

SWP Mich. Campaign Opens with Attack on Peril of McCarthyism

DETROIT, Aug. 16 — The election campaign of the Socialist Workers Party's in Michigan opened last Saturday with a rally at which the socialist candidates for Governor, U.S. Senator and Congressman presented a fighting program against unemployment, war, McCarthyism and Jim Crow.

Labor's stake in the fall elections was discussed by Frank Lovell, SWP candidate for Governor and a veteran unionist. "At no time since the depression year of 1932 has there been more anxiety in this country," Lovell said.

Against all forms of oppression and for the final liberation of humanity from this outlived and decaying capitalistic system. Robert Himmel, running for Congress in the 1st Congressional District, sounded a note of warning to minority peoples on the rising fascist danger.

FASCIST DANGER "Throughout the country," he noted, "anti-Negro and anti-labor demagogues are crawling out of their holes and linking themselves to the growing fascist movement embodied in McCarthyism. They are putting into practice a program of force and violence against the Negro people that will in time be directed against the entire organized labor movement.

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Primary Trends Favor Democrats

By John F. Petrone

Will the Democrats win control of Congress in November? The Democratic leaders were more optimistic last spring than they are now.

Nevertheless, the trend over the last year has clearly been away from the Republicans and toward the Democrats. This trend was confirmed last November when the Democrats made important symptomatic gains in by-elections.

The Democrats also figure they should benefit from this country's historic voting pattern, according to which the party in power usually loses strength in congressional contests where the presidency is not simultaneously at stake.

PRIMARY TRENDS

Certain political trends can be traced by studying the 1954 primary elections, providing it is understood that these primaries give only part of the picture and do not automatically indicate which party will win in November.

More than three-quarters of the states have already held their primaries. Participation was normally low outside of the South, where the Democratic nomination is tantamount to election.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

But where primary contests actually took place, there were some new developments. First and most strikingly, in respect to McCarthyism: It would be wrong to think that nationally McCarthyism has lost significant electoral ground because of such well-publicized events as J. Parnell Thomas' unsuccessful bid to regain a congressional seat from New Jersey.

... Adopt Political Liberties Ban

(Continued from page 1) ... We shall hold him in the hollow of our hands. We shall have a club in our hands. I do not intend to be a half patriot. I will not be lukewarm. The issue is drawn.

Morse, the great independent Republican liberal from Oregon followed with the cry: "We put it up to the Senators to 'fish or cut bait'."

When Senator Butler (R-Md.), the leader of the drive to pass the union-busting measures, said "Let me say to the Senator that the outlawing of the Communist Party involves very serious constitutional questions," the liberals howled these objections down with the cry: "let's quit horsing around" with "legal technicalities and details."

Butler and the other Republicans, caught up in the stampede, quickly changed their own tactics. They forgot their constitutional objections to the outlaw measure and proposed to hitch the Butler union-smashing proposals on to the Humphrey bill. The liberals in turn forgot their opposition to union busting, and the day ended with a vote of 85 to 0 for the whole package.

Democrat Big Shots Meet



Former Pres. Truman, Adlai Stevenson (left), 1952 presidential candidate, and Democratic National Committee chairman Stephen Mitchell (right) shown after their conference in Independence, Mo., where they discussed plans for the recapture of Congress next November.

Democratic congressional nomination. More important the McCarthyites already in Congress, with virtually no exception, easily won renomination in the primaries, often without opposition.

Yet a new element entered the picture—namely, signs that McCarthyite smear attacks, which proved so annihilating in 1950 and 1952, are beginning to lose some of their effectiveness in defeating candidates, at least in primaries.

KEFAUVER WINS

The clearest example was provided by the Democratic Tennessee primary in August. In 1950 the McCarthyite red-baiting technique, well-organized and well-financed, was used in the primaries to finish the political careers of two Southern Democratic liberals, Graham of North Carolina and Pepper of Florida.

But the same kind of campaign was carefully mapped out this year to remove the liberal Estes Kefauver from the Senate. McCarthy's oil friends poured big money into the state. Managers of the anti-Pepper and anti-Graham campaigns were recruited to direct the campaign of Rep. Sutton. Kefauver was accused of being a "left winger," a "codder of communists," and an "internationalist" who was opposed to "the American way of life."

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(Continued from page 1) ... The bill was then passed in the Senate 85 to 1 and sent to the House where it passed 208 to 100. According to the latest reports, the legal difficulties raised by the administration are being ironed out in an attempt to avoid a veto.

ADMIT IT'S ANTI-LABOR

In the debate on the Butler bill Senator Lehman said it would "constitute an extremely serious threat to the great organized labor movement in this country. . . . The bill would place in the hands of an Attorney General who might be antagonistic to labor, a powerful weapon to cripple labor, to break strikes."

The unions and the political organizations of the working class are put on the chopping block by this policy of supporting the liberal capitalists and remaining chained to their political party. The labor bureaucrats are ad-

ditionally responsible for the present situation because of the despicable role they have played in the witch hunt. The labor bureaucrats have been pleading with the reactionary union busters—look, we've cleaned our house. We have conducted our own witch hunt. We have hounded the militants and left wingers out of the unions. We have cooperated with the FBI in blacklisting "subversives" and purging them from the plants. Now won't you please recognize that we are "good," "clean" and "responsible" unions and let us alone?

WHAT THEY WANT

The answer of the union busters is to redouble their attack on the unions. What the labor officials can't get through their thick skulls is that the employers are not interested in the unions fighting "Communism" in the abstract. What they want is to use the fight against "Communism" to soften up the unions, make them weak-kneed and subservient to the employers government and then smash them.

THE BETRAYERS

The primary responsibility for what is happening in Congress belongs however with the labor officials. We should know by now that the liberals will play the game of the reactionaries in every critical situation. The labor officials are criminally betraying the interests of the working class when they put all their faith in the wretched liberals and tell the workers to support them and depend on them.

The Stalinists who preach the same gospel of supporting the Democratic Party at all costs are equally responsible. The struggle with the fascists and police states is for keeps. The workers of Europe learned through bitter experience what such events as the Week of the Great Liberal Collapse meant. Must we go through the same experience?

whose "liberalism" is hailed by the Stalinist Daily Worker, also overcame machine opposition to win the gubernatorial nomination.

In general the more conservative candidates in Democratic primaries appeared to be running into difficulties where there was a serious contest.

Sen. McClellan barely managed to win the Arkansas nomination for the U.S. Senate from his Fair Deal opponent, McMath. The timing of the primary may well have been the decisive factor in the outcome. If the primary had been held a few months earlier, before rather than after the Army-McCarthy TV hearings where the conservative McClellan cast himself in the role of a staunch anti-McCarthyite, the liberal McMath might have won.

In the Texas primary the division was not so much between conservatives and liberals as between Dixiecrats and "loyalist" Democrats. Gov. Shivers, who crossed party lines to back Eisenhower in 1952, beat the regular Democrat, Yarborough, by two-to-one in the primary that year.

But this year, although Shivers led Yarborough by a narrow margin, he was unable to get a majority, and was forced into a runoff which will be held on Aug. 28. "Loyalist" Democrats like Lyndon Johnson and Sam Rayburn, who are conservative like Shivers but stuck to the party ticket in 1952, were renominated without difficulty.

DEMOCRATS BENEFIT

The Texas primary shows a clear trend toward the Democrats. The Oklahoma gubernatorial and senatorial primaries mark a strengthening of liberal tendencies. The rejection of extreme Negro-baiting in North Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee also point to the growth of liberal sentiments among Democratic voters. If these trends per-

...New H-Bomb Horror

(Continued from page 1) Alsops. But they have kept their mouths shut. Dr. Teller even denounced Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, leading A-bomb scientist, as a "Soviet agent," because the latter initially opposed making the H-bomb, warning of its frightful potential. Even Oppenheimer, who was dismissed by the AEC, although declared "loyal," could not envision the real scope of the H-bomb's deadliness.

One of the new bombs—in contrast to the original hydrogen-bomb device set off in Nov. 1952—"would not merely consume the city of Washington in its blast and heat," the Alsops point out. "It would also cover a surrounding area about the size of the state of Maryland with dangerously radioactive matter." Maryland is 200 miles long and 120 miles wide.

But that's not the ultimate range of these bombs. Carried by swift winds or ocean currents the pulverized radioactive earth lifted by an H-bomb can travel hundreds and even thousands of miles.

The Alsops report that the cloud from one of the Nevada A-bombs fell out over Long Island, "but it was no longer noxious and no one knew about it but the Atomic Energy Commission." Can they say how far and in what direction noxious particles from an H-bomb will travel?

MILITANT'S WARNING

Last April 5, the Militant warned of the "world catastrophic nature of the new H-bombs." Our articles gave the most complete description to date of the true nature of the H-bomb's power. By piecing together bits of information from the capitalist press, the Militant reconstructed what had really happened at Bikini. We pointed out the unexpected factor of the tremendously enlarged range of deadly radioactivity created by the new bomb.

At the same time, we charged that the Administration was creating a diversion by suddenly issuing a report on what we called the "obsolete" H-bomb exploded 16 months before. We noted that in all the government statements, including those by Eisenhower and AEC Chairman Strauss, "what we have been told officially is still not about the latest bomb . . . but about the 'baby' H-bomb device! . . ."

CHURCHILL'S CHANGE

The April 4 Militant put special stress on "the grotesque spectacle of Prime Minister Winston Churchill blubbing before the House of Commons on March 23, when he spoke of the 'stupendous problems and perils' of the new H-bomb exploded by the U.S. . . ." We added: "This vilest and most cold-blooded leader of the

likely to benefit the Democrats than the Republicans.

On the McCarthyism issue, a little more caution is in order. The Tennessee, Idaho and Arkansas results signify a certain weakening of the effectiveness of McCarthyite red-baiting, due partly to a growing concern over rising unemployment and falling farm prices. But it must be remembered that most of these manifestations to date have taken place inside the Democratic Party.

It is safe to conclude that Democratic primary voters today are more immune to naked McCarthyism than they were two and four years ago. But is that true of the voters as a whole, including the sizable number of independent voters who usually decide elections? So far, we have no way of knowing for sure, although we strongly suspect that the same forces which produced this shift away from McCarthyism among Democrats are at work and similarly influencing voters who are not enrolled as Democrats.

CAN LOSE ADVANTAGES

Will the Democrats reap the benefits of this shift in the general electorate? That depends on how they handle the McCarthyism issue in the campaign. If they go through with their present announced intention of ignoring it, as reported in last week's Militant, they can lose their advantages altogether. Candidates like Taylor in Idaho, who is opposed by the 100% McCarthyite, Dworshak, will surely go down to defeat if they don't raise the McCarthy issue aggressively.

In summary, we would say that on the whole the primaries confirm other signs of a shift to the Democrats, but it is too early to say that the shift will grow into a sweep that will give them control of Congress in November.

British imperialists could not contain his emotions because he realizes that an H-bomb war will mean 'total destruction of the British Isles . . . ' as the N.Y. Herald Tribune's correspondent puts it."

Confirming our earlier observations on the political effects of the new H-bomb, the Alsops refer to the recent statement by Churchill to the House of Commons that "tremendous changes have taken place in the whole strategic position in the world which make the thoughts which were well founded and well knit together a year ago utterly obsolete." These "tremendous changes," which the Alsops say are "also agitating the inner circle of the American government," are the unforeseen powers of the new H-bomb, "which were not produced by our first H-bomb test in 1952."

In short, Churchill went along with the original H-bomb and the "strategic position" engendered by it—that is, the strategy of an anti-Soviet atomic war—until the super-duper H-bomb opened the probability that England would be physically exterminated in an H-bomb war. Particularly, as the Alsops further note, because "the H-bomb tested by the Russians last summer was of the new type."

The far-reaching meaning of the new H-bomb phenomenon has already caused the American Civil Defense Administration to tear up all its old plans, report the Alsops. And, "by the same token, Prime Minister Churchill used this new phenomenon to justify abandonment of Britain's great Suez base." The base, which stretches along 100 miles of the canal, is "now too vulnerable to have real value."

SOCIALISM IS ANSWER

But the fears of the rulers of the great capitalist powers are no guarantee that imperialism will not let loose the new H-bomb that can spread a death pall of millions of tons of pulverized radioactive earth over humanity. Inevitable laws of economic decline, leading to economic cannibalism, drive capitalism into a murderous struggle for markets, raw materials, new fields for investment. In the end, as it has done twice in 40 years, capitalism will seek to save itself by world war.

There is no alternative to this fate except to take the power away from the ruling classes who today wield the titanic annihilating power of atomic destruction. The workers of America, first of all, have the duty to build their own party to establish a Workers and Farmers government and to build a socialist planned society of cooperative production for use, not profits, under the workers control.

