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Socialist Worker Candidates Win Good L.A. Vote

By Della Rossa, Campaign Manager
LOS ANGELES, April 7 — Reaching hundreds of thousands with a clear-cut program against the Korean war and for a Labor Party, and drawing in contacts and recruits, the Socialist Workers Party local here today concluded one of its most effective election campaigns with the highest vote it has yet received in a mayoralty race.

Chicago FE-UE Gains Victory in Bargaining Poll

CHICAGO — Local 107 of the Farm Equipment - United Electrical Workers Union won a smashing victory over the CIO United Automobile Workers in the representation election April 7 at International Harvester Co.'s West Pullman Works here. This is the 25th straight time the Midwest Organizing Committee of UAW-CIO has been defeated in its raiding of FE-UE locals.

Following this latest defeat, UAW representatives notified the Labor Board they were withdrawing from the election against FE-UE at the IH Farmall Works. This leaves only the McCormick plant unsettled.

At West Pullman, of 2,237 maintenance and production workers, 1,277 cast ballots for FE-UE and 573 for UAW. FE also won the Millwrights. There will be a run-off between IAM and FE for the Tool Room. Fourteen carpenters and 13 plumbers were won by the AFL.

FE-UE recently led the Harvester workers through an 87-day bitter strike. The workers sustained a moral victory as they retained their union but were forced to accept a worse contract. The company has been cutting wages and speeding up. It is hoped that UAW's withdrawal from Farmall means it will unite with FE in the struggle against their common enemy — the company with its union-busting policy.

3,542 received by Myra Tanner Weiss for mayor — more than double her 1949 vote of 1,506 — was a conscious vote because her unambiguous stand to withdraw the troops from Korea and stop the witch hunt, and for a Labor Party and a socialist Workers and Farmers Government reached a vast audience through three radio and six television appearances.

If it were not for the "lesser evil" poison several thousand more votes would have been cast for the SWP mayoralty candidate. This is indicated by Robert Morgan, Mrs. Weiss's running mate and candidate for Board of Education Office No. 6, who ran fourth in a field of 11 with 12,588 votes.

The weight of the "lesser evil" theory was particularly heavy in this campaign with official labor endorsement going to Republican Mayor Fletcher Bowron, the 15-year incumbent. The Communist Party lured further support to Bowron from radical and middle-class elements through its backing of "labor-endorsed" candidates.

SWP VOTE SIGNIFICANT
This year's vote for Myra Weiss is higher than in her 1945 and 1949 campaigns even though the general vote pattern is a reactionary one, with the anti-housing Congressman Norris Poulson receiving a 32,885 vote lead over Bowron. The significance of the socialist vote is seen in the distribution of the 479,880 votes cast for the five candidates and their backgrounds:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Vote Count. Includes Poulson (211,247), Bowron (178,362), Lloyd Aldrich (70,459), Paul Burke (16,470), and Myra Tanner Weiss (3,542).

Eisenhower Threatens Atomic War If Demands Are Not Met



NEWS ITEM: Letters continue to pour into the White House urging "Bring our boys home from Korea."

Won't Bring Troops Home Despite Any Armistice Reached in Korea

By Art Preis
The Militant last week emphasized that the current truce moves will mean, at best, only a temporary cessation of military operations in Korea. There will be no real peace and American troops will not come home. Eisenhower has no intention of fulfilling his election promises to the American people.

Every new development affirms our warnings. Eisenhower himself, in his April 16 "peace" speech, announced the price he insists upon in the way of concessions from the Soviet Union and the "Communist world" for a firm agreement. They add up to a series of provocative demands nicely calculated to put the greatest obstacles in the way of peace.

KIEZEL TOURS UNIONS IN OAKLAND CAMPAIGN

OAKLAND, Calif., April 12 — Mrs. Lillian Kiezel, Anti-War candidate for mayor sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party, in the past week stepped up her campaign to bring the SWP working-class program to every labor and civic group here before the April 21 elections.

In the last few days she has addressed two more AFL locals and CIO Steelworkers Local 1304, where she received a fine response and prolonged applause. She has spoken before nine unions all told so far, including CIO United Auto Workers Local 1031 which gave her an ovation.

She has also received friendly receptions this week in talks before 12 civic groups. At the Lafayette club she was given sustained applause after her talk on "The Peace Jitters" of the American capitalists.

On April 20, Mrs. Kiezel will participate in a round-table discussion over KROW, one of the largest radio stations in the Bay Area. She has already had one election broadcast over this station when she spoke against the war.

STALINISTS INTERFERE
Stalinist elements tried frantically to prevent Mrs. Kiezel from speaking before Local 6 of the Warehousemen's union. A young rank-and-filer touched off a long debate when he asked why she wasn't being allowed to speak. The chairman claimed she hadn't appeared before their legislative committee. Mrs. Kiezel, outraged at this lie, marched up to the mike and revealed she had appeared before the committee.

The Stalinist hacks then hit the mike to prevent her speaking further. The chairman yelled, "I don't support her and I don't think she should speak." But the membership was shouting, "Let her talk!" The hacks succeeded in

In the main these demands, with minor variations, are precisely those we said were being cooked up by the Eisenhower administration. Eisenhower aims to utilize any truce period as a breathing spell during which to try to squeeze every last possible concession from the Soviet Union and China, while building up diplomatic and military advantages, strengthening armies, beating back colonial uprisings in Southeast Asia and Africa and preparing for Wall Street's atomic war of world conquest.

Eisenhower said a Korean truce would be only a "first step" toward peace and would be merely a "fraud" if it were not followed immediately by political talks leading to "free elections" in Korea and if the "new leaders" of the Soviet Union did not use their "influence with the Communist world" to "halt the flow of arms" to the national independence fighters in Indo-China, Malaya, etc.

His demands also included an Austrian treaty; that is, agreement by the Soviet government to withdraw its troops. He also called for unification of Germany under U.S. domination, and "free choice" of their own governments and economic systems in the Eastern European countries allied with the Soviet Union. The alternative to this, Eisenhower threatened, was atomic war against the Soviet Union. These demands add up to the restoration of capitalist control of all Europe and the establishment of imperialist armed forces within striking distance of the heart of the Soviet Union.

What the outcome of the truce moves will be remains speculative. The real negotiations are going on in secret diplomacy behind locked doors guarded from the view of the world. The speculations of newspaper columnists, the planted "news," the double-talk public statements of government officials, from Eisenhower on down, are intended to conceal rather than reveal true aims. They are a smokescreen through which it is difficult for anyone to penetrate.

"SLOW, PIECEMEAL..."

We can be certain, however, of the limitations of a cease-fire in Korea. Newsweek of April 20 reveals: "High U.S. military authorities privately are warning Congress: that a state of war will continue in Korea for a long time even if a truce is signed — and that U.S. troops can be brought home only on a slow, piecemeal basis..." The Pentagon emphasizes that, even though a Korean truce may be reached quickly, a final settlement is still far away, with Red negotiators likely to balk long and hard at some U.S. demands.

These demands, it must be stressed, are deliberately designed to make the Soviet government and its allies balk. This would then provide the pretext for the Wall Street-Pentagon gang to shout still louder that the other side doesn't want peace and that we have to go to war against them.

But the whole policy of the Big Business-Big Brass crew in Washington up to now has been so brazenly aggressive and warlike that the entire world is convinced that the threat of atomic war comes from the American capitalist class.

"To slam the door" on Kremlin peace offers, writes the April 12 (Continued on page 2)

NEW EVIDENCE IN ROSENBERG CASE SHOWS "TABLE" STORY WAS FALSE

Another piece of evidence has come to light in the Rosenberg case, tightening the factual network which shows how the prosecution used faked and perjured evidence to obtain its "spy" conviction. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are now in the Sing Sing death house, as a last-minute appeal is being made to the Supreme Court for a review of the evidence and a new trial.

The "console table" allegedly given to the Rosenbergs "by the Russians" has been located, and the facts about the table substantiate all the testimony given at the trial by Julius Rosenberg and show the testimony of government witnesses to be fake.

During the trial, David and Ruth Greenglass stated that they had been "told" by the Rosenbergs that a "console table" had been given to them as a gift in payment for spying, and that it had been fitted out for microfilm photography. Atomic scientist Harold C. Urey pointed to the ludicrous aspects of this testimony when he said in an appeal to the court that it is hardly customary for "spies" to be paid off in "wrist watches and console tables."

(1) That the table "is of a type and style which was handled and sold by Macy's" during 1944 and 1945.

(2) The markings on the underside of the table are in Macy's code, and appear to indicate that the table was sold during 1944 or subsequent to that time for \$20.37.

The failure of the government to avail itself of the table while it was still in the apartment and thus under its control indicates that the story of a "console table" was not in the original versions of the stories told by David and Ruth Greenglass. It appears to have been added to their tale later, perhaps under pressure to tell in what way the Rosenbergs were paid off for their alleged "spying." Since neither the Greenglasses nor the government were able to show that the Rosenbergs possessed any important financial assets, the government witnesses may have, in casting about in their minds for some items of personal property acquired during the period when the Rosenbergs were supposed to be "spying," seized upon the "console table."

TWIN CITIES, CHICAGO SET PACE IN SUB DRIVE

By Dorothy Johnson, Campaign Manager
The fourth week of the Militant Subscription Campaign brought in 72 subs, the best gain being made by the Twin Cities who sold 24 subs and 40 single copies, adding, 1,080 points to their score.

From Minneapolis this week — Evie brought in eight of these, all one-year, and brought the Coover Scouts out of the cellar into first place in the Twin Cities contest. Evie, also heads the list of Twin Cities pace-setters with 520 points. Milt is second with 398 points, Ray is a close third with (Continued on Page 2)

What Kremlin Reversal on MDs Case Reveals

By John G. Wright
Beria's reversal in the case of 15 eminent Soviet physicians "and others" accused of wrecking, espionage and murder contained many annihilating admissions. It admitted, first of all, that anti-Semitism was employed in the case. This had been vociferously denied by American Stalinists, the Daily Worker, Monthly Review, etc., not to mention the Soviet and Cominform press. Now they sing a somewhat different tune. In fact, Pravda's April 6 editorial admitted that an "attempt" was made "to kindle national enmity in Soviet society," that is, to engage in racial persecution.

A second admission was that a frameup had indeed been staged. The Pravda editorial actually used the Russian equivalent of the term "frameup." Pravda did it once in posing the ticklish question: "How did it happen that this provocation... was framed...?" And the second time in giving the official alibi, namely: "Contemptible adventures... tried, by means of the case they framed, to kindle national enmity in Soviet society, etc." (Our emphasis.)

Next came the equally deadly admission that the confessions, widely cited by the Soviet press, were extorted by "impermissible methods," that is by means of physical and moral torture (Beria's April 4 decree; Pravda, April 6).

In view of these and other admissions it is hardly surprising that the Malenkov regime and its foreign agencies seek to minimize the significance and scope of Beria's reversal. The Kremlin liars now pretend that the entire responsibility rests on a few members of the former Ministry of State Security. Ignatiev, ex-Minister of Security, ex-party Secretary, ex-Member of Stalin's Presidium, etc., is pronounced guilty of "political blindness and gullibility." Singled out as the chief scapegoat is one Ryumin, Ignatiev's former deputy. Along with "a number of other officials of the Ministry of State Security,"

Ryumin is denounced as "a concealed enemy of our state and of our people."

With this fig-leaf Malenkov & Co. hope to cover up their nakedness. But the case of the Soviet physicians was not an isolated one. It signalled an All-Union purge; it was accompanied by an All-Union campaign which was then picked up by the entire Cominform press. It was even deemed important enough to solicit a denunciation of the "doctor-murderers" by Peking. Measures of such kind, campaigns of such scope cannot be carried out in the USSR without prior orders, without the approval and knowledge of the highest party and government bodies. In this case, from Stalin on down.

There is no lack of evidence to prove it. Here are a few of the salient facts. The news of the exposure of "doctor-murderers" was released thru Stalin's secretariat, not by any security agency, the latter being charged with "negligence." This Jan. 13 communication bore a General's signature. Other Soviet generals were involved as the alleged or intended victims of the plotters. Thus the party and the army took a leading part in the frameup.

Mikhailov, main speaker at the January 1953 Lenin Memorial Meeting at Moscow, made prominent reference to the case. "We still have," he declared, "transmitters of bourgeois views and bourgeois morals — living men, hidden enemies of our people... Convincing proof of this is the case of the group of physician-wreckers — despicable spies and murderers who hid behind the mask of physicians and sold themselves to slaveholders and cannibals from the United States and Britain." "Convincing proof," affirmed Mikhailov, speaking not only for himself but for the Kremlin Big Chiefs.

Not only the party and the army but the Council of Ministers was also implicated. For it was by this Council's special decree that Lydia F. Timashuk was awarded the highest Soviet decoration. "The news of awarding to L. F. Timashuk the highest award — the Order of Lenin for her aid in exposing the thrice-cursed doctor-murderers has winged its way through our country," said Pravda on Feb. 20.

Ignatiev, today's scapegoat, was promoted in January to the post of Minister of State Security, elected Deputy to the Moscow Soviet in February, a meteoric rise. Lydia Timashuk was the wife of Prof. M. B. Kogan, one of the victims. She turned witness against him. Again, Stalin's own signature appears indelibly in this favorite device of breaking down his victims' resistance by means of a close relative or intimate friend. One more deadly revelation as a consequence of Beria's reversal.



LILLIAN KIEZEL

The award to Timashuk has since been "withdrawn." This was done, naturally, to absolve Stalin's "heirs." But there is one thing, among others, that Malenkov & Co. cannot wipe from the record, nor from the minds of the Soviet people. And that is the

nationwide campaign they conducted, under Stalin's baton, to convert Timashuk into "a symbol of Soviet patriotism." By Feb. 20 Pravda was able to boast: "Only recently we did not know about this woman, but today the name of Lydia Feodosyevna Timashuk has become the symbol of Soviet patriotism, the symbol of high vigilance, of irreconcilable, courageous struggle with the enemies of our Motherland." Pravda listed enthusiastic mass response to this campaign: "From Irkutsk to Riga, from Leningrad to Simferopol, from Minsk to Klaipeda — Far East sailors write, so do Donab's miners, and warrior-guards of our borders, and collective farmers in Ukraine, an agronomist in Chita, Moscow housewives. Most of all, these letters talk of vigilance." School children were inspired to write poems in praise of "The glorious Russian patriot-lady, To whom eternal ages shall sing hosannas." The glorification of Timashuk (Continued on Page 4)

