TRADITION OF DEBS LIVES IN OUR PARTY

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By George Clarke

The big campaign news this week is the battle of the ballotand how we are winning it.

We are on in New York, certians safely passed.

signatures by approximately 450 after finicky town clerks scrutinized 13,300 signatures with a spyglass. Unfortunately, they gave the petitions for Alvin Berman, he emerged 100 short of the required amount. It is now up to the duty by certifying Dobbs, Carl-Connecticut ballot.

From the opposite end of the Rapids and Detroit. country comes the news that a lively nominating convention of Michigan workers heard Dobbs' the Washington State District of devastating exposure of "Injuncthe Socialist Workers Party was tion" Harry and the corrupt held on Sept. 14. In addition to capitalist party he heads. The Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carl- keen attention and hearty apson, the convention nominated plause accorded Dobbs at open-Dan Roberts for Governor. It is air meetings shows that the now up to state officials to place Michigan workers are not going us on the ballot.

time, we unfurled our banner for are going to vote for genuine a Workers and Farmers Govern- independent working-class poliment for the first time in the tical action by voting for Dobbs farm state of Iowa. A nominating and his vice-presidential runconvention was held in the city ning-mate, Grace Carlson. of Davenport which designated our presidential candidates and Truman chose to open his camelectors. Minutes of the conven- paign in Michigan. He recognizes tion were filed in Des Moines, that labor is the decisive sector

the State Capital. Congresswoman in the 19th Dis- Truman stomped into Michigan trict. Myra will be the only op- to make a bid for labor's votes. ponent to the Bipartisans since VIRTUAL DEMONSTRATION the Wallaceites have withdrawn in favor of Democrat Chet Holli-

name of Harry Press in nomination for State Assemblyman from the 20th District. He will be the only opponent of Thomas Maloney, Democratic boss running on both capitalist party tickets in this working-class waterfront district. 2121 signatures, or almost one third more than the legal minimum, were filed on comrade Press' behalf.

From Minnesota we hear that in just five days of "whirlwind" campaigning, the signature total stood at 2,250 for our presidential ticket and for Vincent R. Dunne, SWP candidate for U.S. Senate against the arch laborhater. Joe ("Foul") Ball. This was already 250 over the top, but the Minnesota comrades say they will not quit until they have obtained a total of 3,000 at the conclusion of the two week period.

Wisconsin now has more than (Continued on page 2)

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

SWP Candidates Blast Truman's Demagogy; Urge Labor Congress

we are on in New York, certified by the Secretary of State and the time for legal shenanig-In Connecticut rough estimates from comrades on the spot show that we topped the required 8300 WORKERS HEAR DOBBS

By Howard Lerner SWP Candidate for Michigan Governor

DETROIT, Sept. 20—A specter is haunting Truman in our candidate for Congressman- Michigan—the specter of the Socialist Workers Party and its at-large such brusque treatment presidential candidate, Farrell Dobbs.

The SWP nominee, treading Secretary of State to review the on Truman's heels from auto petitions again and then do her town to auto town, blasted America's No. 1 Strikebreaker over son and Morris Chertov, SWP four radio stations and before candidate for governor, on the large, enthusiastic meetings in Flint, Pontiac, Lansing, Grand

An estimated half million down the line like sheep for Tru-At approximately the same man and that thousands of them

It was not by accident that of the population and that this Los Angeles filed 4258 signa- state is the heart of industrial tures, or the maximum permitted America. With the way paved by for Truman in Detroit, so many by the state, to place Myra Tan- Walter Reuther of the CIO and thousands of workers walked ner Weiss on the ballot as SWP Frank X. Martell of the AFL,

Despite the advance ballyhoo of the CIO and AFL leaders, the In San Francisco, we placed the Michigan workers, particularly in auto, gave Truman a cool reception. At the Labor Day meeting



SWP Vice-Presidential Candidate

On Your Radio

SWP broadcasts in Fifteen Forums over Station WNEW

The Socialist Workers Party ran its first two broadcasts in the series of election forums sponsored by station WNEW in New York City.

This series entitled "Peoples Choice" consists of 30 broadcasts running nightly from 9:45 to 10 EST.

The next SWP broadcast will be heard on Friday, Oct. 1 and Wed., Oct. 29.

WNEW is 1130 on your

away that it amounted to a virtual demonstration.

Although Dobbs had none of the press build-up Truman received, the SWP candidate's meetings were very well-attended. Moreover, the workers listened eagerly to the SWP program.

At Pontiac on Sept. 15, Dobbs addressed an open-air neighborhood rally of more than 300 Negro and white workers who remained for over two hours to hear him and other SWP speakers, including Genora Dollinger, candidate for U.S. Senator, and Howard Lerner, running for Governor.

Dobbs climaxed his tour in this state with meetings in Detroit. Unlike Truman who spent his time in luxury hotels and his handsomely bedecked special railroad cars, the SWP candidate spent long hours between his scheduled meetings in visiting the working-class neighborhood and the Negro areas to study the real conditions of poverty and squalor in this major industrial city.

and when he would speak in a

neighborhood. A program of

union songs was presented be-

fore and after the meetings.

More than 35,000 pieces of SWP

election literature were dis-

tributed in the past week-a record for the party in Michigan.

At his main meeting in De-

troit, on Sept. 12, Dobbs spoke

before a packed hall, two-thirds

of the audience being auto work-

ers. The enthusiasm of the meet-

applause and questions, but by

The SWP is on the march in

Michigan and it isn't doing Tru-

"Ya"

Elections

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man one bit of good.

SWP SOUND TRUCK Everywhere Dobbs spoke, he GRACE CARLSON was preceded by the SWP sound truck, which announced where

SOCIALIST WORKERS ON BALLOT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 - The | seeking certification by petition. Socialist Workers Party ticket of The law requires a minimum of Farrell Dobbs for President and 12,500, with not less than 50 Grace Carlson for Vice President from each of 60 counties. has been certified for a place on the New York state ballot in the York ballot this November, the ing was shown not only by the November elections, it was an- SWP successfully climaxes a nounced today by the party's three-year fight. In 1946, the the collection of over a hundred New York Campaign Manager, SWP's candidate for Governor, dollars and the signing of many Irving Beinen. Notification of the Farrell Dobbs, was ruled off the interest cards after the meeting. certification has been received ballot on a shady technicality, from Secretary of State Thomas despite submission of election J. Curran in Albany.

This is the first time the Trot-signatures. skyist party will appear on the ballot in the country's most SWP raised against this conpopulous state. In order to win a place on the ballot, the SWP had Republican election officials and to meet the tricky and rigorous the fear of a recurrence of such legal requirements designed by the major parties to keep minority parties off the ballot. The SWP secured more than 21,000 signa- barred from the ballot in at least tures on election petitions, the one state, forced the officials to largest number of any party recognize the SWP petition.

By winning a place on the New petition with more than 24,000

The public scandal which the spiracy of the Democratic and scandal in a national election year, when Truman himself has been

Dobbs Hits Slum Conditions



Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party presidential candidate, is shown above talking with Mrs. Owens, with her two children, who is point ing out some of the filth and squalor in the Detroit

Throughout the area where Mrs. Owens lives, there is a nauseating odor of burning garbage. She told Comrade Dobbs, "They used to pick up the garbage down south every other day. Up here, they pick it up every two weeks in summer. If we didn't burn it ourselves, it would soon swamp us. In winter, they don't pick it up at all. The snow just buries it until spring."

There are 90,000 homes in crowded Detroit that the Detroit Housing Commission recommended be razed to the ground. They are rat and vermin-infested and lack toilet, washing or cooking facilities.

Dobbs told Mrs. Owens that what is needed is to take the \$18 billion war budget and use the

1. J. Committee Formed o Defend Legless Vet

NEWARK, Sept. 22—The wide-spread sympathy in New Jersey for James Kutcher is beginning to take on active and organized form to help the legless veteran keep the VA clerical

job from which he faces dis-job from which he faces dis-missal because of his political sis appealing for support on the ground that civil rights in gen-can defend itself against the sub-

Among the most important delast week was the formal endorse- Everywhere he is listened to with quarter of a million workers in without equivocation. this state. The top CIO leaders was unanimous.

facts and issues in the case. He grant Kutcher's request for a

eral, as well as his own rights, are threatened through the govvelopments on the case during the ernment "disloyalty" probes. ment of the Kutcher defense last great interest and respect for his Saturday by the New Jersey State | courage in meeting the challenge CIO Council, which represents a of the government openly and

The AFL Newark Teachers had previously announced their Union heard him last night and individual support for the Kutcher unanimously adopted a resolution fight. The State Council action to be sent to President Truman and the press. The resolution re-Since then, Kutcher himself quested the Veterans Administrahas begun personal visits to var- tion to restore Kutcher to his job ious organizations, explaining the and called on the President "to



"The Best Years of Our Lives," who heads the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, is shown conferring with Chicago CIO Council official Willoughby Abner last year when both served on the famous Hickman Defense Committee.

versive charges."

The union also voted to support the Kutcher case.

By FARRELL DOBBS and GRACE CARLSON

SWP Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates Nothing in this election campaign is likely to be

weirder than the debate last week between Democrat Truman and Republican Taft, one of Dewey's chief backers. The immediate issue was Truman's charge that Taft personally pressured the NLRB to act against the AFL International Typographical Union. But the real issue was: Who are the best "friends of labor," the Democrats or Republicans?

Certainly we can recall nothing more fantastic than a debate on this issue between the Republican Senator who co-authored the most vicious anti-labor law in U. S. history and the Democratic President who established the precedents for some of this law's worst features and has enforced it with brutal vigor.

Few workers, we are sure, will doubt that multi-millionaire Taft, whose family owns one of the leading Ohio newspapers, has used all his influence on behalf of the publishers against the ITU-AFL. And fewer still will swallow his claim that the Taft-Hartley Act was designed to "help labor."

"Injunction" Harry Truman

But for prize demagogy and hypocrisy we have to award the palm with double-cross to Truman. He's making a play for labor support by attacking Taft's intervention against the ITU - while the ITU is battling for its life against a vicious federal injunction secured by Truman's hand-picked NLRB! Truman complains about Taft "putting the heat" on the NLRB. But what does Truman have to say about the real heat on the ITU - the injunction? Dead si-

We can confidently predict that the word "injunction" will never pass "Injunction" Harry Truman's lips in this campaign. He doesn't want the workers reminded that it was he who revived the use of federal injunctions against strikes; who tried to smash three mine strikes, two of them with injunctions; who broke two railroad strikes with Army seizures; who secured injunctions against the CIO seamen and longshoremen. In short, Truman doesn't want the workers reminded that he is the greatest government strikebreaker in U.S.

But what shall we say of the union leaders who, knowing Truman's record full well, now try to whitewash it and conceal it and represent this deadly foe of labor as its "best friend." Are they simply stupid or mistaken? Or are they conscious traitors?

Even the ITU leaders, it is painful to note, are silent about Truman's strikebreaking role. How can they square this with their — is chiefly responsible?

A Congress of Labor

A few weeks ago we hailed the ITU convention for advocating a National Emergency Congress of Labor, to be held in Washington, to unite all unions around a joint action program to smash the Taft-Hartley Act and government-by-injunction. That would be a real step forward for labor. We see in the Congress of Labor not only the means to consolidate labor's forces against the Slave Labor Law but to unite labor politically into its own party that will fight to see that no anti-labor laws are ever again passed.

The basic issue of this campaign is not whether Truman or Dewey is the "lesser evil" for labor, but to rid ourselves of all capitalist politicians by building our own class party. We of the Socialist Workers Party alone fight for the program of building the workers' own party and establishing a Workers and Farmers Government. That is the program labor needs. That is the program you vote for, when you vote for Dobbs and Carlson on November 2.

Kutcher Writes Truman

President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Truman:

It was with considerable interest that I read in this morning's paper about your visit yesterday, selves against this charge at a hearing. in the midst of your campaign tour, to the Army Fitzsimmons General Hospital near Denver, where you chatted with a number of amputees, and and not told exactly what the crime is, or when declared, as you left the hospital, "Nothing is too good for these men."

would like to call your attention to my own case, guilty? What is the difference between such a in the hope that you will take appropriate action. procedure and the one followed behind the iron

I am a veteran myself, and an amputee as well. lost both my legs in action in Italy. Then I spent a couple of years in Army hosp tals, learning how to use the artificial limbs provided me by the government. Two years ago I got a job as a cierk in the Veterans Administration in Newark, a job 1 have filled satisfactorily ever since and by means or which I help to support my parents.

But last month I was handed a letter notifying me that I am to be fired from my job because I belong to the Socialist Workers Party, an organzation included in the "subversive" list issued by the Attorney General last November.

Now I did not and do not deny that I am a member of this organization; as a matter of fact, am as proud of my membership in this party as you are of yours in the Democratic Party. What 'subversive" or advocates force and violence in ever practiced force and violence was under Army

The Socialist Workers Party has protested its designation as subversive and asked the Attorney General for a public hearing to prove that it does not belong on this list. The Attorney General has

rejected this request. So this is the situation that I am in at the present time:

I belong to a party that is legal, and appears on the ballot and runs candidates for office. The Attorney General says it is subversive, but he has never attempted to prove it, and he even denies us the elementary democratic right to defend our-

I ask you, Mr. President, is that the democratic way? Would you like to be charged with a crime, you committed it, or where, and not permitted to face your accuser, or examine the evidence, or have This is a fine sentiment, Mr. President, and I a lawyer or a trial—and then be told you are

Although I regard the entire Loyalty Board procedure as unconstitutional, I have followed this procedure and made my appeal through its channels. But at the Loyalty Board hearing in Philadelphia on September 10, my attempts to discuss the main issue—is my party subversive or not were ruled out of order as irrelevant and immaterial, and the questioning was confined to something I had already publicly admitted—am I or am I not a member of the Socialist Workers Party. I see no reason to expect justice from such a set-up, and I ask you, Mr. President, to intervene in this case.

Specifically, I request you to halt the dismissal proceedings against me until such time as you have called a public hearing at which my party can do deny, and what my party denies, is that it is defend itself and me against the subversive charges. Surely, this is a modest request to make of a public order to achieve social.sm. The only time I have figure like yourself, who has endorsed the widelypublicized recommendations of your Committee on Civil Rights.

I would be glad to meet with you, Mr. President, to discuss this case further.

(signed) James Kutcher

By Joseph Hansen

On Sept. 14, 1917, Eugene V. Cleveland, Ohio, to ten years in try. prison for opposing imperialist DEBS JAILED war and advocating socialism as

against capitalism and for social- of my days. . ." ism appeared to this commenta-

his column. His attention had million votes. been called to a new party in

stand against World War I found war. its historic repetition in the per- Just as Debs had defended his

On June 16, 1918, Debs opposed Debs, four-time candidate of Wall Street and its war aims in the Socialist Party for U. S. a speech at Canton, Ohio, that President, was sentenced in resounded throughout the coun-

The Woodrow Wilson Administhe only road to enduring peace. tration considered such utterances Thirty years later, almost to to be "treason" and placed the the week, W. K. Kelsey, well- 63-year-old Socialist crusader on known columnist of the Detroit trial. But this battler did not re-News, exclaimed in reference to cant. In court he told the jury: Norman Thomas: "How the So- "I would not retract a word that cialist Party leadership has I have uttered that I believe to changed since the days of Eugene be true to save myself from going V. Debs!" The struggle of Debs to the penitentiary for the rest

Comdemned to the federal penitor forgotten by everyone but the tentiary, Debs continued his battle. From behind prison bars, A few days later, Kelsey felt he ran for President in 1920 for obliged to publish a correction in the fifth time, polling almost a

In World War II, the Roosevelt the 1948 Presidential election- Administration charged 18 lead-Socialist Workers Party, cars and members of the Socialist whose candidates for President Workers Party with virtually the and Vice-President, Farrell Dobbs same "crime" alleged against of our Party, are caused by the and Grace Carlson, proclaim the Debs. The real "crime" of which conflict of imperialist nations for principles Debs stood for and these Trotskyists were "guilty." continue his fighting tradition. like Debs, was advocacy of social-The persecution of Debs for his ism and opposition to imperialist

secution of Farrell Dobbs, Grace principles in court, so did the Carlson and 16 other Trotskyists Trotskyists. On the witness stand, fields. . .

"If I am elected pesident,' he

stated, "I will call upon all labor,

ask this Congress of Labor, which

Comrade Dobbs was interview-

ed by a reporter from millionaire

Paul Block's paper, the Toledo

ever, The Blade preaches free-

dom of the press but does not

the light of day.

SWP Candidates in Michigan

Michigan candidates of the Socialist Workers Party with

Grace Carlson, the party's Vice-Presidential candidate, during her

recent tour in the auto state. (Left to right) William H. Yancey

of Flint, candidate for Secretary of State; Grace Carlson; Genora

Dollinger of Flint, candidate for U. S. Senator: and Howard

TOLEDO WORKERS HEAR

DOBBS TALK OVER WSPD

tial candidate, ended a two-day tives to a Congress of Labor. This

stay in Toledo tonight which in- Congress, I would ask to elect a

cluded a public meeting, a radio broad executive committee which

broadcast, a social affair given I would appoint to offices in my

in his honor and a special con- cabinet." He continued, "I would

The high point of his visit was would really represent the people

a radio address over Station WS- of this country, to adopt a pro-

afternoon and broadcast in the housing, education, medical aid

evening. For the first time in and anything else needed by the

select from among themselves an hour with him, asked many

"young and fearless leaders who questions and, as was later dis-

know one class from another in covered, wrote an article. How-

Lerner of Detroit, candidate for Governor.

We believe that the necessary social transition from the present system of capitalism to the far more efficient order of socialism, can only be brought under a leadership of the workers."

MINNEAPOLIS CASE

James P. Cannon, Farrell Dobbs, Grace Carlson and the ther defendants were given sentences ranging from a year-anda-day to 16 months. As in the case of Debs, imprisonment did not lead them to change their views. Both Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson are today running for office on the same program they advocated before they were jailed.

Since Debs historic opposition o imperialist war, Big Business nas plunged America into a Second World War and is now preparing for a third slaughter.

The growing strength of Socialist Workers Party, however retary of the Socialist Workers Party and one of the defendants, and its appearance in this Presiexplained the position of the "Modern wars, in the opinion the disaster of a Third World War. The great goal Debs fought for inspires the ranks of the Secialist Workers Party, his prinmaterial, fields for investment ciples live in its program. The and spheres of influence.... Fundamentally wars are caused freshting campaign of Dobbs and the march in America.

Campaigning

for Dobbs and Carlson, They are Harlem 15 workers filled out James Boulton, SWP candidate to join the party. for Governor.

I could take up the rest of this column, if space permitted writng about these petition campaigns. It's a real story of revolutionary devotion and perseverance: hard, patient work day after day buttonholing people on setting under way. street corners, climbing stairs, knocking on doors-painstaking care to avoid all the technical members of the union . . . a series pooby-traps laid by the capitalority parties off the ballot. And N. Y. waterfront. then days of worry that the capitalist politicians, with the law and courts in their pockets, will off the ballot, blow up all the can be gleaned from the follow-TOLEDO - Farrell Dobbs, So- working farmers and minority hard work done and force you ing items: into a costly court fight.

done. I know that not everyone and pile up a big vote for Dobbs what we need-union men for gram of economic expansion, and Carlson. All you have to do office." is enclose a dollar bill, five or ten in an envelope and send it people. This program would be to national campaign headquartwas able to "listen to himself" put into effect by my administra- ers. 116 University Place. The more of these we receive, the more radio time we can buy, the more leaflets and papers we can print. How about it?

Blade. The reporter spent almost NEW YORK CITY

The New York Local Campaigner reports that they were stepping up their election activities into high gear. In the last week eight street meetings were ing through the foul odors of the practice it. The article never saw held in various parts of the city where 1825 people heard our

signatures for each of 16 electors literature. At one meeting in also shooting for a high total for cards indicating interest in the the national headliners and for campaign, five of whom wanted

other parts of the city, clubs are

our 1,000 election platforms to of leaflets are being issued on ist state legislatures to keep min- the campaign to workers on the

IN THE AUTO STATE

start proceedings to knock you tial candidate made in Michigan

The headline over a story in I wish when you read this, you the "Pontiac Daily Press": would ask yourself what you have "Dobbs Expecting Sizable Vote." The enthusiastic reception of could take part in these petition auto workers who received 35,000 campaigns. But everyone can help copies of SWP campaign literato one extent or another-to ture during Truman's Labor Day carry our message to the people visit, many commenting: "That's

> The following are the next dates of Dobbs' tour; Sept. 26-27 Youngstown. Sept. 28 en route. Sept. 29-30 Pittsburgh. Oct. 1 en route.

The following are the next lates of Carlson's tour; Sept. 26 to Oct. 4 Minnesota. Oct. 5-8 Wisconsin.

For Socialism

been organized in the Bedford Stuyvesant and Brownsville areas of Brooklyn, another is in the process of being launched in the Fort Greene Housing project. In

Our painters branch has mailed

The impression our presiden-

DOBBS-CARLSON TOUR

Oct. 2-4 Buffalo.

Dobbs Addresses Pontiac Audience Over Station WCAR



Dunne Scores Humphrey Aid dential election is a Roperul sign that Anterior can be saved from To Fascist Smith's Meeting

Vincent R. Dunne, candidate of the Socialist Workers Party for United States Senator in Minnesota released the following

"Mayor Hubert Humphrey is helping to clear the way for by the efforts of all the capitalist | Carlson is proof that revolution- the white-supremacist Dixiecrats and their advance agents who powers to expand into other ary socialism is once again on are attempting to extend the American Congo beyond their own Jim Crow territory. In his letter, which appears in the Minneapolis Tribune of Sept. 16, Mayor Humphrey invites Gerald L. K. Smith to proceed with his plans for a public meeting in the municipal auditorium in Minneapolis.

"Doesn't Mayor Humphrey Humphrey assures Dear Mr know that the Christian Nationalists, headed by Smith, are in reality only a northern spearhead for the southern despots who rule with knife, gun and noose? At the Democratic national convention, Mayor Humphrey made a great show of defending civil rights. He pretends to be a student of human affairs. He posed as a champion of organized labor in order to be elected to office. But like all other politicians of The Campaigner also reports his kind, he seeks to throw sand that Dobbs-Carlson Clubs have in the eyes of the working people while he snuggles up to the bosses who can bring him some

ARROGANT DEMAND

"Emboldened by the terrific blows dealt the American labor movement by the Taft-Hartley Act, and encouraged by the heavy vote for such reactionaries as Joseph Ball, one of the authors of this union-busting legislation, the would-be fascist leaders Smith, has sent an arrogant demand to the editor of the Min-

neapolis Tribune that he be furnished a public rostrum in this city. The Cowles press obligingly

"Without hesitation, Mayor



V. R. DUNNE SWP CANDIDATE FOR MINNESOTA GOVERNOR

Smith' that he will refer his demand to the proper authorities. A careful reading of Mayor Humphrey's letter leaves no doubt that he is not only ignoring but insulting the entire Twin City labor movement. He also gives 'the back of his hand' to the Negro people and the entire Jewish community whom Smith seeks to exterminate.

"Workers and farmers in Minnesota and elsewhere should make a new estimate of Humphrey' the labor and so-called progressive leadership of the workers' and farmers' movement has placed Humphrey on a gilded platform. Such support endangers

the entire labor movement. Humthrey and his kind can only lead he working people to disaster. of Germany. Obscure in 1932, in

at Nuremburg, where he com- saved. mented on the liberals and the ful German labor movement, said, movement in the Northwest. 'Only one thing could have broken with the most extreme brutality, the nucleus of our new move-

class against the fascist danger. vention. Who can doubt that the lords of "The Socialist Workers Party

believes that the Minnesota labor movement should be on guard and prepare to organize a still more powerful picket line recepready, just as we did in 1946, to bines while in motion. take our place in such a demon-

World Events

By Joseph Hansen

Civil War in Indonesia

Tan Malaka, imprisoned since 1946 by heads of the Indonesian Republic on the charge that he supports the revolutionary socialist program of Leon Trotsky, has been released, according to a Sept. 16 United Press dispatch from Batavia. Well-known as a leader among Javanese Communists when the Third International was a genuine revolutionary organization, Tan Malaka had broken with

Premier Mohammed Hatta of the Indonesian Republic, who anunced the release of Tan Malaka, said he "would call upon Mr. Malaka to help strengthen the Government's anti-Communist bloc." What this meant was not made clear in the dispatch.

In Surakarta, largest city in the territory held by the Republic, fighting was reported to "have broken out between Stalinist and Trotskyist Communists." The relative size of the two groups, their programs and the exact differences between them was not given. Likewise unclear was a Sept. 17 Associated Press dispatch that a 'three-way battle among Trotskyite and Stalinite Communists and Army and Navy units in Surakarta had spread" and "paralyzed"

These confused and garbled reports were followed by news that a Soviet-type government had been set up in Madiun under eadership of Musso, alleged to be a "Moscow-trained Communist leader." Musso returned to Indonesia on Aug. 20, according to the story, and within a few weeks united the Stalinists, the Socialist Party, the Labor Party and SOBSI, the Trade Union Federation.

Musso's program was said to include "confiscation of all indusrial enterprises by the Government, placing a military force in the hands of the people and setting up of internal security committees as well as "Land for those who toil it."

In response to the events in Madiun, the Indonesian Provisional Parliament granted unlimited powers to President Soekarno. A decree banned "all left wing newspapers." Trade union and Communist Youth Movement headquarters were raided and hundreds of persons arrested. Martial law was proclaimed "for all workers throughout the Indonesian Republic" and Soekarno called for the 'recapture of Madiun as soon as possible."

Meanwhile, the Dutch Government decreed "communistic action" in Indonesia to be a "criminal offense," and rushed its colonial governor van Mook by plane to the Far East. The Dutch have sought to crush the Indonesian Republic by military force.

In Washington, the State Department declared it was "watching closely the Communist movement in Southeast Asia." Such companies as Goodyear, General Motors and Standard Oil have big holdings in this fabulously-wealthy colonial area

The State Department has consistently backed Dutch imperialism in its war on Indonesia. Without American arms, dollars and supply lines, the Dutch colonial despots could not have successfully invaded Indonesia. Part of the Dutch forces were even trained in the United States.

While it is impossible to pierce the heavy smoke-screen of censorship and draw exact conclusions about the particular happenings in Indonesia, the general course of events is clear.

The nationalist heads of the Indonesian Government betraved the Republic and the cause of independence by giving up militant struggle against the Dutch. Consequently, the Indonesian people began seeking more militant leaders to replace them.

This leadership can be found only in the working class. There, in turn, the search for leadership brings to the fore the most dynamic and revolutionary forces.

kind of politician. The open-handed support of a wide section of the labor and specified progress. Harry DeBoer, One of the 18, **Badly Hurt in Job Accident**

18 defendants in the famous Minneapolis Trial of 1941, was seriously injured Sept. 11 on a farm near Crookston, Minn., when his left hand was caught between a swiftly-moving

"Hitler was the G. L. K. Smith belt and a pulley. He was rushed to the Crookston Hospital, and it is still uncertain power in 1933, Hitler, in a speech whether his mangled hand and arm can be

Harry DeBoer is well-known in the labor leaders of the once-power- Teamsters Union and throughout the labor

In the historic Minneapolis drivers strike our movement — if the adversary of July, 1934, a police bullet nearly ended o.k.'s this demand and quite accurately estimates that Mayor had understood its principle and Humphrey is in accord with their from the first day had smashed,

President of the Bakery Drivers local and was elected Chairman of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council. As Minnesota State delegate to the 12-State Over-the-Road Drivers Council, he helped win the "Humphrey is like the German first uniform contract for the over-the-road drivers, covering 250,000 liberals who always deplored any previously unorganized workers. He was elected delegate to several militant action by the working state AFL conventions and to the AFL Teamsters International Con-

He might have settled down in a comfortable post in the Team-Wall Street and their servants in sters Union had he cared to play ball with Czar Tobin. But he chose the state department in Washing- instead to fight for the democratic rights of the membership against ton are secretly backing what the bureaucrats and goons Tobin sent into the area to smash rank they hope will be an American and file control of Local 544 at the beginning of the war.

When Roosevelt, partly in response to Tobin's request for government help, railroaded 18 members of the Socialist Workers Party to prison for opposing imperialist war and advocating socialism, Harry DeBoer was among them. He was sentenced to a year-and-aday in the Federal Penitentiary at Sandstone for his devotion to principle.

Upon his release from prison, he continued to be hounded by tion for Smith, if and when he Tobin and blacklisted by the employers. DeBoer found it difficult makes an appearance, either on to make a living in Minneapolis. Thus he was forced to take a job the invitation of Mayor Humph- as a tractor repair expert on an industrial farm near Crookston. rey or on his own. We stand Part of his duties required working on the giant tractors and com-

All his friends and comrades join in wishing Harry DeBoer

Norman Thomas--A "Socialist" the Capitalists Like of the confused and doubletalking ing at the Wallace movement, speech that covers almost a full perialist war? For or against the by a "reform" that would elimin-

By George Clarke

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The inspiring radio speech call-

ing upon the Toledo workers to

resent day class society," came

like a draught of fresh air blow-

capitalist parties' speeches.

on the radio in the company of a tion."

wrote a story entitled "The days are behind it, lifted out of ing its size and influence. They towards World War III. He has questions—he supported the sec- Prepare for war! Establish mili-Champion from Far Away." In | obscurity, splashed over the front | needed a man not so besmirched, no criticism to make of the policy ond World War, today he sup- tary bases all over the world! Arm it he describes how the fight pages of the nation's newspapers somewhat radical in appearance of the State Department which ports the Marshall Plan. promotors took a "bum" from his and popular weeklies and featured and language who while standing props up the murderous Greek Genuine working class opposi- But Thomas just doesn't cotton from otors took a bum from his and popular rooms and it in to imperialism, that is social to such simple logical reasoning. crowd turned out. and started him on a spectacular programs. nor boxing skill. The promotors, "healthy" sign.

hot-so-honorable art in the job tion of America and the world.

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"socialist." representing a small far from weakening let alone de- page of the paper without once imperialist Marshall Plan? ate the veto. What practical con-Many years ago Ben Hecht and dwindling party whose better stroying it, was actually augment- attacking the bi-partisan drive Thomas is in their camp on both clusions do such proposals entail?

career in the prize ring. Amidst This press and radio build-up from the right. The candidate for Kai Shek, the nest of internation to Thomas, receives no such gen-plans with-hold your hat!—with great fanfare and publicity, they or Thomas is neither accidental that role was Norman Thomas. | tional intrigue and reaction in the | tle treatment. Woodrow Wilson | the pacifist proposal of disarmatoured him around the country nor the result of the Socialist The State Department in this Vatican and now the would-be punished Eugene V. Debs for op- ment, a dreamy, deceptive pro-

This build-up technique is not, elements among our capitalist zealously aspires to that role at This is the respectable advice made a career out of muddleheadwe know, restricted to the crooked | rulers had become alarmed by the | home. game of pugilism. It is well known millions of followers Wallace is The speech delivered by Thomas ist rulers appreciate Thomas' cri- stupidity. monstration of this ancient but not-so-honorable art in the job tion of America and the world.

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winning victory after victory Party emerging as a mass force case is following the same policy man-on horseback, General de against "setups." At last came in American politics. It is a highly it pursues in Europe where it Gaulle. the great finale where our hero conscious and deliberate move. has poured money and influence To give the devil his due, it is matched against the real The tip-off came when the New into resuscitating the "Socialists" should be noted that Thomas has similar penalty to Farrell Dobbs naturally, of disarmament, are champ. Naturally he gets "mur- York Times last May hailed the who are supporting the world am- at times criticised the "excesses" dered" since he has neither punch | nomination of Thomas as a bitions of American imperialism in Greece and China, freely adagainst, socialist revolution on vising the Wall Street gang that frowever, who had deceived the What is behind this build-up the one hand and Stalinism on the America's pretensions to spreadpublic but not themselves, put of the political "champion from other. In Norman Thomas they ing democracy abroad were being towards World III should be clare Russia an "aggressor" it is their money on the champ and far away"? Primarily the Wallace have an eager-beaver who supinjured by supporting reactionary placed on exhibit as the prize only because the military preparamovement. The more conscious ports his counterparts abroad and governments.

We see the amazing spectacle them that the reactionary snarl- Thomas succeeds in making a position. For or against the im- powers to deal with the aggressor Mr. Thomas.

throwing him into jail. And will stop a capitalist war. Franklin Roosevelt meted out a and Grace Carlson for their op-being taken by the State Departposition to the Second World War.

Thomas to stop the headlong drive ish the veto in the U.N. and despecimens of a politician who has tions are still incomplete and the of a loyal opposition. The capital- ness, confusion and downright time not yet ripe to take the dip- week. Of the last 65, Bea Allen

to the teeth!

would actually attack Wallace corrupt government of Chiang ist internationalism—utterly alien He emerges from his warlike posing the First World War by posal which never has and never

All these with the exception, The practical proposals made by ment. If they still hesitate to abol-

MILITANT ARMY

with unusual success selling subscriptions at election campaign very well Bea added. "We are street meetings, for which the visiting Militant readers to sell 25c.-15-week sub is made to tickets for meetings, and thereby order. Last week 23 subs were establishing closer contacts. Lots obtained at one street corner and of literature is being sold at all five at another where only a small our meetings, so we are gaining

Chicago sold 158 "Voice of Socialism" pamphlets at a Wallace meeting. This is a compilation of eight radio speeches, seven by of The Militant for a long time the Socialist Workers Party to come. He renewed for five candidates, Farrell Dobbs for years. president and Grace Carlson for vice president, and the SWP convention keynote address by James P. Cannon, national secretary of the party. The price is 10c.

Detroit's subscription campaign reached a total of 573 subs last lomatic steps which will precipit- reported, Fred had obtained seven

forgot to renew on time and your SWP."

Philadelphia branch continues | missed a lot of issues." "Our campaign is really going

> in every respect from the election campaign."

W. H. T. of Buffalo assured himself of uninterrupted arrival

Newark kept up its weekly average with 34 subs this week from Newark and East Orange.

New York turned in 82 subs to lead all branches.

From Privas, France: "At what rate could you send me every in American politics. The current attracting by his demagogic at- on Sept. 19, printed in full in the ticisms because it costs them Thomas outshouts the most ate the shooting war. But they in his shop and Morgan had week your newspaper The Milicampiagn gives us another de- tacks on the bi-partisan program N. Y. Times and relayed over the nothing and permits them to leather-lunged of the warmongers are working hard on the matter gotten 19 on house-to-house work tant? I don't know how to send a suubscription with French money. One subscriber "renewed for Please answer as quickly as

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The experience of my life, in which there has been no lack either of successes or of failules, has not only not destroyed my faith in the clear, bright future of mankind, but, on the contrary, has given it an indestructible temper. This faith in reason, in truth, in human solidarity, which at the age of eighteen I took with me into the workers' quarters of the provincial Russian town of Nikolalev - this faith I have preserved fully and completely. It has become more mature, but

-Leon Trotsky, Address before Dewey Commission, Mexico City, 1937.



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Stalinist Silence on Kutcher Case

Almost every leading newspaper has reported on the Kutcher case. Several columnists have commented on it. Union papers like the CIO News have carried items about it. Many prominent individuals and organizations have rallied to Kutcher's defense—although they do not agree with Kutcher's political beliefs.

It doesn't take any special "news sense" to see that the case of James Kutcher, the Newark war veteran who lost both legs in Italy and was fired from his Veterans Administration job for belonging to the Socialist Workers Party, is not only a great human interest story but of vital importance for civil rights. It is doubly important because Kutcher is the first victim of the "loyalty" purge to stand up and fight for his political views and his right to hold his government

But there is one newspaper for which the Kutcher case does not appear to exist—a publication incidentally, whose columns for months have been complaining about the government's witch-hunt and "loyalty" purge of political dissidents. That is the Daily Worker, mouthpiece of the Communist Party. Since the Kutcher case was made public more than a month ago, the Daily Worker has studiously avoided all mention of it.

It is almost fantastic that a party, itself under heavy attack, a party professing to fight for civil rights, is stone silent about the most dramatic civil rights case in years.

But the Daily Worker is demonstrating that the leopard has not changed its spots. We recall how this CP sheet hailed the wartime imprisonment of the leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544 under the Smith "Gag" Act—the very case which set the precedent for the present indictment of the 12 CP leaders. And how the CP leaders refused even to reply to the proposal of the SWP for united front action against the Smith "Gag" Act.

There is an impelling reason why the Stalinist leaders continue their perfidious role in the Kutcher case. For years they have been slandering the Socialist Workers Party as "Hitlerites." "fascists" and "enemies of labor." For them to admit that the persecution of the Socialist Workers Party and its members is a blow against all civil liberties and the rights of all labor, is to blast skyhigh their previous slander about the Trotskyists.

Blinded by factional frenzy, stupified by their own lies, the Stalinists violate the most elementary principles of working-class solidarity in the defense of civil rights. The Stalinists thus again demonstrate in the Kutcher Case that they are not a principled working class party, but a degenerate clique of careerists and fakers.

The Socialist Workers Party, in contrast, has given a real demonstration of what working-class solidarity means. Despite its basic and unbridgeable differences with Stalinism, the SWP has never failed—and will never fail—to defend Stalinists or any others in the labor movement whose civil and political rights are under attack.

"Ya" Elections

The 1948 Presidential election reveals how gravely the two-party system has undermined democratic rights in America.

To preserve the Democratic and Republican monopoly of the ballot, arbitrary election laws, written in the spirit of authoritarianism, bar minority parties. When these unreasonable requirements are met at great effort and expense, the election boards manned by the bi-partisan coalition "discover" flaws that are used as a pretext to throw these parties off the ballot.

Thus, a powerful new grouping like the Wallace movement was ruled off the ballot in Illinois. In Youngstown, Ohio, and Boston, Massachusetts, the Socialist Workers Party was similarly barred from the ballot after meeting all the arbitrary rules and regulations drawn up by the Democrats and Republicans.

The latest instance occurred in the very political center of America, New York City, where the Workers Party was ruled off the ballot in the 19th Congressional District. Here, the reasons given by the Election Board were particularly fantastic.

At first the Board gave no excuse, simply

announcing the ruling. When forced to hold a hearing, the Board alleged that the "similarity" between the name of the Workers Party and the "United Laborite Party" would give rise to confusion. The "United Laborite Party" was a fraudulent front set up by Tammany Hall to steal votes away from the American Labor Party.

Since this "reason" would not hold water, a member of the Board of Elections speculated on the "validity" of the nominating petition signed by 4,500 voters. But he was unable to point to a specific irregularity. Thus the ruling of the Board was taken on nothing but a bare letter of "objection" filed by Arthur G. Klein, the Democratic candidate in the 19th Congressional District.

This is an ominous trend. Every effort must be bent to eliminate the dictatorial election laws. It is up to the trade union heads who declaim about laoor political action to begin clearing the ground right now for labor's march to office by organizing a nation-wide campaign for free elections in America. To break the two-party monopoly of the election booth, it is necessary to smash the Democratic-Republican legal padlock an the ballot box.

Truman "Trust-Busting"

On September 15—less than eight weeks before election day—the Truman administration with much fanfare began an anti-trust suit against the "Big Four" meat packers-Armour, Swift, Cudahy and Wilson. At the same time the Attorney General spoke some harsh words against price gouging and lawbreaking on the part of the meat barons.

Only a Rip Van Winkle waking up on September 15, would be taken in by this last minute prefense of trust-busting. And even Rip would see through this phony election eve maneuver if he went to the library and read the back issues of the newspapers.

Let's look at the record.

In July 1946 the Democrats passed the price decontrol bill, giving the President power to take food and other items off the OPA control list. Then the administration raised the OPA ceilings on meats by 10-12%. This wasn't enough for the greedy packers and they started an artificial meat famine.

What did Truman—who claims he "never backed out of a fight"-do? He allowed the meat famine to spread till most of the working people had been without meat for weeks —and then gave in to the monopolists by decontrolling meat.

In contrast to the cowardice of "Horse-

meat Harry"-as Truman came to be called -before the meat barons, he exhibited a coldblooded savagery against the packinghouse workers. In May 1948 when the packinghouse workers were forced to go on strike for necessary wage increases in an attempt to keep up with soaring prices, we find our doughty President cracking down hard on the strikers with his Fact-Finding Board backing the arguments of the Meat Trust.

With this black record the administration now has the audacity to come forward posing as an enemy of monopoly in the packinghouse industry. It is a safe prediction that nothing will come of this anti-trust suiteven if the Democratic Party were to win the elections. One of the Assistant Attorney Generals gave the show away when he declared to reporters that there had been no real competition between the "Big Four" packers for "fifty-five years." This is absolute truth. Then why haven't the Democrats and Republicans, who have held office for so long, taken

Because capitalist politicians will do nothing to end monopolist control. They are not enemies of the profit-swollen monopolists, but their agents and timeservers.

\$2,000 Weekly to Election Day Needed to Meet SWP Fund Quota

Another Load Won't Hurt Him!

WORKERS FORUM

Demands Abolition Of Monarchy

While you are busy trying to lect the next President of U.S.A. would call your attention to the importance of immediate liquidation of the British monarchy as a step toward Socialism and democracy. Do you realize the profound conservative influence the British throne wields upon the minds of the masses for revering and preserving status quo because of old respected traditions?

Truthfully the King is a bloodsucking racketeer on the public without rendering any useful service in return. Many of us are fooled that the King is a Knightly, chivalrous person and can render human service and help to worthy individuals ignored and frogotten by selfish capitalists and rolling in government. For much of the trash that is issued this reason some of us tolerate the monarch. But alas, worthy people have tested out the British Czech mother in search for her friends the how and Alice Monarch. King and his household and have displaced six-year-old son. It also found them dead to chivalry and shows how the war has affected Knightly honor, and cold-blooded these displaced children — their selfish, unfeeling rich capitalists shrivelled bodies, their fearplaying the Kingly game just for crazed minds, their deadened the shekels and pounds.

Well, children of America and Great Britain, it is time to call this racketeering and exploitation to a halt.

Please transmit this mandate from Republican America to the Socialists and laborites of the British Island in the name of democracy, science, and modern civilization. Demand that the members of the House of Commons enact an Act of Parliament declaring the immediate abolition of the office of King and Queen in Great Britain and establishing Great Britain as a Republic.

After this, revolution will precipitate faster in the British Is-

Other Parties

Editor:

I have been wondering just what is the difference between the Socialist Party—Norman Thomas and Tucker P. Smith, the Socialist Labor Party—Edward A. Teichert and Stephen Emery and the Socialist Workers Party—Farrell Dobbs and Dr. Grace Carlson. I this form, to wit:

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Aug. 30, where a Mr. Wm. N. | the people in this country-have stand at least where I stand. I railroads again. told him I think all workers es-

rly in all industries. I do not believe the working class—and that is about 95% of

Doty wrote Mr. A.F. Whitney brains enough to come in out of about whether the workers are the rain. I belong to a union, AFL, ready for a Labor Party; also but I do not think the majority heard a debate last Sunday over of the union heads work for the the radio on this subject. I wrote interest of the men. Like B.M. Mr. Whitney a letter, which if Jewell did in 1922, and then they he reads, I believe he can under- put him back at the head of the I have let several men read the pecially on the railroads should paper, The Militant, and they

have one union-all stand toge- think I am an anarchist, as most ther or else we would hang sep- of the people in the state of arately. I believe that should ap- Kansas are Republicans and do not know any better.

Movie Review

spirits. It also pictures the feeble efforts of UNNRA to somehow mend the ravages of war and its aftermath. It is much like sweep-

ing back the tide with a broom. The boy who plays the part of the displaced child does not merely "play" the part: he lives t. Imagine an even more wistful 'Kid" than Jackie Coogan, caught haunted by the horrible experiences of his life in a concen-

inade, and true Socialism established there, to hasten in return early Socialism in Canada and U.S.A.

A.C.B.

Wilmington, Coll.

Differences With

October 1, 1947.

State of New York, County of New York, Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Jeff Thorne, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of The Militant and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if, a daily, weekly, semiweekly or triveckly newspaper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above capiton, required

Dobbs and Dr. Grace Carlson. I have been voting for Norman Thomas and the Socialist Party for 20 years, as I did not know of any other. Now just what is the difference?

I read a letter in The Militant,

Pittsburgh Readers

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tration camp. If the movies are Mahon as the UNNRA worker with a heart.

I left this movie more determined than ever to strike at this thing which causes all these blighted lives - capitalist war! How stupid it is to cause all this carnage and these ravished lives on one hand and on the other, to shattered lives and hopes of these displaced children. And I could not forego a bitter thought that for every displaced child that in the backwash of war and does mend his life, there are thousands not so fortunate.

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Featuring short talks by SWP candidates George Breitman and William E. Bohannan SAT., OCT. 2, at 9 P. M.

423 Springfield Ave., Newark

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

November 2—Election Day—is creeping up on us fast. We have just five weeks left to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities that have opened

Party in the Dobbs-Carlson elec- style. tion campaign.

of the SWP have done yeomen ger, Fund director for the Flint work, day and night, to put the branch - and candidate for U.S. SWP on the map in this cam- Senator, writes: "Now that the paign. But in the five-week two biggest attractions of our stretch ahead we've got to go into clection campaign has been held

the finances available. You can rest of our pledge." see by the scoreboard that we have not yet reached 60% of the writes: "We have been rather \$25,000 national quota for our tardy. . . This is all due to unem-Election Campaign and Party ployment especially in the shoe Building Fund. The total now and leather industries. We are alstands at \$14,211. To complete most sure that before the camthe Fund before Nov. 2 the con- paign ends Lynn will fulfill its tributions must now come rolling pledge." Attached is a \$25 check. in at the rate of over \$2,000 a week for the next five weeks. This past week's contributions,

while up from the previous week's were \$972.50, or less than half of the amount that will be needed each week to the wind-up.

As National Fund Director, it is my duty to suggest to the party branches that they proceed in this next week to sit down and incorrectly the totals for Rochesstudy this Fund question and ter and General contributions. organize the most systematic and This week's totals are correct.

up for the Socialist Workers concentrated effort to fulfill the Fund quota in real Trotskyist

We know that the spirit and The branches and sympathizers the will is there. Genora Dollin-(Dobbs-Carlson meetings) we A very great deal depends on can settle down to raising the

The Lynn, Mass., branch

Obstacles aplenty exist, as these letters show. But they also show the determination that exists in our party ranks. We are confident they will do all in their power to complete the Fund in record fashion.

CORRECTION: The Fund Scoreboard last week reported

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

anch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Baltimore	50	65	131
Tacoma	50	61	122
St. Louis	50	55	111
Milwaukee	400	419	105
Allentown	50	50	100
Rochester	50	50	100
Boston-Lynn	400	380	95
Philadelphia	500	425	85
Flint	400	328	82
Seattle	600	450	75
Newark	750	550	73
Minnesota	2,000	1,392	70
West Virginia	100	70	70
Youngstown	800	545	68
New York City	7,500	4,924	66
Reading	150	95	64
Pittsburgh	200	120	60
Cleveland	400	237	59
Buffalo	1,000	492	49
Los Angeles	2,500	1,160	46
Toledo	200	82	41
Chicago	2,000	808	40
Detroit	1,600	610	38
San Francisco-Oakland	1,500	576	38
San Diego	50	13	26
Akron	400	85	21
Connecticut	250	32	13
General	1,050	137	13
Total	\$25,000	\$14,211	57

Backs Carlson For Vice President

We are very glad to see a woman running for vice president. Hope and wish she will be elected. Will the Socialist Workers Party be on the ballot in Florida? Floattempt to put together the rida has one party, Democrats. Please send me three copies of

your platform. I want to give it to some my friends. One thing I do not understand, the principals of the Socialist party is-Workers of the World Unite. And yet there are two par-

ties. Thomas party and Dobbs

ess. We know she has the cour-

party. How can you have peace or strength by being divided? We do wish Dr. Carlson suc-

age, if she does not succeed this time, try again. You are paving the road for yourself or for some woman, sometimes who will be president of U.S. And if we do have more women in high office I am sure we shall have less war and more peace. With best wishes for success,

R. S., M.D. Pensacola, Florida.

Editor:

Last night I heard on WNYC a rebroadcast of Dobbs Farrell's acceptance speech in which he shows up Wallace for what he is. Please send me 20 copies of it. I want to give it to my "Wallace" friends. Too bad you are not SLP members. You should be.

New Brunswick, N. J.

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gan and Northern Ohio. Truman's speeches were carried as a "public service" by the major radio stations in each city, except Detroit, where the Democrats paid for radio time. Our comrades fought for and won equal free time - second for second -

> for me to answer Truman. Here is the scoreboard on my radio time: Flint, 17 min-

utes; Pontiac, 11 minutes, 8 seconds; Grand Rapids, 13 minutes, 18 seconds; Lansing, 4 minutes, 54 seconds; Toledo, 14 minutes, 10 seconds.

Through these broadcasts we reached tens of thousands of auto workers. Reports from the factories reveal that my radio talks have been an important topic of conversation among them.

I welcomed the opportunity to rip into the top union officials for their cynical policy of supporting Truman, who is a political tool of the monopoly corporations and the big banks.

I got right down to brass tacks and talked about the reality of the war between capital and labor; the need for the workers to create a new policy and a new leadership corresponding to this reality; and the compelling reasons why the workers must combine the economic struggles on the picket line with independent labor political action. In Detroit and Pontiac I addressed street meet-

SWP Election Tour

Barnstorming in Buffalo

By Grace Carlson, Vice-Presidential Candidate

"The City of Good Neighbors" is the title given to their home town by civic-minded Buffalonians And while "good-neighborliness" is scarcely noticeable in such Buflalo busi-



ness enterprises as Westinghouse Corporation, Bell Aircraft, General Motors and Bethlehem Steel, it is a very real factor in the Socialist Workers Party Branch here.

I have been taken care of very well and very generously in every city that I visited on this tour. But I think that the

Buffalo Branch crowded more home-cooked dinners, parties and socials of all kinds into the schedule than any other place—for all of which I am very grateful to the Trotskyist "good neighbors" of Buffalo.

But on a more "un-neighborly note"—I heard the story of police brutality toward Buffalo's Negro citizens at one NAACP protest meeting here last Friday night. Like every other believer in freedom and equality in the audience, I applauded the decision to raise funds for the defense of the two Negro women, who were the latest victims of police brutality. I was grateful to read in the paper the next day that these two women, who had been charged with "assaulting an officer," "resisting arrest" etc., would be granted a new trial and permitted to turn the charges against the Jim Crow-minded police.

My trip to Buffalo coincided with visits of the so-called Progressive, Henry Wallace, and the so-called Socialist, Norman Thomas. Our offer to debate Norman Thomas on "foreign policy"

received some publicity in the Buffalo press but the challenge was turned down because Thomas was "too busy." However, our Buffalo people will continue to pressure the S.P. for a debate between Norman Thomas and Farrell Dobbs next

ings of several hundred workers, mostly Negroes. Here I described how the Workers and Farmers

government will be built and how it will trans-

form the capitalist economy of artificial scarcity

The workers listened closely to my explanations

After the speaking program ended a number of

workers remained to discuss issues, ask questions,

purchase literature and sign interest cards to se-

past experience with street meetings, are already

conducting themselves like seasoned street cam-

The SWP presidential campaign coincides with

These significant twin events will speed the

growth of a strong left wing in the auto union

under the impact of coming developments on the

I am now moving through Ohio toward Canton

where I plan to reaffirm the socialist anti-war

program of Eugene V. Debs set forth in his his-

toric Canton speech 30 years ago. And I shall

defend this sterling revolutionary against detrac-

tors like Norman Thomas who seek, in Debs'

name, to betray the working people into support

of the capitalist ruling class in a Third World

a serious new trend of thought about basic pro-

gram and independent labor political action among

Our Michigan comrades, who have had little

of these fundamental questions and applauded at

into a socialist economy of abundance.

cure more information about the SWP.

important sections of the auto workers.

American political scene.

several points during the talk.

paigners.

Our reply to Henry Wallace's anti-war demagogy also received some publicity in the Buffalo papers. Here is the story as it appeared in the Sept. 19 edition of the Buffalo Courier-Express:

"Dr. Grace Carlson, Socialist Workers Party vice-presidential candidate, last night characterized the speech made by Henry A. Wallace Thursday evening at Kleinbors Music Hall as 'confused, demagogic and opportunistic.'

"'All that Wallace is doing is trading on the anti-war sentiments of the people,' she told a small audience at the party's Buffalo headquarters, 629 Main St. (This isn't true! There were close to 100 workers present and that's not a small audience in our language.) Wallace has no real program for fighting war and, in fact, already has announced his intention of withdrawing from the race if the United States goes

"Dr. Carlson dismissed President Truman and Governor Dewey, Democratic and Republican Presidential aspirants as the open exponents of Wall Street's plans for dominating the world through another global war. She branded Norman Thomas, Socialist Party presidential candidate as a traitor to the ideas of international of Truman, Dewey, Wallace and himself to form a united quatro-partisan, anti-Communist foreign policy'."

Book Review -

Voice of Socialism

By George Lavan -

THE VOICE OF SOCIALISM, Pioneer Publishers,, 1948, 31 pages, 10c.

The radio speeches of Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, the SWP candidates for President and Vice-President, are now available in this attractive and inexpensive pamphlet.

Workers whose ears are ringing from the barrage of hypocritical and evasive campaign oratory of the capitalist candidates will find in this little pamphlet a clear and succinct exposition of the true issues of the 1948 elections. It is truly the voice of Socialism addressing the American peo-

Of the eight speeches presented five are by Farrell Dobbs, two by Grace Carlson and one by James P. Cannon, SWP National Secretary. All were broadcast over nationwide networks, five of them from the SWP's Thirteenth National Convention. Even those who heard all of these speeches over the radio will find it well worth while to read the speeches as a guide to the issues of the election.

For here is a concise but comprehensive statement of the program of American Trotskyism. A glance at the table of contents indicates the ground covered. In his opening speech Dobbs describes the overriding threat facing the American people — the danger of military dictatorship. This danger already manifested in the war

plans and preparations of Big Business finds its supplement in the attacks on the unions and on traditional democratic rights.

James P. Cannon's keynote speech of the Thirteenth National SWP Convention, entitled The Two Americas, depicts the place of the SWP in the pattern of American history. The SWP represents the America of the workers and farmers. It is in the tradition of all those who fought in the past against reaction and tyranny.

Grace Carlson has two moving speeches in this collection. The first is her acceptance of the Vice-Presidential nomination, in which she pledges a campaign unsparing in defense of civil rights, especially for the Negro people and all other oppressed minorities. In her second speech she traces the successive betrayals of the American people into war, beginning with Wilson's deceiving campaign of "He Kept Us Out of War" through Roosevelt's equally mendacious promises, down to the present protestations of the capitalist candidates, including Wallace.

Single copies of this pamphlet may be purchased for 10c; the price for orders of ten pamphlets or more is 8c per pamphlet. These prices also apply to purchases of A Letter to American Negroes by William E. Bohannan, recently reviewed

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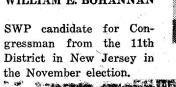
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Richmond, Calif., police hurl tear gas bombs at striking mem-

that it had contracted with Mutual | WEA, placed a bid and snatched | moved.

ed pickets at Fort Mason and sion June 15 this year, and that scorned.

Negroes was denounced by Dr. If the policy of the Stalinists unions."

applicants for scab work, was always willing to sacrifice the not defeat.

the fine record of the CIO long- on the job at part-time work un-

Stevedoring Company of San up the contracts.

Negro people. This insult to the striking unions.

tion with the Army policy of seg- struck against.

WEST COAST MARITIME STRIKE

Leading spokesmen for all striking moderate policy of weakening the order to make a deal with some ing maritime unions concurred strike by insisting that union men "liberal" section of the employers.

today in a deal arranged by In- working Army cargo could not be In this case they have sought to

ternational officials of the CIO paid above the pre-strike scale. use the Army and the election-

agency since longshoremen walk- go in commercial vessels. The and come to an agreement.

into the Fillmore district of this be resumed on this coast—with form thereunder and will resume

city in a special appeal to the no gains having been won by the work whether or not agreements

shore union against discrimina- der the same conditions that they unions and with the entire labor

The Army, unable to find many Stalinist opportunists. They are power that the employers can-

of Colored People who contrasted days would find themselves back age pail where it belongs."

bers of the CIO Oil Workers Union picketing the Standard Oil

refinery, injuring 12 and felling hundreds. Police attempted to

blast a path for scabs after several thousand pickets turned out

in defiance of an injunction limiting picketing to four men.

scale paid on Sept. 1.

Francisco to load cargo on Army

ships in the ports of San Fran-

strike scale of \$1.67 per hour.

the port of Seattle.

Striking Oil Workers Resist Tear-Gas Attack, Halt Scabs

Workers Union yesterday called halt to fink-herding and picket Bricklayers-and one independent away the strikers before they ine-crashing in this oil workers' union, the International Associa- could do more than pull one scab own just across the bay from tien of Machinists.

They turned back a motor caravan of finks that tried to enter the Standard Oil Refinery here under escort of 150 steel-helmeted police. For more than an hour, the striking workers and their supporters, led by experienced war veterans and battling from behind barricades, fought off the tear-gas assaults of the heavily armed cops.

Events of the day before provoked yesterday's staunch defense of their picket lines by the CIO oilworkers.

Under direction of Homer Patton, International representative of the AFL Boilermakers Union, who claimed to speak for a hast- BARRICADE ERECTED ily improvized "AFL Joint Com-Steamfitters and Plumbers, Sheet- vice to the others. metal Workers, Carpenters, and When the tear gas cleared away

tear gas-hurling police and in defiance of a court injunction, stopped at the barricade. The some 3.000 massed pickets and sympathizers of the CIO Oil steel-helmeted police attacked

ized their ranks for a counteroffensive.

were ready for action at six peated attacks by gas guns whose o'clock Tuesday morning when they gathered at the Oil Workers but returning as soon as the gas Hall just outside the main gate cleared. Whenever the police used of the huge Standard Oil refinery the grenade-type bombs, how-

About 7 A.M. two large vans and several passenger cars loaded with scabs raced along Standard Avenue, running down a picket, and streaked onto the Standard Oil property to the accompaniment of jeers from the long lines of enraged pickets and their sympathizers.

A barricade of scrap metal and mittee," 300 workers were hus- lumber was then quickly thrown tled into cars at the independent ecross Standard Avenue by the Machinist's union hall, Monday pickets in spite of a hail of tear morning. Sept. 13. Covered by gas projectiles from the city and police escort the caravan of mis- county police. Defending themled workers rolled through the selves with rocks, boards and bot-CIO picket line. Patton claimed tles, the pickets retreated uphill that the back-to-work movement from the barricade area. "Don't was endorsed by the AFL Boiler- rub your eyes! Face into the makers, Electricians, Sailors, wind!", war veterans called ad-

BOEING STRIKE BROKEN AFTER 144-DAY BATTLE

SEATTLE, Sept. 20 — The Under guise of accepting para-

have been reached with other

movement supporting the strike,

This policy is typical of the seamen and longshoremen have a

fight, voted to return to work.

44 - day strike against the graph 2-b of the NLRB trial ex- peacefully lined up across the Boeing Airplane Company has aminer's report on reinstatement, street from the IAM building, come to an end. The membership the union leadership engineered faced by a line of 19 cops, and of Aero Mechanics Union, Lodge a back-to-work vote. The report sent a delegation inside. The del-751, International Association of recommended two months ago that egation soon returned and re-Machinists, unable to force the the Company reinstate all strik- ported that the IAM officials ers under conditions prevailing at were so terrified at the "mob" the time of the April 22 walk-out, outside that it was impossible to without prejudice to their senior- get a coherent statement from ity or other privileges. But the them. company never indicated its will-

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19- soon forced to advance the more basic demands of the union in in their jobs.

bureaucrats' proposals were pre- against striking IAM workers at longshore union, high-up Army Forced to declare the contracts plagued Truman Administration sented, a rank and file revolt Brass, and an independent steve- held by stevedoring firms of the against the waterfront employ- occurred.

A standing vote on a motion to PRESSURE MAYOR doring firm which will send long- Waterfront Employers Associa- ers. Their strategy is determined shoremen back to the docks to tion now forfeit because these in part by the vicious red-baiting reject the proposal passed, after load Army cargo under old con- firms refuse to recognize the campaign of the employers who which a vote by secret ballot on mass of pickets marched to City ditions and at the pre-strike wage union even on the pre-strike basis, have declared that they will not the proposal itself got under Hall to protest against police the Army called for bids to do the deal with any of the unions until way. No sooner did it start than brutality. After half an hour of The Army released the news work. Mutual, not part of the the "Communist leaders" are re- H. J. Gibson, President of the shouting for "that Standard Oil union, appalled by the turn of Mayor," Mayor Robert Miller ap-The employers have attempted events, announced that the ballot peared before the angry crowd. This is being hailed as a great to make this the main issue of boxes were being stuffed by He attempted to chide the strikstrategic victory by the Stalinist the strike. The Stalinists, trying "Communists," invalidated the ers, crying "You are striking for cisco, Stockton and Los Angeles, leaders of the Longshore union. to avoid a policy of militant ac- voting, and called another meet- more wages. You won't get more

The contract was reported to be Army cargo will now begin to tion, are desperately manuevering ing in three days. on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis. move on the strike-bound Pacific to settle the strike, even at the In the intervening period, the However, the Army insisted that coast. This cargo will be loaded expense of some of the key de- membership was harangued and was drowned out by boos and wages must not exceed the pre- in five Army transports manned mands for which the strike was red-baited. All those who called cries from the strikers, "Who by the Army Transportation called. Thus they have readily for mass picketing were de- used the tear gas? What about A similar arrangement had Service which does not recognize given up all demands for wages nounced by the officers as Trotpreviously been worked out for the seamen's unions. Next month and conditions in their negotia- skyites, drunks, criminals or comthe Army plans to ship 250,000 tions with the Army in order to pany stooges. At the second mass The Army has intervened con- tons to the Far East. Ordinarily find some section of the employ- meeting, a disgusted and con- Council to listen to the striker's tinuously as a strike-breaking about 80 per cent of this would ers with whom they can negotiate fused membership was finally grievances. He disclaimed all repressured to vote a return to ed off the job in all Pacific coast Army has not yet revealed whe-

ports 18 days ago, Last week an ther it plans to expand its own fied by the attitude of the men PLANT DEMONSTRATION

attempt was made to recruit cargo fleet and try to sail ships on strike or by the position adop-Company newspapers and scabs. An employment center was with non-union crews, or to ac- ted by the various unions in- radio ads instructed the ex-strikopened at Fort Mason and an cept bids from shipping com- volved. The whole anti-Red cam- ers to stay home until they were Army sound truck toured work- panies who are willing to recog- paign of the employers has been recalled to work. But by 6 a. m. ing-class neighborhoods in San nize the striking seamen's unions. contemptuously shrugged aside by on Monday morning, Sept. 13, Francisco announcing that long- All striking unions have de- the rank and file. Every attempt thousands of returning strikers clared that they will work only to drive a wedge between the were massed around the plant The CIO longshore union mass- those Army transports in commis- unions with this issue has been gates. The Seattle Police Department reinforced by a motorcycle turned back applicants. A joint if the Army attempts to expand J. B. Bryan, President of PA- regiment, was on hand to clear statement of all striking unions its fleet to avoid hiring union SA, last week sent a letter to a path for the scabs. Only a small was issued, branding "the pro- seamen, all ships added will be the independent Marine Firemen's percentage of these found the gram of the army as strike-break- declared "hot," and longshore- Union, proposing that negotia- courage to leave their autos and ing. and an attempt to achieve men will refuse to load them. | tions be re-opened on the follow- enter the plant, and they were the shipowners' desire to destroy the longshore and seamen's hir-faces is that Army and Marshall pared to execute an agreement side. Company loudspeakers ing halls." A call for support Plan cargo will begin to move in upon arriving at mutually satis- blared at the strikers to go home, went out to the entire labor move- commercial bottoms under pre- factory terms regardless of the but they remained to register for strike conditions and that a gra- status of our relationships with reinstatement in the huge com-In attempting to recruit finks dual back-to-work movement will other unions. 2. That upon exe- pany cafeteria before being inthe Army tried to pit race against gain ground until nearly half the cution of an agreement, your structed to leave by union of-

race, and sent its sound truck so-called "normal" shipping will union and its members will per- ficials. Within the shops, returned strikers were hopelessly outnumbered by the scabs and consistently pressured to join Dave Carlton Goodlett of the National prevails, strikers who have been The MFOW announced that Beck's new outfit, conceived in Association for the Advancement walking the picket lines for 18 "the letter was filed in the garb- scabbery and dedicated to strikebreaking— the Aeronautical

With such solidarity among the Workers, Helpers, and Ware-

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RICHMOND, Calif., Sept. 15—In a pitched battle against carload of scabs which had been again with the tear gas and drove from the car and before they The CIO strikers then mobil- could turn it over.

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For an hour and ten minutes the pickets maintained the barri-Tense and determined pickets cade, retreating in the face of renellets' cannot be thrown back. ever, the pickets returned them with a vengeance.

At times, when the police made an attempt to remove the barricade, furious strikers charged upon them with whatever ammunition happened to be at hand. until finally repelled by the gas

One hour and ten minutes after its erection, its purpose fulfilled, the pickets allowed the barrier to be torn down and held a victory meeting on the spot, right outside their union hall.

STRIKERS DEMONSTRATE At this meeting, James Stan-

ley, president of the Richmond local of the striking Oilworkers, told the pickets that the strike breaking attempts did not have the official sanction of the AFL, that the majority of AFL unions would support the strike, and that the sympathy of the entire labor movement was with the oilworkers in their fight for 21 cents an hour wage increase.

At the instructions of their officials, about 700 pickets then went downtown to the machinist's hall-headquarters of the strikebreakers-to protest the action of the IAM officials. The pickets

The actions of the IAM offiingness to comply with these cials in condoning and becoming part of an attempted back-to-Thus far only 2,000 out of 10,- work movement, obviously inscials, is particularly reprehensible in light of the recent identical move made by Dave Beck of the At the first meeting where the AFL Teamsters Union in Seattle

From the Machinists' hall, the wages through violence."

The Mayor was forced to call

a special meeting of the City sponsibility for the police assault and promised that he would "look into the charges of police brutal-

by the CIO Oilworkers got immediate results on all sides. The Contra Costa County Central AFL Building Trades Council met right after the picket line battle and adopted a strong resolution stating it would "do nothing to injure the cause of the CIO Oilworkers," and that it "is not a part of the strike, nor is it attempting to break the strike." It condemned "certain individuals who have no authority to speak for AFL unions, but who attempt to speak for the entire AFL."

oil industry will now return to its original strategy of trying to starve the strikers back to work. The six companies with which the union is in separate negotiations are: Standard Oil of California; Tidewater Associated; Shell Oil; Richfield Oil Corporation; Union Oil of California; The Texas Company. None have yet retreated from their original miserly offer of a 121/2 cent raise, against the union's demand for

Of these six companies only Standard in this area has attemp-

That is as far as he got. He

your trigger-happy cops!"

The solid defense of their strike

Present indications are that the

21 cents.