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SWP Election News Campaigning for Socialism

By George Clarke SWP Campaign Manager

Grace Carlson got the kind of welcome-home reception when she arrived in Minneapolis on Sept. 21 that was proper and deserving for the only woman candidate for Vice-President and the first Trotskyist to run for that office.

It's a story that warms the cockles of your heart. Our campaigners wanted the town to know that Grace was arriving on the Hiawatha at 6:35 p.m. at the Milwaukee Road RR depot. Twenty minutes before the train arrived they appeared at the station distributing the campaign platform to "everyone in sight — railroad workers, porters, red-cops, baggage men, cab drivers and everyone else in the station" informing all and sundry that the workers' candidate for vice-president was coming in.

Two comrades boarded the train in St. Paul and distributed about 300 copies of the campaign platform to everyone on the coach. "When we met Grace," one of them writes, "everyone in the coach craned their necks to

DOBBS RECALLS FIGHT OF DEBS AGAINST WAR IN CANTON RADIO TALK

The following speech was broadcast to the workers of Canton, Ohio, by Farrell Dobbs, SWP presidential candidate, over the Mutual network station WHKK on Friday, Sept. 24 from 4:45 to 5 p.m. The speech, delivered on the thirtieth anniversary of Debs' conviction for his Canton speech, demonstrates how the SWP continues the traditions of the famous socialist agitator.

Introduction by Ted Selander, Ohio State Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party:

Friends of the radio audience: The Socialist Workers Party is conducting this year its first presidential campaign. Our presidential candidate, Farrell Dobbs, has come to Canton to honor Eugene V. Debs on the thirtieth anniversary of Debs' famous Canton speech.

Like Debs, our presidential candidate comes from the ranks of the working class, is a nationally known strike leader and was jailed for his socialist opposition to war.

It is my privilege to introduce to you the Socialist Workers Party candidate for president of the United States, Farrell Dobbs: WORKING PEOPLE OF CANTON!

Thirty years ago, during the first world war, Eugene V. Debs told the truth about capitalist wars in a historic speech at Nimsilla Park here in Canton. On that June day in 1918 the population of the United States had been whipped into a patriotic

frenzy by the Wall Street war-makers under the deceitful slogan that it was a war "to make the world safe for democracy."

It took great courage and firm conviction to stand up and speak the truth in the face of such mass hysteria. Debs knew the truth and he had the courage to proclaim it to the world. He did so with full knowledge of the probable consequences to himself.

Debs told the workers that "Wars throughout history have

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Bi-Partisan Duet



Kutcher To Meet With Attorney General Clark

NEWARK — James Kutcher, Newark Purple Heart veteran who lost both his legs in action in Italy and now faces the loss of his clerical job in the Veterans Administration because of his political views, today announced that Attorney General Tom C. Clark had agreed to meet him to discuss his case in Washington Thursday afternoon, Sept. 30.

MRS. FDR INTERVENES Kutcher revealed that the conference had been arranged through the intervention of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt just before she sailed to attend the current General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris. He said that "Mrs. Roosevelt had questioned Mr. Clark about the dismissal action, with the result that he offered to meet with me in person."

He further declared, "I am going to point out that if my political views did not disqualify me from employment by the government in the Army for 4 1/2 years during the war, they should not disqualify me from employ-

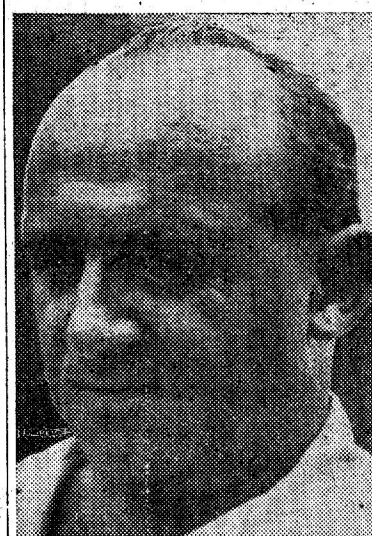
ment by the government in the VA today."

KUTCHER COMMITTEE

The 35-year old Newarker is being defended by the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, a non-partisan citizens group headed by Harold Russell, the armless veteran. Kutcher affirms membership in the Socialist Workers Party, which was placed on the "subversive" blacklist by Attorney General Clark last November. But both he and the SWP deny the subversive charge and are protesting such a designation. Kutcher asked the President to halt dismissal proceedings against him until a public hearing is held at which the SWP can defend itself against this charge. He has also denounced the "loyalty purges" as unconstitutional and pledged to take his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary.

AVC SUPPORT

Further support was recorded on the Kutcher case. At the meeting of Newark Chapter 1 of the American Veterans Committee, of which Kutcher is a member, a collection was taken in support of the case. The persecution of Kutcher was branded as "a cruel abuse of official power to cut off the livelihood of a war-crippled veteran who must support his aged and sick parents."



JAMES KUTCHER

Demand Popular Referendum On Issue of War or Peace

By FARRELL DOBBS and GRACE CARLSON SWP Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates

The United Nations is meeting in Paris in an ominous atmosphere. The American imperialists have had the audacity to launch another war scare a bare month before the voters go to the polls. The Berlin dispute has been thrown into the Security Council; and the entire capitalist press, at this signal, has cast aside all restraint in pounding the drums of war.

The insolence of the Wall Street rulers stems from their assurance that they will continue to monopolize the government for another four years whether Truman or Dewey sits in the White House. That is why American imperialism does not give a damn what the people think between now and election day.

Who made the decision to stage another war scare? A tiny clique of Brass Hats and Wall Street representatives who run the State Department and dominate the White House.

A Small, Sinister Clique

In other words, the question of war or peace, the fate of 140 million people of the United States, not to mention the fate of the peoples of the whole world, are being determined—not by democratic discussion and vote—but by a small, sinister clique of bankers, industrialists and Brass Hats operating behind closed doors. What was the reaction of Truman and Dewey to the war moves of this irresponsible, power-drunk clique? Did Truman summarily remove them from the posts to which he appointed them? Did Dewey denounce their actions and promise to kick them out if elected? Not at all.

Truman hastened to give them an approving pat on the back. "We must keep our bullets in order and our powder dry," he told the press at San Antonio, Texas.

Dewey added his rubber-stamp "me too" to the latest war moves of the White House back-porch guard and called on the people of "every land who share our aims to unite our prayers for peace." This is really ominous! When a Wall Street politician calls on the people to "pray" for peace—watch out! The danger of war must indeed be great.

Hasn't it become perfectly clear that all the promises made by the rulers during World War II were nothing but lies and deceptions? They promised us democracy. And there is less of it in the world today than there was in 1939. Right here in the United States the drive to break down the rights of the American people is proceeding at blitzkrieg speed.

They promised us security, "freedom from fear." But more hunger, insecurity and fear exist in the world today than before the war.

Greatest fraud of all was the promise of "enduring peace." The UN itself—the very body set up as an instrument to secure peace—has become the loudest sounding board in the preparation of public opinion for the projected third world slaughter.

The Underlying Cause

What is really at bottom in the dispute over Berlin? The squabble over the currency, over the City Administration, over the "blockade" and over the "air-lift," are only the immediate issues. They appear as the "incidents" which every ruling clique bent on war seeks as justification for its war preparations and to pin the guilt on the other side.

The underlying cause of the dispute is this: American imperialism faces a catastrophic depression. It is confronted, furthermore, with the disintegration of capitalism on a world scale, the break up of the centuries-old colonial system and the rising danger of workers' revolution. In an attempt to meet these threats, Big Business is pouring tens of billions of dollars into the war machine to help keep up the fabulous rate of profit to which it has become accustomed. Expansion of the war industries will prolong the unnatural boom and defer depression. And finally American imperialism hopes to smash the Soviet Union and conquer the whole world, thereby prolonging its outlived and decaying social system.

In accordance with this blueprint, the Marshall Plan was set up to convert western Europe into a spring-board for the projected war on the USSR. Part of the plan calls for the rehabilitation of German capitalism. Consequently Anglo-American imperialism moved ahead to set up a Western German puppet regime.

But to prop up German capitalism, you have to give aid and comfort to the former Nazis and their backers, since all the important German capitalists supported Hitler. That is why, in a calculated political gesture to all the Nazis, the American military authorities commuted the sentence of Ise Koch, the Buchenwald monster who made lamps out of tattooed human skins.

Where do Wallace and the Stalinists stand on this life-and-death question of foreign policy and war? The whole foreign policy of Wallace and the Stalinists boils down to a call for a deal with Stalin. They want to carve up the world between the imperialists and the Kremlin. This is simply a tactical variation of the Wall Street program, a postponement of the showdown struggle. It has nothing in common with a genuine peace program.

When war does break out, Wallace has already promised to jump on the band wagon. That will be the end of Wallace's "fight" for peace.

Program and Record of SWP

You can't end the danger of war with that kind of program of human material. To lead the struggle against imperialist war, men and women of stamina are required, leaders capable of sticking to principle. Against Wallace's shameful record as a salesman of World War II and his promise to support a new war once it begins, contrast the firm, principled stand of the Socialist Workers Party.

We denounced the war as a crime against humanity and the promises of the war-mongers as fraudulent. We continued the fight even after the U.S. entered the war. We did not flinch or back down when we were railroaded to prison along with 16 other members and leaders of the Socialist Workers Party for refusing to back the war.

By voting for Dobbs and Carlson on November 2, you help strengthen the anti-war forces. You register your protest against the war plans of Wall Street and its bi-partisan politicians. By voting the Socialist Workers ticket you support the demand to take the war-making powers out of the hands of Congress and let the people themselves, through a referendum vote, decide on the question of war or peace.

On Your Radio

SWP Broadcasts In Fifteen Forums Over Sta. WNEW

The Socialist Workers Party is continuing its broadcasts in the series of election forums sponsored by Station WNEW in New York City.

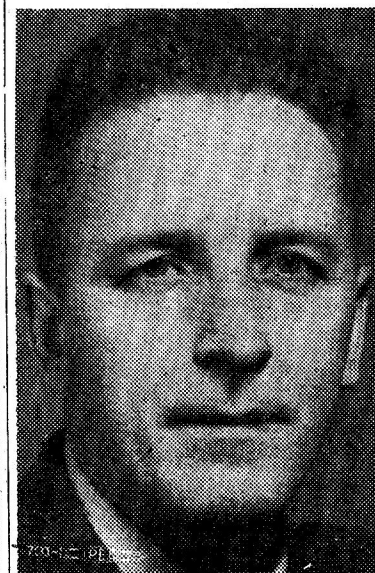
The series entitled, "People's Choice," consists of 30 broadcasts running nightly from 9:45 to 10 p.m.

The next SWP broadcasts will be heard on Tues., Oct. 5, Thurs., Oct. 7 and Monday, Oct. 11.

WNEW is 1130 on your dial.



GRACE CARLSON



FARRELL DOBBS

SWP Letter to Harry Truman Denounces Political Blacklist

(The following letter was sent by SWP presidential candidate Farrell Dobbs to President Harry S. Truman on Sept. 29.)

White House, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On Sept. 25 your Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, made public an expanded list of so-called "subversive" organizations. For the second time, the Socialist Workers Party has been included on this political blacklist.

Your listing of the Socialist Workers Party as a "subversive" organization, in the midst of the election campaign in which I am running as a Presidential candidate of this party, is a gross abuse of administrative powers for partisan political ends. It is clearly designed to intimidate and prejudice voters against my candidacy.

As on the previous occasion, our organization was not even directly notified of this action. We learned of it through the public press. We were never given a hearing on the very serious charges implied by inclusion on the "subversive" list; nor have we even been informed upon what specific acts the listing was based.

As Presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, I wrote you on Aug. 26 to request an open hearing on the charges made by your Department of Justice. I informed you that members and supporters of our organization were being victimized on their jobs as a consequence of the subversive list.

I also informed you that in response to my written request for a hearing, I received a reply on Aug. 16, signed by Assistant Attorney General Alex Campbell, which said:

"In the absence of provision therefor in the Executive Order, the Department [of Justice] does not contemplate holding hearings in such matters, with or without specifications or charges."

This reply also made clear that the "subversive" list was drafted on your express order as President and that this order, in violation of all democratic precedent and the Bill of Rights, denies a fair and open trial to members of organizations publicly condemned of what, by implication, are criminal actions.

The list printed in the Sept. 26 N. Y. Times names the Socialist Workers Party three times under three different headings. We are listed under "Communist," "Subversives" and "Organizations which seek to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means."

I state categorically that this listing is false in every particular and criminally slanders my party and its members.

I do not propose to enter upon a discussion of Marxist doctrine and theory with the Department of Justice. It suffices to point out the ignorance or malicious intent displayed when such diametrically opposed organizations as the Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party are lumped together under the general listing of "Communist." You cannot be unaware that our party has fought Stalinist totalitarianism from its inception; that we have opposed its methods, practices and ideology in the socialist and labor movement. This lumping together of opposing political organizations makes completely suspect the very meaning you attach to the word "communist."

The listing of the Socialist Workers Party as "subversive" is equally malicious. In what sense are we "subversive"? What does this word even mean in law? It is a vague term of abuse, which can be applied to anyone or any group, with whom the Attorney General disagrees. You yourself have repeatedly protested when associates of your administration have been publicly pilloried and smeared as "subversive" by your political opponents on the House Un-American Activities and other Congressional committees.

THIRD DESIGNATION

The third designation accuses us of "seeking to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means." This is a frame-up and a lie cut out of the whole cloth.

The proof that this is a lie is the present election campaign in which I am running for the same high public office as you. Just as you, I am publicly campaigning to win the popular majority vote. We do not now seek, and never have sought, to secure the

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# Dobbs Recalls Debs' Fight on War

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been waged for conquest and plunder. . . The master class has had all to gain and nothing to lose, while the subject class has had nothing to gain and all to lose—especially their lives."

President Woodrow Wilson ordered immediate prosecution of Debs for his Canton speech. He was convicted in the federal courts and locked up in the Atlanta penitentiary with a ten-year sentence. It proved to be a death sentence for the aging socialist warrior.

### DEBS RIGHT

History demonstrates that Wilson, the servant of capitalism who persecuted Debs, deceived the American people and betrayed their hopes. Debs, the great champion of the working people, has been proven right in his predictions and his socialist program by events of the past thirty years.

That is why Debs remains enshrined in the hearts of the workers, while all the capitalist politicians of his day are forgotten.

I have come here to Canton, as the first presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, to reaffirm the socialist anti-war program of Eugene V. Debs and to defend this sterling revolutionary against detractors like Norman Thomas who seek in Debs' name to betray the working people into support of the capitalist masters in a third World War.

The Socialist Workers Party is the only continuer in America of the struggle for Socialism to which Debs dedicated his life. We represent a union of American revolutionary tradition with the principles of scientific socialism set forth by Marx and Engels and carried into action by Lenin and Trotsky.

Debs too was an internationalist. He demonstrated this in his Canton speech when he saluted the Russian revolution in these words:

"Our hearts are with the Bolsheviks of Russia. Those heroic men and women, those unconquerable comrades have by their incomparable valor and sacrifice added fresh lustre to the fame of the internationalist movement."

### HIS MISSION

Debs referred, of course, to the Bolshevik party of Lenin and Trotsky. Had he lived to see Stalin betray the world working class, we are confident that Debs, the international socialist, would have supported the Trotskyist movement in our 25-year struggle



EUGENE V. DEBS

against Stalinist treachery to the workers.

Debs' great mission was to raise the American workers to the level of socialist class consciousness and to imbue them with the spirit of international working class solidarity.

The Socialist Workers Party represents the organized expression of class consciousness and class solidarity as taught by Debs and translated into living form by Lenin and Trotsky.

We are not "peacetime socialists" of the Norman Thomas variety who climb on the military bandwagon when the shooting starts. Like Debs, we are socialist anti-war fighters before, during and between wars.

The Socialist Workers Party's record in World War II proves we are socialists of the deed as well as of the word.

We denounced the conspiracy of American monopoly capitalism to drag the country into the second world war.

We exposed the lie that it would be a war against totalitarianism.

We predicted that the American capitalists would use their victory to prop up kings and military dictators abroad and to undermine the freedom of the working people here in America. We said the war would not bring peace to the world.

We acted in the spirit Debs described in his Canton speech when he said, "And now for all of us to do our duty! The clarion call is ringing in our ears and we cannot falter without being convicted of treason to ourselves and to our great cause."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt

ordered prosecution of the Socialist Workers Party for our anti-war stand. In 1941, eighteen leaders of the party, including my running mate, Dr. Grace Carlson, and myself, were convicted under the Smith "Gag" Act and sentenced to prison. The Supreme Court refused to hear our appeal and we were railroaded to the penitentiary on New Years Day 1944.

### SWP TOLD TRUTH

History will record that just as Debs told the workers the truth about war in 1918, the Socialist Workers Party told the truth about war in 1941.

We predicted that monopoly capitalism would use the power gained through the war to strangle the trade unions. The Taft-Hartley Act is the first step toward that objective.

The Socialist Workers Party predicted that the capitalists would try to load the costs of war onto the working people. Billions in profits for the monopoly corporations and the staggering rise in living costs for the working people bear out our prediction.

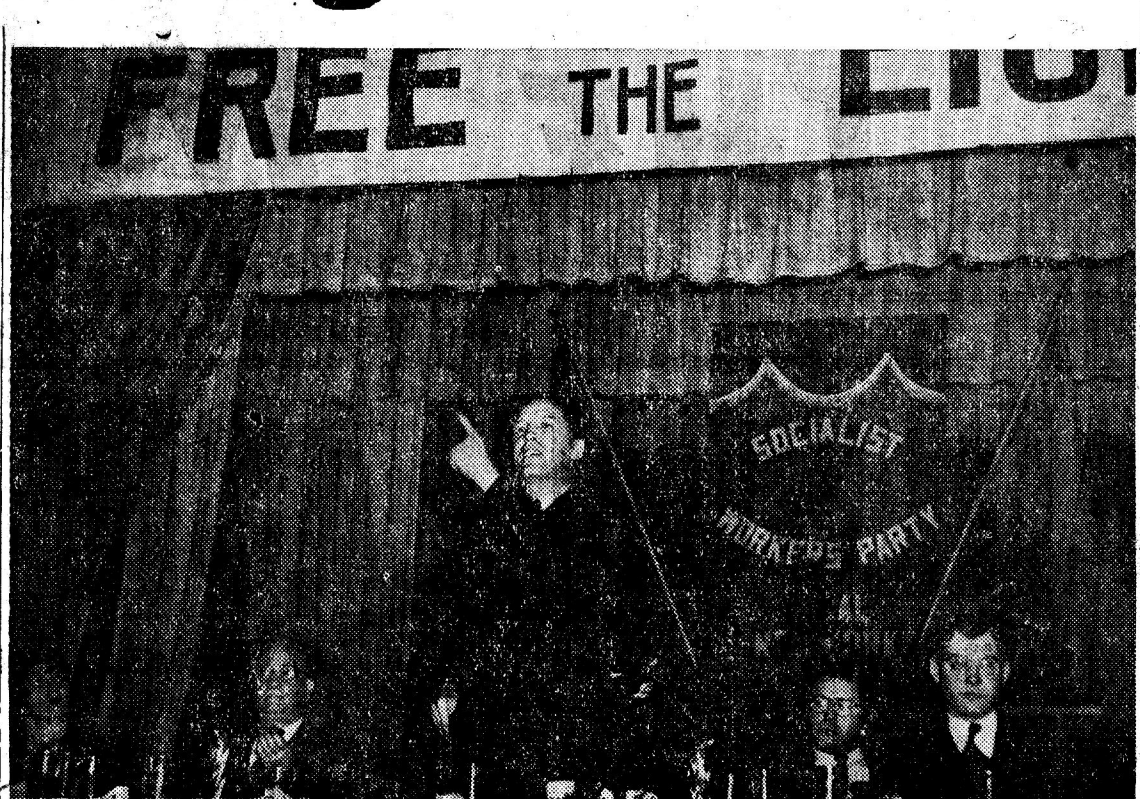
We said that native fascism with its brutal persecution of the Negro people would be an inevitable consequence of the war. And now the new "White Supremacy" Dixiecrat Party, spawned by the Democratic party, shows an ominous drift in that direction.

The Socialist Workers Party predicted that the power-drunk Wall Street gang would seek to introduce permanent militarization of the American youth. Drafting is now under way for the conscript army of World War III.

We reaffirmed Debs' prediction that there will be endless wars until capitalism is abolished. Today the whole world is holding its breath expecting an explosion in Berlin.

The American people are being plunged headlong toward war by the bi-partisan coalition of Democrats and Republicans, who represent the interests of a small clique of power-drunk bankers and industrial barons.

But the American workers, the farmers and the little people, who



Farrell Dobbs addressing the SWP farewell banquet in New York City on Dec. 26, 1943, before leaving for jail along with Grace Carlson and 16 other Trotskyists, convicted for their socialist opposition to the second world war.

constitute the great majority in the country, don't want another slaughter of humankind. They want to live at peace with the world.

Yet, war will come if the war-breeding capitalist system is not abolished. War will come unless the American people establish a Workers and Farmers government which will organize in this country a socialist society based on human needs, without private profits, privileged classes or exploitation of man by man.

Only one party stands on the basis of such a program in the United States today. That party is the Socialist Workers Party, whose banner I proudly carry in this presidential campaign.

The party of Henry Wallace is not a genuine anti-war party because it is an anti-capitalist party.

A movement for peace pledged to disband at the outbreak of war—as Wallace has publicly pledged—is nothing but a swindle.

The Communist Party, by supporting this Wallace swindle, is once again selling out the American workers.

Another so-called peace party is the party of Norman Thomas, which betrayed the memory of Debs by abandoning socialist principles to support the capitalist class in World War II.

Thomas is today supporting the Marshall Plan, which is nothing but an instrument to prop up discredited capitalist regimes in Europe and lay the groundwork for World War III.

If Debs were alive today he would denounce Norman Thomas as a deceiver of the working people.

The struggle for socialism does not cease in time of war. On the contrary, those who quit the struggle when war breaks out cease to be socialists.

### SOCIALIST GOAL

The Socialist Workers Party took its stand in the tradition of Debs in the second world war. It continued its struggle against war and capitalism, even though imprisonment for their fidelity to the working class and to the cause of socialism.

The Socialist Workers Party

continues the same uncompromising struggle today on the brink of the third world war.

We carry on the battle for the great Socialist goal described by Debs in these inspiring words spoken to the workers of Canton in 1918:

"When we unite and act together on the industrial field and when we vote together on election day we shall develop the supreme power of the one class that can and will bring permanent peace to the world. . . . We shall conquer the public power. We shall then transfer the title deeds of the railroads, the telegraph lines, the mines, mills and great industries to the people in their collective capacity. . . . We shall be a free nation whose government is of, by and for the people. . . . Yes, in good time we are going to sweep into power in this nation and throughout the world. . . . We are going to destroy all enslaving and degrading capitalist institutions and re-create them as free and humanizing institutions. . . . The world is daily changing before our eyes. . . . The sun of capitalism is setting; the sun of socialism is rising."

## Farrell Dobbs to Debate Norman Thomas on Oct. 17

Final arrangements have been completed for what promises to be one of the most important events of the 1948 campaign — a debate between Farrell Dobbs and Norman Thomas. The debate is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 17, at 2:30 p. m. at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street.

A place in the debate has been left open for the Presidential candidate of the Socialist Labor Party who has been invited to participate but has declined the invitation. Advance tickets for the debate can be obtained at \$1 at SWP offices at 116 University Place, New York City.

## HAROLD RUSSELL HITS FIRING OF KUTCHER FROM GOV'T JOB

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 25.—Harold Russell, Academy Award winner and Chairman of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, told an audience of over 300 tonight that the case of James Kutcher, the legless veteran who was fired from his job with the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party, is typical of the outrageous violations of civil liberties which are alarming hospitalized veterans. He quoted these veterans, maimed in World War II as were Russell and Kutcher, as saying to one another: "We thought we were fighting a war to protect the rights of small people everywhere. Maybe we should have fought the war here at home first."

Mr. Russell, who was speaking on the subject of civil liberties at the Fraternal Clubhouse under the auspices of the Anti-Defamation League, devoted the major part of his talk to the case of James Kutcher, "my buddy in the next bed at the Walter Reed Hospital." He stated that he was not a Socialist and did not "share James' views. But I do defend his right to think, act, and do as he believes fit."

The handless veteran explained to the audience that the basis for firing Kutcher was the fact that the Socialist Workers Party had been put on the subversive list by the Attorney General. He stated that this was done without charges or evidence, and without a hearing. Scoring the undemocratic procedure, Mr. Russell demanded that Kutcher be given a fair hearing on all aspects of the case.



HAROLD RUSSELL

The audience was deeply moved when Mr. Russell read from a personal letter which he had just received from Kutcher: "I never thought things would turn out this way. . . . After losing my legs and then getting a job with the Veterans Administration, I thought I would settle down into a rut for the rest of my life. Instead, I have been thrown out of my job and am liable to be called all kinds of names which are not true. If that is the American way, then I am a monkey's uncle. . . . I have always been a Socialist and I always will be, for I think that Socialism is the only way to end war."

## Campaigning For Socialism

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look at the celebrity who had been traveling in their midst."

At the Minneapolis station Grace was met by a large group of comrades and by Vincent R. Dunne, SWP candidate for U.S. Senator, who presented her with a huge bouquet of red and white gladioli. Then followed a long interview with a reporter and photographer from the Minneapolis Tribune.

### ON THE HUSTINGS

The reception over, a whirlwind tour of Minnesota got under way with a press conference on Thursday, Sept. 24; a radio broadcast over WMIN on Friday; a Twin City campaign workers meeting on Saturday; a trip to Duluth on Sept. 27 and 28; the filing of petitions in the State Capitol in St. Paul on Sept. 30 and a public meeting in Willmar the same night; all climaxed with a Twin Cities public rally in St. Paul on Friday, Oct. 1. Whew! How does she do it?

On Oct. 2, comrade Carlson flies to Seattle for a two day visit, returns to Milwaukee on Oct. 7 and then heads for the east.

### CONNECTICUT SWP ON THE AIR

Second big doing comes off on Sunday, Oct. 3 in Hartford, Connecticut. Farrell Dobbs will make the keynote speech at our state convention there. His talk will be carried over a seven station Connecticut hookup: Hartford — WHTT; New Haven — WNHC; Bridgeport — WNAB; Torrington — WTOR; Waterbury — WATR; Stamford — WSTC. Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Torrington will rebroadcast from 5-5:30 P.M. the same afternoon, Waterbury and Stamford from 10-10:30 that night. It is also expected that WTIC (NBC) and WONS (Mutual) and WCCC (independent), all Hartford stations will carry the keynote address. WBIB, New Haven will re-broadcast on Wed., Oct. 6 from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The convention will hear addresses by gubernatorial candidate, Morris Chertov and State

Campaign Manager, Alvin Berman.

### CALIFORNIA, HERE COMES DOBBS!

After his speech at the Hartford Convention, comrade Dobbs will return to New York for a few days and then catch a plane for California. He will speak in San Francisco at a noon-day waterfront meeting on Oct. 7, possibly at a university meeting that night, at a public rally on Oct. 8 and then proceed to Los Angeles where he will fill speaking engagements on Oct. 9 and 10.

Myra Tanner Weiss began her campaign in the 19th Congressional District in Los Angeles by challenging all her opponents to public debate. We wonder how Jack Berman, the Wallaceite candidate reacted to the challenge, knowing that he may one day be retired in favor of the Democrat Chet Hofffield?

### MINNESOTA TO FILE

By the time we go to press Minnesota will have filed nearly 5,000 signatures or more than twice the number needed. We hear that the two stars were Paul and Winnie who got 505 of St. Paul's 1420 signatures in the first five days. Its good to have the stars but we're not ignoring all the others in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Willmar, Duluth and the Iron Range whose collective work put the petition campaign over the top.

### NOTES FROM NEW YORK

The New York Local is shooting for the sale of 1,000 tickets for their "Rally for a Socialist America" on Oct. 27 at the Hotel Diplomat, a double-header featuring Dobbs and Carlson.

### Newark Forum

"Struggle for World Power" JOSEPH HANSEN Foreign Affairs Editor of The Militant The crisis in the UN The fight over Berlin DeGaulle's drive in France Stalin's real aims in Europe FRIDAY, OCT. 8 - 8:45 P. M. 423 Springfield Ave., Newark

# World Events

By Joseph Hansen

## Chinese Trotskyists Hold Successful National Convention

The Communist League of China, Chinese section of the Fourth International, recently held a 12-day convention attended by delegates from all parts of China.

The problems involved in the building of a revolutionary proletarian party were the main question considered by the delegates. Lively discussion occurred over the proposed program, party constitution and the documents: "The Organizational Principles and Methods of Building a Proletarian Party" and "Theses on the Labor Movement of Post-War China." The main political report as well as a document entitled "Marxism versus Petty Bourgeois Revisionism" were unanimously adopted. The Convention chose a new name for the organization. "The Revolutionary Communist Party of China."

## War in Philippines Continues Against The Hukbalahaps

The capitalist press has given little publicity to a war in the back yard of the United States that has taken at least 1,000 lives in the past 40 days. This is the war conducted by Wall Street's puppet government of the Philippine Islands against the 100,000 Hukbalahaps who resisted the Japanese imperialist forces during World War II and who are now resisting the domination of American imperialism.

Recently, the leader of this movement, Luis Taruc, accepted an amnesty proposal from the government for the movement. The rank and file Hukbalahaps, however, did not approve of this surrender, since the terms of the amnesty required them to give up their arms.

Bitter experience with the quislings maintained in office first by the Japanese conquerors and later by the Americans had taught them to regard such a requirement with deep misgivings.

Taruc thereupon returned to the farmlands of Luzon where the movement is centered.

The Manila Government responded with a full scale assault. "The war continues," reports Ford Wilkins, correspondent of The N. Y. Times, "behind a screen of bullets and shellfire, crippling fear and official reticence."

The government forces, he says, "announce no objectives, reveal no casualties, make no promises and do not announce tactics or battle plans. They trust nobody. Publicity is the last thing they want."

## Uprising in Indonesia Affects New Areas

A Sept. 27 United Press dispatch reveals the uprising against the Nationalist government of the

Indonesian Republic "to be much more widespread than the Republican Government had admitted."

Described as "Communist," the rebellion originally was reported to be an isolated "coup d'etat" in the city of Madiun. Now at least three other important towns are known to be involved.

"Fighting is under way now for the strategic city of Magelan, previously in Republican hands," declares the dispatch, "which indicated either a Government defeat there or a Communist seizure that had not been announced until today."

The tight censorship makes it impossible to draw definitive conclusions concerning this uprising or its course of development. But its general direction is clearly towards a fundamental social transformation. Its driving force obviously stems from profound dissatisfaction among the people with the Nationalist officials who gave up militant struggle against the Dutch imperialists.

According to the Associated Press, the radio at Madiun controlled by Muso, said to be a "Moscow-trained Communist heading the rebellion," has announced "Marxist policy" is being carried out in that territory and land has been seized "for redistribution to the population."

It was not reported whether this affected the holdings of such American corporations as General Motors, Goodyear Tire and Rubber and Standard Oil.

## Civil Strife Flares As deGaulle Bids For Power in France

De Gaulle's drive for dictatorship in France has already resulted in bloodshed. Violence flared in Grenoble when armed de Gaulleist "guards" attacked workers protesting the fascist-minded general's demand to rule the country. A worker alleged to be a Communist was shot through the heart. One de Gaulleist was killed.

Since this incident on Sept. 18, similar clashes involving thousands of demonstrators have occurred in other important cities including Paris and Le Havre. Hundreds have been injured. Besides his own "guard" formations, which imitate Hitler's shock troops, de Gaulle relies on police clubs to get away with his provocative rallies.

Leading sections of the capitalist class back General de Gaulle just as the capitalists of Italy, Germany and Spain backed Mussolini, Hitler and Franco.

A period of crucial struggle now lies before the French workers. They have repeatedly shown their readiness for decisive struggle against de Gaulle, but the Stalinists and Social Democrats are continuing to do everything possible to evade the showdown fight which de Gaulle is preparing to force upon the working class.

# THE MILITANT ARMY

While conducting a lively election campaign of street meetings, mass meetings, radio programs and distribution of literature, Detroit branch of the Socialist Workers Party has reached 60% of its goal of 1,000 new subscriptions to The Militant. The total reached 594 last week.

Most of the subs were obtained in house-to-house visits. Many were also gotten at meetings and by workers in the shops. Areas where the greatest number of signatures were obtained on petitions to place the SWP on the ballot were visited later for subs.

Philadelphia branch obtained 34 more subs at three street meetings to continue leading all branches in this type of subscription effort. The 25c-15-week special introductory offer during the presidential campaign is ideal for mass selling.

Allentown-Bethlehem branch obtained 4 subscriptions at a Progressive Party meeting in Bethlehem at which Wallace's running mate, Senator Taylor, was the speaker. "Four SWP comrades

distributed our election platform at the meeting, which attracted about 250 people," the branch reported. Allentown is now getting 10 times as many Militant's as previously for sale and distribution.

New and renewed Militant subscriptions in September were more than four times the number of expirations: 866 compared to 200. This fine record will still have to be exceeded by 50% to offset the 1,200 expirations coming up in October.

This is entirely feasible. In the broiling weeks of August 1,348 subs were turned in, and 606 in the last two weeks of July. The more reasonable weather of October offers sub-getters a favorable setting for breaking the best 1948 records. With the election campaign at its height, workers will want to know more about the issues and the platforms of the various parties. The get-acquainted 15-week sub for 25c is the answer.

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



LENIN

Trust Busting or Vote-Catching?

After almost 16 years of continuous promises to "bust the trusts" and "drive the money-changers from the Temple," the Democratic Administration has issued a virtual confession that the trusts and the money-changers are flourishing as never before.

That is the sole real significance of the sudden interest—six weeks before the national elections—shown by Truman's Department of Justice in anti-trust law violations by a few of the big monopolies.

On the heels of the anti-trust suit against the "Big Four" meat packers comes the announcement of an investigation of the DuPont industrial empire and the serving of subpoenas for various books and records.

The Department of Justice's announcements are so crudely obvious a pre-election bid for votes, that it is scarcely necessary to belabor the point. After suspending all anti-trust prosecutions during the war, after swelling the biggest monopolies like DuPont and the Aluminum Corporation with billions in war contracts and government-built war plants, after feeding more billions in tax rebates to the trusts—the Democratic Administration now solemnly assures us that it's really going after these same trusts—if you just vote for Truman.

We've had anti-trust laws and anti-trust investigations and suits for more than 50

years. Yet under Republican and Democratic administrations alike, the giant corporations and combines have grown steadily. By the end of the Second World War, the 250 largest corporations owned two-thirds of all the industrial means of production.

The trusts and monopolies are an inevitable outgrowth of capitalism, the profit system. Under this system, the strong devour the weak; the rich devour the poor; the large devour the small. The Gorgon's head of private monopoly cannot be destroyed without destroying the whole of capitalism.

The platform of the Socialist Workers Party is dedicated to the task of mobilizing the working masses of America to wipe out monopolies root and branch. Plank No. 9 entitled, "Government Ownership of Industry" calls on the workers and working farmers to:

"Nationalize the basic industries, all war plants, all natural resources, and operate them in the interests of the producers and consumers by democratically-elected committees of workers and technicians! Nationalize the banks! Institute a planned economy of abundance, based on production for use, not for profit!"

Any party or candidate that promises to "bust the trusts" by doing less than this, is perpetrating conscious fraud against the people.

Potofsky's Announcement

The top CIO and AFL bureaucrats are making a big pretense of enthusiasm over the re-election of Truman. They are haranguing their members to register and above all—give a dollar bill to the CIO-PAC or the AFL-LLPE. But the dollar bills are coming in very slowly and union officers are finding it all but impossible to steam up the rank and file for strikebreaker Truman.

The more socially alert of the labor bureaucrats now realize that their present election policy is nothing more than a stopgap. The disintegration of the Democratic party and the growing resentment against the old line politicians have rendered the labor bureaucrats' policy of hog-tying the labor movement to the capitalist parties increasingly untenable.

It was in response to this development that Walter Reuther, President of the CIO auto union, recently issued a pronouncement, discussed in the Aug. 30 Militant, in which he declared that labor will have to work for a new political realignment after the 1948 elections. Reuther's statement was deliberately ambiguous and vague on the exact nature of this realignment.

Now comes Jacob S. Potofsky, President of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers and spells out even more clearly the intentions of the socially more alert sections of the union bureaucracy. Potofsky proposes that immediately after the elections a conference of all

labor leaders from the AFL, CIO and Railroad brotherhoods be held to make plans for "revitalizing" the Democratic Party or establishing a full-fledged labor party.

These pronouncements are not just publicity gags. Reuther, Potofsky and the other more experienced bureaucrats, realizing that their present policy, if continued, is liable to boomerang against them, want after the elections to embark on a more aggressive policy to convert the Democratic party into a liberal, New Deal outfit along the lines of the "Americans for Democratic Action." Failing that, they will canvass the possibilities of setting up a new political party. That is the thinking of the Reuthers, Potofskys and Dubinskys on political action.

The Militant has often explained that we favor a labor party based on the unions and would give such a party critical support—but we oppose the organization of a Peoples Front type of party where actual power is vested in the hands of an uncontrolled clique of liberal capitalist politicians and top union bureaucrats responsible to no one but themselves.

Militants in the unions will be watchful of the moves of the top union officials and will utilize the increasing interest in political action to push for the setting up of a genuine Labor Party—with deep roots in the labor ranks and responsible to and controlled by the ranks.

The Attack on Thompson

The red-baiting drive against civil liberties and the rights of political minorities is moving into its next inevitable stage: Physical terrorism.

On Tuesday night, Sept. 21, Robert Thompson, state chairman of the New York Communist Party and one of the 12 CP leaders indicted under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act, was attacked by three unidentified men, brutally beaten and stabbed. No effort was made to rob him. It was clearly an attempt at assassination.

Regardless of who directly ordered the murder-attempt on Thompson—the political responsibility for this crime rests squarely on the Democrats and Republicans in Washington who have created the atmosphere for such political terrorism and have incited such violence against political minorities.

The capitalist press in New York cynically tried to cover up this crime. The Big Business dailies even printed false reports—later denied by the police—that the police doubted that Thompson was attacked at all and that this was some kind of publicity gag to get public sympathy.

When an obscure Republican ward-worker was murdered several years ago in Congressman Marcantonio's district, the police put on one of the greatest man-hunts in New York

history. The press—without an iota of evidence—literally screamed for the blood of the Communist Party members. No such police activity, no such press outcry is being made in this clear-cut case of attempted assassination of Thompson.

This is not the only act of terrorism against labor and political minorities that has been carried out under the cloak of the anti-labor and anti-red drive. Only last week armed hoodlums entered the New York headquarters of the Ladies Garment Workers union and badly injured several organizers. Later, they turned brass knuckles on a number of ILGWU pickets. Last spring, CIO auto union president Walter Reuther was almost killed by shot-gun wielding assassins. Henry Wallace was pelted with eggs and threatened repeatedly on his Southern tour.

These are not episodic acts. They are part of a growing pattern of fascist-like terrorism. Today, it is directed mainly against an unpopular minority like the Stalinists. But tomorrow, it will threaten all labor.

Let the labor movement take heed. Let it mobilize a protest against the murderous attack on Thompson and the witch-hunt that inspired this attack. And let the unions organize their defense guards now to let the fascist elements know that they will continue terrorist acts only at their peril.

Party Branches Step Up Their Pace In S.W.P. Election Fund Campaign

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

The branches did a good job last week in stepping up the pace of the Socialist Workers Party election fund campaign.

Total weekly contributions were \$1,633—an increase of more than \$600 over the previous week. Philadelphia branch—which did splendid work in getting the Dobbs-Carlson ticket on the Pennsylvania ballot—has come through with flying colors for the \$25,000 Election Campaign and Party Building Fund. It has completed its \$500 quota four weeks ahead of the deadline, and now shares honors with the six branches previously listed in the hundred-percenters column.

Several other branches have made a big jump up the scoreboard. Minnesota, including the Trotskyist strongholds in the Twin Cities, added 20% to its total, standing at 90% and within shooting distance of the 100% mark. That's the home state of our vice-presidential candidate, Grace Carlson.

San Francisco-Oakland climbed from 38% to 63% on the scoreboard, jumping ahead of several other branches which have paced the Bay area comrades up to now. The ever-dependable comrades in Reading—who have had plenty

of tough sledding—boosted their percentage in one week from 64% to 90%. Akron has moved five places ahead on the scoreboard by achieving 52% of its quota, up from 21%.

But as the cold figures showed in my report last week, it was necessary to keep a pace of over \$2,000 weekly for five weeks to reach our goal of \$25,000 by Election Day, Nov. 2—and the date's drawing awful close.

Each and every week from now to the elections must bring in \$2,289 to go over the top on the total quota. This week the scoreboard records \$15,844 in—or 63%. That's a little less than two-thirds of the way. We can complete the distance in the next four weeks only if we go into the sprint.

We know that most of the comrades are digging right down to the bottom of their pockets to make the goal. We'd like to remind them that there are many workers who'd be glad to contribute a buck to the cause of socialism. Now's the time to put special effort into the circulation of the collection lists.



Grace Carlson, SWP Vice-Presidential candidate shown greeting William Bohannon, candidate for Congress from the 11th District of New Jersey at the 13th national convention of the SWP where she received her nomination.

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

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Jeff Thorne, business manager. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of September, 1948.

REBEA G. HANSEN (Seal) (My commission expires March 20, 1950.)

SWP LETTER DEMANDS TRUMAN END BLACKLIST

(Continued from page 1) adoption of our program other than by the expressed will and consent of the majority.

THESE ARE THE FACTS

These are the facts, Mr. President, and we contend that your Department of Justice, acting on your orders, is subverting the truth and denying us even the most elementary of civil rights: The right to confront our accusers; the right to a fair and open hearing; the right to be presented with specific charges and to answer them with evidence and witnesses.

How do you square this with your present campaign pledges regarding civil rights? How can you reconcile Mr. Tom Clark's illegal and unconstitutional "subversive" political blacklist—a practice borrowed directly from the arsenal of the totalitarians—with your recent praise of Mr. Clark as a man "who is working all the time for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights?"

I am again protesting the inclusion of the Socialist Workers Party on your "subversive" list and requesting that you use your powers to accord us an open hearing on the false charges made against us. I am again denouncing the whole practice of "subversive" political blacklists as alien to the democratic traditions of this country.

I call on you, Mr. President, to immediately rectify the wrong you have perpetrated in this case. To that extent, at least, you will be paying the cause of civil rights more than lip service.

Yours truly, FARRELL DOBBS, Socialist Workers Party Candidate for U. S. President.

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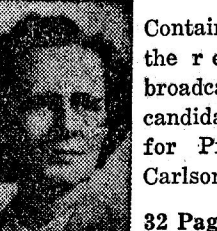
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## SWP Election Tour

### Addressing The NAACP

By Farrell Dobbs, Presidential Candidate

Dayton, Sept. 25 — Today I addressed 100 delegates attending the Ohio state convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the Wayman M. E. church in this city.

Speakers for the Democratic and Progressive parties were also present. The Republicans were invited but didn't show up.

We drew lots to determine the order in which the speakers would be introduced. I got the middle spot. Each speaker had 10 minutes, with an official time-keeper holding a watch on him.

The Progressive Party spokesman opened with a dull presentation of Wallace's "do-good" panaceas calculated to make capitalism "progressive." I was next up.

"The Socialist Workers Party is a Marxist party, a revolutionary anti-capitalist party," I began. "We fight for the creation of a socialist society. We are an anti-war party. Eighteen leaders of our party were jailed for opposing the second world war just as Eugene V. Debs was jailed for opposing the first world slaughter."

After years of experience, a speaker develops an intuition about audience reaction. Before I had completed the fourth sentence I knew the convention was listening to me.

## SWP Election Tour

### From The Arrowhead Country

By Grace Carlson, Vice-Presidential Candidate

DULUTH, Sept. 29 — At the head of the Great Lakes, Duluth is popularly known as "The Gateway to the Arrowhead Country." And, as the travel folders tell us,

"The Arrowhead Country is that fabulous portion of northeast Minnesota, containing the Mesabi, Vermilion and Cuyuna Ranges, which produce 60 per cent of U.S. iron ore — the Superior and Chippewa National Forests, with more than 4,000,000 acres of semi-alpine lakes, purling streams, virgin pine and towering spruce — and 7,000 of Minnesota's famed 10,000 sky-blue lakes."

Impressed with this kind of publicity and with the real scenic beauty of the region, thousands of vacationers flock to the Arrowhead Country each year. But there are more important people in the Arrowhead than tourists — thousands of revolutionary-minded miners, wood-workers, steel-workers, seamen. In 1946, the Socialist Workers Party candidates, running under the ballot designation Revolutionary Workers Party, polled over 2000 votes in the Arrowhead region.

This year, we expect to reach many more Iron Range workers with the revolutionary socialist program. Vincent Dunne, our Senatorial candidate, Henry Schultz and I spent some fruitful

I continued with an account of our predictions about World War II and how quickly they have been confirmed. There is no peace. Civil rights are under attack. Living standards are sapped by inflation. Jim Crow blights the lives of the Negro people. And we are being plunged toward World War III.

Then I tore into the lying capitalist politicians of all stripes, who have repeatedly deceived the Negro people. I demonstrated why capitalism itself is responsible for inflation, depression, war, race hate and lynch murder.

Frequent nods of approval greeted my explanation of the need for the working people and the oppressed minorities to break with the capitalist politicians and establish a Workers and Farmers government.

"Unite with the Socialist Workers Party," I concluded, "in the fight to abolish brutal capitalism and build a socialist society where men and women of all races and colors, in all lands, can walk together in peace and freedom and know the full joy of an abundant life."

My estimate of the audience reaction was confirmed by the applause when I had finished speaking.

The Democrat, who followed me, seemed a little uncomfortable. He mumbled a few words of criticism against Wallace for splitting the Democratic vote and said he thought there should be a big army "despite what the presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party has said."

# Progressive Forces Win Board Majority At CIO Rubber Workers Union Convention

OMAHA, Sept. 25—The just concluded convention of the CIO Rubber Workers Union sounded a strong note of rebellion against the policy of surrender and retreat of the top CIO officialdom. That is the underlying meaning of the solidification of the Bass caucus and its bid for control of the rubber union.

Despite a heavy barrage of red-baiting, the supporters of George R. Bass, militant president of Goodrich Local 5 of Akron, came within two votes of unseating conservative L.S. Buckmaster as president of the union. The vote was 810 to 808.

The Bass supporters, however, succeeded in electing a majority of the Executive Board and the other top officials of the union. They won the Vice-Presidency, the post of Secretary-treasurer, and eight out of ten of the International Executive Board posts.

## MILITANT ACTION

The Bass group is made up of different elements and groupings standing basically on a program of militant action on the economic field. The fundamental leadership of the group rests in the hands of Bass and his supporters in Akron, who have a consistent record of militancy in the labor movement. The Stalinists, who are also present in this broad alliance, are a declining factor in the rubber union, and today possess no independent strength either in the caucus or the union.

Buckmaster, the incumbent president, ran a complete slate on a program summarized in his keynote speech. "Will the union be run by the right or the left?" He centered his attack on the outgoing Executive Board which he accused of "giving aid and comfort to foreign ideologies" and of being the tool of a "political machine."

The opposition to Buckmaster was keynoted by H.R. Lloyd, re-elected Vice President, who aggressively defended the Executive Board and accused Buckmaster of giving—by his policies—aid and comfort to the companies.

## BUCKMASTER LETTER

High point of Lloyd's attack was the reading of a letter sent by Buckmaster to the U.S. Rubber company, in which Buckmaster advised the company to "take advantage of the Labor-management relations act of 1947 (the Taft-Hartley Law) to discipline workers engaged in unauthorized stoppages."

"This kind of betrayal of

workers," Lloyd exclaimed, "will lead us back to company-dominated unionism."

Lloyd also lashed out against Buckmaster's dictatorial refusal to abide by decisions of the Executive Board and to share authority with other top officers.

Had the election taken place after the initial speeches by Buckmaster and Lloyd there is no question Buckmaster would have been unseated. But, realizing his weakness, Buckmaster and his supporters began a filibuster which lasted three whole days.

One after the other, speakers rose and in lengthy speeches related small talk and gossip concerning the workings of the alleged "political machine" opposed to Buckmaster.

The delegates were worn out by tales of intrigue and personal feuds, small-time maneuvers and deals, the aim of which were to sidetrack the major issues and confuse workers who came to the convention to support a new program.

Many of the opponents of Buckmaster fell into the trap, and attempted to answer each and every small point, and set the delegates straight on every question of fact. This type of debate soon disgusted the delegates.

## RED-BAITING

Buckmaster furthermore relied very heavily on red-baiting. He smeared the board as one which might "leave the door open to Wallace." He and his supporters also demanded that the union beat the drums for the Marshall plan.

Although the Executive Board had never repudiated Wallace specifically nor endorsed the Marshall plan, it had never given support to Wallace nor opposed the Marshall plan. In truth the board was made up of typical union militants more concerned with the economic struggle and with union democracy than with these questions. When presented with the Buckmaster attack on these points, a majority of the old board supported a resolution to reject the Wallace Third Party and endorse the Marshall plan.

To clinch up on Buckmaster's position, Alan Haywood, CIO Organization Director and Vice President, took the floor just before the election of officers, and by implication smeared George R. Bass, Buckmaster's opponent, as a supporter of the Communist Party. Haywood attempted to ridicule Bass's proposal for industry-wide bargaining and made a demagogic plea for unity and peace.

## BOARD MAJORITY

In spite of the red-baiting smear and Haywood's personal intervention, Bass polled only two votes less than Buckmaster. With the opposition forces successful in winning a majority of the Board and all other top offices, Buckmaster is in the position of having squeezed by only by the skin of his teeth and is surrounded by a pro-Bass Executive Board.

The debate on Buckmaster's report and Lloyd's reply continued for so long that all other business dealing with policy was referred to the incoming Executive Board. The 3-day debate on the faction

fight was followed by election of officers which consumed two days of convention time. The last day was spent on constitutional questions, thus leaving no time for resolutions.

The opposition to Buckmaster displayed great power at the convention. Representatives of half the membership voted to repudiate the conservative red-baiting policies of Buckmaster. Moreover, control of union policies rests in the hands of the opposition by virtue of its control of the board and the other two top offices.

## BASS FORCES

The weakness of the Bass forces as revealed at the convention, was the unclarity of much of its programmatic position, especially in the political field. This was brought out especially sharply when the board majority decided to go along with support of Truman and the Marshall plan primarily to avoid any fight with Buckmaster on the grounds of "CIO loyalty."

The struggle to create a new left wing leadership, free from domination either of Stalinism or the top CIO bureaucracy, remains the key task of the trade union movement. The strengthening and political clarification of the Bass group in the rubber union is an important step in the realization of this goal.

## Army Strikebreaking



When the U.S. army tried to recruit scabs in San Francisco against the West coast longshoremen strike, the union put a picket line around the fink hall and put a stop to the scabbing.

# West Coast Maritime Strikers Holding Firm

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26—The Pacific coast maritime strike, which began Sept. 2, remains solid at the end of the fourth week.

The Waterfront Employers and Pacific American Steamship Association are still adamantly refusing to negotiate with the elected representatives of the CIO Int'l Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union.

These operators are standing by their original declaration that they will not meet with union officials who have refused to sign the Taft-Hartley affidavits. However, the union has been able to negotiate separate contracts with independent operators in the ports of Seattle and San Francisco which allows for the loading of Army cargoes at the pre-strike wages and conditions and grants the union demand of 15 cents per hour increase for working commercial cargoes.

This past week saw the following

developments on the strike front.

1. The Pacific Far East lines were approached to break with PASA and sign a contract with the independent Marine Firemen and CIO Marine Cooks. The company would thus be in a position to fulfill its contract with the Army to carry refrigerated cargoes to the Orient. This was a move by the striking unions to crack the employers' front.
2. There were rumors that foreign ships would be allowed to move if the foreign operators would find American agents willing to recognize the union hiring hall and pay the scale demanded by the striking longshoremen. This also was a move by the union leadership to find a crack in the employers' ranks.
3. Picket lines were removed from the Port of Oakland public terminal, permitting freight to move in and out of those piers by rail and truck. This step was advocated by officials of the ILWU on the grounds that it "will put the Terminal in a favorable competitive position with the Parr, Encinal and Howard Terminals which are following the shipowners' edict not to deal with the union until its leadership is changed." Under terms of the agreement reached with the Port of Oakland authorities, checkers and terminal workers will receive retroactively any wage increases gained in the final settlement of the strike.
4. Mayor Elmer Robinson offered his services to mediate the strike. This was immediately accepted by the striking unions. The employers ignored the offer.
5. Truman made a campaign speech here and both the employers and the unions addressed appeals to him for aid. He managed to get through his speech without mentioning the maritime strike.
6. In an exchange of open letters placed in San Francisco papers the Marine Firemen and PASA have challenged each other to re-open negotiations. Vincent J. Malone of the Firemen's Union reminded the operators that he has signed the non-communist affidavits and therefore should be eligible to represent his union even on the operators' own terms.

scab on the striking longshoremen and has been rightly rejected. The public exchange between Malone and the operators was viewed by both sides as a publicity move to gain the support of the community.

**DETERMINED METHODS**  
Using more determined methods to strengthen the strike and force the employers to negotiate, the membership of ILWU local 1-10, at their last regular meeting on Wednesday night, Sept. 22, voted to cancel their contract with Mutual Stevedoring company unless the Army discontinues use of strikebreakers.

There are about 200 scabs hired by the Army before it signed with Mutual to handle work on its docks. These scabs went to work as civil service employees behind ILWU picket lines at the Oakland Army base and were continuing to work on the docks even after Mutual took over the job with union longshoremen.

This demand by the membership of the powerful San Francisco local stands in sharp contrast to the policy pursued by the Stalinist leadership of the strike.

This leadership is obviously basing its strategy on finding enough employers who will recognize the presently constituted leadership of the longshoremen's union. They have made this the central question of the strike and have shown a willingness to give up all the original demands in exchange for union recognition. Thus Army cargo is being worked under pre-strike wages and conditions. Similarly the work on Oakland Terminals is proceeding under pre-strike wages and conditions, with the stipulation of retroactivity if a higher scale is established in a new contract with the Waterfront Employers.

**STRIKE DRAGS**  
While these moves have helped the strikers to get a few days work and to a certain extent have taken pressure off the striking unions by allowing members of other non-striking unions to get back on their jobs, they can at the same time cause the strike to drag out over a long period with no prospect of winning the original demands.

The strikers are now nearly one month old and the men on the picket lines are in no mood to return to work after this loss in wages until they are guaranteed the 15 cents per hour raise they walked off the job to win.



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## Notes from the News

**FORD ASSETS**—The Ford Company's annual report to the Massachusetts Tax Commission showed that its assets have risen to the all-time high of \$1,025,733,483. That's all owned by ONE FAMILY.

**MURRAY-STALINIST WAR**—CIO President Phillip Murray stepped into the hectic retail clerks union situation in New York City. He called on the membership to back the Wolchok leadership and repudiate the Stalinists who are attempting to withdraw the locals they control from the CIO Clerks International Union.

**GARMENT STRIKE**—The AFL International Ladies Garment Union announced that it would begin striking on a building-to-building basis all non-union jobbers and contractors. The aggressive campaign comes on the heels of the beating with lead pipes of ILG organizers and pickets. Union officials claim that gangsters in alliance with non-union jobbers are again trying to muscle into the industry.

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?** — A lot of people in the United States didn't like it when Hitler left the stands of the Olympics to keep from greeting the great Negro athlete, Jesse Owens. Nazism, they said... Miss Alice Coachman this year broke the high jump record at the Olympics. Her hometown of Albany, Ga., gave

her a reception. The platform guests were segregated; so was the audience. And Mayor James W. Smith left the platform hastily to avoid shaking hands with the Negro Olympic star.

**DEMOCRATIC SENATE**—A change of four seats can shift control of the U.S. Senate to the Democratic party even if Dewey wins the presidency. Dopesters are saying that the Democrats have a better than even chance of winning the four additional seats.

**GEORGIA VIGILANTISM**—Five Wallace campaign supporters were dragged from their headquarters at Augusta, Ga., by a band of 300 vigilantes and driven ten miles out of town with the warning to "stay out of Augusta." This was the second time vigilante violence has been practiced in Georgia on the Wallace supporters.

**WARREN'S LIBERALISM**—California's Governor Warren, Dewey's running mate, believes in working both sides of the street. He made a bid for Negro votes when he recently refused to sign extradition papers for return to Mississippi of 45-year old Wiley King. But the same Governor Warren isn't taking any chances of losing any white-supremacist votes by breaking down racial segregation in the National Guard. California's 2,500 Negro Guardsmen will continue to be Jim Crowed.

## Conn. AFL Urges Congress of Labor

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 24 — Meeting here in its annual convention, the Connecticut Federation of Labor, following the lead of the International Typographical Union, adopted a resolution calling for an "emergency session of all labor unions in Washington. The purpose of this session, the resolution declared, was to develop joint plans to combat anti-union injunctions and all other attacks by the present National Labor Relations Board, as well as a concerted campaign for the repeal of the vicious (Taft-Hartley) law itself."

Joseph P. Cleary, chairman of the AFL Labor League for Political Education here, attacked Democratic national committee member Paul R. Conroy of Norwalk, as a "union-buster." Conroy is the lawyer for a Norwalk firm against which Teamsters Local 145 is out on strike.

# The Wall Street Men Around President Truman

Truman last week called his Republican opponents "gluttons of privilege" and "Wall Street reactionaries." We don't dispute him on that. But we do point out that Truman is in the position of the pick-pocket who called the purse-snatcher a crook. Wall Street—headquarters for the ruling

big business circles—owns the Democratic as well as the Republican party. One of the proofs is supplied by Truman himself—the list of his appointments to high government posts.

Here are the names and connections of just some of Truman's Big Business appointees:

| Name                         | Government Position  | Business Connections   |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Austin, Warren               | UN Delegate  | Attorney for American International Corporation in China   |
| Barrow, Arthur               | Undersecretary for Air   | Former President, Sears, Roebuck Co.   |
| Baruch, Bernard              | Chairman, U. S. Delegation on UN Atomic Energy Commission  | Stock Speculator   |
| Black, Eugene R.             | Assistant to John J. McCloy of International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, UN                    | Former Vice President, Chase National Bank   |
| Burton, Harold H.            | U. S. Supreme Court Justice  | Former attorney for Western electrical utilities   |
| Carpenter, Donald            | Deputy to Defense Secretary Forrestal  | Vice President, Remington Arms   |
| Ching, Cyrus Stuart          | Director, Federal Conciliation & Mediation Service   | Former Director U. S. Rubber Co., Assistant to President, Boston Elevated Railway.   |
| Douglas, Lewis W.            | Ambassador to London   | Former President, Mutual Life Insurance Company, Member, Board of American Cyanamid  |
| Drayer, Maj. Gen. William H. | Undersecretary for Army  | Former Vice President and Treasurer, Dillon, Read & Co.  |
| Dulles, John Foster          | Alternate UN delegate; Chief advisor to Marshall at Big Four Moscow meeting; Chief advisor to Thomas Dewey | Secretary of National Defense  |
| Forrestal, James V.          |  | Member, Sullivan & Cromwell, Wall St. legal firm, attorneys for J. Henry Schroeder & Company—Anglo-German bankers. Former President, Dillon, Read & Company, investment bankers. |
| Gray, Maj. Gen. Carl R.      | Administrator, Veterans Affairs  | Former Vice President, Chicago & Northwestern Railway, President, Piedmont Publishing Company  |
| Gray, Gordon                 | Assistant Secretary of the Army  | Partner, Hemphill, Noyes of Boston. Banker   |
| Griffis, Stanton             | Ambassador to Poland   | Director, First National Bank, Gordon, Nebraska  |
| Griswold, Dwight P.          | Appointed to administer Greek phase of \$400 million grant to Greece and Turkey                            | Chairman, Munitions Board  |
| Hargrave, Thomas J.          |  | Ambassador to London, Secretary of Commerce  |
| Harriman, W. Averill         |  | Chairman, National Resources Board   |
| Hill, Arthur M.              |  | Director, Reconstruction Finance Corporation   |
| Hise, Harley                 |  | Vice President & Director, Reclaimed Island Lands Company; Farmers Developed Lands Co.; Pacific Coast Mortgage Co.; Pacific Theaters Corporation.                                |
| McCabe, Thomas Bayard        | Chairman, Federal Reserve Board  | President, Scott Paper Company,  |