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# MARSHALL PLOTS DEAL WITH FRANCO

## S.W.P. Candidates On Ballot in 13 States

(In all other states including California and Ohio, write in  
Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson)



Candidate for  
U. S. President



Candidate for  
U. S. Vice-President

### CALIFORNIA



**HARRY PRESS**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for 20th Assembly District  
(San Francisco)



**GENORA DOLLINGER**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for U. S. Senator



**MYRA TANNER WEISS**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for 19th Congressional Dist.  
(Los Angeles)



**WILLIAM YANCEY**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for Secretary of State



**HOWARD LERNER**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for Governor

### COLORADO

**FARRELL DOBBS GRACE CARLSON**

### CONNECTICUT



**MORRIS CHERTOV**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for Governor



**FARRELL DOBBS GRACE CARLSON**

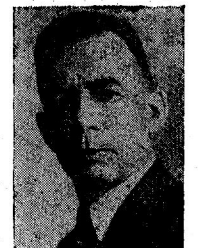
### WISCONSIN

**JAMES BOULTON**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for Governor



### MINNESOTA

**VINCENT R. DUNNE**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for U. S. Senator



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on ballot as Militant Workers Party

### NEW JERSEY



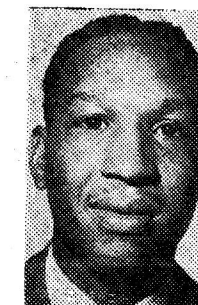
**GEORGE REITMAN**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for U. S. Senator



**DANIELS ROBERTS**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for Governor

### OHIO

**WILLIAM E. BOHANNAN**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for 11th Congressional Dist.  
(Newark)



**HARRY BRAVERMAN**  
S.W.P. Candidate  
for 19th Congressional Dist.  
(Youngstown)  
(Still contested in Courts)



### IOWA

**FARRELL DOBBS GRACE CARLSON**

### UTAH

**FARRELL DOBBS GRACE CARLSON**

"A Remarkable Likeness!"



## Kutcher, Legless Vet, Suspended Without Pay

James Kutcher, Newark war veteran who lost both legs in action in Italy, received formal notification on October 12 that "effective upon receipt of this notice" he was suspended without pay from his \$42-a-week clerical job with the Veterans Administration for "disloyalty" because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

He was further notified that the Branch Loyalty Board of the VA in Philadelphia has ruled that he be fired permanently on Oct. 25, if the decision is not reversed by a higher body after final appeal to the Administrator.

This is the answer that Kutcher received after his personal meeting with Attorney General Tom Clark in Washington on Sept. 30. Clark then told Kutcher that he would "study the record" of the case.

Kutcher had demanded that Clark grant an open hearing to the Socialist Workers Party on the charge that it is "subversive," that being the sole ground for the persecution of the war-maimed veteran. The SWP was put on Clark's "subversive" list without so much as a notice, and subsequently denied the right of a hearing to defend itself.

At a press conference in Newark on Oct. 13 arranged by the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, the victimized veteran told the reporters: "Five years ago I became a casualty of World War II. Today I am a casualty in the battle for civil rights and freedom of speech. Two years ago, when I learned how to use my artificial limbs, the government gave me a job. Now it has taken that job away — not for any fault in the way I did my work, but solely because of my political views.

"Meanwhile, I naturally intend to appeal the decision of the Philadelphia Loyalty Board, which refused to consider the real issues in my case — is the Socialist Workers Party actually subversive; and is it constitutional to blacklist a legal party without giving it a hearing?"

If necessary, Kutcher said, he will take his case to the civil courts and fight it up to the Supreme Court.

**THANKS SUPPORTERS**  
He took the occasion to thank "the many organizations, periodicals and individuals who have come to my support even though they don't share my socialist ideas."

Participating in the press conference with Kutcher were George Novack, National Secre-

tary of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee; Peter Flynn, Secretary-Treasurer of the New Jersey CIO Council and chairman of the state Kutcher Civil Rights Committee; and Arthur Burch, one of Kutcher's attorneys.

The Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, 19 W. 10th St., New York

**SWP Election News**  
*Campaigning for Socialism*

By George Clarke  
SWP Campaign Manager

You see elsewhere on this page the pictures of the Socialist Workers Party standard bearers in this election from coast to coast. They occupy top place on the revolutionary scroll of honor in America. These candidates are not place-seekers or opportunists but working class fighters — every last one of them.

Their candidacy is a challenge — the only real challenge — in the midst of a hurricane of reaction to the profitmad rulers of our country. Where others have retreated to the storm-cells, the SWP candidates are out in front fighting for a new day for American labor. The best way to honor their fight and join their struggle is to vote SWP.

The SWP is on the presidential ballot in eleven states, and has local candidates on the ballot in two other states. Despite the seemingly small number, this is a great achievement for a first try. Its full significance is estimated in the editorial column.

Your campaign manager wants to doff his hat once again in tribute to the gallant comrades who put the party on the ballot — to the few who have done so much.

A roar of approval for our Presidential candidate from the  
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## SWP Candidates Hit Latest War Conspiracy Moves

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

The capitalist rulers of America are broadening their drive to strengthen and bolster up the forces of fascism and world reaction.

First came the brazen reduction of the sentence of Ilse Koch, the "Beast of Buchenwald," together with the commutation of the sentences of other leading Nazis.

Now on the very heels of this scandal, comes the move to include Franco in the 'democratic' camp.

Everyone knows that Franco conspired against the legally constituted government of Spain in 1936 and with the armed aid of Hitler and Mussolini, overthrew the Spanish government by force and violence in one of the bloodiest civil wars of modern times.

Everyone knows that this newest hero of the Democratic and Republican bi-partisan coalition, is not only a Spanish fascist. He served the Nazi cause faithfully during World War II and sent his Blue Division to fight side by side with the Nazi armies against the Allies. It is also public knowledge that the prisons and concentration camps where thousands of members of the Spanish labor movement are held to this day are just as vile and horrible as those maintained by Franco's former friends, Hitler and Mussolini.

But what difference do  
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## RALLY FOR A SOCIALIST AMERICA

N. Y. Campaign Mass Meeting

Speakers:

**FARRELL DOBBS**

SWP Presidential Candidate

**GRACE CARLSON**

Vice-Presidential Candidate

**WM. E. BOHANNAN**

SWP Congressional Candidate in New Jersey

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# Wallace -- A Defender of Capitalism And Supporter of Imperialist War

By Art Preis

Sudden conversions invite suspicion. Henry Wallace's case is no exception. There is a remarkable coincidence between his decision to run for president and his interest in labor, the Negro people, civil rights, etc.

Wallace has already left many footprints in the political sands. We can trace his imprints back through 14 years as Cabinet member, Vice President and loyal servant of the Democratic Administration. That record of 14 years speaks more loudly than the promises of 14 months.

The "Fact Book" published by Wallace's campaign committee says that in office "he invariably used this power and influence to advance labor's cause." The record proves otherwise.

Through all the great labor battles of the Thirties, Wallace was as silent as the Sphinx. If he ever defended labor, it was the most silent defense ever known. You won't find a hint of it in any public document or the public press.

You will find that in 1935 Secretary of Agriculture Wallace tried to sneak out the back door of his office to avoid talking with H. L. Mitchell, president of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, who led a delegation to protest Wallace's policy of subsidizing Southern landowners to limit cotton production and thus providing them with a pretext for evicting hundreds of thousands of sharecroppers and tenant farmers. You will also find that Wallace suppressed the report of his own investigators, who upheld the position of the STFU, on the grounds that the report was "too hot to handle."

### BAD RECORD

During the war, while he was Vice President, Wallace never said a word against the wage-freeze, the pro-employer War Labor Board, the Smith-Connelly Anti-Strike Law. When the Smith-Connelly predecessor of the Taft-Hartley Act was pending, a committee of union leaders called on Wallace as President of the Senate to use his influence to block this strikebreaking law. The United Mine Workers Journal of August 15 recalls: "The report on the Wallace visit was to the effect that Wallace didn't seem to know what the bill provided or what the committee was talking about, and the committee in turn could not understand what Wallace thought or said."

Wallace now poses as a champion of Negro rights. We do not recall, however, that Wallace ever protested segregation in the armed forces during the war. And we do have the testimony of Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that the worst conditions of segregation and discrimination prevailed in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce and that Wallace, when head of these departments, was deaf to all appeals to eliminate the anti-Negro practices in his departments. Wallace had full power to change conditions but refused to do so.

The mere recital of the record — which is evidence enough for the politically astute — will not suffice to convince many ardent Wallaceites. They will argue that Wallace was not in position, while in office, to do much on the issues about which he speaks so loudly today. Or they will grant that the record is extremely unfavorable, but that Wallace has "changed."

But Wallace's fundamental ideas remain the same as before. These have not changed. And



from the seed of weeds, only weeds can grow.

Wallace's basic social conception is his complete faith in capitalism. He promises to bring about reforms, to prevent imperialist war, to eliminate the dangers of both inflation and depression within the framework of the outmoded, anarchic capitalist system. It is this fact which belies all his promises and makes them mere demagoguery.

When Wallace says he can prevent war under capitalism, he practices a base deception. American capitalism, with its vast and growing accumulations of idle capital, is forced inexorably to seek new fields for profitable investment, new markets, new sources of cheap labor. In its insatiable drive for profits, American capitalism must exterminate all that stands in its path, tolerate no rivals or competitors. War — costly and temporary expedient that it is — is the only prospect Wall Street capitalism sees for its own survival.

Against this fundamental iner-

urge of the capitalist system, Wallace counterposes his childish notion that all that is needed to keep the peace is a sensible and cool-headed man-to-man conference between himself and Stalin.

The essence of his plan, for example, of restoring European economy is nothing but a crasser and cruder form of the Potsdam agreement — a cold-blooded division of the world between the great powers, with the peoples of the world as the pawns.

Wallace was for the Morgenthau plan, to gut and loot Germany, the heart of industrial Europe, and reduce it to an agricultural province. Last February, before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Wallace proposed "the United Nations plan (to) place the Ruhr under international administration and control by the Big Four — the United States, Britain, Soviet Russia, France." This program would condemn not only the people of Germany — but of all Europe — to starvation.

Against the assurances of the utopian Wallace that he can secure peace through mere "good will" and "negotiations," we have the more realistic conclusions of a Winston Churchill who last week declared that war is "remorselessly approaching" and that even if "some formula will be found or some artificial compromise effected which will be hailed as a solution and a deliverance... the fundamental danger and antagonisms will still remain."

### TO SUPPORT WAR

Moreover, Wallace has already promised in advance, on April 25, that, "If the U.S. should go to war, I, of course, would withdraw" from candidacy and opposition to the U.S. foreign policy. Regardless of its foreign policy, Wallace said, he would "certainly" support the U.S. war effort.

And in the same sense, this defender of capitalism would have to support the consequences of the war — military dictatorship, suppression of the rights of the workers, forced labor, conscription, terrible shortages and scar-

city, incalculable death and destruction.

In spite of this, there are those who will say that by voting for Wallace "right now" they will at least be casting a protest vote against war. This is a delusion. By voting for Wallace they will be helping to disorient the people as to the true cause and cure of capitalist war.

The only genuine vote that will help to build an effective movement against the war is a vote for Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, of the Socialist Workers Party — the party that by its actions as well as words has demonstrated that it is dedicated to the mobilization of the working masses for the elimination of capitalism, the breeder of wars.

### Workers Party Wins Ballot Fight

The Workers Party is to be congratulated for their successful court fight against an attempt by the Democratic Party and the Board of Elections to rule their sole candidate off the ballot in the 19th Congressional District in New York City. Every victory over the discriminatory election laws strengthens civil rights and weakens the bipartisan stranglehold over the ballot box.

But in their rapturous acclaim for Attorney Joseph Glass, a member of the Socialist Party, who represented them in court, they do violence to the fact and whitewash a black mark on Glass' record.

The fact that the Socialist Party and the Socialist Workers Party appear on the New York ballot this year is not "the result of a court victory won two years ago by Attorney Glass" as Labor Action (Oct. 11) claims. Just the contrary, Glass, representing the SP, brought the suit in the State Supreme Court to prevent the SWP from using its own name. And he did this in the very midst of proceedings to throw all minority parties off the ballot. Fortunately, he did not win his case. He lost it.

## Denounce Marshall Plot For Deal with Franco

(Continued from page 1) these unpleasant details make to the bi-partisan coalition of Democrats and Republicans? Franco

is against "communism," isn't he? He's against Russia, isn't he? That makes him a blood brother of the Wall Street gang who are lining up every dictatorial cut-throat, every fascist criminal, every despot and authoritarian butcher to fight for "democracy" in the Third World War against "totalitarianism."

The conspiracy of the Wall Street gang to rehabilitate Franco, bring him into the United Nations, and send him American arms and dollars, has been carefully engineered and plotted step by step.

First, Senator Chan Gurney, Republican head of the Senate Armed Forces Committee, went to Madrid with a group of high-ranking Brass Hats to discuss "communism" and World War III with the fascist dictator. Elated over the "moral courage" of Franco's fascist legions which "both the Generalissimo and myself would be delighted to see reinstated throughout Europe," Gurney called for a full military alliance with Franco.

Then James A. Farley carried the ball for the Democrats. A few days after Gurney, he too shook hands with the executioner of tens of thousands of Spanish trade unionists. "We had a fresh interchange of views and ideas," said Farley, "and I can truthfully say we were in general accord on our observations."

Farley likewise called for a full military alliance with Franco and freely admitted that it was designed for "trouble" with Russia.

In accordance with the carefully drawn time table, these declarations of friendship were followed up by Secretary of State Marshall. Marshall approached Bevin of Britain and Schumann of France on revising the United Nations policy toward Spanish fascism. Such revision would permit Wash-

ington to pour American dollars and arms into fascist Spain without the embarrassment of violating UN resolutions.

### PITILESS LIGHT

The campaign to enlist Spanish fascism in Wall Street's war camp throws a pitiless light on what these war preparations really mean. The inclusion of Franco bares the real aims of American imperialism, its real program, and the kind of world it aims at building. Big Business envisions an earth made safe for tyranny and despotism, where dictators ruling in the interests of a privileged few will sit enthroned over the slaves of a new dark ages.

These ominous moves clearly portend the clearing of the decks for action. They reveal with what speed World War III is approaching, if these war-makers have their way.

So it is not surprising that Winston Churchill, who went to Truman's home state of Missouri in 1946 to make the first announcement to a stunned world of the "get tough" policy with Russia, should now herald the "remorselessly approaching third world war."

This watch dog of the British Empire hails the "rearming" of the U.S. "on a large scale," condemns the "trials of former Nazis," urges "our American friends to let bygones be bygones" so far as Nazism is concerned, tells his friends of the bi-partisan coalition not "to destroy the stocks of atomic bombs which they have accumulated" and then shouts at the top of his lungs for an early war: "We ought to bring matters to a head and make a final settlement."

Let no one imagine that the American ruling class will promote dictatorship and fascism abroad without touching democracy here at home. Just as the new Congress will be asked to convert the Marshall Plan into a plan for the full scale armament of Western Europe, so it will be asked to enact anti-labor legislation even more savage than the Taft-Hartley law. Foreign policy and dom-

### Welcome, Grace Carlson!



Grace Carlson, Socialist Workers Party Vice-Presidential candidate, being greeted by welcoming delegation on her arrival in New York City at Grand Central Station following her national tour. Farrell Dobbs, Presidential candidate, is speaking to the audience of several hundred in the station.

## Campaigning For Socialism

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stamping ground of Jack London and the Frisco General Strike reverberated across the country last weekend.

Farrell Dobbs covered the strike-bound waterfront in San Francisco for the Socialist Workers Party. From the foot of the famous Embarcadero, he spoke over a loudspeaker system to hundreds of striking longshoremen and seamen telling them that the SWP supported their struggle against the shipowners "unequivocally and without reservations and qualifications."

Bob Chester writes that the speeches were so clearly a call to working class struggle and the analysis so powerfully drawn that well-known Stalinists, old Wobblies and young seamen stood around for well over an hour listening to every word. Bob says that the playing of old working class songs and the Internationale brought a light into many a worker's eye.

From the Embarcadero, the candidates truck went to Fort

Mason where the army has been trying to recruit seabs. Comrade Dobbs' exposure of the army as a strikebreaking agency was in with the spirit of the pickets' placards which read: "If you want to work for the army why don't you join it?" and "No union man will pass this line."

After the meeting one of the picket captains took the mike to announce that although the meeting was not sponsored by the ILWU, the union supported our rights and welcomed our speeches.

Comrade Dobbs also returns with glowing reports of magnificent meetings in Los Angeles. Next week we'll have the full report.

### CARLSON STUMPS THE NORTHWEST

Last week Comrade Carlson made a flying trip to Seattle, Highlights of the trip were a good-sized meeting of students on the University of Washington campus and a lively public meeting organized by the party. The party's hall was crowded to the doors, consisting of many victimized Boeing workers, Negroes — a young and enthusiastic audience, Dan Roberts our Washington gubernatorial candidate writes.

### WE TAKE OVER GRAND CENTRAL

With Minneapolis giving the inspiration, the New York comrades and campaign workers marched in and took over the Grand Central station in a welcome reception for The Only Woman Candidate for Vice-President on her arrival from speaking engagements in Milwaukee and a radio broadcast in Detroit. The station was full of comrades wearing sashes saying Welcome Dobbs and Carlson and distributing election platforms and leaflets announcing Grace's arrival.

A great cheer went up as Grace came through the gate. Here she was greeted by Farrell Dobbs, who had arrived early that morning by plane. Farrell presented Grace with a bouquet of red dahlias. By this time hundreds of onlookers had gathered around, and to the assembled crowd Grace and Farrell spoke briefly of the reception our great socialist platform had met from coast to coast. The reception concluded with lusty cheers for the candidates and the singing of Solidarity.

But the capitalist press, which gives columns to the arrival of all type of characters, kept its iron curtain drawn against two of the bravest people in America.

### FROM THE AUTO EMPIRE

In a letter from Flint, a while back, there was a report of a NAACP meeting where Bill Yancey and Genora Dollinger our candidates for Secretary of State and U.S. Senator from Michigan spoke. The report says that one of the conservatives tried to scare the audience with "the force and violence" claptrap.

Genora took him apart and had the audience applauding her repeatedly. Her theme was that human rights came before property rights and unjust laws must be fought as Jesus fought the laws of Pontius Pilate. . . A round of applause goes to the comrades in Michigan who hold down jobs in the auto plants, function as union workers and campaign night after night for our candidates.

## World Events

By Joseph Hansen

### Indian Trotskyist Polls Highest Vote In Madras Election

At the elections to the Madras Municipal Corporation, the third largest local body in India, held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, Comrade S.C.C. Antonipillai, member of the Central Committee of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party was elected by an overwhelming majority to represent Division No. 32 in the City Corporation. Comrade Antonipillai polled over 5,000 of the 7,000 votes cast, the remainder being divided among 5 other candidates. Comrade Antonipillai's vote is the highest recorded vote in the history of the Madras Municipal Corporation.

Six members of the Madras Labor Union were also elected to the Corporation. Being sympathizers of the Trotskyist movement they will work in cooperation with Comrade Antonipillai. These seven will be the only spokesmen for the labor movement in the Council of 80, as the Socialist and Communist Parties did not run any candidates. Comrade Antonipillai is the President of the Madras Labor Union and a member of the General Council of the All-India Trade Union Congress.

### Viet-Nam Celebrates Third Year of Fight For Independence

On Sept. 23, the Indo-Chinese people celebrated the third anniversary of their struggle for independence from imperialism in France. The young Viet-Nam republic has an impressive record of achievement.

"Three years ago," reports the Vietnam American Friendship Association, "people in South Viet-Nam faced the French armor and tanks with rusty rifles and bamboo spears. Today Viet-Nam war factories are turning out bazookas, mortars, anti-tank grenades, land-mines and other deadly weapons. Hand-grenades have been manufactured in so great quantities that they now serve as wedding presents in the villages."

During the past three years Viet-Nam troops killed 21 French colonels and majors, 53,600 enemy soldiers, wounded 45,000 others, seized 103 field guns and mortars and 75 bazookas as well as destroying a great number of weapons.

Although the French despots maintain an army of 110,000 men at an annual cost of about \$200,000,000 (of which about \$40,000,000 will come from Marshall Plan supplies this year) they have been forced to retreat from the

countryside, back to the big port cities.

When the Viet-Nam republic was formed three years ago some 90% of the people were illiterate. Today this figure has been cut down to 20%, about 7,000,000 Indo-Chinese having been taught to read and write since the new government was formed.

Lacking customary school supplies such as paper, pens, ink, chalk, books, the pupils use wooden plates, leaves, charcoal, bricks, clay and so forth.

"In many villages," declares the report; "whole families from grandmothers down to 5-year-old boys go to the same school, sit at the same table and draw out the same alphabet."

### Violence Flares as Strikes in France Continue to Mount

Violence flared again in France when the Queuille regime ordered Mobile Guardsmen to oust sit-down strikers from a steel mill in Lorraine. One worker was killed in another clash.

When the guards used tear gas, the angry workers answered them with stones, bricks and tiles. They finally regained possession of the plant after ten persons had been seriously injured.

Premier Queuille called the miners' strike "insurrectionary" and threatened to use force to break it. A decree was issued, drafting all the technicians of the coking ovens in northern France into the armed forces.

### "Trotskyist Danger" Arouses Fears of Italian Stalinists

At a late September meeting of the Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party attended by Togliatti, the various speakers dwelt at some length on the "Trotskyist danger."

Here are some extracts from the speeches of various Central Committee members published in the Sept. 25 L'Unita, official organ of the Italian Communist Party:

Roasio declared that "increased vigilance is necessary to avoid the infiltration of Trotskyist theory in the party. Trotskyism is not yet a danger in Italy, but it can be in the future if we do not intervene in time. . ."

Ciuffoli insisted "on the necessity of assimilating our doctrine (Stalinism) in order to struggle against Trotskyist, maximalist and anarchist conceptions."

Dozza "took up and developed once again the subject treated by Comrade Roasio.

## THE MILITANT ARMY

### N. Y. Campaign Nets 304 Subs

New York's three-week subscription campaign netted 304 subs. Brooklyn led with 80, of which 15 were obtained by the new Bedford-Stuyvesant Doobs-Carlson club. Fifty new subs are in the Brownsville area.

Nat Weinstein leads all individual sub-getters, with 22 of the 25 subs turned in by painters. Harlem got 61, Bronx 54, Central 48, East Side 44 (including Youth). Jean Bennett of Harlem was second high individual scorer with 17.

This fall The Militant will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a fund-raising campaign to cover the difference between dollar subs and the actual cost of publication. It is not too soon for readers to begin making donations and getting new subscribers to build up toward a smashing anniversary celebration.

James W. Connery, 75-year-old sub-getter of Kewanee, Ill., has sent \$1 for himself and \$3 from two of his subscribers, for the SWP election campaign fund. From a little village in the Michigan Thumb came a \$5 donation to The Militant.

An upstate New Yorker renewed his sub into 1953. A St. Paul reader renewed both Militant and Fourth International subs for a year with a \$10 bill.

Detroit sold 35 of the new 10c pamphlet A Letter to American Negroes, by William E. Bohannon, at a neighborhood street meeting. "It was cold, but a very enthusiastic crowd heard us. We sold two subs and also gave away many copies of the platform," writes Bea Allen.

"Whatever you do, don't stop publishing your paper!" pleads a Michigan State College student, renewing for one year a 15-week subscription he took after hear-

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### SWP Broadcasts IN 15 Forums Over N. Y. Station

The Socialist Workers Party is broadcasting in the series of election forums sponsored by station WNEW. The series entitled "Peoples' Choice" consists of 30 broadcasts running nightly from 9:45 to 10 P.M.

The next SWP broadcasts will be heard on Mon., Oct. 18, Wed., Oct. 20, Fri., Oct. 22. WNEW is 1130 on your dial.

### East Side N. Y. Forum

"WHAT THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY STANDS FOR" Speaker: Joseph Hansen Thursday, Oct. 21, 8:30 P. M. 251 East Houston Street Social at 10 P. M. —Music :: Refreshments— Special: Get your copy of Joseph Hansen's latest pamphlet, "The Socialist Workers Party—What It Is—What It Stands For" autographed by author.

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The experience of my life, in which there has been no lack either of successes or of failures, has not only not destroyed my faith in the clear, bright future of mankind...

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



LENIN

A Remarkable Achievement

We are proud to report that in the first Trotskyist national election campaign the Socialist Workers Party presidential ticket has been placed on the ballot in 11 states...

For the best comparison we have to go back to the first campaign of the old Communist Party in 1924. With many times the membership of the present SWP...

According to the latest Census Bureau figures, these states comprise 36% of the present U.S. population of 146,114,000.

The accomplishment of the SWP is all the more remarkable because it comes at a time when the capitalist government is giving full vent to its campaign of intimidation and terror.

For the SWP to get on the ballot in 11 states is a truly remarkable—indeed, a unique—achievement.

The fact that the SWP overcame these many obstacles in 11 states is testimony to the powerful motive force of its program and a herald of its growing position of influence in the American working class.

An Answer to James T. Farrell

One of the most vociferous of the disoriented intellectuals supporting Norman Thomas is the novelist, James T. Farrell.

liberties. Such a concept is abhorrent not only to revolutionary Marxists but to all genuine fighters for civil rights.

A letter by James T. Farrell printed in the Sept. 29 N. Y. Post gives a partial answer. In the letter, Farrell, who is noted for the politeness of his manner and tone...

Whether one agrees with revolutionary Marxism or not, no honest fighter for civil liberties would dare question our right to uphold our program or threaten to withhold support to our victims of capitalist repression...

Unwilling to frankly repudiate his own past, unable to square it with his present position, unable to challenge the facts, Farrell attacks the very act of making these facts public.

But it is easy to defend one's political friends. The test comes in the defense of the civil liberties of political opponents.

"Today Mr. Norman Thomas is supporting the appeal of Mr. Dobbs and other Minneapolis defendants who are seeking a presidential pardon.

This traditional labor solidarity, however, cannot operate if one or another party or individual attempts to extort political concessions from another party or from the victims of the persecution.

In plain English, this means that Norman Thomas should be entitled to absolution for his political crimes because of a decent act—which is to his credit—in behalf of civil

does he offer the miners and American labor in the decisive field of politics? Nothing, absolutely nothing.

Political Bankruptcy

John L. Lewis last week blasted those union leaders who run down to the White House "at the whim of the President" and there "sell out the labor movement and sell out the Mine Workers convention."

What is the source of this political bankruptcy? Lewis, for all his aggressiveness on the economic field, is wedded to the profit system and to capitalist politics.

"Labor in America is given too much to the appeasement of its oppressors. . . They seem to fawn too much in the presence of the rich and powerful, and they are untrue to the men who work and pay their salaries and sustain them in the comforts they enjoy.

That is why Lewis leads his own union astray no less than the AFL and CIO officials who seek to tie labor to Truman and the Democratic Party.

But Lewis's scathing indictment of the American trade union leaders only underlines his own bankruptcy on the political field.

Witness the developments at the mine union convention itself. Lewis began with a scorching denunciation of Truman for his strikebreaking against the miners union.

Lewis began with a scorching denunciation of Truman for his strikebreaking against the miners union. So far, so good.

Now where does Lewis stand, what program

Election Fund Reaches \$17,850; 71 Percent of Total Campaign Quota

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

A total of \$874 was received this week on the Socialist Workers Party election fund campaign, bringing us to 71% of our goal of \$25,000.

New York nosed up to 77% with \$330 for the week, thus entering the stretch for the final one-quarter of their goal of \$7,500.

Boston was the only branch to move up into the 100%-or-better category, with a score of date of 129%. At a joint meeting of the Boston and Lynn branches it was decided to divide the goals which had formerly been combined.

West Virginia also hit the three-quarter mark with \$5 for the week.

Minnesota sent in a \$100 contribution, bringing them to 95%, well in advance of those branches with the bigger goals.

Pittsburgh sent \$15, bringing them to 73%. An accompanying note says: "We are sure now of fulfilling our quota."

Flint reached the 85% mark with \$19. "We expect to reach our goal before the campaign is over," they write.

San Diego collected \$20 for the fund this week, thus jumping from 32% to 72% at one leap.

Akron jumped from 52% last week to 77% with a contribution of \$101. They write: "We are pushing very hard so that we can come through with the \$400 which we have promised."

Detroit moved up to 65% with a contribution for the week of \$265.

Lynn sent \$10 to reach 28% of their goal. Thanks to L.A. and J.J. of Kewanee, Ill., for \$1 contributions each; and also to M.M. of Minneapolis for a \$1 contribution.

Selling Out the Rank and File



"Labor Statesmen" from AFL and independent unions trotted down to the White House to assure strikebreaker Truman of their support for his reelection.

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

Table with columns: Branch, Quota, Paid, Percent. Lists various cities and their contribution progress towards the \$25,000 goal.

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The Political Bureau and members of the Revolutionary Communist Party send the Socialist Workers Party our best wishes on the occasion of your participation in the U.S. presidential election.

Thanks Militant

Thank you very much for educating the workers to understand their economic interest in this insane society.

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for a radical change in the state of things. Conditions in the world are forcing them to cast about for solutions to alleviate the terrible feeling of insecurity which plague all of us.

'Subversive List' -- A Hitlerite Act

The following is from a speech delivered by Adolf Hitler to his rubber-stamp Reichstag on March 23, 1933—only a few weeks after being handed the power of state:

A Letter from Vienna

We are following your Presidential campaign with great interest and wish you great success. We're sure that you are aware of the following: Trotskyists the world over are watching you;

Position of 'Jehovah's Witnesses'

I am one of "Jehovah's Witnesses" and as you know we don't

take part in politics of this world. We are looking for the Government spoken about in Isaiah 9:6,7—"Christ's Kingdom" of course.

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Who rules America? Who are the "informal, invisible, shadow" figures behind the White House? What future do they plan for America? What do the inside works of capitalism look like?

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BOSTON Campaign Rally Speaker Grace Carlson

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Press Comment On Kutcher Case (Reprinted from the Oct. 9 Nation)

Mr. Truman's Administration, whose battle against the Republicans on loyalty inquiries does not obscure the fact that some of the most unfair and ludicrous loyalty-check procedure has been established by Mr. Truman's own Attorney-General.

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# SWP Western Campaign

By Farrell Dobbs, Presidential Candidate

Los Angeles, Oct. 11 — Because of the extremely anti-democratic election laws, we must conduct a write-in campaign for the presidential ticket in California. However,



we will have two local candidates on the ballot, thanks to the long hard hours of labor of the party membership, working against terrific odds. Myra Tanner Weiss is battling for election to Congress from the Los Angeles area. Harry Press is slugging it out with his capitalist opponent in San Francisco's 20th Assembly district. Both Myra and Harry were in there pitching on the streets and at the indoor rallies during my visit.

We had two rousing street meetings on the San Francisco waterfront where about 600 striking longshoremen and other maritime workers heard the program of the Socialist Workers Party. Stalinist slander merchants got busy against us right away, but they couldn't cut the mustard. The SWP hit the waterfront with an impact that flattened the Stalinist liars under the hammer blows of truth.

We also took to the streets in the Los Angeles district where Myra is campaigning. Here too, we are hammering the Stalinist betrayers, who support not only the Wallace swindle but also the pro-Marshall Plan, pro-military conscription

Democratic politician, Chet Hollifield.

In both Los Angeles and San Francisco we had record breaking indoor election rallies. Predominant in the audiences were workers from maritime, auto, steel, aircraft, oil refineries, needle trades and other fields.

Another contact from Sandstone prison showed up at the Los Angeles meeting. He is a former Jehovah's witness who learned about the SWP and its program through his prison conversations with Oscar Coover. He asked to be remembered to Oscar for whom he has the warmest feeling of gratitude and friendship. The Los Angeles comrades will now take up where Oscar left off and we hope soon to have another recruit.

Our campaign work in Salt Lake City is already bearing rich fruit. A former member, now living in that Utah city, came out to Los Angeles during my visit. He will take the initiative, with the assistance of the Los Angeles comrades, to organize a party branch among the excellent contacts developed in Salt Lake City during the election campaign.

While in San Francisco I fulfilled a long-held desire to clasp the strong hand and look into the honest eyes of the strong hand and look into the honest eyes of the working class. As I stood in the presence of that incorruptible hero of labor, I found new inspiration to go forward in the struggle for man's socialist future.

## SWP Election Tour

# Seattle and Milwaukee

By Grace Carlson, Vice-Presidential Candidate

To make campaign speeches within the space of two days in places as far apart as Seattle and Milwaukee is possible because of "the miracle of modern aviation." A much bigger miracle in our circles is that the Seattle Branch was able to raise the money for the plane ticket and organize such fine election rallies in such a short space of time.



I wasn't scheduled to appear in Seattle, but the branch there saw a few doors opening up and they wanted a Trotskyist candidate to stick her foot in these doors. I know we got in some good socialist sales talks to many new friends during this Seattle trip. And we sold the Socialist Workers Party program to one railroad worker who joined the Seattle branch after one of the election rallies.

We had another very important group of customers at a campaign meeting at the University of Washington. This meeting was sponsored by the "Students for Dobbs and Carlson," which is a small group with big ideas—and a lot of know-how! I'm sure that it will become a big group with big ideas in the near future!

The "Students for Dobbs and Carlson" members aided by Seattle branch members passed out hundreds of printed leaflets announcing the meeting, issued press releases and took a big ad in the University of Washington Daily. Despite competition from the Democratic Party's election rally, we had 55 students at our meeting, including a reporter from the campus daily. We had a long discussion period and afterwards several students took Militant subs so that they can continue to make an intelligent investigation

of social and political problems. The next day, the University of Washington Daily carried a long story with the headline, "Trotskyist Speaks Here," to tell to the whole student body that Trotskyism is alive on the U. of W. campus.

Although one might have thought that the members of the Milwaukee branch would have been laid low by the job of collecting 20,000 signatures on the election petition, they were bouncing all over, looking for campaign possibilities. And they found many. I was interviewed by reporters from both large Milwaukee dailies as well as by the editor of the Deutsche Zeitung, a German language daily which goes out to many thousands of Socialist-minded workers and farmers in Wisconsin.

A radio interview over Milwaukee's independent station WEXT offered the opportunity to give a 16-minute presentation of the Socialist Workers Party platform to Milwaukee housewives. Called the "Lady of the House" program, the interviewer is a young, idealistic radio worker who told me that she wants to bring housewives more than "fashion chit-chat." In marked contrast to most radio interviewers, she asked questions for the sake of getting answers and not just to fill up the time. Even more unorthodox, she departed from her script completely so as to get at points which she thought the listeners would like to have developed—how does the SWP differ from the SP; do we believe in just "dividing everything up," etc.

We also had a radio interview in Kenosha, an old Socialist Party stronghold. Through all this work, Wisconsin workers and farmers are learning that there is a real socialist party functioning in Wisconsin, the Socialist Workers Party and that it's here to stay!

## His Master's Voice

By Joseph Keller

Right while Harry S. Truman was touring the country trying to convince voters how big and tough and independent-minded he is, the real powers-that-be slapped him down publicly and let the people know who really runs the government, including the President of the United States.

In the enthusiasm of his election campaign, Truman got the notion that he really has a lot to do with determining the conduct of foreign policy. So he cooked up the idea of sending one of his cronies, Supreme Court Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, as a personal emissary to Moscow to negotiate man-to-man with Stalin over the Berlin crisis.

But he didn't hold on to that project very long. Secretary of State George Marshall—who is a non-elective appointee with no constitutional powers of any kind—came flying across the ocean from the UN conference to let the man who appointed him know he wasn't standing for any mere President reversing decisions of the Wall Street bosses.

Truman dropped the Vinson idea like a boy caught with his hand in the cookie jar. And Marshall took off to Paris again with a statement to the press that made his "Boss" out to be nothing but a political stumblebum.

If anybody thinks the President calls the tune on policy, this incident helps to correct that illusion. Truman may be the highest elected official in the land—but he doesn't run the government. This government is run—its most fateful decisions are made—by a small handful of individuals operating behind the scenes for the real masters—the Wall Street money lords.

They don't hesitate to crack down on anyone, including the President, who gets out of line. The maneuvers in the UN, the war preparations, the very decisions on war and peace are determined by this tiny clique of Brass Hats and Wall Street representatives who run the State Department and dominate the White House. No less an authority than the well-known columnist Walter Lippman wrote in the Sept. 27 N. Y. Herald-Tribune:

"There is, one might say, a certain honesty in admitting that Mr. Marshall, Mr. Lovett and Mr. Bohlen, Mr. Forrestal, Mr. Draper, Mr. Royall, General Clay and Mr. Douglas have been handling the great conflict, which may mean peace or war, that they have not had guidance and leadership from the President, and that therefore his absence from Washington makes no difference."

## Notes from the News

**RR BOSSES WANT PRICE HIKE** — Class I railroads asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for an 8 per cent increase in freight rates. The railroads, making more money than ever before, are pleading poverty.

**MIXED MARRIAGES** — The California Supreme Court by a 4 to 3 decision ruled the state's ban on inter-racial marriages as unconstitutional. 29 other states still have laws prohibiting mixed marriages.

**POPE ON TAXATION** — The Pope came out foursquare against heavy taxation of the rich. In an interview with delegates representing the financial administrations of Brazil, Turkey and seven other countries, he condemned taxation systems that are "confiscatory."

**ANTI-SEMITISM** — The Hollywood film "Gentleman's Agreement," which attacks anti-Semitism, was banned in Franco Spain by order

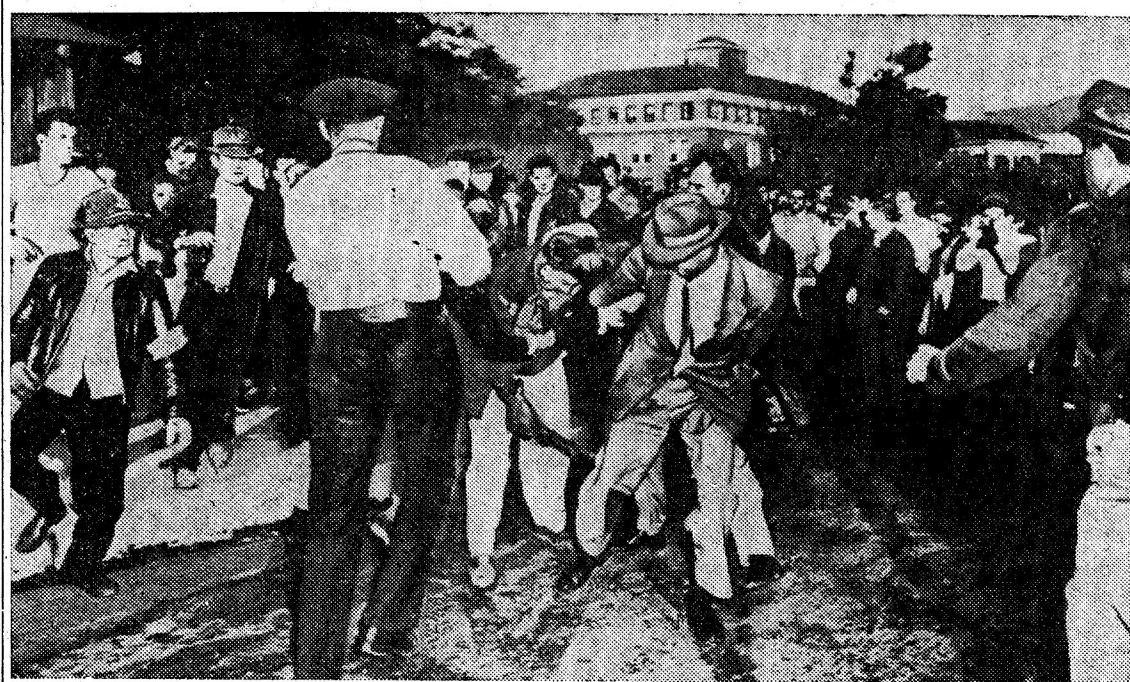
of the ecclesiastical member of the Film Censorship Board. The order stated in part: "Evil should be despised and evildoers pitied, but to descend to what is wrong . . . is entirely different. That is why it is asked of the Lord that He should deign to humiliate the enemies of His Holy Church, and as such might Jews be considered."

**WIRE-TAPPING** — That the FBI is an uncontrolled, law-unto-itself secret police is revealed in a sensational series currently being run by the New York Star. Ex-FBI agents testify that they were assigned to even spy on ex-Postmaster General Farley, tap his telephone wires and search his personal belongings — all because G-man Hoover was trying to "get" something on him, as he feared that Farley was out to get Hoover fired from his job.

**MIKADO MACARTHUR** — A U. S. Provoct court in Japan sentenced a labor union official to three years in prison and fined him 10,000 yen for publishing "derogatory remarks" about the American occupation.

# THE MILITANT

# Oil Strikers Fight Desperate Battle Against Scab-Herders



Police attack the picket line for the second time in the current strike of the CIO Oil Workers against the Standard Oil Company in Richmond, Calif. Four pickets were arrested on charges of "inciting to riot." Federated Pictures

RICHMOND, CALIF., Oct. 7—Seasoned by thirty days experience on one of labor's toughest picket lines the members of the CIO Oil Workers International Union, have entered the second month of their strike against the six major refineries on the West Coast.

At first the only major issue was wages. The union asked for an increase of 23 cents an hour and the best company offer was 12½ cents per hour. This the union rejected and pointed to the higher wages being paid by the same companies, in the East and Middle West for the same work.

Some of the smaller companies as Union Oil and Richfield were willing to discuss the union's demand, but Standard Oil — the octopus of the oil industry — promptly put the squeeze on the smaller companies and took on the task of destroying the union.

Several attempts to smash the picket lines were defeated. Scabs, led by AFL officials from the Boilermakers union and police were hurled back from the gates of the Standard Oil refinery in Richmond. Officials of the Machinists union joined the Boilermaker union bureaucrats and together with hired goons made another attempt only to suffer the same fate — rout and defeat. Tear-gas and clubs were rendered ineffective when massed pickets held their ground and returned blow for blow with police and thugs.

### INJUNCTION SUITS

Injunctions followed quickly. Restricted to only four pickets covered by four or five cops the companies again tried to run scabs into the Standard plant in Richmond. This time flying squads in cars made life miserable for the scabs and police, and the strike held firm.

Then law suits were filed against local unions and local officials until, today, suits amounting to ten million dollars are pending against these valiant defenders of their union.

The strikers have set up an excellent organization which includes a series of soup kitchens managed by wives and daughters of the members, flying squads to keep scab oil trucks from moving and a veritable "navy" of fishing boats to patrol San Francisco Bay so that oil barges and tankers can be stopped. Local strike bulletins are issued daily and several sound trucks patrol the lines with the latest news and instructions.

Towns like Richmond, where Standard is located, Rodeo, home

of Union Oil and Martinez, where Shell is located, are all out for the strike. Wives and even children of union men join the lines and help the total, all-out strike effort.

Now the issue is union recognition and it is a life or death struggle.

Attempts made from within the union to start a back to work movement have all met with a speedy end. The International president, K. O. Knight, twice tried to make a settlement based upon the companies' demands but local meetings quickly voted down his surrender terms.

A small group of union members under company influence began to circulate a petition asking the local officials to accept the 12½ cent offer and proposed a secret referendum of the membership on the question of going back to work. Local officials promptly called mass meetings and the proposition was practically drowned in a landslide of solid union sentiment.

### LOCKOUT OF SAILORS

Incident to this drive to smash the CIO oil union is the lockout by Union Oil Co. against the CIO National Maritime Union. The NMU seamen aboard Union Oil tankers have had an agreement for the past eight years with Union Oil but refused to connect oil hoses behind picket lines since it violated that section of their agreement calling for "safe working conditions." Immediately the company paid off the crews and hired scabs off the dock. The NMU membership on the West Coast are locked out for expressing their solidarity with union men on strike.

The AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific thereupon proceeded to announce that since no contract existed between Union Oil and the scabs, it would organize them into the SUP. Today six Union Oil tankers are sailing with scabs supported by the SUP. This is the sordid role of the AFL officialdom in their blind struggle to smash the CIO on the West Coast.

The oil workers and the longshoremen, together with thousands of rank and file AFL members, are fighting to preserve trade union solidarity and working class unity against the bosses — and against reactionary union officials who aim to stamp out militancy and democracy in the labor movement.

## CARLSON PULLS NO PUNCHES IN DETROIT RADIO PROGRAM

DEROIT, Mich. Oct. 14 — Sitting at opposite sides of the table, Dr. Grace Carlson, Vice-Presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party and Mr. McMahon, news editor of Detroit's largest radio station WWJ (NBC) went at each other hammer and tongs in a radio interview here tonight. The issue was: Socialism vs. Capitalism.

"When did you run afoul of the federal law? Of what were you accused?" demanded McMahon.

"We were accused on the basis of the Smith Act," answered Dr. Carlson, "but actually for our anti-war views like that workers' leader, Eugene V. Debs."

"What is your philosophy of government?" asked McMahon.

"We are against the capitalist government, the government of bankers and industrialists. We are for a majority ruling in reality, through a Workers and Farmers Government," answered Carlson.

Seeking to tie her up, Mr. McMahon asked about private ownership: "So you are opposed to all private property?"

"Now wait a minute; you don't catch me on that one," she responded. "What we want is more private property — shoes, clothes, houses — for the people. But we don't believe that any one individual should control the lives of thousands and deny them these things."

"So you're opposed to all capitalists?" asked the news editor.

"That's an understatement. We want a government of the majority — a Workers and Farmers Government — where real ability can rise to the top."

"How about Ford?" she was asked. "Wasn't he a poor man?"

"Yes, but how about his sons? What did they ever do? And how about the Tommy Manvilles, the Doris Duke Cromwells?"

"Well, I'll have to admit that you might have something there," reluctantly admitted the questioner.

Again seeking to trap Dr. Carlson and to prove that the Socialist Workers Party believes in seizing control by a minority, the radio commentator asked, "How many of the 140 million of this country are workers and farmers?"

"We speak of workers of both hand and brain — the majority," said Carlson.

"And how about news editors?"

"Well," Carlson replied, "I don't know what you think of yourself, but I think you're a worker."

"Well, I agree there," said the buffeted questioner.

The evening before the radio interview, Dr. Carlson was met at the station by a group of "Youth for Dobbs and Carlson Club" members. They carried a three-foot sign reading, "Welcome to Detroit — Grace Carlson."

Hundreds in the train station were attracted by the singing of the union's traditional song, "Solidarity," and the playing of this union song over the party's sound car at the station. Platforms of the Socialist Workers Party were distributed to several hundred interested bystanders.

The interview over station WWJ was granted only after a month-long fight with the station by the Detroit branch of the Socialist Workers Party after the station granted a 15-minute interview to Glen Taylor, CIO

## Ship-Owners Announce Union-Busting Scheme

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10—Industry spokesmen last week publicly reaffirmed their determination to keep ships and docks idle until the maritime unions here are smashed and striking longshoremen and seamen starved back to their jobs.

The present formula of the operators is slightly different from the original declarations which said that there would be no negotiations with any union "unless each of its officers files with the National Labor Relations Board, in pursuance of law, his affidavit he is not a member of the Communist party." The latest statement of the employers emphasizes that they "cannot regard the present leadership of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union as responsible." This lays the basis for refusing to negotiate even if the present leaders sign the Taft-Hartley non-communist affidavits.

This shift of emphasis in the employers' union-smashing formula was apparently prompted by indications that the Stalinist top leadership of the ILWU and MC&S may move to sign the non-communist affidavits.

### WEEK'S EVENTS

The following developments occurred during the week:

1. Vincent J. Malone, president of the independent Marine Firemen, which is one of the striking unions and one of the first in the country to sign the non-communist affidavits, appeared before ILWU local 1-10 and urged the union to alter its position and instruct its officials to sign the

affidavits. Harry Bridges, international president of the ILWU, was not present at the meeting.

2. Allan Haywood and R. J. Thomas, national director and assistant national director of CIO organization, arrived here and are seeking to resume negotiations with the employers. Longshore local 1-10 asked Murray's support in the strike.

3. Bridges demanded of the ship operators to "cut out the stalling and get before the court on your charges of Communism, sabotage, irresponsibility and all the other things you have thought up."

After issuing their latest union-busting pronouncements through paid advertisements in the local dailies, leading spokesmen for the employer groups departed for New York to attend an industry-wide conference of the Propeller Club there. These west coast operators are expected to present their union-busting formula to the shipping fraternity of the Atlantic coast for approval and support.

The reason the ship operators can afford to behave so arrogantly is because they now have reserve funds amounting to \$529 million, built up through collusion with the U.S. Maritime Commission during the lush war years. These monies came out of the U.S. treasury and are tax-exempt. Striking CIO longshoremen and seamen are confronted not only

with the tough policy of the operators; they are also badgered by the union-raiding designs of the AFL officialdom. Last week the Washington State Federation of Labor announced that Tacoma AFL longshoremen will handle cargo from all ships diverted to that port. This is the only port on the coast that is not struck.

William Gettings, regional director of the CIO longshoremen in Seattle said that picket lines will be maintained but that no attempt will be made to keep AFL longshoremen from working, as the vessels will be declared "hot" and tied up by sympathetic dock workers throughout the world.

There were other moves during the week by the strike leadership itself which permitted movement of strike-bound cargoes. In Los Angeles, the striking unions are allowing shippers to move cargoes off the dock. Checkers and longshoremen, when needed, are hired directly by the shippers from the union hall and paid at pre-strike wages with retroactivity guaranteed. Similar movements of cargo have been reported in the port of Stockton. In Seattle, the leaders of the striking unions met with Mayor William F. Devin and offered to sail all ships of the Alaska fleet under an interim agreement with the Alaska Steamship Association at pre-strike wages with a guarantee of retroactivity, if and when an agreement is signed with PASA and WEA.

Agreements of this sort, if entered into, would allow for the gradual movement of cargoes and thus remove the pressure for an early settlement of the strike. Such strategy on the part of the strike leadership may extend the strike indefinitely and permit the operators to carry through their policy of starving the strikers back to the job.

### STRIKE FIRM

This tendency to let strike-bound cargoes dribble through the picket lines has as yet not become wide-spread and the grip of the strike is being felt in several industries on the coast. The greatest cry has come from agricultural interests. California cotton growers claim the strike will cost their industry an estimated \$5 million if it forces shipment via Gulf ports.

Strikers are holding fast to their demands for a 15 cents hourly increase for longshoremen and an average monthly increase of \$17.50 per month for seamen.

The morale of the strikers remains high. The power of their strike can force a successful settlement if this is not dissipated through the gradual releasing of ships and cargoes on the mistaken assumption that this is the way to gain public sympathy and win victory.

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## Dobbs Pledges His Full Support To West Coast Maritime Strikers

By Frank Daniels

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9 — "Bring up that strong left arm of independent political action to match your strong right of economic action. Away with company-unionism in politics. Form your own party, based on the trade unions and take the power away from the corrupt boss parties," SWP Presidential candidate Farrell Dobbs told throngs of workers in three separate meetings in San Francisco.

Speaking at an open-air meeting on the Embarcadero, the SWP nominee told a crowd of 300 striking unionists, "You cannot solve your problems under the capitalist system." Dobbs made clear that the anti-union drive had its origin in Wall Street's preparations for world war III.

The SWP nominee placed himself and the Socialist Workers Party squarely behind the struggle of the maritime workers to defend their unions. He scored the WEA, the organization of the waterfront employers as a "band of plunderers and grafters." He concluded his talk by stating that he would carry "your case all over the country."

Preceding Dobbs on the speakers' stand was Harry Press, a member of the striking Marine Cooks & Stewards Union, \$150 to the SWP campaign fund.