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ON THE PICKET LINE AT SQUARE D

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Brownell, Hoover Bare Plan to Use Anti-Union Law

Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. announced on Sept. 12 that the Department of Justice, which includes the FBI, is preparing a "stepped-up anti-Communist program" to put into effect the eight new witch-hunting laws enacted by the recently-adjourned 83rd Congress. The Justice Department head, following a conference with Eisenhower and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover, placed special stress on that section of the so-called "Communist Control" Law dealing with "Communist-infiltrated unions."

Brownell said that if the Subversive Activities Control Board rules that a union is "Communist-infiltrated," that union will not only lose all rights before the National Labor Relations

Board but also its collective bargaining rights with the employer. He said the law forbids an employer to bargain with a union proscribed by the SACB, even if this means a strike.

Under this law, any union could be labeled "Communist-dominated" or "Communist-infiltrated" if it engages in a strike involving a government contract or if the SACB "finds" that even a single member of the union had been a member of a "Communist action" organization within the previous three years. There is not a union in the country that the hand-picked SACB could not fit into one of these categories.

ANTI-LABOR OFFENSIVE

The persecution of unions as "Communist-infiltrated" is part of a three-pronged anti-labor offensive being waged by Big Business and its government. The offensive also includes a wage-cutting campaign, modeled on the Studebaker Plan, and open police violence against strikers as in the Square D strike in Detroit.

In the course of the press interview with Brownell and Hoover, reporters reminded the FBI chief that he had spoken favorably in the past of fascist Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. They asked Hoover if he would welcome McCarthy's help in the "stepped up anti-Communist" campaign. Hoover said he welcomed the support of any Congressional committee. Asked if this meant McCarthy's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Hoover said: "That includes all committees."

Name V. R. Dunne As Candidate for Senator in Minn.



VINCENT R. DUNNE

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 8—Vincent R. Dunne, veteran Minneapolis labor figure, was named the Socialist Workers Party's candidate for U.S. Senator from Minnesota at the party's state convention held here today.

A program to smash McCarthyism, nationalize basic industries and establish a Workers and Farmers Government was adopted as the party's platform in the 1954 election. The SWP anti-war stand was dramatically expressed in the concluding plank of the platform: "Vote Socialist — The Boy You Save May Be Your Own!"

Keynote for the convention was Dorothy Schultz, St. Paul party organizer and former candidate for Congress, who gave the principal campaign address. Stressing the importance of fighting McCarthyism, she declared, "The real issue in this campaign is fascism, and its American name is McCarthyism. No other party is making this fight!"

V. R. Dunne has often been the SWP candidate for political office. He has led a life of devotion to the working class, both as trade-union leader and revolutionary socialist fighter. To thousands of Northwest workers, the life and record of Vincent Dunne is the record of Minneapolis Truck Drivers' local 544, which broke the hold of the open shop in this area. Later, Dunne was sentenced to 16 months in prison for opposing World War II.

An important part of today's meeting consisted of laying plans to obtain the 2,000 signatures required under Minnesota law to place Dunne's name on the ballot. Launching of an election fund by enthusiastic campaign workers from several Minnesota localities, marked the conclusion of the successful convention.

Myra T. Weiss Tour Schedule

New York	Sept. 17
Boston	Sept. 18
Pittsburgh	Sept. 23
Youngstown	Sept. 24
Cleveland	Sept. 26

UAW Pickets Mass to Fight Police Violence in UE Strike

Trumbull Park Racists Win Ouster of Official

CHICAGO, Sept. 11 — The racist forces behind the anti-Negro violence at the Trumbull Park housing project on Chicago's South Side scored a victory last week when Elizabeth Wood was discharged as secretary of the Chicago Housing Authority.

The Negro community here is aroused at the discharge of Miss Wood, which followed a telecast in which she accused CHA commissioners of deliberately thwarting efforts to integrate Negroes into public housing. "Their policy of no discrimination was adopted in 1950 and has been reiterated three times since then. Yet there are still all-white projects," said Miss Wood, who was first demoted and then dismissed from the post she had held for 17 years.

Her charge that violence at Trumbull Park had something to do with her demotion was denied by the CHA commissioners, but opinion was widespread that the truth was on Miss Wood's side.

Calif. SWP Nominates Candidates

By Louise Manning

The Socialist Workers Party launched a state-wide electoral campaign with the nomination of candidates for Governor, Lieutenant-Gov., and United States Senator at a special Nominating Conference held at the West Coast Vacation School, Sept. 6.

The conference nominated Frank Barbara of San Francisco for governor, Lillian Kiesel of Oakland for Lieutenant Governor, and Erroll Banks of Los Angeles for U.S. Senator.

In making the keynote address, Tom Kerry, organizer of the Los Angeles SWP Local, explained that just as the economic resources of the country have become the monopoly of a few multi-millionaires, so the capitalist parties have grabbed a monopoly in the political field, making it very difficult, and even impossible for minority parties to get on the ballot in many areas. He showed that their terrible fear of any independent political expression from any section of the working class has finally culminated in the passage of a law to outlaw the Communist Party, the first step in their plan to silence all opposition to their drive towards war.

"Only through terror against undue haste."

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H-Bomb Victim in Japan



Aikichi Kuboyama, wireless operator on a Japanese fishing boat contaminated by fall-out of radioactive ash from a U.S. H-bomb test, explosion in mid-Pacific last March, lies in a coma at a Tokyo hospital, while his wife, Suzu, 33, his mother, 70, and daughter Miyako, 9, watch over him. The fall-out occurred 80 miles from the blast point.

WATKINS PROBE PONDERES CENSURE OF M'CARTHY

By L. P. Wheeler

What will the Watkins Committee recommend to the Senate now that the hearings of the six-man committee to consider censuring McCarthy has been concluded?

It makes no difference what they recommend. The hearing was a mockery to start with. It was like trying a murderer on the charge of spitting on the sidewalk. While the killer's victims are buried, the argument drones on as to whether the defendant did or did not spit.

It's true that some of the five charges considered by the committee touch the heart of McCarthy's fascist activity. But only in an indirect and secondary sense. Just as if, in the case of our hypothetical killer, the court were to delve into the question: Did the defendant, while stabbing his victims to death, use loud and abusive language?

Thus in the Watkins hearing: Did McCarthy while building a fascist underground network in the military and in government departments, in order to press toward his goal of establishing

blood, and prepares the way for cancer.

SOCIALISM OR DEATH

In the light of these new discoveries about the hidden and prolonged effects of radioactivity, we cannot dismiss lightly incidents like the fall-out of radioactive particles on Long Island, N.Y., after A-bomb tests in Las Vegas, Nevada. Revealing this event in the Aug. 11 N.Y. Herald-Tribune, the Alsop brothers claimed that the fall-out was "no longer noxious and no one knew about it but the Atomic Energy Commission."

If even the explosion of a few atomic bombs can pollute the atmosphere and endanger future generations, we can readily understand why atomic scientists have repeatedly warned that the use of A-bombs and H-bombs in a war might result in the annihilation of the human species. Dr. Edgar Douglas Adrian, Nobel Prize winner and one of England's greatest scientists, re-

41 Detroit Auto Locals Deal Stinging Blow to Anti-Labor Witch Hunt

DETROIT, Sept. 14 — Protesting police violence and scab-herding against a rival union smeared as "Communist-infiltrated," more than 1,000 members of the CIO United Automobile Workers today swarmed to the defense of the independent United Electrical Workers picket line at the Square D plant.

The mighty UAW is throwing the weight of its 450,000 members in this area into the fight to halt police strike-breaking in what has been called a "test tube" case for the whole of American industry.

This city's organized workers have not been so aroused since the 1945-46 post-World War II strike wave spearheaded by the General Motors strike. The atmosphere here has been transformed from apathy to something like that of the fighting days of '37.

rest of the labor movement. They understand that their turn would be next.

Last week, thirteen top officers of nine key UAW locals — Ford 600, Dodge 3, Detroit Steel Products 351, Budd 306, Plymouth 51, Hudson 154, Desoto 227, Detroit Chevrolet 235, and Chevrolet Forge 262 — took the initiative in issuing a ringing denunciation of police strike-breaking at Square D and backed this up with the first contingents of UAW Flying Squadrons on the Square D picket line. Today, all 41 UAW locals in the area are backing the Square D strikers.

The fact of the UAW international union's support was indicated yesterday by several of its Executive Board members who stated their approval of helping the UE strikers. Ken Morris, head of Chrysler (formerly Briggs) Local 212, who is linked to Walter Reuther who has made no public statement of support, called on all UAW members to give moral, financial and "physical" support to the Square D picketline.

OTHER UNIONS AID

AFL unions are also aiding the strike — the AFL Butchers contribute 150 lbs. of meat every day to the strike kitchen; the IBEW-AFL local at Square D in Milwaukee has sent funds and pledged not to handle scab work. A large strike contribution was made by CIO United Electrical Workers members at Vickers.

Square D company today agreed to discuss conditions for conducting contract talks — which it had refused to do for 92 days since the strike began June 15.

(For more on Square D strike, see pages 2 and 3.)

CHALLENGE GOVERNOR TO JOIN SQUARE D LINE

DETROIT, Sept. 11 — Three Socialist Workers Party candidates challenged Gov. Williams today "to come down and march with the Detroit workers on the Square D picket line and see for yourself the scab-herding being done by the Detroit police."

The challengers were Frank Lovell, SWP candidate for Governor; Rita Shaw, candidate for U.S. Senate; and Robert Himmel Jr., candidate for Congress, First District.

Ever since Sept. 2, the candidates told the Governor in an open letter, when the Detroit cops began herding scabs through the picket lines, "the Square D workers have been subjected to continuous harassment by hordes of police armed with clubs, black-jacks, tear gas and riot guns. Mounted police send their horses charging into groups of peaceful pickets with their clubs swinging. Workers with families to support have been dropped from the relief rolls because they refuse to scab."

"PRO-LABOR" CLAIM

"In that speech," said the candidates, "you told the working people of Detroit that you and your fellow Democrats worked for the best interests of the labor movement. . . and you asked for their wholehearted support in the coming election."

"We want you to take a position in support of the legitimate demands of the Square D workers and bring your pressure to bear on the city administration of Detroit, including the 'friends of labor' in the common council, to put a stop to police strike-breaking and scab-herding."

"If you fail to intervene in favor of this strike, you will stand exposed before the working class as a fraud and a liar. Your pro-labor campaign promises in the future will fall on deaf ears as far as the working people of Detroit are concerned."

SEE OPEN-SHOP DRIVE

Pointing to the thousands of rank-and-file members and the many influential leaders of the UAW that are giving support to the Square D strike, the candidates said, "They recognize in this strike an attempt by the corporations to break the back of the union movement and throw Detroit back to the open shop days of the 1930's."

"If, as you claim, you and your fellow Democrats are really friends of labor, you are duty bound to take a clear stand on behalf of the union and against the strike-breakers. You are the acknowledged leader of the Demo-

Hidden Dangers of Atomic Bomb Tests

By Art Preis

A-bomb and H-bomb tests have already filled the earth's atmosphere with dangerous amounts of radioactivity. The effects of gamma rays and other penetrating products of atomic fission and fusion may not appear in observable physical disease or injury like burns. But the level of accumulated radioactivity can have very damaging results on generations yet unborn and may reveal itself even sooner in an increase of such diseases as leukemia—cancer of the blood.

Dr. A. H. Sturtevant, world-famed authority on heredity and the Thomas Hunt Morgan professor of genetics at the California Institute of Technology, recently sounded the alarm about the possibility of hereditary changes caused by the action of A-bomb and H-bomb radiation on the germ cells in plants, animals and man. Dr. William C. Maloney and Dr. Robert D. Lange of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission have discovered

ed a very high incidence of blood cancer in Japanese survivors of the first A-bomb dropped on human beings.

HEREDITARY EFFECTS

Dr. Sturtevant has raised the question of the long-term hereditary effects of the A-bomb and H-bomb tests. The geneticist points out that a single photon or energy ray can cause a change in key elements of the ova and germ cells. He further emphasizes: "It is already true that all of us have been subjected to irradiation from these sources (A-bombs and H-bombs)." He adds:

"There is no possible escape from the conclusion that the bombs already exploded will ultimately result in future generations in the production of numerous defective individuals, if the human species itself survives for many generations. And every new bomb exploded, since its radioactive products are widely dispersed over the earth, will

result in an increase in this ultimate harvest of defective individuals."

Drs. Maloney and Lange have discovered that the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 is claiming a new crop of victims in 1954. They report "convincing evidence of the high incidence of leukemia" among A-bomb survivors who had previously shown no effects of radiation poisoning. The doctors uncovered 10 cases of leukemia while giving "routine medicals" to 3,480 people. This is a high incidence if you "consider the rarity of the disease," they state in the medical journal Blood.

This disease, they point out, began to appear in some A-bomb survivors two years after the explosion. Others may yet develop it in years to come. It appears that the phosphorus in the body absorbs some of the radioactive particles and rays. The radio-activated phosphorus settles in the bone marrow, which is involved in the manufacture of

