



# Socialists in Michigan Push 1960 Ballot Drive

By George Breitman

DETROIT, Sept. 6—The long hard job of putting a socialist ticket on the ballot in Michigan is making steady progress. As it started the second month of petition-collecting the Socialist Workers Party reported that its members and friends have reached the half-way point in their campaign for a line on the 1960 ballot.

sands of signatures, the SWP is aiming at 32,000 from 16 counties. Getting that many signatures in hot, humid weather is a big achievement for a relatively small organization. It takes devotion to socialist principles, determination and hard work. Fortunately, SWP members and friends have enough of these qualities to make up for their small numbers.

meet to help put the SWP on the ballot. Many of them are now hoarse as well as bone-tired. No wonder, for it is estimated they have spoken to at least 50,000 people.

## West Coast Vacation School Enjoys a Capacity Turnout

BIG BEAR LAKE, CALIF., Sept. 7 — Socialists, trade unionists, and their families are gathered here for the ninth annual encampment of the West Coast Vacation School. They have come from Vancouver, Seattle, Oakland, Berkeley, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles and Hawaii.

Reconstruction Period through the Populist upsurge. Two lectures have been delivered by Arne Swabeck on "Ten Years of the Chinese Revolution."

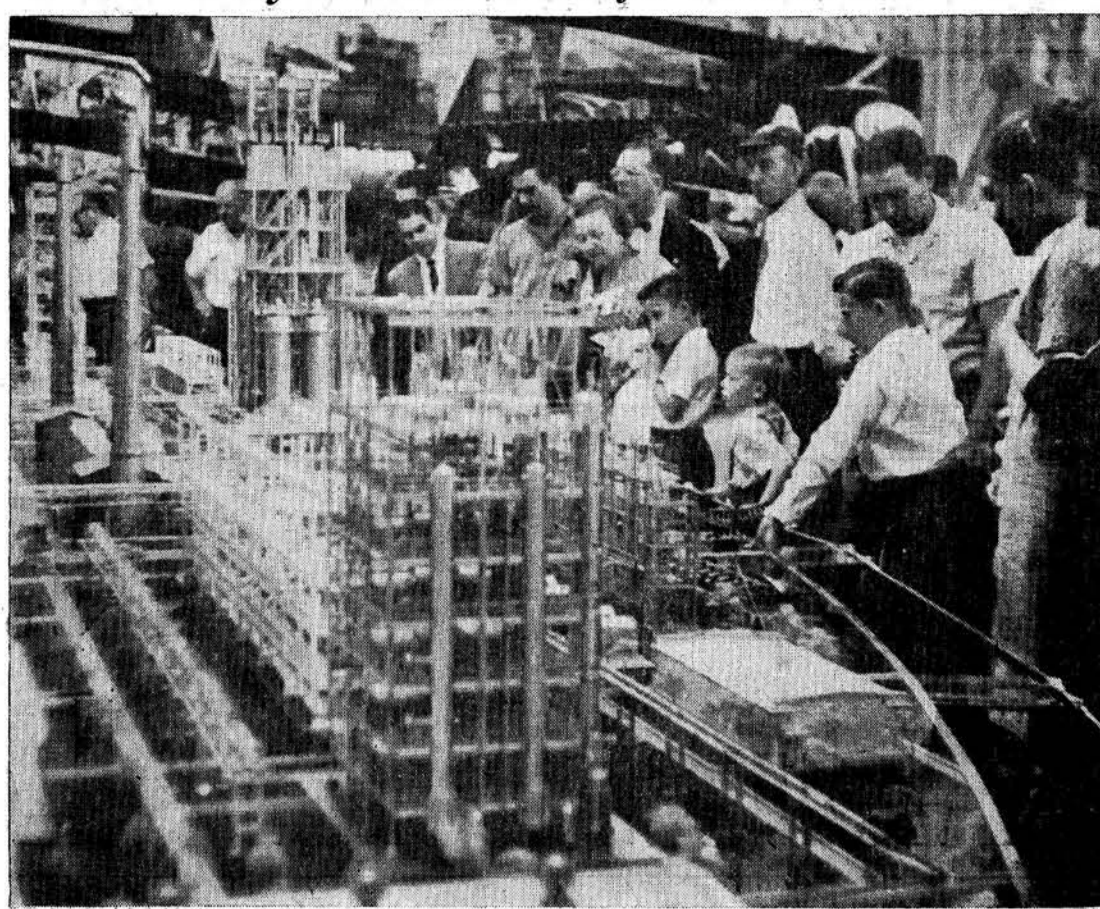
## ...N.Y. Labor Parade

(Continued from Page 1) and most exploited workers enjoyed good turnouts. District 65 of the Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Union, provided more than 10,000 marchers, a large number of them Negro and Puerto Rican workers.

## ...Sidelights

(Continued from Page 1) such a magnificent battle for union recognition got a lot of applause. They had two ambulances with posters explaining their own illness: "Hospital Workers Are Sick of Sweatshop Wages. We Want Full Union Recognition."

## They Wanted to See for Themselves



Many Americans are now reluctant to accept cold-war propaganda accounts of what is happening in the Soviet Union. More than a million people visited the Soviet fair held in New York this summer. This group of visitors is studying a model of an automated factory.

## Magazine Sees Public Opinion Becoming Favorable to USSR

By Bert Deck As the final preparations for receiving Soviet Premier Khrushchev get underway in this country, we hear gloomy warnings in some circles that the American public is going "soft on Communism."

of most Americans there exists some sort of ill-defined but very real interdependence between our freedom and our material well-being.

clear annihilation for the sake of our "manners," "truth" and "taste." The American working people's mode of thinking which connects technological progress, material well-being and freedom is fully justified in my opinion.

## Socialist Equality By 1965?

The high rate of growth of Soviet industry is becoming increasingly impressive. Many countries are studying the methods of planned economy in hope of duplicating the Soviet achievement.

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## ...Laos People Hostile

(Continued from Page 1) given these native politicians and the tiny aristocracy and merchant class they represent a license to steal. They have utilized this to the maximum.

artificially fixed exchange rate of dollars for Laotian kip. So profitable was it that merchants simply faked import papers to get the U.S. aid dollars, while in those relatively few cases where for appearances' sake some commodities had to be imported, items were chosen for sale in neighboring Thailand rather than in Laos.

# The American Way of Life

Dr. Hosler and Form 2153-X

It's quite easy for an American to get a publication from the Soviet Union through the mails. All that's required of him is that he fill out a form stating that he has "subscribed to, or otherwise solicited," material "which contains political propaganda as defined by the Foreign Registration Act." Simple.

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## When Socialism Caught America's Imagination

In 1912 the "Debs for President" campaign caught the imagination of the American labor movement; and the vote for socialism reached its high peak. What was the secret of Debs' success? Can militant trade-unionists of today learn something from this great American socialist leader?

Leon Trotsky was murdered by Stalin's secret political police 19 years ago, but his name is still constantly in the press. There are two reasons for this. (1) You can't understand the contradictory character of the Soviet Union unless you take Trotsky's analysis as your starting point. (2) Trotsky's name is synonymous with the program of revolutionary socialism which is moving more and more toward the center of the world stage.

PHONY IMPORTS One of the rackets described was that of phony imports, underwritten by U.S. funds at an

Labor Politics "Which Way for Labor: Democratic Party or Labor Party?" by Murry Weiss. Bulletin No. 3 of Marxist Studies. 22 pp. 25 cents. Pioneer Publishers 116 University Place New York 3, N.Y.



She Only Wanted To Die in Sicily

Editor: I read where the cops in New Brunswick arrested a Mrs. Nicolina Castagna, a widow 89 years old.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Castagna decided to hold on to the money for her trip to Sicily.

A stool pigeon told the Welfare Dept. about the savings (she's supposed to be destitute in order to get welfare checks).

her to pay the \$3500 to the Welfare Department. They probably figure that it's more patriotic for her to die in this country.

Irate Strap-Hanger Bawls Us Out Too

Editor: Why hasn't the Militant taken a stand on the horrible conditions in the New York subways? These days New Yorkers dread going to work.

All I can say is someone is making money out of this deal.

As a woman commented one morning as we waited for half an hour in a suffocating IRT train, "They just want another fare raise."

Will Texas Baptists Win Khrushchev?

Editor: I heard over TV this morning that thousands of Texas Baptists are going to petition heaven to make Mr. K. a Christian.

Mrs. T. L. Texas

Shutdown Hits All Shipyards In Northwest

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8 — Privately operated shipyards from here to the Canadian border are now shut down solid with various crafts joining in strike action for adequate wage increases.

About 1,500 members of the International Association of Machinists walked off the job Aug. 24 demanding a 22-cent hourly pay boost.

A week later the 2,000-member Pacific Coast Council of Marine Carpenters issued a formal strike call, shutting down those yards not already hit by the IAM.

The carpenters are demanding a one-year pact with a ten-cent pay hike and have rejected an offer of a two-year agreement including two annual seven-cent increases and fringe benefits.

The Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, representing nine international unions in the yards, is slated to make its walkout official today.

Thomas Rotell, executive secretary-treasurer of the Metal Trades Council, announced last week that his group would consider settling with individual firms for a two-year contract with a 36-cent package increase, including a dime an hour to establish a pension fund.

Rotell called upon the Federal Conciliation Service to intervene in the dispute. A government spokesman said this would be done at an opportune time.

All told, more than 14,000 workers are out.

Ga. Official Dumped In Pool Scandal

SEPT. 9 — A superintendent of public parks in East Point, a suburb of Atlanta, Ga., was fired yesterday for permitting a group of white girls to demonstrate swimming safety rules in a pool set aside for Negroes.

The East Point City Council voted five to three for the dismissal of J. Roy Grayson, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation for seven years.

Grayson, who was present, said he didn't know the girls were going to put on the demonstration until they were in the pool.

The mayor wants the world to know that white persons and Negroes were not in the pool at the same time.

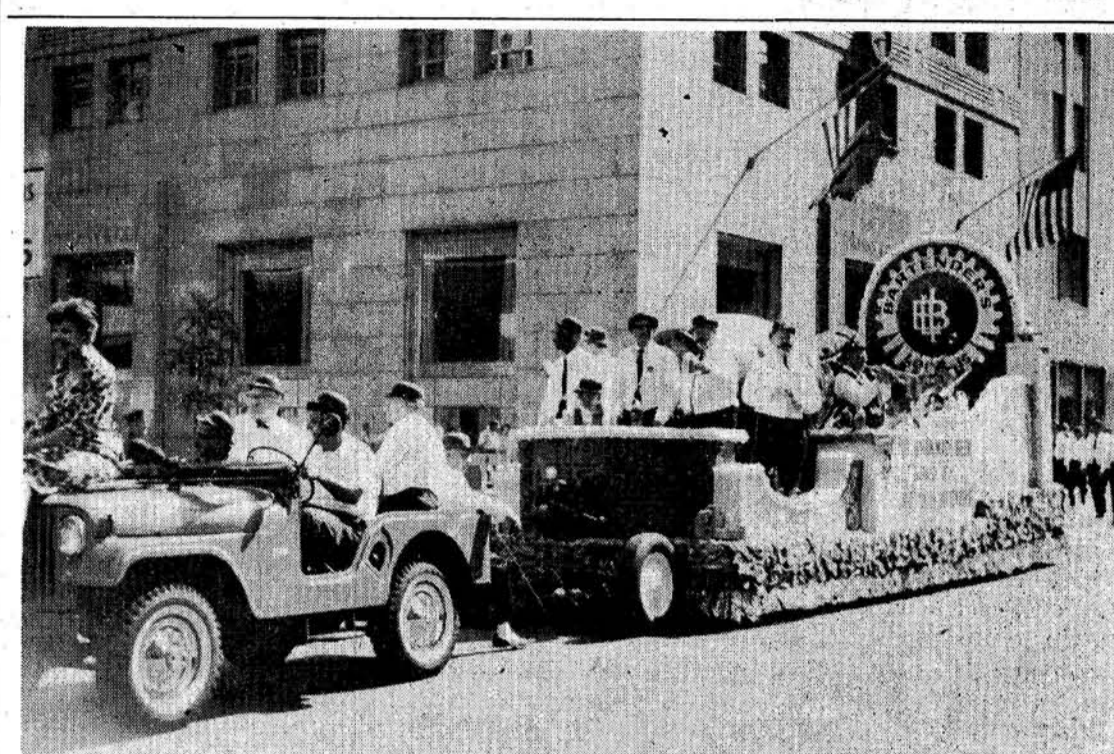
Calendar Of Events

NEW YORK You are invited to attend the New York State Conference on Independent and Socialist Political Action in 1960.

The Khrushchev-Eisenhower Meetings and the Prospects for World Peace will be the subject of the first of the regular Friday night forum series sponsored by the Militant Labor Forum.

MINNEAPOLIS "The Khrushchev Visit and World Peace." A lecture by V. R. Dunne, state chairman, Socialist Workers Party.

Swift & Co. Provokes Strike in Packerhouse



Union bartenders are combating the "Dry" as well as the bosses. One of the banners on their New York Labor Day Parade float proclaimed: "There is no drinking after Death."

By Tom Leonard

ST. PAUL — Twenty-eight hundred members of Local 167, United Packerhouse Workers Union, walked off the job at the South St. Paul Swift plant mid-night, Sept. 3.

The giant Swift company set the stage for the present strike at a March meeting of the Meat Packers Institute, according to an official of Local 167 who describes the institute as a "rump organization something like the National Association of Manufacturers."

While it suspended the 600 workers here, Swift also tried to get a court injunction against claimed slowdowns in its Des Moines and Denver plants.

Since negotiation opened last July, Swift has made clear that it is not seriously interested in a settlement and has confronted the union with impossible demands.

"If we agreed to that," said one negotiating committee member, "the company would begin shifting all its operations to the South and the guys in the North would be out of a job."

The union is demanding a settlement comparable to the new Armour agreement with some adjustment on conditions peculiar to the Swift plants.

Rank-and-file pickets are solidly behind the strike. One older-timer, reviewing Swift's anti-union history, said his father had worked for the company too and had always opposed the union.

Recalling the hardship Swift workers had suffered in previous strikes, he said that he had loaned a lot of money to fellow workers in one strike.

South St. Paul strikers will receive national and local union benefits after a one-week waiting period.

Meanwhile, Swift & Co. is continuing its efforts to intimidate union members with personal letters and other phony propaganda.

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Rosa Lee Ingram's Ordeal

To Negroes the double standard of Southern Justice is the American Way of Life.

The Ingram case made all three were sentenced to die on the trumped up charge of premeditated murder of a neighboring poor white farmer.

Rosa Ingram's own words describe the horror and degradation she felt: "He could not make me go his way, and he was mad. The last time he tried to make me go his way I cursed him... And that is just what it is about — me not having him... This white man was hiding in my cotton field. I did not see

him till he spoke to me... He threw his gun on me and I could not do anything but stand there.

"I was trying to do my own work, but I could not do it for that white man. He caused me to leave my children."

Petitions, telegrams, letters from all parts of the country and the world poured into the office of Judge William M. Harper who

sat on the case. An appeal for a new trial was heard by Harper in March 1948.

After 11 years of imprisonment in the penitentiary at Reidsburg, Ga., the Ingrams, who had never committed a crime in the first place, won a pardon and were freed Aug. 25.

Yes, the Ingrams are free. Rosa Ingram, now 51 years old, is reunited with her family. But eleven years have not changed the system that caused heart-break to a mother and her devoted sons.

Even now, in Florida, Negroes are pressing for equal justice. Four Negroes, convicted of raping white women, face death unless their sentences are commuted on Sept. 16 by the Board of Pardons.

Notes in the News

DIDN'T GO FAR ENOUGH — Robert Carlin, his half-brother, Darvell Amann, and their wives retreated into the Colorado mountains July 26 because they were "tired of people."

A MAGNETIC PROGRAM — The inquiring photographer for a San Francisco daily recently asked: "Do Americans over-emphasize sex?"

PROFITS AND POLIO — The incidence of polio in the United States dropped sharply after the introduction of the Salk vaccine in 1955.

KHRUSHCHEV BOOK SERIALIZED HERE — The Philadelphia Inquirer began publication Sept. 8 of a seven-part abridgment of a book by Soviet Premier Khrushchev recently published in Moscow under the title, "For Victory in Peaceful Competition With Capitalism."

GETTING WASHED OUT — The New York Brotherhood of Russian Bath Rubbers, the only union ever to advocate sweatshops, is suffering a declining membership.

CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE — The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee will sponsor a Conference on Unconstitutional Punishment by Congressional Committees at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City Friday evening, Oct. 16.

DEFENDER OF FOREIGN BORN DIES — Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, died in New York Sept. 5 of a brain tumor at the age of 46.

NEUTRAL ON BOSSES' SIDE — In a Sept. 6 sermon, Rev. O. A. Griesmeyer of New York's Little Church Around the Corner asserted "there is a great danger looming over labor today that its high aims and purposes may be lost in merely a grab for more and more money."

MORE DOUGH FOR JOE — The salary of Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, has been boosted from \$19,000 a year to \$35,000.

WISHLFUL THINKING — A Labor Day editorial in the New York World Telegram states that union leaders are concerned that American workers are improving their living standards so rapidly that they may some day no longer need unions.

WANTS TO 'CONTAIN' THE MOON — If the U.S. doesn't continue turning out weapons of destruction, "there would be nothing for us to do but wait for the red flag to be raised on the moon," said Dr. Wernher von Braun in a Sept. 6 speech.

Hard Luck, Bad Times And a \$31 Pay Check

By Henry Gitano

NEW YORK CITY — Welded together by a strong spirit of militancy and solidarity, 400 cruelly exploited kitchen workers have been on strike for union recognition at four Stouffer restaurants here since Aug. 11.

"We've been abused and pushed around. We have no protection. I've worked here for almost ten years. I'm married and have two children. How am I expected to raise and educate my family?" asks Jose Rios Torres, garbage man at the 666 Fifth Avenue shop.

Nathaniel Robinson, food supply and grillman, adds: "I've been working for Stouffer's for two years and I'm earning \$1.15 an hour. My take-home pay is \$43. I can't support myself on this, let alone think of getting married."

Six picketlines at the Fifth Avenue restaurant, biggest of the lucrative chain, vigorously admonish the noon-day crowds: "Pass 'em by. How would you like to cook behind hot ranges for a dollar an hour?"

A picket sign effectively answers "Why there's a strike at Stouffer's." It's a large bloup of a pre-strike pay stub. "Rate — \$1.00." "Gross amount — \$39.17." "Net amount paid — \$31.12." At the strike headquarters of Local 89, Chefs, Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants, pickets tell the story of their fight for union recognition.

OVERDUE

"I'm on strike for better wages and working conditions," says Miss Sylvana Scott, a cook with a gregarious personality and an infectious smile. "I started for \$1.05. When the union began its activities I'm raising my wages and now I'm getting \$1.20 an hour. What kind of wage is this? No medical plan, no real vacations, no job security. That's what we're striking for. It should have been done a long time ago."

She bit into a sandwich and another striker brought over a cup of coffee. "I'll tip you later," she said. "We don't get tips at Stouffer's," she explained, "only hard luck and bad times."

San Francisco Teamsters

(Continued from Page 1) still threatens them. Workers often speak of it as "automation," by which they mean all forms of mechanization and rationalization.

The large trucking operators want a free hand to introduce what new methods they please — to merge, reorganize, change and overhaul their entire operations. For the sake of non-interference by the union they are willing to pay a premium to a minority of the workers involved.

The local Teamster leaders achieved their job security many years ago and they just naturally took it for granted that the victims of a changing industry had no one to blame but themselves.

The big red scare never got off the ground. It was very clearly demonstrated that these workers could not be distracted or confused by the issue of "Communism."

SECRET BALLOT ISSUE

Another weapon that was used with some effect was the issue of a secret ballot. The press made much of the fact that the previously negotiated contract had been turned down by "mob" action.

Rank-and-file leaders were opposed to the secret ballot because they had little confidence in its honesty. Too many times in the local labor movement have rank-and-file-opposed issues come out on top in a secret ballot.

Off-duty pickets expressed their approval with a burst of laughter as a Spanish-speaking worker replied, "Why do you think Castro threw out Batista?"

Another worker interrupted, "Tell him how you signed us up." She was game. "Well, I went to the ladies' room to get the pledge cards signed."

The company hires many Negro and Puerto Rican workers because they are under more pressure to take jobs at sweatshop pay. It was also hoped they would not go for unionism.

How did Miss Scott get involved in the organizing drive? "When I asked for a raise, they told me my work was good but I was too fresh at the mouth. I couldn't get a raise because my attitude was very poor."

Another union member had been reading his paper. He looked up and said "That's how the revolution started."

The union is providing \$30 a week strike benefits plus meals. Those who can't afford to stay out on benefits are placed in union shops.

Mrs. Anna Burnett, a meat cook, said, "Now the people have someone to talk for them. There's nothing Stouffer's can do about it."

Backing by the membership of Local 89 is solid. At an Aug. 17 membership meeting assessments of \$10 and \$20 were approved unanimously.

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