass even publicly pressed a "Draft Douglas" campaign prior to the recent Democratic Party convention.

Last April Douglas was calling for "peasant revolutions" against existing regimes in the colonial and semi-colonial lands — although curiously, he referred specifically only to Iran, whose government had just kicked out the British oil robbers.

Now Douglas has delivered himself of some new pronouncements on the Asian lands and peoples. On tour through Southeast Asia, Douglas explained on Sept. 2 in Hong Kong that his "revolutions" did not mean the overthrow of the present foreign imperialist rulers and exploiters of Southeast Asia. He said he found conditions in Malaya, Indo-China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Burma and Thailand on "the plus side." And what he considered particularly on "the plus side" was that the British and French are still maintaining their rule in Malaya and Indo-China.

The French, he claimed, are "indispensable for a time" in Indo-China. We can gather something of their "indispensable" function from a brief Associated Press dispatch from Hanoi, Indo-China, two days after Douglas's comment. The dispatch related how the French Air Force "burned completely" a village held by Indo-Chinese independence fighters. "A squadron of United States-supplied B-26 bombers, dropping napalm (jellied gasoline) fire-bombs, erased the community of Nhat-le, thirty-five miles southeast of Hanoi. . ."

A "GOOD PROGRAM"

While the French with their U.S. bombers and napalm are "indispensable" merely "for a time" in Indo-China, "the presence of the British in Malaya," opined Douglas, "is indispensable for an indefinite time." He added: "To talk of colonialism there is beside the point. The British are a unifying force."

Douglas had a special word of "high praise," reports the **N. Y. Times,** for Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, British High Commmissioner in Malaya, whom the jurist described as a "considerable person and a good administrator with a good program."

Let us devote the rest of our space to an examination of the "good program" of this "con-

— a city of 130,000 inhabitants — with a barbed wire fence.

"Dwellers in the wire-enclosed communities are closely policed and strict control attempts to permit only the food essential to local needs entering the communities and to prevent any food from being taken out. A close daily and nightly population check seeks to keep track of the movement of every person in the state."

Under this foreign-ruled military dictatorship "every person" must undergo a "close daily and nightly" check by soldiers and cops and hundreds of thousands are snatched from their homes and forcibly "resettled" in "wired-in villages" — the **Time's** polite designation for British-style concentration camps.

On Aug. 30, the **Times** reported from Singapore that in furtherance of Sir Gerald's "tough new measures" he ordered "a new kind of security cordon around a city of 56,000 inhabitants," a police check of every person moving in and out of Seremban, capital of the Malay state of Negri Sembilan. If this is not effective, "wire barriers may be the next step" and "the possibility is being considered of encircling a number of cities . . . with barbed wire in the same way as hundreds of villages are now

Tribune reported from London that "the British government gave full approval today to the stern punishment" meted out to the entire 5,000 inhabitants of Tanjong Malin. Sir Gerald had all residents confined to a 22-hour-a-day house arrest, ordered shops closed except for two hours a day, stopped all bus services, forbade the population to leave, closed all schools "and reduced the rice ration on the ground that the village's surplus food was being given to the terrorists," reported Coblentz.

This action was severely criticized in Parliament by Viscount Stansgate, a Laborite peer, who called it "unjust" and "said no one could justify keeping children from school and preventing women and children from getting enough food when they had done nothing wrong," wrote Coblentz. "Lord Stansgate predicted it would revolt public opinion."

It has not revolted Justice Douglas's opinion, however, and "last month, Secretary of State Dean Acheson gave strong American support to the British campaign," Coblentz's article concludes.

Sir Gerald has said: "I could win this war in three months if I could get two-thirds of the people on my side."

We can judge how many of the bandits" "only 3,000 to 5,000 of them under arms."

"What the authorities need more than anything else is the cooperation of the villagers," explained Ronald Stead in his previously quoted article.

They are trying to get it by employing Dyak head-hunters from Borneo in Malaya, as British Colonial Secretary Oliver Lyttleton revealed when he admitted the genuineness of a photograph published in a London newspaper showing members of a British jungle patrol displaying the severed head of a Malayan independence fighter. They are trying to get it by making the carrying of a toy water pistol in Malaya subject to a death sentence (Associated Press dispatch from Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.) They are trying to get it by first cutting the pay of 327,000 rubber estate workers 10% in June and then, "after seven weeks of tough bargaining," agreeing to "a daily increase of 10 Strait cents (a little more than 3 cents United States) from June 30." (N. Y. Times, July 27.)

WASHINGTON-BACKED

When we consider these blessings of democracy and civilization that the British imperialists are bringing to the people of Malaya — this "good program"

Getting the Line