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VOTERS ARE SICK OF BOTH PARTIES

Steel Workers Seek "Healthy Pay Increases"

Murray's Statement Indicates CIO Is Heading Toward General Drive For Big Wage Raises

Philip Murray, President of the CIO and the United Steel Workers of America, on Oct. 26 told a Philadelphia district convention of the steel union that the USWA will demand "healthy wage increases" for its 900,000 members when contracts are reopened in January.

This announcement, coupled with the previous opening of the United Automobile Workers drive for wage boosts, indicates that the CIO is building up to a general campaign for higher wages to meet the rising cost of living.

Murray pointed out that pay envelopes worth \$50 or \$60 only three months ago today can buy only \$35 or \$40 worth. He charged that soaring prices are due to "the greed, lust and selfishness of American industry and business" and "cannot be blamed on the measly wage increases afforded labor in 1945 and 1946."

What increases will be demanded when the USWA wage policy committee meets in December was not stated by Murray. He indicated that substantial raises would be sought because "American industry is making plenty of money and can well afford to give very healthy wage increases now without increasing the price of commodities."

He emphasized that "the workers need the money and the day is rapidly approaching when our people will not have enough money in their pocketbooks to buy even the necessities of life."

Just the day before Murray spoke, CIO United Automobile Workers President Walter Reuther, as part of the UAW's wage drive, demanded that Truman lift all wage controls, reminding the President that he had promised last year to remove wage controls along with the lifting of price controls.

"Throughout the war and during the period since V-J Day," said Reuther, the union leaders accepted wage controls as a "companion anti-inflationary measure to price controls... even though the record shows that during the war and most particularly since last spring, wages have been much more rigidly controlled than prices."

UAW negotiations are proceeding for 70,000 Chrysler workers and the union has called for reopening of the Packard and Hudson contracts.

Mine Workers Set Deadline In Demand For Negotiations

AFL United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis, acting on behalf of 400,000 soft coal miners, last week issued a demand that Secretary of Interior Krug reopen contract negotiations between the UMW and the federal government by Nov. 1 or existing agreements would be considered "void."

In miners' language that means "no contract, no work." The UMW's blunt demand was made after federal officials in charge of mine operations flatly rejected the initial demand of the UMW on Oct. 21 that the existing contract be reopened for negotiations on wages and other issues.

In his first letter to Krug, Lewis charged that the administration, which has been in formal control of the mines since May 21 when Truman tried to break the last coal strike, has repeatedly violated the terms of the contract that the UMW wrested from the government.

At the same time, Lewis declared that "significant changes in the wage policy of the Government have occurred" since the present contract was signed. This is understood as a declaration of the intentions of the mine workers to press for wage concessions to meet soaring living costs.

Miners Applaud Election Speech By M. Walker

(Special to The Militant)

RUTLAND, O., Oct. 25—A rousing meeting of striking coal miners tonight heard Malcolm Walker, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of Ohio, speak to an overflow meeting held in the rainstorm here in this Meigs County coal mining community.

Walker denounced the boss party candidates, Lausche and Herbert. He pledged fullest support of his party to the valiant fight being carried on here. Walker stressed the necessity for labor's defense of its living standards. Only the sliding scale of wages, inserted into each contract, plus provisions for a shorter work week to meet the coming period of unemployment, can resolve the problems of the Ohio mine workers, he said.

Fighting the plans of the coal operators to destroy the United Mine Workers union, Walker stated that these plans went hand in hand with the plan of Wall Street to dominate the world and subjugate American labor.

Walker's speech was enthusiastically received. Miner after miner took the floor to express himself in favor of the program outlined by the SWP candidate. Indications are that a heavy vote will be cast in this area on November 5 for the only working class candidate in the election.

Over 500 pieces of literature were eagerly taken by the assembled miners, plus 400 copies of the State Election platform of the Ohio SWP.

Malcolm Walker, who has already spoken in 28 cities of Ohio on his state-wide tour, will speak in several other cities, including Youngstown on Oct. 27. He will wind up his tour on Nov. 2 in Toledo.

N. Y. Republicans Join Democrats To Bar SWP Ticket From Ballot

A Vote Against Wall Street



Court Ruling Upholds Wall St. Conspiracy

ALBANY, Oct. 25 — The Court of Appeals, highest court in New York State, tonight placed its official sanction on the removal of the Socialist Workers Party, Norman Thomas's Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party from the ballot on Nov. 5.

The decision of the Appellate Division and then the Court of Appeals affirming the action

How to Vote for Farrell Dobbs

Be sure to use the extreme top row of the voting machine. Push up the shutter over the large square marked number 1 on the extreme top row of the machine. Hold the shutter up and write in the name of Farrell Dobbs. Bring a pencil with you.

of the lower court was based on the flimsiest technicality. The Socialist Workers Party was barred because a number of its petition sheets lacked the signature of the notary public. The Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party were barred because the election district of one or two of their petition canvassers was incorrectly listed.

So raw was this knife-job on the democratic rights of minorities that the Court of Appeals staged an act to give the appearance of some "impartiality."

All three parties were ordered barred but while the vote against the Socialist Workers Party was unanimous, the vote against the SP and the SLP was split 4-to-3.

In the higher courts Republican judges joined with Democrats to establish the identity between the two Wall Street parties in committing mayhem on democratic rights.

Despite this openly reactionary move, the American Labor, Liberal and Stalinist leaders continue to sell the workers down the river by urging them to vote for the major Democratic candidates.

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1946 Elections Demonstrate Vital Need For A Labor Party

By Art Preis

The American working people and dirt farmers are disgusted with both parties of Wall Street, the Democratic and Republican.

That is the considered judgment of a leading political observer of the N. Y. Times, James Reston, after an extensive tour of 12 mid-western states. His survey of the political attitude of the average voter, reported on Oct. 22, draws the extremely significant conclusion:

"One feels, frankly, that if the people voted their true feelings and had two votes, they would cast one against the Democrats and one against the Republicans."

Unfortunately, the people have only one vote. And many have decided to cast that vote against the Democrats by voting Republican.

They are not for the Republicans. They have simply become fed up with the Democrats

and feel they can record their protest only by voting Republican or staying away from the polls altogether.

Reston's sharp observation about the real political feelings of the American people points up the terrible tragedy of the coming elections for the working people. That tragedy is the lack of a party and candidates and program they can truly call their own.

Once again, the opposition of the American labor leaders to genuine independent labor political action through a labor party has left the American people politically helpless. In most places they are offered no choice but to vote for candidates of two parties they know cannot solve their problems, parties they recognize as the machines of Big Business, parties corrupt to the core.

This terrible political predicament and helplessness of American labor — the greatest organized force in the world today — comes at a time when the American people are entering a period of economic catastrophe and the danger of atomic annihilation in a third imperialist world war.

Yet only in the six states where the Socialist Workers Party is running candidates can they record even a real protest against the fate which awaits them if Wall Street continues its grasp on government through its two political claws, the Republican and Democratic parties.

Never has an election campaign made clearer the real purpose of the capitalist two-party monopoly on American politics. The party of the "outs" serves as a safety-valve for the discontent against the party of the "ins." The voters are trapped like squirrels in a revolving cage, endlessly treading a circle going nowhere.

The American workers must learn the lesson of their present political position. The tragedy of this election must burn itself into their minds. They must smash their way out of the political squirrel cage. They must resolve NOW to build their own political party — a labor party.

Realty Sharks Threaten To Rip Rent Ceilings; All Prices Soar

Rent controls are dangerously threatened. While 4,000,000 veterans alone are desperately seeking decent housing, the big real estate interests are battering away at Washington to lift rent controls and place the American people at the mercy of the rent sharks.

A powerful bloc of Senators has declared it will push for the removals of all rent controls by March and for an immediate general 15 per cent boost in rent ceilings.

Meanwhile, in the state of Washington, rapacious landlords last week launched an organized movement to refuse to rent dwellings made available by tenants who vacate. All vacancies are being locked and kept empty.

This deliberate withholding of available housing began in Seattle and quickly spread to Tacoma and Olympia, Washington. Plans are on foot for a nationwide landlords' hold-out to be launched by the convention of National Apartment Owners Association in Oklahoma City on Nov. 18 and 19.

Already in Washington state,

prices are "settling" to — "40 to 50 per cent above former OPA ceilings." (N. Y. World-Telegram, Oct. 24.)

SWP Campaigns For Candidates In Six States

In the most important election campaign in its history, the Socialist Workers Party is running candidates for office in six states.

In California the SWP is conducting a write-in campaign for Steve Roberts for Governor; Cynthia Rogalin, for State Senate, Los Angeles County; and Robert Chester, for State Assembly, 20th District (San Francisco).

The three Minnesota candidates will appear under the ballot-designation of Revolutionary Workers Party. They are Grace Carlson, for U. S. Senate; Warren Creel for Congress, Third District; and Dorothy Schultz for Congress, 4th District.

In New Jersey George Breitman appears on the ballot as SWP candidate for U. S. Senate; Alan Kohlman, for Governor; William E. Bohannon, for Congress, 11th District; and Arlene Phillips, for Congress, 13th District.

Since the New York candidates have been ruled off the ballot, the Socialist Workers Party is conducting a write-in campaign for Farrell Dobbs for Governor.

In Ohio Malcolm Walker is the write-in candidate for Governor. In Washington, SWP candidates on the ballot are Charles Swett for U. S. Senate and Daniel Roberts for State Senate, 31st District.

Jury Indicts Six Named In Lynching

Six white members of a lynch mob, named by Albert Harris, Jr. as guilty of the atrocity in which Harris was brutally beaten and left for dead and his cousin John Jones murdered last August in Minden, La., were indicted on Oct. 18 by a Federal Grand Jury for violation of civil rights statutes.

The six—Police Chief B. Geary Gantt, two deputy sheriffs and three others—were not, however, indicted for murder. They were charged only with violating the constitutional rights of Negroes. This charge carries a maximum penalty of only a possible year in jail or a light fine of \$1,000.

These lynchers, three of them wearing the uniform of the law, were indicted only as the result of a nationwide protest of indignation against the crime, and

the intervention of the NAACP which pressed charges. In most cases such Jim-Crow criminals go scot free, as in the case of Leon McTatie's killers.

McTatie, a Negro sharecropper in Lexington, Miss., was flogged to death last July and his body flung into a bayou. McTatie had been falsely accused of stealing a saddle from his white employer, Jeff Dodd. Dodd and several of his friends went to McTatie's shack and beat him to death. A few days later others confessed to stealing the saddle.

On Oct. 22, after 10 minutes deliberation, a Holmes County jury acquitted Dodd and four other lynchers who had been charged with manslaughter in the McTatie case. This is the usual pattern of Lynch Law justice.

VOTE LABOR BY VOTING SWP!

An Editorial

How shall we vote in the coming elections? That is the question puzzling more people this week than in any election for decades.

It is obvious to millions of workers that there is no basic difference between the program of the Democrats and the Republicans. Both parties peddle Wall Street's political poison—only their labels differ.

Sometimes these parties tell the truth. That's when they describe each other. The Republicans say the Democrats have used the government to interfere with free collective bargaining. That's true. The Democrats say the Republicans oppose the Wagner Act and collective bargaining rights—and that's true, too.

The Republicans have a field day telling about Bilbo, Rankin and all the rest of the Democratic race-haters and lynch-inciters. The Democrats reply by pointing to the Ferguson case in Freeport, N. Y., and telling about Governor Dewey's whitewash of the Jim-Crow murder of the Ferguson boys. And they're both telling the truth.

But there's one thing on which both parties agree. They vie in proclaiming their loyalty to American imperialism, its military preparations, its occupation of foreign lands and seizure of bases, its atomic-bomb diplomacy, its "get-tough" policy with the Soviet Union. On this issue of issues—foreign policy—Wall Street does not permit even the suggestion of differences.

Even when they tell the truth about each

other, both parties lie about themselves. Then they try to cover up their real policies and rotten records.

The voters are getting wise to this. But where can they turn in this election? The answer in six key states is: Vote The Socialist Workers Party Ticket!

Vote SWP because it has the only program that meets the problems of the working people and oppressed minorities. The program of revolutionary socialism alone can solve the problems of war, economic depression and political and social oppression bred by decaying world capitalism.

Vote SWP because that is the only way to voice a real protest against the evils and frauds perpetrated by the two capitalist parties.

Vote SWP because that is the only way in this election to support genuine working-class representatives. It is your chance to say you're through with capitalist politics—you want the labor movement to build its own party.

In several states, the conspiracies of the capitalist parties and the courts, aided by un-democratic election laws, have forced the SWP to conduct write-in campaigns. So study the directions given in this issue of The Militant on how to record your vote properly. And in addition to voting SWP wherever possible, we also urge you to support those independent labor and Negro candidates whom the SWP has endorsed in a number of areas.

Break with the Boss Parties. Vote for the Socialist Workers Party

Millionaire Gamblers In New York Stock Exchange Worried By Unionizing Drive And Slump On Market

By Evelyn Atwood
The New York Stock Exchange, nerve center of world finance, is housed in a huge, cold granite pile in the narrow canyon of Wall Street. Only millionaires—and their clerks—are permitted to pass through the guarded doors into this sacred temple of High Finance and big-time gambling.

When I visited the Stock Exchange on Oct. 25, Wall Street was the scene of a strange, unprecedented event—a unionizing drive.

Directly in front of the massive, forbidding doors of the Stock Exchange was a sound truck of Local 96, CIO United Office and Professional Workers.

In the bright sunshine, a union girl was demanding a decent wage for Wall Street's workers. The union is also organizing messengers, guards, floormen, vault men, porters and elevator operators.

Police pushed and shoved the attentive crowd on the sidewalk away from the Stock Exchange doors toward the curb.

FULL SWING
Inside the Stock Exchange, in a vast hall almost the size of Grand Central station, the day's trading was in full swing. I watched it from a narrow, guarded visitors' balcony.

On huge call boards covering two of the walls, numbers flashed every second, summoning traders to the telephones for orders to "buy" and "sell."

Today the market was jittery, uncertain. A break in U. S. Steel was recorded on the ticker tape. A moan went up from the pack of wealthy men on the floor.

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sweating in the mills for low wages. It expressed the momentary disappointment of capitalist jackals lusting for more profits out of the products of the steelworkers' toil.

TRAFFIC IN LIVES
In the days of slave trading, men with money trafficked in live, human cargo. Today, in this Stock Exchange I watched the traders also traffic in flesh and blood, in the lives and labor of tens of millions of peoples.

The slave traders waded through the blood of dark bodies in the dungeons of their ships. Today the capitalists wade through ticker tape and bits of paper littering the immense floor of the Stock Exchange.

UNION BUTTONS
But today workers all over the world are on the march. Even inside this financial bastion, the workers are lifting their heads.

Right in this Holy of Holies of Wall Street, the union buttons are mobilizing against the big buttons of the bosses and millionaires.

Protest "Graveyard Wages"



Pickets from the CIO Financial Employees Guild, Office and Professional Workers Union, carried the "skeleton of low wages" right to the heart of the bankers' empire—the New York financial district. "Don't Wait Till You're A Skeleton" one placard says: "Join the Financial Employees Guild." "We Don't Want To Be Human Skeletons," says another, demanding wage raises.

"More Production" Demand Is Drive For More Profits

In opposition to labor's growing demands for higher wages to meet soaring living costs, Big Business and its government have launched an intensive propaganda campaign for "more production."

The National Association of Manufacturers is yelling "More production." The Truman administration and all its big and little mouthpieces are echoing, "More production!"

THE CONTRADICTION
Simple, isn't it? Except that it's in contradiction to all the actual facts about wages, prices and production.

UAW-CIO Fights To Save Life Of Negro Soldier
OCT. 26—The death penalty still threatens Private Lemmas Woods, Jr., whose court-martial has been exposed by the United Auto Workers as the deliberate conviction of an innocent man.

Meigs County Coal Miners Firm In 8th Week Of Strike

By Paul Jensen (Special to The Militant)

POMEROY, O., Oct. 25—With ranks firm and spirit high, 500 Meigs County miners today entered the eighth week of their strike for a contract.

Every attempt had been made to force the promised agreement out of the operators.

Break with the Boss Parties Vote for the Socialist Workers Party

last April. At the time of the national coal strike, Meigs County coal operators agreed that all strikers would be taken back, and that as soon as price increases in coal were granted, they would sign a standard UMW pact.

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Why "Daily Worker" Kept Silent About Eloise Gordon

Leading newspapers throughout the country last week reported the testimony of Eloise Gordon, Pittsburgh reporter for The Militant, before a hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.



ELOISE GORDON

SWP Supports Harrison For Mass. Legislature
BOSTON—The Boston Local of the Socialist Workers Party is giving critical support to William J. Harrison, Negro candidate for election to the State Legislature.

ST. PAUL CIO PACKING LOCALS PROPOSE STRIKE PREPARATION
By Barbara Bruce (Special to The Militant)

NOTICE
The current installment of Warren Creel's series on Wages, Prices and Profits has been omitted from this week's issue of The Militant.

Chief Weakness Of The UAW-CIO Wage Program

The International Executive Board of the CIO United Automobile Workers went only half way in their wage program to defend the auto workers' living standards against the continued sharp rise in the cost of living.

Their wage policy statement, issued last week, proposes a campaign for "substantial wage adjustments" based on an anticipated rise in the cost of living by December of '20 to 25 per cent or more above last January.

HALF WAY
Many auto militants had hoped the UAW Board would take the lead in advancing the only immediately effective program to safeguard real wages—a demand for the inclusion in all wage contracts of an escalator clause.

But it goes only half way. It doesn't protect the auto workers against slashes in real wages by further price rises after the contract is signed.

It doesn't protect the auto workers against slashes in real wages by further price rises after the contract is signed. The auto workers have already had the experience of seeing their substantial wage gains of last spring wiped out in a few months.

the auto workers. All sections of the labor movement have their eyes on the CIO auto workers. Everyone knows that the auto workers set the pattern for the demands in other basic industries and have spearheaded many of the biggest advances of labor in the past ten years.

Dobbs Speaks At Buffalo Rally

BUFFALO, Oct. 26—Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for Governor, spoke here tonight to a sizable audience of trade unionists on the election platform of the Socialist Workers Party.

Remarks centered around the procedure of writing in the names of our candidates on election day. A collection of over \$63 indicated the sentiment of those present in support of work of the party.

Youngstown CIO Meeting Asks Nationalization Of Meat Industry

By Harry Braverman (Special to The Militant)
YOUNGSTOWN, O., Oct. 21—A mass meeting called by the Mahoning County CIO Council to protest the high price of meat, tonight passed a resolution demanding nationalization of the meat industry "without profit to the owners" in order to insure a full supply of meat at fair prices for American working men, women and children.

Party Advocates Election Of Rice In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 22—The Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party today called on the workers to vote for Dr. John K. Rice, independent Negro candidate of the United Citizens Party, for Representative in Congress from the 4th Congressional District.

"The SWP supports Dr. Rice because, as an independent, he opposes the Wall Street-controlled Republicans and Democrats," the Philadelphia Branch declared in a public statement.

"The defeat of the Democratic and Republican candidates, who differ with each other only in how best to serve Big Business, can be a progressive step toward the establishment of an independent Labor Party, controlled and headed by the workers' organizations."

"While giving critical support to Dr. Rice's candidacy, the statement continues: 'We must state clearly, however, that the SWP, dedicated to the establishment of a socialist society of peace and plenty, can accept full responsibility only for candidates on the program of the SWP.'

"That program is nationalization of the basic industries under workers' control; operation of the idle war plants to provide housing, clothing and food needed by the veterans and the working class; elimination of the causes of racial persecution, poverty, low wages and insecurity by the establishment of a socialist society of production for use and not for profit, and an end to the threat of atomic war through the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government."

A WARNING
Sam Camens, President of Local 1330, was cheered when he declared: "Let this meeting be a warning that if we don't get wage increases to meet the price increases that we will go out on that picket line and fight this thing through!"

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Wall Street Planning World War III, Warns Hansen In Radio Talk

Excerpts from a radio address by Joseph Hansen, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U. S. Senate from New York, over Station WJZ, New York City, Oct. 24, 10:45 p.m.

How would another war affect our lives in America? Let us assume Wall Street emerges victorious from the dangerous adventure. The costs of the Third World War would be heaped upon those of the Second World War, towering above them the way the Empire State building towers above a peanut wagon.



JOSEPH HANSEN

The shortages of today would look like unparalleled abundance compared with the shortages we would then suffer. Prices today would look rock bottom and dirt cheap compared with the prices that would then stand between us and the goods we need.

The value of money would decline along the lines of the Chinese dollar and you could paper your house with thousand dollar bills. Small savings and insurance policies would go floating down the drain — not worth a transfer on the streetcar.

There is another danger. To plunge us into World War Three, Wall Street may decide to institute fascism in America. That was how German and Italian capitalism prepared for the Second World War. The present wave of red-baiting is an ominous indication of Wall Street's readiness to follow the path Mussolini and Hitler lined with skulls as markers for future dictators.

In face of this frightening perspective, a good-hearted, normal person who believes in living on friendly terms with his neighbors cannot help asking, but is it really true? Is Wall Street actually preparing for a Third World War?

We must learn to look facts in the face. Some people seek to escape facts through pleasant day dreams about the goodness of human nature among the Wall Street wolves. That kind of day-dreaming is a short cut to suicide. Consider the budget for military expenditure in the coming year. 18 billion dollars have been earmarked by Congress. Do you know how much money that is? If you began shoveling 170 dollar bills per minute into a furnace at the time of the Battle of Gettysburg you would still be shoveling today. In fact you would still have another 117 years to go before you succeeded in burning up that sum.

With that much money pouring into the war machine in one year, who is dealing the cards, the goddess of Peace? Or the brass-knuckled god of war? Consider how Washington is stock-piling atomic bombs — manufacturing these atomic bombs on a 24-hour, day and night, basis. Is that an evidence of their faith in peace? Or an evidence of their belief in war?

Consider how militarism has become a permanent part of America today, so that we are saddled with the largest standing peace-time Army in our history, and a Navy greater than the combined navies of the rest of the world. Does that show Wall Street plans peace? Or does it show how they are beating ploughshares into swords?

The evidence is inescapable. America's 60 families are preparing to take the United States into another world slaughter. What is to be done? Only one solution is possible, and that is to end the capitalist profit system which is the basic cause of imperialist war. Capitalism must be replaced with the socialist system of production for use. Planning on a national and world scale must replace the present blind anarchy that has brought two world wars on our heads.

The labor movement must organize its own political party and set out to put a Workers' and Farmers' Government in power. This is the great goal to which the Socialist Workers Party is dedicated. This is the great goal Socialist Workers candidates will fight for in office.

Berlin Election Results In Decisive Defeat For Stalinist-Dominated Party

By John G. Wright

Canadian Trotskyists Found Revolutionary Workers Party

The Revolutionary Workers Party of Canada was founded at a two-day convention in Toronto last month. It represents a significant achievement for the Canadian workers and the whole Trotskyist movement.

The convention, according to the Mid-October Labor Challenge, was attended by delegates of Labor Challenge Clubs from all the most important cities in the country. The majority of the delegates were trade-unionists. They came together on the basis of the revolutionary socialist program of Labor Challenge, organ of the Canadian Trotskyists since its first issue in June, 1945.

Among the delegates present were four from the Labor Challenge Supporters Club of Vancouver, under the leadership of R. W. Bullock, Lloyd Whalen and T. J. Bradley, who recently broke from the treacherous Canadian Commonwealth Federation.

The first item on the agenda was a report on the international situation, which emphasized the degeneration of capitalism on a world scale, and pointed out the role and tasks ahead of the world party of socialist revolution. Following a full and democratic discussion, the delegates voted unanimously to apply to the Fourth International for recognition as its Canadian section.

Ross Dowson, delegate from Toronto, reported on the past achievements of the Trotskyist movement in Canada since its last conference in the fall of 1944.

"Labor Challenge was our first organizer," he stated, "and had become more than doubly effective since its appearance as a twice-monthly in January, 1946." Dowson dealt at length with the establishment of solid branches in the main industrial centers and the growth of the Canadian Trotskyist influence in organizations of the workers.

After a full discussion, in which delegates from other centers recorded their gains, the organizational report was adopted. The convention chose the name Revolutionary Workers Party of Canada, and a constitution based on the principles of democratic centralism was adopted point by point.

The convention resolved that the RWP would participate in elections under its own banner wherever possible in order to bring its program before the masses. Other important steps forward for the coming period were the raising of \$1,500 to stabilize and increase the influence of Labor Challenge, the establishment of branch headquarters in several cities and the increase in educational work as one of the most important spheres of activity.

A National Executive Committee of nine and one alternate were elected to lead the party until the next convention. Ross Dowson was elected National Secretary. The National Committee was instructed to prepare a statement of principles of the party for publication in pamphlet form, in French and English.

The RWP opposes itself to the Stalinist Labor Progressive Party and the reformist Canadian Commonwealth Federation. The basic policies of these two treacherous parties are little different. Both supported the second imperialist war and acted as recruiting agents for the ruling class. Both have endorsed the United Nations, "the new thieves' kitchen."

Thus, the RWP stands before the Canadian workers as the only revolutionary party in the country, based firmly on the Marxist principles.

League Calls For Recognition Of The Republic Of Indonesia

NEW YORK—An appeal for immediate recognition of the Republic of Indonesia was issued this week to the United Nations organization now assembled in session in New York, and to its individual members by the Indonesia League of America. The memorandum was signed by John Andu, president of the League.

"In the more than a year which has passed since the Indonesians established their Republic, armed assault by the Dutch government upon the Indonesians has not ceased," the memorandum states. "Dutch and British troops have penetrated into Indonesian territory, looting and burning villages, killing and imprisoning the inhabitants, and brutally treating even women and children. Only in the territories controlled by the Republic is there peace and an effort to rebuild the economy of the country."

The Indonesia League points out that the Dutch are attempting to blockade the free trade of the Republic with other countries, through confiscation and destruction of ships and supplies. It further states that the Dutch are augmenting the 70,000 troops they have in Indonesia with 30,000 additional troops to be sent from Amsterdam. "What is their purpose, except to suppress the young Republic?"

The Indonesia League requests the United Nations to consider the following proposals, submitted in the interest of peace, prosperity and democracy in Southeast Asia:

- 1. Recognition of the Republic of Indonesia.
2. Immediate lifting of the British-Dutch economic blockade in Indonesia. Permit ships of foreign flags to ply Indonesian waters freely without interference by the Dutch navy.
3. Invite Indonesian representatives to testify before the UN on behalf of the Republic.
4. Invite the Indonesian Republic to join the UN.
5. Request the Social and Human Rights Commission of the UN to investigate reports about Dutch atrocities against the Indonesian peoples.

Japanese Workers Picket Studio



In a scene like any of those in American strikes, Japanese workers here throw a mass picket line around the Japan Broadcasting Company. Union leaders charge that MacArthur supports strikebreaking employers. (See MILITANT, Oct. 26).

Korean Workers Resisting In American-Controlled Zone

Headed by the organized labor movement, the masses in the American-controlled section of Korea are fighting back with powerful demonstrations against the oppressive rule of the American Military Government.

News of successive waves of revolt by striking workers in the American zone of Korea broke through the iron curtain of censorship last week. The Koreans demand the independence they were promised at Cairo by Roosevelt in 1944, as well as freedom of trade union activity and an end to the terror regime which is depriving them of elementary democratic rights.

The demand of the Koreans for greater distribution of food to the starving masses was answered by the calling out of troops of the Sixth Infantry Division, after AMG authorities appealed for assistance at several points in the Division area. Bloody struggles followed in many centers.

At Taegu, police casualties included 50 killed and 30 seriously injured. At Kogonchun, some 10,000 Koreans disarmed and kidnapped the local police, burning down the post-office and police stations.

According to an Oct. 21 AP dispatch from Seoul, the capital, Koreans attacked a police station a few yards south of the border of Russian-occupied North Korea, and killed the chief, two policemen and two civilians. Similar struggles took place in Paekchun and Taikyul.

The revolt has spread to other parts of Kyong-ang-Mamdo Province. On the same day, Radio Moscow reported that striking workers in the American zone had staged an armed revolt against American troops and "a great number" were killed and wounded on both sides. These violent battles occurred when police and troops used force in attempting to arrest strikers.

According to the Moscow radio, Lt.-General John R. Hodge, American commander in Korea, "openly urged the people to exterminate elements who organize strikes and provoke discontent." Left wing newspapers have been suppressed, and Korean fighters for democracy thrown into jails.

Last May the Korean Federation of Trade Unions with a membership of 800,000 appealed to the CIO in the United States to aid the Koreans in throwing off the yoke of AMG, whose anti-labor decrees it characterized as "worse than the cruel laws of Japanese imperialism." This appeal was smuggled out of Korea and brought here by a discharged army sergeant. (See The Militant, May 18.)

The Kremlin In Eastern Europe

Behind the "iron curtain" closing off Eastern Europe from Anglo-American imperialism, the Soviet Union has been expanding and attempting to consolidate its "sphere of influence." Wall Street fears—"and with reason—that despite Stalinist counter-revolutionary policy, the very existence of the USSR and its expansion" are undermining the capitalist system in all the Soviet-occupied lands.

E. R. Frank, writing in the November issue of Fourth International, after pointing out this basic conflict between the USSR and the capitalist world, proceeds to examine developments in Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Austria, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

His article, The Kremlin in Eastern Europe, explains the land reforms, the contradictory steps in industry, and the political forms utilized in the Soviet-occupied areas. The widespread looting and imposition of terrible burdens of reparations upon the people of these countries, are also discussed.

All these countries, Frank points out, are now caught in the swirl of the raging battle between the USSR and world imperialism. They are all in a state of most acute crisis; their economies are obviously of a makeshift, episodic and transitional character; their regimes are jerry-built. They are geared to the economy of the USSR by main force. "But they can secure capital, manufactured goods, loans, only from the West. And the United States is already putting on a murderous squeeze... Their fate and the evolution of their State and property forms, will be determined not through their own internal independent development, but by the outcome of the world struggle between the giants—Anglo-American imperialism and the USSR and the course of the socialist revolution."

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In the municipal elections held on Oct. 20 in Berlin the Stalinist-sponsored and Stalinist-dominated Socialist Unity Party suffered a staggering defeat. The Stalinists received less than one-fifth of all the votes cast, running a poor third in a four party field.

They were snowed under by the Social Democrats who polled almost one-half of the total votes. The Stalinists did only slightly better in the Russian sector of the city than in other areas, polling 29.4 per cent there as against 19.8 per cent of the total vote.

An avowed capitalist party, the Christian Democratic Union, came in second. The only party outstripped by the Stalinists was the party of extreme reaction, the Liberal Democrats, who obtained about one-tenth of the votes.

In terms of seats in the Berlin City Council, it is provisionally estimated that the election results gave the Social Democrats—78 seats; the Christian Democrats—37; the Stalinists—32; the Liberal Democrats—15.

The miserable showing of the Stalinists is underscored by the fact that they have been in control of the Berlin administration since the spring of 1945 when the Red Army occupied the city. In preparation for the elections they forced through a merger with the Social Democrats and confidently proclaimed that the latter had been completely eliminated as a political force in Berlin. Yet the end-result has been that in Berlin, the traditional stronghold of German communism, the Stalinists were able to poll proportionately less than half of the vote obtained by the Communist Party in 1932, the last elections held before Hitler's assumption of power.

The degree to which the Kremlin by its policies has alienated the German masses is thus clearly revealed. This is further borne out by results of the simultaneously held Landtag elections in the completely dominated Soviet Zone (Saxony, Thuringia and Brandenburg).

Here the Stalinists had eliminated the Social Democrats as an independent organization. The Stalinist-dominated Socialist Unity Party "won" the elections, but the combined vote for the avowed capitalist parties (the Christian Democratic Union and the Liberal Democrats) was just over one-half of the total. In the same area last month, in the elections for lower bodies, the Stalinists had averaged more than 55 per cent of the total population vote.

The political meaning of these developments is inescapable. They completely lay bare the bankruptcy of the Kremlin's policy in Germany. Recalling from Stalinism, the German workers voted overwhelmingly for the Social Democrats because there was no other working class party through which they could register their discontent and opposition. The Berlin elections show the speed with which Stalin is driving the German working class into the arms of reaction.

At the same time they show how by his policies Stalin is endangering the Soviet Union. On the European continent the German working class still remains decisive. It could represent a colossal obstacle in the way of Anglo-American plans to consolidate the Western bloc against the USSR. But just the reverse is happening.

The integration of Germany into this bloc, which was openly proposed to the German capitalists by Secretary Byrnes in his Stuttgart speech, has been greatly facilitated by the fact that the German masses are now, thanks to Stalin, following the leadership of the Social Democratic agents of German capitalism.

CP Repeats Old Lies In Effort To Explain Berlin Election

By George Breitman

Unable to tell the truth about the reason for the Stalinist defeat in Berlin, the Communist Party here has decided to "explain" it by attacking the German masses. In an article, The Berlin Elections, on the editorial page of the Oct. 24 Daily Worker, Joseph Clark writes:

"Does anyone in his right mind think 13 years of Hitlerism had only a superficial influence on the German people? 'After Communists and Socialists were murdered, jailed, tortured, exiled and slaughtered; after the most brutal tyranny known to history had been established in Germany; after this regime had controlled the schools, the press, the church, the movie and radio—is it surprising that the crooked Nazi government was able to twist the minds of an entire people?'"

OLD LIE To state this chauvinist slander most briefly, it comes down to this: The German masses did not vote for the Stalinist Socialist Unity Party because their minds were and still are infected by fascism.

This lie is not a new one for the Stalinists. They repeated it again and again during the war as justification for their failure to summon the German workers to a revolutionary struggle against Hitlerism. They lumped the German anti-fascist workers into the same camp with the Nazis, and so made it easier for Goebbels to spread his doctrine that the war merited the support of all Germans because it was directed against the German people as a whole.

It was this nationalist lie spread by the Stalinists that from the very beginning repelled the German masses from Stalinism. But this was not the only reason by a long shot.

Workers who had hoped for a socialist revolution with the defeat of the Nazis were disgusted to find out that the Stalinists were second to none in opposing revolution in Germany and in persecuting German revolutionists.

OCCUPATION POLICY Workers of different political views were antagonized by the forced merger of the Communist and Social Democratic Parties into the Socialist Unity Party in the Russian zone. Devised as a "slick" political maneuver, this attack on the workers' right to belong to parties of their own choice actually cost the Stalinists many votes.

Even more decisive, Stalin's occupation policy—crushing reparations, transfer of factories and industrial equipment, use of German prisoners of war as slave labor, etc.—was so harsh

that the U. S. and British imperialist occupiers were able to pose as humanitarians by comparison. Just two days before the appearance of Clark's article the French Stalinist, Maurice Thorez, attacked Senator Connally for desiring to give Germany "a dominating economic position in Europe" and complaining because "industrial equipment from the British and American zones and coal from the Ruhr are being refused to our country (France)."

How can such a policy possibly attract the German workers to Stalinism? How can Stalinism, which demands the dismemberment and pillaging of Germany, hope to win the support of the masses of that country? The Berlin elections represented a defeat for the German workers. Not because the Stalinists got trounced, but because the workers have not yet been able to create a revolutionary party able and willing to lead the struggle against all the occupation forces and their German puppets. In the final analysis the Stalinist party was rejected at the polls not because the workers have fascist ideas but because it is the opposite of the kind of party the German workers need.

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"The capitalist system is in a blind alley. Without an entire reconstruction of the economic system on a European and a world scale our civilization is doomed. The struggle of blind forces and unbridled interests must be replaced by the rule of reason, of plan, of conscious organization."

—Leon Trotsky

Class Justice

Wall Street's courts in New York state last week played out their travesty of justice in the conspiracy to deprive three minority parties, including the Socialist Workers Party, of their constitutional rights to a place on the state election ballot.

Even the fiction maintained for several weeks that this was purely a Democratic Party conspiracy was abandoned. The final court of appeals that upheld the flimsy technicalities raised by the corporation lawyers of the Democratic Party was made up of four Democrats and three Republicans. They were unanimous in barring the SWP from the ballot.

Why were the Socialist Workers Party and the two other minority parties barred? The courts made that very clear. These parties did not support the candidates of Wall Street's Democratic or Republican Parties. The Communist (Stalinist) Party was also challenged in the courts. But it supports the major Democratic candidates. The courts demonstratively ruled the Stalinists could remain on the ballot.

So we have one vivid example of the class justice for which the capitalist-dominated courts and capitalist-made laws are designed. Their purpose is to help protect capitalist interests from any workingclass threat, political or otherwise.

There was another case that ran almost simultaneously with the New York ballot-ban case. It involved Senator Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi. Bilbo represents the Mississippi property and money interests.

He was elected to office by a privileged few—less than five per cent of the voting-age population can vote in Mississippi due to the poll tax. He openly called for lynch terror against the Negro people to prevent them from voting in the last election. He conspired to deny Negroes the right to register and vote. He incited gangs of terrorists to keep the Negroes from the polls by violence. NOBODY CAN DISPUTE THESE FACTS.

Yet the U. S. Supreme Court, the highest judicial body in the land, has refused to act on an appeal to prevent Bilbo from taking a seat in the Senate—a seat he had secured by fraud and violence. The Supreme Court didn't try to deny the justice of the appeal. It simply found the necessary legal technicality to keep Bilbo in the Senate.

The Next Congress

CIO President Philip Murray and CIO-PAC National Director Jack Kroll last week sent out a letter addressed to every CIO member declaring that the coming elections "will decide America's course and the fate of every American and his family."

They go on to say: "The fact is that if the people are not to be thrust again to depression, if we are to avoid another horrible war, if our unions are to survive, a progressive eightieth Congress must be elected on November 5."

These CIO leaders have not exaggerated the consequences for the American working people if Big Business, through its reactionary control of Congress, continues its political domination.

But we can confidently assert right now, in advance of the elections, that the next Congress will be as reactionary as the last, which all union leaders admit was the "worst" in decades.

We can state further that the very politics

of the union leaders like Murray and Kroll will help aid the further entrenchment of Wall Street reaction in Washington.

Murray and Kroll urge the election of a "progressive Congress." What do they mean by this? They don't mean a Congress no longer dominated by the parties and candidates of Big Business. They bitterly oppose any change in the traditional "two-party system" of rule by American capitalism.

They mean exactly what they meant in 1942 and 1944 when they also spread the alarm about the dangers of a reactionary Congress and had the satisfaction of helping to elect what they called a "progressive Congress." They mean working to get rid of the "progressive" capitalist politicians they supported yesterday and replacing them with new "progressive" capitalist politicians who will stab the workers in the back tomorrow.

The politicians of the Democratic and Republican parties are not controlled by labor. Sure, they're always willing to make promises to labor before elections. But they're agents of parties that are completely controlled by Big Business. And they take orders from their party bosses.

Only seven of the scores of Congressmen backed by CIO-PAC in 1944 opposed Truman's draft-striker bill. Practically all of these "progressives" went down the line to eliminate price ceilings. And when a few of them do occasionally vote for some progressive measure, it's just "for the record." They never put up a real fight.

Labor will elect a progressive Congress only when it runs its own candidates, backed by labor's own party and pledged to fight for labor's own program against the Big Business parties and politicians. Until then, Congress will remain a monopoly of labor's worst enemies.

Note To Our Readers

Owing to the greatly increased costs of printing, we have been obliged to reduce the size of *The Militant* to six pages. Our circulation has greatly increased during the past period, but the steadily mounting publishing costs have more than cancelled out the increased revenue and we now have notice from the printers of another big increase in publishing costs to take effect next month.

Nearly all other publications have reacted to the inflationary publishing costs by increasing their price for subscriptions and single copies. We did not think it expedient to take this step since our readers are mainly wage earners who are themselves suffering most from the soaring costs of living, and we felt that increasing the price of the paper would make it more difficult for many of them to subscribe. The widest possible circulation among the poorest people is *The Militant's* main consideration.

We are going to need help to keep going in the face of the steadily mounting inflation. To our friends and sympathizers who have never failed us in the past we appeal once again to make financial contributions to *The Militant* to the best of their ability through the difficult period ahead.

UN And Greece

With pomp and ceremony, with flowery speeches and idealistic phrases, the United Nations General Assembly opened its sessions in New York last week.

Millions of words are pouring out through the press and radio to delude the people that the rulers of all lands are erecting through this United Nations conclave an enduring structure of world peace.

But if we want a true picture of the kind of world that capitalist imperialism is building, we must brush aside the curtain of words the United Nations assembly has draped over reality. Let us take a good look, for instance, at Greece.

British troops armed with American weapons and supplies have been maintaining "peace" in Greece. Already in this "peace" thousands of Greek workers and peasants have been murdered in a savage civil war waged against them by the Greek capitalists and landlords, backed by British armed might.

A climax of this brutal slaughter was reached in a plebiscite to restore the hated monarch whom the Greek people twice drove from their land. A mighty array of American naval and aircraft carrier forces was deployed in Greek harbors to intimidate the Greek people. A "Ja" election was held that would have made Hitler envious. What corruption and fraud could not accomplish, bloody violence completed. Hundreds were slain to ensure the return of a vile tyrant through a "democratic" vote.

This is the reality. This is an example of the true world of the future being built by the imperialists. This is what the beautiful speeches of the United Nations assembly seek to camouflage.

The solution to the problems of peace and security for the people will not come from the United Nations. Only the independent action of the workers and oppressed peoples of the world can solve these problems.

The solution is indicated by the latest example of the growing working-class opposition to imperialism—the huge minority vote cast in the British trade union Congress last week condemning British policy in Greece. Delegates representing 2,444,000 workers, 40 per cent of the Congress, denounced British policies in Greece and other countries.

We can well understand the reports that Bevin and Attlee were "shocked" by this expression of growing opposition to their policies. Only four months ago, at the national conference of the Labor Party, which is based on the unions, resolutions opposing British imperialist policies were snowed under.

American labor should ponder this lesson being taught by their British brothers. And they should emulate their example. Only when the workers of all lands unitedly take into their own hands the issue of peace, the issue of the world's future, will humanity have the chance to march forward again.



"I can't seem to find ANY of those Socialist Workers Party candidates here."

Workers BOOKSHELF

THE JUNGLE by Upton Sinclair, 1906. Reprinted 1946 with new introduction by author. Viking Press, 343 pp., \$2.50.

The crimes of the meat trust—the same handful of packing barons who rob us today—has never been told with more passionate truth than in *The Jungle*. Forty years ago Upton Sinclair was an ardent socialist. He wrote honestly about the brutal face of capitalism and the corruption of its "democratic" politics.

This is the story of a Lithuanian family whose lives were ground up by the packers with no more regard than they gave to the filthy sausages turned out by the mill.

Jurgis Rudkus brings his family to America where he hopes to find freedom and work. He, "with the mighty shoulders and the giant hands," surely can make a living in this land of opportunity!

But even Jurgis shrivels in body and mind, as the packers' greed twists each member of the family. The ties of kinship, which seemed so unbreakable in Lithuania, gradually disintegrate into indifference and intolerance.

When the death of his son releases Jurgis from his last feeling of obligation, he does manage to get away from the yards for a time. But he comes back—first as the hireling of a political

boss, then as a scab when the packing barons break the strike of their starving workers. Selling out to the boss doesn't bring Jurgis security, however. Finally understanding that he cannot win alone against the capitalist system, he becomes a socialist.

Sinclair wrote with power about the sordid life of the immigrant workers. Jack London praised him for telling "not what man ought to be, but what man is compelled to be in this, our world, in the Twentieth Century." Today, however, Sinclair is a tired and disappointed radical.

"Man-made calamities have taught the author of *The Jungle*," Sinclair writes in his new introduction, "that he had placed far too high an estimate upon the intelligence of the human race, and its moral qualities. But he sees democracy spreading, both in industry and politics, and he still hopes to witness its victory, at least in his native land."

Sinclair doesn't give much credit to the men and women who have built the powerful packinghouse workers' unions, and wrested concessions from the Big 4. They're "not intelligent" enough to suit this tired intellectual.

But the militant workers today will not be disturbed by Sinclair's present fatigue. They will

prefer the vigorous, fighting anger of *The Jungle*.

— Ruth Benson

THE GREAT CHALLENGE, by Louis Fischer, Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 377 pp., 1946, \$4.

This book discusses the "great challenge"—the question of war or peace, which faces mankind today. It is written by an ex-Stalinist fellow-traveler, who fled from the Stalinist camp after the Stalin-Hitler pact, to beat the literary war drums for the Allied imperialists. Now, in this book he is aiding the same imperialists in whipping up anti-Soviet sentiment, although it is cloaked with liberal phraseology.

Fischer, the pampered correspondent, traveled in good style all over the continents of Europe and Asia. On these travels he hobnobbed with open and concealed enemies of the toiling masses; the big-shot capitalists and their political agents. Like a typical mealy-mouthed intellectual, he sometimes chides them

to whitewash the crimes of the "democratic" imperialists and spread illusions about their political agents in both capitalist and colonial countries. Workers in search of a program to get rid of capitalism and all its evils, will not find it in this book.

—Larissa Reed

Our Program:

- 1. Defend labor's standard of living!**
A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!
Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!**
For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!
Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!
Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!
- 3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!**
No restrictions on the right to strike and picket!
No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!
- 4. Build an independent labor party!**
- 5. Tax the rich, not the poor!**
Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes!
No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!
- 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!**
- 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!**
End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!
- 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!**
- 9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.**
Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!
Against capitalist conscription!
Abolish the officer caste system!
Full democratic rights in the armed forces!
Trade union wages for the armed forces!
Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!
- 10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!**
For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!
Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!
- 11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!**

Communist Party Policy In The 1946 Elections

By Joseph Hansen

How the Communist (Stalinist) Party betrays the political interests of the labor movement is clearly shown by their treacherous role in the New York elections.

The Stalinists made a deal with the reactionary New York Democratic machine, withdrawing their candidates for the main offices of Governor, Lt.-governor and Senator.

In return for support to the Wall Street politicians, Mead and Lehman, the Democratic machine agreed to let the Stalinists remain on the ballot. The Stalinists ran Benjamin Davis for Attorney General and Robert Thompson for Comptroller, both minor offices.

But Mead, the head of the Democratic ticket and the chief candidate of the Stalinists, has proved to be the outstanding red-baiter in America during the election.

Mead has joined in the nationwide campaign of red-baiting fostered by the Chamber of Commerce. His latest outburst is typical. On Oct. 24, Mead declared: "I revile and repudiate the support of anyone advocating beliefs or philosophies of government alien to our own. Both Nazism and Communism are repugnant to the practices of my faith, the dictates of my conscience and the institutions of my country."

Linking "Communism" with Nazism and declaring it to be an "alien" philosophy is the typical technique of the professional red-baiter. Mead's statement could have been lifted bodily from any number of speeches by Bilbo, Rankin, or Talmadge, the foul-mouthed Democratic representatives of the Negro-baiting, Jew-baiting Southern Bourbons.

Still Tub-Thumping

Yet the Stalinists continue to thump the tub for Mead as a bulwark against reaction! Their strongest reflex to Mead's brazen red-baiting has been an editorial twitch or two about Mead violating "the interests" of his "own party."

The Stalinist deal with the rotten Democratic political machine of Wall Street extends farther than is generally recognized. The Stalinists control the American Labor Party. Through their control, they forced the ALP to run an entire slate of capitalist candidates, mostly Democrats.

The Stalinists say that Labor's interests are best advanced by supporting the political party of Bilbo, Rankin, and "Get-Tough-With-The-Soviet-Union" Byrnes.

The Wall Street candidates plugged by the ALP, of course, have been as lavish with campaign promises as a war profiteer with public funds. As usual these promises, after Nov. 5, will end up in the ash can along with the confetti, tin horns and campaign badges. Two of the candidates, however, have already revealed their real views.

Joseph Clark Baldwin, when he lost the Republican primaries, denounced and reviled the ALP and called on the voters not to vote for him. Yet the ALP offered him to the public as a "liberal" and he will appear on the ballot as an ALP candidate.

Spencer C. Young, another candidate of the ALP, led the drive of the Democratic machine to throw three minority parties off the ballot, including the Socialist Workers Party. This drive shows how readily Wall Street resorts to fascist-like practices. Yet Spencer C. Young is one of the candidates whom the Stalinists are peddling to the labor movement on the ALP line as pillars of "progress"!

Why CIO-PAC's Fund Drive Lags So Badly

Several months ago the CIO Political Action Committee launched a national campaign to raise a million-dollar election fund through voluntary contributions of 50 cents and \$1 from the more than 5,000,000 CIO members.

On Oct. 14, with the elections about three weeks off, CIO-PAC National Director Jack Kroll revealed that only \$170,000 had so far been contributed to the projected million-dollar fund.

Officials at several recent CIO-PAC state gatherings sadly admitted they are having difficulty getting an enthusiastic response from the workers. This admitted apathy is reflected in the financial drive.

There are some who attribute the lag in the financial drive merely to innate reluctance of the workers to part with a dollar for a good cause. This is a slander. We need only recall how last spring the workers contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in a short time to aid the hard-pressed General Motors strikers.

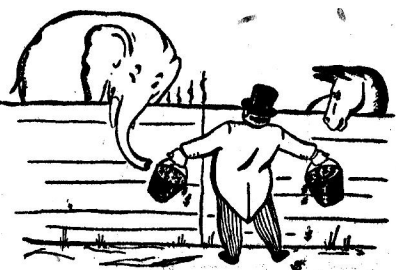
The American workers have demonstrated that they are ready to make real sacrifices for a cause in which they believe. Their lack of enthusiastic response to the CIO-PAC financial appeal is a measure not of their stinginess but of their dissatisfaction with the PAC's policies.

Contrary to the labor leaders' opinion that the workers never know what's good for them, the workers have repeatedly shown they know what's good for them better than their conservative leaders. Many have learned, for instance, that the only thing labor ever got from supporting candidates of the capitalist Republican and Democratic parties was worse political reaction after elections.

More and more workers have come to feel that contributing a dollar to help elect candidates of either Wall Street party is just tossing money down the drain. When CIO-PAC now tells them again to help finance the election of new "progressive" candidates of the Democratic Party, they think back to November 1944 when they gained that "great progressive victory"—as CIO-PAC leaders then called it—by returning a Democratic majority to Congress. These same CIO-PAC leaders now complain that the last Congress was the most reactionary and anti-labor in decades.

Let the CIO-PAC launch a movement for an independent labor party. Then watch the workers' dollars roll in. A labor party will inspire the greatest demonstration of enthusiastic support the American workers have ever shown.

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