

GALLACHER SAYS:

British Workers Won't Support 'Tough' Policy

"It's the same old gang," said Willie Gallacher, Communist member of the British Parliament, as he told representatives of the press that the attempt to sell the "get tough with Russia" policy can never be successful with the British workers. This line comes from

the "gang that tried to isolate Russia during the Chamberlain period," he said. "I rose in the House to warn Chamberlain that far from isolating Russia it would isolate nobody but Britain. And ten years later, Britain stood alone against Hitler."

"Do you think that applies to American policy as it is being carried out today," a reporter asked.

"Most emphatically," he replied.

"A get-tough policy will isolate the United States, not only from the Soviet Union but from the British people. The British people will not be driven to bitter feelings about Russia. They feel that here is a workers state, which has made mistakes of course, but which has ousted the landlords and capitalists."

British labor is dissatisfied with the foreign policy of the Labor government, he stated firmly. But the British workers look upon the "Labor Party as their party and find it difficult to make their opposition felt. "They are in a difficult position," he said.

"In general, the Labor government foreign policy is a continuation of the Tory foreign policy. The organized workers of England are greatly dissatisfied with it. If the Tories were in power, this policy would rouse demonstrations up and down England. But the British workers feel that they cannot come out against their own party in the same way that they would against any other. I try to get them to understand that to protest the present foreign policy would be to strengthen them, not weaken them."

"The British working class is unquestionably for Socialism. There is no doubt about that. There are only differences of opinion on how to get it."

"Wallace's speech was that of an intelligent man," he continued. "He understands Roosevelt's policies. The propaganda to isolate Wallace and those who think as he does will only isolate America."

"You say Bevin is doing everything to assure the Tories that he will defend and maintain the Brit-

ish empire. Do you support an opposite view? Can Britain defend herself without the empire?," asked the press men.

Gallacher replied: "I am opposed to empire and imperialism. I believe in independence of peoples, and in their voluntary cooperation. The suppression of other peoples is not a defense of Britain."

Asked about American Communists, Gallacher said:

"I thought we in Britain were unfairly denounced, but what we get are compliments compared to what the opponents of the Communists

permit themselves to say here. It is language of the gutter they use, not political arguments at all."

"Subversive they call the Communists everywhere," he continued, "but let us not forget that George Washington was subversive to the Crown—according to the Crown. And the old gang that ruled Britain tried to break up the United States by helping the South against Lincoln and only the subversive actions of the British working class stopped them and saved your country. Progress is made only by so-called subversive activity against the old order of reaction."

CIO Endorses 24 Candidates For Congress

Endorsement by the Greater New York CIO Council of 24 candidates for election to Congress was announced yesterday by Michael J. Quill, political action committee chairman. Special support was pledged for the re-election of Congressman Vito Marcantonio.

The CIO Council had earlier approved Senator James M. Mead for Governor, Herbert H. Lehman for U.S. Senator and the five other candidates for state-wide offices on the Democratic and ALP tickets.

Another point of concentration is in the 17th C.D. of Manhattan, where Myron Sulzberger, Jr., is running for Congress on the Democratic ticket against Republican Frederic R. Coudert.

Candidates endorsed are:

NEW YORK COUNTY

16th C.D., John Burry (D-ALP); 17th C.D., Myron Sulzberger, Jr. (D); 18th C.D., Vito Marcantonio, (D-ALP); 19th C.D., Arthur G. Klein (D-ALP); 20th C.D., Sol Bloom (D-ALP); 21st C.D., Eugene

P. Connolly (ALP); 22d C.D., Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D-ALP).

BRONX COUNTY

23d C.D., David M. Schlossberg (ALP); 24th C.D., Roy Soden (ALP); 25th C.D., Edward V. Moran (ALP); 26th C.D., Gerald O'Reilly (ALP);

KINGS COUNTY

7th C.D., John J. Delaney (D-ALP); 8th C.D., Joseph L. Pfeiffer (D-ALP); 9th C.D., Anthony Scimeca (ALP); 10th C.D., Andrew L. Somers (D-ALP); 11th C.D., James J. Heffernan (D-ALP); 12th C.D., Vincent J. Longhi (R-ALP); 13th C.D., Donald L. O'Toole (D-ALP); 14th C.D., Leo F. Rayfiel (D-ALP); 15th C.D., Emanuel E. Celler (D-ALP).

QUEENS COUNTY

3d C.D., Herbert Shingler (ALP); 4th C.D., George H. Rooney (ALP); 5th C.D., J. A. Phillips (D-ALP); 6th C.D., J. J. Delaney (D-ALP).

Sen. Ball Plans Open Shop Drive

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Sen. Joseph Ball (R-Minn) announced yesterday he would seek to amend the Wagner Labor Relations Act to bar legalization of the closed shop.