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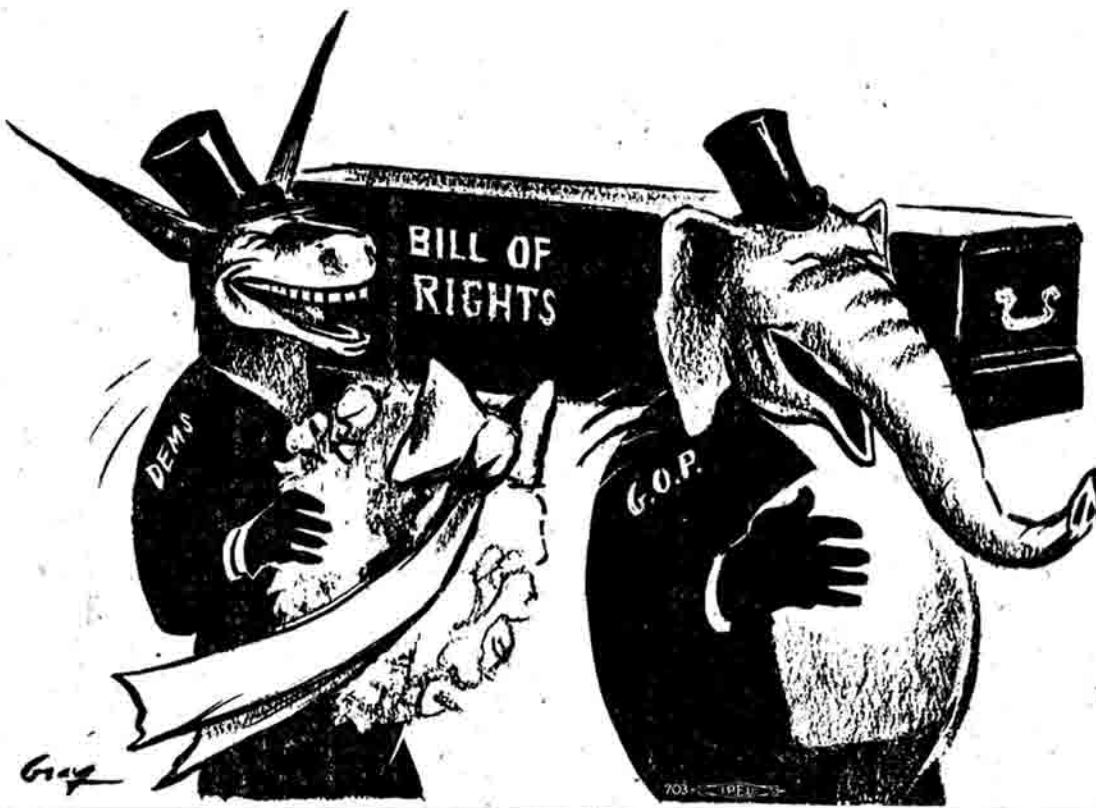
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The Pallbearers



The New Law vs. The Bill Of Rights

It is "unlawful" to "conspire" to "perform any act which would substantially contribute to the establishment" of a "totalitarian dictatorship." This is punishable "within ten years after" such "conspiracy" by \$10,000 fine or 10 years in prison, or both.

"Communist action" organizations, officers and members and "Communist front" organizations and officers must register with the Attorney General. Failure to register when ordered by a Subversive Activities Control Board is punishable by \$10,000 or five years in prison, or both, for each day of violation. A "Communist front" is defined, in part, by the "extent to which its views and policies do not deviate from" a "Communist action" group.

It is "unlawful" for persons required to register "to conceal or fail to disclose" that fact when they seek, accept or hold any federal or "defense plant" job. "Communist action" members are barred from any "defense facility." No "Communist" may apply for or use a passport. Mailed or circulated matter or radio and television programs of registered groups must be labeled or identified as "Communist."

Aliens are denied entry who are "affiliated with the Communist or other totalitarian party" or who "advocate or teach... write or publish... circulate... have in their possession for circulation" any matter that advocates "the economic, international and governmental doctrines" of "world communism" or "any other form of totalitarianism." Non-citizens are denied naturalization on the same grounds.

Whenever during war, invasion or insurrection the President proclaims an "Internal Security Emergency," the Attorney General is empowered to "apprehend and detain" any person "as to whom there is reasonable ground to believe... will probably engage in, or... conspire with others to engage in, acts of espionage and sabotage." This includes members of the Communist Party after January 1, 1949.

Appeal for release is only to a Board of Detention Review, then to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but the Board's "findings of fact" are final. The Attorney General, in appeals, may withhold "the identity or evidence of Government agents or officers" which he thinks "dangerous to national safety and security to divulge."

"Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." (Article I, First Ten Amendments (Bill of Rights), U. S. Constitution.)

"The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States." (Article IV, Section 1, The Constitution.)

"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States... nor deny to any person... the equal protection of the laws." (Art. XIV, Sec. 1, Amendment to the Constitution.)

"The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury and such trial shall be held in the State where the said crime shall have been committed;..." (Art. III, Sec. 2, The Constitution.)

"No person shall be held to answer for a capital or other infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury... nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;..." (Art. V, Bill of Rights.)

"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district where the crime shall have been committed... and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense." (Art. VI, Bill of Rights.)

"The privilege of the writ of habeas shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it." (Art. I, Sec. 8, The Constitution.)

"No bill of attainder or ex post facto law (making punishable an act not illegal when committed) shall be passed." (Art. I, Sec. 8, The Constitution.)

'Militant' Backs These Candidates

California
Myra Tanner Weiss
for Congress, 19th District
(Los Angeles)
Harry Press
for Assembly, 20th District
(San Francisco)
(In California, members of minority parties are compelled to file as "independent." Candidates Weiss and Press are endorsed by the Socialist Workers Party.)

Michigan
Howard Lerner
for Governor
Sol Dollinger
for Lt. Governor
William H. Yancey
for Secretary of State
Guilford Pennington
for Attorney General
Alice Pollack
for Treasurer
Larry Dolinski
for Auditor General
Genora Johnson Dollinger
for Congress, 6th District
(Flint)

Minnesota
Grace Carlson
for Congress, 5th District
(Minneapolis)

New Jersey
William E. Bohannon
for Congress, 11th District
(Essex County)

New York
Joseph Hansen
for U. S. Senator
Michael Bartell
for Governor
Gladys Barker
for Lt. Governor
Harry Ring
for Comptroller
Arthur Preis
for Attorney General

Pennsylvania
Clyde Turner
for U. S. Senator
Herbert Lewin
for Governor
(On ballot under designation of "Militant Workers Party.")

Washington
Daniel Roberts
for Congress, 1st District
(Seattle)

Wisconsin
James E. Boulton
for U. S. Senator

FREEDOM OF SILENCE--AMERICA NEEDS IT TOO

Dr. Hu Shih, Chiang Kai-shek's former ambassador to the U. S., got quite a press in this country last week when he said that "in Communist countries there is no freedom of silence." Informed that his son in China, Hu Szu-tu, had denounced him as an "enemy of the people," Dr. Hu Shih, now in New York, said:

"We know of course that there is no freedom of speech (in Stalinist-dominated countries). But few persons realize that there is no freedom of silence either. Residents of a Communist state are required to make positive statements of belief and loyalty."

The press is making a big thing of Dr. Hu Shih's expression, "freedom of silence." Editorials are pointing to its absence in the Soviet Union or China.

But Stalin doesn't have the patent on "loyalty" oaths. The system of compulsory statements of "loyalty" — forced swearing of "loyalty" oaths — is raging no more fiercely than in America today. Federal, state and city employees are forced to take oaths of "loyalty" or lose their jobs. School teachers, college professors, industrial workers, radio entertainers, even gambling joint employees are being forced to declare "loyalty." Union officials, under the Taft-Hartley Act, must sign affidavits.

Nor is there "freedom of silence" for persons hauled before Congressional committees and asked whether or not they are "Communists." If they refuse to answer on the constitutional grounds of self-incrimination, they are thrown into prison for "contempt."

U. S. HAS IT TOO

World opinion has long condemned the Kremlin's frame-up trials where the accused are forced to "confess" all kinds of crimes like "espionage" and "sabotage." But we now have a law requiring anyone whom the government says is a "Communist" to register with the Attorney General. This is tantamount to "confessing" that you are trying to set up a "totalitarian dictatorship" by "treachery, deceit, infiltration, espionage, sabotage, terrorism." If you don't "confess" by registering on government orders, you can get life imprisonment (five years for each day of violation).

Freedom of silence is indeed a precious democratic right. In fact, it's something we'd like to see re-established in the United States.

Call on People Not to Submit To Police State

SEPT. 23 — "We will fight this Nazi-like law to the last ditch," declared all candidates of the Socialist Workers Party today after Congress enacted the McCarran-Kilgore police-state law. In a joint campaign pledge, the 1950 candidates of the SWP throughout the country called on the American people to force repeal of the law and "to drive from public life every scoundrel who has helped — directly or indirectly — to impose it on this nation." Their statement said:

Congress has ordered the American people to shut up or go to jail. Congress has commanded all of us not to think and not to speak except as the ruling plutocrats and their political gangsters dictate. Congress has demanded that we submit in servile silence to war, militarism, wage-freezing, price-gouging, profiteering and Jim Crow. This is the real arm of the catch-all "Internal Security Act" rushed through Congress over Truman's feeble veto.

Both capitalist parties — Democratic and Republican — criminally conspired to subvert and destroy the Bill of Rights in order to suppress all dissent.

We—the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party—openly and unequivocally declare: We will not submit. We will not be intimidated. We will not be silenced.

People Will Not Be Silenced

We predict that the American people, particularly the militant working class, will not submit and will not be silenced.

We will fight this Nazi-like law to the last ditch. We will call on the American people to organize mass opposition to this odious law, to force its repeal and to drive from public life every scoundrel who has helped — directly or indirectly — to impose it on this nation.

That is our solemn campaign pledge.

The combined McCarran-Kilgore law atom-bombs the Bill of Rights. The very ones who voted for it denounced its various sections. Sponsors of the original McCarran bill called the Fair Dealers' Kilgore bill a "blueprint for dictatorship." Advocates of the original Kilgore bill called McCarran's measure "dangerous, burdensome and repressive."

What can the American people do now to prevent the Truman government from erecting its police state on the pattern of this dangerous, burdensome and repressive blueprint for dictatorship?

First of all, discard all illusions about ALL capitalist politicians and parties. Truman greased the way for the police-state law with his "loyalty" purge and political blacklist of "subversive" organizations. Instead of fighting tooth and nail against any and every form of police-state law, the Trumanites and "Fair Dealers" drafted their own concentration-camp bill and voted to add it to the omnibus McCarran bill.

The American Tradition of Resistance

The American people have great historic models showing how to fight oppressive laws.

In 1798, President John Adams invoked the Alien and Sedition Acts to silence the voice of the people. They rose in overwhelming political revolt, drove out Adams and his cohorts, elected Jefferson and put an end to the repressive laws.

In the 1850's, the Southern slaveholders used their control of the government in an attempt to make the American people enforce the slave system. The Fugitive Slave Law provided savage penalties for aiding escaped slaves or failure to inform on them and their assistants. It aroused popular defiance, helped inspire formation of the anti-slavery Republican Party and led to the Civil War that destroyed the Southern slaveocracy.

We will hold up these glorious traditions before the American people in this election campaign. We will call on them to fight the new would-be slaveocrats by building a mighty crusading party, a labor party of the workers, Negro people, working farmers, youth.

Our answer to the police-state law is: No compromise! No surrender! Drive the scoundrels out! Give the Bill of Rights back to the American people!

TRUMAN 'VERY PLEASED' BY CONGRESS--ARE YOU?

By Art Preis

Truman "left nothing undone to praise" the Democratic-controlled 81st Congress, according to the accounts of his Sept. 21 press conference. He said that Congress had given him "substantially" what he had asked for and that he was "very well pleased" with it.

But are you? Are you even a little bit pleased with the record of the Democratic Congress?

This is the Congress that, day after Truman's praise, overrode his veto and made law the most repressive measure in American history, the new "Internal Security Act" to make "Communists" register as "foreign agents" plotting to commit espionage and sabotage, and to throw political dissidents into concentration camps during war. This is the Congress which Truman's own veto message admitted would dynamite the Bill of Rights if it passed this law — which it did.

This is the Congress that, welching on the Democratic Party's and Truman's election promises, voted down every proposal to amend or repeal the infamous Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law, which remains as a companion law to the new "Subversive Activities Control" measure — a double-barreled blast at the rights of the working people.

This is the Congress that buried every point of Truman's 10-point civil rights program which, along with repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, was his chief election promise to the American people. The Negro people above all. In the crucial test on civil rights, this Congress — with the Democrats in the lead — blocked even a vote on the Fair Employment Practices bill.

This is the Congress which has just passed a \$5 billion "soak the poor and protect the rich" tax bill that increases income taxes for the average worker by 20%, but by little more than 10% for the billionaires. It is the Congress, also, that on Truman's request threw out the excess profits tax amendment.

This is the Congress which has given Truman the power of a Czar over the war economy, mandating him to freeze wages whenever he fixes price ceilings, but leaving ample loopholes for prices to rise in spite of any controls.

But these are not the only or most important reasons why Truman is "very well pleased" with Congress. It did indeed give him substantially what he wanted — and what he really wanted had nothing to do with defending the rights or improving the conditions of the American people.

THE WAR PROGRAM

Congress approved all of Truman's war preparations program. It voted appropriations of close to \$60 billion, including the "emergency" war spending of another \$17 billion. It OK'd the North Atlantic Pact, greatest military alliance in history, and the program to arm reactionary capitalist regimes and dictatorships abroad. It embraced bloody Franco of Spain and voted more than \$62 million to prop up his fascist regime.

Truman is undoubtedly especially pleased that Congress abdicated its right to declare war and even hailed his action of sending armed forces to invade Korea, intervene in a civil war against the Syngman Rhee dictatorship and wage an undeclared war of annihilation against the Korean people.

This is the Congress that has represented the rich against the poor, the corporations against labor, the war-eager militarists against the peace-craving people, the forces of bigotry, reaction and oppression against social enlightenment, progress and freedom.

Truman likes this Congress. Some people also like the flavor of rotten eggs. But do you?

Why Should Anyone Believe Them?

An Editorial

The election campaign is on in earnest. The capitalist politicians are racing all over the country promising the voters the world on a golden platter — if only they will be elected or re-elected. But why should anyone believe them?

They said that victory over the Axis would inaugurate a lasting peace. But already American boys are dying abroad and the main concern in Washington today is preparations for another world war.

They swore that the last war was a war to end fascism. But the two parties united in Congress to grant a big loan to Franco, fascist butcher of the Spanish working class.

They promised that the last war would lead to the abolition of militarism. But now they have sanctioned and are speeding up

the rearming of Germany and Japan, and they have ordered the countries of Western Europe to vastly increase their war machines even at the risk of ruining their economic structures.

They pledged to uphold independence for the colonial peoples. But now they are spending billions of the taxpayers' money to prevent the people of Korea from working out their destiny in their own way, and they are trying to help maintain the corrupt rule of Bao Dai in Indo-China just as they sought to maintain the hated Chiang Kai-shek regime in China.

They told us that the blood and sacrifice of war were necessary to preserve democracy at home. But the two parties in Congress have just united to pass a bill that destroys the Bill of Rights and makes the exercise of free speech punishable by long prison sentences and heavy fines.

They assured the workers that they were "friends of labor." But

they passed the Taft-Hartley Act. Truman promised to repeal it if the Democrats won in 1948. But it is still on the books and Truman has used its strikebreaking injunction powers against workers no less than 62 times.

They appealed to the Negro people for votes, both parties pledging to pass FEPC and other anti-Jim Crow measures. But they killed the temporary FEPC at the end of the war, they have killed every effort to enact a permanent FEPC since then.

So why should anyone believe them? Why should anyone believe them when they tell us now that imperialism war in Korea is the way to achieve lasting peace, that the adoption of a police state law at home is the way to protect us against totalitarianism, that they were able to find time to impose a crushing tax addition on working people but couldn't find the time to enact an excess profits tax?

There is a good reason for the lies of the Democrats and Republicans. They are agents of the capitalist class, defenders of rule by a minority of exploiters, members of a conspiracy to bring the whole world under the domination of American Big Business, even at the cost of millions of American lives. How could they tell the voters the truth about the capitalist system they represent, and still hope to be elected to office?

We urge the workers not to be swayed by capitalist propaganda, even when it is peddled by labor leaders. We urge them to study the programs of the contending parties to determine which one stands for the rule of the majority and emancipation from war, dictatorship, economic insecurity and racial oppression. We are confident that workers who do this will give their support to the Socialist Workers Party.

What Truman's Veto Meant

By John F. Petrone

On Sept. 20 the House of Representatives passed the combined McCarran-Kilgore-Wood bill by a vote of 313 to 20. Later the same day the Senate passed it by 51 to 7. The Senate also voted to recess on Sept. 22 until after the election, as the House had previously done.

So this was the situation on Sept. 21 when the bill was sent to Truman: According to law, he had ten days in which to act — either to sign the bill, making it law; or to veto the bill and send it back to Congress, which could then make it law only by a two-thirds vote to override the veto.

From the overwhelming majorities for the vote in Congress, it was clear that a veto returned before Congress recessed would surely be overridden. If Truman had really wanted to prevent enactment of the bill, the very least he would have done was to stall, that is, wait until the full ten-day period elapsed.

If Congress had recessed as scheduled during this period, then

final action on the bill would have been postponed until after the election. In that case, many of the "Fair Dealers" who had voted for the bill only because they were afraid to vote against any "anti-communist" bill before election, could have been prevailed on to uphold the veto.

And even if Congress had changed its mind and decided to remain in session for another ten days, the delay would still have been favorable for a president really concerned about fighting the bill. For he could have used this period to "go to the people," explaining what the bill really meant and how it menaced them and seeking to get them to apply the pressure necessary to persuade the weak-kneed "Fair Dealers" to sustain the veto.

WHAT HE DID

But of course Truman did not do this. He made no effort to arouse the people against the bill; he did not even apply any pressure through his party machinery to get his own party to back his veto. Instead, he acted with

greater speed than he generally does in handling legislation, and one day later, on Sept. 22, he sent back his veto message to Congress, where passage was a foregone conclusion.

The House acted at once, overriding the veto by 286 to 48 (161 Democrats for the bill, 45 against). It took only another day before the Senate had taken similar action by a vote of 57 to 10 (26 Democrats, including Truman's majority leader Lucas, for the bill, 10 against). Thus the bill became a law and America formally entered the era of the police state. Well content, Congress then recessed until Nov. 27.

Thus while the liberals and labor leaders are hailing Truman for his "courage" and "statesmanship" and "liberalism" in writing a veto message, the facts convict him of double-dyed hypocrisy. To claim that he did not know what he was doing is to charge him with a degree of stupidity that his sharpest critics have never accused him of.

No, Truman must be held

responsible as one of the members in the conspiracy to destroy the Bill of Rights because he knew exactly what he was doing. In fact, he has become expert at these two-faced maneuvers because he has executed them so often before.

The most striking example was his behavior toward the Taft-Hartley bill in 1947, which was passed with the support of a majority of the Democrats in Congress. Then too, when Truman's veto was overridden, as it was bound to be when he did nothing more than make a gesture against the bill, he demanded and took much credit for his "liberalism."

The same thing has happened now, except that he did even less this time to make his veto effective; in 1947 he at least made the pretense of going to the people by delivering a fireside chat against the bill.

Against the background of these facts, his veto message assumes its true significance. It was simply an effort to retain the reputation of "liberalism" which was severely damaged, if not exploded, by the key role the Democrats in Congress played in pushing through the police state bill.

The main burden of Truman's veto message, anyhow, was that the bill would be "ineffective"; that it would help the Communists, not hurt them; that it would put too great a task on the FBI and Department of Justice, thus hampering their present "anti-subversive" activities; that it would force the government to disclose information about "vital defense plants" and the FBI to reveal its "confidential sources of information"; that it contains nothing to stop organizations ordered to register from dissolving and being re-established under a new name, etc.

WHAT HE DISLIKED

Truman failed to oppose the concentration camp provisions of the bill; his only complaint in this respect was that they did not formally suspend the writ of habeas corpus, meaning that if they did, concentration camps would be acceptable to him. He said there was no need for provisions to bar "subversives" from federal employment, because he was already doing that by executive action. He chided Congress for failing to include a provision giving him the power to fire anyone from arms plants, so that this matter "would be taken entirely care of, promptly and effectively."

In all of that there is quite obviously nothing resembling "liberalism." But, to woo the labor leaders and liberals, Truman had to speak some truths about the bill, and although he expressed them in the mildest possible form, they are worth remembering.

It would put the government in the "thought control business." It would give government officials

"vast powers to harass all our citizens in the exercise of their right of free speech." It would open "a Pandora's box of opportunities for official condemnation of organizations and individuals for perfectly honest opinions which happen to be stated also by Communists." It is a move "in the direction of suppressing opinion and belief" which is "a long step toward totalitarianism." It would make "a mockery of the Bill of Rights and of our claims to stand for freedom in the world."

It is necessary to remember these characterizations of the bill by Truman because they are damning indictment of his own party, without which the bill would not have become law.

They are also a damning indictment of Truman himself, who did nothing effective to fight the bill and who is now going to enforce it just as vigorously as he has enforced the Taft-Hartley Act since 1947.

Boulton Files As SWP Candidate For U. S. Senator

MILWAUKEE — Yugoslavia is living proof that there is a choice other than between Washington and the Kremlin, James E. Boulton stressed in opening his campaign as a candidate for U. S. Senator from Wisconsin.



Boulton's opening speech was made at the State Committee meeting and luncheon of the Wisconsin Socialist Workers Party this week.

The meeting followed the filing by the Socialist Workers Party of 1,400 nominating signatures (1,000 are required) in Madison. Shirley Connell was elected secretary-treasurer of the SWP State Committee for Boulton.

Boulton read a letter sent to the major candidates of opponent parties demanding a statement of their position on aid to Yugoslavia in resisting Stalinist war threats and U. S. imperialist pressure for a reactionary military alliance. The letter pointed out that opposition to military aggression against Yugoslavia and unconditional economic aid "would be a serious contribution to peace and democracy in a world bristling with atomic bombs and menacing police-state regimes."

Boulton is opposed by McCarthy's equally reactionary Republican colleague, Sen. Wiley, and candidates of the Democratic Party, Socialist Party, Socialist Labor Party and the Stalinists. The Progressive Party vacated the Senate contest in an obvious overture to the Trumanite candidate Thomas Fairchild.

Real Role of Liberals-- Including Sen. Lehman

By George Breitman

Less than 24 hours after Congress enacted the McCarran-Kilgore registration and concentration-camp bill over a presidential veto, Truman's Attorney General McGrath announced he would take "immediate steps" to enforce it "vigorously," just as the administration did with the Taft-Hartley Act which it had vetoed after being sure that it would pass anyhow.

In its indecent haste to pass the police state law and recess for the election campaign, Congress even forgot to appropriate money to enforce the law. But that technically won't stop the Truman administration which had pretended to be such a firm opponent of the measure.

McGrath announced he was setting up a special unit in the Department of Justice, numbering possibly hundreds of people, to handle prosecutions under the act. He is asking the Budget Bureau to supply the money for this purpose out of executive funds.

Even more significant of the administration's real attitude was the news, "leaked" out of the White House, that Truman did not intend to enforce the section of the law requiring the Defense Department to publicly list armaments and other installations from which alleged "subversives" would be barred as employees.

In other words, sections of the bill Truman really objected to would not be enforced. The speedy enforcement of other provisions striking at civil liberties serves as an illuminating contrast of which side in the fight Truman is really on.

Simultaneously, the capitalist press began a concerted drive to allay the fears of the American people over the new law. An editorial in the liberal N. Y. Post was typical of most of the papers that had opposed the law:

"Gradually men will come to

their senses and the legislation will be drastically amended or scrapped," it said. "Those on the pro-Communist left who cry that Fascism is at hand are as guilty of panic-mongering as the know-nothings who tell us we must scrap our liberties to halt communism. This editorial could not be published in a Fascist or Communist state," etc.

This assurance that "gradually" everything will work out all right with a repressive law is almost word-for-word the assurance that the liberals and labor leaders gave on the Taft-Hartley Act. All that such assurances do is to lull the people, persuading them that exceptional efforts are not needed to combat reaction and creating the kind of political climate responsible for the un-amended and un-scrapped Taft-Hartley Act still thriving in its fourth year.

Panic-mongering! The Socialist Workers Party and its candidates have not said that fascism is at hand, but they have shown that the new law converts the U. S. into a police state. Even Truman admitted that it takes "a long step toward totalitarianism" and puts the government in "the thought-control business." Is it panic-mongering to sound the alarm to the people that they are being robbed of their precious democratic rights? If so, the American people could use a lot more of it.

The fact that the Post can print its editorial is cited as proof that fascism has not yet triumphed. But the fact that a few months from now the Post may be ordered to label itself as a "communist front" or discontinue publication — which the Post knows could happen under this law — is proof that basic liberties have already been abrogated, and unless the people mobilize themselves for militant action, the path for the growth of fascism will be wide open.

In these circumstances, the danger is not "panic-mongering"

but the kind of take-it-easy, things-are-not-so-bad-dope with which the liberals and labor leaders were drugging themselves when Hitler came to power.

BANKRUPT POLICY

The reason why the Post, the liberals and the labor leaders take this line is that they don't know what else to say. Their policy of supporting liberal capitalist politicians has just been dealt another terrible blow. Electing or re-electing people like the present members of Congress can obviously lead only to more catastrophes like the McCarran-Kilgore bill. That is why they have to fall back on such feeble reassurances, as the one that "gradually men will come to their senses."

That, and praise for the "gallant handful" of "ten Senators who dared to stand up and be counted on the side of our free institutions" is all the Post has to offer us. It glosses over the fact that this "gallant handful" voted in favor of adding the Kilgore concentration camp provisions that made the McCarran bill even worse than it was originally. It doesn't care to explain why this handful didn't even have the "gallantry" to try to stage a filibuster against the bill for the purpose of arousing mass support for their opposition — something that was certainly warranted against a police state bill.

LEHMAN'S ROLE

The Post singles out Lehman of New York for its special praise. Calling him a "symbol" of "decency, sanity and honor in public life," it pleads for his re-election as "a shattering blow to the hollow men and the know-nothings who enacted the McCarran bill."

Actually, Lehman's election would be nothing of the kind, for he too voted for the concentration camp provisions. Thus a vote for Lehman is a vote for concentration camps. That kind of decency, sanity and honor the American people can do without.

The truth is that Lehman voted against the bill for the same reason that most of his "Fair Deal" colleagues voted for it — namely, narrow political considerations. The political situation in New York is somewhat different from the rest of the country. Lehman's chances of being elected depend on his winning the support of a large part of the American Labor Party voters who backed him last year. It would be impossible for him to do that if he had voted for the bill.

QUESTION FOR "POST"

The Post's argument on Lehman is therefore specious and false. But we would like the Post to at least answer this question: "If Lehman's re-election would represent repudiation of McCarranism because he voted against the bill, are you going to ask your readers to vote against all the other Democrats who supported the bill on the ground that their defeat will mean a repudiation of McCarranism?"

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Poor Bear Brunt of New Taxes; Rich Pay Little

By Harry Ring

SWP Candidate for Comptroller of New York

Beginning Oct. 1 every working class family has been hit hard by a wage cut in the form of new and bigger taxes. The new tax bill adds an additional five billion dollars to an already huge tax bill. It is no secret that the bulk of the taxes is collected from those who earn \$5,000 a year and less. They are the very ones who must shoulder the brunt of the additional five billion, — and there are more taxes to come!



A married worker with two children who earns \$3,000 a year must now pay 20.5% more in taxes. His tax load, along with that of all the wage-earners' has been boosted by more than a fifth. But a plutocrat with an annual income of \$1,000,000 faces an increase of only 11.5%, or a little more than one-tenth. The increase on the poor is twice as much as on the rich.

The tax bill, rushed through Congress last week and promptly signed by Truman, was written on the principle: the less you make, the more your tax increase will be!

For the workers there are no loopholes. Their taxes are lopped off — "withheld" — each week from the pay envelope. For the wealthy, the tax increase is just another formality because one

loophole after another has been written into the tax law. Instead of plugging old loopholes, some new ones have been added. To list only a few:

The oil, gas and mining magnates have in the past been allowed scandalously excessive "depletion allowances," enabling them to pocket an estimated half-a-billion in unpaid taxes. They will now be able to steal even more, because of the new and higher "depletion allowances."

Among the biggest beneficiaries are the oil trusts, headed by the Rockefeller dynasty, who under the higher "capital gains rate" will actually pay half their previous tax rate.

BILLIONS UNTOUCHED

As for the old loopholes, they remain intact. There are the billions in tax-exempt federal, state and local securities. There are the whopping deductions for depreciation and obsolescence (the new bill allows bigger deductions than ever before). There are the provisions for "loss carry over" (by which companies pay taxes not on their current profits but on an "average" over a span of years; this used to be five years but has now been raised to seven.)

More than a billion dollars in corporation dividends remains annually unreported and therefore untaxed. But the House provision to institute a withholding tax on dividends to individuals was tossed out in the Senate.

The insurance companies who have paid no federal taxes since 1946 (because of a "quirk" in the previous bill) will pay at a low rate retroactive only to 1949.

Despite the fact that profits soared by more than 25% even before Korea, no definite action was taken on an excess profits tax. Truman declared that there was no need for haste here. Congressmen pleaded the pressure of time. Rep. Doughton, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee explained that "we need time to write this tax in a way that we could feel responsible for it."

All these gentlemen felt no such need for going slow or feeling responsible when it came to indecently rushing through Congress the nefarious bill which has buried the Bill Rights and made concentration camps the law of the land.

The new tax gouge is so raw that CIO President Philip Murray was impelled to protest against it as "one of the most brazen examples of special-interest legislation to come before Congress in many years." And so it is.

The more you study the swindle that has been put over in the new tax bill, the more you realize that J. Parnell Thomas and Andrew May are not the only capitalist politicians who belong in jail.

For a Workers & Farmers Government

(From the 1950 Election Platform of the Socialist Workers Party)

1. The Struggle for Peace

Take the war-making powers away from Washington; let the people vote by referendum on all questions of peace or war. Down with the war-making alliances woven into the Atlantic Pact. An end to military and economic aid to blood-stained tyrants like Chiang Kai-shek, Bao Dai and Syngman Rhee. Withdraw all troops from foreign soil. Let the Korean people decide their own fate. For the complete independence of the colonial peoples. No confidence whatever in the United Nations, dominated by despots and designed to spread the illusion that peace is possible under capitalism. Full solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of workers and farmers in all lands — those dominated by American imperialism as well as those dominated by reactionary Stalinism. Defend Yugoslavia against the Kremlin and Western imperialism. For the Socialist United States of the World.

2. Labor's Standard of Living

For the inclusion in all union contracts of an escalator clause (also known as the sliding scale of wages or automatic cost-of-living bonus) to meet the rising cost of living; with the safeguard that wages shall not fall below the basic rates established in the contract. For the application of this principle to the wages of all government employees, veterans' allotments, old age allowances, old age pensions and social security. For the establishment of price control, to be regulated and enforced by mass consumers' committees, composed of housewives, unionists, working farmers and small shopkeepers. For adequate old-age pensions, free medical care and hospitalization. For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week, with no reduction in pay. For unemployment insurance at full trade union wages during the entire period of unemployment. Let the world's richest country provide full lifetime security for every working man and woman.

3. Labor and Civil Rights

An end to red-baiting, witch-hunts and political persecution. Stop the McCarthy fore-runners of the police state. Withdraw the "subversive" blacklists used for political persecution of government and other employ-

ees. Defeat the Mundt-Nixon bill and all other measures to totalitarianize American politics. End the persecution of legal defense in civil liberties cases. Do away with "loyalty" oaths on the campus, on the job and in the unions. Liberalize the election laws which discriminate against minority parties. Safeguard and extend the Bill of Rights.

Repeal the Taft-Hartley Act. No government interference in union affairs. No restrictions on the right to organize, strike and picket. No compulsory arbitration. Repeal all federal, state and city anti-labor laws. Down with government by injunction.

4. Rights of Minority Groups

Smash the Jim Crow system. Full economic, political and social equality for the Negro people and other minorities. Pass and enforce legislation to punish lynching, abolish the poll tax, establish a Fair Employment Practices Committee with power to root out discriminatory practices, eliminate segregation wherever it exists. Combat anti-Semitism in all its forms. Wipe out discriminatory immigration policies and open the doors of the U. S. to refugees. Unite the workers of all races for the common struggle against their exploiters.

5. Farm Policy

For a federal farm program to guarantee the cost of production to working farmers, to be operated under the control of their own representatives. Expand rural electrification. No limitation on crops. A federal program for soil conservation and flood control. No taxes on savings of cooperatives. A federal ban on all speculation in farm commodities. Abolish sharecropping and landlordism. The land to those who work it.

6. Atomic Energy

Against the Nazi-like censorship on atomic energy. Against stockpiling atom bombs. Against the decision to make H-Bombs. Against turning the fearsome destructive powers of atomic energy upon mankind. Take control of atomic energy out of the hands of trigger-happy generals and war-minded hatchmen of Big Business. Put atomic energy under control of a commission freely elected by the unions and organized

atomic scientists. For a Workers and Farmers Government that will turn the enormous potentialities of atomic energy to peaceful uses.

7. Military Policy

Against a permanent conscript army. Abolish the Prussian officer caste system. Full democratic rights for the ranks in all the services, including the right to participate in politics and public life, to elect their own officers, to organize along union lines and engage in collective bargaining. Abolish race segregation in the armed forces. Trade union wages for the service-men.

8. Housing

For a federal program to erect 25 million low-cost, low-rent housing units. Finance the program with the billions now spent for war preparations. Homes, not radioactive weapons. Clear the slums. Restore rent control under supervision of tenants committees.

9. Taxation

Repeal all payroll taxes. Abolish all sales taxes. No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year. A 100% tax on incomes over \$25,000 a year. Tax the rich, not the poor.

10. Government Ownership of Industry

Nationalize the basic industries, all war plants, all natural resources and use them in the interests of the producers and consumers through democratically-elected committees of workers and technicians. Nationalize the banks. Institute a planned economy of abundance, based on production for use, not profit.

11. Independent Political Action

Labor must break all ties with the capitalist parties — Democratic and Republican. For an Independent Labor Party based on the trade unions and embracing the working farmers, Negroes and veterans. For a United Labor Conference, with representation from all unions, to launch labor's own party and run labor's own candidates for office.

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"There are progressive, just wars and there are reaction-ary, unjust wars, independently of who 'started' first. From the scientific historical point of view, progressive, just wars are those which serve the liberation of oppressed classes or oppressed nations and thus push human culture forward. On the contrary, those wars are reactionary which serve for preservation of an antiquated social order, which serve for the enslavement of working classes and backward or weak nations. Consequently, of decisive importance is the question, not of who 'started' first, who appeared as an 'aggressor,' but which class is leading the war and in behalf of what historical ends."

—Leon Trotsky, article in Socialist Appeal, Sept. 11, 1939.



LENIN

Wallace Backs Police-State Law

Millionaire Henry Wallace hastened last week to offer his services to the architects of the police state in this country. This capitalist demagogue, before whom the Stalinists crawled on their knees and painted up all these years as the "champion of the people," coolly approved the passage of the McCarran-Kilgore bill by Congress. It expressed, said Wallace, "the sentiment of the people!"

He then had the gall to imply that there was no need to repeal this totalitarian legislation until some indefinite future date "when the crisis is ended." The bitterest enemy of the Bill of Rights would be hard put to improve on this.

There are still far too many individuals to whom this action will again come as a shock. But Wallace has not really changed. There is nothing "astounding" about his "utterance," as the editors of the Daily Worker continue to pretend, just as they did when Wallace announced his pro-war stand.

Wallace is now simply discarding another of those disguises he found so expedient previously to don. As a firm supporter of capitalism, Wallace must support war, without which this outlived sys-

tem cannot survive. Supporting the war, as he always said he would; Wallace now backs those measures which in the opinion of his class are indispensable for carrying out their war program.

Not only Wallace but every capitalist politician has behaved and will behave this way; they differ from one another merely in their choice of phrases, timing and tactics. Every supporter of capitalism, no matter how "progressive" a mask he wears, will sooner or later do what Wallace has done. That is why they must be exposed and denounced long in advance so as not to permit them to dupe or demoralize sincere opponents of war.

The Stalinists committed a crime by covering up the class character of Wallace's politics. Even after Wallace has kicked them in the teeth, they continue to keep mum about the real reasons why this Gideon of yesterday turns up today licking the boots of the McCarrans and the Kilgores. The Stalinists do so not so much because they are themselves embarrassed or "astounded" but because, if they told the truth, they would thereby expose their own treachery in cohabiting so ecstatically with Henry Wallace.

What Your Taxes Buy

When you see your next paycheck, you will find that a new and bigger rate of "withholding" has gone into effect. You and your fellow workers are in fact footing practically the whole of the five billion dollar tax increase. Just what are you getting in return?

By far the biggest share of your new tax dollar will go for more guns, bombs, tanks and planes, with sizable chunks earmarked for bigger and better atom bombs, hell bombs, and other still secret atomic explosives, radio-active gasses, super-rockets, and the like. It is your first down payment on the biggest standing armed forces in this country's history.

Next in size to the arms program at home is the arms program abroad. You are financing arms shipments not only to Europe but also to Indo-China to help the French colonial despots keep the insurgent native people enslaved. Today, part of your taxes goes to pay for Truman's undeclared war in Korea. Tomorrow it will go for any other undeclared wars they may wage in Asia. In any case, your money is destined to pay for the start of the rearming of Germany and Japan, for which the Truman administration is pushing so hard and fast.

In passing, you ought not to overlook that part of your tax money will also go

to extend loans to Butcher Franco, Chiang Kai-shek and any other reliable "defender of democracy" that can be located on our planet.

Still another chunk of your boosted taxes is earmarked for the erection of concentration camps at home and to pay the overhead for the destruction of the Bill of Rights and the entrenchment of the police-state.

More jails and jailors will be needed; more spies and informers, more FBI agents and a vaster secret police network. All this costs lots of money. And besides, there are the salaries to pay to the Attorney General, the new "security" boards, let alone the Supreme Court judges, and other federal jurists who will be very busy enforcing "laws" burying freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right of trial and all the other elementary civil rights.

The list, already long, has by no means been exhausted. But we cannot omit one more item, namely, that Washington's propaganda machine will also be greatly stepped up in a "Campaign of Truth." The world is going to be told that all this is being done in "defense of democracy."

All this should be borne in mind on election day as well as payday.

Capitalism and the Atom

There is available to mankind a practical method of directly tapping atomic energy. Electricity can be drawn off from an atomic pile without any boilers, steam-driven dynamos and other costly power installations. One of the biggest technical obstacles in the way of large-scale civilian use of atomic power has, thus been overcome.

The new epoch-making device is simply inserted in the atomic pile, converting it into a virtually inexhaustible source of electricity which need only be fed directly into powerlines, motors, heating systems and every other channel of civilian production and use.

What a boon this could be to mankind! Desert areas could be made to bloom literally overnight, if this cheap and boundless power were immediately made available. Industrial progress and labor productivity could expand on a scale never known before, once the productive forces and transport were liberated from their dependence on coal, oil and other labor-consuming fuels. The most backward areas in the world could be raised to high agricultural and industrial levels in a period of years instead of decades. But not under capitalism!

We cannot even expect the conversion of every atom pile already in existence in this country into the production of

cheap electrical power. On the contrary, we expect just the reverse.

This method, it turns out, has been known for at least the last six years. It was first installed in 1944 as a safety device to avert the danger of explosion in atomic piles. Known as a "nuclear thermometer" it has been permitted to generate a current of only one-quarter of a watt, or just enough for checking purposes. It was used exclusively to step up production of plutonium for atom bombs, hell-bombs and any other explosive scientific research is able to devise.

Instead of utilizing every available scientific and industrial resource (as is being done to develop the hell-bomb!) to spur this development, a single private company has been awarded a contract to develop and manufacture this device for "power purposes." Even this does not at all mean for civilian use, but rather for the development of various engines of war from atom-powered submarines to atom-powered rockets.

Under socialism that really serves the needs and wants and interests of the mass of the people, it would be inconceivable for news of such momentous progress in harnessing atomic power to have been kept secret for so many years. Only under capitalism could we witness the deliberate sabotage of such a discovery for civilian use!

How Can We Prevent War?

By Joseph Hansen
SWP Candidate for
U. S. Senator from N. Y.

In 1916 the Democratic Party asked the people to return Woodrow Wilson to the White House because "he kept us out of war." Neither the Democrats nor Republicans in those days dared to acknowledge themselves as the party of war.

Once in office, Wilson took America full steam toward the battlefields of Europe. And the Republicans said, "Us too."

In 1940 the Democratic Party asked the people to give Franklin D. Roosevelt a third term on his solemn promise "again and again and again" not to send American boys to die on foreign battlefields.

When the election returns were in, Roosevelt like Wilson hastened the country down the road to war, stepping up the economic and diplomatic pressures aimed at forcing a showdown with Japan. The Republicans, naturally, said, "Us too."

STILL BI-PARTISAN

Today as Wall Street prepares to send the flower of American youth a third time to what Roosevelt delicately called a "rendezvous with destiny," the Republicans claim to have developed "differences" with the Democrats.

These differences, however, boiled down thick enough to see, turn out to be nothing but the usual election jostling at the hog trough of public office.

On the question of World War III, the Republicans remain 100% "bi-partisan." They're simply against a "third term" for the Democrats in the grisly business of marching America into another slaughter. They think that in all fairness the Republicans should have a whack at it.

Neither of the two political machines of Big Business makes much claim about standing for "peace" nowadays. In fact they are trying to psychologize us into believing that another war is inevitable and that anyone who be-



JOSEPH HANSEN

lieves in peace and sincerely works for it is "subversive."

But you cannot truthfully say that "war is inevitable" unless you add: if the capitalist system is not replaced by socialism.

THE SOCIALIST FUTURE

Socialism will eliminate the economic rivalries of warring national cliques of capitalists that now rend our globe. Socialism will integrate industrial and agricultural production on a world scale under a scientific plan. By thus ending the basic cause of war, socialism will open a new era of enduring peace and unlimited scientific progress.

These simple facts are the last things in the world either Democrats or Republicans will admit. As "cause" for the inevitability of war, they point to the prospective enemy, the Soviet Union. They point to Moscow's "influence" in other lands. They mean the great nationalist movements in colonial lands and the demonstrated readiness of workers in industrially-advanced countries to strike out on the road to socialism. Wall Street's plans include suppression of these forces as well as conquest of the Soviet Union.

How is the mad race toward another war to be halted? The United Nations has proved to be an instrument of Anglo-American imperialism, not of peace. When the Dutch despots, armed with American bombs and dollars, launched a surprise blitzkrieg in Nazi style on the Republic of Indonesia, the UN "consulted" for 15 days while the Dutch forces gained their major objectives, then issued a "cease fire" order to both sides. When civil war broke out in Korea, the UN got out of bed in the middle of the night to rubber stamp American intervention. These two incidents typify the role of the UN.

STALINIST ROLE

What about Stalinism? Does it offer a program of peace? The entire foreign policy of the Kremlin since Stalin usurped power has consisted of seeking deals with the predatory imperialist powers. In return for deferring attack on the Soviet Union, Stalin offered his services to prevent workers in other lands from overthrowing capitalism. If Wall Street now turns down such a deal, it is because it feels confident of accomplishing this counter-revolutionary task by its own means.

By betraying promising revolutionary movements, Stalin helped pave the way for World War II. He has given a repeat performance in the past five years. Stalin's betrayals and crimes have made it easy for the war-mongers to spread the lie that communism, which in the days of Lenin and Trotsky represented the finest aspirations and traditions of humanity's struggle for freedom, is the same as totalitarianism.

A WAY OUT

In view of the situation, it seems a formidable task to halt the drive toward war. A person feeling isolated in his opposition to imperialist war may even feel that it is hopeless. But that is not so. There is a way out —

through the struggle for socialism.

The fact is that the great bulk of all mankind are aware of the war preparations, fear the plans of American imperialism, dread the outbreak of hostilities and fervently long for peace and a better world. This elemental desire for freedom, independence and security is arousing hundreds of millions of people. This is the great power behind the whole waves of nation-wide strikes and uprisings that have swept from Europe to Korea in the postwar period. The underground swell has been felt in Africa, South America, the islands of the Pacific. We have felt it even here in America in the form of great strike struggles and the demands of the GI's at the end of the war to come back home.

This liberationist movement has scored such successes as the loosening of Britain's chains on India, the smashing of the Chiang Kai-shek regime, and the heroic record of struggle against colonial oppression in Indo-China, Indonesia, Malaya and Burma.

It even achieved a Yugoslavia that has openly set out on the road to socialism in opposition to both Moscow and Washington.

The frantic efforts of reaction to suppress this world-wide move-

ment are a gauge of what colossal potential power resides in it. American imperialism moves toward world conquest not so much with confidence in victory as gnawing fear that the desperate gamble may not succeed.

This upsurge of the bulk of mankind is the mainspring of the struggle against war, giving a mighty impulsion to the struggle for socialism.

Capitalism is far from a fresh, rising system. It is a dying system, experiencing the frightful struggles of its death agony. Its moral and mental vigor has drained away.

The new socialist system that will replace capitalism and do away with war is even now gathering together its spiritual forces. These can take organized form on a colossal scale with a rapidity never before seen in history. This is part of the power of the idea of socialism when the material conditions for its realization have matured.

The days of capitalism are numbered. We shall soon see the dawn of world socialism. All that is required now is a stout heart and a true comprehension of how much it means in these times to give the idea of socialism another push forward.

KOREA AND YUGOSLAVIA TEST FOR ALL PARTIES

By Joseph Keller

Korea and Yugoslavia are touchstones for the foreign policy of every political party and candidate. They embody the most fundamental world issues. For a party to be wrong in its attitude toward either or both of these countries places it in the camp of reaction and brands it unworthy of the support of the American workers.

Korea symbolizes the great struggle of the colonial peoples of Asia against imperialist domination and for national liberation. Combined with their revolt for national freedom, the Korean peasants, like those of all Asia, are striving to overthrow the system of landlordism and usury that has ground them into abysmal poverty. Yugoslavia represents not only the struggle of small nations for national independence and self-determination, but the epochal battle for socialism against capitalism, the self-rule of the workers and peasants against the tyranny of private owners of the resources and means of production.

There can be no question where the Democratic and Republican parties and their candidates stand on Korea. They are supporting the U. S. invasion and destruction of that country. They are backing the corrupt and savage Syngman Rhee regime of landlords and capitalists against the revolutionary struggle of the Korean peasants and workers.

Does this mean, then, that the Stalinists have a correct position on Korea? Don't they say they are against U.S. intervention and for Korean independence?

The Stalinists are not for the independence of Korea or any other small nation. They are for whatever serves the interests of the Kremlin bureaucracy. The Kremlin found it to its advantage to supply a limited amount of arms to the North Korean regime and to encourage — up to a point — its civil war against the South Korean regime. But if the Kremlin now effects a deal with U. S. imperialism at the expense of the Korean people — a deal which Stalin appears to be desperately seeking — the Stalinists here and their candidates running on the Progressive Party ticket will hail and support any treachery against the Koreans perpetrated by the Moscow overlords.

The real attitude of the Stalinists not only to the rights of small nations but to the socialist revolution itself is revealed nakedly on the issue of Yugoslavia. The American Stalinists are waging a furious campaign in support of the Kremlin's preparations for assault on the Yugoslav people and their workers state, which has dared to maintain its independence against Stalinism and imperialism.

In addition to a blockade that seeks to strangle Yugoslavia economically, the Kremlin has moved its satellite troops to Yugoslavia's borders and engaged in wholesale provocations. This is being done under cover of a campaign of unprecedented slander, in which the Tito regime that organized and led the overthrow of Yugoslavia's former monarchist-capitalist ruling class is called "imperialist," "fascist" and "agent of Wall Street."

The real attitude of Wall Street is displayed, however, in its parallel economic squeeze on Belgrade. The bi-partisan coalition in Washington found no obstacle to pouring three-quarters of a billion dollars into monarcho-capitalist Greece, billions into the landlord-capitalist dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek in China and more than \$600 million into Syngman Rhee's South Korea. But it stalls even a promised \$25 million loan to the Tito government which refuses to make political concessions to American imperialism.

No one who upholds American imperialist intervention in Korea can be considered a trustworthy friend of a socialist country like Yugoslavia; and no one who supports the Kremlin's campaign against Yugoslavia can be considered a trustworthy friend of the Korean people in their struggle for national independence.

On the key issues of Korea and Yugoslavia, neither the candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties, nor the candidates of the Stalinist-dominated Progressive Party go with clean hands before the American voters.

The Socialist Workers Party candidates alone defend uncompromisingly the right of the Korean and Yugoslav peoples to determine their own destinies. The SWP candidates call for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea and for immediate material aid to the Yugoslav people who are facing terrible hardships in their resistance to the combined Moscow-Washington squeeze.

Candidates and Issues In the Seattle Elections

By Daniel Roberts
SWP Candidate for Congress,
First Washington District

SEATTLE — The 1950 election campaign in the First Congressional District of Washington will find all the basic tendencies in American political life represented.

My platform is that of the Socialist Workers Party. I am campaigning for a Socialist America at peace and prosperous in a Socialist World.

The incumbent in the First District is Hugh Mitchell, a great liberal Democrat, darling of the ADA, chief promoter of the Columbia Valley Authority, and a man who boasts of a perfect voting record as far as labor is concerned. There apparently is no greater "friend of labor" in either of Wall Street's parties than Hugh Mitchell.

Hugh Mitchell reminds me of Damon Runyan's character, Big Falseface. Big Falseface was an amiable young man who would stop passersby and engage them in very pleasant conversation — while his accomplice picked their pockets.

That is Hugh Mitchell all over. He is the local Big Falseface of the Democratic Party in its depredations against the working people of this country. While Hugh Mitchell puts out his pleasant chatter, his accomplices — the Democratic President, the Democratic Congress and the Democratic judiciary — blackmail the working men and women and rob them of their standard of living, their union rights, their freedom of speech, and in the case of the Negro masses, of their rights to full political, social and economic equality.

GLOBAL SCALE

Hugh Mitchell is coming up in the world. He is now putting his Big Falseface act on a global scale. According to latest reports he proposes to front for American imperialism in Asia. As he moves up to do so, his line of conversation loses its pleasant ring. The demagoguery becomes less artful, and the brutal tone of the would-be colonial overlord is not so well restrained.

"We of the United Nations shall push the aggressor back across the 38th Parallel," he declared in a recent speech in Congress. "I dare say, the United Nations' forces will go further and occupy the whole of Korea. (How liberal!) The question is Mr. Speaker, where do we go from here?" The Asians, it seems, don't take

kindly to Wall Street. The "Reds" are winning them by promises of land, and — crime of crimes in the eyes of a liberal Democratic phrasemonger! — are fulfilling some of their promises. The peasants are actually taking the land. All this Hugh Mitchell admits.

The American soldiers, waging war against an entire population in Korea, are bewildered by the role they have been ordered to play. From American people letters arrive to Congress asking, "What is the war all about?" What has Big Falseface to say about all this?

Stop the shooting down of the Korean people and the destruction of their industry and their fields? Withdraw the American troops and let the Korean people decide their own fate? Unthinkable for Mitchell! These people must be "liberated" at all costs.

EXTRA BIG PROMISES

The situation calls for extra big promises. Twenty billion dollars must be spent in Asia for development, Hugh Mitchell proclaims. How about a CVA on the Yangtze River?

He has found the happy phrases and now everything is all right — the burning, the bombing, the slaughtering of civilians and all.

Seattle workers must recognize Hugh Mitchell for what he is. The local Big Falseface of the Democratic Party who should be rejected at the polls on November 7!

The Republicans are running Mrs. Frances F. Powell, once a "liberal," who now backs the Republican Party's line at home and abroad without any ifs, ands or buts. She deserves no workers' votes and will indeed receive very few.

The Independent Voters Party has put up Paul Bowen, a Negro maritime worker, who will run on the Stalinist platform of solving the world's problems by cooking up a new reactionary deal between Washington and the Kremlin. While he does not deserve any working class votes, any attempt to rule him off the ballot, as has been threatened by Earl Coe, Washington Secretary of State, must be vigorously protested and fought.

Vote for the Socialist Workers Party and its candidates!

SEATTLE SWP URGES LABOR TO VOTE FOR INITIATIVE 176

By Marianne Stanley
Seattle Campaign Manager

SEATTLE, Sept. 22 — The Socialist Workers Party urges the workers in the state of Washington to vote for Initiative 176 and against Initiative 178 in the November elections.

Initiative 176 is proposed by the Washington State Pension Union, an organization of elder citizens which has sponsored and campaigned for all previous progressive general assistance measures. The proposed act would increase old-age pensions to \$65 monthly minimum and insure all welfare recipients an improved grant for two years. It would force the state legislature to keep hands off state aid to the needy for the next two years.

Initiative 178, proposed by Governor Langlie and R. Olzenand, reactionary head of the welfare department, has been correctly labelled the "Freedom to Starve" Act and is designed to cut pensions and to fix exceptionally harsh rules for eligibility.

The same gang is also attempting to amend the state constitution so that more signatures will be required to place an initiative on the ballot.

Initiative 176 is based on the progressive idea that any citizen

unable to earn a living, for reasons of health, old age, or dependent children, is entitled to a state pension providing a decent standard of living. Governor Langlie's initiative, on the other hand, is founded on the view that only a pauper is eligible for a pension.

Opponents of Initiative 176 claim that the state has no funds, is going in the red, and will go bankrupt if these social security measures are enacted.

The reason the state runs short of funds is that the rich here pay little or no taxes. Washington State has no graduated income tax. The burden of the state finances falls on the workers, in the form of the retail sales tax, which jacks up the price of food, clothing and other necessities.

Taxation of the wealthy instead of the poor would provide ample revenue for an expanded system of social security in the state. Vote yes for Initiative 176!

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The McCarran-Kilgore police-state law is the worst blow Congress has dealt the struggle for Negro equality in a great many years. Any organization, any committee, any individual can be subjected to the heavy punishments provided in this law merely for advocating or working for the adoption of an FEPC bill. (The law strikes at everyone who "substantially contributes" to the establishment of a "totalitarian dictatorship" and many members of Congress have publicly stated that FEPC is "totalitarian" and "communist.") Congress has treated the Negro people with great cruelty and contempt by refusing to pass any anti-Jim Crow legislation for several decades, but it's been a long time since it gave the enemies of the Negro people such a vicious weapon as this new law.



The purpose of the law is obvious. It is designed to intimidate the American people, to frighten us so that we won't even dare to open our mouths, let alone to organize and fight against our oppressors and exploiters. So far as the Negro people are concerned, they want to scare us into giving up our fight against second-class citizenship. They want to force us to accept segregation, discrimination, degradation, humiliation, insult and police terror — and they want us to like it, or at least to stop protesting against these conditions.

A lot has been written to explain that this law is the product of "hysteria" and "panic." This was undoubtedly the case with some of the "Fair Deal" Democrats who voted for the law — like my Democratic opponent, Rep. Hugh J. Addison, who is so cowardly and opportunistic that he did not dare to vote against it. But the real sponsors and the important backers of the law were not acting in panic; they knew exactly what they were doing, and exactly what they were aiming to prevent.

They know that great changes have taken place in this country during the last 20 years. They know that the labor movement has grown like a giant; that the Negro people have become more militant and cannot be pushed around like cattle; that increasing numbers of workers have learned the need for unity of Negro and white against their common foes; that millions of people no longer trust the capitalist politicians, their lies

and demagoguery; that beneath the surface a great resentment is growing against the inability of the ruling class to let the people live free of war and regimentation and economic insecurity and racial oppression; and that in unsettled times of crisis such as we are living through now, this resentment can quickly be magnified and translated into action to put an end to the sorry conditions that plague us today.

So they have put two and two together, and they can see what is coming, unless they head it off. They can see the workers undertaking independent political action, forming a Labor Party that will unite the unions, Negroes, poor farmers, youth and housewives and will bring to power a new kind of government — a Workers and Farmers Government. Such a government — which is what I am campaigning for — will do away with the evils of war, inflation, unemployment, Jim Crow and thought control because it will abolish their causes — the capitalist private property system, production for profit and the dictatorship of the dollar.

Yes, that is what the ruling class hopes to prevent with this new law — the establishment of a socialist system in which the majority of the people will really be the rulers and the masters of their own destiny. Hitler, who thought he was going to prevent it for a thousand years with storm troopers and concentration camps, remained in power for 12 years. I am sure that his American imitators, trying to achieve the same purpose with their "subversive registration" boards and concentration camps, will not last that long.

Anybody who thinks that the American people are going to sit by idly while their rights are stolen and their struggles against injustice and inequality are outlawed, has got another think coming. As soon as the masses understand the contents of the new law, they will make their sentiments known, and the Negro people will be in the forefront of this battle against despotism, as they have been in most of the battles of the past.

A vote for the Socialist Workers Party candidates will have double value and significance this year. It will mean not only a vote for the socialist program of peace, brotherhood and abundance, but also a vote against the capitalist police-state law whose aim in the final analysis is to deprive the American people of the right to choose the kind of society they want to live in.

How to Control Prices

By Gladys Barker

SWP Candidate for LL Governor of New York

As a housewife and a working woman, I am one candidate in this year's election who does not need the Gallup Poll, the Labor Bureau of Statistics, or any dollar-a-year corporation heads to tell me that something must be done immediately to control prices.

Like every other housewife, I know what we need if we're to protect the family's standard of living: wages that keep up with prices, and effective price controls — not a repetition of the farce of OPA as we knew it during World War II.

Many unions are demanding wage increases to catch up with price hikes already slapped on us. Some unions are including escalator clauses in their contracts providing for automatic wage increases proportionate to rises in the cost of living. All unions should demand such protection against inflation.

But at the same time that we fight to defend the family income, we must watch our expenditures, and that means the prices we have to pay in the stores. We need price controls, but not by boards run by Big Business and its stooges or by "civic minded" society ladies who haven't the slightest idea of what it means to try to feed and clothe a family on a workingman's wages.

We need — and the Socialist Workers Party proposes — price control by democratically elected committees of housewives, consumers, working farmers and trade unions, with the whole working class, especially housewives, policing prices. Only such committees can be trusted to protect the interests of the working masses.

So far, all we've had from Truman and his Congress are promises of price controls, combined with threats of wage freezes to protect profits. Thousands of housewives have been forced to

go to work in industry to protect their families' standard of living. This means double exploitation, since they must add eight hours in a shop to their responsibilities as housewives, but what's worse — it doesn't even relieve them of the fear that runaway prices will soon out-distance the combined family income.

At the same time, like the crook who snatches your purse, then runs down the street yelling "Stop, thief!" the corporations jack up prices, then have the brass to accuse housewives of causing "inflation" by hoarding!

As a candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, I propose to do everything in my power to give the housewife the authority to deal with the real hoarders, the speculators, the black marketeers, the thriving corporations. Together with the representatives of unions and working farmers, housewives should serve on committees to set prices, to penalize profiteers, to examine the books of the big food trusts, packing houses, dairies, bakeries, etc.

These mass committees will know how to investigate "shortages," to determine whether businessmen are diverting raw materials from low cost to luxury items, and how to deal with such public enemies.

If Truman and Congress were really interested in preventing prices from rising, the most effective thing they could do is to pass a law providing for the democratic election of price control committees such as I have described.

Anyone who thinks Truman and the other capitalist politicians will do that should vote for them. All who know better and who want effective price control should vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party in this election.

straight days, would never have accomplished the gigantic task without the efforts of drivers, secretaries and other part-time workers.

It is extremely difficult for any candidate to gain a place on the California ballot unless nominated by one of the parties entitled to a permanent place on the ballot. Although it has been attempted by other groups not entitled to a permanent place, including the Socialist Party, only the Trotskyists, with the help of their friends, have been able to do it, the first instance being the 1948 Congressional and Assembly elections when the SWP was on the ballot both in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

THANKS FOR HELP

It was a tremendous task. I want to thank all those friends and militant workers who assisted the Campaign Committee in carrying out this enormous project. Your work has made it possible for the Trotskyist position to be heard in this election.

I want also to thank those voters of the 19th District who assisted in placing my name on the ballot by signing my nomination papers. In the face of the vicious "subversive-registration" ordinances newly adopted by both the City and County of Los Angeles, your stand for democratic principles is most encouraging.

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These ordinances, which ostensibly are aimed at the Communist Party, are in reality intended to destroy every semblance of a free labor movement. The great working population of the 19th District is faced not only with this home-bred form of reaction, but must in addition face the McCarran-Kilgore Concentration Camp Law which applies on a national scale.

HOLIFIELD'S SILENCE

The representative in Congress from the 19th District, Chet Holifield, who is my only opponent in the coming elections, has given no indication of his position on the local ordinances, in spite of the telegram which I sent him demanding that he protect the interests of that vast majority of his constituents who are workers and members of minority groups.

In 1948, the first time we entered the congressional campaign in this district, the minority and labor groups, following the lead of the labor bureaucrats nationally, supported the Democrat Holifield as the "lesser evil" to the Republican candidate. This was the year of Truman's victory with help of the labor bureaucracy, but in spite of that, the SWP candidate received more than a thousand votes in this district.

This year the line-up is different. Holifield, using the "California method," is cross-filing, for he captured both the Republican

and Democratic nominations in the primary elections.

Whom will the Stalinists support? Will the Independent Progressive Party (Wallaceites) run a candidate to oppose Holifield? What did they do in 1948? Despite Holifield's record as a 100% supporter of imperialism war, they backed him. The IPP candidate withdrew in favor of Holifield.

CLEAR CHOICE

At that time they said that they were, on the Congressional levels, following the "lesser evil" policy. Even this lame excuse is lacking now. The workers in the Wallaceite and Stalinist parties face a clear choice: for a capitalist police-state or for a Workers and Farmers Government; for imperialist war or for socialist peace.

Trade-unionists, members of the Negro and Mexican-American community in the 19th District, working class youth, working women and housewives — you have a clear choice to make. It's time to break with capitalist politics and capitalist politicians. It's time to see through the lies and deceit. It's time to demonstrate through a large vote for the socialist candidate that the war-mongers and grave-diggers of democratic liberties are not unopposed. Let your voice be heard through a mighty socialist vote on November 7!

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A Program that Fully Meets Workers' Needs in Michigan

DETROIT — The Socialist Workers Party of Michigan is the only party in the 1950 state elections which can be depended on to fight the police-state and war-deal program

of both the Republican and Democratic Parties. It protests against the militarization of Michigan for foreign conquest and dollar domination. It alone is qualified to expose, from labor's viewpoint, the fake "peace" program of the Communist Party and its tool, the Progressive Party. It opposes the efforts of all capitalist politicians in this state to stamp out the Bill of Rights through "subversive" laws and decrees as well as through concentration and detention camps. A wire of protest against Jim Crow has already been officially called "subversive activity" in Detroit.

The SWP is conducting an aggressive public fight against the profiteering price increases which convert even household necessities into luxuries. It stands for strict rent control. It advocates mass committees to enforce prices and rents which meet the incomes of working people. The Detroit News of Sept. 17 stated: "Rents in Detroit suburbs and other Michigan cities have jumped 60% or more in some instances following Federal decontrol. Evictions increase after landlords regain control of their property."

The SWP fights against payroll taxes and sales taxes. It demands a federal low-cost housing program through the conversion of military appropriations into a housing fund; adequate social security for all workers as well as trade union wages for unemployed workers and draftees.

LABOR'S POWER UNUSED

The Trotskyists point out the tremendous strength of the auto workers of Michigan if used to day as it was in the heroic union organizing drives of 1937. Our candidates show the costs to the rank and file workers for the administration of capitalist-minded labor bureaucrats like Reuther and Scholle. During the rule of the Reuther-Scholle machine the

UAW-CIO, was compelled to challenge the statement of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission that in order to fill the manpower needed in Michigan it was necessary to recruit workers from other geographical areas. Mazey said that "the only reason for the so-called shortage of manpower in Michigan was because of the manufacturers' refusal to hire Negroes, women, and men over 46."

DISCRIMINATION ISSUE

The only positive action against

discrimination in hiring has come

from the Detroit Branch of the

NAACP. The executive board of

the branch voted unanimously to

call a meeting of all public and

private agencies and organiza-

tions concerned with employment

conditions to formulate a plan of

attack against current discrimination

in the hiring practices of

Detroit's major auto industries.

The Trotskyist candidates are

showing that all these conditions

are the result of the political and

economic grip of the monopolists

on the USA; that only a Workers

and Farmers Government can

open a socialist future of real

democracy, security, peace, and

economic well-being in Michigan.

The first step toward these goals

is for labor and the minorities to

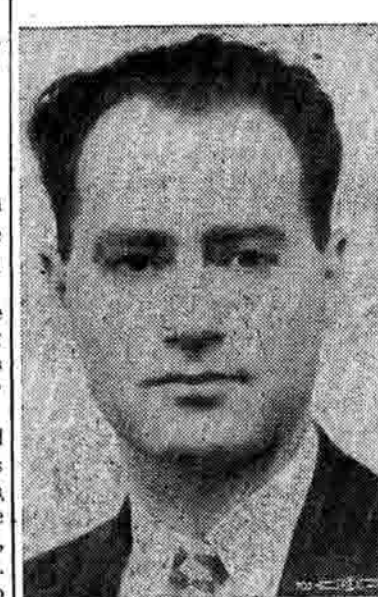
break with all capitalist parties

and build an independent labor

party. Labor in Michigan can

show the way in politics as it did

in union organization.



HERBERT LEWIN

SWP candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, whose running mate is Clyde Turner, candidate for U.S. Senator. They appear on ballot under "Militant Workers Party" designation.

New York Trotskyist Ticket Upholds Independent Politics

By Michael Bartell

SWP Candidate for Governor of New York

The bi-partisan passage of the deadly McCarran-Kilgore bill has exploded the pernicious political illusion of "the lesser evil," so carefully fostered by the Stalinists

and Social Democrats over the years. There are today an impressive number of radicalized workers who are seeking an effective weapon in the struggle against the two Wall Street parties and their reactionary program.

In the New York Senatorial race those who want to cast their votes against the parties of Big Business are confronted with the apparent choice of two candidates. They are the American Labor Party and its candidate, W. E. B. DuBois, or the Socialist Workers Party and its candidate, Joseph Hansen.

A brief examination of the records and programs of the two parties demonstrates that the

choice is only apparent and not real. The Socialist Workers Party has a consistent record of unceasing struggle against capitalism and its political agents. The record of the Stalinist ALP is the very reverse. Their hysterical assertion of "independence" from the parties of Wall Street has as much merit as that of the penniless drunk who is thrown out of the corner bar and threatens to take his business elsewhere.

From the day of its formation, the ALP has been, and remains, only as independent of the Republicans and the Democrats as these parties have forced them to be.

Here are just a few of the odorous facts of the ALP's past activities in support of "lesser evils" and "friends of the workingman." "Concentration camp" Lehman was elected to the Senate last year thanks only to the ALP's refusal to run against him. The late and unlamented strike-breaking, subway-swindling O'Dwyer was first swept into office solely on the basis of active ALP support. And, lest we forget it, Marzantonio proudly reminds us that "Dewey got his big start in New York in 1937 by accepting the ALP nomination."

Has the ALP perhaps turned a new leaf or repudiated its past policies? Not in the least. The above statement by Marzantonio was made in court a few days ago as he fought for the ALP's right to support the Republican wheel-horse, William Blumberg, for the State Senate. Even the ALP nomination of DuBois for the Senate came only after the collapse of their efforts to swap support of Lehman for Marzantonio. Incidentally, this marks the first time in their history that they have run their own candidate for this decisive office.

In accepting the ALP nomination, DuBois has fallen captive to the most cynical and corrupt gang the labor political movement has yet known. He will not find it easy to square himself with some of the facts of Stalinist political life.

His very nomination is a fresh demonstration of the notorious Stalinist policy of exploiting the legitimate aspirations of the Negro people in the most shameful fashion. Is DuBois unaware of the fact the nomination is made in the very best tradition of machine politics, that is, to "get the Negro vote"? Is he unaware of the public record of the countless Stalinist betrayals of the Negro struggle for equality? Does he forget how they attempted to help drag the Negro people into the last Jim Crow war for "democracy"? How they counseled the Negro people not to fight the Bilbos and the Rankins and screamed that to march on Washington for the establishment of an FEPC was "playing Hitler's game"?

DuBois has a creditable record in the fight for civil rights. He has helped to defend victims of reaction regardless of their beliefs. During the war he lent his support to the defense of the 18 Trotskyist victims of the Smith Act. Presumably he still favors defense of all victims of the witch hunt. How will he square this with the reactionary Stalinist stand, as enunciated by Paul Ross, of "no civil rights for Trotskyists"?

DuBois has taken his stand for world peace and against the efforts of large nations to crush small ones. Before this campaign is over he will be forced to say what he thinks of the Kremlin's campaign to starve out and crush the new socialist regime in Yugoslavia. Does Dr. DuBois believe that Yugoslavia is entitled to some of the independence and freedom that he is presumably campaigning for on the ALP ticket?

Honest answers to these questions could only drive DuBois out of the ALP. In the meantime he must stand as an unfortunate puppet, dangling in the hands of a puppet of the Kremlin. Such a candidate cannot warrant the support of militant workers seeking to wage an effective struggle for peace and freedom. The only one that can is Joseph Hansen.

HARRY PRESS CAMPAIGNS IN S.F. FOR ASSEMBLY

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24 — The signature campaign to put Harry Press on the ballot for Assemblyman in the 20th District has been successfully concluded. In

three weeks, devoted campaigners rolled up more than the required number of signatures.

Harry Press is an active trade unionist. A twelve-year member of the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, Press has fought for a militant program against the Republican and Democratic parties as well as the Stalinists and their Progressive Party allies.

The Socialist Workers Party-endorsed candidate will oppose Thomas Maloney, an old line Republican wheel-horse, who won both the Republican and Democratic primaries in the California system of cross-filing. Thus the workers are faced with the clear choice of voting for either a capitalist candidate or a working class socialist candidate. Press, as the only opponent to Maloney in 1948, rolled up a sizable minority vote.

Plans are now under way to carry the campaign to the waterfront workers. An active seaman, Press will center his campaign around the defense of the maritime unions from the attacks of shipowners and the government. "The labor bureaucrats, and particularly officials of the maritime unions who are helping finger seamen for the Coast Guard, are aiding the shipowners and the government. Their support of the administration's war program is further evidence of their betrayal of American labor. I will use my campaign to expose these 'labor statesmen' who hope to maintain their privileges by policing the unions for the employers."

Governor Warren's proposals to a special session of the Legislature include loyalty oaths for all civil service employees, civil defense workers and even defense volunteers. The session is also considering passage of "anti-sabotage" laws, registration of "subversives" and creation of a "little FBI" in the attorney general's office. "All these are police state measures," asserted Press, "which strike at the fundamental liberties of the workers. The fight against the police-state is a basic plank in my platform."

As part of his campaign in behalf of civil rights, Press will testify before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors now considering a "subversive registration ordinance" on the Los Angeles pattern. "With all the registration bills and other regulations now proposed by federal, state and city agencies," Press observed, "a 'suspect' worker would have to quit his job to find the time just to comply with all the provisions."

WAR SCARE AS SCREEN "The lawmakers in Sacramento, including my opponent Maloney, are using the war scare as a smoke screen to trample on the rights of the workers and especially the minority groups; to scrap decent housing, schools, old age pensions, state FEPC and avoid correcting the tragic conditions of the exploited farm workers."

"Two years ago, in my election campaign for Assemblyman, I warned that continued support of the capitalist parties could only lead to a worsening condition of the workers and the minorities. I warned against being misled by substitute capitalist parties like the Wallace-Independent Progressive Party. Events have fully confirmed these predictions. To defend our unions and safeguard our civil liberties we workers must break with all capitalist parties and politicians and work for the establishment of a Workers and Farmers Government."

Campaign headquarters, where more information can be obtained, is located at 1739 Fillmore St., 4th floor, San Francisco 15. Phone Fillmore 6-0410.

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FLINT REAL ESTATE GOUGERS BEAT DOWN PUBLIC HOUSING

By William H. Yancey

SWP Candidate for Michigan Secretary of State

FLINT, Sept. 25 — In the recent primary election public housing was defeated in a referendum vote. The real estate interests and the Flint Journal were once again

successful in preventing hundreds and thousands of workers in this city from obtaining decent homes.

The defeat of the housing issue was aided by the maneuver of placing it on the ballot in the primary election rather than the fall election. The business interests anticipated a small vote which would be more conservative than the larger November vote.

In a factory town like Flint it would have been quite difficult for the real estate sharks if the union movement had campaigned. But not a word was uttered by any of the union leaders about the housing question during the course of the primary election.

The city of Flint is in the grip of soaring property values. Homes are selling for three and four times their prewar values. Some ninety homes in the North End, owned by Negroes, were bought up by the Buick Motor Co. and these Negro families, while paid a fair price, are finding it tough to locate new dwellings. They have little choice and the current

house prices and rents are out of this world.

Since there are fewer homes available for Negroes, they are getting skinned alive. Because of the general shortage, white workers are faced with the same problem. For this reason it is doubly deplorable that the unions did next to nothing to combat the opponents of public housing.

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