

Workers (Communist) Party

W. P. ELECTION CAMPAIGN TOURS

C. E. Ruthenberg

General Secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, is starting off his big election campaign tour with a meeting at Buffalo on October 14...

WORKERS PARTY ENTERS CANDIDATES IN STATE ELECTIONS THIS YEAR

In a number of states nominations have been filed by petition while in others the petition campaign is still in progress to place Workers (Communist) Party candidates officially on the ballots.

Michigan

The following candidates will appear officially on the ballot in the Fall elections to be held Tuesday, Nov. 2: Governor, William Reynolds...

Pennsylvania

The following were the candidates nominated: Governor, H. M. Wicks. Lieutenant-Governor, Parthenia Max Jenkins...

Colorado

Governor, William Dietrich. United States Senator, James A. Ayers. Secretary of State, Nelson Dewey...

Massachusetts

Governor, Lewis Marks. Lieutenant-Governor, Albert Oddie. U. S. Senator, John J. Ballam...

Ohio

Canton, Stark County State Senator, Carl Guilfoyle. State Assemblyman, 21st District, Peter Pichler...

Rebecca Grecht

Rebecca Grecht, who has just completed a tour in Ohio, will cover a number of cities in Minnesota and Michigan this October in connection with the election campaign of the Workers (Communist) Party...

FARMER-LABOR PARTY CANDIDATES SUPPORTED BY THE WORKERS PARTY: OHIO

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Edwin Blank. Representative to the 7th Congressional District, Julius Schick...

WASHINGTON

J. L. Freeman, candidate for United States Senator of the Farmer-Labor Party.

PETITION CAMPAIGNS IN PROGRESS TO PUT THESE CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOTS: Illinois

J. Louis Engdahl, candidate for United States Senator from Illinois. S. Hammermark, for congressman from 7th congressional district...

New York

Governor, Benjamin Gitlow. Lieutenant Governor, Franklin P. Brill. Attorney General, Arthur S. Leeds...

Connecticut

Governor, William MacKenzie. Lieut. Governor, Edward T. Skako. Comptroller, John Gombos...

W. P. Ticket is Only Independent One in Colorado Election

DENVER, Oct. 17.—The Workers Party is the only party in the state of Colorado which stands for independent political action. All other are three parties in the field besides the republican and democratic parties...

Coolidge Program to Be Challenged by Ruthenberg in Penn.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 17.—C. E. Ruthenberg, general secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, who is also a member of the executive committee of the Communist International...

Baltimore Begins Drive to Keep Daily Worker

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 17.—A membership meeting was held here last night with comrades Ball and Spivack of Philadelphia as speakers. A heavy downpour of rain considerably cut down the number of attendants at the meeting...

What Price Vore? Asked at Philly Meet

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 17.—"What price Senator Vore?" will be the general topic at the mass meeting next Thursday, when the workers will listen to a searching analysis of the political situation in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania...

School Board Must Borrow Money for Maintaining Schools

ATLANTA, Oct. 17.—Faced with no other alternative except closing of the schools, the board of education today sought the aid of business men in their plan to borrow \$500,000 from local banks...

Novy Mir Dance to be Held Sat., Oct. 23 at Workers' House

Next Saturday, October 23, at the Workers' House, 1902 W. Division St., the Novy Mir worker correspondents will give a concert and dance for the benefit of the only Russian Communist paper in the United States...

Instructions to N. Y. Party Sections

- 1. Every unit or sub-section not yet supplied with the five-dollar coupon books for THE DAILY WORKER campaign must immediately have DAILY WORKER agent or campaign manager called on Katterfeld to get a supply of these coupon books...

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DONATIONS FROM NEW YORK Oct. 12 and 13.

Table listing names and donation amounts from New York, including St. Nuc., Madison, IOWA, MARYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, and various local groups.

DONATIONS—OCTOBER 11

Table listing names and donation amounts from various states including California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.



So, promptly at eight-thirty next morning, the campus in front of the Assembly-building, beheld a sight, the like of which had never thrilled the student-body of S. P. U. since the first days of the Methodist Sunday-school...

How many copies had been sold no one could say; the unsold copies were stacked in a corner of the Dean's office, and if they were ever counted the result was not made known...

RED NEST AT UNIVERSITY!

There followed a two-column story, carried over to page fourteen, giving a lurid account of "The Investigator's" contents, including the most startling of the facts about the hiring of athletes for the university...

RED COLLEGE PLOT UNEARTHED

And it went on to tell how the police were seeking Russian agents who had made use of Southern Pacific students to get their propaganda into print. The "Evening Howler," which went in especially for "human interest stuff," featured the ring-leader of the conspiracy...

MILLIONAIRE RED IN COLLEGE!

And it scooped its rivals by having a photograph of Bunny, which it had got by rushing a man to the Ross home and informing Aunt Emma that Bunny had just been awarded a prize for the best scholarship record in ten years...

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In the ordinary course of events this newspaper excitement would have lasted thirty-two hours. Next afternoon's papers would have recorded the fact that the university authorities had banned "The Investigator," and on the following day their streamer-heads would have proclaimed, "Film Star Divorces Champ," or "Magnate's Wife Elopes with Cop..."

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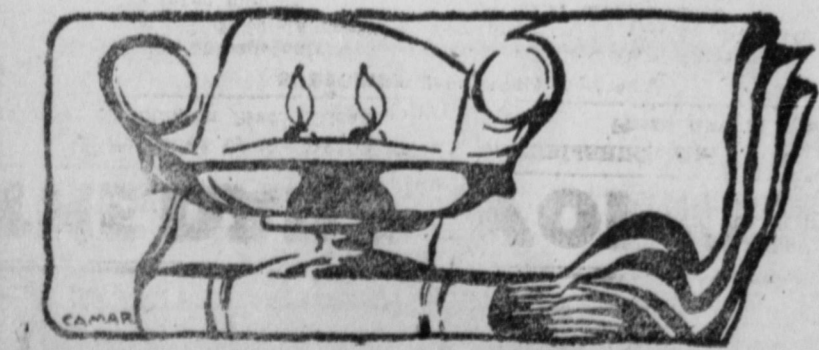
Piece-Work and the A. C. W. in Montreal

Some time ago, following the Montreal strike of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, THE DAILY WORKER published a news article by Victor Frank, charging, at least by inference, that the A. C. W. officials were trying to compel the members to agree to piece-work.

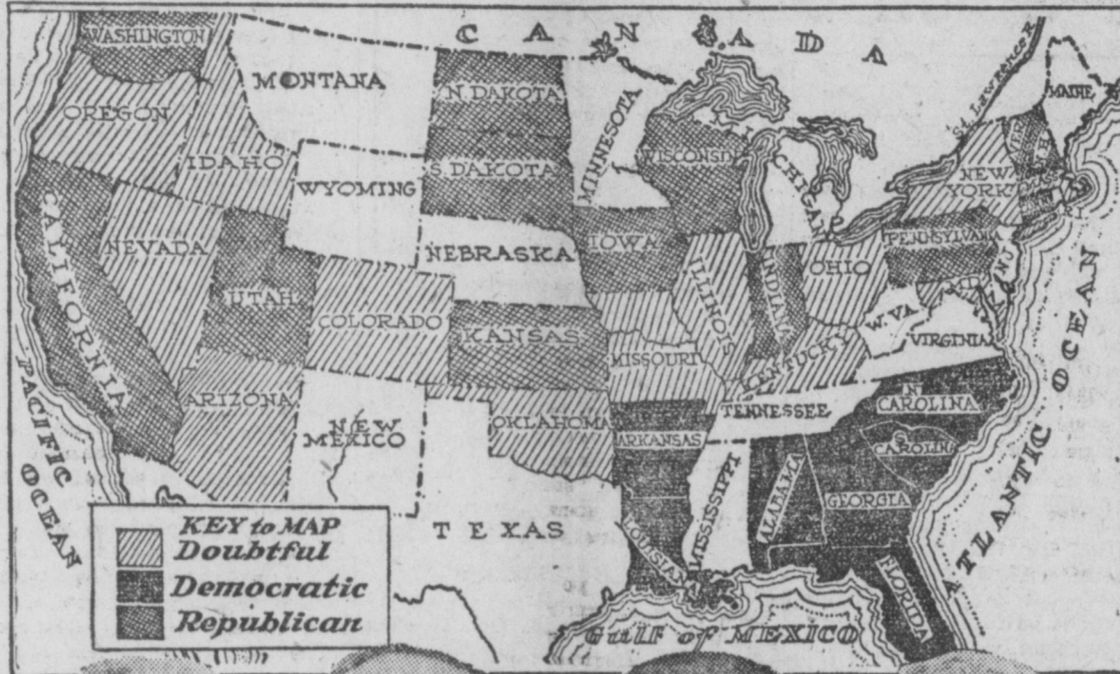
H. Schneid, a general organizer of the A. C. W., resented the charge and sent us a very lengthy letter challenging us for proof. He cited Maurice Spector, editor of the Worker of Canada, as one who would vouch for his claims. In conclusion he said: "Yes—piece-work, week-work, standard of production maximum and minimum, are the problems that is facing us and we cannot by mere resolution do away with it."

Why the Open Shop Changed its Tune

The American Federation of Labor opened with a blast from the "open shop" organization of Detroit, telling the A. F. of L. to keep its hands off that city and its huge auto industry. The convention closed with the same open shoppers singing peans of praise of the Green-Woll bureaucracy of the A. F. of L.



ADMINISTRATION STANDS CHANCE OF LOSING BOTH HOUSES IN CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS



G. O. P. leaders are becoming worried over the progress of the party's fortunes in a number of states in which the outcome of the elections is doubtful so far as the re-election of White House stand-patters is concerned.

How the Soviet Union Deals With Strikes

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG. CRIMEA, Oct. 11—Some folks think there are never any strikes in the Soviet Union—that these are suppressed with an iron hand. It is true that there are infinitely fewer than in most places. But none the less they occur: in the past two days there have been two of them in the newspapers.

More Serious Affair. BUT here is a more serious strike, on a government railroad, under conditions which sound like an I. W. W. description of construction work in the Imperial Valley of California. It is a pretty bad situation: on the far borders of Afghanistan in central Asia, a railroad is being built across a hot, sandy desert, shortening the old caravan route by many days.

Private Manager. "The food provision was let on contract to a private manager. This fellow greased his hands at the cost of the workers' bellies. . . . A bitter complaint was the water 'supply.' The administrator was obliged to supply the workers with water. And they 'supplied' it, muddy and warm, in old kerosene and oil barrels. In the matter of wood for boiling this water, the 'regime of economy' was strictly observed.

Drastic Action. "The facts of such neglect towards workers' conditions, the facts of such a criminally bureaucratic attitude by the construction workers' union towards the needs of these casual workers, form grounds for a special re-election. In the organizations of the nearby local union there will be carried out new elections of the controlling committees. Thereafter, in the nearest future there will be held a special regional congress of construction workers. In the trade union from the bottom and up thru to the top there will take place a thorough shake-up.

went away and did nothing. Many other little bureaucrats behaved likewise. Finally the workers lost all faith in the local authorities, and struck, to the number of 700. . . . From Samarcand and Tashkent there came down a highly authoritative commission. It was enough for them to come to the construction camp, to hear the complaints of the workers, to satisfy them within reason, to set up a court of arbitration—and literally within a few hours the strike was over and the workers resumed working.

Like Wobly Incident. So far, except perhaps for the last sentence, one might be reading the complaint of an I. W. W. construction gang in the sands of the Mohave desert. Construction gangs reclaiming wildernesses are much alike and have much the same problems. Even the race problem recurs; just as a construction gang on the Rio Grande would have a large majority of Mexicans, unorganized, ignorant of the laws of America, so this gang of casual laborers on the edge of Afghanistan was not Russian, but made up of the backward, unorganized tribes of central Asia, probably largely illiterate, peculiarly unprotected.

Speed-Up System Being Inaugurated By Railroads Now. By a Worker Correspondent. TOLEDO, O., Oct. 17.—There is a plan on foot at the present time to bring about a different system of working of the men in all wood and steel railroad shops. Piece work is being abolished and a system as bad or worse is being substituted.

U. S. Compared. ANY worker used to American conditions will have to read this resolution two or three times to get its flavor and meaning—so utterly different is the approach to a strike in the Soviet Union. Imagine a strike of unorganized construction workers, mostly Mexicans in the Mojave desert. And imagine a high commission from Los Angeles and Stockton setting forth to the scene of the trouble, hearing complaints, satisfying them. . . . So far, perhaps, you can imagine, under some remarkably liberal state department of labor, a prosecution of the employment agencies and management which sent workers to such conditions. It would be rare, but it might conceivably happen.

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But then imagine, no, you can't—a meeting of the republican party committee for the southwest—ordering its county committee disbanded and held to account and a new election held, for failure to care for the needs of Mexican workers in its vicinity. Imagine furthermore, a re-election from top to bottom in the appropriate district union of the A. F. of L. on the ground that they had criminally failed in their duty towards these casual unorganized workers—had failed to send organizers among them or to protect them in any way.

HOW simple it would be for an anti-Soviet propagandist, using nineteenth of the above facts, to point out that when an unauthorized strike occurred in Russia because of rotten conditions, the trade union officials were punished for allowing the strike. Quite true. Strikes in Soviet government undertakings are considered a terrible disgrace to somebody. Not only to the bosses who have disregarded the needs of the workers, but to the appropriate trade union officers, who were asleep at their posts and allowed workers' conditions to reach such a disgraceful state that there was left as recourse to the workers on the job only the wasteful method of the strike. If union officials can't satisfy the workers—even the casual unorganized workers—enough to prevent unauthorized strikes, then let them make way for somebody who can.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 17.—There is a plan on foot at the present time to bring about a different system of working of the men in all wood and steel railroad shops. Piece work is being abolished and a system as bad or worse is being substituted. I am made to believe that the men responsible for this new speed-up system are not directly connected with the railroads, but are selling their plan. Men receiving large salaries are sent out to supervise this work. Whenever these men have appeared workers have been put on what is called standard of performance, as follows:

If a worker attains a rate of 76 cents per hour, based upon a schedule recently worked out, he gets a bonus of 1 per cent; 77 cents, a bonus of 2 per cent, and so on. The Wheeling Railroad is among the first to try this out. Faithful men have and are being discharged and demoted because they are not able to hit it up at this terrific pace. This new system of working will, no doubt, be extended to other and larger roads.

"Now Showing--All-Star Cast"

By ROBERT WOLF. LAST Friday I saw the first night of a movie.

I have seen a lot of movie first nights. They are always interesting—usually there are a good many film actors and actresses present. Friday there were several thousand of them at the performance. For interest and dynamics and sheer excitement, these ten thousand amateurs played Valentino and Bebe Daniels off the screen. The movie was, the Passaic Strike, and the audience and the actors were the Passaic strikers.

They Haven't Forgotten. ANYTHING is a nine days' wonder in New York for the metropolitan press, and the papers and some of the liberals who were so active in their support the first few months seem to have forgotten that the strike exists. But the strikers have not forgotten, and the strike has lasted eight months. The mill owners have not forgotten either.

SO the owners had to hire outside scabs. Five per cent, ten per cent, in some places fifteen per cent are claimed. They are a fine bunch of brass check scabs. They walk in the mill doors, then they sit and smoke. The other day half a dozen of them got into a fight and had to be arrested. Actually, scabs arrested! And as the American Legion says, this isn't Russia yet. You can imagine what sort of scabs. Some of them have gone out on strike. The mill chimneys smoke a little—but no textiles go to the station in trucks. And bombs explode that hurt nobody, with the police conveniently planted near the scene. That is the present state of warfare on the Passaic front. On the owners' side all the signs of demoralization and collapse, on the strikers' a movie audience of ten thousand.

Park Too Small. I HAVE seen more interesting movies—perhaps one or two—than for the minute I can't remember where or when, but I never saw a more interesting audience. They were packed into Belmont Park, the same park that was closed by an officious sheriff months ago, and had to be reopened because even the courts decided this was too raw a violation of the law, and as far as I could see the only reason there weren't sixteen thousand instead of ten was that there wasn't room. Gustave Deak, the young chairman of the strikers' local, came out on the screen. "THERE'S Deak," yelled the crowd, "hugely delighted." Half a dozen textile workers were shown. "Gera workers," said a woman beside me. "There's Bessie," shouted someone down in front. "Hello, Rosie!" someone else called. Looms in full action—taken before the strike—flashed on. "Weavers—wipers" in half a dozen accents, ran thru the crowd.

OPEN SHOPPERS PRAISE GREEN

(Continued from page 1) a reassurance to organized society and civilization. Open Shop Praises Green-Woll Administration. This "American Plan" Free Press lauds the Green-Woll administration in the A. F. of L. for having taken "its attitude of uncompromising opposition to Communism, its works and its agencies, as a result of clear thinking," when not one delegate showed in any discussion on this subject that he had done any thinking on the question at all.

Well, Why Doesn't It Grow Then? "Suppose these delegates assembled in Detroit did endorse the Russian government? What would happen then? Nothing but the loss of so great a proportion of the membership of the labor unions of the United States that the American Federation of Labor would pass out of existence as naturally and inevitably as any other structure falls when its foundations give way."

Approves Endorsement of Militarism. The approval of the convention's resolution on the Citizens' Military Training Camps was no less laudatory, commending the patriotism of the delegates and their loyalty to the government. Members of the executive council have left here, not to assemble again until January, without outlining any plans to be carried into effect during the present congressional campaign. It is declared that the campaigns have been left exclusively in the hands of the various state federations of labor. President Green and several of the other members of the A. F. of L.'s executive council will probably deliver a few speeches during the closing weeks of the campaign. A few letters of endorsement of various candidates will

one else called. Looms in full action—taken before the strike—flashed on. "Weavers—wipers" in half a dozen accents, ran thru the crowd. First-Class Production.

The movie itself was a first-class professional production, even to the usual amount of hokum. Before the strike drama there was a prologue, which, as far as hokum was concerned, was just a little bit bigger and better hokum than almost anything I have ever seen on the screen before. I suppose the producers wanted to make us feel at home. It was just as well. Before the stark realism of the mass drama, something was needed to put us into a movie mood.

THE mass drama was a grand affair. I have seen three mass dramas on the screen—"Grass," "Potemkin" and "The Passaic Textile Strike"—and they make most individual dramas look sick. No commercial producer dares touch them, but they hold the future of a large part of the screen. The movie man has a great advantage over other dealers in realistic art—he can take his material as it comes, then rearrange, cut and select it in the privacy of his studio. But what he works with is the raw material of life. According to my theory of art, rearranging, cutting and editing is all the artist does anyway, so I recommend a few of our young artists to learn the technique of the camera and take a few photographs of strikes.

An Artistic Work. SCENARIO of "The Passaic Textile Strike" was excellently arranged. This is the most difficult—in fact, the decisive job. If I did not know that "Potemkin" was not shown here till after the Passaic movie had been produced, I should suspect its continuity writer of having been influenced by "Potemkin." The scenes came one, two, three—bang—bang—bang—bang—with that dynamic quality that we have learned to associate with all good movies. Scenes were torn out of their chronological order and slight violence to technical historical details, but much greater accuracy in the spirit of the strike—in other words, instead of a news-reel, we have a movie. The fact that it held the interest of a very uncomfortably standing audience thru seven long reels, and would, I think, hold the interest of any, is a tribute to the intelligence with which it was arranged. The camera work was good, but not always perfect—it was the only place where technical specialists were employed. The titles were excellent, pointed, colloquial, full of propaganda, and with excellent comprehension of what a movie title should be.

A Promising Contribution. Altogether, the Passaic Strike picture is a promising contribution to American history, to working-class propaganda, to the methods of conducting strike relief, and to the creative development of the newest and most American of the arts.

Did He Vote for the Watson-Parker Bill?

Thus President Green, who is also chairman of the so-called National Non-Partisan Political Campaign Committee of the American Federation of Labor, in a letter just made public after being sent to J. M. O'Hanlon, secretary of the New York State Federation of Labor, denounces James W. Wadsworth, Jr., United States senator from New York, who is a candidate for re-election.

What Did the Demands Do? "On October 13, 1918, he showed his opposition to legislation that would protect women and minors by voting against a minimum wage law for the District of Columbia.

Did He Vote for the Watson-Parker Bill? "The attitude of Senator Wadsworth toward all railroad bills in the interest of railroad employees was decidedly hostile. He voted against the railroad eight-hour bill; he voted three times in favor of the Esch-Cummins railroad bill, the labor sections of which were most objectionable to labor.

"He voted twice to increase the daily working hours of government employees and the same number of times in favor of introducing the stop-watch and other time measuring devices in the navy yards and arsenals." Green Supports Enemies of Unions. Thus the letter goes on enumerating Wadsworth's crimes, but recommends the support of the democratic candidate, while the democratic party in the New York City, for instance, daily carries on its war against the striking members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. Candidates of the Workers' (Communist) Party in New York state are William F. Dunne, for senator, and Ben Gitlow, for governor.