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British Columbia Unions to Send Cuba Delegation

VANCOUVER, B.C., Oct. 29 — One of the most significant actions of the recently held convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO) was the decision to send the top officers of that body for a first-hand look

Myra Weiss Winds Up with Bid to Youth

"The determination displayed by so many thinking students to resist the danger of nuclear war has greatly impressed me," said Myra Tanner Weiss after speaking at numerous colleges in New York and New Jersey the week-end of her campaign. "History has placed on this rising generation the immense responsibility for seeing that the imperialist warmakers do not blow up this planet and incinerate the human race. Their hopes for peace, their idealism can find the best place for its expression and realization in the struggle for a Socialist America."

She expressed the hope that after the election, the many young people who had taken a "vote-socialist" stand would give their support to the Young Socialist Alliance.



MYRA, TANNER WEISS

at the Cuban Revolution. The convention also urged all local unions to elect representatives to accompany the federation officers and make it a mass delegation.

The question was raised as a suggestion by Federation Secretary Pat O'Neal when the report of the Committee on International Affairs was being considered.

O'Neal pointed out that little information of an unbiased character was available; that the vicious reports in the capitalist press were obviously slanted; that this social revolution demanded the closest attention, and study by the Canadian labor movement; that the truth could only be brought to the Canadian workers through first-hand reporting and contact.

The suggestion was referred back to the committee which, in due course, recommended favorably.

New Yorkers: Hear Farrell Dobbs on WNEW-TV Channel 5, Sun., Nov. 6 at 11 p.m.

The resolution received overwhelming and enthusiastic support. Only a bare handful of reactionary idiots mouthed the brain-washed arguments derived from the capitalist press.

In the waning moments of the convention, under the order of Unfinished Business, Delegate Fred McNeil of Local 507 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union called attention to a report that the former head of the Cuban Federation of Labor, Mujal — a Batista henchman who fled from Cuba with his sadistic master — was now allegedly a paid consultant of George Meany, headman of the American AFL-CIO.

That this was the source of most of the anti-Cuban propaganda circulated through trade-union channels seemed to be an

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A Final Spurt Will Assure Fund Goal

By Tom Kerry

Organizational Secretary, Socialist Workers Party

The two-week extension of our \$12,000 Campaign Fund to November 15 has given the branches of the Socialist Workers party the additional time needed to complete their pledges in full. Practically all branches have assured us that their fund quota will be met by the November 15 deadline. There will be no extension beyond that date.

This week's scoreboard (see page 2) indicates that we are over the hump and all that remains is to mop up on remaining pledges.

British Socialists Ask Aid for Cuba

LONDON — A protest march against U.S. aggression in Cuba has been called by the Socialist Labor League for Tuesday, Nov. 8 (U.S. Election Day). The demonstrators will march from Charing Cross Road to the Cuban Embassy.

The Socialist Labor League, a revolutionary socialist formation in the British Labor party, has appealed to all the party and the unions to speak out against projected U.S. intervention in Cuba. Its weekly journal, the Newsletter, declared Oct. 22: "British Labor should stand by the Cuban people. The policy of Castro for the nationalization of the basic industries is a policy dear to the heart of the labor movement in this country."

Our well-worn collection hat is off to Allentown, Boston, Chicago and San Diego. They met the original closing date in full and on time. What it took to accomplish that was spelled out in a letter that accompanied San Diego's final check:

"Here it is — we made it! And on time. Don't ask me how. We ransacked every pocket, raided our treasury and reached into every reserve. But we made it and that's what counts. Yours for the biggest election campaign ever."

For the SWP, this has been the biggest campaign ever — one that opens splendid opportunities for the growth of the socialist movement after the campaign.

We have happily invested what is for us a staggering amount of money for literature, stationery and postage to reply to the flood of responses to our candidates' television and radio appearances.

That's all to the good. But it also means that after election day we'll be ransacking our pockets to meet the bills that have been coming in at a rate that almost seems to match the radio and TV responses.

So, we still need your help. The one, five and ten dollar bills that have already come, directly to us for the fund have been a tremendous help. And it's not too late to join in. Send a contribution today to: Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York 3, N.Y.

"Socialist Struggle for Peace Will Go On," Dobbs Pledges

SWP Election News Campaigning for Socialism

This is the fourth presidential campaign the Socialist Workers party has engaged in. Of the four it has been the most effective and has aroused the greatest response to the message of socialism.

The successes have turned this column into something of a bottleneck. How can the reports from the campaigners in various parts of the country possibly get the space they deserve!

Since we haven't mentioned even once what has been going on in our national headquarters, let's turn the spotlight there.

Carol Lynn has been battling on the TV and radio front. The Democrats and Republicans changed the law to give themselves a virtual monopoly of free time on the air in this campaign. But Carol refused to accept the brush off. She has waged a mail and telephone campaign that simply refused to take "no" as meaning anything but "maybe."

The result was some important break-throughs. Her telephone, however, is one of the busiest in the building as the Militant staff is acutely aware, since, having no exchange board, they have to answer it when it rings.

Reba Aubrey, Evelyn Reed and Constance Farr have been opening, sorting, processing, answering and stuffing envelopes and putting on the stamps — doing their utmost to catch up on the flood of mail.

And some of that mail is urgent. An astonishing number of replies to the TV and radio speeches of the candidates have come airmail with appeals for speed in sending campaign literature for friends and acquaintances before Nov. 8.

Not much help is available in this important work because the New York members and friends of the Socialist Workers party are out campaigning in the streets.

Richard Garza, New York chairman of the Dobbs-Weiss Committee, says he has never seen anything like it. His phone is jumping with calls for platforms and literature.

The New York Local of the Socialist Workers party has consistently drawn crowds of 200 to 300 at street rallies in the best areas. Hecklers are vociferous and occasionally belligerent but the number of those in the audience who express interest and sympathy has surprised the campaigners.

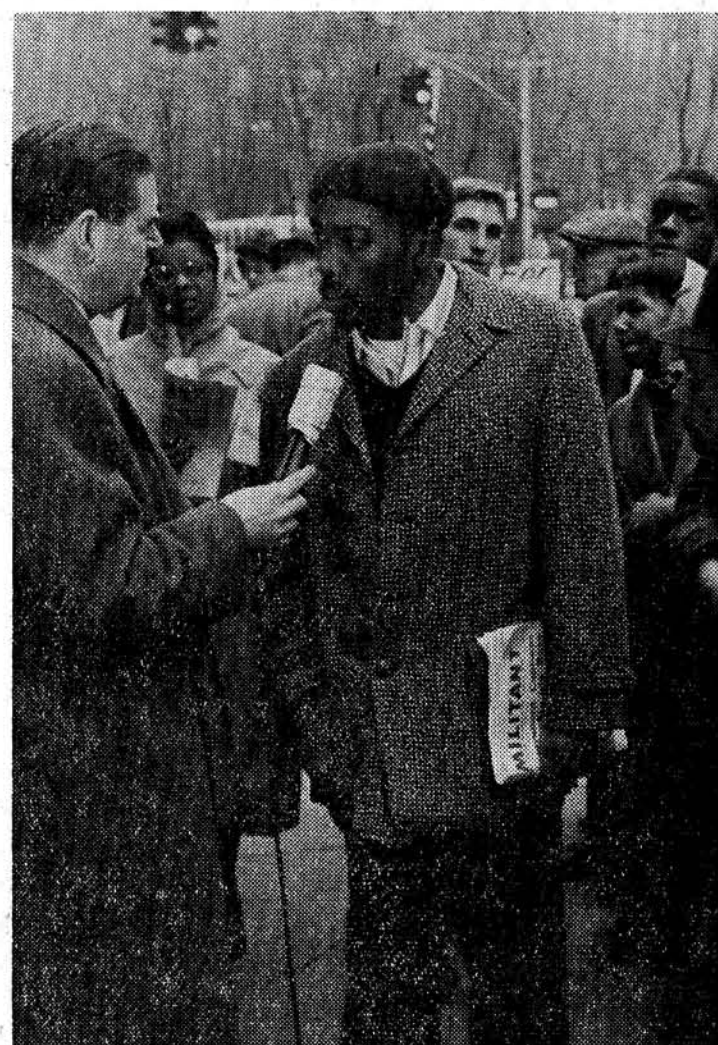
A sure sign of the sympathy is the offers that come from members of the crowd to take the platform to tell off the hecklers. Some of them have proved extremely effective.

The experience is developing a new group of socialist speakers. One of the most promising is a young member of the SWP who first ran into the party at a street meeting in Greenwich Village early in the campaign.

Of the literature sold at street meetings, the recently published pamphlet, "The Truth About Cuba," is proving to be a best seller. In New York, more than 400 copies have been sold since it came off the press.

Pioneer Publishers tell us that a similar response is evident in other parts of the country. Beatrice Hansen, manager of Pioneer, tells us that she knows personally how much appeal the pamphlet has because she has taken armful out for test runs at likely spots.

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Cornelius Suarez, Jr., tells a British Television interviewer that he's campaigning for the Socialist Workers ticket because it offers a practical program for labor and the Negro people. Suarez was interviewed near Union Square when British Television came down to cover Farrell Dobbs addressing an open-air rally in New York. For Suarez, being interviewed on television was one more opportunity to spread the socialist viewpoint. An active campaigner for Dobbs, he was the target, along with two others, of an attempted police frame-up in June. After addressing a Dobbs-Weiss street rally they were jailed for "disorderly conduct." The judge threw out the case.

ACLU Hits Alaska's Ballot Ban on SWP

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 — The American Civil Liberties Union has called on Alaska's Governor, William Egan, to recommend a change in the state's election code so that minority parties will have a better chance of placing their presidential candidates on the ballot.

Citing the recent denial of a ballot place to the Socialist Workers party, the civil-liberties group said the present system "fatally impairs" a minority party's right to gain access to the ballot in presidential election years. The ACLU's views were contained in a letter to Gov. Egan by executive director Patrick Malin Murphy and legal director Roland Watts.

Under the Alaskan election code, the article which estab-

Canadian Labor Wins By-Election

While union officials in this country support antilabor candidates of the Democratic party, the newly organized Canadian Labor party has shown what independent political action can accomplish by defeating the governing Conservative party in a by-election contest for a seat in Parliament from Peterboro, Ontario. It had been a Conservative seat for 20 years.

The new party was launched by the Canadian Congress of Labor, the counterpart of the AFL-CIO, last April in cooperation with the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation.

The Canadian union leaders had long supported the Liberal party but finally took the road of independent political action after the Liberals "rewarded" them by supporting antilabor legislation similar to the Democrats' Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law.

Urges Year Round Fight Against War, For Jobs, Equality, Abundance for All

"The struggle for peace will have to be vigorously carried forward after Nov. 8, whether the Democratic or Republican candidate goes to the White House," declared Socialist Workers presidential candidate Farrell Dobbs in New York City the weekend before the voters went to the polls.

"From the outset of their campaigns Kennedy and Nixon have been outbidding each other in cold war brinkmanship. Their belligerence toward Cuba has posed the danger of war even more acutely than their hostility toward the People's Republic of China," his statement asserted.

"Nixon has announced that nuclear weapons will inevitably be employed in any war against the Soviet Union (and even against China). He says no limits can be placed on arms spending.

"Kennedy has already suggested a boost in the arms budget of at least \$3 billion more than the present \$40 billion each year for the next decade. He is willing to resume underground nuclear tests and in general to continue the imperialist foreign policies of the Eisenhower administration.

"There can be no prospect of enduring peace or any end to the arms race so long as either the Democrats or Republicans govern in Washington," his statement continued. "The struggle for peace can be won only through taking political and economic power from the capitalist instigators and profiteers of war served by these parties. This can only be done by a Workers and Farmers government guided by a socialist program."

Dobbs pointed out that the Socialist Workers candidates have been campaigning for the only course for peace that squarely challenges the bipartisan war policies of the major parties. "We alone have advocated a permanent halt to all A- and H-bomb tests and the scrapping of nuclear stockpiles. We have urged that U.S. troops be withdrawn from foreign soil and that all military bases abroad be given up as evidence of our peaceful intentions toward the rest of the world."

"Our stand against cold-war diplomacy has been welcomed wherever voters have had the chance to hear our socialist views and our proposals," he said.

"Once the votes have been counted, the Negro people can expect a minimum of action on all the promises they have given on equal rights," Dobbs predicted. "Senator Kennedy may put in a good word for Rev. King, but he was framed — up in the Democratic state of Georgia. And Senators Lyndon B. Johnson and Eastland will be among the most powerful figures in any Democratic administration."

"The Negro people will have to resume their fight for equality along the same independent, militant lines as the sit-down demonstrators have done, if they are to win even a small down payment on any pre-election pledges. They will find the Socialist Workers members with them wherever they are battling against Jim Crow," promised Dobbs.

"To meet the threat of growing and chronic unemployment our party will support the demands of the steel, auto and other workers for a reduction in hours with no reduction in pay.

"The Socialist Workers party is not a machine out after votes which springs to life during an election and then stays dormant until the next one. We remain active participants at all times on all fronts wherever the welfare of the people must be safeguarded and injustices combated.

"It is our job to help educate the American people in the ideas of socialism and the world of abundance it can provide. We ask the many new friends who have learned about us during this campaign and agree with our views and aims to do their best to counteract the lies and misinformation of the big business press. An important way of doing this is to widen the circulation of the Militant.

"Join the Socialist Workers party to strengthen the movement for a Socialist America and a world of permanent peace," Dobbs urged at the conclusion of his appeal.

Independents Push Drive for SWP Ticket

NEW YORK — The committee of Independents and Socialists for Electoral Action in 1960 are pressing vigorously here to help pile up a significant vote for the Socialist Workers presidential ticket.

On Oct. 31, the committee published an ad in support of Dobbs and Weiss in the National Guardian. The statement was signed by 45 prominent New York independents and unaffiliated socialists and by 20 others across the country who associated themselves with the statement.

The advertisement will also appear in the Village Voice and, if the funds can be raised, in the New York Post.

New York signers of the statement included the noted economist, Dr. Otto Nathan; civil-rights attorney Conrad J. Lynn; Max Bedacht, a founding leader of the Communist party; Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, 1958 Independent-Socialist candidate for lieutenant governor, and William A. Price, coordinator of the 1958 Independent-Socialist campaign.

Signers from outside New York included Warren K. Billings of the famed Mooney-Billings case; Vincent Hallinan, 1952 Progressive party banner-bearer; the internationally known socialist writer and lecturer, Scott Nearing, and Muriel McAvo, one of the organizers of the Progressive party.

The Indignities Go On 24 Hours of the Day

"The indignities suffered by our Negro citizens may be more brutal and obvious in the South. But they go on every hour of the day and night in the North, East and West as well," stated Gladys Barker Grauer, Socialist Workers candidate for U.S. Senator from New Jersey, in a summary of her election position last week.

"Early this month, for instance, in New York, a distinguished Democratic mayor, a distinguished foreign visitor was manhandled by the police simply because of his skin color. Ferdinand Oyono, permanent delegate of the Cameroons, was walking in a crowd of white persons near the UN building. He was singled out by a policeman who demanded to see his papers. No one else was asked for papers. He was the only Negro there at the time.

"Oyono said that the police twisted his right arm behind his back while mounted cops closed in on him, put him under arrest, and took him to the station house. Later, upon identification, he was released with apologies.

"This same kind of police brutality occurs daily in our Northern cities," declared Mrs. Grauer. "And the Negro citizens who are picked up and abused do not get any apologies. Indeed, they're lucky if they aren't jailed.

"This is the sort of thing the Socialist Workers party is

pledged to combat. Our struggle against Jim Crow will not end with the election. In fact, it will not cease until everyone in this country achieves full equality.

"Anyone who pins hopes for equal rights on a Democratic victory should keep in mind what Senator Eastland said about Lyndon Johnson this past week on television: 'You have to give him credit. He took everything relating to integration out of those civil rights bills. . . . He has always opposed Congress' implementing the segregation decisions of the Supreme Court.'"



GLADYS BARKER GRAUER

New Yorkers: Vote Socialist Workers — Vote ROW D!

Socialist Fund Scoreboard

City	Quota	Paid	Percent
Allentown	\$ 85	\$ 85	100
Boston	300	300	100
Chicago	600	600	100
San Diego	200	200	100
New York	3,325	3,136	94
Twin Cities	950	830	87
Detroit	470	410	86
Pittsburgh	10	8	80
Los Angeles	3,450	2,708	78
Seattle	375	284	76
Newark	200	137	69
Connecticut	75	50	67
Milwaukee	225	148	66
San Francisco	325	175	54
Cleveland	485	255	53
Berkeley-Oakland	325	170	52
Philadelphia	300	151	50
St. Louis	75	23	31
Denver	50	0	0
General	175	256	146
Total through Nov. 1	\$12,000	\$9,926	83

Vote Socialist!

You can vote socialist in the following states by casting your ballot for **Farrell Dobbs** and **Myra Tanner Weiss**, candidates of the **SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY** for president and vice president.

Colorado: (presidential electors).
Iowa: (presidential electors, ballot designation, "Farmer Labor.")
Michigan: (presidential electors). Vote for Frank Lovell for U.S. senator; Robert Himmel for governor; Evelyn Sell for lieutenant governor; Larry Dolinski for secretary of state; Rita Shaw for attorney general; Harriet Talan for state treasurer; Edith Gbur for auditor general.
Minnesota: (presidential electors.) Vote for Carl Feingold for U.S. senator.
Montana: (presidential electors).
New Jersey: (presidential electors). Vote for Gladys Grauer for U.S. senator.
New York: (presidential electors). Vote row "D."
North Dakota: (presidential electors.)
Pennsylvania: (presidential electors, ballot designation, "Workers Party"). Vote for Morris Chertov for state treasurer; Arthur Felberbaum for auditor general.
Utah: (presidential electors, ballot designation, "Socialist Workers and Farmers Party").
Washington: (presidential electors). Vote for Jack Wright for governor.
Wisconsin: (presidential electors).

"I Believe You're on the Right Track"

I am very interested in the Socialist Workers party since I heard about it recently. Your ideas are new and fascinating. Please send me campaign buttons, pamphlets, etc. (If there is any charge I will be glad to send it to you.) I would also like to be on your mailing list.

G.K.F. Schenectady, N. Y.

views were of great interest to me. I feel that your party and candidate are the right ones to lead America out of her crisis. I would therefore appreciate information and campaign literature so that I can inform my friends of the good you will do for America.

L.T. Racine, Wis.

Best Response SWP Has Had

We are publishing here a sampling of the response to Farrell Dobbs' nationwide radio speech over ABC on Oct. 22, "Why Can't We Be on the Side of Peace?" The text of the speech appeared in the last issue of the Militant.

The proportion of letters telling us to drop dead and go back to Cuba and Russia was extremely small.

At this point, the response to the campaigning of the Socialist Workers party is the most favorable since the organization was launched.

I heard your address and am thoroughly in agreement with all your premises — especially on Cuba. Please send me your weekly.

M.L.C. San Francisco, Calif.

It was a very gratifying experience to hear your fine address on ABC. It is to be hoped that a large number of people took advantage of the opportunity to learn these truths—a very welcome change from the outrageous propaganda we are getting from the two capitalist candidates.

G.A.J. Grand Rapids, Mich.

I listened to your Oct. 22 radio broadcast and it was dynamic. Is transcript available? If so, please send it to me as well as other pertinent literature.

Mrs. S.L. Brooklyn, N.Y.

I'm a Democrat who is quite happy with John Kennedy, but would like to learn more about your party. Please send information offered on ABC.

J.C. Roselle, N.J.

I listened to you on the radio Saturday evening and I am for your party 100 per cent. Please send me some literature.

Mrs. A.B. East Rockaway, N.Y.

After hearing Farrell Dobbs on the radio with his common-sense analysis of American domestic and foreign policies, I was very happy to know there are still some Americans left with a little rational thinking. Good luck.

H.B. Middleburg, N.Y.

I listened to your radio talk and I agree with you — let those islands settle their own troubles. We, the American people, do not want war.

Please send me your paper and thank you.

Mrs. M.B.H. Citrus Heights, Calif.

I listened to your candidate for president on the radio last night. I am a student at the University of Illinois. A friend of mine and I have been interested in the Socialist Workers party for

I have just heard your party's candidate for the presidency speak over the radio tonight. Your position, as he put it forth, is precise, clear and sane.

Not since the days of my friend La Guardia have I heard any candidate for public office get right down to the real issues, set them forth with brilliant clarity and, in so doing, reveal the boring generalities of the major party candidates.

Enclosed is my check for \$5 for which, if you have one to send, I'd like a tape recording of tonight's address. If you can't send one, please send me your literature. In any event, keep the \$5.

C.R.M. New York, N.Y.

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I am a registered Democrat. I think our primary election, at least here in California, was a farce this year and I believe we need to do something to change our way of electing a president of this wonderful nation.

I would like information on your party as soon as possible. Why can't your party be on stations easy to get and hear well and on TV as are the Democrats and Republicans?

Mrs. N.L.C. Arlington, Calif.

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Settlement at GE Is Followed by Reprisal Firings

By Fred Halstead

The General Electric Corporation is pressing its efforts to housebreak the International Union of Electrical Workers by firings and suspensions against leading local unionists.

Lovell Defends Cuban Premier in Twin Cities

By Earl North

MINNEAPOLIS — The U.S. press branded Cuban Premier Fidel Castro as "even worse than Hitler" at the recent United Nations meeting because he dared present arguments never previously heard in that assembly, an SWP candidate declared here Oct. 22.

Frank Lovell, senatorial candidate from Michigan, told a Twin City audience that Castro incurred wrath because he set forth in the UN for the first time "the doctrine of revolution" throughout Latin America and the rest of the world.

Lovell observed that the campaign of the press and State Department against Soviet Premier Khrushchev was not so rabid as that launched against the Cuban leader.

"For using the UN to enunciate the right of oppressed peoples to throw out dictators and imperialists," Lovell said, "Castro was pictured as a rude, uncouth, barbaric dictator and harassed in every way."

Lovell said that the UN, which was "originally conceived" as an instrument of imperialist foreign policy, is no longer a mere rubber stamp for the U.S. State Department but also "a forum for the expression of world opinion."

He urged support for the Minnesota SWP senatorial candidate Carl Feingold whose campaign committee sponsored the public meeting.

Calendar of Events

NEW YORK

"The New Administration—Why It Won and Where It Will Go." An appraisal by George Lavan, national secretary, Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee. Friday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. at 116 University Place (Off Union Square.) Contrib. 50 cents. Ausp. Militant Labor Forum.

Local Directory

BOSTON
 Boston Labor Forum, 295 Huntington Ave., Room 200.
CHICAGO
 Socialist Workers Party, 302 South Canal St., Room 210. WE 9-5044.
CLEVELAND
 Socialist Workers Party, 5511 Euclid Ave., Room 203.
DENVER
 Militant Labor Forum, 1227 California. MAIn 3-0993. For labor and socialist books, International Book Exchange, 1227 1/2 California. Open 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mon. through Fri.
 Eugene V. Debs Hall, 3737 Woodward Temple 1-6135.
LOS ANGELES
 Forum Hall and Modern Book Shop, Socialist Workers Party, 1702 East Fourth St. AN 9-4953 or WE 5-9238. Open 12 noon — 5 p.m. daily, Sat. 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
MILWAUKEE
 150 East Juneau Ave.

MINNEAPOLIS
 Socialist Workers Party and Labor Forum, 704 Hennepin Ave., Hall 400. FEderal 2-7781.
NEWARK
 Newark Labor Forum, Box 361, Newark, N. J.
NEW YORK CITY
 Militant Labor Forum, 116 University Place, AL 5-7852.
OAKLAND-BERKELEY
 P.O. Box 341, Berkeley 1, Calif.
PHILADELPHIA
 Militant Labor Forum and Socialist Workers Party, 1303 W. Girard Ave. Lectures and discussions every Saturday, 8 P.M., followed by open house. Call PO 3-5820.
SAN FRANCISCO
 The Militant, 1145 Polk St., Room 4. Sat. 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Phone PR 6-7296; if no answer, WA 4-2321.
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 1412-18th Avenue, EA 5-0191. Lt. brary, bookstores.

L.A. Pickets Demand End To Witch-Hunt

By Della Rossa

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Oct. 26 — Inside the swank Beverly Hilton here tonight several hundred well-heeled admirers paid tribute to Congressman Donald Jackson for his ten years of witch-hunting service on the House Un-American Activities Committee. The women looked sleek in their "little minks."

Outside the hotel 200 student pickets, ignoring lynch-spirit incitements against them in Beverly Hills Citizen editorials, made it clear that they refused to honor either Jackson or the thought-control Un-American Committee.

"Don't Honor a Dishonorable Committee," their placards said. Other signs read: "Stop Investigation of Our Thoughts," "Youth Wants an End to an Infringement of Our Freedoms," "The HUAC is Un-American," and "Stop the Witch Hunt."

The young people, who had been called to the protest by the Independent Students Union, marched briskly for three hours like disciplined veterans of picket lines. Indeed, most of them are, having participated previously in the weekly Woolworth boycotts, the Peace March in July, or the demonstration for civil rights at the Democratic convention.

Some pickets wore Kennedy buttons. Others displayed big red and white "Students for Dobbs and Weiss" buttons.

In his address Jackson referred to the youthful pickets as "rumpus room revolutionaries who have not grasped the nature of the fundamental conflict between the free world and the slave world."

In the name of this "freedom", the Beverly Hills Citizen had suggested that the picket line of "communists" be broken up. The pickets were instructed by the initiators of the march to "be polite, calm and reasonable to everyone, including the police, hecklers and other picketers."

Picket leader Franklin Alexander said that an American Civil Liberties Union representative was on hand to observe any attempted assault. But nothing except a few hostile remarks were directed against them.

As the student pickets stacked their placards promptly at 8:30, most of them planned to meet the next night in nearby Santa Monica to protest the FBI film of the San Francisco demonstrations last spring against the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Social Crisis Resolved

For the customer with "an old small garage," the Cadillac Company will market a 215-inch car in 1961. The poor man's special will be seven inches shorter than the "prestige" models and will carry a price tag of "about" \$5,000.

Last night I heard your candidate for president on the radio. His short speech impressed me very much and I would like additional information about the purposes of the Socialist Workers party.

It seems to me that minority parties such as yours should be granted more time and opportunity to express their views.

C.C. Cincinnati, O.

I just heard your radio broadcast and I found it very interesting. I was sorry you didn't have more time to elaborate your ideas. They sounded very sound to me.

I have never been very interested in politics until this election. Since so many students on campus are interested it is hard not to be.

The Young Democrats and the Young Republican clubs do much to build up this interest. I have been reading up on both parties and going to the Young Republican Club although I am a very firm Democrat.

Yet it seems to me that neither party offers what the voters want. I know of several people who are not voting because they do not like Nixon or Kennedy. Personally I like Stevenson.

I wish the voters could hear the platform of the Socialist Workers party. Many, I'm sure, would consider voting for it.

I would appreciate your sending me as much literature as you can about the Socialist Workers party.

Although I can't vote in this election, I'll be able to in the next one (if the country is still here).

Miss J.V. Charleston, Ill.

I heard your candidate for president on ABC last night and I became very interested in his speech. I am especially interested in his approach to the Cuban issue.

Please send me some literature and also your weekly paper.

C.S. Westchester, Ill.

Please send me more information about your party and platform.

I think you should put on more programs because I believe people don't know about your party.

R.A.K. Detroit, Mich.

I heard the radio speech by your presidential candidate. His

Advertisement

When I arrived with members of the SWP campaign committee to pass out socialist literature, the place had the appearance of an oversized morgue. I walked into the hall, which seats about 7,000, to see how many people were there at 7:20.

About 75 poor souls were bunched up in the front rows as if for mutual warmth and encouragement. An assortment of stuffed shirts and bow ties on the rostrum tried bravely to look nonchalant.

Two years ago at a similar meeting, 2,000 came out to hear Senator Jackson. I showed up as a socialist candidate for state senate and two big goons took me by both arms and roughly ejected me. This time there was not enough enthusiasm to even throw me out. They just sat and looked at me sheepishly.

One of our comrades introduced me to a labor official as the SWP candidate for governor of Washington. He shook my hand rather warmly and said: "You'd better watch yourself, Jack, or you'll probably find yourself elected, judging from the size of this meeting."

When I was with the Com-

munist party, the party brass told me it was our duty to work in the Democratic party to be with the "masses" and some day we should be able to coax them out of this den of iniquity and organize them into a labor party.

Frankly, I didn't see any labor party material in the Auditorium unless one would include Ed Weston and Rossellini. There was not much else there.

... To Visit Cuba

(Continued from Page 1) obvious conclusion, he contended, and something should be done about it.

Angus McFee, Local 708 of the Pulp and Sulphite Workers union, who followed McNeil at the "mike," immediately moved that the British Columbia Federation of Labor initiate an investigation of this situation and, if substantiated, demand the necessary remedial action. The resolution carried.

The whole tenor of the discussion on Cuba at the convention reflected a wholesome turn towards international solidarity of the working class in struggle.

By extension, the full implication of the manifestly unfolding "colonial revolt" and the positive role that the organized working class can play in this world-wide social upheaval, can develop and be followed by appropriate action.

Unionists in every trade-union center across Canada should respond to the lead of the British Columbia section and send observation delegations to Cuba.

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They Know Their Man

Senator Kennedy has received an exceptionally broad range of endorsement. His supporters come from such opposing quarters as Senator Eastland of Mississippi and Representative Adam Clayton Powell of Harlem, witch-hunting Representative Walter and the civil-libertarian Corliss Lamont, Wall Street's voice, the New York Times, (open endorsement) and the Communist party newspaper, the Worker, (shame-faced hints to vote for him).

The New York Times' choice of Kennedy over Nixon carries considerable significance for anyone familiar with top politics in the United States. The Times is the most authoritative journalistic voice on national and international affairs for the central corps of bankers and big businessmen who really rule this country. Its stamp of approval on Kennedy means that this "power elite," after rigid inspection and careful appraisal, have found the Democratic candidate to measure up to the specifications the monopolists and militarists require in the White House for the next four years.

They especially rely upon Kennedy to carry forward the cold-war policies of the Eisenhower regime. "In the field of foreign policy we find it a cause of deep satisfaction that, despite their sharp dispute over Quemoy and Matsu, the two candidates are in substantial agreement over a wide range of important issues. . . . This large measure of agreement guarantees a

continuity of the main lines of American foreign policy. . . ."

In the wind-up weeks of the campaign the union leaders have been busily reassuring doubtful voters that, despite his record and his running mate, Lyndon Johnson of Texas, the Democratic candidate is a thoroughgoing liberal, a trustworthy friend of labor and the Negro people.

The noted columnist Walter Lippmann, who leans toward Kennedy, is more astute and frank than the union misleaders who back the Democratic nominee. In the Oct. 27 New Herald Tribune, Lippmann writes that Kennedy will be far less radical than Roosevelt.

"I would describe Kennedy's social philosophy and program as about the same as that of the British Conservatives under Mr. Macmillan. They are hardly distinguishable from the philosophy and program of a progressive American conservative like Gov. Rockefeller.

"What Kennedy stands for is not a change in the structure of our society. In this fundamental respect he is indubitably conservative."

If Kennedy is elected, we predict that Senator Eastland, Lyndon Johnson, the New York Times and Walter Lippmann, who bank on his "indubitable conservatism," will turn out to be better judges of his true political nature than the union and Negro officials who are asking their followers to place confidence in his consideration for the rights of labor and the minorities.

For Free Elections Where?

After the votes are counted and the candidates elected on Nov. 8 the press will boast that the results are the "free choice" of the American people. What a fraud!

In most states the voters' choice will be limited to the Republican and Democratic tickets since the two capitalist parties maintain a virtual monopoly of the ballot. The state electoral laws are so prohibitive and discriminatory that any minority party is practically barred from qualifying for the ballot.

This nullification of political democracy is especially scandalous in the key industrial state of Ohio. While the Democratic and Republican parties can nominate their candidates through primary elections, a minority party has to get the signatures of more than 300,000 registered voters to qualify.

Moreover, Ohio is the only state which does not provide for a write-in vote!

These extreme restrictions have even drawn protest from such conservative papers as the Akron Beacon Journal. In an Oct. 15 editorial it said: "Ohioans have no reason to be proud of the law which makes it the next thing to impossible for

a minor party to get on the ballot in this state. . . ."

"The Legislature in 1949 adopted another law which closes the list to ALL parties except those which can deliver the signatures of 350,000 electors. . . . Other states, too, have put obstacles in the way of minor parties, but none has closed the door as effectively as Ohio has done. . . ."

"Both majors parties threw their support behind the amendment which gives them a joint monopoly in Ohio. . . . We see nothing on the horizon that points to rebellion in either of the major parties, but the OPPORTUNITY for rebellion, it seems to us, should be restored."

In a pre-election leaflet exposing this ballot monopoly, the Socialist Workers party of Ohio comments: "The Democrats and Republicans demagogically complain of the lack of free elections in Germany and Cuba, but are silent about the lack of free elections in Ohio."

They ask voters to express their protest by crossing off the names of the Democratic and Republican candidates and writing in Farrell Dobbs for president and Myra Tanner Weiss for vice president.

A Cold Wind from Canada

Bad news for the American workers comes from across the border in Canada where the downturn in business is even more pronounced than in the U.S. Our capitalist neighbor to the north presents a bleak picture of rising unemployment, reduced housing starts, declining exports, increased business failures, slipping retail sales, lower spending on new plants and machines, and shrinking farm income.

"It's pretty plain to me that we're already in a recession," observes Russell Bell, assistant director of research for the Canadian Labor Congress. "Many of our industries are going downhill fast."

In mid-September Canada had 327,000 unemployed. This is 5.1% of the work force, a 1.5% rise in the unemployment level over this time last year. The jobless total is likely to swell during the winter.

The Canadian employers, many of them the same companies that operate in the U.S., are meeting the recession the way they do on home territory — with more speed-up and layoffs. In August Massey-Harris, a large Toronto farm machinery producer, laid off half its 3,400 workers. For its 1961 model, GM will call back 1,000 fewer men than last year to its Oshawa, Ontario, plant. Ford will recall 950 less than last year at Oakville and continues to pare down its work force at Windsor across from Detroit.

In the western wheat-growing provinces, farmers are hard-pressed for cash because of the world wheat glut. "The farmer is in the worst shape since before World War II," declared W. T. Parker, president of Manitoba Pool Elevators, a co-op grain elevator chain.

A severe recession in Canada is bound to drag down the U.S. economy, since that country is our biggest customer. Last year Canada imported \$3.8 billion of American goods, more than 20% of all our exports.

Many U.S. banks, corporations, and individuals have large investments there.

Meanwhile, the cost of living is the sole important economic indicator that is going up in the U.S. In September living costs hit a record high. The national figure of 126.8 is 1.3% above that of a year ago.

Iron Age Magazine predicted that steel production in November may be less than October and there is unlikely to be any improvement in that key sector of industry in December. "This means any recovery in steel operations is now set back into 1961," this trade journal writes.

The world-wide loss of confidence in the strength and stability of the U.S. economy was dramatized by the spectacular raid on the dollar last week in the London gold market. The dollar is now being quoted at a discount in terms of other leading currencies in the international money markets. The offers to buy gold at \$40 an ounce, \$5 above the legal price set by the U.S. government, means that the money dealers anticipate a cut in the gold value of the dollar.

There are two main reasons for their calculation. One is the fact that foreign creditors now have more claims against the U.S. gold hoard than there is in the total national reserve. That reserve has sunk to \$18.5 billion, the lowest in 20 years, while the potential foreign claims upon it amount to more than \$22.5 billion.

The other is the expectation that the unfolding recession will force Washington into further inflationary measures which will culminate in a devaluation of the dollar in terms of gold. To stem the economic decline, the Federal Reserve Board has taken three steps to liberalize credit in the past year. Its latest move on Oct. 26 freed \$1.3 billion of bank funds now held in reserve to pump more cash and credit into the faltering economy.

Let's Take the Road to Peace

[The following speech was given by Farrell Dobbs, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers party, over a nationwide NBC telecast Oct. 30 featuring spokesmen of minority parties.]

I'd like to get right down to cases. The key question in the 1960 election is not the differences between the minority parties. The key question is "What's wrong with both the Republican and Democratic parties?" Or, to put it in personal terms, "What's wrong with both Nixon and Kennedy?"

I have crossed the country three times in the campaign and talked with thousands of people about the election issues. I went to both Cuba and Japan and checked public opinion there. You can take it for an absolute fact — never has dissatisfaction with both the old parties been so high. Never has America sunk so low in the opinion of the rest of humanity.

In the brief time allotted to me, I can only indicate some of the reasons for this; so I hope you will write for further information — I'll give you the address when I finish.

First of all, there's an impression from coast to coast that the Democrats and Republicans are not telling us the truth. They're not telling us the truth about Cuba, or about China, or about America's prestige abroad. They're not telling us the truth about the recession that has already wiped out jobs by the scores of thousands in key industries.

The only time we learn about the true situation is when an accident occurs, like when an American plane is shot down while spying deep in Soviet territory, or when a secret report happens to come to light, like the one on America's loss of popularity abroad. Take this fearful problem of war. Why can't we get a guarantee of peace?

Both Kennedy and Nixon blame the Soviet Union. Yet listen to them. In their so-called "great debate" they sound like nuclear twins in a rigged TV quiz show.

Even in separate booths, three thousand miles apart, they come up with almost identical answers — from the \$64 question on up. And the answers they give spell war every time.

Quemoy and Matsu

Nixon promises to plunge us into war over Quemoy and Matsu, two chunks of rock five miles off the coast of China.

Kennedy replies, No, that's going too far — 75 miles too far. Kennedy promises to plunge us into war over the Pescadores. That's a handful of rocks 80 miles off the coast of China.

Likewise with Cuba. The Cuban people overthrew Batista, one of the bloodiest dictators of the Western Hemisphere has known, a dictator that was backed, like so many dictators in the world today, by the State Department.

The revolutionary leaders had promised to bring economic security to the poor people of Cuba. Promises like that are common enough among politicians, as every American voter knows, but the Cuban revolutionists meant what they said.

They began by carrying out a long-overdue agrarian reform.

Instead of getting sympathy and help from Washington, this small country of only six and a half million people got raps on the knuckles and blows to the head.

The Cubans defended themselves by nationalizing the holdings of such well-known outfits as United Fruit, Texaco and Shell Oil.

This led to savage economic reprisals such as cutting off Cuba's sugar quota.

I wish I could tell you about the remarkable accomplishments I saw in Cuba that are the real reason for the extraordinary alarm in the State Department. Perhaps the latest reform will give you the tip off.

Cuban Example

The government in Cuba has taken over all housing. Every tenant in Cuba can now become a home owner by simply continuing to pay the same rent as now for a specified period.

Thus you may become the owner of the home you rent within five years. In a brand new house or apartment it's twenty years. And rents in Cuba are reasonable since one of the first acts of the new government was to order them cut in half.

This reform may seem to be rough on landlords, but listen to this: The Cuban government has granted every landlord a lifetime indemnity ranging from \$150 to \$600 a month.

Now where do Kennedy and Nixon come in on this? Have they praised this fine example?



FARRELL DOBBS

Have they sought to show how America with our enormous wealth and resources and productive capacity could do incomparably more for the American people?

Not quite. They have taken the side of the big corporations who backed Batista and held Cuba like a colony. They have debated over which of the two could best utilize the power of the White House to overthrow the government of Cuba by force and violence.

Kennedy has openly advocated backing the mercenary forces now being mobilized and trained for an invasion. That was the way the government of Guatemala was smashed in 1954.

Nixon replies, No, that's going too far — you should never admit something illegal like that in public. Just do it.

Thus the entire world listens in horror as the presidential candidates of the two parties of big business argue over the slickest way the United States could convert little Cuba into the Hungary of the Western Hemisphere.

The world wants peace. I was in Japan for the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and that was the dominant wish expressed there — a world of peace.

I think we Americans have a special duty to listen to the Japanese people about this. An American president ordered the first use of atom bombs on human beings and they happened to be Japanese. The victims of that American act are still dying.

In Japan you see victims

A Different Kind Of Candidate for The Presidency

Farrell Dobbs is a different kind of presidential candidate. He's a workingman, not a millionaire or would-be millionaire.

He knows what it is to be unemployed, to be paid low wages, and to be forced out on strike.

As a union man, he was chosen by his fellow workers to lead organizing drives that brought the benefits of unionism to tens of thousands of workers in the thirties. But he quit a well-paid job as international union organizer because he was opposed to the undemocratic and conservative policies of the top union leaders.

Went to Prison

He has spent time in prison for fighting the anti-labor and pro-war policies of the employers.

Unlike Kennedy and Nixon, he says what he means and means what he says. When the Negro bus boycott began in Montgomery, he went there to support it.

When the Cuban Revolution took place, he went there to learn the truth so he could report it to the American people. When the Japanese students and workers staged huge anti-war demonstrations this year, he went to Tokyo to express his solidarity.

Unlike Kennedy and Nixon, he is not telling the American people what he will do for them if elected. Instead, he is telling the people what they can and should do for themselves to end war, unemployment, discrimination and insecurity.

He is explaining that the only way they can end these evils of the capitalist system is by organizing their own labor party to take over the government and the monopolies and operate the economy in the interests of the majority.

whose skin was seared by the atomic fireball. Their scarred faces are a fearful reminder of America's responsibility in bringing to humanity the threat of nuclear annihilation.

What can we do about it? The Socialist Workers party has a number of proposals to make in the struggle against war and for peace.

First of all, I think we must make a much better try at being objective. We should attempt to look at ourselves as the rest of the world see us. Abroad the great majority are convinced that the Soviet Union is peaceably inclined and that the main threat of war comes from the United States.

I think they reach this conclusion despite quite a few unfavorable things they note about the Soviet Union such as the lack of democracy. What strikes them is that the initiative for moves toward peace comes from the Soviet government.

For instance, the Soviet government made repeated efforts to reach agreement on ending nuclear tests. These were rejected or evaded by the bipartisan team of Democrats and Republicans. Finally the Soviet government announced that it was ending the tests. And it ended them.

This made a tremendous impression, especially when it was seen that the United States continued to pollute the world's atmosphere with radioactive fallout. Only when universal condemnation grew to enormous proportions did Eisenhower reluctantly call off the H-bomb and A-bomb tests.

Total Disarmament

Here's another example, a pretty decisive one, I think. Khrushchev proposed total disarmament. This proposal was rejected by the bipartisan coalition of Democrats and Republicans.

From my study of the character of the Soviet economy, I am firmly convinced that

Khrushchev and the other heads of government genuinely want peace.

Production in the Soviet Union would grow at an accelerated pace if spending for armaments could be ended. The production of ordinary consumer goods could be stepped up to meet the demands of the Soviet people. It would pay the Soviet Union to junk all weapons of war. What stops them is the fear of U.S. armaments.

When they say they are for total disarmament, they really mean it and I for one am willing to give them full credit for it.

Now even if you wouldn't go that far with me, why can't we start to test Khrushchev's sincerity?

For example, scientists say that we have a nuclear stockpile capable of killing the entire human race fifty times over. All right, as a starter, why don't we stop manufacturing any more nuclear weapons?

Why don't we go further, take the initiative, and dismantle 49 bombs for each one that's kept?

If a stockpile of H-bombs is really a deterrent to war, isn't it sufficient to have enough to wipe out humanity just once?

What about the American bases and troops abroad? Let's take the initiative on that, and, as a starter, pull all American troops out of Europe. That would give Khrushchev the strongest possible incentive to match it by pulling Soviet troops out of Eastern Europe.

Recognize China!

Why don't we recognize the Chinese People's Republic? The British did it ten years ago. When they saw a quarter of the human race turn against Chiang Kai-shek, they thought it would be somewhat stupid to try to put the dictator back in power.

As just a very small starter, why don't we give up the Guantanamo Naval Base

which rightfully belongs to Cuba? We have plenty of other golf courses where we can send marines for rest and recreation.

Let's Accept Challenge

Why don't we accept the Soviet challenge to engage in peaceful competition? Let's take the forty billion dollars a year now going into the war machine and use it for research into the causes of cancer and heart disease, for building highways and hospitals and parks and child-care centers.

Neither Kennedy nor Nixon are following this road to peace. They are both racing down the road to war. That's what big business wants them to do.

I think we need a Workers and Farmers government in Washington, a truly democratic government of labor, the farmers and small business created through an independent labor party. That's what I advocate; that's what I'm campaigning for. Now you may not agree with everything I stand for, but I hope you will join me in protesting against both the Republicans and Democrats by voting for the Socialist Workers party.

I said I was going to give you an address to write to. It's Socialist Workers party, 116 University Place, New York 3, New York.

Please write in. We'll send you our election platform and a free copy of the Militant, our weekly newspaper.

We have a lot to say on such issues as the fight for jobs, for a shorter work week at no reduced pay, for better unemployment insurance, for stronger, more democratic unions, for full equality and an end to segregation and discrimination, for socialized medicine and adequate old-age security.

And remember to cast a positive protest vote against the Democrats and Republicans. Vote socialist.

Thank you for listening.

In Other Lands

Algerians Gain Soviet Backing

Students in France Demand End to War

As the Algerian fight for freedom enters its seventh year, it has gained new and significant backing from the Soviet bloc. Last week Ferhat Abbas, Premier of the Algerian Provisional Government, announced, after visits to Peking and Moscow, that the Soviet Union and China had tendered aid without political conditions. This would be accepted, he said, because the Algerian rebels had concluded "after six years of struggle that the United States did do nothing to help us."

This promised aid is expected to bring major improvement in the military and diplomatic situation of the Algerian freedom fighters against French rule.

The Soviet government has officially confirmed that it is joining the People's Republic of China and other allies in offering material aid and political support to the Provisional Government. Premier Khrushchev has predicted certain victory for the rebels.

This represents a reversal of Moscow's previous attitude toward the civil war in Algeria. Up to recently Khrushchev and the French Communist party — maintained an extremely reserved attitude toward the Algerian nationalists. Out of deference to de Gaulle, in the hope of detaching France from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Soviet leader had refused to support the Abbas regime.

Now Moscow has accorded "de facto" recognition to the Algerian Provisional Government. This shift in policy and open pledge of assistance puts powerful pressure upon de Gaulle to resume negotiations for a peace with the rebel regime.

Tunisia and Morocco have suggested that they might "federate" with the Algerian rebel government, thus "internationalizing" the war. The two independent North African states have also expressed confidence that they could obtain the necessary two-thirds vote in the General Assembly for a resolution urging a UN-supervised referendum in Algeria.

Their moves are designed, not only to strengthen the Algerian rebel movement, but to warn Paris and Washington to come to terms with the Abbas forces before it is too late.

At an official demonstration marking the sixth anniversary of the Algerian conflict 30,000 Tunisians shouted "Down with America" and "Down with NATO" as they heard the Minister of Social and Cultural Affairs charge that United States

and NATO aid to France was the "primary cause" of the continuing war.

He said that the U.S. had delivered 150 helicopters, 80 B-26 bombers and 69 other planes to France for use in Algeria through 1959. He said Washington was continuing to provide the French Army with weapons in 1960.

Within France itself the Algerian question is fast forcing a grave political crisis. De Gaulle, who came to power two years ago promising to solve the Algerian problem, is being assailed from the right and from the left for his failure. His influence has faded even in the impotent parliament. Last week 207 deputies in the National Assembly opposed de Gaulle's plan for an independent nuclear striking force for France. This is the largest number of votes recorded on an issue of no confidence in the government since the present Assembly was constituted.

There are numerous reports that the high officers and ultra-reactionary political leaders who backed de Gaulle and are now disillusioned with him are plotting another violent intervention. General Salan, who commanded the army in Algeria during the 1958 uprising that overthrew the Fourth Republic and cleared the way for de Gaulle, has denounced his formulas of "self-determination" and "an Algerian Algeria" as a "betrayal."

On the left, the National Union of Students staged an impressive demonstration Oct. 27 in favor of a negotiated peace with Algeria. More than 15,000 students turned out and engaged in battle on the streets with the fascists who threw tear gas and smoke bombs. Scores were injured and a hundred arrested by the riot police wielding clubs.

The Communist party refused to participate in this student demonstration, ordering instead two-hour token protest strikes of workers in the factories.

Franco's "Justice"

Two soldiers of the Spanish Republican Army, imprisoned for 24 years, have been condemned by the Franco government to death by strangulation. Anastasio Marino and Alejandro Navarro were seized and jailed by the Spanish fascists in 1936. After undergoing the tortures of Franco's prisons for almost a quarter of a century they were condemned to death by a military tribunal for participating in the civil war, according to the Oct. 24 Revolution.

Spanish lawyers say there is no precedent for this barbarous sentence in all the judicial history of Spain. Indeed, there has been nothing comparable in any

country that claims to be civilized.

In Washington, the Franco dictatorship is hailed as part of "the free world."

Catholic Hierarchs Tell Puerto Ricans Which Way to Vote

Three Puerto Rican bishops have signed a pastoral letter ordering Catholics on the island not to vote for the "anti-Christian" and "anti-Catholic" Popular Democratic party of the incumbent Governor, Luis Munoz Marin.

A second letter issued by the Catholic hierarchy stated it would be a "sin of disobedience" for communicants to vote for the Popular Democrats.

The Chancellor of the Ponce Diocese declared that anyone publicly supporting that party could be excommunicated.

The Bishops are particularly enraged by the Governor's refusal to outlaw the use of birth-control devices, by the inclusion of a provision in the 1952 Constitution for complete separation of church and state, and by the administration's opposition to giving public school children time off for religious instruction in Catholicism.

This direct, open and reactionary interference by the Catholic hierarchy in political affairs has aroused fierce resentment and provoked demonstrations throughout Puerto Rico.

The Bishops' plan has not only become the foremost issue in Puerto Rico's elections but has considerably embarrassed the highest Catholic clerics in the United States on the eve of our elections.

The Catholic hierarchy in America claim that, unlike the hierarchs in Puerto Rico and other countries, they never "dictate the political voting of citizens." On the other hand, the Vatican said bishops not only had the right but the duty to advise voters on their choice.

Too Many Babies?

A New Pamphlet by Joseph Hansen

A Marxist answer to some frightening questions: Is a "population explosion" the world's main danger? Will our planet become too crowded to stand on? Will mass sterilization help to stamp out hunger?

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Letters from Our Readers

Still for Kennedy

Editor:
The article in your issue of Oct. 31, "Kennedy Saws Off Lamont" by Daniel Roberts was most interesting and amusing to me. Insofar as Kennedy's policy toward Cuba is concerned, he certainly sawed off the slippery limb I was on when he made his deplorable statement of Oct. 20. I did indeed hit the ground with a thud and for a while lay there stunned and miserable.

But finally I started to think again and stumbled to my feet with the realization that, after all, nine out of ten points for Kennedy as President were still good. Moreover, the Senator later stated he meant that the U.S. government should render merely moral support to the anti-Castro gang, and he gave indications of recognizing that his declaration on Cuba was a bad blunder. At the same time it became clear that Kennedy's suggestions about the Castro regime had been primarily political eye-wash, with little possibility of practical actualization.

Meanwhile, the Senator presented me with a new point on Oct. 18 when he issued his excellent statement on Ethics in Government. You might call this eyewash, too, but I believe Kennedy was sincere in his formulation of eight fundamental standards for the functioning of the Federal Government.

So, I am back to ten points for Kennedy again and stand by my original position in the National Guardian that he will make a far more progressive, intelligent and effective President than the unspeakable Nixon.

Corliss Lamont
New York

A Peace Strike?

Editor:
In the past men have struck against company abuses and

brutality. Why should they not, in the future, strike against the brutality of war?
No war can be initiated if the young men of all nations are constantly on the alert to prevent the rise of some tyrant who will sacrifice them before ever fulfilling their destiny of parenthood.
W. E. G.
New Orleans

Cuban Revolution Example for U.S.

Editor:
Several weeks ago I heard and saw the presidential candidate of your party on ABC. Before then I hadn't even heard of your party. I am glad that finally someone else beside Nixon and Kennedy had a chance to express their views.

Your views on the great Cuban revolution are exactly the same as mine. The fact that the United States controls a base for which it pays little more than the rent of a high-class apartment is one more example of the imperialistic colonialist policy of the United States government.

In my opinion, it is about time that this wrong was corrected. The Cuban people themselves have corrected many of the wrongs in Cuba by intervening the property that American capitalist monopolists stole from them; also in executing the gangsters, mercenaries and killers of the Batista dictatorship.

I think that it is also about time for the American people to regain what has been taken from them by the wealthy oligarchy that rules the government. I'm sure your party is capable of doing that.

Would you please send me the Militant and other literature. I'm sure your party will gain greatly at the polls this November, and I sincerely hope so.
R.R.R.
Chicago

Commends Stand On Free Elections

Editor:
Although I am a member of the Committee for Real Electoral Expression, a group of independent socialists supporting the candidates of the Socialist Labor party, I feel obliged to commend you for your fine editorial (Oct. 24) entitled, "The Right to Free Elections."

Your fairness in urging support for the right of the Socialist Labor party and the People's Rights party to appear on the ballot is a praiseworthy attitude. It comes at a time when radical organizations seem more intent on destroying each other than in concentrating their meager resources to fighting the common foe that is capitalism.

It is unfortunate that there are two organizations calling themselves socialist contesting the election. But since it was necessary to make a choice, our committee (FREE) felt it advisable to support the one which past performance indicated was the strongest.

Our committee, which has members in six states, has no organizational ties with any political group, and it is our intention after this election to function as a center for coordinating the efforts of ALL minority parties to secure fair and just ballot laws. We hope that our present partisanship will not preclude your party's cooperation and support of our aims after this election.

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[The SWP has long favored united action to win revision of discriminatory ballot laws and will cooperate in all efforts in that direction. — Ed.]

Cuba Upheld By Dobbs in Yale Debate

By James Robertson

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 26
Before an audience of more than 200 people, largely Yale students, of whom a part consisted of loud and unruly partisans of the ultrareactionary Senator Goldwater, Farrell Dobbs, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers party, defended the Cuban Revolution tonight against Armando Char-diet, an emigre who claimed to be a former follower of Fidel Castro.

The debate, held under the auspices of the John Dewey Philosophical Society, was the sharpest heard on this campus in years. Outside the hall violence was narrowly averted when partisans of the counter-revolution sought to tear up copies of the Young Socialist which were being distributed by socialist-minded students.

Dobbs began by presenting the case for the Cuban Revolution. He said it would be well for American youth to approach this great social upheaval with caution and good judgment in view of the enormous barrage of hostile propaganda emanating from American governmental and monopolist sources.

What He Saw

He described the great improvements he had seen while visiting Cuba last spring and contrasted these with the wretched life the masses endured under the Batista dictatorship.

He called for recognition of the right of the Cuban people to determine their own affairs; and declared that it is our duty to oppose U.S. intervention in the internal affairs of the tiny republic. We should help the six and a half million Cubans in their efforts to improve their lot.

Mr. Char-diet, who is currently a visiting lecturer in history and political science, maintained that two revolutions have occurred in Cuba. The first, which overthrew Batista, was good, the second, which upset property relations, was bad.

Char-diet held that the aim of the first revolution was to restore democratic rights and hold elections, undertake land reform yet protect private property and maintain existing international agreements.

The second revolution, he argued, was "communist" and therefore a "betrayal" that brought into power a regime as bad or worse than that of Batista or Franco. He declared that this revolution is being extended to all of Latin America and that it must be put down.

Two Points

In the question and answer period, Dobbs bore down heavily on two points: (1) That Char-diet's attitude, like that of the counter-revolution as a whole, was determined by the desire to save big private-property holdings. (2) That the fundamentally democratic character of the Revolution and its immense popularity was indicated by the arming of the people. They have the arms with which to change or maintain any regime they want.

It was a rough and tumble debate that shocked many students into a realization of what a vital issue the Cuban Revolution is for every American.



These peace marchers paraded down 42nd Street in New York City to the United Nations last August '6 in memory of the first human victims of atomic weapons and to demand a permanent end to nuclear testing. On the fifteenth anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima similar parades were

held in other American cities while abroad millions mourned that fateful day in 1945 and demanded that it should never happen again. Since August, meetings and protest marches have continued, many of them under the auspices of the Sane Nuclear Policy Committee.

It Won't Matter Who Fires the First Salvo

A wish to do something about the warmongering of the Republicans and Democrats is growing stronger in America. It takes many forms, one of the most interesting of which is the demand for disarmament.

For instance, while Kennedy and Nixon were vying over who could make the most belligerent and at the same time "safe" promises about holding Quemoy and Matsu and taking back Cuba from the Cubans, Dr. Linus Pauling was telling an overflow crowd in New York that "It doesn't matter which nation fires the first salvo. Either way the world will be destroyed."

The meeting was sponsored Oct. 24 by the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy as a United Nations Day rally.

In relation to the negotiations at Geneva for a test-ban agreement Pauling said that "we have slowed things up as much as the Russians."

Pauling scoffed at the latest State Department proposal that all countries eligible to enter such an agreement be "screened" first. Could this be because the U.S. doesn't recognize China? he asked.

Instead of wasting \$41 billion a year on arms, the noted scientist said, "let's put \$5 billion a year into medical research." This would supply employment for one-third of the scientists now working in the military field.

The crowd of 3,000 gave the Nobel prize winner a standing ovation for his staunch refusal to make known to the senatorial witch-hunters the names of those who helped him secure 11,000 signatures in the scientific world urging a permanent ban on nuclear tests.

A call for a march in San Francisco, issued by SANE, the American Friends Service Committee and the Women's Inter-

national League for Peace and Freedom, brought out 2,000 people "to vote for peace with your feet."

The predominantly young crowd, which met at the Opera House and marched to Union Square Oct. 29, displayed such slogans as "Ban the Bomb" and "Support Unilateral Disarmament." Livelier placards read: "We Want to Live in Peace, Not Pieces," "Man, Like Radiation Is the End," and "Frankly, I'm Worried."

As the marchers entered the square, they sang: "The candidates are on the spot, they want the bombs, and we do not. Those bombs have got to go."

The positions of the major parties on war and disarmament were summarized from the platform by quoting from speeches by Kennedy and Nixon and the Democratic and Republican platforms.

Ross Flanagan, a young Quaker, stated that both parties support the arms race and there is no basic difference between them.

Still another current among the pacifists has centered its attention on the nuclear weapons which the Pentagon has been shaking against the Soviet Union.

On Oct. 31 in New London, Conn., the Committee for Non-violent Action announced continuation of its direct-action protest against Polaris missile-launching submarines. Each submarine is capable of launching within 15 minutes several times the explosive power of all bombs dropped by American planes in World War II.

The pacifist group recently boarded two Polaris vessels docked at New London and is pledged to demonstrate whenever a missile submarine is launched or commissioned in the Northeast.

In the Topsy-Turvy World of the CP

By William F. Ward

In the past few weeks a number of people have come to the campaign headquarters of the Socialist Workers party in New York and elsewhere and introduced themselves as supporters of the Communist party.

"There's many things I don't like about your organization," one young fellow said frankly, "but I can't see how anyone who is for socialism and ending the cold war can go for Kennedy."

There are other signs that not a few friends and members of the Communist party are unhappy about its line in the election which comes down to supporting Kennedy and Johnson.

The spokesmen for the Communist party do not openly urge a vote for the Democratic ticket. They eliminate the other alternatives and let you draw your own conclusions.

The Communist party is not running candidates of its own. It is against boycotting the elections. It is, most of all, against voting for any socialist candidates on the ballot. What alternative, then, remains?

A sure clue is their differing treatment of the major party candidates. The CP leaders indicate their preference by consistently portraying Kennedy in the CP press as better than Nixon.

The Massachusetts millionaire, it is explained, is the "weaker" instrument of capitalist class power, the "more subject to popular pressure," the preference of the main body of the workers and Negro people. Therefore, it is implied, despite his militarism, etc., Kennedy is the lesser evil.

A Trap?

The Worker makes this pro-Kennedy, anti-Socialist stand a bit plainer in an Oct. 30 article "A Trap for Liberals" by William Albertson, New York State Secretary of the Communist party. This is a bitter attack upon the call issued by four prominent independents — Dr. Annette Rubinstein, William Price, Scott Gray and Ellnor Ferry — to cast a positive protest vote by supporting the Socialist Workers ticket.

Albertson declares: "By their letter and statement, Dr. Rubinstein and her associates have clearly established themselves as the 'liberal' front for American Trotskyism."

Clearly, Albertson believes that this cryptic pronouncement will mean volumes to those in the know.

"A vote for Dobbs and Weiss is a vote for anti-Socialism and counter-revolution against the socialist countries... Yes, a vote for the Trotskyists is a vote against peace and against socialism," exclaims the CP writer.

The truth is that the SWP candidates condemn the war policies of the Republicans and Democrats. They defend the Cuban Revolution, urge recognition of China and peaceful relations with the Soviet Union. They want a permanent halt to all nuclear tests. Among the key slogans of their campaign are: Scrap the H- and A-bomb stock-

piles! Withdraw all U.S. troops from foreign soil! End the cold war!

Albertson tries to picture this as "the demagoguery of the Trotskyites." As basis for this assertion he avers that "they do not call for total disarmament."

But in a nationwide TV broadcast over NBC Oct. 22 Farrell Dobbs challenged Washington to accept Khrushchev's total disarmament plan. (See text of speech on page 3.)

In the same issue in which Albertson tries to ridicule and discredit the independent supporters of Dobbs and Weiss, the Worker gives itself away by its treatment of Corliss Lamont, a leading participant in the 1958 Independent-Socialist campaign along with Rubinstein, Price, Gray and Ferry.

The Worker's lead story simply records the fact that Lamont, among others, has endorsed Kennedy. There is no criticism of Lamont. But

supporters of the socialist candidates are condemned.

Obviously, the Worker holds there is nothing wrong with voting for the warmongering candidate of big business; this is presumably a vote for peace and socialism. But to endorse Dobbs and Weiss, who are campaigning for the socialist road to peace, betrays peace, aids counter-revolution, and injures the cause of socialism!

Impressive List

The impressive list of 65 well-known independents who have responded to the appeal of Dr. Rubinstein and her associates to vote for Dobbs and Weiss shows that the topsy-turvy logic of the pro-Kennedy CP is not very convincing.

We also have the feeling that many members of the CP, who are sick of Kennedy's warmongering, will likewise disregard the warnings of their leaders and vote for Dobbs and Weiss on election day.

'Neighborhood School' Gimmick

By Hedda Garza

Ignoring community sentiment, New York's Mayor Wagner and the Board of Estimate have approved a site in the center of Harlem for a new public school. Concerned organizations had demanded that the school be built on the edge of Harlem where it would have an integrated student body.

The Mayor and Board rejected this demand which had been pressed by the Manhattan branch of the NAACP and the Citizens Care Committee of Lower Harlem, a group fighting for integrated schools.

Following the city action, attorney Conrad J. Lynn, a spokesman for the Citizens Care Committee, announced that a court fight is being prepared to block erection of the school on the proposed site.

Lynn also sharply protested the action of Gloucester Curran, national director of branches of the NAACP, in supporting the "Neighborhood School Policy" of the Board of Education. Lynn charged that the policy is designed to maintain school segregation in the city.

Lynn's position on the "Neighborhood School Policy" is shared by the New York Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, which declared in an Oct. 5 legal memorandum that "When the Board of Edu-

cation determines that it should take pupils only or primarily from their neighborhood, it is this determination which results in the segregated school.

"If the Board determined that it should take pupils on the basis of a plan for integration and not necessarily from the neighborhood, it would be this determination which could result in integrated schools rather than segregated schools."

At an Oct. 14 rally in Harlem, sponsored by the Citizens Care Committee and other community groups, Lynn scored city officials for perpetuating school segregation and charged, "They really don't want us to be educated."

Noting that the 1961 city elections would provide Negroes with an opportunity to register their opposition to Wagner's policy at the polls, he denounced both major parties and declared, "When we build our own political force, then we can be sure we won't be betrayed by hypocrites."

Mrs. I. Lamb, chairman of the committee, emphasized that the community needed and wanted a new school but insisted that it be so located that it would advance integration.

She said that the committee has also asked that funds be allocated to renovate schools in lightly populated, predominantly white areas. The Board's

policy has been to close down extra schools in such areas and consolidate the white students, rather than bring in children from segregated neighborhoods.

"Open enrollment" has been offered by the Board of Education as the solution to segregation. At the insistence of Harlem parents and educators, several out-of-district schools in white areas were opened to Harlem children.

Board spokesmen then triumphantly proclaimed that the response to this offer in Harlem was limited and that this proved the community really didn't want their children to go to school outside their neighborhood.

But members of the audience angrily pointed out that they had not been notified of the new policy until just a week before school started and that those who did find out in time got the run-around from local school officials when they tried to transfer their children.

They said that at several schools they were shuttled from one office to another. One school principal brazenly asked a parent seeking a transfer for her child if she didn't think the child would feel "inferior going to a school where other children are better dressed, cleaner and have attended cultural events such as operas."

It Was Reported in the Press

WELL, THINK ABOUT IT — Presidential aide Bruce Harlow says that any American who might want the Soviet way of life would have to accept the following: Hostile troops maneuvering in Canada and Mexico, hostile air bases in Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico, missiles poised in Canada and Mexico, submarines gliding off New York and Los Angeles, aircraft carriers prowling in the Caribbean — all armed with nuclear explosives.

BOOMERANG? — Rendering "the enemy" temporarily insane through use of chemical weapons in another war, warns Dr. S. E. Luria of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, may prove dangerous. Deprived of reason, the enemy might start dropping nuclear bombs on us.

WITH GREEN TOBACCO? — The American Tobacco Co. hopes to market a menthol-chlorophyll cigarette. The second half of a dual filter is treated with chlorophyll which the makers claim will serve as a "refreshening" agent.

HARD SELL — The Treasury Department which is pressing a back-tax claim against Elmer M. ("Bucky") Harris, says that as operator of the now defunct Bucky Steel Corp. in Chicago,

Harris tried to deduct from corporation taxes \$48,000 paid out to call girls for entertaining prospective buyers.

ARMOR PLATE TOO THIN — A Vancouver armored car service has advised customers that under a new clause in its insurance, it will not be liable for damage due to atomic radiation.

EARTHLY WISDOM — A sign outside a London church says: "Not everyone who enters this church is converted. Please watch your handbag."

UNFAIR TO WHOM? — A proposal on the New Jersey ballot would excuse \$800 from the tax evaluation of home owners more than 65 years old with incomes of less than \$5,000 a year. The N.J. Taxpayers Assn. says this is "favoritism."

MENTAL HEALTH — This country needs more mental hospitals, says Drs. Sylvanus and Evelyn Duval in their newspaper feature, "Explore Your Mind." But, they add, "The major difficulty is, not with the individual. It is with our emotionally sick society. It is our social groups, our institutions, laws and codes that are most often ill. These we cannot treat in hospitals."

NAACP GAINS — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hopes to have 400,000 members by the end of the year. As of Oct. 25 there were 320,000 members.

BEEF TRUST — Compact cars are enjoying a wave of popularity with police departments in major cities. But one official says the small cars present a weighty problem. "The cars are compact," he points out, "but most of our policemen aren't."

ADVOCATE FOLDS — The Reading Labor Advocate, voice of the Berks County, Pa., Socialist Party — Social Democratic Federation, suspended publication Oct. 7 because of a steadily shrinking list of subscribers. The editor of the extremely conservative "socialist" weekly said many readers had gone over to the Democrats.

INAUSPICIOUS BEGINNING — In Virginia, the Social Democratic Federation has nominated John Kennedy as its presidential candidate. New America, new national organ of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation, proudly reported Oct. 18 that SDF campaigners "are the only people in the state giving out copies of the Democratic platform."

MUSIC TO BANK BY — Incidental intelligence from the Wall Street Journal: "A group of FM stations shun the word 'broadcasting,' says it's 'narrowcasting' to a small segment of music lovers with high incomes."

FREE ENTERPRISE — The Los Angeles School for Anti-Communists is offering a five-session course on "Communism." The tariff is \$5 a lecture or \$20 for the full treatment.

RUGGED INDIVIDUALIST — Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) says he's against federal health insurance for the aged and adds: "If my kids don't take care of me when I'm old, I'll whale the tar out of them." Goldwater is a millionaire department store owner.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — "Old-fashioned habits, half-truths, and incorrect beliefs, and today's advertising have brainwashed the American public to accept the idea that a daily bowel movement is a necessity for everyone... patent medicine men... and food faddists have found a new wealth in the American worry over 'regularity.'" — Charles W. Hook, M.D., in Today's Health.