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## Breitman Defends N. J. Victims of McCarthy Smear

By George Breitman

SWP Candidate for U.S. Senate from N.J.

I want to speak in defense of Adelaide McAlpin Case and Adelaide Teague Case. The first is the sister of my Republican opponent, Clifford Case. The other was a professor of theology in Cambridge, Mass., who died in 1948. I want to defend both women from the attacks of the McCarthyites — and Clifford Case.

The attack on them began on Oct. 14, when the Newark Star-Ledger, a McCarthyite newspaper, published a smear against Clifford Case in the form of a charge that his sister, Adelaide McAlpin Case, had once been involved in various "Communist Front" activities. The Star-Ledger's informant was Bella Dodd, a former Communist Party leader turned professional informer, who alleged that she knew a middle-aged woman named Adelaide Case, who helped in certain civil liberties fights during the late 1930's and early 1940's.

The description did not fit Clifford Case's sister. It might have fitted Adelaide Teague Case. Perhaps Bella Dodd concocted the whole story. At any rate, on the word of this informer the charge of "subversive" was hurled against the sister of my Republican opponent.

Behind the smear was Joseph McCarthy. He announced a few days before the Star-Ledger story appeared that he would not support Clifford Case for reasons that would become known before the elections.

Clifford Case appeared on TV October 17 to vindicate his sister and himself. How did he answer the McCarthyite smear? Now that a member of his own family had to run the gauntlet, as thousands of other victims of the witch-hunt have had to before, did Case repudiate the witch-hunt which had spawned McCarthyism? Unfortunately not. He accepted McCarthy's premise that Adelaide Case had committed a crime. He pleaded, however, that it was a matter of mistaken identity: "It's not us! The other Adelaide Case is the guilty party."

**WHAT IS "DISLOYAL?"**  
Guilty of what? According to Bella Dodd, Adelaide Case signed a petition addressed to the New York State Parole Board. She asked for the release of a man who she thought had been jailed because of his political ideas. She believed this was an infringement of the Bill of Rights.

And that's enough to make a person "disloyal" and "subversive" — according to Joseph McCarthy and Clifford Case. Petitioning the government for a redress of grievance and defend-



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ing Article I of the Bill of Rights — these are crimes in McCarthy's book and in Case's. Well, they are not in mine. I admire, rather than condemn the "guilty" Adelaide Case for signing to uphold the principle of freedom of speech. I condemn Clifford Case for agreeing with McCarthy that this kind of activity is disloyal. I condemn Clifford Case for switching the accusation from his sister to another person instead of showing that no crime had been committed in the first place. I further condemn Case for running to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the F.B.I., to report, according to his own account, that his sister once belonged to a "left-wing study group" during World War II. Thereby Case showed that he regarded the activities of a study group as a matter for investigation by the secret police. Furthermore, by rushing to the cops with this tale of his sister's studies, Case endorsed the code of the informer, which seeks to transform every person in the U. S. into a stool-pigeon, informing on neighbors and closest relatives.

Finally, I want to point out that in the whole disgraceful episode, McCarthyism is the gainer. Because anything that spreads the poison of the witch-hunt creates the atmosphere in which the fascist movement will grow.

## DETROIT ELECTION RALLY HEARS MYRA T. WEISS

By Patricia Stall

DETROIT — The Michigan election campaign of the Socialist Workers Party rolled into high gear this month with the appearance of Myra Tanner Weiss, National SWP campaign director, at an election rally held Oct. 3.

Rita Shaw, SWP candidate for U.S. Senator from Michigan, chaired the meeting. In introducing the first speaker, Robert Himmel Jr., candidate for state representative, she said: "Unlike the candidates of the capitalist parties who claim to be for the workers, Bob was actually fighting for the workers on the Square D picket line before this fight became front-page headline news and up to the last moment of the strike."

Himmel described how the rank and file unionists of Detroit came to the support of the Square D picket line despite red-baiting and the false policy of the labor officials. He called upon the workers to display the same solidarity and independence in the political fight for the working class as they did on the Square D picket line.

Frank Lovell outlined the SWP program and what a can-

didate of the SWP would do when elected: "In strike situations such as we saw at Square D — instead of sending the police to ride down and club the strikers, we would order the plant closed until the strike had been satisfactorily settled."

"The workers and farmers government, which we would establish," he said, "would enforce immediately the present law of the land barring racial segregation in schools and take drastic action to end unemployment. Instead of the General Motors principle of government, we would say: 'What's good for the workers is good for the country.'"

The main speaker, Myra Weiss analyzed the national political scene and gave her impressions of the various areas she is visiting on her current tour. "The solidarity of the Detroit workers with the Square D strikers," she said, "shows how the atmosphere of reaction can be dispelled by the militant intervention of the workers."

# Decline in Job and Incomes Seen Key to Election Trend

## Racist Mob Organizer Still Active in Milford

In Milford, Delaware, the foes of school segregation have scored another legal point but the ten Negro students, who are legally entitled to go to Milford High, are still forced to attend a Jim Crow school 17 miles distant.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People lawyers won an order from the Chancery Court for the reinstatement of the Negro students in Milford High School. Vice-Chancellor William Marvel, however, immediately suspended his order to permit the pro-segregation Milford School Board to appeal to the State Supreme Court.

In the Milford area the National Association for the Advancement of White People displayed growing power. Bryant Bowles, leader of the racist organization, now demands that local political candidates take positions for or against the NAAWP. He has already endorsed one local candidate. Bowles also told a mass meeting at the Harrington airfield to put economic pressure on merchants. Threats of boycott, he declared, would mean that no Delaware business man would dare refuse to "jump on the bandwagon of this organization to help his business."

Bowles also made the headlines when he called the bluff of the Peekskill, N. Y. NAACP, which had invited him to air his views at the New York State conference of that organization. In an insulting reply, Bowles accepted the invitation. The parent organization called an end to this sort of foolishness by postponing the conference. Had Bowles spoken in Peekskill it is quite likely he would have organized a NAAWP branch there. The town achieved notoriety in August 1949 for the anti-Paul Robeson riots which were marked by anti-Negro and anti-Semitic violence.

In its test case of Northern Segregation — in Hillsboro, Ohio — the NAACP received a setback when U. S. District Judge H. Druffel in Cincinnati refused to enjoin the Hillsboro Board of Education from continuing Jim Crow schools. The decision is being appealed. Another development in the Hillsboro situation was the conviction of Phillip Partridge, a religious white man who believes in racial equality. Last summer in the middle of the night he burnt down a Hillsboro Jim Crow school and then gave himself up. His purpose was to prevent the continuation of school segregation in Hillsboro despite the Supreme Court decision.

## Nationwide Strike Sews Up Major Ports in Britain

OCT. 21 — The most powerful demonstration of maritime workers in the past 25 years has sewed up Britain's major ports. The spreading strike of longshoremen now involves an estimated 43,000 out of 76,000 workers.

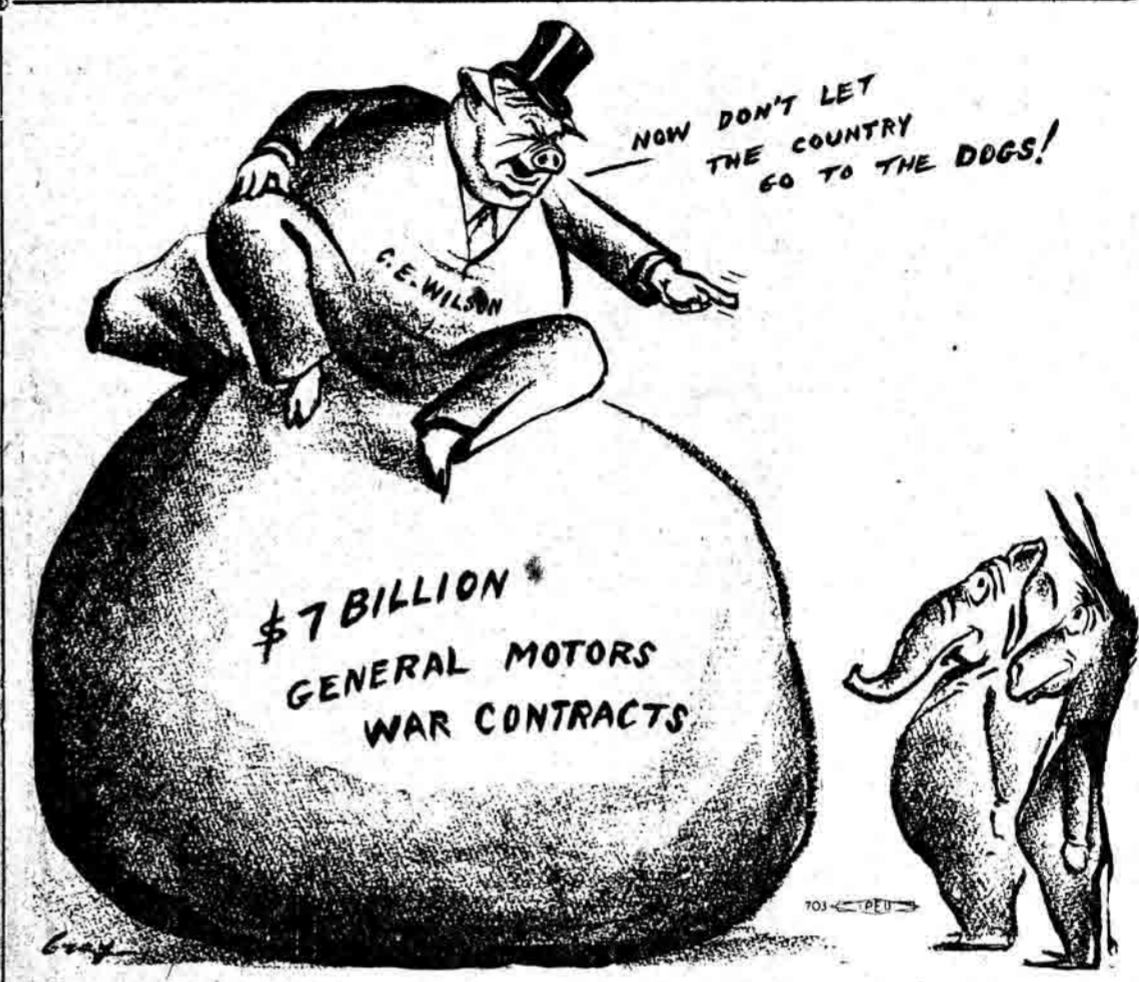
Despite opposition to the strike by their officials, rank and file members of the big Transport and General Workers Union have shown their solidarity by staying away from the docks. The British cabinet considers the situation so serious that it has been meeting almost daily at 10 Downing Street to consider government action. They have inspired rumors that troops will be used against the strikers unless they capitulate to the demands of the bosses to go back to work.

The strike began Oct. 4 when the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers union called out its 7,000 men in London in protest against compulsory overtime. They demanded that overtime be made voluntary.

The bosses are sticking tough against this change on the grounds that it would open up the possibility of higher overtime rates. At present the average British longshoreman makes \$28.75 a week, of which approximately \$8.40 is for compulsory overtime.

Workers at Southampton and Hull were the latest to join the strike action. London, Liverpool and Birkenhead were already out.

Some \$120,000,000 in import goods and \$90,000,000 in exports have piled up at the wharves. With storage space filled up, some manufacturers have already begun cutting back production. Plants may be affected as far away as New Zealand because of parts shortages. Britain's maritime workers constitute one of the most strategic links in the island's industrial set up. Their demonstration of power today is an indication of the key role that will be theirs when British labor decides it's time to shift over from capitalism to socialism.



## Wilson Deplores War Costs -- But Not for GM

By Joseph Keller

In their justified ire over Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson's crack which likened the unemployed to dogs, the workers should not overlook another statement he made on the same occasion. The former head of General Motors said, with reference to the placement of war contracts in unemployment distress areas, that "the whole idea that defense is prosperity is just not so. It comes out of the pocketbooks of the country and reduces the standard of living." He added that "defense business" is "too serious" to "just make work."

Wilson here expounds the view that military spending is really not desirable from the economic point of view and is bad for the workers. However, he plays another tune when it comes to the "standard of living" of the corporation with which he was so long and profitably associated. That tune is the clink of gold dollars pouring into GM's coffers at an ever faster rhythm since Wilson procured his post as head of the whole war department.

Senator Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) has made public the

fact that during the first eighteen months of the Eisenhower administration, and while Wilson had commanding position over armaments procurement, General Motors just happened to receive a net increase in war contracts of \$1,704,300,000, while the rest of the auto industry showed a net decline of \$395,000,000.

From July, 1950, to June, 1954 GM received 6.4 percent of all arms contracts issued to U. S. corporations. It obtained 55.6 percent of the total allocated to the entire auto industry. GM's total of contracts from July, 1950, to December, 1952, was \$5,285,200,000. By June, 1954, the cumulative total reached \$6,989,500,000. The other and smaller auto corporations, which had received \$6,004,400,000 up to Dec. 1952, found this total cut to \$5,609,400,000 as a result of a \$395,000,000 excess of cancelled orders over new contracts.

### WHY GM'S 'CONFIDENCE'

These figures throw some revealing light on the relation of war production and war spending to the prosperity of the capitalists, if not of the workers. It accounts for the "confidence"

and "faith" in capitalist system voiced by Harlow H. Currier, successor to Wilson as GM president, when he announced last January that GM would spend \$1 billion in two years for expansion. This was headlined as a "bet against a recession." It was a sure-thing bet for GM so long as Currier could depend on Wilson not to discriminate against GM on war contracts. Wilson lived up to GM's expectations. But smaller auto companies, with insufficient arms contracts to bolster them up, have been badly hit by the drop in the auto market.

War spending, moreover, continues as the major prop to the economy as a whole. The Eisenhower administration's claim that it has solved the economic instability of the capitalist system without resort to the enormous war expenditures of the Democrats is a brazen lie. The Oct. 11 Wall Street Journal admits the significance of military spending. It reports that such spending is on a "slow down-grade, being estimated for the year which began July 1 at \$41,900 million, down \$4,309 million from actual outlays in the 1953-54 fiscal year." (Continued on page 3)

## But Many 'Don't Care Who Wins'

By Art Preis

If C. E. Wilson, General Motors' contribution to Eisenhower's cabinet, had made his insulting analogy between the unemployed and dogs in a period of maximum employment, he might not have created such a stir. The Democrats pounced on his crude remark with such glee and some leading Republican candidates hastily repudiated it precisely because there are so many million unemployed and so many millions more who fear they may be out of jobs tomorrow.

Eisenhower's lieutenants in the Commerce and Labor Departments may issue reams of dry-cleaned statistics to show that economic conditions are just fine. But the evidence to the contrary is becoming so apparent, that responsible political observers of all hues regard the economic situation as the main factor in a widely-predicted shift in political trend.

### A POLITICAL AXIOM

As the Oct. 22 U.S. News & World Report puts it: "It is axiomatic in politics that loss of income creates irritation and that voters tend to express that irritation against the party in power. . . . One of the factors working against Republicans is found in severe unemployment in some areas, reduced incomes of many other industrial workers, and widespread loss of income in farming areas."

Republicans are particularly edgy about a shift in the farm vote. The farmers' switch from the Democrats gave the Republicans a big part of their lead in Nov. 1952. Now, reports the Oct. 12 Wall Street Journal, "the Eisenhower farm program is headed for a rugged test in the November elections. It's sure to get some bumps and bruises." It adds that "far more frequently . . . a Midwest traveler encounters rural citizens — many of whom voted Republican in 1952 — who are downright angry now, and ready to support the Democrats. They're distressed at falling prices and shrinking incomes."

In this same vein, the pro-Eisenhower N.Y. Times of Oct. 17 reports the sentiment in industrial areas: "The effects of unemployment and the fear of those effects, are more widespread than Washington had supposed."

### BOTH PARTIES AGREE

Wilson's allusion to the unemployed as "dogs" provides the Democrats with a juicy point of agitation against the Republicans. But if we disregard the contemptuous figure of speech, which accurately reflects the ruling class feeling toward the workers, there remains the question of their attitude toward unemployment as an economic factor. On this, both capitalist parties essentially agree.

### Skoglund Improves After Operation

Carl Skoglund, 70-year old Minneapolis labor leader, is showing marked and steady improvement in his recovery from a major operation performed on October 12. The former leader of Teamsters Local 544 was taken ill just two days after his release on bond from Ellis Island. Skoglund, who came to this country in 1911, is still fighting attempts to deport him to Sweden. Funds are needed. Defenders of civil liberties and opponents of political persecution should send contributions to Civil Rights Defense Committee, 19 W. 10th St., New York 11, N.Y.

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## Hasty Funeral Orations Won't Kill M'Carthy

By L. P. Wheeler

"He's staggering, he's down, he's badly hurt, he's through . . . Watch out! He's coming at us!"

How many times during the last four years have we heard the liberals cry that "McCarthy is finished," only to have the shouts of victory drowned out by new cries of alarm!

If there is one thing we should have learned by now in the fight against McCarthyism, it is that the liberals and the labor officials are worthless as fighters; they are cowardly, treacherous, easily alarmed, and more easily lulled to sleep. They are equally worthless as analysts or even just ordinary observers.

I will say quite frankly that I prefer the openly avowed opinions and observations of the conservative Big Business enemies of the workers, such as are found in the Wall Street Journal, to the phrase-mongering of the capitalist liberals, or of their labor lieutenants within the working class for that matter.

The Wall Street Journal, echoing the opinion of the most pow-

erful capitalist circles, is anti-McCarthy. That is to say, it is opposed to taking McCarthy's fascist way out — right now. But speaking to a circle of capitalist readers, it tries to see the reality with eyes wide open, in order to lay the basis for their own policy.

### REVEALING SURVEY

On Oct. 15, they published a survey of McCarthy's strength around the country. This is their conclusion: "However much Joe's popularity has slipped, talks with citizens around the country make it plain that he must still be reckoned with as an important force because he's still surprisingly popular. The reports of Mr. McCarthy's political death so far seem to have been greatly exaggerated."

The survey, which samples opinion of every stratum of the population notes: "There is every indication that the Senate group's findings are having little effect on what the public thinks about Joe."

In reply to the argument that McCarthy's political power has proved to be negligible, since

GOP candidates have been slow to invite him to speak in their campaigns they say: "But it is equally true — and much less widely cited — that the failure of most Democratic or Republican candidates to attack the Senator is a sure sign of very widespread continued McCarthy popularity."

This puts a finger on the key point. The two capitalist parties aren't fighting the fascists. The Republicans are cagey about "using" McCarthy, and the Democrats are hoping against hope that no one will call them "reds" before the election is over.

### MCCARTHY'S GAME

In the meantime McCarthy is playing his own game. He is eyeing the national scene and estimating the significance of the fact that he has been able to retain a hard-core following despite the tactical set-backs he has suffered in his faction war within the Senate and the Republican Party. He is also aware of the emergence of bands of young racist hoodlums in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., area.

Everything McCarthy has done points to the fact that he is playing a long-range game. In his own way he banks on the deepening of the political crisis of the American capitalist system. He builds his fascist network in the military; he experiments with the creation of organizations directly controlled by himself, (Students For America, I'm For McCarthy, Minute Women, etc.) he works to entrench his faction in mass veteran organizations; he continues to court the Texas oil millionaires; and in selected spots he tries a smear assault. (Clifford Case in New Jersey.) But all along he is gathering forces for a big push — aimed at establishing a McCarthy Dictatorship.

The workers must also adopt a long-range view in fighting McCarthyism. They cannot be guided by the ups and downs of the liberal mood. But for this they must free themselves of the official policy of the labor bureaucrats. The working class must understand that McCarthyism is the focal point of infection in the diseased organism of Ameri-

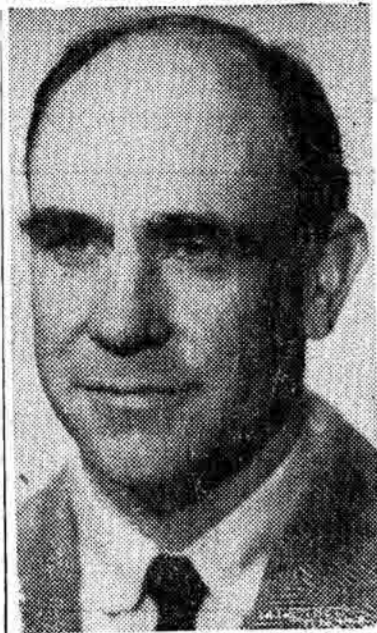
can capitalism — and fight the battle accordingly.

Such a battle will not be ended until the political power of the workers is established and American society reorganized on new and deeper democratic foundations.

Socialist Reply to Wilson

Needed: Bold Anti-Racists

DETROIT, Oct. 17 — "The Socialist Answer to C. E. Wilson on the Issue of Unemployment" was presented today in a fighting speech over Station WCAR by Frank Lovell, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor.



FRANK LOVELL

"Wilson compares the working force to dogs and states his preference for the lean and hungry kind," Lovell said. "He welcomes unemployment because he thinks it will set the workers to snarling and fighting among themselves for the limited jobs General Motors will dole out. He hopes this will create the economic and political conditions for a union-busting drive by the giant corporations — so that the standard of living can be driven down and corporation profits forced up."

Truman, he recalled, had expressed a similar view. On Feb. 15, 1950, the Democratic President had said: "A certain amount of unemployment, say from three to five million, is supportable. It is a good thing that job seeking should go on at all times. This is healthy for the economic body."

Such frank statements by representatives of both capitalist parties are a warning that neither of them can or will provide a solution to the problem of unemployment, Lovell said. Labor must take an independent political road.

"Just as it was impossible for the workers to win substantial improvements in wages and working conditions through the

vious outdoor theatres and art centers — all to make America a better and happier land to live in.

A government based on the party of the working people would go even further, Lovell predicted. It would "reorganize the whole of American economy and lay the foundations for a new society — a society of the free and equal, where such social evils as unemployment and war will be unknown."

The current election campaign here is viewed as the most successful in the history of the Michigan SWP. In terms of the numbers of people reached by the party through radio talks, appearances at union meetings and distribution of election literature, it surpasses all previous efforts of the SWP.

During the last week alone Rita Shaw, SWP candidate for U. S. Senator, has appeared before three union locals — Dodge Local 3 of the UAW-CIO, the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and Local 6 of the Mechanics Educational Society of America, which recently affiliated with the CIO.

At these meetings the union members listened to her talk with close attention and applauded her spontaneously and enthusiastically when she finished. At the MESA meeting an old worker took the floor to recall that he had voted for Eugene V. Debs as a youth, and that it did his heart good to see young people like Rita Shaw continuing the struggle for socialism so vigorously today.

The school segregation struggles in Baltimore and Washington have brought a number of interesting facts to light.

One of these was the three-week delay between the opening of the integrated schools and the outbreak of anti-Negro rioting. For almost a month the limited amount of integration instituted by the school officials went smoothly. Then came the explosion. How can this be explained?

Obviously one factor was the arrival of full-time racist organizers from the deep South, headed by Bryant Bowles, leader of the National Association for the Advancement of White People.

These sinister organizers of racial violence by themselves could not have caused the outbreaks. But they were apparently a very important and necessary ingredient. Throughout the border states there are many whites bitterly opposed to school integration. But the riots in Washington and Baltimore indicate that they are a minority of the white people. At no time in these two cities did the racists succeed in getting a majority of

the white parents or white students involved in the anti-Negro demonstrations.

It appears that this minority felt itself unable to do anything when the schools opened. It took a number of weeks — during which Negro and white children peacefully sat side by side in Washington and Baltimore classrooms — before this Ku Klux-inclined minority felt bold enough to act.

The encouragement came from two sources: the racist victory over integration in Milford, Delaware, and the arrival of Bryant Bowles et al in Washington and Baltimore.

Three lessons emerge from the sequence of events: (1) The racists can mobilize only a minority of the whites in urban centers. The majority of the whites remain unorganized and inactive. Thus while they do not support the racists they do nothing to oppose them. The Negro people and their allies — especially the labor movement — must bend every effort to win over the majority of whites to action against the racists.

(2) A victory over integration — even in a small community — emboldens the racists every-

where. The cowardliness of local politicians before the segregationists in West Virginia and Delaware encouraged the segregationists in Baltimore and Washington. It was significant that the demonstrators in Baltimore carried signs reading "Keep the Germ Spreading." The germ referred to was the easy victory over integration in Milford, Delaware.

(3) The professional racist agitators can no longer be dismissed as inconsequential screwballs and adventurers. Though ignorant and with shady pasts, they are not inconsequential. They are dangerous figures and now have important political and financial backing. As the fight against segregated schools moves deeper South they will be the organizers of acts of violence that the Byrnes and Tal madges will secretly back but not openly risk. As such they are the nuclei of a fascist movement in the South that could in the future, if things in this country go from bad to worse, join hands with the McCarthyites.

Bowles' organization has mushroomed following the "organizing riots" of the NAAWP. While his claims that he has 12,000 supporters in Philadelphia and that he has received numerous letters from policemen's wives may be exaggerated, they undoubtedly have some basis.

In Delaware Bowles has built up a strong NAAWP movement with political connections and ample financial support. It has held repeated mass meetings, the last of which, on Oct. 17, was attended by a reported 3,000 people. In Baltimore Bowles held two mass meetings at Ritchie Raceway in a six-day period — and boasted that the NAAWP was receiving \$2,000 a day in initiation fees. To the threat to take away the organization's charter in Delaware, Bowles replied: "There's plenty of Southern states that'll give us a charter. Why, in Florida we got seven county judges, three circuit judges and 31 sheriffs who're members."

The admitted presence of judges and sheriffs in the NAAWP calls attention to the relationship between it and the politicians of the South. Bowles' work is of great advantage to the Southern politicians. They are ready to defy any Supreme Court ruling against segregation with teeth in it.

The Court has reaped great credit for the first part of its decision. The second installment will come in 1955. The court has

invited argument meantime on how its decision should be enforced. Despite the carefully nurtured myth that the court is above political pressure, students of history know that it is notorious for trimming its sails before the wind.

The principal argument of the Southern governors is that integration would cause rioting and bloodshed. Now with the help of their emissaries — Bowles et al — they have actual riots to point to. The growth of the NAAWP will

strengthen their arguments and perhaps the Court will hand down an enforcing order that is completely toothless.

But the Supreme Court is open to pressure both ways. The Negro people, the labor movement and other opponents of Jim Crow schools represent a far more powerful segment of the population than do the Jim Crow forces. All that is lacking is that the anti-segregationists organize a campaign which matches the boldness and energy of their enemies.

Ceylon Stalinists Cross Class Lines

By Harry Ring

The Trotskyist Lanka Samasamaja Party now heads eleven local governments in Ceylon, including that of the capital city of Colombo, where N. M. Perera, a leading LSSP'er has been elected Mayor.

Basing itself on the power of the workers and peasants movement that gave it 48 percent of the popular vote, the LSSP is waging an inspiring struggle against unceasing efforts of both capitalist United Nationalist Party and the Stalinists to smash its administrations.

In the elections the UNP and Stalinists made clear that for both of them the LSSP was the main enemy. In Colombo, where 31 members are elected to the Municipal Council on a ward basis, the Stalinists rejected an LSSP offer for a united front against the UNP. Instead they ran a number of candidates against the LSSP to the advantage of the UNP. As a result the Left parties won 15 of the 31 seats even though they polled 51 percent of the vote.

The LSSP elected the largest single block to the Council. Of the 15 Left members, six are LSSP'ers, and three are independents elected with LSSP support.

The Stalinists have come to learn that mass hatred of the UNP and support of the LSSP is so strong that they cannot risk an open block with the UNP, but must use every dirty trick in the book to stem the LSSP tide.

They learned this lesson in the town of Moratuwa where the new Council consists of five LSSP'ers, three Stalinists and four UNP'ers. There the Stalinists openly cast their vote against the LSSP candidate for Chairman of the Council and thereby returned the town to a UNP administration which the masses had decisively repudiated at the polls.

The Samasamajist, English-language weekly of the LSSP, reports the response to that Stalinist move: "A mammoth meeting, the likes of which has never been seen in Moratuwa before, was held last Sunday to protest against the treachery of the Stalinist Front in handing the town's administration to the

UNP. Earlier a demonstration, comparable to an LSSP demonstration in Colombo, marched through the town... (to) where the meeting was held."

Several weeks later when the Colombo Council met to select a Mayor, a vast throng assembled outside the Council Chamber to make clear its desire for an LSSP Mayor. Loud cheers resounded through the Chamber and were echoed by the masses outside when a UNP-elected Council member announced that he had decided to cast his vote for N. M. Perera as the "fittest man for the job." But the Stalinists, while not daring to again risk the anger of the masses by openly supporting the UNP, made a last ditch effort to defeat Perera by continuing to put forward their own candidate who could not possibly command a majority.

The Stalinists finally decided to gamble their way out of the deadlock by insisting on drawing lots for a single Left candidate when Perera won the draw. The Stalinists had no choice but to cast their vote for a Trotskyist Mayor of Colombo.

But the Stalinists and the UNP are determined to change this situation. The Sept. 30 issue of Samasamajist reveals a new UNP-CP plot to wreck the LSSP administration in Colombo. It is disclosed that the Stalinists are planning to send several of their members of the Councils on a trip to China and the Soviet Union, thus giving the UNP a temporary majority and the possible opportunity to oust the LSSP.

The Samasamajist declares: "We have warned them (the Stalinists) that we shall go straight to the people if they try to sabotage our administration in Colombo or elsewhere. If they go through with this scheme, they will speedily learn that they have not sabotaged the LSSP, but nailed their own political coffin instead." (Next week: The LSSP fights to carry out its program in Colombo.)

"Hotel--"

By A Sit-Downer

It has been many years since strikers utilized the sit-down on a big scale as a weapon against the bosses. But the tactic has not been forgotten. This was proved at the American Safety Razor plant in Brooklyn where scenes reminiscent of the great sit-down battles of the Thirties recently took place.

By Sept. 29 the company had made it clear that they were not going to sign the contract they themselves had drawn up. After lunch on the same day, at a pre-arranged signal, we sat at our machines and refused to work for the rest of the afternoon. Despite the pleas and threats of the PA system, we sat tight until quitting time.

When the night shift tried to enter the plant they were locked out by the company. But they didn't go home. They joined the supporting picket line outside.

Inside the plant we organized for a long fight. We took over departments on five floors from the roof to the basement, including the cafeteria, locker and shower rooms.

We set up committees to handle the kitchen, sanitation, defense, etc., and every worker was given a specific assignment.

As the strike went along, we hung signs out the windows like "Hotel — Free Room and Board," shouted slogans and sang labor songs. We organized recreational activities like dancing, checkers, ping pong, and card playing. I had to wait for a sit-down strike to finally learn how to play pinochle.

In the early days of the strike we had some unpleasant experiences with the company stooges and police inside the shop. Once a gang of these flunkies sur-

rounded a small group of women strikers who had partially undressed and were trying to get some sleep. They locked themselves in the room with the women and tried to terrorize them.

One worker crawled out of a window and threatened to jump if they didn't let the women out. Between the screaming and shouting of the pickets and observers outside and the worker yelling from the window, the company stooges got scared and released the women.

Meanwhile a flying wedge of pickets had broken through a police guard and entered the plant to help the victims. We never had that kind of trouble again.

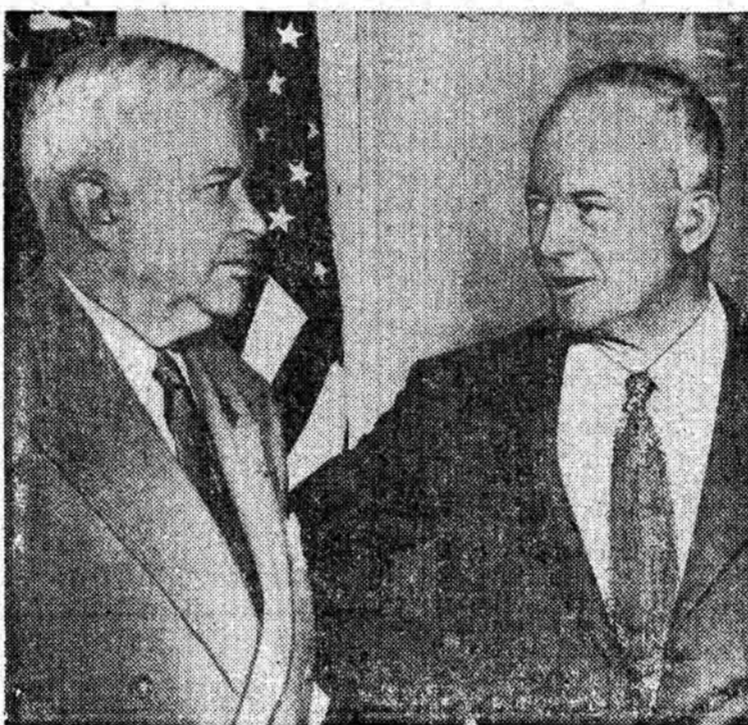
We controlled one department over the entrance that the company flunkies used to leave the plant. Every time they came or went we leaned out the windows and jeered and shouted at them. They finally got so demoralized that the company had to replace them with private detectives.

We had good conditions inside the plant, plenty of food (we posted a menu outside the plant every day), smokes, blankets, etc. We brought a lot of it into the plant by hauling it through the windows with long ropes.

Our friends and relatives visited us daily and we were able to talk with them through the steel fence that surrounds the plant.

We left the plant after 14 days at the request of the union leadership. We didn't come out defeated. Instead every union militant felt inspired. We decided to make the picket line outside the plant as effective as our sit-down had been inside until the company comes across with our contract.

Someone Who Likes Wilson



Defense Sec. Charles E. Wilson, shown with President Eisenhower, got the White House blessings after the former General Motors head made his insulting comparison of unemployed workers to "kennel-fed dogs." Wilson apologized to the Republican big-wigs for his "inept" remark, but not to the workers he insulted.

Our Readers Take the Floor

Phila. Unionists Score Boss Parties

Editor: You will be interested in the real attitude of union members to this election campaign.

Westinghouse Local 107 UE has followed the usual pattern of endorsing candidates presented by the Political Action Committee. These candidates were invariably "friends of labor" endorsed by the Committee or by a united committee of PAC and LPE, and usually turned out to be local Democratic politicians. At the last 107 meeting every candidate proposed came under criticism. Out of their own personal experiences and memories the members showed up the candidates as being involved in the usual political deals or having an anti-labor voting record. After hours of discussion no endorsements were voted and a follow-up meeting was called for the next Sunday.

This is the dilemma of the whole labor movement. They ask us to take political action but don't offer any real way to do it. Members arose to express their dissatisfaction that there were no candidates they could endorse wholeheartedly. Others spoke directly of the need for labor's own party.

At the Sunday meeting four Democratic candidates, who had never run for office before, appeared and asked for endorsement. One was a member of the local and another the wife of a member. The other two kept pointing to their records as union members. They claimed that they were the only union candidates in Pennsylvania running in either major party. They didn't realize that this only showed up the real nature of these parties and their role in them.

Each speaker met with skepticism. Members questioned them on their stand on specific issues and their relation to the Democratic Party. They answered that they would be loyal to labor no matter what the Democrats would do, and left with the endorsements and also warn-

ings to expect a close tab on their actions. This reluctant action of the members points up the reason for the weakness and pessimism that political action appeals make inside the labor movement. Had the Westinghouse local supported or even sponsored an independent labor slate there would have been broad support and enthusiasm and initiative from the membership.

H. L. Philadelphia

Urges Socialists To Vote For SWP

Editor:

This is a direct plea by a member of the Socialist Party of the U. S. A., who has had the honor to serve as a treasurer of Local Nassau-Suffolk S.P. since 1949, to all fellow members of the S.P., to those socialists in the ISL, U of AS and YSL — as well as to those who aren't tied to any faction — to unite in support of the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party — David L. Weiss for Governor, Dorothy Haines for Lt. Governor, Catherine Gratta for Attorney General and Harold Robins for Comptroller. I make this plea not alone on the obvious ground that no socialist honest to himself could possibly vote for either capitalist party, nor as a "lesser evil" choice. I call upon you to join with me in supporting and voting for the SWP candidates because they and they alone deserve it on their proven records of devotion to our class and the great cause of socialism. I urge you to vote SWP because that party has the moral courage to continue the good fight where our leaders have not.

Make your vote count for something. Stand up on the side of Peace, Civil Liberties, Negro representation, production for the need of the many and not the profit of the few — in short for Socialism. Vote Socialist Workers Party all the way.

George R. Stryker Bayport, N. Y.

Liberals Dissected In Latest Issue Of Fourth Int'l.

The lead article in the Fall issue of the magazine Fourth International, which is now on the newsstands, is an analysis of the "schizophrenia" of contemporary liberalism in the U. S. Examining in detail the destructive record of the Senate on civil liberties, culminating in the recent hysterical session which passed the "Communist Control Law," Art. Preis concludes: "The irrefutable fact is that the New Deal-Fair Deal liberals have been the chief authors and sponsors of the first laws (1) to make mere opinion a crime, (2) to establish concentration camps in America where political dissenters can be sent without trial in a 'national emergency' and (3) to outlaw a political party. In short they have been chiefly responsible for setting up the legal machinery which the McCarthyite fascists can use, if they come to power, to suppress all other political tendencies, including the liberal Democrats themselves."

Another timely article is John G. Wright's "The Farm Crisis in the Soviet Union." To those who have been puzzled by newspaper stories and rumors of threatening food shortages in the USSR — not knowing whether these are based on fact or cold war propaganda — this article will come as welcome clarification. John G. Wright, an authoritative writer on Soviet agricultural policies, bases his present article on a close scrutiny of the current Soviet press.

In an article entitled "Does 'Co-Existence' Mean Peace?" Milton Alvin shows the logic of the Kremlin's "co-existence" line as well as Eisenhower's "modus vivendi" response. Neither of these, the author contends, in any measure changes the basic drive of imperialism to World War III.

A valuable contribution to the understanding of the colonies and semi-colonies is David Miller's "The Role of Statism in the Colonial World." This is a study of what the need for planning does to capitalism in the economically backward areas of the world.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Literature Agent John Tabor reports continued good sales of the Militant at New York street corner meetings. "Saturday afternoon in West Harlem we sold 51 papers and three Trumbull Park pamphlets. Janet sold 20 Militants and Pete sold 13. Other comrades selling were Earl, Lester, Art, Tom, John T. Myrl and Larry. That evening at another meeting in East Harlem comrades sold 35 papers.

"Manny, Myrl, Paul and Greg sold four Militants and two copies of Fourth International at a MHA forum and John A. sold 15 Militants on a street corner. We received an enthusiastic response to a distribution of the Militant to the pickets at the American Safety Razor plant. The strikers on the line after reading the story in the Militant shouted, 'Hurrah for the Militant!' 'Hurrah for the Militant!' Strikers inside the plant also read the story with a great deal of interest."

Seattle Literature Agent Helen Baker writes, "Clara and Bob and Frank and Ann covered their routes last week and sold 16 papers and three tickets to the Myra Weiss meeting. Clara and Bob have a new customer who told them it was a pleasure to read the Militant after the daily papers. Those papers, to quote from him, print only what news they want the working people to read. The Militant prints everything that the working people want to know. He also bought a ticket to the meet-

ing. Frank and Ann also found a new enthusiastic reader of the Militant. One that told them he wants to read it all the time because it tells what is really going on in the world. The more ground we cover the more friends we unearth."

"Ann and Leon sold six copies on recall work today. This is their second time over that route. Frank and Clara sold 11 papers on their route. They have combined their route with Leon and Ann's old one. Clara and I went out Tuesday night and sold 10 papers. Clara and Ann distributed the special issue we ordered at the lumber-workers union and were very well received with people waiting in line to get their copies."

"The Philadelphia comrades were very pleased with the election edition of the Militant," reports Bob Chester. "Especially with the novel format that gave every section a front page. The total effect of the national SWP campaign is quite powerful."

Chicago Literature Agent Carol Houston writes, "Our literature campaign around the Militant and the Trumbull Park pamphlet is in full swing. We have three teams with the Magnets in the lead, the Dynamos second and the Meteors third. Sales are as follows: Sunday, Mary Lou, Sheavy and Gus sold 19 papers at a union meeting. Friday Bert and Alice sold nine Militants and 16 Trumbull Park pamphlets on the campus. Saturday Snow sold 20 pamphlets and one paper in a half hour at the El stop. Ken has established a new sale at an El stop newsstand. Friday Dot and Mary Lou sold 20 pamphlets at a NAACP membership meeting."

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Labor Fakers' Role in Rearming Germany

A Demonstration of Labor's Power

The New York area truck strike, which began Oct. 16, gives another inspiring example of organized labor's might in action. Once it became clear that the truck drivers meant business and that AFL teamsters President Dave Beck would not oppose the strike, the formidable employers' front began to fold up. The big food chains agreed immediately to accept the full union terms, including a 25-cent an hour package wage boost. Thereafter, individual trucking firms began to flood into the union's offices to sign up. By Oct. 20, the "spirit and most of the body" of employer resistance, as a New York daily put it, were broken. It appears the truck drivers will be able to claim a complete victory before long.

demands to arbitration. Beck's willingness to play ball with the employers and with the anti-labor city officials emboldened them to "get tough" with the strikers. It was not the power of the employers but the demoralizing misleadership of the top union leader that broke the back of the construction drivers strike 13 months ago. This time, too, the employers forced a strike undoubtedly in the belief that Beck would rescue them as he did before. But the opposition in the union ranks was too large for Beck to risk a strikebreaking intervention. He expediently chose to indicate he did not oppose the strike. The "tough" talk of the employers changed to a whine, and the workers, unimpeded by their leaders, quickly began to sweep everything before them. Over and over again it has been demonstrated that organized labor can scale any heights if the union bureaucrats do not hold the workers back. If labor were freed of this bureaucratic grip, if a fighting leadership replaced the present class-collaborating dues collectors, labor would quickly drive forward, build its own party, challenge capitalism on every front and begin to remake the country.

Condemned by Their Own Figures

A frantic appeal to the Republicans to answer the Democrats on the issue of unemployment has appeared in the Scripps-Howard newspapers. On Oct. 19, they published an article by Charles Lucey to show that the Democrats also don't have such a hot record on unemployment. An accompanying editorial concludes that when it comes to unemployment "the Democrats haven't any magic formula either." Lucey bases his article on government figures back to 1929. The average number of jobless each year, Lucey states, shows "that only in wartime — with millions of men in the armed forces and the rest producing for war — has unemployment been licked." These figures, although cited by pro-Republicans, are unassailable. We do not like to clutter up editorials with figures, but those cited by Lucey are conclusive and devastating. In the year of the big stock market crash, 1929, there were 1,550,000 jobless or 3.2% of the labor force. By 1932, the last year of the Hoover administration, the unemployed total reached 12,060,000, or 23.6%. During 1933, Roosevelt's first year in office, the average unemployment hit a peak of 12,830,000 — or 25%. Here is the record of the subsequent years before U.S. entry into World War II:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Number Unemployed, Percentage of Labor Force. Data points for years 1934 to 1944.

We see from these figures that even with stepped-up rearmament in the U.S. and the British and French war orders, unemployment did not fall below 5 1/2 million until 1942, when Roosevelt took this country into full-scale warfare. After 1945, there was a slow rise in unemployment until January and February 1950 it averaged 4 1/2 million. The figure was brought down to less than two million only by the Korean War. Since that war ended in July 1953, unemployment has risen officially to past the three million mark and, if accurately reported, would be shown to be really above five million. These figures certainly do prove that the Democrats have no formula to solve unemployment "short of war." They also show the Republicans have no formula "either."

"The Monstrous Risk"

In the lead editorial of the Oct. 16 liberal magazine, The Nation, Freda Kirchwey discusses what she terms "The Monstrous Risk" of rearming Germany. She notes that while the European Defense Community, the first form of the plan for rearming Germany, was rejected, the rejection itself gave "the counter-proposals of Premier Mendes-France almost magisterial authority." Details of control and of the particular role of the various Allied powers can still be discussed, but "it came to be taken for granted that German rearmament was no longer a matter of dispute but was inevitable." Freda Kirchwey challenges this "major premise." She argues that "Germany rearmament presents monstrous risks which cannot be averted by Adenauer's promises or Western controls." As proof she cites the past record. After World War I, she recalls, "Germany was pledged by its signature to rigid disarmament." But this pledge was violated as soon as Germany's economic recovery permitted. "Will Germany act differently today when the principle of rearmament is overwhelmingly endorsed, and when the policy of the West, directed from Washington, is concentrated on a race to pile up military power greater than that of Russia?" Miss Kirchwey believes that an honest effort should be made to reach some kind of agreement with the Soviet Union that would permit reunification of Germany but prevent Germany's rearmament. She hopes that Moscow will come forward with a genuine and sincere offer that will make this possible. This offer must come soon "otherwise the plans now being hurried toward completion will probably be accepted, however half-heartedly, and the hope of peaceful coexistence postponed if not destroyed." Of all the things wrong with Freda Kirchwey's arguments, the most prominent is the calmness with which she appears to accept the arming of the United

States in preparation for World War III. Compared with the mountains of arms piled up by Washington, what Germany will have or could build in decades to come shrinks to relative insignificance. The U.S. starts out at the level of 1945 plus almost a decade of subsequent development and stockpiling of so-called "conventional" arms plus atomic and bacteriological weapons. Moreover, there is a new factor: Germany was once a going rival concern. Now it is like a small bankrupt competitor that has been taken over and reorganized by a giant corporation. What Miss Kirchwey should fear, therefore, if she is to be consistent, is Wall Street's preparations for war. And the fact is that today hundreds of millions of people fear precisely that. They fear America the way they once feared Hitlerite Germany. The second big error in the reasoning of this liberal editor is the idea that "peaceful coexistence" is a practical program for achieving enduring peace. The real "guilt" for war should not be placed on any country as such whether Germany or America. The guilt belongs to the economic system of these countries that forces them inevitably toward war. In the epoch of the death agony of capitalism, the intervals of peace grow relatively shorter and shorter. To give such intervals the fancy label of "peaceful coexistence" is to foster a delusion. Enduring peace can be won only by replacing the war-breeding anarchy of capitalism with the planned order of socialism. To achieve this in America would assure the end of the reactionary Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union. The practical alternative to the war plans of Wall Street is thus to struggle for socialism. The decision to put the Germans in uniform is another sharp reminder that there is no other way to avoid World War III.

By Joseph Hansen

On the surface it may seem that the Eisenhower administration, in pressing for the rearmament of Germany as part of the preparations for World War III, acted in blind arrogance, paying little heed to the universal opposition felt throughout the world to another conflict. A Gallup poll, for instance, made public Sept. 28 just five days before the nine-power London decision to go ahead with the rearming of Germany, revealed that the American people are opposed to war against the Soviet Union by an overwhelming six-to-one majority. The vote was so impressive that the Gallup Institute declared it to be "one of the most convincing majorities ever recorded in polling annals." In the face of such a decisive opinion, how can Big Business ever hope to drag the American people into another war? Surely they left this fact out of their calculations in deciding to rearm Germany! The fact is that America's ruling 60 families count heavily on the labor bureaucracy of the CIO, AFL and independent unions to act as judas goats and lead the people into another slaughter. And their confidence in the labor bureaucracy is thoroughly justified as can be seen from the position taken by the moguls of the AFL at their convention in Los Angeles which began Sept. 20, some two weeks before the London accord was reached. These labor lieutenants of the capitalist class, as Daniel De Leon, one of America's great socialist leaders, called them, went so far as to advocate rolling back the Iron Curtain to the boundaries of Russia prior to

... Elections

(Continued from page 1) That was the view of the Democrats when they were in power and had to explain why there was 4 1/2 million unemployed and the threat of a major depression. They then talked like Republicans of today. The labor leaders try to maintain their dirty political alliances with the corrupt Democratic machine by covering up the real capitalist class character and views of that party. They conceal the fact that the Democrats twice ended depressions only through wars—in 1941 and in 1950. But not everyone has forgotten the facts of history. Many people have learned from them. They have come to feel — and correctly — that there is no basic difference between the Republicans and the Democrats, that both parties serve the interests of the rich, the ruling Big Business class. Thus, in spite of growing unemployment and declining income for workers and farmers, there is little expectation of a big rush to the polls on Nov. 2. We hear and read much of voter "apathy."

Samuel Lubell, an astute student of voter trends who foresees a drift back to the Democrats because of the economic situation, nevertheless observes that, he does not expect any big change in Congress or an overwhelming Democratic landslide. He concludes in an Oct. 18 Scripps-Howard article: "One factor which makes the outcome of many Congressional contests uncertain is the unbelievably low interest in the election. Almost without exception reporters surveying these districts express amazement at how many voters are completely indifferent and don't care who wins." The Oct. 18 CIO News anxiously notes that in the campaign home stretch "the political candidates racing for control of the 84th Congress still had not pulled the fans to their feet in screaming pandemonium." In fact, the CIO paper finds a "strangely ominous silence from the sidelines" — that is, from the people. MAY RAISE "RED" CRY The Republicans may well seek to turn the tide in their favor by a raucous last-minute hue and cry about "reds." As Queen Marie Antoinette replied, "Let them eat cake," when told the people demanded bread, so the GOP may answer carners, "Let them eat reds." We can also expect the Democrats to respond in kind, by trying to show they're even better red-baiters and witch-hunters than the Republicans. Whichever boss machine gains the edge, the outcome of the elections for the workers and farmers will be disastrous so long as the capitalist parties remain in control. Only a fighting party of labor, such as the Socialist Workers Party candidates propose, can push the political pendulum to the side of the workers.

...Wilson on War Costs

(Continued from page 1) 54 fiscal year." This is less than a 10 percent drop from the war spending of last year, which included the last phase of the Korean war. While the Air Force, at the moment, is the only one of the four U. S. military establishments which is growing, points out the Journal, "other military outlays, including aid to allies, atomic energy, stockpiling and aircraft procurement (which alone takes \$8.5 billion a year) are likewise still growing." For this reason, the Journal is able to reassure the businessmen that the war prop will not be pulled from under the capitalist economy. It concludes: "This outlook still leaves the American economy with the equivalent of a major industry that did not exist prior to World War II. It is the procurement of armaments, mostly in the form of hard goods — ships, aircraft, tanks, guns, electrical machines. Such procurement totals perhaps \$15 billion to \$20 billion a year, and is likely to continue at close to that rate as far as we can now see . . . for the present our business system need not brace itself for any important change in this major particular." C. E. Wilson's pretended de-

World War II "and so undermine the Kremlin regime — by the denial of trade and exchanges — that it would collapse."

Recognizing that this would mean war, the AFL "statesmen" called for "full rearmament — military, political and economic . . ."

When Seaborn P. Collins, national commander of the ultra-reactionary American Legion, called for a "bomb" attack on the Soviet Union should forces of that country cross a fixed line, he was applauded by the AFL delegates.

MEANY AGREES Meany himself expressed solidarity with the bomb-rattling commander of the Legion and told the convention: "Some of the delegates may feel that there is, perhaps, too much emphasis on this question of foreign affairs. I wish I could agree. But those of us who are in contact through various sources with what is going on feel that there is cause for worry." This veiled reference to the State Department indicates how much more Meany is impressed by a handout from Dulles than he is by the will of the American people who have expressed their opposition to war in innumerable ways.

The stand of the AFL was one more assurance to Dulles that he could depend on the bureaucrats to back Wall Street in its war plans. It was the most flagrant kind of support for his alternative version to EDC.

Besides the American labor bureaucrats, Wall Street counts on a kind of foreign legion of similar finks to high pressure and gull the union ranks in other lands. While the imperialist delegates of the nine powers plotted in London about rebuilding the armed forces of capitalist Germany, delegates of the British Labor Party were meeting at Scarborough. On Sept. 28, Clement Attlee used the whip with all his force, and, despite bitter opposition from a big section of the delegates, managed to put over a resolution favoring the rearmament of Germany. The vote was close, 3,270,000 to 3,022,000, and a good part of the majority was a mechanical vote based on a weighted system favoring the right wing. Nevertheless, it put the British Labor Party on record in favor of again militarizing the German people. And that was sufficient for Anthony Eden to throw Britain's weight decisively in the scales at the London conference where the official decision was made to bring back the steel-helmeted Reichswehr.

In France, where the National Assembly had previously killed the first plan to rearm Germany (EDC), the Social Democratic twins of the Attlees and Meany's played a similar foul role. They reached a secret understanding with Premier Mendes-France, assuring him of their support for rearming Germany, and so he staked his government on a vote of confidence over this issue. Without the Social Democrats, Mendes-France could not have put over the London variant of EDC cooked up by the U. S. State Department in collusion with the British Foreign Office. In Germany it might be thought that things are different. Here, surely, the trade union bureaucrats have learned their lesson! And as a matter of fact, the

Oct. 14 Manchester Guardian Weekly reports that the West German trade union conference has rejected German rearmament "in present circumstances."

The vote was 391 to four. The four opposed wanted a firmer declaration of opposition. This looks encouraging on the surface. But there happens to be more to it than meets the eye. Rearmament "in present circumstances" was rejected because it was felt not all possibilities of "international negotiation" had been exhausted.

The delegates actually indicated that they are not opposed in principle to the rearming of capitalist Germany. They did this by rejecting "an alternative resolution which disapproved of all German rearmament and which welcomed the decision to this effect of the union's youth movement at Dusseldorf."

The correspondent of the Manchester Guardian noted that "the fact that the unions are now solidly aligned with the Social Democratic party should not make it impossible for the Federal Government to bring the London agreement into force; but it will make it more difficult."

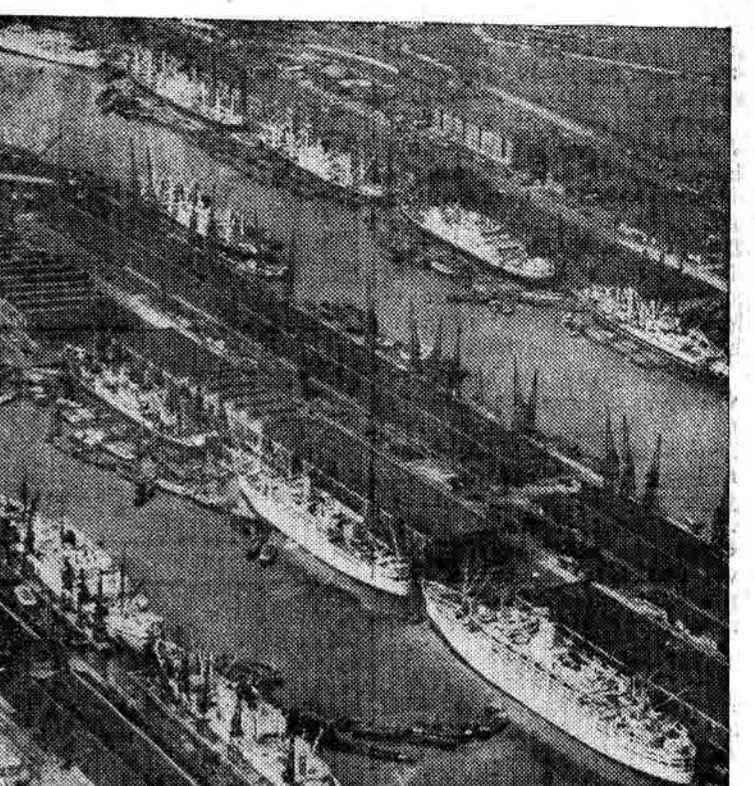
TREACHEROUS MOVES

The Social Democrats have been busy at this for some time. The July 29 Manchester Guardian Weekly noted, for instance, in reporting re-election of Erich Ollenhauer at the sixth post-war congress of the party on July 23: "The outstanding fact of the congress has been the party's acceptance of Herr Ollenhauer's formula of support for German participation in common defense measures if a certain 'case' — infinitely to be regretted and to be worked against — should after all efforts still come about." The reporter also noted the stress "at this congress of the great importance of getting any German army subjected from the beginning to democratic influence."

That topic could hardly have been stressed at the congress unless it was aimed at sugar-coating the poisonous pill that was being concocted by Dulles and Adenauer. The report in the Aug. 5 Manchester Guardian indicates this still more clearly: ". . . puzzlingly the party declares itself to be altogether on the Western or free side in the grand contest of human aspirations and it also has accepted the principle of a German defence contribution of some sort if 'freedom' is threatened. Herr Ollenhauer seems to be slightly hardening the Social Democratic acceptance of such an armed contribution every time he speaks of it."

As J. Emlin Williams, Berlin correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor observed Aug. 25, "As one looked around the delegates at the congress, one saw well-situated independent-thinking workers and officials as well as a few employers and managers of big enterprises. These were hardly revolutionaries. . . . For them, the cry 'Workers of the world, unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains' meant little except a past recollection." Williams reported the following day that Ollenhauer's aim

Strike Paralyzes London Docks



A view of the Royal Albert and King George V docks with ships and cranes idle as the result of the dock workers strike in port of London. The walkout, which spread to Scotland and other parts of Britain, is the largest the country has experienced in the maritime industry in 25 years. (See story page 1.)

seemed to be to effect a compromise between those favoring and those bitterly opposed to German rearmament. In the end, he declared, "both the pacifists and the neutralists were out-numbered. And the party agreed that if necessity should arise it would be ready to support efforts for the defense of freedom, even by military means." All this, it is now clear, gave Adenauer the green light he needed at the London conference. The role played by the Social Democrats enabled him to say to Dulles that the opposition to war in Germany was in the hands of the best possible leadership from the imperialist point of view. It is necessary to make a gen-

eralization from these facts. The trade union fakery act as conscious agents of the capitalist class. In the case of the rearmament of Germany, the American, British, French and German labor bureaucrats played their treacherous roles like a well-coached gang of international conspirators. The lesson that must be drawn by workers who are determined that our planet shall not undergo another world war is clear. The labor bureaucrats must be replaced. In place of tools of American Big Business, the unions must have at their head representatives of the rank and file. It is more than a question of union democracy — it is a question of life or death.

World Events

By Fred Hart

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY members staged a commando raid on a British Army barracks in North Ireland Oct. 17. The IRA, a secret underground organization, has never acceded to the partition of Ireland by which Great Britain retained the northern counties.

STARVATION AS A WEAPON. The British imperialists in Malaya have finally announced that the inhabitants of the Nibong Tebal area on Malaya's West Coast would be taken off the starvation rations imposed upon them by military decree. Eleven months ago the government claimed that 39 anti-British guerrillas were operating in the area and that the inhabitants regarded them with sympathy. Thereupon the government prevented the area from purchasing food and put all men, women and children on a tiny ration of rice. This was justified in the name of saving the people from the ruthless "reds" who are "calculus" to human suffering.

IN JORDAN, long considered by the imperialists as the most politically backward and "safest" of the Arab states, a leftward trend was revealed in the recent elections. Two candidates of the National Front, a leftist party which the reactionary government calls "communist," were elected to the parliament.

"GREAT MISTAKE." A high official of the Stalinists-dominated government of Hungary admitted, according to an Oct. 14 Associated Press dispatch, that "many comrades" have been unjustly tried and sentenced on false charges. The official, Istvan Kovacs, first secretary of the Budapest Communist Party in a speech to the party which was published in Szaband Nap, declared: "We may frankly admit that the leaders of the former State Security Office arrested many comrades, using criminally improper methods, and they were convicted by the court on the grounds of invented and forced charges and testimony. This was a great mistake." Kovacs indicated that hundreds of party members who were tried in the mass witch-hunt purges of 1947 and 1951 have been released from prison and restored to good standing.

EAST GERMAN STALINISTS took no chances about letting the workers register their real sentiments in the "election" staged Oct. 18. At the beginning of the month mass arrests were made, netting 547 "western

spies," according to an admission of the Oct. 6 Daily Worker. This brought to thousands the number of workers rounded up since June 17, 1953, when the working class rose in revolt and attempted to oust the puppet government imposed on them by Moscow. Against this background of terror, the Stalinists limited voting to a single slate, no opposition candidates being permitted to run. On top of this, workers were rushed through the polling places in long lines. Each worker was handed a ballot which he was supposed to drop in a ballot box held up for him by a Stalinist election official. Private voting booths were provided for those who dared to use them, but this was taken to signify opposition to the regime. Such a gesture meant that the voter's identity card would be checked when he left the booth. Despite this Stalinist terror, it was reported that in some places this dangerous form of registering opposition was used "frequently by courageous workers."

BURMA has again brought charges in the UN against the Chiang Kai-shek regime in Formosa. Chiang's troops in north Burma are pillaging and burning villages. The U.S. and Chiang assured the Burmese over a year ago that these troops would be evacuated from Burma.

MEXICAN defenders of the right of political asylum have challenged the government's move to deport Guatemalan refugees into the hands of dictator Castillo Armas. The move instituted by the Mexican Foreign Office has been countered by the Mexican Interior Ministry. The Foreign office bases its deportation attempt on the technicality that Jaime Rosenberg, official of the overthrown Arbenz regime is not a political refugee because he fled into Mexico over the border rather than taking refuge in the Mexican Embassy in Guatemala.

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## Negro Struggle

By Jean Blake

It used to be generally accepted in labor and liberal circles that "civil liberties are indivisible" — that unions, civil liberties organizations and minority groups must unite in defending each other's civil rights, or all would lose.

But today many of the leaders of those groups, intimidated by the growth of reaction, and its McCarthyite form in particular, have either abandoned the principle of "liberty and justice for all" entirely, or have become experts in the cowardly art of ducking the issue every time they are put to the test.

One such test has been provided by the current national tour of James Kutcher, the legless veteran who has been fighting persistently for six years now against the totalitarian threat of the Attorney General's subversive list — which all labor and liberal and minority groups opposed when it was first put into effect.

Many "leaders" who saw the issues clearly and took a principled stand in support of the Kutcher case five years ago, today are confused, unsure, or just plain scared. Some of them have capitulated to the premises of the witch-hunters and adopted the subversive list method to club their critics. Some of them still give lip-service to the principle of civil liberties for all, but argue like government lawyers in favor of so many exceptions that the principle is buried.

But the rank and file are not lawyers, thank goodness! And an encouraging example of this was provided at the public meeting of the Cleveland Civil Liberties Union last week, when James Kutcher was speaking in a panel discussion with two others about their experiences with the witch-hunt.

After refuting the charge that either he or the Socialist Workers Party to which he belongs is subversive or advocates the use of force and violence "to overthrow the government," Kutcher said:

"Actually, the most flagrant use of force and violence I know of in this country today is the shameful business of attacking and intimidating Negro school children who are attempting to exercise their legal right under the Constitution. And I don't think the groups responsible for this violence are even on the subversive list."

The audience spoke with the most enthusiastic burst of applause of the whole evening when he added:

"But then, I'm not trying to reform the subversive list. I want to see it abolished altogether!"

## Dunne Radio Talk Heard in Minn. Despite Censors

By Sam Jordan

ST. PAUL, MINN., Oct. 17— Vincent R. Dunne, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota, presented on the radio today the SWP platform for labor to solve unemployment and to end the danger of Senator McCarthy leading an insecure America into fascism.

V. R. Dunne spoke only after the intervention of the American Civil Liberties Union when the radio station refused to approve the SWP platform as a radio script.

The power and timeliness of the SWP platform was acknowledged again by the capitalist-controlled radio station when it felt necessary to disclaim in an unusually long statement all sympathy and responsibility for Dunne's message.

Myra Tanner Weiss, National Campaign Director of the SWP, introduced Dunne as a worker who has devoted his life to labor's cause and as a symbol for the workers to express by vote their opposition to capitalist insecurity and their desire for a Labor party.

# Fight to End Jim Crow Set Up In Los Angeles Fire Department

## "Buffalo Evening News" Shows Alarm Over Surplus Food Campaign for Jobless



VINCENT COPELAND

## Stergar Scores Milwaukee Mayor On 'Defense' Plan

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 15 — In an open letter to Mayor Frank P. Zeidler, Albert Stergar, Socialist Workers candidate for Assembly from the Second District, scored the city's "civil defense" plans as an unrealistic way of meeting the threat of atomic destruction in World War III.

Zeidler has advocated decentralizing the city by spreading it into the countryside. Stergar agreed that this scheme, if realizable, would probably help minimize the danger from a nuclear weapon, but that it would most certainly be opposed by the landlords because of the effect it would have on the value of land and buildings in the heart of the present city. The social planning such a move would require runs in direct conflict with the anarchy of the capitalist system.

The threat inherent in use of atomic weapons means that capitalism must go, Stergar declared. Even in World War II, shelters that were adequate for the first bombs proved to be death traps when block-busters were developed and then combined with napalm, as was seen when the U. S. Air Force fire-bombed Hamburg and incinerated some 80,000 civilians.

In the light of this experience, what kind of bomb shelters would be needed to protect entire cities like Milwaukee from the effects of an H-bomb?

The difficulty of finding any real defense from atomic weapons, Stergar declared, should drive home to all of us the need to change over from capitalism to the planned economy of socialism, the only kind of system that can assure enduring peace to humanity.

Those who attempt to deceive the people with a soothing syrup about the efficacy of sirens and tin-hat wardens are nothing less than participants in the crime of trying to take America into World War III, he said.

Stergar appealed to the tradition of Eugene V. Debs in urging workers to vote for the Socialist Workers Party. He recalled Debs' firm stand against imperialism and pointed out that the SWP has consistently held to the same program.

BUFFALO, Oct. 19 — The alarm of the Buffalo Evening News over the campaign launched by candidates of the Socialist Workers Party to secure surplus food for the unemployed in this area is a good indication of how well the SWP candidates have voiced the feelings of voters in the lower-income brackets here.

As reported previously in the Militant, a delegation of Buffalo housewives, headed by Dorothy Haines and Louise Ellis, SWP candidates for Lieutenant Governor and State Senator from the 55th District, went to Washington to see about getting free surplus food for the Buffalo area. They were told by officials of the Department of Agriculture that the food was available but that the government could not release it without a request from New York State officials.

The favorable reaction of the working people in Buffalo to this campaign and the black eye it gave the Republican state administration is what appears to have alarmed the Buffalo Evening News.

The publisher of this capitalist newspaper is Edward Hubert Butler, who fell heir to the enterprise in 1914. According to the latest edition of Who's Who, Butler was president of the American Newspaper Publishers Assn. in 1928-29, was a director of the Associated Press in 1940-50, is currently a director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and American Airlines, and belongs to the following clubs: Buffalo, Saturn, University, Buffalo Athletic, Buffalo Country, and Yale. Finally, and this is not the least of his associations, he is a Republican.

### IN POSITION TO KNOW

Such a pillar in the world of Big Business is obviously in a position to know when his circle is under effective attack. He is also in position to do something about it. Perhaps this is the best explanation for the fact that his paper, the Buffalo Evening News, which boasts the "greatest daily circulation in the New York State outside New York City" decided to answer the barrage that has been leveled on the Republican administration by the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

How was this to be done? By meeting the issue raised by the SWP candidates in behalf of Buffalo's unemployed? Not if you know the Buffalo Evening News. This authoritative voice of Buffalo's bosses regularly prints on its editorial page the columns of two spokesmen of the fascist Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. Not one, but two—David Lawrence and George E. Sokolsky. And their method of disposing of political issues seems to be much admired by the power that controls the policy of the Buffalo Evening News.

### SINGLE OUT COPELAND

Consequently, in the Oct. 13 issue, this wealthy and powerful propaganda organ of the house of Butler and the Republican Party, leveled its guns on Vincent Copeland, SWP candidate for Congress in Buffalo's 41st District. What a blast! It established that Vincent Copeland is a radical-minded worker with a militant labor record, that his candidacy is backed by the Socialist Workers Party and that the SWP was included on the attorney general's "subversive" list.

Two of Copeland's main

"crimes" were not mentioned: (1) that he is far from rich and does not belong to any of the exclusive clubs that Butler belongs to; (2) that he dared to raise the question of the plight of the unemployed on the Niagara frontier.

And naturally, in accordance with the McCarthyite smear technique, it did not mention the fact that the SWP was never given a hearing when it was arbitrarily listed as "subversive."

This, you might think, would prove sufficient to knock the SWP candidates right out of the water and also stop the unemployed in Buffalo from even wanting to "yelp," to use the notorious term that comes natural to such voices of Republicanism as the Buffalo Evening News favors.

But the problem of unemployment is not so easily disposed of. Today's issue of rich man Butler's paper showed that it is still alarmed. It took more than a half yard of its editorial column to "reason" about the wonderful job the Republicans have done in providing jobs.

### REFUSED TO GET PANICKY

The main pitch is that "the Eisenhower Administration did not panic at the first symptom of unemployment." "The one thing the President refused to do . . . was to get panicky." So if you want candidates that don't get "panicky" about unemployment, the editors urge you to vote accordingly.

In view of the obvious panic of the Buffalo Evening News over the campaign for surplus food for the unemployed, which was started by the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party, this Republican advice should get a sardonic laugh in the sections of Buffalo where the unemployed want jobs and relief right now.

## N. Y. Cops Beat Girl, Arrest Her For "Assault"

By Tom Denver

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 — Another shocking case of police brutality was exposed today as a result of a claim for \$25,000 in damages filed against the city of New York by Miss Jennie Ramirez, a resident of East Harlem.

After leaving an ice cream parlor last July 30, Miss Ramirez, an 18-year-old working girl, joined a crowd gathered at the scene of a street shooting. Almost immediately cops arrived and started to "break-up" the crowd. Miss Ramirez didn't move fast enough for one club-swinging cop and she was struck on the chin. Another cop pushed and slapped her when she tried to defend herself. She was arrested on the charge of assaulting an officer.

In the patrol car several cops started cursing her in the filthiest language while they beat her about the head, face and stomach.

She was then driven to the 25th Police Precinct, where 250 rookie cops were recently assigned to fight "crime," and the beating continued.

The doctor who later examined her said that she had received "injuries to her buttocks back, thighs, nose, eyes, lacerations of the mouth and cheek, internal injuries and other injuries to the body."

In a statement to the press Miss Ramirez said, "I can remember for hours I was being hit and kicked."

Meanwhile, New York Police Commissioner Adams is engaged in a campaign to get 7,000 more cops on the force. Just think! Seven thousand more cops on the loose in New York City, all of them trained to think with their clubs.

## Sentenced by Imperialism



Four of the thirteen members of the Puerto Rican Nationalist party who were convicted in a federal court in New York on Oct. 12 of "seditious conspiracy" because of their fight for Puerto Rican independence. The above defendants, Mrs. Lolita Lebron and Irving Flores (seated right) and Andres Figueroa Cordero and Rafael C. Miranda had previously been given long prison terms in connection with their shooting demonstration in the House of Representatives last March.

## SWP STEPS UP ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN CALIFORNIA

By Tom Kerry

SWP California Campaign Director

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18 — The California branches of the Socialist Workers Party are conducting an intensive election campaign to acquaint the workers in the main

industrial communities in the state with the candidates, platform and program of the party.

Twenty-five thousand copies of the Socialist Workers Party Campaigner, special four-page election tabloid are being distributed in Oakland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Campaigner carries the SWP national election platform which hits hard on the issue of McCarthyism as the main danger to labor and the minority people. It contains material on the fight against segregation with emphasis on the struggle to eliminate the Jim Crow setup in the Los Angeles fire department.

The SWP candidates, Frank Barberia for Governor, Lillian Kiesel for Lt. Governor and Erroll Banks for U. S. Senate, have addressed election rallies in Los Angeles and the Bay Area in which they have presented the main issues confronting the people in this country. In contrast to the candidates of the capitalist political parties who have ducked every important problem and resorted to mudslinging and name calling, the SWP candidates have analyzed the main economic and political problems and presented a realistic program to meet the needs of the working people.

In San Francisco the election rally for Myra will be held at a campaign headquarters, 2337 Mission St., and in Los Angeles at the Embassy Auditorium, North Hall, at Ninth and Grand.

The Socialist Workers Party is calling on all its friends and supporters in California to attend the final election rallies in San Francisco on Oct. 29 and in Los Angeles on Oct. 30 and to vote for the SWP candidates on November 2nd.

## JIMMY KUTCHER WELCOMED BACK IN TWIN CITIES AREA

MINNEAPOLIS — James Kutcher, legless veteran whose "loyalty" firing by the government is now in its eleventh appeal, paid an extended visit to the Minnesota area in connection with his national tour to raise funds, through the sale of his book, The Case of the Legless Veteran, to carry his case to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Twin Cities supporters of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee welcomed Jimmy back to Minnesota at a social on Sept. 25. He described the more recent developments in his fight to be reinstated on his Newark Veterans' Administration clerical job from which he was fired in 1948 because of his socialist views.

The victimized veteran had a five-minute TV news broadcast on Sept. 30. Another recorded interview was broadcast on Oct. 10 over radio station WCCO, which claims the largest audience in the area.

A highlight of Kutcher's visit was his meeting in Willmar on Sept. 28. The pioneer liberal Willmar Tribune publicized the meeting. Farmers Union locals aided in building up the meet-

## Urge Militant Defense Against Racial Bigots

By Thelma Clyde

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18 — The year-long fight to end segregation in the Fire Department is heading for a showdown as the movement to end the stalling of city officials and remove bigoted Fire Chief John Alderson gains ground.

The latest stalling move of the segregation forces is the so-called "report on integration" by the Los Angeles Fireman's Fact Finding Committee. This "report" caps a full year of devious maneuvers to maintain the 20-year Jim Crow set-up in the department which has been sanctioned and operated by Republicans and Democrats alike.

The Los Angeles Daily News characterizes the report of the "fact finders" as "an unabashed effort to uphold the discredited doctrine of white supremacy." This is entirely correct. But the problem is: How can the "unabashed" racist Fire Chief, and all the Jim Crow forces gathered around him, be defeated and the shameful segregation practice in the Fire Department stopped?

Only the Socialist Workers Party candidates answer this question. All the candidates of the capitalist parties are either on the side of the racists or, while expressing concern over the "sorry state of affairs," have no proposal to offer that would defeat the tactics of the pro-segregation forces.

The California SWP ticket, Frank Barberia for Governor, Lillian Kiesel for Lt. Gov., and Erroll Banks for U. S. Senator, propose the immediate removal of Fire Chief Alderson. They propose to stop the stalling and introduce full equality in the Fire Department and all government departments as well as industry. Most of all, they propose a united front of the unions and the organizations of minority peoples to set in motion a counter-campaign to that of the racists and see the fight through to the finish.

The current attack on the Fire Department's segregation policies was launched last October at a public hearing of the Board of Fire Commissioners by attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. After a number of delays, the Board adopted a resolution on Dec. 10, expressing "complete confidence" in Chief Alderson.

NAACP attorneys then announced their intention to file suit to test the legality of the segregation. Mayor Poulson, asked the NAACP to hold off for six months. He "promised" there would be a "gradual correction" of the "unsatisfactory policies."

### NO ACTION

The six months expired July 7. The waiting period was over — but nothing had changed. Again the NAACP announced that it would file suit. This time the decision to renew the fight was strengthened by the action of the U. S. Supreme Court against segregation in public schools.

At this point the Board of Fire Commissioners saw fit to reverse its Dec. 10 decision in support of Fire Chief Alderson and passed a resolution recognizing the fact that 82 Negro firemen of Los Angeles are confined to two stations on Central Ave. except for one in the supply department and seven others in the fire prevention detail.

But the segregationists now sought to gain their ends by stalling. The City Attorney was asked for a legal opinion. Mayor Poulson also had to shift ground. In the face of rising indignation he sent a letter to the Board using strong language against the Fire Chief—but took no action. City Attorney Arneburgh got into the delaying act with a request that the Fire Chief "explain" the manner in which segregation promotes department efficiency, implying that integration might be incompatible with "efficiency."

Finally on July 20 the Board of Commissioners moved to break the stalemate: the chief was asked to give his recommendations on how Negroes could be inte-



ERROLL BANKS, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from California, has called for militant action by Negro and labor organizations in Los Angeles to end Jim-Crow segregation policy against Negro firemen.

grated throughout the Fire Department within six weeks.

Within a week the Chief made three proposals which in the words of NAACP spokesman Loren Miller were nothing but a "scheme to retain and extend segregation."

Chief Alderson submitted another plan at the end of the six-week period. It was merely an elaboration of the original "plan" which had already been rejected by the spokesman of the Negro firemen. The Board of Fire Commissioners, while rejecting the Alderson plan as "without merit" gave the Fire Chief another two weeks to come up with an acceptable plan.

On Oct. 8, the Los Angeles Tribune reports: "Six hundred brawny city firemen planted against the door of the Fire Commission hearing room yesterday barred lawyers for the NAACP from the hearing for more than an hour."

The Tribune says, "Comments were heard on all sides of the chamber of 'It can happen here,' just as 'it,' shameful racial outbreaks, had been happening in Baltimore, Md., and other Dixie cities all week as valiant Negro children pressed forward in their determination to exercise their constitutional right to enjoy integrated education."

It is clear that the battleline for and against segregation extends far across the country and penetrates every community and every field. The racists are on the offensive. They mean to put pressure on the Supreme Court with violent actions in the hope that they can stall all efforts to implement the recent U. S. Supreme Court anti-segregation ruling.

Los Angeles has become a hot-spot in the national fight. What is badly needed here is a united fighting front of Negroes, Mexican-Americans and every trade union in our area. In this connection the AFL Fire Fighters Union's segregationist resolution, blitzed through the AFL Central Labor Council, is a shameful act that must be reversed.

On the other hand the firm anti-segregation stand taken by the CIO Council in a resolution introduced by Woodrow Rito, prominent member of the NAACP Labor Committee, is a welcome step in the right direction.

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