

# HALLINAN CALLS ALAN MAX CRITICISM 'REASONABLE'

Vincent Hallinan, Progressive Party candidate in 1952, has taken issue with a charge made by the Socialist Workers Party that Alan Max, managing editor of the Daily Worker, had done a "hatchet job on Hallinan."

Replying to an article in the Oct. 1 edition of the Militant, Hallinan cited Max's right to "differ" with his endorsement of Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for President, and said:

"In my opinion, his statement was a very reasonable and moderate one, and certainly not a hatchet job."

In his letter to the Trotskyite publication, Hallinan deplored denunciations of the Communist Party, the Progressive Party, the Socialist Party and the Socialist La-

bor Party. He asserted, "I have no quarrel with the Communist Party; I admire and respect it, and my relations with it have always been cordial.

"I emphatically extend it the right to differ with me, as I reserve the right to differ with it. The world has suffered much from those who believed that they were entrusted with the true faith, and that anyone who refused to accept it from them deserved what ill they could inflict on him."

Hallinan reiterated his own support for the Socialist Workers Party ticket, but advised progressive people who "have anything against the SWP of Mr. Dobbs . . . to vote for Eric Hass of the Socialist Labor Party, or for Darlington Hoopes of the Socialist Party."