

McCarthy Gets Last Minute Bid From GOP Staff

By George Breitman

SWP Candidate for U.S. Senate from N.J.

McCarthy is getting set to again take the center of the national political stage.

On Oct. 29, the U.S. News and World Report revealed that "Senator Joseph McCarthy received last minute overtures from some officials high in the Eisenhower Administration, asking him to campaign actively for the Republican candidates."

As I warned on Oct. 4, neither the unanimous recommendation of the Watkins Committee to censure McCarthy, nor the decision of the Republican high command to keep him under wraps during the campaign, meant the end of McCarthyism. I said that while McCarthy might have suffered tactical setbacks, the fascist movement he heads is still a profound threat to the American working class.

It is true that McCarthy did not try to play an open and prominent role in the elections. But during the campaign the fascist threat grew in a different way.

A major McCarthyite gain was scored when racist violence to keep Negro school children segregated in Jim Crow schools was organized by the mis-named National Association for the Advancement of White People. At the same time the Ku Klux Klan began burning its crosses. In McCarthy the Klan finds a natural leader in the national political arena.

In New Jersey and in Minnesota pro-McCarthy clubs have recently been formed. Reports of these were not prominently displayed in the national press. Undoubtedly similar clubs have been formed elsewhere.

In New Jersey, the McCarthyites, with factions in both Democratic and Republican Parties, and with strong backing in Catholic districts, are demonstrating their independent strength.

McCarthy Smears Case

Their target is Clifford Case, my Republican opponent. Although Case is running with Eisenhower's special endorsement, the McCarthyites have attacked him as a "left-winger," and have organized a write-in campaign for Fred Hartley (co-author of the Taft-Hartley law) in opposition to Case. The attack on Case reached a climax two weeks ago when the McCarthyites accused his sister of former "Communist connections."

The smear, allegedly inspired by the fascist Senator himself, was a victory for the McCarthy-



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ites. For after his TV defense, in which he pleaded "mistaken identity," Case turned his guns on "Communism." He also misrepresented the Americans for Democratic Action as a "left-wing organization" and had conciliatory words for McCarthy. Earlier in the race he had denounced the fascist senator.

The measure of McCarthy's current strength can be judged from a speech delivered last week by Vice President Nixon at Rock Island, Ill. According to Arthur Sylvester in a dispatch to the Newark Evening News of Oct. 24, Nixon made a special appeal for the votes of both "Democrats and Republicans alike who have supported the aims of McCarthy."

It is easy to see why the GOP machine politicians should again turn to McCarthy after keeping him at arm's length earlier in the campaign. As the Militant predicted Sept. 27, the Republican strategists seek to forestall defeat by throwing a "McCarthyite stink bomb" in the elections.

Speaking in Cheyenne Oct. 23, (Continued on page 3)

MYRA WEISS URGES L. A. UNIONS TO ACT ON SMOG

By Steve Collins

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25—"Walk out of the plants! Don't work in poisoned air!" This is the action advocated by Myra Tanner Weiss, national campaign director of the Socialist Workers Party, to combat the oil industry's pollution of the air which has blanketed this area for 19 straight days.

Myra Weiss will arrive in Los Angeles this week to speak at an SWP election rally. Her statement on the smog situation has evoked considerable interest. She is widely known in this area as the fighting candidate of the SWP who has contested for the office of Mayor three times since 1945. She is now in California as part of her national tour for the SWP 1954 election campaign.

"With the Republicans and the Democrats tossing the smog-ball back and forth," she said, "it seems to be up to the working people to take things in their own hands and walk out of the plants in an area-wide work-stoppage. We must demand that human rights be put before property rights."

PEOPLE ANGRY

Meanwhile the oil companies are brazenly refusing to take any action. The long-suffering patient populace has become angry. Anyone you talk to takes a threatening and determined attitude toward the corporation-serving politicians of the two capitalist parties.

Governor Knight, who is in a close contest with Democratic candidate Richard Graves, has reacted to the pressure of the voters and last Friday politely suggested that the oil refineries shut down for a period to determine the part that refineries play in producing the smog menace.

Within a few hours the major oil companies answered the Governor with a brusque "No!"

Last Wednesday night more than 6,000 people filled the Pasadena Civic Auditorium to overflow in response to the call of a newly formed group, the

Citizens Anti-Smog-Action Committee. The sponsors called for 100,000 members in Southern California to eliminate "air pollution and political pollution."

The refusal of the companies to comply with the Governor's request for a trial shut-down puts the issue squarely before the workers of this city. The SWP proposal for a union-organized shut-down of all plants guilty of contributing to the smog blight, with full pay for the period of the shut-down, looms as the only practical alternative to Big Business indifference to poisoning the atmosphere of an area famed for its mild and beneficent climate.

By Joseph Keller

There has been much pre-election talk of a Democratic trend. In the sense of a shift from a Republican to a Democratic vote, the trend toward the Democrats is reflected primarily among the farmers. Industrial and urban wage workers, particularly the unionists, never supported the Republicans, even in 1952. They gave Stevenson the highest vote ever received by a Democratic presidential candidate. A shift in political sentiments among the workers is indicated mainly by whether they turn out in large numbers to vote Democrat or stay home in disgust.

The question with respect to the politics of labor is: Why do the organized workers stick to the Democratic Party, a notoriously corrupt political machine of big city bosses and southern white supremacists?

If it is said that the Democrats ended unemployment and depression, then a simple refer-

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Build a Labor Party Now!

Both Republicans, Democrats Tie Full Employment to War

Vote Socialist!

An Editorial

Two years ago, popular dissatisfaction with the Truman administration and the undeclared war in Korea led to a Republican victory. Now like a pendulum, popular dissatisfaction is expressing itself in a Democratic trend. But along with this trend, widespread apathy among the voters is demonstrated by lower than usual registrations and poor attendance at political rallies.

Political apathy among the American people is not new. No presidential election sees even half the adult population going to the polls. Off-year elections see less. A great segment of the population just doesn't think it worth-while to vote for either of the big parties. Why? Because they think that it doesn't make much difference who wins.

How little choice the people are given in the Democratic-Republican twin slate is strikingly shown in the case of the most crucial issue facing the country. That is the issue of peace or war. The survival of every American and his children, as well as the rest of humanity, hinges on how this issue is settled. Never has the question of the very fate of man confronted us so sharply as it does today.

Nor is there any question about where Americans stand on the issue of peace or war in the H-Bomb Age. All opinion polls, all conversations with the man in the street, or the worker in the factory, or the farmer in the field show almost unanimous fear of another war and opposition to it.

Yet this crucial issue finds no place on the ballot as far as Democratic and Republican candidates are concerned. They and their parties have long been committed to American capitalism's plans and preparations for another global conflict. They have made it a bi-partisan program. They have united in a sinister pact to try to convince the American people that the present drive toward war against the USSR, China and the revolutionary movements in the colonial world is the only possible course.

No voice is raised in either party to peace—except in spurious phrases which the American people disbelieve, such as "I hate war" and "the only way to get peace is to prepare for war." Thus they seek to hoodwink the American people into giving up hope and accepting another war.

This feeling that there is no way in the elections for men and women to determine the fate of America, to ward off the terrible danger of H-bomb war, is the principal cause of today's political apathy.

But this hopeless feeling is wrong. It is the outcome of the control of the government by Big Business and its calculated barrage over the press, screen, pulpit, radio and TV.

The people can influence the course of events. We can prevent World War III. We can do it by making peace the most important issue.

Utilizing our union, farm, and other organizations, we can build a new party that will win enduring peace. No one will do it for us. We must do it ourselves and in face of opposition and persecution.

The way to begin is by supporting that party already in the field with a clear-cut anti-war position. That is the Socialist Workers Party. Vote for its candidates wherever they are running in this election. Help build up the Socialist Workers Party for the next election.

Apathy may be a form of protest. But it is an ineffective one. It leaves the power in the hands of the very people you are protesting against. Only action can make dissatisfaction and protest count.

ence to the jobless statistics during the 10 years of Democratic rule will prove that there were three times as many years of mass unemployment under the Democrats than under the Republicans, although it is true that the latter did not get the chance to show what they might have done if given a longer time to run the country into the ground after 1932. The only time there wasn't mass unemployment under Roosevelt and Truman was when they took us into war.

THE BIG ROADBLOCK

With so little basic difference between the Democrats and Republicans, it would seem that the American workers, like those in other capitalist countries, would have set up their own party by now and ceased the worthless game of choosing between two parties controlled by the employing class.

They have not done so for one reason: the labor bureaucracy, the union leaders, have kept their organizations tied to the Democratic party machine. They have constituted the one great road-block to genuine independent labor political action.

Since the rise of the CIO, there have been many efforts by the union ranks to break out of the straitjacket of capitalist politics. But these attempts have been frustrated every time by the union leaders. The workers, out of sheer union loyalty in a great many instances, have gone along with the union leadership and responded to the appeal to vote Democrat. But their hearts are not in it.

It is hard to arouse enthusiasm for a party which in 20 years failed to cure unemployment by any means other than war. It is hard to inspire workers with a party which, in the majority, went along with the Taft-Hartley Act and whose chief banner-bearers, Roosevelt and Truman, broke more strikes than all other presidents put together. It is hard to convince the work-

Strike Hits New Ports In Britain

OCT. 27 — Britain's 23-day-old dock strike continued solid today in the face of threats by the Churchill government to use troops and denunciations of the walk-out by trade union officials and pleas for a back-to-work movement.

While a few dockers employed by the Port of London Authority did trickle back to the mountains of unmoved cargo piled up on the waterfront, they were more than offset by the spread of the strike to new ports.

In Manchester, two days ago, about 100 out of 2,300 longshoremen walked out in response to appeals of a small group of pickets. They were joined at the lunch hour by some 400 more after a speaker urged them to "save Manchester's face."

UNANIMOUS VOTE

In London a vote was taken Oct. 24 on whether or not to return to work. The meeting was held in Hyde Park, London's traditional free speech center, and some 5,000 dockers waved their union books, signifying their unanimous determination not to return until their demand be met that overtime work be made voluntary instead of compulsory.

The Hyde Park meeting was held after a spirited march that was televised and shown on TV screens in the U.S. Hand-made banners proclaimed the fighting spirit of the dockers. Delegations of strikers from Liverpool, Birkenhead, Hull, and other important ports participated in the demonstration.

The strike began Oct. 4 when the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union called out its 7,000 members in London. They were joined by the 4,500 members of the Watermen, Lightermen, Tugmen and Bargemen's Union. The majority of the 44,000 out on strike, however, are members of the Transport and General Workers Union, which defied orders of their reactionary officials to stay on the job.

The TGWU officials have repeatedly called for a back-to-work movement and have tried to smear the strike as "Communist inspired."

The Churchill government, which has been "investigating" the strike has repeatedly threatened to use troops, but has just as repeatedly postponed ordering them out. Last Sunday Churchill himself met with Attlee, one of Britain's top labor fakers, to discuss how "to crack" the strike. It has not been revealed what advice Attlee gave the Prime Minister.

Dogged by Pickets



Placard-carrying pickets with dogs parade in front of Chicago hotel where Defense Sec. Charles E. Wilson apologized for his remarks comparing unemployed to kennel-fed dogs and then claimed "left-wingers" had distorted what he said. The pickets came from CIO unions hit hard by unemployment.

HOWARD MAYHEW BACKS USE OF 5TH EMENDMENT

CHICAGO, Oct. 21 — Howard Mayhew, Socialist Workers candidate for Congress from the Second District, is conducting a vigorous write-in campaign after being ruled off the ballot by a reactionary Election Board that termed his nominating petition, bearing 12,000 signatures, "inadequate."

At a Parents Teachers Association meeting yesterday, for instance, Mayhew got a big response from the audience of some 200 when he attacked the Democrats and Republicans in the presence on the platform of some six or seven candidates of the two boss parties.

The major emphasis in the Chicago SWP campaign has been toward the unions. An open letter addressed to members of Local 719 of the CIO United Automobile Workers, of which Mayhew was a member for a number of years, was well received.

ANSWERS ATTACK

Mayhew answered an attack by a union committeeman on his use of the Fifth Amendment when the Election Board converted itself into a witch-hunting body and sought to put Mayhew on the griddle in McCarthyite style.

"The Bill of Rights has always been cherished by the la-

People Don't Trust Either Boss Party

By Art Preis

Can either the Democrats or Republicans maintain full employment and an expanding economy without gigantic government spending for war preparations and war? Can capitalism—the system of the exploitation of labor for profit by private owners of the means of production—provide jobs, security and plenty in a strictly peacetime economy?

This great central question of our times has broken through barriers raised by both capitalist parties and has become the hottest issue in the election campaign.

Made desperate by the prospect of losing control of Congress in the coming elections and stung by charges that they have brought back mass unemployment, the Republicans have decided to answer their opponents with something more than the latest statistics on "security risks" fired by the Eisenhower administration.

They are hurling at the Democrats the counter-charge, backed with potent statistics, that the Roosevelt-Truman administrations which held power—for twenty years never eliminated mass unemployment except through war. This was the theme struck hard by Eisenhower in his major address of the election campaign, delivered before the National Security Industrial Association on Oct. 25.

"PEACETIME" PROSPERITY

Eisenhower asserted: "For twenty long years somewhere in the world there has been war—up until a few months ago. Thus, for almost a generation, tragedy and happiness—waste and plenty—foxholes and jobs—have been tightly joined together in people's minds."

But, he claims, the Republicans have changed all that. "For, in two years, we have again demonstrated that America's prosperity does not necessarily depend on war's sacrifices" and "without war our economy is working at near record levels. Over 62,000,000 people have jobs," while in the month of October "unemployment has fallen from 3,100,000 to 2,700,000" according to hastily-fabricated statistics rushed to the President that very afternoon.

In fact, the General contended: "This year 1954 is our most prosperous peacetime year in all our history," although, he conceded, "this picture is marred, of course, by the fact that in certain industries and localities some unemployment still exists as the aftermath of war and inflation."

When the Republicans claim credit for the most prosperous "peacetime" year, they lie on two counts. They falsely convey the impression that they had no joint responsibility with the Democrats for the wars of the past four decades. They stretch the meaning of "peacetime" to cover a period of war preparations unparalleled in American history, although no large-scale shooting is going on at the moment.

GOP WAR PROGRAM

The Republicans supported U.S. participation in World War I, World War II and Truman's "police action" in Korea. They voted without murmur for the hundreds of billions of dollars expended on these wars America's imperialist politicians of both parties have been strictly non-partisan insofar as wars have been concerned.

Eisenhower himself suggests that if this is "peacetime" it is the most peculiar "peacetime" ever known. He refers in his speech to an "uneasy peace." It sure is. In fact, it is like the "peace" in between rounds of a (Continued on page 3)

The Man Above Reproach

by Amargo

Much can be learned about the atmosphere in a country from the type of person, who by common agreement among the "respectable" members of society, is considered beyond criticism and above reproach. Who in this country is so revered at the present time?

Is it the great scientist? Oppenheimer is condemned as a "security risk." Einstein is told to "go back where he came from" by clowns who managed to get elected to Congress.

Is it the great historian? Beard, generally acknowledged to be one of the most authoritative American historians, is denounced by chapters of the American Legion because he wrote that there were important economic causes for the War of Independence. (This is obviously Marxist and anti-American propaganda.)

Is it perhaps the famous actor or entertainer? Chaplin is barred from re-entry into the country because forsooth there is doubt as to his loyalty or his morality.

Or is it even the great military leader? Marshall is accused of being a traitor or a "coddler of Reds."

No. The man who enjoys immunity from criticism, the man neither Democrat nor Republican dares reproach, and for whom the raucous voices of the radio commentators become gentle, is—a cop. A semi-literate hood. The head of the sneaks, snoops and stool pigeons. The head of that host officially known as "informants," because the correct word, "informer," has a nasty smell to the noses of the American people. We refer to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI.

Designate anyone in the country and the FBI chief can find out everything about his past movements, beliefs, and intimate little habits. He has his regular

string of professionals, the bright boys who "just want to get the facts." The ones who knock on your door all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, and want to know who your neighbor's friends are, and what his opinions are, and does he draw his shades at night.

Then he has the semi-pros, who join radical or labor organizations, make friends, gain confidences, and then turn in names. They especially enjoy recruiting new members to organizations, and turning in their names. Later they show up as finger people on the witness stand. They receive no salary, only "expenses." Care to earn some money in your spare time?

Lastly he has the amateurs. The eager patriots who listen through their neighbors' walls and then write letters or make phone calls. "There are some funny goings on at Smith's place."

And all this activity is glorified on stage, screen, TV, and radio. I saw a movie in which a couple of heroes went to Hawaii to hunt "commies." They were called in by a sweet old couple who felt it their duty to inform them that their own son was a "commie."

Then there is the weekly TV character who goes slinking around with a bunch of folks who call each other "comrad" every second word, and who always notifies the FBI just in time to thwart their fantastically idiotic little plots. All this, of course, is to make us admire snooper and peeping-tommy, and informing on neighbors, friends and relatives.

But most Americans still think that a man has a right to privacy, to his own beliefs, and even to open up his mouth once in a while. The FBI and friends still have a long row to hoe before they sell us on their American Gestapo.

Recommended Reading

By Fred Hart

The Fall issue of the Marxist Quarterly magazine, Fourth International contains two articles of unusual historical and theoretical interest. These are James P. Cannon's "The Degeneration of the Communist Party and the New Beginning" and "Bernstein's Challenge to Marx" by Joseph Hansen.

Cannon's article is the first theoretical explanation of why the Communist Party, which entered the 1920s as an honest revolutionary movement, emerged at the end of the decade a corrupted, Stalinized caricature. The how of this degeneration has been amply documented in American political writing by the political opponents of Stalinism both reformist and revolutionary as well as by the personal revelations of numerous ex-leaders of the degeneration. Cannon's study eschews denunciation and gossip and calmly probes the economic and social soil of the period for the roots of the pioneer Communist movement's degeneration.

A founder of the Communist Party and leader of one of its early factions, Cannon was expelled in 1928 for his support of Trotsky and the Left Opposition. This first-hand experience and a subsequent quarter-century of reflection and political experience enables him to give a distillation of the historical and theoretical lessons to be learned from the American Communist Party's tragic metamorphosis.

In a searching book review Joseph Hansen traces the course and drives of Edward Bernstein's political life and the influence of his revisionist theories on the socialist movement.

This is one of the most important articles on Bernstein written by an American Marxist. It deals with Bernstein's philosophic as well as economic conclusions. The nature of the changes that Bernstein proposed in Marxist theory are seen to be not peculiar to his period but an ever-recurring tendency in the socialist movement. Thus the article has not only great historical and theoretical interest but a timeliness for today as well.

The lead article by Art Preis is devoted to a topic of exceptional timeliness and interest—the "Police State Liberals." It is a merciless examination of the voting record and actions of the New Deal-Fair Deal Democrats in the closing days of the 83rd Congress.

Other articles include: "Does Co-Existence Mean Peace?" by Milt Alvin, and "The Farm Crisis in the Soviet Union" by John G. Wright. In the Arsenal of Marxism department, a letter written by Trotsky to V. F. Calverton in 1932 on "Americanizing" Marxism has much that is of topical interest.

Notes from the News

HEMINGWAY, ZOLA AND FAULKNER were among the authors banned from the racks of drugstores in Utica, N.Y., by a self-appointed committee of "thought-supervisors" headed by Louis Ritz, president of the Mohawk Valley Pharmacists Association. The Associated Press report, Oct. 23, revealed that "a list of 530" verboten books and periodicals were distributed to the storekeepers. Ritz said the list was prepared by the Chicago Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

A "SCABS WANTED" AD appeared in the Cleveland Press, Oct. 12, under the heading: "Permanent Employment as replacements in a Labor Dispute." The ad was taken by the Patterson-Sargent Co. after a 16-week strike by 250 workers belonging to the CIO Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers' Union. On Oct. 15 the Cleveland Press reported the strike broken. "The union surrendered to a company ultimatum to employees to return to work by today or be replaced permanently with new employees. . . . The strike was called off although it was made clear by the company to the union that the company would not rehire eight employees, including the union committee, because they had participated, the company said, in 'unlawful strike activities' . . . It was the second time this year that an employer here has broken a strike by using against the union the threat of a provision of the Taft-Hartley Act."

A COMMUNIST PARTY appeal against the order of the Subversive Control Board that it must register as a "foreign agency" was heard by a Federal Court, Oct. 21. The legal arguments hinged on the constitutionality of the McCarran Act of 1950. The lawyers for the CP also attacked the constitutionality of the Communist Control Act of 1954, the Democratic liberal-sponsored Act which incorporated the union-busting Butler bill with the notorious outlaw provision. Government attorneys tried to dodge a test on the constitutionality of the 1954 Act. The N.Y. Times, Oct. 22, reports that

"John J. Aht of New York argued for the Communist Party, that the new law outlawing the party nullified the Internal Security (McCarran) Act. He declared that a political party that had no standing under one law could not be required by another law to register."

THE WORD "NEGRO" must appear after a Negro candidate's name in Oklahoma under a state law which was upheld in an Oct. 19 decision by Federal District Judge Stephan S. Chandler. The law had been challenged in a \$200,000 damage suit filed by A. B. McDonald against members of the Oklahoma Election Board. McDonald appeared on the Democratic Party ballot last July as a candidate for U.S. Senate. The word "Negro" was placed in parentheses after his name. The Oklahoma Judge said there was no violation of constitutional rights.

ORDERED TO LIKE IKE. Labor's Daily reports that "government officials throughout the nation were seething today over the flood of President Eisenhower's pictures being supplied them by the White House with instructions to hang them in prominent places." The article adds that the instructions are to properly frame the pictures and not to stick them on the walls with scotch tape or thumb tacks. The costs of framing the large portraits will run into thousands of dollars and be paid for by taxpayers.

NAZI DAGGER MYSTERY. Last month the German Metal Workers Union discovered that a plant in West Germany was secretly manufacturing Nazi daggers complete with swastikas and shipping them all to the U.S. Alarmed by the possibility that these might be going to a fascist movement here the German unionists appealed to its American counterpart, the AFL Machinists Union to investigate. The IAM investigated and found the daggers were being sold in the U.S. as "genuine" war souvenirs.

Unions in School Bias Fight

By George Lavan

What is the record of the Negro people's principal ally—the labor movement—in the school segregation fight? Specifically, what did labor do in the recent border-state struggles over integration?

In repeated pronouncements and convention votes both the AFL and CIO have opposed Jim Crow schools. Both organizations gave encouragement to the court fight of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against school segregation. The CIO even filed a supplementary brief before the Supreme Court. And both AFL and CIO hailed the Supreme Court decision.

When Ku Klux elements tried to strike down the amount of desegregation attempted this year at White Sulphur Springs, Milford, Baltimore and Washington, how did organized labor react?

Top leaders of AFL and CIO issued statements condemning the racists and backing up integration. Along with the NAACP leaders the CIO demanded that the Attorney General investigate the school disturbances for violations of the toothless federal laws on civil rights.

The national press of both AFL and CIO carried articles upholding integration. The AFL News-Reporter of Oct. 8 on its front page urged all AFL bodies to aid the transition to integrated schools.

EFFECT SEEN

That this had some effect is demonstrated, for example, by the response of the East Tennessee Labor News, a lively and progressive weekly of the Knoxville Central Labor Union. This paper reprinted the call to all AFL unions to aid integration as its main front page story and followed it up with a lead editorial.

While AFL unions in the deep South appear to have remained silent, it is noteworthy that in Mississippi the State Federation of Labor has undertaken a campaign to defeat the proposed abolition of the public school system. The abolition of public schools and their replacement by "private" segregated schools is the preparatory move of the racist politicians to evade the Supreme Court ruling.

Similarly in Georgia the CIO pledged an all-out effort to defeat Talmadge's plan to abolish

the public schools. In the deep South, where no integration has as yet been attempted, the immediate fight of the Negro people is the defeat of these moves against the public schools.

"LABOR'S DAILY"

What about Labor's Daily? This is the only daily newspaper of the labor movement in the U. S. Though not an official organ, it has unofficial backing of all sections of the labor movement. It is published in Charleston, West Virginia, and while covering national news it has given excellent coverage to labor events in its area.

It hailed the Supreme Court decision editorially as a "Second Emancipation Proclamation." It prepared for the opening of the schools with a series of articles on desegregation. But when the first struggle broke out in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, it paid little attention. Though it gave coverage to the subsequent fights in Milford, Baltimore and Washington, this coverage was curiously "impartial" for some time. And it refrained from any editorial comment on the struggle.

On a local level in Baltimore the CIO Packinghouse Workers District 6 and Local 392 issued statements to the city officials on the struggle.

Aside from the criticisms implied above, what more could the labor movement have done? Could it have done more than issue statements and give favorable publicity?

WHAT THEY COULD DO

What action could the unions have undertaken, for example, in Washington and Baltimore? It was the duty of the labor movement to show that the school fight was not just a fight of the Negro people but of white workers as well. This could have been demonstrated in a number of ways. Joint mass meetings could have been arranged with the NAACP. Joint delegations to all the city of Negro students who were being pressured by school principals and police to leave school and go home early. Squadrons of union members and NAACP members and auto convoys could have escorted the Negro children to and from school.

The unions could have organized fleets of sound trucks to tour the white working class neighborhoods explaining that

this wasn't a fight of white against colored but of white and colored workers against reaction.

The Ku Klux minority had a false appearance of support because many parents kept their children out of school not from race prejudice, but from fear that there would be trouble.

No doubt many of these were children of union steel workers, shipyard workers, seamen, electrical workers, packinghouse workers and so on down the list of all industries in Baltimore and Washington. Every union local should have called special meetings and bought TV time to explain to parents the importance of sending their children to school.

These are but a few of the many things organized labor could have done. If labor and the NAACP engaged in such a campaign in Baltimore and Washington the racist NAAWP would not merely have failed of its objective, it would have been smashed and its ringing defeat would have been a salutary example for the rest of the border states and for the deep South. The Supreme Court, too, now cogitating on how weak or strong it should make the second part of its school segregation decision, would have taken note.

Threaten Violence



Picture of a recent cross-burning by Ku Klux Klansmen 15 miles from Atlanta, Ga. The hooded order is mobilizing against desegregation of school children.

On Road to Workers Power

By Harry Ring

The workers and peasants of Ceylon expressed their opposition to capitalism in the municipal elections held last summer when they gave control of eleven local governments, including that of the capital city of Colombo, to the Trotskyist Lanka Samasamaja Party.

Since they took office the Samasamajists have been waging a battle against powerful opposition to carry out their election program. The capitalist United Nationalist Party, which controls the national government, is attempting to sabotage the various LSSP administrations, particularly in the key city of Colombo. Their campaign against the LSSP has the active support of the Stalinists as well as the daily press.

The LSSP is fighting back with the powerful support of the masses that put it in office. In the process of involving the masses in the struggle for its program, the LSSP is driving home to them the lesson that only a national anti-capitalist government can realize their aspirations for a life free of poverty and exploitation.

CAPITALIST SABOTAGE

In Colombo, where N. M. Perera is the Trotskyist Mayor, the major problem of the new administration is to secure the funds necessary to finance its program of municipal improvement. The national UNP government is not only blocking the financial assistance to which the city is entitled but is doing everything possible to increase its financial burdens.

The Colombo Municipal Council is required by law to purchase its electric power from the national government. Since the LSSP assumed office the UNP government has hiked its power rate exactly 100%.

The council operates three trolley-bus routes. The rest of the city is covered by private bus companies. Prior to the elections the national minister of transport had pledged that the city would be permitted to extend the municipal bus service throughout the city. Since the elections he has stubbornly refused to grant such authority to the city. The LSSP administration has demonstrated that not only would the service be far superior but that the income from it would be sufficient to build all of the new houses needed in the city.

In addition the private bus operators have been waging an organized campaign of sabotage of the modern municipal trolley-buses, with vandals slashing upholstery and attempting to disrupt service.

STALINIST SLANDER

The LSSP is vigorously countering the propaganda offensive hurled against it by the capitalist press and the Stalinists. On the one hand UNP spokesmen are berating the Colombo administration for utilizing mass pressure to force the Stalinist members of the Council to maintain a united front against the capitalist UNP members. At the same time, the Stalinists who were compelled to vote for Perera as mayor, are now attacking him as an "agent of American imperialism."

One of the Stalinist "proofs" for this slander is based upon the proceedings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference held in Vienna last August, where Comrade Perera, as leader of the Ceylon delegation called

for the withdrawal of all occupation forces, including the Kremlin's from Austria.

Replying to the UNP attack for its united front tactic towards the Stalinists, the English language weekly of the LSSP, Samasamajist, declares, "The LSSP has spent years in unwavering struggle to compel the CP to a united front in action against capitalism. The LSSP is beginning to achieve its objective, despite resolute Stalinist resistance. And right at that moment . . . (the UNP) calls on the LSSP to reverse its course!"

In reply to the Stalinist slander, the Samasamajist says, "The LSSP stands for the right of self-determination of all nations and therefore also for the right of Austria to complete national independence. "But that is not how Stalinism sees the question. Their position obviously is not 'Austria for the Austrians.' Their position apparently is 'Austria for the Russians!'"

YOUTH IN FIGHT

But the LSSP's struggles against its opponents is not limited to literary polemics. Shortly after Perera took office, a mass membership meeting was called of the 27 Colombo branches of the Samasamaja Youth League, where the Party's municipal program was presented for their approval, and a program of action adopted to help achieve the administration's goals.

One of the major points in the program of action adopted by the League revolved around the improvement of sanitation service. The membership voted to maintain a systematic city-wide check on the performance of cleaning tasks by the municipality and, where necessary, to help carry out the work.

The League also decided to organize an unremitting campaign to obtain for the Municipality the power to extend the bus service throughout the city, to actively assist the Municipal Transport System, and to organize defense of it against attacks and sabotage.

The Ceylonese Trotskyists are summoning major energies for these basic tasks. But they have not permitted their fundamental perspective to be buried in the day-to-day struggles.

On Sept. 26th Comrade Perera journeyed to a mining town where in 1938 the LSSP held a public meeting in the face of UNP violence. For three miles he led a procession through streets lined with cheering workers, who then gathered in a giant mass meeting. Comrade Robert Gunawardena told the assemblage: "Strengthen your organizations, your trade unions and your Youth leagues. For the day is not far off when you will control the government—an anti-capitalist government, which will be led by the workers and peasants under the banner of the Lanka Samasamaja party."

Our Readers Take the Floor

Woman's 7 Years That Are Stressed

Editor:

It is indisputable that this society emphasizes the young woman. One needs merely to glance at the movie and TV actresses, models, and radio and magazine heroines, most of whom are between 18 and 25, to realize that the mature woman is hidden. Why society stresses these seven years of a woman's life and why women by their large cosmetic purchases appear to accept this standard, seems to be the question.

The countless love stories with marriage as their finale, I believe, give us the clue. Unlike men, who are judged at any age on their individual merits, women, as the economically dependent sex, are judged only at marriage age; their worth weighed by their ability to improve their standard of living in shifting their dependency from parents to husband.

Renouncing the parasitic role, in their struggle for equality, by entry into salaried employment, women found emphasis still placed on the period between girlhood and motherhood. The standard of desirability that was set for them on the marital market spread to every area of their life, including the job market. Office workers found they were required not only to be willing and able to work, as their plant-working sisters, but like the office building and furniture, the office worker was expected to keep up with society's standard of beauty.

It is true that hundreds of millions of dollars are spent yearly for cosmetics, but mixed with society's imposed standard of beauty comes capitalism's need to restrict the years of freedom for a woman. Who can blame the woman who, looking back on the years between emerging from parental authority and being submerged by the duties of wife and mother, sees herself then as the most free, the most beautiful, and tries to retain the appearance of those years?

The injustices of society, mixed with their own desire for

freedom, molds "Women and Their Need for Youth." But when women, continually striding forward, achieve economic equality they will attain social recognition of their worth as equal human beings at any age. N. L. New York, N. Y.

Philadelphia Unions Feel Unemployment

Editor:

In my rounds of the union meetings here in Philadelphia, trying to get an opportunity to speak, I have noticed two important things. First is that almost all of the unions feel the effects of unemployment in some form and are worried about it. The leaders are making hay in blaming this upon the Republican state and national leadership with considerable effect. Their basic line is that a Democratic Congress will end Big Business control and break the spiral of unemployment.

Second is the fact that the union leaders smell a Democratic victory on both state and national levels and are going all out in support of it on the theory that by doing so they will get many concessions from their new "friends." They are due for some bad, disillusioning blows on this score. But meanwhile they are lashing the membership as never before to get into the campaign. The drive for PAC and LLPE funds are the heaviest yet, almost to the point of applying thumbscrews to those members that don't shell out. Locally the labor bureaucrats are in the thick of election work and keep calling for more members to take part in ward and district work.

In other words the unions—AFL, CIO and Independent—have committed themselves to the Democratic candidates more deeply than ever before. They do not realize what the consequences of this can be.

Bob Chester
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Candidate for Congress
4th District, Philadelphia

THE MILITANT ARMY

"The special election issue of the Militant is really special!" writes Minneapolis Literature agent Helen Sherman. "The make-up with each page a front page for various sections of the country is a wonderful idea and we in Minnesota are especially pleased with our page. Already we have received a sub through the mail as a result of distributing the Election issue."

"Before we knew it a thousand copies had been taken out by comrades along with a leaflet advertising the Myra Tanner Weiss meeting, for a doorbell distribution in working class neighborhoods. It was one of our best distributions giving everyone a chance to campaign for V. R. Dunne, invite people to the Weiss meeting, and to advertise the Militant. St. Paul did the same thing with 1,000 papers. The remaining 3,000 will be put to equally good use."

Literature Agent John Taber reports a good response to the election issue of the Militant in New York. "At a street meeting Saturday in Harlem we gave 1,000 papers out. In addition we sold a number of the Trumbull Park pamphlets. John A. sold 14 Militants on a Brooklyn street corner. Saturday street sales resulted in 28 papers sold plus a 20 cent donation. At a short Brooklyn street meeting six papers were sold."

Chicago Literature Agent Carol Houston reports continued good results in their current election campaign literature sales. She writes, "Among our three competing teams the Mag-

nets are leading with 314 points. Right behind them come the Dynamos with 282 points. The Meteors are closing in with 248 points. Points are given for all literature sold and also for tickets sold to the Myra Tanner Weiss meeting.

"This week Alice sold six Militants and Bert sold five on the campus. Sunday 60 pieces of literature were sold at a public rally. George sold 15 Trumbull Park pamphlets and seven Militants; June sold 12 pamphlets and six papers; Shirley C. sold 11 pamphlets and four papers, and Eddy sold three pamphlets and two papers. Bert sold a six month sub to a student and Snow sold a year sub. Four six months subs were sold at the Myra Weiss meeting. Tuesday Alice and Bruce sold 13 pamphlets at a union meeting."

Milwaukee comrades have also had good sales of the Militant and other literature in connection with the election campaign. Literature Agent Francis Barrow reports, "Aside from door to door work with the Trumbull Park pamphlet, we have also met with success in its sale at local Negro churches. At the Stevenson Campaign Rally last night we sold 67 Stop McCarthyism pamphlets and 25 Militants. The enthusiastic participants and their sales were Loretta, 27 pamphlets; Al, 18 pamphlets; Jim, 25 Militants; and Ray, 22 pamphlets."

The Federal Trade Commission has issued formal complaints against 17 health and accident insurance companies. Government officials admitted the action "grew out of a flood of letters" from policyholders complaining that benefits did not correspond to the coverage advertised.

Demo-GOPS Agree on Rearming Germany

By Joseph Hansen

The Republicans, eyeing the Nov. 2 voting booths, are proclaiming that they are the party of peace — that the Democrats got us into war and the Republicans got us out. The fact is that both Democrats and Republicans are Wall Street parties and therefore war parties. They see eye-to-eye in preparing for World War III, whether this requires heating up the cold war or temporarily retreating on the diplomatic front. They call their common agreement a "bi-partisan foreign policy."

This bi-partisan agreement on the strategic aim of attacking the Soviet bloc is spectacularly apparent in the decision to rearm Germany. While Vice President Nixon was stumping the country, boasting about Eisenhower agreeing to a truce in Korea, the GOP high command arranged a television and radio broadcast of what purported to be a cabinet meeting to hear Dulles report on his success in lining up Britain and France in the rearmament of "Germany." This long step toward an atomic conflict that might bring civilization down in ruins was pictured as a great victory to which every voter should respond by voting Republican.

You might think the Democrats would seize this opportunity, where the Republicans are obviously advancing Wall Street's war plans, and expose the sinister design as proof positive of the war-mongering character of the Eisenhower administration.

But the Democrats did not consider it an opportunity. They act as if it were a Republican gain that they themselves would like to be able to boast about. And that's how they really feel about it. They really consider it an achievement in advancing the common bi-partisan war policy which they did so much to further when Truman was in the White House.

MILITARIST VIEW

Naturally, the Republicans are trying to sweeten this poisonous brew by declaring it to be in the interests of peace and can lead to "conferences" with the Soviet government. The American militarists, however, pay lit-

tle attention to such propaganda. Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert of the N. Y. Times, for instance, in considering the new agreements that were signed in Paris Oct. 23, does not even mention the word "peace."

In his opinion, under the "military provisions" West Germany's "armed forces should be stronger, should have more combat effectiveness and should be more easily integrated into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization than the European army, long proposed but never approved."

This spokesman of the military caste thinks it "may well take three to four years to build up a West German armed force of about 500,000 men," and that therefore parliamentary ratification should be done quickly to speed things up.

He takes this position while recognizing that the "controls" provided by the new treaties "are more of an irritant than insurance: they cannot prevent the emergence of West Germany as the first military power in Western Europe, and they probably will not prevent the re-emergence of a type of German general staff, with subsequent dangers of chauvinism."

STALINIST "SUCCESS"

The Kremlin is fully aware that the decision to rearm Germany constitutes a big step toward war. But any one looking to this counter-revolutionary bureaucracy for a policy that can bring enduring peace is suffering under a delusion. Moscow staked its policy on blocking EDC by strengthening Mende-France, the premier of France. This succeeded. However, the success will go down as one of the most short-lived in history. Barely a month after EDC was killed, Mende-France proved to be the key man in putting over the alternative cooked up by Dulles.

Since then, the Stalinists have done little more than howl about the calamity and mechanically repeat their utopian proposals about a general one-third disarmament, with hints that maybe they could be bargained down to less than one-third.

In a speech in the UN Oct. 25 Soviet delegate Vishinsky

pitched an appeal to the fears of the French capitalists over the rearmament of Germany, declaring that Germany has been "historically a hotbed of militarism and war" and that "the immediate neighbors of Germany" would be the first to suffer under the rearmament plan.

It is of course, not wrong to arouse the fears of the French capitalists, but in this case their fears seem to have been allayed by Washington and London — and by the course of the Stalinists who have consistently done everything to restrain the French working class from putting a Workers and Farmers Government in power.

As for the problem of Germany, Vishinsky's speech is nothing but another reflection of the same kind of fatal policies that permitted Hitler to rise to power. Germany today faces the alternative of becoming a battlefield in an atomic war or of going socialist. The socialist road points to a United States of Europe whose economy could be integrated with that of the Soviet bloc.

NEW PERSPECTIVE

This would open up a completely new perspective of unlimited prosperity. A Socialist United States of Europe could guarantee enduring peace, for its power in combination with the Soviet bloc would far transcend anything else in the world.

But it would mean not only the end of capitalism in Germany and shortly thereafter in all of Europe, it would also mean the doom of the Stalinist bureaucracy, for the Soviet workers would respond to the appearance of a socialist Germany by cleaning out the hated parasitic caste that has ruled them so tyrannically under excuse of "defending" the Soviet Union.

It can be safely predicted that Stalinism will not swerve from its counter-revolutionary course even under threat of the rearmament of Germany.

That does not mean, however, that the rearmament of Germany will proceed without a hitch. Nor does it mean that World War III is inevitable.

The will of the people throughout the world for peace is a tremendous new political factor, qualitatively different from any-

thing seen previously. It has succeeded in forcing Wall Street to postpone its war plans repeatedly since the cold war was launched. Under the impact of events it is certain this desire for peace will cut its way into the channels of revolutionary socialism. And that will mean the end for both the Stalinist bureaucracy and war-breeding capitalism.

1. "Foreign Agent 783"

On Oct. 13, as reported previously in the Militant, U.S. Attorney Leo A. Rover attacked Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl as having a "fixed personal bias and prejudice in favor" of Owen Lattimore, whom Rover seeks to send to prison on grounds of alleged "perjury" about associations with the Communist Party. Rover demanded that Youngdahl, the presiding jurist in the case, "disqualify" himself.

This raw attempt to strong-arm the conservative Republican judge and thus clear the way in a third attempt to railroad Lattimore to jail was answered by Youngdahl Oct. 23. The judge declared that Rover's statement was "so patently and grossly insufficient that I cannot escape the conclusion that the purpose of the affidavit is to discredit, in the public mind, the final action of the courts, or to intimidate the courts themselves."

The judge dismissed Rover's affidavit as "scandalous." "At bottom," he said, "the affidavit is based upon the virulent notion that a United States judge who honors and adheres to the sacred Constitutional presumption that a man is innocent until his guilt is established by due process of law has 'a bent of mind' that disables him from conducting the fair and impartial trial to which both the accused and the Government are entitled."

The timing of the new attempt to hustle Prof. Lattimore to prison fits perfectly with the GOP need to smear former Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney who appears to be running ahead in the Senatorial campaign in Wyoming. O'Mahoney happens to be one of Lattimore's attorneys.

The Wyoming GOP is using the McCarthyite technique on O'Mahoney. The fact that he is a Roman Catholic like McCarthy did not save him. Full-page ads have appeared in the newspapers listing the former Democratic Senator as "foreign agent 783." Proof? Since he lost office in the Eisenhower landslide in 1952, O'Mahoney has acted as attorney for the United States Cuban Sugar Council.

The ads are so worded that the "foreign agent" charge is linked with O'Mahoney's representing Lattimore, who in turn is made to appear to be a Russian spy.

Whether the McCarthyites succeed in this smear attack remains to be seen. It should be noted that they were credited with putting such pressure on Wyoming's Democratic Senator Hunt that he committed suicide last July. The McCarthyites are accused of blackmailing Hunt because his son had become involved in a personal scandal.

The Militant has no sympathy for O'Mahoney. As a leading member of the Democratic Party he bears heavy responsibility for the whole witch hunt that was started by Truman in 1947 with his "loyalty" oath order and "loyalty" purge of government employees. O'Mahoney is simply harvesting what he himself helped sow.

But the renewed attack on Lattimore, as part of the fascist smear tactic used against the Democratic candidate for Senator from Wyoming, shows how alive and poisonous McCarthyism still is. And this should be of the greatest concern to the labor movement.

2. "A Scandalous Vendetta"

Outside of Wyoming, where the McCarthyite wing of the Republican Party is making sinister use of the renewed persecution of Owen Lattimore, the capitalist press has paid little attention editorially to the case.

Abroad, the case has been given a different reception. The reaction of the Manchester Guardian Weekly may be taken as typical. This liberal journal calls the action of the Justice Department against Lattimore "a scandalous vendetta." (Oct. 21.) It reveals the shocking fact that "Publishers in Britain have been approached by the police, at the request of the American Embassy, for facts and figures about books by Mr. Lattimore published as long as twenty years ago."

In addition, "Publishers have also been asked whether they would be willing to give evidence here or, if necessary, in the United States. On occasions the British police have been accompanied by American officials."

The British weekly expresses its indignation over the U.S. State Department putting this kind of pressure on British publishers in an American witch-hunt case. "If the Department of Justice in Washington has not enough evidence to sustain the accusation — not enough even to frame an adequate indictment — that is its affair. The Home Office and the British police have no business to be helping it. Mr. Brownell's department, the Senate's so-called Internal Security Subcommittee, and other hunters of heresy should be left to do their own dirty work (or,

better, not to do it). And the American Embassy, if properly employed, would be trying to promote good relations with Britain. It would not be trying to turn Scotland Yard into a branch of the Republican campaign organization."

The Manchester Guardian underscores how flimsy the "evidence" is against Lattimore and then flatly states that his "real offense, indeed, is that he challenged the major dogma of the China Lobby and the extreme Republicans — and that he replied when attacked. He ascribed Communist success to internal causes in China rather than to deliberate weakness and cowardice in Washington . . . The grim thing, however, is that a straightforward expression of opinion should now be used to prefer a criminal charge against the author."

We have quoted extensively from this capitalist paper to show how grievously the good name of America is injured by such infamous frame-up and smear cases. If bourgeois opinion abroad feels impelled to condemn the highest organs of American justice and diplomacy, what must be the opinion of the great masses of working people!

The fact is that the growth of McCarthyism in America, coupled with almost a decade of rattling atomic weapons and preparing for another World War, has made America the most hated country on this planet.

Think that over when you go to the polls Nov. 2, and register your protest by voting socialist.

3. McCarthyism to the Rescue

Early in the election campaign the Republicans said they did not want to make McCarthyism an issue. But as the straw votes began to indicate chances of a Democratic victory, the GOP high command changed its mind—if it had not made up its mind from the beginning and was simply calculating the best timing for a major witch-hunt play.

The frame-up and smear of Lattimore in order to try to defeat O'Mahoney in Wyoming is the outstanding instance of the GOP use of the McCarthy smear technique. But it is not the only one.

On Oct. 11, Civil Service Commissioner Philip Young announced that 6,926 "security risks" had been dismissed or allowed to resign from government jobs. The implication was that the 6,926 were communist "spies" or close to communist spies or "soft" on communist spies. Naturally, responsibility for placing and leaving these "spies" on the government payroll was loaded on the Democrats, which is a kind of poetic justice for their having started the witch-hunt.

On Oct. 20 the FBI tried to whip up another communist "spy" scare by arresting 10 Puerto Rican members of the Communist Party on charges of allegedly "conspiring to teach and advocate" the violent overthrow of the U.S. Government.

The next day Charles S. Thomas, Secretary of the Navy, denied Dr. Edward U. Condon, former director of the National Bureau of Standards, clearance for access to classified information. This was the fifth time the scientist was smeared after being cleared from four previous smears.

During the same week, GOP Senator Welker of Idaho, one of McCarthy's disciples, smeared the Democratic candidate for Senator, Glen H. Taylor, as having "knowingly" accepted the support of the Communist Party in 1948 when he ran as Vice Presidential candidate of the Progressive Party.

Finally, Vice President Nixon, who is touring the country for the Republicans, openly appealed to all good McCarthyites, whether Democrats or Republicans, to come to the aid of the party which at present is harboring the fascist senator from Wisconsin.

The GOP objective is to try to stampede the voters by scaring them with the "communist" hobgoblin. Or, failing that, to be in position to claim within the Republican Party that McCarthy's technique was used but failed, thereby puncturing any factional lessons McCarthy might try to draw from Republican reluctance to utilize his services.

...Jobs Tied to War

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period and refresher for the slugging to come.

Military spending continues as the main prop of the economy, just as under the Democrats. The direct military budget for the fiscal year July 1954 to July 1955 stands at \$41.9 billion, only \$4.3 billion below the actual war spending of last year. In the fiscal year ending June 1950, at the very start of the Korean war, military expenditures were \$13 billion. In 1939, they were only \$1 billion.

Eisenhower boasts, on the basis of the dubious statistics of his own government agencies, of reducing unemployment to "below 3 million" for the first time this year. He forgets to add that in Feb. 1950, when unemployment under Truman reached 4,680,000, the total of the armed forces was 1,384,502. Today it is more than 3,300,000, or nearly 2 million more than in 1950 just before Korea. That means the jobless problem is being "solved" at least to the extent of 2 million unemployed, by the military draft.

Moreover, this "peacetime" prosperity is based on the greatest overseas extension of U.S. military power ever known. The U.S. News and World Report last Dec. 25 disclosed that by Christmas 1953 "bases and outposts are being manned in 63 lands overseas by more than 1.5 million U.S. soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines." It added that "more U.S. troops are stationed abroad now than were in the entire Army four Christmases ago" and they are stationed "in more far-off places this year than they were 10 years ago, at the height of World War II."

DEMS DUCK ISSUE

The Republicans lie brazenly when they claim a "prosperity" based on anything but a war program. But they are 100% correct when they say the Democrats also have no answer to unemployment but a war program. The Democrats — and their supporters among the trade union leaders — have ducked the irrefutable contention of the Republicans that the only time the Democratic administration eliminated mass unemployment was during wars. The Democrats dare not deny the facts as revealed by statistics of their own regimes from 1933 to 1952.

Their own figures show that from 1933 through 1939, the year the Second World War began, the number of unemployed

in this country never dropped below 9 million except for the brief period in 1937 when it fell to 7,700,000. It then shot back to 10,390,000 in 1938. In the post-war years the number of jobless rose almost steadily and only Truman's "police action" in Korea temporarily halted the plunge into a full-scale depression.

SOCIALISM, THE ANSWER

The evidence adduced by both capitalist parties against each other proves that both have no program for prosperity except war preparations and war. This fact is becoming understood by millions of people in America and is one of the reasons for the reported widespread "apathy" toward the Nov. 2 elections.

This growing sentiment is stressed by Samuel Lubell, the astute elections forecaster, in a Scripps-Howard article on Oct. 26. Lubell states that many peo-

ple will vote Democratic for Congress "as a hedge against their uncertainties" and that "one thing should not be forgotten — that most people remain unconvinced that either political party has the answer to the persistent question: 'Can this country have prosperity without war?' The mood of the people, in short, is one of hedging bets and fears."

Never were fears better founded. But hedging fears by voting for one or another party with the same war-depression-war program means running from disaster to disaster. The answer to the question, "Can this country have prosperity without war?" is no — not under capitalism. It can have permanent peace and prosperity only under socialism, the program of the Socialist Workers Party, when we have a planned, profitless, cooperative economy run by the workers.

...McCarthy Gets

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Nixon denounced what he called an alliance between the Democratic Party, the Americans for Democratic Action and the Communist Party. Voicing the familiar McCarthy myth, Nixon charged that Truman's policies led "to the loss of 600 million people to the Communists in seven years."

The red-baiting line of campaigning has led the strategists of the Republican Party to turn once more to what Arthur Sylvester calls "the McCarthy bloc" for support and ammunition. Indeed, says Sylvester, "their theory is that the 'Red issue' and Sen. McCarthy as the man who has exploited it are the best running half-back the Republican team has. The only thing worrying them is that they have waited too late in the 1954 game to send in this star."

All this puts McCarthy in a strong position when the special session of the Senate convenes Nov. 8 to act on the motion to censure him. According to the Oct. 29 U. S. News, a group of 10 to 15 Republican senators (reportedly favorable to McCarthy) are prepared to talk "a long time" on the issues raised by the proposal to censure the fascist senator. Thus McCarthy and his gang are scheduled to hold the center of the country's political stage for two weeks or more.

McCarthy has already begun

to strike back at his opponents. On Oct. 23, he demanded that Sen. Watkins appear before his committee. McCarthy wants Watkins to explain why he defended Gen. Zwicker, whom the Wisconsin demagogue has accused of being "soft on Communists." For McCarthy the answer is obvious: Watkins himself is soft on communism — or worse.

TO EXPLOIT DEFEAT

Should the Republicans lose the elections, McCarthy is prepared to make hay. "That defeat," the liberal columnist Marquis Childs said Oct. 25, "will be the signal for McCarthy to spring out of retirement. He and his clique . . . will rise up on Nov. 3 to blame the exclusion of McCarthy and the soft-pedaling of the Communist issue for the Republican loss."

But McCarthyism "will come out of retirement" no matter who wins the 1954 elections, for McCarthyism is not a flash in the pan. The fact that McCarthy "played dead" for a few weeks caused a false and unwarranted cry of "victory" to be sounded by the liberals and labor officials. We had better dispense with such nonsense and face the fact that the fight against American fascism will be a long and bitterly contested struggle that will end only with the crushing of one of the contending forces — the labor movement or the capitalist-backed fascists.

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Caught in London Bus Strike



With only a few buses running during recent London bus strike, crowds struggled to get aboard some of the vehicles still in operation. Although bus strike ended, the walkout of dockworkers and ship repair workers in London continued and spread to other ports. (See story page 1).

World Events

By Paul Abbott

BRAINSWEEPING FOR GUATEMALANS. McCarthy's ability to make the Eisenhower administration jump when he cracks the whip was demonstrated once again last week. On Oct. 22 the fascist senator telegraphed Foreign Aid chief Harold E. Stassen that "it appears your organization has been dragging its feet in Guatemala since the revolution in June which dispossessed the Communists." Next day, Stassen's underlings branded the charge as "entirely untrue." At the same time, however, they announced they are starting a program to re-educate Guatemalan school teachers about the "evils" of communism. According to a United Press dispatch, the first batch of 100 is scheduled to take special courses at five universities "to sweep out of their minds ideas pounded into them by the former Guatemalan Communist regime." That ought to measure up to McCarthy's exacting standards on the kind of aid America should give poverty-stricken countries.

MOSCOW EASES UP ON TITO. An official Yugoslav source revealed Oct. 20 that short-term barter deals between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia would soon be replaced by formal trade treaties. The announcement paralleled articles the same day in three Soviet newspapers hailing the Tito regime.

The relaxation of Moscow's pressure on Tito paid off immediately in considerable concessions of a political character from the Titoites. An article in Politika made out a lengthy case for the old Stalinist formula about "peaceful coexistence" between the Soviet bloc and the imperialist West. The Stalinist bureaucracy was even credited with "good intentions" toward the Soviet people, whom it is oppressing, as shown by its "undoubted desire to raise the standard of living of the Soviet people to a great extent."

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of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

The Tito regime likened these frame-up trials to the infamous Moscow frame-up trials of the Thirties.

From Moscow's side the shift indicates recognition of the costly failure of Stalin's attempt to batter and purge the Yugoslav Communist Party into slavish submission.

For the Soviet Union it was a dead loss to drive Tito into the arms of the U.S. State Department. To now loosen those ties strengthens the Soviet position in the conflict with the imperialist West. At the same time it constitutes a demonstration by the Malenkov regime of its willingness and capacity to ease tensions and carry out a policy of "peaceful co-existence."

\$6,000,000 H-BOMB DAMAGES. The Japanese government announced Oct. 23 that it will seek a total of \$6,000,000 from the Eisenhower administration for damages suffered from the H-bomb tests that were carried out in the Pacific last March. Among the indirect damages cited was the decline in activity of the Japanese fishing industry and consequent unemployment caused by popular alarm over possible radiation poisoning that might be incurred by eating fish from the South Pacific. Direct damages include those suffered by Japanese fishermen from fallout of H-bomb ashes. One victim has died already after a painful and lingering illness. U.S. officials are said to have countered with an offer of \$1,000,000.

THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY appears to be embarrassed by recent revelations about betrayals by leading Stalinists of anti-fascists to Mussolini's secret police. Giuseppe Togni of the Christian Democratic Party, who is head of an "anti-Communist" organization called Pace e Libertà (Peace and Liberty) appears to have come into possession of the files of the Fascist political police. The organization has been publishing the lists of persons deliberately turned over to the Fascists by the Stalinists. According to the Oct. 21 N.Y. Times, "A typical recent Pace e Libertà poster accused the Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti of having caused a former comrade to be arrested and sentenced by a Fascist court." This information, of course, may have come from Mussolini's followers and may be designed now to help the neo-Fascists; nevertheless, the Stalinists have not attempted to reply to the accusations. Probably because Togni has the goods on them.

DIEGO RIVERA has finally been accepted into the Mexican Communist Party. Expelled by the Stalinists in 1929 Rivera became for a while an oppositionist and even briefly a Trotskyist. Since the war he three times applied to the Mexican CP and three times was refused because of his past "sins."

One of the biggest rackets of the decade is the corrupt practice of the unprincipled Democratic and Republican parties and politicians who use Congressional immunity and "investigations" as a thin cover for their campaign of slander and character assassination against their critics in general and against labor in particular.

A particularly crass example of this corrupt practice was Congressman George H. Bender's recent "labor racketeering" investigation in Cleveland. The Republican Congressman and candidate for United States senator, pulled what is known as a "smart" political move these days.

He staged his big drama in Cleveland on the eve of the election to focus newspaper, radio and television headlines and cameras on "labor racketeering" and its alleged tie-up with the local Democratic administration.

Bender staged his show with all the modern "know-how" of the smart publicity agents who will write anything for a price. Advance releases built up suspense. "Bombings" would be investigated. Surprise witnesses with sensational testimony were promised.

Since Cleveland is becoming noted for the number of bombings of Negro homes, of the Towne Casino with its mixed patronage, and a colored Congregational church site, it was generally felt that Bender was "playing with dynamite" by looking into bombings.

But if anyone had any illusion that the Congressman was really interested in doing anything other than smearing his opposition and discrediting the labor movement, the illusion was dispelled when the scheduled political explosion went pft instead of boom!

First of all, the investigation didn't touch the anti-Negro bombings, all of which remain unpunished to this day. The only aspect of the hearings that interested the large Negro community at all was the use of a discredited criminal inmate of the Warrensville workhouse, who happens to be colored, as a star witness. This character, by methods which were not revealed, was induced to testify to a long string of crimes of violence, none of which involved the anti-Negro bombings.

The second thing that made the drama turn into a farce was that the charges and testimony exposed not labor racketeering, but the jungle code and practices of capitalist building contractors.

With all our criticisms of labor bureaucrats for policies and practices we consider detrimental to the interests of the working class, including the racial prejudice of many of them, we condemn the attempt of charlatans like Bender to strike at the labor movement by smearing and framing union officials.

It's the business of the union members to decide who their officers and representatives will be, and to judge their actions — not the business of the bosses' political stooges.

Formation of Labor Party Urged As Answer to Union Busting Drive



VINCENT COPELAND



DOROTHY HAINES



LOUISE ELLIS

Weiss Attacks Harriman, Ives At Buffalo Rally

BUFFALO, Oct. 24 — David L. Weiss, SWP candidate for Governor of New York, spoke here last night at a rousing election rally in the Hotel Buffalo which drew 115 people composed of Negro and white workers and students. It was the largest campaign meeting held by any party, aside from the two major parties, on the Niagara Frontier.

Weiss was enthusiastically received by the audience. His eloquent expositions of the socialist program was greeted with appreciative applause as he scored his Big Business opponents, Harriman and Ives.

"The Republican and Democratic Parties of Ives and Harriman," said Weiss, "are preparing an H-bomb war that will make the Korean war look like a firecracker in the city park. That's the only way the bosses' parties hope to keep their economy running and continue to make profits."

St. Louis SWP Backs Preisler

ST. LOUIS — The Socialist Workers Party here is supporting Paul W. Preisler for Congress from the Second District.

Preisler is secretary of AFL Teachers Local 420 and its legislative representative and general counsel. A former union organizer, he ran for Congress in the Thirties on the Socialist Party ticket. At present he belongs to no party and is opposing both the Democratic and Republican candidates as the only independent in the city.

The Democrats sought to scuttle his campaign under a reactionary law that denies minority parties a place on the ballot. Preisler took the case to the Supreme Court and won. The local AFL labor movement praised Preisler for his fight and is backing his candidacy.

On his arrival last Thursday to campaign in the Buffalo area, Weiss held two press interviews, one with the Buffalo Courier-Express and one with the Buffalo Evening News. Under a three-column picture of David Weiss and the Buffalo SWP candidates the Courier headlined its interview, "2-Party Setup On Way Out, Weiss Asserts." The headline of the News story was, "2 MAJOR PARTIES LIKENED TO PAWNS OF BIG BUSINESS."

The party election campaign and its surplus food campaign has aroused considerable interest throughout labor and radical circles in Buffalo. Last night's SWP rally is being contrasted to that of the American Labor Party which took place today with less than half the attendance. (Observers reported a turn-out of 45.) The SWP rally in Buffalo made it clear that it has firmly established itself as the leading radical labor organization on the Niagara Frontier.

At the rally, Dorothy Haines, candidate for Lieutenant Governor and Louise Ellis, candidate for State Senator in the 55th District, both reported on the Washington trip for surplus food. The SWP candidate described the humiliation people on relief have to undergo to receive the meager allowances permitted by the welfare board. Dorothy Haines described the fight the SWP is putting up against unemployment in the locality.

Vince Copeland, popular steel worker and SWP candidate for Congress in the 41st District, was chairman of the meeting and introduced the speakers.

In Free Speech Test



Corliss Lamont, Columbia university lecturer, civil libertarian and leading figure in Stalinist front organizations, is shown with his wife in federal court in New York where he pleaded not guilty to contempt of Congress charge. Lamont refused to answer questions at hearing conducted by fascist senator McCarthy on ground they interfered with free speech rights under first amendment.

BIG RADIO-TV AUDIENCE HEAR MICH. SWP STAND

DETROIT, Oct. 25—The voice of the Socialist Workers Party is being heard more widely in Michigan this year than in any previous election campaign conducted here by the SWP.

In the last week Frank Lovell, candidate for Governor, presented the socialist program over two half-hour TV programs in Grand Rapids and Traverse City. The Grand Rapids program, "Cross-Examination," found Lovell facing a panel of lawyers and newspaper editors, including the editor of a UAW paper. Despite some attempts to red-bait the candidate, Lovell was able to present arguments in behalf of some of the most important planks in the SWP platform, including the demand for the 30 hour work week at 40 hours' pay and the necessity for the CIO and AFL to break with the Democratic Party and launch an independent Labor Party.

"Cross-Examination," originating on WOOD-TV, was also rebroadcast two nights later over the radio facilities of WOOD.

HOSTILE INTERVIEW

In Traverse City, the program "You're the Judge," was sponsored by the local bar association, and here Lovell was confronted by frankly hostile lawyers, including members of the prosecutor's staff, intent on doing a red-baiting hatchet job on him. The questions ranged from Lovell's views on religion to his attitude toward Stalinism and were marked by the kind of rude heckling that these lawyers would never show toward a capitalist politician. But Lovell, refusing to be ruffled or diverted, answered every question and succeeded each time in steering the discussion back to the major issues in the election campaign.

Yesterday Rita Shaw spoke on "The Danger of McCarthyism" in a radio talk over WCAR in Pontiac. Hitting her Republican and Democratic candidates, Ferguson and McNamara, for their craven silence on the McCarthy issue, she explained the fascist methods and objectives of the McCarthyite movement and appealed for independent labor political action to preserve the Bill of Rights for all.

SPEAKS TO UNION

Rita Shaw also spoke yesterday to a meeting of the Political Action Committee of the UAW Chrysler Local 7, denouncing the capitalist politicians for their repeated failures to make good on their promises to pass FEPC legislation against discrimination in employment, to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and to take decisive action against McCarthyism. "American labor," she said, "will be blocked in its efforts to solve our economic and international problems until it forms an independent Labor Party."

This coming week she will appear on the Grand Rapids program, "Cross-Examination," to be rebroadcast over radio. She and Lovell are also scheduled to speak this week over WJTV, serving Saginaw, Bay City and Flint.

Next Saturday they will appear at 5:15 P.M. over WJTV in Detroit. This will take place a few hours before the wind-up election rally to be held at 3000 Grand River for the two state candidates of the SWP and Robert Himmel Jr., candidate for Congress in the 1st District.

Before last week Lovell spoke for 25 minutes over radio in Detroit at the height of the Square D strike, where he appealed for a labor holiday to stop the company-city strike-breaking activities, and for 15 minutes over WCAR, where he presented the socialist program to combat unemployment.

'Loyalty' Oath Hits Indiana Ring

The Indiana State Athletic Commission has decided that professional boxers and wrestlers have been getting away with murder long enough. From now on they've got to sign a "non-Communist" oath before they climb into the ring.

The Commission did not reveal how it learned about subversiveness in this sensitive field. Perhaps a secret FBI probe disclosed a startling increase in left hooks, left jabs, left forearm blows, and left hip tosses, signifying a rising tendency in the ring to overthrow the government by force and violence.

Next step should be to compel chess players to sign a "non-Communist" oath. Can a better way be devised to clean up the game, take the world championship away from the Russians and bring it to the free world?

Unions Asked to Break From Wall St. Parties

By David L. Weiss
SWP Candidate for Governor of New York
Last week my Republican opponent Irving Ives exposed my Democratic opponent Averell Harriman as a union-buster. What a laugh! Of course banker Harriman, is a union-buster.

But who is Ives? On Aug. 12 Ives voted in the U. S. Senate for the worst union-busting measure since the Taft-Hartley Act — the "Communist Control" Act of 1954. During the Senate debate Ives himself said: "I believe a great deal of damage can be done to bona-fide labor organizations. That is why I fear the bill." But a few hours later he voted for it. That is, he voted to do "a great deal of damage" to the unions.

CAN'T EXPOSE IVES

Why then doesn't Harriman "counter-expose" Ives for this act of union-busting and hypocrisy? Ah, but he can't. The leaders of the Senate Democratic liberals, Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and Herbert H. Lehman of New York also voted for the union-busting bill along with every other Democrat in the Senate and Franklin Roosevelt Jr. in the House.

Lehman also spoke vigorously against the bill. He said the bill was "a powerful weapon to cripple labor, to break strikes." And so, a few hours later, he voted — "to cripple labor, to break strikes."

Harriman must therefore hold his tongue and hide behind the treacherous union leaders who shout from the rooftops that this union-busting milk-truster, banker and railroad king is a "friend of labor." Ives has his union backers too, fourteen of them, AFL officials in the state, traitors to labor all.

The Democrats and Republicans are both union-busting parties. Any "bombshell" about union busting must blow up in the faces of both Harriman and Ives.

And the same holds true about "bombshells" on unemployment and hunger. The Democrats and Republicans both have the goods on each other.

Harriman accuses the Republicans of "callous indifference" towards the unemployed, and he proves it.

Dewey goes to bat for Ives and accuses Harriman of having been "smugly happy" about unemployment in 1947 when Harriman was Secretary of Commerce in Truman's Administration. And he proves it too.

Have Harriman or Ives even lifted a finger to obtain some of the \$7 billion of federal surplus food for the unemployed in



DAVID L. WEISS

New York State? The SWP candidates in Buffalo organized a delegation of Negro and white housewives who went to Washington D. C. to demand food for New York's needy. I and my running mates have written to Governor Dewey demanding that he take steps to get that food and we have initiated a movement in the unions and a petition drive to compel Dewey to act.

TRUMAN'S "CURE" The truth is that the parties of both Harriman and Ives have only one answer to unemployment — and that is war. Truman "cured" the growing depression under his administration at the cost of millions of dead and wounded in his Korean "police action." Today, Eisenhower, with the support of Democrats, is preparing a Third World War. They want a war to stem the tide of the anti-capitalist liberation movement of the working people of Asia and Europe.

H-bomb destruction is the only answer the two parties of the bosses can offer to the threat of depression.

The only way to answer the two parties of union-busters and war-mongers is to build a mighty party of labor, farmers and the minority peoples. Get on the road to a Workers and Farmers Government! Break with the political machines of the bankers and imperialists.

Vote Socialist Worker, row E, on Nov. 2!

DUNNE SCORES LABOR FAKERS FOR COVERING UP DEMOCRATS

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 24 — Vincent R. Dunne, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota, at an election rally here today denounced the American trade union leadership as a "calculating, treacherous and vengeful grouping ready to walk with the bosses in crushing the workers."

"Co-operating with the bosses' politicians in Washington, the misleaders of the union movement," Dunne charged "cover up the betrayals of the liberal Democratic 'friends of labor' who voted for the notorious Butler Bill, which has been opposed by all organized labor as a definite union-busting measure."

"The plan of the bosses to subdue and crush the American working class in order to use them as slaves and shock troops in a drive to dominate the world can be halted only by the labor movement."

V. R. Dunne called for a Congress of Labor to launch a Labor Party as the next forward step in combating capitalist war or depression and in crushing McCarthyism.

"Through a Labor Party the workers and farmers, the real



VINCENT R. DUNNE

majority in America, will take control of their own destiny and form the most democratic government this country has ever known."

In the discussion period following the talk, workers voiced with V. R. Dunne their faith and determination that "the American workers will push aside their present fake leadership and by power, ingenuity, will and need, march in the direction of a Labor Party and a Socialist America."

Buffalo Workers Urged to Vote Socialist Ticket

Buffalo workers are urged to vote for the Socialist Workers state-wide candidates, David L. Weiss, Dorothy Haines, Catherine Gratta and Harold Robins. In addition, they are asked to vote for Vincent Copeland for Congress from the 41st District and Louise Ellis for the State Senate from the 55th District. Vincent Copeland is a well-known figure in the Buffalo labor movement, having a long record for militant activity in the struggle for higher wages and better working conditions. Dorothy Haines and Louise Ellis are both working women. They recently led a delegation of Buffalo housewives to Washington, D.C., to demand free surplus food from government warehouses for Buffalo's unemployed.

STREET RALLIES FOR CHESTER CHALK UP SUCCESS IN PHILA.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24 — Robert Chester, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress reached into new areas in the last leg of his campaign. At two campus street meetings he brought the socialist message to thousands of students.

Speaking to a large noon-hour crowd at the University of Pennsylvania, he declared that "neither the Republicans nor Democrats can solve any of the basic problems facing us today. Neither can stop the spread of McCarthyite fascism nor solve the problem of unemployment without resorting to war."

He concluded, "Events are in the making for a basic political realignment in this country. This will take shape in a movement for an independent Labor Party based on the unions and other working-class mass organizations."

With the opening of the question period, hands went up and a spirited discussion began that lasted an hour and a half. So much interest was raised that the campus paper, the Daily Pennsylvanian, carried a full article about it.

A similar meeting was held at Temple University despite a police attempt to stop it. Here, too, discussion ranged the full field of economics and politics. The candidate also left a strong impression at a meeting organized by the Freedom of the Press Association. Speaking to an audience having a good percentage of Stalinists, he opened an attack on the fallacy of supporting Democratic "liberals," exposing their role in the witch hunt from the passage of the Smith "Gag" Act in 1940 to their sponsorship of the Communist Control Act last August.



ROBERT CHESTER

"The fight against McCarthyism," Chester said, "is a fight against a movement that has come out of American capitalism and expresses its needs. We will be in this fight from here on in and it can end only in the victory of socialism or fascism." He concluded with a call for independent politics by labor and minorities. The audience responded with warm applause.

The campaign will wind up with a full schedule of street meetings. In addition, the SWP candidate will defend the Marxist view in a debate with two professors at Temple over socialism versus capitalism.

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Friday, Nov. 5, at 8 P. M.

The Senate Motion To Censure McCarthy

Speaker: George Breitman
Friday, Nov. 12, at 8 P. M.

At 3000 Grand River Room 207

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