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SWP Election News
Campaigning
for
Socialism

By George Clarke

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

We are on in New York, certified by the Secretary of State and the time for legal shenanigans safely passed.

In Connecticut rough estimates from comrades on the spot show that we topped the required 8300 signatures by approximately 450 after finicky town clerks scrutinized 13,300 signatures with a spy-glass. Unfortunately, they gave the petitions for Alvin Berman, our candidate for Congressman-at-large such brusque treatment he emerged 100 short of the required amount. It is now up to the Secretary of State to review the petitions again and then do her duty by certifying Dobbs, Carlson and Morris Chertov, SWP candidate for governor, on the Connecticut ballot.

From the opposite end of the country comes the news that a lively nominating convention of the Washington State District of the Socialist Workers Party was held on Sept. 14. In addition to Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, the convention nominated Dan Roberts for Governor. It is now up to state officials to place us on the ballot.

At approximately the same time, we unfurled our banner for a Workers and Farmers Government for the first time in the farm state of Iowa. A nominating convention was held in the city of Davenport which designated our presidential candidates and electors. Minutes of the convention were filed in Des Moines, the State Capital.

Los Angeles filed 4258 signatures, or the maximum permitted by the state, to place Myra Tanner Weiss on the ballot as SWP Congresswoman in the 19th District. Myra will be the only opponent to the Bipartisans since the Wallaceites have withdrawn in favor of Democrat Chet Hollifield.

In San Francisco, we placed the 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 labor-hater, 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
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SWP Candidates Blast Truman's Demagoguery; Urge Labor Congress

HALF-MILLION MICHIGAN WORKERS HEAR DOBBS

By Howard Lerner

SWP Candidate for Michigan Governor

DETROIT, Sept. 20—A specter is haunting Truman in Michigan—the specter of the Socialist Workers Party and its presidential candidate, Farrell Dobbs.

The SWP nominee, treading on Truman's heels from auto town to auto town, blasted America's No. 1 Strikebreaker over four radio stations and before large, enthusiastic meetings in Flint, Pontiac, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Detroit.

An estimated half million Michigan workers heard Dobbs' devastating exposure of "Injunction" Harry and the corrupt capitalist party he heads. The keen attention and hearty applause accorded Dobbs at open-air meetings shows that the Michigan workers are not going down the line like sheep for Truman and that thousands of them are going to vote for genuine independent working-class political action by voting for Dobbs and his vice-presidential running-mate, Grace Carlson.

It was not by accident that Truman chose to open his campaign in Michigan. He recognizes that labor is the decisive sector of the population and that this state is the heart of industrial America. With the way paved by Walter Reuther of the CIO and Frank X. Martell of the AFL, Truman stomped into Michigan to make a bid for labor's votes.

VIRTUAL DEMONSTRATION

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



GRACE CARLSON
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 dial.

for Truman in Detroit, so many thousands of workers walked 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.

SWP SOUND TRUCK

Everywhere Dobbs spoke, he was preceded by the SWP sound truck, which announced where and when he would speak in a neighborhood. A program of union songs was presented before and after the meetings. More than 35,000 pieces of SWP election literature were distributed in the past week—a record for the party in Michigan.

At his main meeting in Detroit, on Sept. 12, Dobbs spoke before a packed hall, two-thirds of the audience being auto workers. The enthusiasm of the meeting was shown not only by the applause and questions, but by the collection of over a hundred dollars and the signing of many interest cards after the meeting.

The SWP is on the march in Michigan and it isn't doing Truman one bit of good.

seeking certification by petition. The law requires a minimum of 12,500, with not less than 50 from each of 60 counties.

By winning a place on the New York ballot this November, the SWP successfully climaxes a three-year fight. In 1946, the SWP's candidate for Governor, Farrell Dobbs, was ruled off the ballot on a shady technicality, despite submission of election petition with more than 24,000 signatures.

The public scandal which the SWP raised against this conspiracy of the Democratic and Republican election officials and the fear of a recurrence of such scandal in a national election year, when Truman himself has been barred from the ballot in at least one state, forced the officials to recognize the SWP petition.

Dobbs Hits Slum Conditions



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

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 money to build millions of low-rent modern homes.

N. J. Committee Formed To Defend Legless Vet

NEWARK, Sept. 22—The wide-spread sympathy in New Jersey for James Kutcher is being organized to help the legless veteran keep the VA clerical job from which he faces dismissal because of his political views.

Among the most important developments on the case during the last week was the formal endorsement of the Kutcher defense last Saturday by the New Jersey State CIO Council, which represents a quarter of a million workers in this state. The top CIO leaders had previously announced their individual support for the Kutcher fight. The State Council action was unanimous.

Since then, Kutcher himself has begun personal visits to various organizations, explaining the facts and issues in the case. He

is appealing for support on the ground that civil rights in general, as well as his own rights, are threatened through the government "disloyalty" probes. Everywhere he is listened to with great interest and respect for his courage in meeting the challenge of the government openly and without equivocation.

The AFL Newark Teachers Union heard him last night and unanimously adopted a resolution to be sent to President Truman and the press. The resolution requested the Veterans Administration to restore Kutcher to his job and called on the President "to grant Kutcher's request for a

public hearing at which his party can defend itself against the subversive charges."

The union also voted to support the Kutcher case.

Kutcher Writes Truman

Harry S. 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, in the midst of your campaign tour, to the Army Fitzsimmons General Hospital near Denver, where you chatted with a number of amputees, and declared, as you left the hospital, "Nothing is too good for these men."

This is a fine sentiment, Mr. President, and I would like to call your attention to my own case, in the hope that you will take appropriate action.

I am a veteran myself, and an amputee as well. I lost both my legs in action in Italy. Then I spent a couple of years in Army hospitals, learning how to use the artificial limbs provided me by the government. Two years ago I got a job as a clerk in the Veterans Administration in Newark, a job I 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 organization 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, I am as proud of my membership in this party as you are of yours in the Democratic Party. What I do deny, and what my party denies, is that it is "subversive" or advocates force and violence in order to achieve socialism. The only time I have ever practiced force and violence was under Army orders.

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 ourselves against this charge at a hearing.

I ask you, Mr. President, is that the democratic way? Would you like to be charged with a crime, and not told exactly what the crime is, or when you committed it, or where, and not permitted to face your accuser, or examine the evidence, or have a lawyer or a trial—and then be told you are guilty? What is the difference between such a procedure and the one followed behind the iron curtain?

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 defend itself and me against the subversive charges. Surely, this is a modest request to make of a public figure like yourself, who has endorsed the widely-publicized recommendations of your Committee on Civil Rights.

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

Sincerely,

(signed) James Kutcher

SOCIALIST WORKERS ON BALLOT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 — The Socialist Workers Party ticket of Farrell Dobbs for President and Grace Carlson for Vice President has been certified for a place on the New York state ballot in the November elections, it was announced today by the party's New York Campaign Manager, Irving Beinen. Notification of the certification has been received from Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran in Albany.

This is the first time the Trotskyist party will appear on the ballot in the country's most populous state. In order to win a place on the ballot, the SWP had to meet the tricky and rigorous legal requirements designed by the major parties to keep minority parties off the ballot. The SWP secured more than 21,000 signatures on election petitions, the largest number of any party

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Harold Russell, armless veteran and star of the motion picture, "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.

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TROTSKY

The experience of my life, in which there has been no lack either of successes or of failures, has not only not destroyed my faith in the clear, bright future of mankind, but, on the contrary, has given it an indestructible temper.

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



LENIN

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.

time 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.

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."

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.

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.

"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.

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.

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 labor 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.

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.

Only a Rip Van Winkle waking up on September 15, would be taken in by this last minute pretense 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.

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%.

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 cold-blooded 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 suit—even 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 action?

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

By William F. Ward, 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 up for the Socialist Workers Party in the Dobbs-Carlson election campaign.

The branches and sympathizers of the SWP have done yeoman work, day and night, to put the SWP on the map in this campaign. But in the five-week stretch ahead we've got to go into the sprint.

A very great deal depends on the finances available. You can see by the scoreboard that we have not yet reached 60% of the \$25,000 national quota for our Election Campaign and Party Building Fund.

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 study this Fund question and organize the most systematic and

concentrated effort to fulfill the Fund quota in real Trotskyist style.

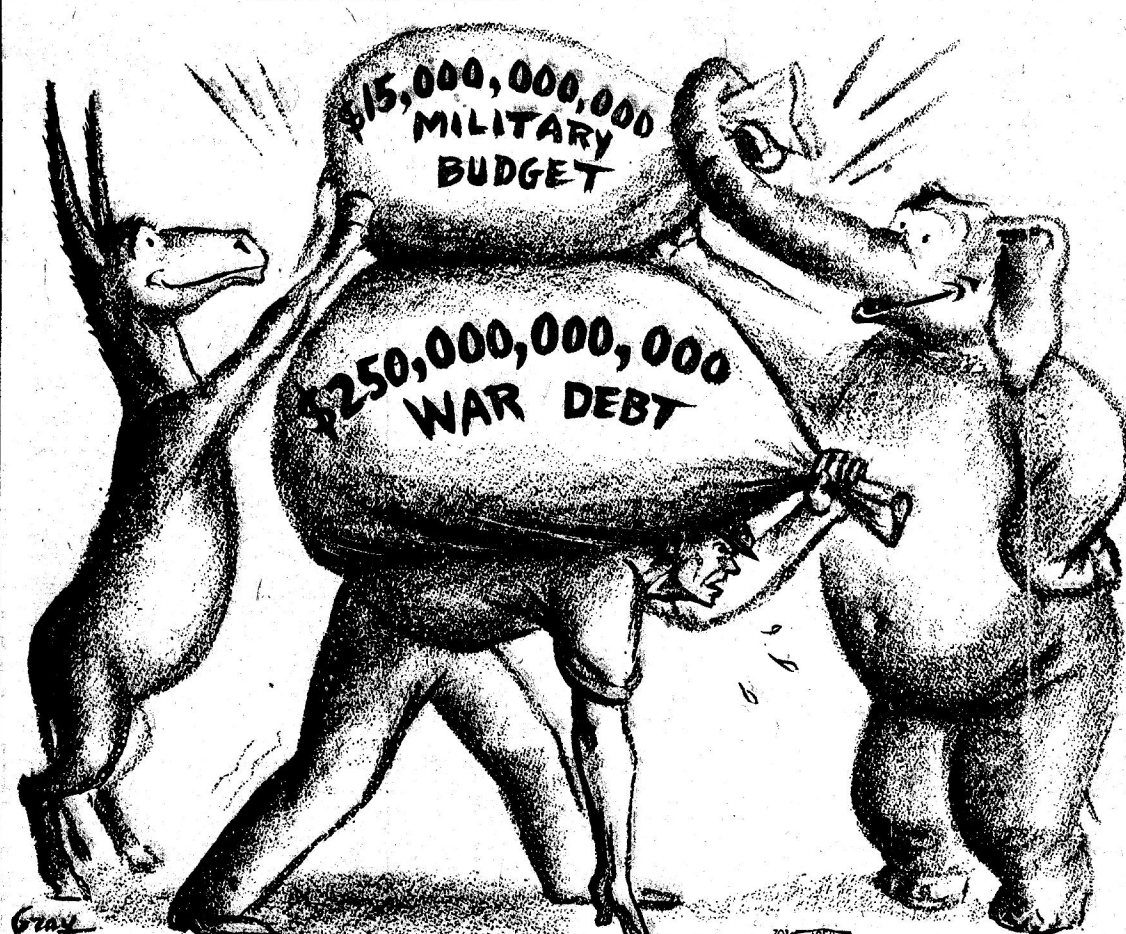
We know that the spirit and the will is there. Genora Dollinger, Fund director for the Flint branch—and candidate for U.S. Senator, writes: "Now that the two biggest attractions of our election campaign has been held (Dobbs-Carlson meetings) we can settle down to raising the rest of our pledge."

The Lynn, Mass., branch writes: "We have been rather tardy. This is all due to unemployment especially in the shoe and leather industries. We are almost sure that before the campaign ends Lynn will fulfill its pledge." Attached is a \$25 check.

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 incorrectly the totals for Rochester and General contributions. This week's totals are correct.

Another Load Won't Hurt Him!



WORKERS FORUM

Demands Abolition Of Monarchy

While you are busy trying to elect the next President of U.S.A. I would call your attention to the importance of immediate liquidation of the British monarchy as a step toward Socialism and democracy.

Aug. 30, where a Mr. Wm. N. Doty wrote Mr. A.F. Whitney about whether the workers are ready for a Labor Party; also heard a debate last Sunday over the radio on this subject.

the people in this country—have brains enough to come in out of the rain. I belong to a union, AFL, but I do not think the majority of the union heads work for the interest of the men. Like B.M. Jewell did in 1922, and then they put him back at the head of the railroads again.

Movie Review

THE SEARCH This is a picture that palliates much of the trash that is issued by Hollywood. It simply but movingly tells of the trials of a Czech mother in search for her displaced six-year-old son.

tration camp. If the movies are higher by a head as a result of this picture, his is the head. The supporting cast is excellent, headed by Montgomery Clift as the American soldier who befriends the boy, and Aline Mahon as the UNRRA 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 attempt to put together the shattered lives and hopes of these displaced children. And I could not forego a bitter thought that for every displaced child that does mend his life, there are thousands not so fortunate.

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Differences With Other Parties

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. Tschert and Stephen Emery and the Socialist Workers Party—Farrell Dobbs and Dr. Grace Carlson.

Pittsburgh Readers Attention

FARRELL DOBBS Socialist Workers Party Presidential Candidate will speak Thursday, Sept. 30, 8:00 P. M. 1418 5th Ave., 2nd floor Pittsburgh, Pa.

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

Table with columns: Branch, Quota, Paid, Percent. Lists various cities and their contribution progress towards a \$25,000 goal.

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? Florida has one party, Democrats.

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.

Visit your local headquarters of the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

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