

DEMAND SWP DELEGATES

NEW YORK, July 19, 1952, and exploit all Asia, and to de-- The nominating convention stroy the colonial struggles for independence," the resolution of the Socialist Workers Pardeclared. The Socialist Workers Party

ty today unanimously demanded that "all American troops convention expressed its "symbe immediately withdrawn pathy for the cause of the revfrom Korea."

olutionary Korean people," and "This war has taken a toll demanded that the Korean naof over a million and a half tion be indemnified for its victims, including over 120,000 losses in the war.

American youth," the conven-"We further demand," states tion resolution on Korea stat- the resolution, "that all Kored. "This intervention is part ean prisoners of war be reof the program of Washington | leased without qualification or and the Pentagon to dominate intimidation."

Minnesota Branch Gives \$500 Boost **To Election Fund**

By Reba Aubrey, Fund Campaign Manager

The Minneapolis delegation to the 15th National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party gave a \$500 boost to the campaign fund for the presidential election, lifting day speakers who oppose the. the total pledged thus far from

\$17,500 to \$18,000. Not to be outdone, the Buffalo sacrifice to get the anti-war mespects look bright around the est possible number of people other \$500 there, but definite de- paign. He also stressed the imtails about this ante are not yet re in Michigan against the

ty and the need for the utmost delegation announced that pros- sage of socialism out to the great- streets by the police.

There was a time when we windy end of Lake Erie for an- during the 1952 election cam- could associate with anyone we pleased, regardless of

"Injury to One Is Injury to All" Must Be Civil Rights Slogan -- Dobbs Is Way of Real Democracy -- Weiss

Our country was founded on the great tradition of human liberty set forth in the Declaration of Independ- ple. ence. We, the people, were guaranteed protection from tyranny by the Bill of Rights

For President

drunk politicians and military brass who are pushing us straight toward war on a world scale.

These principles are today

being destroyed by power-

Americans once had the unrestricted right to think for themselves and freely speak their minds in the public forum. Now we have thought-control imposed upon us, by unconstitutional laws and presidential orders, by politicians who slander people under the cloak of Congressional immunity. Towar are banned from public halls and driven from the

FARRELL DOBBS

their ideas, and be free from the snooping government

ess.

"Let People Vote on War or Peace"

A terrible fear fills the homes of the American peo-

Over all of us - every mother and father, every young man and woman hangs the ominous threat of

war. How long will it be before your son will be taken away

from you? Will the next day - or even the next hour - bring the dread summons that will snatch your husband from

vou? These are some of the questions that prey on all of our minds.

And worst of all, is the question that grips so many mothers and wives - "Will the next minute bring that heartbreaking telegram from the War Department about your loved one in Korea?" I understand how you feel. You feel trapped and help-

ers in office in Washington. The convention delegates and reat, ruthless, evil force — a monstrous, impersonal, buvisitors, who packed the Cornish

Pledged to Fight for Worker-Farmer Govt.

By Joseph Keller

NEW YORK, July 20 - Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, was named as the party's candidate for President of the United States at its four-day 15th National Convention, which concluded its sessions here late this afternoon.

The convention also nominated

Mrs. Myra Tanner Weiss, Los publican twin-parties of Big Angeles party organizer, as the Business. SWP candidate for U.S. Vice-

Plank Number One of the SWP

President. platform pledges unyielding op-A series of national television position to the war plot of U.S. and radio broadcasts of their ac- imperialism. Big Business is seekceptance speeches and other talks ing to avert an economic and soby the candidates highlighted the cial crisis of capitalism here at convention events. Texts of the home and to put down workingacceptance speeches are printed class revolutions and colonial upin adjacent columns. risings abroad with world-wide, The candidates both pledged a military conquest. vigorous fighting campaign to

The platform demands that the bring the emancipating program Korean War be stopped now and of socialism to the American peo-ple, who are hounded by fear of war, insecurity and destruction of war, insecurity and destruction of

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You feel as though some

For Vice-Pres.

MYRA TANNER WEISS

ready for release.

The new Minneapolis contribution came at the conclusion of Morris Stein's report on the sta-est publicity. tus of the Socialist Workers Par-

Three More TV Broadcasts Slated For Dobbs-Weiss

NEW YORK, July 23 - Three At the next session Morris more national television broad. Stein again took the floor: "It casts by the presidential and viceseems as though many problems presidential candidates of the So- are being tackled here by the cialist Workers Party were an- delegates in a spontaneous manner. The Minnesota delegates nounced today.

Presidential candidate Farrell handed in that \$500 right after Dobbs and vice-presidential can- they made their announcement. didate Myra Tanner Weiss will And that started a chain reaction, be heard over NBC-TV on Sun- Or at least the beginning, I hope, day, July 27, 4:30 to 4:50 P.M. of a chain reaction.

(New York time). Their talks "This morning the Buffalo will discuss the need for the for- delegates said they have been mation of an independent Labor scouting around and it looks like Party, the fight against Jim another \$500 from them is a sure Crow and the common interests thing. This represents a great of labor, poor farmers and the sacrifice for them as many of Negro people. them have been out on the picket

Farrell Dobbs will be inter- lines now for about two months." viewed by the editors of the This week, a total of \$858 "Chronoscope" program over brought the score up to \$6,860 CBS-TV Friday evening Aug. 1, through July 21. That's 38% of from 11 to 11:15 P.M. (New York) the new \$18,000 goal. Connecticut, in first place with

Both Dobbs and Mrs. Weiss 78% of its \$125 pledge, sent in will be seen and heard again on \$17 of which "Nick Lyons gave the Dumont-TV network on Sun-day, Aug. 3, from 5:30 to 5:45 dection " election. P.M. (New York time). The New

In addition to Connecticut, five York station of this network is other branches are on schedule WABD, channel 5.

in the campaign with 54% of In addition, Dobbs is scheduled to make a television broadcast their pledges or better: Minneain Detroit on Tuesday, July 29, polis-St. Paul, Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago. from 9:30 to 9:45 P.M. (Detroit O. C., a delegate from St. Louis, time). The station is WXYZ-TV, brought \$25 to help put a socialist Detroit outlet of ABC-TV. Most of this talk will be devoted to an in the White House, pulling this branch out of the zero level way analysis of the Michigan Trucks up to the 50% category. Law, a witch hunt measure de-San Francisco chalked up signed to bar minority parties

a \$90 gain and now has 25% from the ballot. George Clarke, national cam- of its \$900 pledge.

A \$25 check llfted Youngstown paign manager of the Socialist out of the zero column and up to Workers' Party, said today: "The response of people who listened 6% of their goal. The Boston delegation delivto the Dobbs-Weiss talks during

ered \$68, doubling the branch our national convention last week score. has been highly encouraging. Our friends in the South sent Hundreds of letters received in-

in \$20, stating: "We want to dicate that broad sections of the people are glad of the chance to raise our pledge from \$140 to hear and vote for a fighting so- \$150. A \$10 increase to help clean out the war-profiteers." cialist ticket."

A Socialist Workers supporter Extracts from some of the letters received appear on Page 2 in Toledo contributed \$5 to help (Continued on page 3) of this issue.

need for funds to keep on top of associate with people holding unpopular ideas, and any less to escape. this fight and to give it the widstool pigeon's word will be taken against us.

The St. Paul delegate took the mike to report about the work of we pleased, be friendly with anyone we chose. This is no

this branch of the SWP and concluded with the announcement that the Minnesota delegation had voted unanimously to increase its pledge by \$500 "and this amount will be paid before we leave the Convention." He got a big hand from the convention.

ment doesn't like the way you think. Association with scale. cpponents of capitalism abroad makes you an immediate target of the political police here at home. People from other lands were once welcomed to our

shores without discrimination. Today our government closes the door to immigrants who have the wrong political ideas or the wrong nationality.

Our tradition has been that a man's home is his castle. But this tradition no longer prevents the American Gestapo, commonly known as the FBI, from invading our privacy. They pry into our personal affairs to see if we are criticizing the war program. These political cops consider every criticism a plot to advocate overthrow of the government by force and violence.

The constitution guarantees that accused persons shall have the right to trial by jury, a lawyer to represent them, and the right to cross-examine their accusers.

Today the witch-hunters bring people before loyalty boards, legislative committees and other Kangaroo hearings; they accuse them of political crimes — a practice that is common in totalitarian countries, but has no place in a democracy; and in the farce that passes for a judicial investigation, they violate every rule of trial procedure required by the constitution.

The accused is not told the nature of the alleged evidence against him. He seldom knows who his accusers are and is denied the right to cross-examine them. He is often denied even the right to have a lawyer.

Entire organizations have been convicted without any hearing whatever under the Federal subversive list and notorious laws like the Michigan Trucks Act.

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FULL EQUALITY DEMANDED FOR THE NEGRO PEOPLE

NEW YORK, July 18 - The stand for the abolition of the Socialist Workers Party at its poll-tax, for a strong antinominating convention here, lynch law; we domand an FEtoday demanded full social, PC law that empowers the political and economic equality government to enforce genuine. for the Negro people. equality; we demand the out-

"The Republican and Demo- lawing of restrictive covenants cratic Parties are both White in housing and for the com-Supremacy parties," the reso- plete abolition of Jim Crow." lution adopted by the delegates The statement further destated. "They have united to clared: "The Truman adminmake second-class citizens of istration has done nothing to Negroes, Puerto Ricans and stop the victimization of Ne-Mexicans.'

Iexicans." The Socialist Workers Party bombings, legal lynchings and stated in its resolution: "We police brutality."

Trucks "Witch Hunt" Law and the stool pigeon. These days we are branded subversive if we reaucratic power - has you in its grip. And you feel help-Yes, it's true that all the government officials, all sponded to the fighting appeals

In the past we could go to other countries whenever the politicians, tell us they want only peace.

But you know and I know they are scheming and terrible witch-hunt and represlonger true. You can't get a passport if the State Depart- p otting and driving day and night toward war on a world sions which have been growing in It is to you people who hate and fear war - who

cppose it in your hearts - that I want to speak. *

You are not helpless.

You can do something.

You can stop the war in Korea.

You can bring your young men home.

You can halt the mad drive toward another world I want to make it clear right now that I am against

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there.

Arms Hotel ball-room throughout the convention sessions, reof their candidates with tremendous ovations. In the face of the this country over the past years of capitalist war preparations, the convention gave a remarkable demonstration of high party morale, enthusiasm and revolutionary optimism.

CHALLENGE DEMOCRATS

worked out a compromise that is very little importance anyhow. and other features, in my opinion,

really a capitulation. The Fair They had a so-called "strong" civil do not. I think the Democratic

Deal Humphrey-Lehman wing rights plank in their 1948 plat- platform should recommend mo-

to a "loyalty" pledge, binding that plank in no uncertain tion: If the Democrats, with a

it to work for the candidate nom- terms. However, after the elec- President who said he stood for

AND REPUBLICANS

The two SWP banner-bearers

called on the working people, ra-

cial minorities and all exploited

layers of the population to join

with the Socialist Workers Party

in its militant struggle to break

the grip of the capitalist political

monopoly and to place a party of

the American workers and farm-

civil rights.

JAMES P. CANNON

This raises the following ques-

scratch the Taft-Hartley law in

The delegates drafted, discussed National Secretary of the Soand adopted a platform that chalcialist Workers Party who delivlenges all down the line the pro- ered the main report on the politwar, anti-labor, Jim-Crow pro- ical situation at the SWP 15th grams of the Democratic and Ree National Convention.

Democrats Yield to Race-Haters

ry delegation would have to swear candidate who said he favored

time the compromises had been were filed in the waste basket.

By Harry Frankel

With all wings of the Demoan aggressive war policy, little started out threatening that eve form, and what is more, had a difications." cratic Party fully committed to attention was paid at the Democratic National Convention to international affairs. Instead, the politicians busied themselves with instead in the convention. By the tion these campaign promises "immediate repeal" failed to the party. The so-called New worked out, all delegations from What can the Negro people and five years, and moreover used promised to fight for a plank promising federal fair employment legislation with teeth in it;

but, at the convention, the keynote was compromise.

Compromises were in the air on candidate, on the platform and on the "party regularity" pledge. Indeed compromise with the reactionary race-haters of the South was so much the vogue that it reminded one of the days before the Civil War when the Demo-

cratic Party was known as the party of slaveholders and "doughprinciples.'

For its candidate, the Demorevolt and the measures it would lost their fight.

Dealers and Fair Dealers had states which have laws that can other minorities expect of a far that law to break many strikes, be interpreted to bar such pledges worse platform and a "com- what would they do with a President who only wants "modifica. tions?

Stevenson, the probable- can- BI-PARTISAN POLICY

didate, has said on the issue of In the field of foreign policy, state delegations refused to take civil rights: "I feel very strong- the Democrats pledge to continue every side: compromise on the the pledge, but at this writing ly that this is the first responsi- their course towards World War bility of the states themselves." III. This war drive has also been they remain in their convention seats and attempts are being This is the shabby formula that endorsed by the Republican Parmade to work out a further "com- has been used to avoid any action ty at its recent convention. This promise" that would leave them on civil rights for three-quarters means that Wall Street can now of a century, ever since the com- lean back and feel satisfied with promise of 1876 when the capital- both parties. It has what it wants

'LIBERALS" LOSE "FIGHT" ists of the North turned the rule no matter which party takes of-The civil rights plank of the of the South back to the South- fice to administer the war drive. party of slaveholders and "dough-faces," the latter being defined as such "compromise." The key son is called by the N. Y. Times on foreign policy for two reasons: "Northern men with Southern conflict on this plank was over "a man who is not likely to incite the war drive fills its needs the words "enforceable" versus the Southerners to further riot." abroad, and it determines the "effective." While this may seem The labor leaders, scurrying course of domestic policy as well.

cratic Party appeared to be on an unimportant distinction, it around the convention with their Any party which drives towards the verge of choosing Adlai Ste- symbolized the issue under dis- label pinned on their chests: "Sup- war will also have to destroy civvenson, Illinois governor, who the pute, and the rejection by the port some capitalist politician at il liberties, gag the people. put N.Y. Times says, "has managed platform committee and later by all costs," secured the adoption the race-haters in power, repress to retain the admiration of the the convention of the fight for of a platform plank advocating labor, cut living standards and Northern liberals without alienat- "enforceable" legislation against repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. abandon most of the social reing the Southern conservatives." racial discrimination has been This is a repeat of the 1948 Dem- forms won in the past. This will On the issue of "party regular-ity," that is to say, a Dixiecrat the Democratic Party "liberals" has said: "Some features of the be the course of both war parties law seem to me to advance the no matter what their platforms be met with, the convention again Of course, the platform is of cause of good labor relations," pledge.

SHABBY FORMULA

were exempted, and delegations promise" candidate?

that had been pledged in advance against such a course had also been exempted. In the end, three Southern Page Two

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Our Candidates -- Their Records

Farrell Dobbs -- Fighter for Labor | Myra Weiss -- Champion of Oppressed

The force of a great idea and | He was elected repeatedly as the stunted role assigned to him newly-formed North Central Dis- for the American working class day. stature immeasurably higher than by capitalist society.

Such a cause is the socialist emancipation of labor. Such a man, transformed and lifted up by this cause, is Farrell Dobbs, our candidate for U.S. President. He was born

in Queen City, Missouri, in 1907.

From the age of six, he lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he union post to begin full-time work continued with chemistry I might got his schooling. After gradua-as SWP National Labor Secre-end up by making bombs. I detion from high school, he got a tary.

job as a wire man for Western When Local 544, in June 1941, time helping to remove the causes Electric. Through self-education broke from the bureaucratic of war." he qualified as a planning en- strangle hold of Teamsters Czar

of Teamsters.

The crash of '29 ended all that. on hand to aid the fight of the the present Socialist Workers she was arrested for alleged as-By 1933, Farrell was trying to rank and file. Tobin appealed to Party, and has fought courageousbeat off debt and insecurity and feed his wife and three children president Roosevelt, who re-sponded by directing the Depart- She is a descendant of the early as a coal yard worker.

Minneapolis Labor Trial. He joined the union of coal With 17 other Minneapolis CIO in 1632. Her forbears fought in yard drivers and workers then beand SWP leaders, Dobbs was tried the American Revolution - on Los Angeles. She ran for mayor like Vincent R. Dunne, Grant under the Smith "Gag" Act in the side of the revolutionists. 1941, convicted of the "crime" of Later ones fought in the Civil Dunne and Carl Skoglund. Faradvocating socialism and oppos- War - against the slaveholders. rell was in the thick of the bating imperialist war and sentenced Still later ones broke trails across strikes of February, May and to federal prison for sixteen the plains and mountains to tles of the great truck drivers months. He was imprisoned for pioneer the West. She has kept July 1934 which brought unionism his principles in 1944, returning faith with her revolutionary herto open-shop Minneapolis. to his duties as Militant editor in itage.

He was a member of the negotiations committee where he dis- 1945. played his exceptional abilities -

In 1948, he was his party's cool judgment, attentiveness to choice for U.S. President in the of Utah and the University of details, uncompromising firm-SWP's first national election cam- California, Los Angeles branch. ness, an analytical mind that cut through all the deceptions of the paign. Since then he has been party organizer in Chicago. bosses and arbitrators.

Myra Tanner Weiss, our can-| in Utah, getting \$1 a day, plus a cause bigger than self can secretary-treasurer of famous didate for Vice President of the room and board, for an 18-hour transform a seemingly ordinary Truckdrivers Local 544 and served United States, started out to be- day. She worked seven days a man, a worker, and lift him to a as an officer until 1939. In 1937, come a chemist. Instead she be- week. By putting up a scrap she he was elected secretary of the came a full-time socialist fighter got a 13-hour day every third trict Drivers' Council out of which and an outstanding woman cham-She helped to organize the ter-

grew the Eleven State Area Com- pion of the mittee, of which he was secretary. rights of op-He was chief spokesman in nego- pressed minoritiations that won a 12-state unit ties. "I was a form contract for more than 250,-000 over-the-road drivers. In 1939 chemistry major he became a general organizer in college in for the International Brotherhood 1935 when I became convinced

In March 1934 he had joined that a second the movement that later founded World War was the Socialist Workers Party. In in the making," 1940, at the call of the party, he she relates. ' turned his back on a well-paid figured if I

the Central Labor Union of San Pedro. In 1941 she helped nego cided it was better to spend my tiate wage increases for the Fish Cannery Workers Union, AFL and served as committeeman.

That same year she joined the gineer. He was on the way "up." D. J. Tobin, Farrell Dobbs was Workers Party, then the name of ing in an anti-fascist picket line, She is a descendant of the earlinent of Justice to initiate the est founders of this country. Her first ancestor in America arrived

cops. She says the number was exaggerated. Mass labor protest secured her release. Since 1942, she has been organizer of the SWP branch in in 1945 on an anti-war platform, and has run for Congress. Two years ago she won 18.000 votes

workers.

for Board of Education member. Myra won national recognition in 1946 for her exposure of the Fontana (Cal.) case, when a Negro family of four was burned to

ribly oppressed agricultural work-

ers in southern California. She

got a job as a migratory worker

picking walnuts and lived in the

nigrant camps. She helped lead

nany strikes of the low-paid

farm workers in the San Joaquin

Valley and was made an honor-

ary member of the Mexican Agri-

cultural Workers Union (CUOM)

because of her courageous de-

fense of Mexican immigrant

In 1940 she was a delegate to

Once, in Oakland while march-

sault and battery against five

Myra was born in 1917 in Salt death after white supremacists Lake City, Utah. She completed threatened their home. She orher education at the University ganized a West Coast protest and forced an official investigation, then wrote a pamphlet on the In 1936, she started work as a case, "Vigilante Terror in Fonwaitress for the Union Pacific tana."

THE TRUCKS ACT

war drive are: "the pressure of

month-old, world-wide consumer

coming end of plant expansion."



Reuther Boosts Harriman

President Walter P. Reuther, President of the CIO United Auto Workers, (r), chummily chats with W. Averell Harriman, railroad tycoon and investment Banker who sought the Democratic Presidential nomination. Reuther praised the multi-millionaire politician for his claimed progressive stand on civil rights. Union leaders wanted a Democrat candidate they can again palm off as a "friend of labor" instead of building labor's own party.

24-HOUR HOLIDAY TO AID STEEL STRIKE PROPOSED

NEW YORK, July 17 - The "The arrogant and power-Socialist Workers Party nom- drunk steel corporations are inating convention today called refusing to grant a decent contract to the steel workers, and for a 24-hour national holiday are insisting on exorbitant to show that American labor price hikes on steel tonnage to will not allow the steel corpo- increase their already recordrations to have their way. breaking profits," the resolu-

In a resolution giving full tion stated. "The Socialist Workers Parsupport to the steel strikers, the Socialist Workers Party ty calls upon the American ladelegates stated: "The steel bor movement to join together workers' strike is every Amer- in a great demonstration of ican worker's fight." The dele- solidarity with the steel strikgates condemned the stubborn ers to break the log-jam and attitude of the steel magnates, force the corporations to sign and protested government a contract," the statement de-stalling of workers' demands. clared.

Viewers Praise **Dobbs-Weiss TV** Broadcasts

In the first mail after the national convention of the Socialist Workers Party, at which presidential candidate Farrell Dobbs and vice-presidential candidate Myra Tanner Weiss made radio and TVO

speeches on national hook-ups, 81 people were interested in a moveletters and postcards were re- ment that would benefit them, ceived. Of these, 77 asked for co- but too much propaganda against pies of the speech and SWP lit- your efforts. Am in hopes that erature; most expressed agree- you will be recognized in Novemment and interest with the views ber election.

expressed in the telecasts and broadcasts. There were four enclosures of money. The TV-Radio stations received phone calls asktwo bring a few pertinent truths ing for "more programs like this." to TV America. Many of the

Four of the mail responses were premises they convincingly estabhostile: Typical comments follished are well established this low: week by the article appearing in I would like literature explainthe current issue of the Atlantic ing further. Am a voting citizen, Monthly written by Senator but so fed up with lies and fake Douglas of Illinois titled "What promises from both Democratic it Costs to Run." In that piece the

and Republican parties had almost decided not to vote. Mrs. E. A. Swansea, Mass.

I enjoyed the speeches of your the "fat cats" of Wall Street. presidential nominees and thoroughly agree with all your sentiments. Please send me any literature available. Listening to the broadcast of your speeches by chance has probably opened a new era in my life.

M. S. identical with mine for many years. I have been an independ-· Brookline, Mass.

They were wonderful. Please send

me platform, etc.

ent voter for nearly 32 years and I listened with a great deal of I've been a pacifist since 1914; interest to the acceptance was threatened by a U.S. Secret speeches of your candidates and Service Agent in 1918, and rewould appreciate it if you would ported to the FBI in 1949, but they send me two copies of those had nothing on me. Have had speeches together with two copies many liberal articles published, but many more rejected as too of your platform. D. S. radical. I belong to the War Re-

A. F.

sisters League and the Fellow-Baltimore, Md. ship of Reconciliation. Your's for Last night I heard the speeches. world peace.

Concord, Mass. I listened with increasing joy

Mrs. M. K.

W. S.

Belmont, Mass.

Johnstown, N. Y.

It was refreshing to hear those

Senator definitely shows who will

reap the rewards if and when

either a Republican or Democrat

is elected; the same old faction.

I heard your very fine and

forceful talk over the radio to-

day and was very favorably im-

pressed. Your views have been

Brooklyn, N. Y. to the speeches of your presiden-I feel impelled to write for tial nominees. Will you please your brochure not for its politisend me copies? I am interested cal-sociological-educational value in becoming a working member. spirit.

W. T.

G. N.

Quincy, Mass. I was most pleasantly surprised today when I casually turned the broadest possible extension the SWP press and in the sales Maryland. Please accept the en- on the TV and got the acceptance speeches of your candidates for president and vice-president ---that there were still in the United States at least two people not J. K. afraid to express their honest

Purple Heart Infantryman opinions and belief, and to open-Washington, D. C. ly disagree with the powers who

Could you please send me 50 co- are bringing us totalitarianism and fascism. I am an old Social-

Main Reports to SWP Convention

the Fiftcenth National Conven- of the unions, the functioning of of events. "But one thing can be Act and thus "legalized thought generally." work of the critical economic, po- witch-hunt, etc. litical and military position of the ting.

Reporting on this solution, sition of U.S. imperialism as "a class party or group. complex of irreconcilable con-

tion of the Socialist Workers the labor officialdom as the said for sure. The final answer control," down to the state and Party dealt with the class strug- agents of imperialism inside la- will be largely, and very proba- local legislatures, which are pour- consistent record in this country stress on this," said Comrade physiologically lovely. And has gle in the U.S. within the frame- bor's ranks, the spread of the bly decisively affected by the role ing out supplementary, and, in as the fighter for the civil rights Stein, calling attention to the quite captured my vote. I am a The SWP suffered, as did ev- selves beforehand. That is the ti-democratic laws. U.S. in the existing world set- ery other grouping in the labor way the resolution puts this allmovement, from the offensive of important question . . . That is

reaction and the blows of isola- not a mere ceremonial expression James P. Cannon, SWP Nation- tion. But the SWP stood up bet- of future hopes. It is the calm al Secretary, summed up the po- ter than did any other working assertion of Marxist truth.

Coming social convulsions will our perspectives. If we stand rectly attacked under this act. fect, to the status of second class not only by its activities in the flicts on the international field "radically change the situation," firmly by our principles, and keep And this will "once again open mistakes of policy, our time and proof of our ability to win sup- revoked, on any informer's say past convulsions have done ... working; no carious port among broad lavers of la-1 so. up great opportunities for the our great opportunity will come." In conclusion Comrade Cannon The Crisis of World Capitalism The new social crisis, "with the said: "That faith in the future profoundest revolutionary poten- based on the ideas of Marxism tialities," is "in the making, and is the source of our optimistic Reporting on the world situa-|sis, is seething. In Holland there will not 'fail to arrive." Its in- fighting morale, as we proceed to tion, George Clarke, Campaign has been the victory of the Labor exorable coming will pose the name our candidates for the presquestions: "Will we be ready for idential election of 1952 - anit? And prepared to make the other battle in the long campaign leading to the goal of Socialist as the dominant factor "the unre- "more powerful, more militant lenting drive to war" by the cap- and could win the new election, ministration because he believed The conclusive answer, natural- America." italist rulers of USA. Imparting added impetus to the cowardice of Bevan and Co."

the infamous TRUCKS ACT in law under which "naturalized cit-

The political resolution before | because of the bureaucratization | ly, would have to wait the test | Court, which has upheld the Smith | bor, liberals and the population nities, especially in the field of but as a gesture of commenda- Three cheers for your fighting

of the struggle against the witch- of James P. Cannon's pamphlet closed \$10; regretably I cannot hunt in general, and in particular The Road to Peace and George afford more at the time. Throw ample," Farrell Dobbs singled out recent McCarran immigration ry T. Moore case.

"It is the realistic appraisal of Michigan. The SWP has been di- izens" have been reduced, in ef- party had distinguished itself

propagating socialist ideas. "We tion. Myra Weiss is not only in-The SWP has the best and most can and should lay ever greater tellectually fascinating; she's and perspective we set for our- many cases, even more rabid an- of ALL. Comrade Dobbs called for gains scored in the circulation of registered voter in the state of

out the reporter, "presents latest citizens whose citizenship may be various election campaigns but

As "the latest and worst ex- against the Trucks Act and the Breitman's pamphlet on the Har- it into the campaign fund. I respect your courage. Since the 1950 Convention, the



and of unsolvable economic con tradictions at home."

He then devoted himself to the "political heart" of the resolu- party." tion, that is, all those issues that "do require examination and discussion, and unambiguous answers" by revolutionary socialists.

These fall under four headings: "1. - The present attitude of most of it, when it comes?" the American working class, in general, and its organized section in particular." A condition of "muffled class struggle" has existed in the post-war period.

"2. - "The causes of labor conservatism," arising primarily quences of the stepped-up arms idential candidate.

program and the war drive, leading to the assaults, already started, on living and working conditions of the mass of the people. sault on civil liberties in this time laws and decress," but no

"3. — The perspectives of a country," its deep roots in the change in their substances. The new radicalization; the forms it present war drive, and extending would-be destroyers of civil rights may be expected to take and the back to the drive toward World benefitted by the wartime suppolitical tendencies which will War II under Roosevelt. That's where the witch-hunt one of these steps which laid the contend for leadership." "4. - The role and perspect- has "its origin." "The witch-hunt- foundation "for what is happenives of the SWP in the whole ers got off to a strong start ing today" in preparation for war process.'

PERIOD OF ISOLATION

correctly said.

that the party, along with the lin's support of Hitler that "pop- BACK THE CLOCK

country as a whole, found itself ular opinion was scandalized in To really understand the witch "for the past six years" in a si- America and made it easy at the hunt, its scope and power, it must tuation "radically different from | time to use the Stalinists, just as above all be borne in mind that the situation in the earlier period | they are being used today, as the "American capitalism is trying of the (rise of) the CIO," as chief target for anti-democratic desperately to turn back the well as the pre-CIO era. The post- laws intended in the end to sup- clock, here at home as throughwar period marked for the SWP press the rights of all." The Hatch out the world." Otherwise, it can-a period of "organized isolation," Act of 1939 "initiated the concept not carry on its projected war. not carry on its projected war.



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The Fight for Civil Liberties

The struggle AGAINST the of the loyalty oath, so widely apfrom the record 11-year boom of vation of civil rights came up as Smith "Gag" Law "father of all goods slump; there is "the weight West Germany tends to impart U.S. capitalism, and "the prem- one of the pivotal issues before thought-control measures and (in U.S. economy) of the war to the projected war the nature ises for a new radicalization," in- the SWP Convention. The report- among the most vicious of witchherent in the economic conse- er was Farrell Dobbs, SWP Pres- hunt devices."

> The war-time alliance with the In broad outline, the party's Kremlin brought with it "a standard-bearer sketched out the change in the form of these antibackground of "the current as- democratic acts, repressive war-

> > to capitalism. The colonial revo- and Romania). lution has extended and deepened. port of "the Stalinists to every This confirms the forecasts made can only be understood in relation by the Third World Congress of to the world," concluded Clarke. the Fourth International last The plunge into war will precipi-

year. thanks to the signing of the Stal- against the anti-capitalist forces in-Hitler pact in 1939," Dobbs on the world arena," Dobbs said.

It was because of the Krem- TRYING TO TURN Comrade Cannon pointed out

Among the new developments capitalism will be unable to sur-Comrade Clarke listed the ex- vive. "The fortitude to resist the plosion in Egypt; the upsurge in terrible ordeal which we shall Tunisia and Algeria, the rising face can come only from the con-

ment."

clashes in South Africa and the sciousness that we are part of unfolding Bolivian revolution. the swift moving stream of his-Things are not going too well tory, which despite distortions, is for capitalism in Europe, either. that of the revolutionary trans-France, gripped by economic cri- formation of the world.

New Opportunities for SWP

Hence "the old blacklist of the "The greater the blows Amer- 1950 Convention, new opportuniopen shop days has reappeared as ican capitalism suffers abroad, ties for disseminating the SWP a political subversive list." Hence the more intense grows the pres- press and ideas were afforded by plicating the role of "the old-time sure upon all the anti-capitalist participation in state and local the FBI "as political cops" duelements at home," said Morris election campaigns, by the SWP's coal and iron police." Hence the Stein in his organizational report role in the fight for civil rights glorification of stoolpigeons and to the 15th SWP Convention. and minority rights, in the first hired informers as "national he-"This is the reality we face in instance, in the field of the Ne not only are "the victims held our struggle to build the revolu- gro struggle. roes." Hence a situation where

tionary socialist party in the citaguilty unless they can prove their del of capitalist reaction." innocence," but "even if they

Despite the difficulties of the clear themselves they are marked 'suspicious' and will probably last period, the basic framework have to go through this ordeal of the party has remained largely intact. The over-all experience again and again," and so on. The entire government machin- has demonstrated that the aveery is at the service of the witch- nues of growth and recruitment, hunters - from Capitol Hill, while reduced by the pressure of where McCarthyism and McCar- the witch-hunt, were by no means ranism are rampant through the cut off.

courts, particularly the Supreme In fact, in the period since the

In the strug- pies of your candidates acceptgle against the witch-hunt and ance speeches? The reason I re- ist of the earlier years of the the defense of the civil liberties quest 50 copies, if possible, is for century, a contemporary and perof all its victims, including the use in teaching my social studies sonal friend of Gene Debs and Stalinists. class.

The party's record in this field s indeed an impressive one. There

is the determined campaign and struggle waged around the case Manager for Farrell Dobbs and Party; in Britain the Left Wing of James Kutcher, the legless Manager for Farten boost and out of the Labor Party has grown veteran who was fired from his help. clerk's job in the Veterans Ad-

and oust Churchill, if not for the in socialism. There is the fight against the Kimball Act in the As for Germany, it "is dividoverproduction," which has al- ed along class lines in the strugready found expression in the 16- gle between the U.S.A. and the

USSP. The arming of East and igan. economy", coupled with "the of civil war from the start." The reporter noted that paralseminate its ideas and spread the ber-baron system, I am quite un- friends. message of socialism on a na-

tion-wide scale.

tate a world-wide social crisis.

We hail the inspiring struggle of the Bolivian workers and farmers for the nationalization of the mines and industrialization of their country, and their operation under workers control. We support the deoffered. I am only 14, but the mand of the organized workers youth of today will be the men and farmers for the expropria-(and voters) of tomorrow. tion of the landlords.

The Bolivian revolution, now in process, is struggling to expel all foreign exploiters and to turn the country's wealth over to the oppressed masses to be used for their benefit.

This struggle will inspire the workers of all Latin Amer-This year's presidential camica, who, like the Bolivian paign will afford broad opportuworkers, must fight against imperialist domination and above all the domination of Wall Street and the Pentagon.

The Socialist Workers Party demands that all interference by the U.S. government in Bolivia cease at once. Hands off the Bolivian revolution!

other old war horses of the work-J. M. ers struggles to whom the work-

New York ers owe so much. It has been a constant source of amazement Perhaps you could send me and disillusionment to see what some more information as I the American workers have almight be able to give you some lowed themselves to be dragged into, and what they have accept-J. K. ed in the way of trends so for-Salt Lake City, Utah eign to the traditions and pre-

I have been an independent left- cepts laid down so plainly by the State of Washington. There is wing-socialist for the past few revolutionaries who founded their the unfolding campaign against years, am a factory worker in the nation - and I mean the real the notorious Trucks Act in Mich- mid 20's and having my share of revolutionaries like Jefferson and difficulties under the current Paine. Send me a few copies of The presidential campaign will surge of Prussianism. While I am those acceptance speeches and afford the party with the best fully aware of the immoral and anything else I can use profitopportunities since 1948 to dis- contradictory nature of this rob- ably among my old pensioner

> W. T. Columbus, O.

the Socialist Workers Party. Therefore to make my knowledge more complete and because Local Addresses your standard bearers struck me as being earnest workers, with experience and ability, I should like to know more about your organization.

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To this must be added "the power leling the crisis of imperialism of the military caste, whose was the crisis of Stalinism. He growth remains unchecked in the cited the conflicts inside the satface of popular anti-war senti- ellite bureaucracies in Eastern Europe and between them and

This war drive takes place un- the Kremlin bureaucracy (the reder conditions highly unfavorable cent purges in Czechoslovakia "The power of U.S. capitalism

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This was not the only So-

cialist of Debs' time who rec-

ognized the authentic voice

of American socialism. We

received letters from other

old Socialist fighters hailing

These seasoned warriors

in the struggle for a better

world than the present sorry

mess were correct in their

judgment. The Socialist

Workers Party does stand in

the fighting tradition of

that whole galaxy of patriots

the speeches.

Debs.

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The Socialist Workers Party

Among the letters we received in response to the TV broadcasts of Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, was one from "an old Socialist of the earlier years of the century, a contemporary and personal friend of Gene Debs and other old war horses of the workers' struggles to whom the workers owe so much."

This pioneer Socialist, who happened to turn on his TV set at the right moment, immediately recognized a familiar ring to the speeches of the Socialist Workers state." candidates. He was reminded of Eugene Victor Debs, outstanding Socialist leader who was jailed in the World War I period for opposing imperialist war and advocating socialism.

EUGENE V. DEBS

tyrannical and fight for a new government molded according to the democratic will of the American people.

Our heritage likewise includes the spirit of the Abolitionists, the American militants of a century ago gathered around Wendell Phillips, Frederick Douglass and John Brown who refused to condone the slave system, and did not rest, no matter what the vilification and persecution, until that foul and tyrannical threat to a free America was torn up root and branch.

Our ideas go back to the beginning of socialism in America, especially to the heroic pioneers around Albert Parsons and August Spies who built the first real party force. of socialism in the teeth of savage reaction that demanded and took the lives of these leaders in the famous Haymarket labor case of 1886.

The Socialist Workers Party is completely American, but not narrowly American. We recognize that the great weapons ever devised by the mind racy - but they are against letcradle of modern civilization has been Europe and we are of man. proud to include in our heritage the scientific thought of its profoundest minds, Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, V. I.

Five Years of Civil War -- The Prelude in Korea

By Art Preis (Continued from last week) From the start of the Korean war and U.S. intervention, the a fruitless endeavor. That is spokesmen of the western powers have misrepresented the war's origin as an "unprovoked aggresion" by North Korea against mently and falsely denied that struggle between Korean classes 25, 1950.

and regimes. For the imperialists to admit Koreans has been recognized and terests forming a solid political The late George M. McCune, an the existence of civil war would reported since the end of the secbe to confess that their interven- ond World War by the ablest tion violates their own United Nations charter which forbids the UN "to interfere in matters have described the struggle that which are essentially within the has been waged between the poor domestic jurisdiction 'of any and the rich, the workers and peasants on the one side and the

The attempt to reduce the ori- capitalists and land-owners on

RECOGNIZE NEW CHINA, SAYS SWP TO U.S. GOV'T

July 20 - The Socialist Work- | perialist domination and for their own independence." ers Party, at its nominating con-

The delegates also called for vention in New York, in a resothe withdrawal of all American lution unanimously adopted by troops from Asia, an end to the the delegates, today demanded blockade of China, and the vacatthat the United States Governing of U.S. military bases in Japment immediately recognize the an, Formosa and Korea. New Government of China. The resolution demanded an end

"The Socialist Workers Party to "interference in the internal hails the Chinese revolution," the affairs of China," and that ified support to the Chinese mass- commerce be resumed between the es in their struggle against im- Chinese and American people." | posed of young liberals, including

Our roots go back in America to 1776, to the militant colonials around Sam Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson and

> they will overthrow this hated dictatorship if they are left in

The politicians of the Democratic and Republican parties . all of them - tell us over and over and over again that war is being thrust upon us by others who want to attack us.

neans of the country to making

stop it.

voked whom on June 25, 1950, is rea consciously aided the rich. SWING TOWARD RIGHT

something we can never know. Because the first shot in the Korean conflict was not fired on June 25, 1950. It is lost in those

Bitter class conflict among the journalists and authorities on the Far East. From the first, they

correspondent of the Christian ownership of major industries." Science Monitor, wrote from Seoul Its appeal was to "the Korean South Korea. They have vehe- FIVE YEARS of sharp, bloody on Nov. 12, 1945, that "dominant masses, most of whom are Bill Morgan, in the March 15, ican imperialism is everywhere."

the war originated in an internal and led up to the events of June tutelage . . . is a swing toward exploitation by the rich land-own- hundreds of thousands of disposbig landowners and financial in- land rentals." power bloc . . . dominated by Ko- outstanding American authority

> Yunchi, Pak and Han - which versus Left struggle" as the compare roughly with Japan's "dominating feature of South Ko-Zaibatzu of eight families in ex- rean politics," in the Oct. 15, 1947 Foreign Policy Reports of the ercising hegemony over the country's land and industry." Foreign Policy Association. These four families, Walker The Right was in a "more pow-

> explained, are the nucleus of Ko- erful position" because of its rea's Yangpan "or century-old up-"wealth, political control and per class (which) suffered very demagogic appeal" while the Left

little under Japanese occupation" "had a strong popular following and were bent upon recouping because of its revolutionary agrabeggared description. "We had control of the 80 per cent of Ko- rian and industrial platform. The never seen such cold-blooded rea's land and property which rank and file following of the the Japanese had taken over; Leftists was drawn chiefly from

These few rich families, wrote the farmer class which was dis-Walker, "are working strenously mayed by the lack of a land-disto prevent the growth of anything tribution plan and bitterly opwhich smacks of communism, soposed the rice-collection program. cialism or even economic liberal-Factory workers and miners were ism. Some of its leading members discontented because the managenow constitute the bulk of the adment of industry had been turned visory council for A.M.G." over to alleged Korean "profiteers" instead of the factory work-

LIBERALS AND PATRIOTS

The chief political opponent of McCune then wrote that it was the capitalist-landlord group was the considered opinion of many resolution stated, "giving unqual- "friendly relations and normal the group which called itself the observers that . . . the Koreans "People's Republic" and "is com-

> non-democratic and often reactionary activities of military Govt. and its Korean officials.'

There were repeated reports of

|gin and nature of the Korean War | the other. The American authori+ | many of Korea's most ardent pa- | themselves of a regime conducting | brutality. We saw them beating to the simple question of who ties who maintained a four-year triots who played leading roles an anti-labor campaign under de- workers - men and women and fired the first shot or who pro- military occupation of South Ko- in the anti-Japanese underground crees "worse than the cruel laws children - every day." These pomovement." This group, Walker of Japanese imperialism."

Conditions in South Korea un- der the Japanese imperialists and said, "have strong popular backder the AMG and its Korean col- were eager to practice it under ing" and urged among other pro-Gordon Walker, Far Eastern gressive reforms the "government laborators, like Syngman Rhee, an even richer, more powerful were graphically described by our master, U.S. imperialism. Thus,

own eye-witness correspondent, Morgan wrote, "hatred for Amercivil and class war that preceded under American Military Govt. awakening to their century-old 1947, Militant. He tells of the And with it. "Evidence of a powerful class struggle is everythe conservative right wing, with ers, who demand two-thirds for sessed workers and peasants where. The American brass hats crowded into terrible slums and the Korean police have not "plagued by disease and hunger" been able to prevent strikes.

in Pusan, "Thousands of Koreans Trade union leaders are arrested rea's four big families - Kim, on Korea, described the "Right live in cardboard shacks, in caves and tortured, but the struggle dug into hillsides, in abandoned goes on day and night. Many warehouses, in doorways, in the workers are armed and fight to narrow spaces between houses ... | maintain the independence of Every morning many dead people their towns and villages. Free are found - frozen, starved or elections are banned because the shot by the police. Gangs of chilvote for radical candidates would dren roam the city and search wipe out the present puppet gov-

for food or work." POLICE BRUTALITY

Hodge.' The brutalities of the police

Here is the rumbling thunder presaging the storm of civil war. (To be continued)

ernment set up by Lt. Gen.

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Allentown	40	20	50
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Akron	150	60	40
New York	4,500	1,780	40
Flint	300	100	33
Boston	500	155	31
Newark	1,000	314	31
San Francisco	900	227	25
Seattle	400	91	23
Philadelphia	350	70	20
Milwaukee	275	45	16
Pittsburgh	40	5	13
Youngstown	400	25	6
Los Angeles	2,200	0	0
Oakland	300 -	0	0
General	150	115	76
Total through July 21	\$18,000	\$6,860	38

"Injury to One Is Injury to All"

(Continued from Page 1) Our legal tradition provides ideas; then they go deeper into the source in the domination of that the accused be considered the population, step by step, fig- government by Republicans and fathers, all you wives and sisters head. They hold intended victims of the people will be afraid to remain in control, the witch hunt there in Korea tonight, to demand then they are made to bear the camps are already being built for

known to every ex-convict. thought and expression in this the people because they are act-placing them with a Workers and

| ple who hold the least popular | strike at the source. We will find Democrats. So long as these polit-

The attack on democratic rights can be completely stopped only

Let the People Vote on War"

against a government grown the Stalin police regime in Rus- bankers, the industrialists, the war contracts.

the dying. That will be done by the com-

alleged threat by a tremendous show of overwhelming military

Build up armies and navies and air forces of millions. Turn the labor and productive

Ask yourself:

The war

war.'

end.

(Continued from page 1)

mon people — the ones who have nothing to gain and everything

have been denied even the chance They say we must answer this to voice their opposition to it. They didn't ask you or me-what

we thought about it when they dragged us into the Korean "police action" that's been running for over two years now.

the biggest and most destructive talk about fighting for democ-

That's what they say is the selves whether or not we should

cause for war and how we can take the awful plunge into war.

stand to profit from it - the big profiteering war corporations sia. But I think that is the affair grafting government officials and on us any more. That's why they of the Soviet people. And I think military brass who give out the don't want to let us vote on war or neace.

But they don't and won't do the

to lose by war - the ones who

The Trumans and the Eisenhowers and the Tafts - they all and brothers of the boys over a referendum on war or peace. ting the people decide for them-

We ask you to demand the withdrawal of all armed forces Everybody knows that Truman at once from Korea.

ire being driven toward communism 'as a consequence of the

GREAT STRIKE STRUGGLES

great strike struggles and labor wouldn't be able to pull a Korea

lemonstrations in South Korea from the first days of the U.S. military occupation. The Militant of May 18, 1946, contains an ap-

The Socialist Workers Party is acrificing and the fighting and the only party that fights for a CIO to help the hundreds of thougenuinely democratic program to sands of Korean unionists rid

give the people the power to decide the war question.

We are not afraid to let the people choose. We want the voice of the people to prevail.

We say - Let the people vote on the question of war and peace. Let the people decide by referendum whether we are to enter the deadly peril of atomic war.

We call on all you mothers and

tion spoke to the people of Amer-

subversive activities of reaction-

picion of all liberal, forward-

Perhaps some of you who are

ooking ideas and persons."

ica in the following words:

innocent until proved guilty. The uring that if a million or two are witch-hunters stand this on its victimized for talking, the rest ical agents of the wealthy class guilty until proved innocent. Even open their mouths. Concentration will be with us.

The warmakers and their polit- by removing all Republicans and This attack on freedom of ical police fear the real voice of Democrats from office and re-

mark of suspicion that is so well- this purpose.

peal from the Korean Federation of Trade Unions to the American

Lenin and Leon Trotsky.

First to Oppose Stalinism

We stand in irreconcilable opposition to Stalinism, that deadly disease carried into the international labor movement by the Kremlin police regime. We were the first in this country to call attention as far back as 1928, the Manchurian and Siberian bor- middle of the night, we were inders? to the menace of Stalinism. We exposed its bloody purges, lying propaganda, frame-up trials and murderous political police even when many of its present-day foes sought to foreign countries scattered around ualties and reduced the whole of cover up or explain away the crimes of Stalinism!

At the same time, we have defended the remaining States? social conquests of the October 1917 Russian revolution -against the Stalinist usurpers of power and against the imperialist powers who plotted conquest of the Soviet Union. Soviet Union?

We are firmly convinced that the great social and economic evils of today are in the final analysis symptoms us the truth. of the decay of the capitalist system. World war, depression, fascism, race hatred, witch hunts, disintegration of living standards, wars of colonial conquest, national rivalries, preparations for atomic slaughter - all these and without. other great social ills are consequences of an economic system that has become outmoded.

We believe that a new economic order is about to appear on a world scale and that nothing can stop it. This new order is socialism — the producton and distribution of the basic necessities of life through rational, integrated, nation-wide and world-wide planning.

This new system means the end of private profit at the expense of public welfare. It means the end of war and depression. It means enduring peace. It means the birth of that genuine brotherhood of man for which every decent person yearns.

The election campaign of the Socialist Workers Party aims to hasten the end of the chaotic, hate-breeding, profitmad, destructive, blood-thirsty system of dying capitalism. Through this campaign we hope to help speed the day we can open up the dazzling perspectives that Socialist America holds in store for us.

Our appeal is especially to the pioneer spirit that once made America the hope of the world, the spirit of initiative, courage, self-sacrifice and decency. We believe that the American working class, aroused to the evils and depression. dangers that beset us as capitalism moves toward another world war - and awakened to the infinite possibilities for well-being under socialism - will move with invincible power to put a Workers and Farmers government in peoples all over the world, who office and reconstruct our economy according to scientific are now fighting to be free of ple to decide this question on plan.

We ask you to do everything you can to help achieve this great and inspiring goal. Tell your friends about the profit system going at the ex- decide, they would ask questions they were signing off with their more dissatisfied as the war is means we must oppose all laws Socialist Workers Party. Help widen the circulation of pense of the people who do the first, they would investigate, they nightly, "This is New York, the extended against other countries. and presidential orders that im-The Militant. Help us financially. The Socialist Workers useful, honest work of our so- would demand the facts. ciety. Party needs funds urgently to get its message to the widest possible audience in the 1952 presidential elections.

did not even consult Congress when he plunged America into the civil war in Korea. Is the Russian army within 200

niles of the American border? Or find that we were committed to is an American force of half a war in Korea. million men within 200 miles of While we were asleep, in

volved in this murderous enter-Do the Russians or Chinese prise which has already cost us have troops and air bases in 55 over 120,000 admitted battle cas- to be chosen as the running mate the globe? Or does the United Korea to rubble.

Everything they have told us Are the air forces and armies about this war we never wanted of any other nation or combina- and never approved, is a lie. Take the matter of casualties tion of nations encircling us? Or is an iron ring being forged com-I just spoke of 120,000 battle casualties. pletely around the borders of the

But how about the thousands of A look at the world map tells frost-bite cases? Aren't they casualties of war?

No one is threatening us. Or take the claim that we went We are doing all the threaten all the way over into Korea to defend democracy there. danger is not from

Now we are told that this gov-The war danger is from withernment of Syngman Rhee in South Korea is nothing but a one-

man dictatorship. No doubt you've heard the ex-I could go on citing fact after pression about the first World War and the second World War fact after fact that would prove and now about the Korean War conclusively that our intervention that the attackers were policein Korea has been bolstered by a that "this is a rich man's war and poor man's fight!" mass of lies.

The late President Woodrow Wilson - who led us into the us because we did not have the who helped him away. I'm sure power to wrest the truth from the Negro cab driver could be war in 1917 - confessed afterward in a speech in St. Louis that them

We could not halt their war it was not a war to "make the world safe for democracy." scheme in advance. He said it was a "commercial We had no say-so. We women take pride in the

fact that we won the right to It was a war fought for busivote in 1919 after a century of ness reasons. struggle for our civil rights. And - in a manner of speak-Yet on this most crucial quesing - every war that we have tion — this question of life and flood of phone calls from indigbeen thrust into or that we will death - this question of war or nant neighbors, city officials be thrust into under the system of capitalism and private monoppeace - we have been gagged. olies will be a war for business.

It will be a war for profits. on the most vital question affect-It will be a war to stave off ing us as wives and mothers we get a witch-hunt intended to dispossessed on court order beintimidate and silence us alto-It will be a war to open up new

gether. fields for profitable investment. What are they afraid of? It will be a war to prevent the Why don't they want the peo- two \$67-a-month apartments.

ng their independence. rests? It will be a war to keep this

It will not be our war. It will be the war of those who the generals and admirals, the of democracy."

ty and a program that would give you — the people — the power to decide whether we are to live or We woke up one morning to die.

> I am proud indeed to accept the nomination of such a party - the Socialist Workers Party

- for the vice-presidency of the United States. I am doubly proud communist activities has been dwarfed in recent months by the of Farrell Dobbs, our presidential candidate, who suffered imprisonment in World War II for whip up hysterical fear and sushis unflinching opposition to cap-

italist war.

"Where 8 Million Enjoy Benefits --

> hit you directly; at least not in a manner that has made you selves been heavily victimized, by a struggle on Manhattan Ave. aware of it. Let's pose a few violate this principle by refusing and 104th St.," a "Shaken Citiquestions for you to think about. to defend the rights of their pozen" writes in today's N. Y. Post Maybe your answers will show (July 23), "I saw two men brutally kicking and beating a man more than you realize. lying in the street. I was about Do you feel free to state pub-

to call the police when I saw licly your actual opinion about the war in Korea? Or are you ers usually make the same funmen. They never accused the man careful to express your real damental error by refusing to deof anything and finally left. The thoughts about it only to your fend the democratic rights of the The war-makers have lied to dazed victim hailed a cab driver friends? Do you feel free to complain the way for use of the subversive

about the big tax bite that is list and anti-democratic laws found to corroborate this story.' taken out of your wages to fi-After this, I turned to the N.Y. nance the war program? Or do izations. Compass and read that Mrs. Julia you find it safer to merely com-Lifschultz and her seven children plain that taxes are too high in were evicted Monday from their

general? home at 62 Fourth Ave., Brook-Do you fell free to speak your candidate has an unblemished reclyn. They spent the day on the real thoughts about a foreign pol- ord of principled conduct in de streets, huddled in a doorway during the driving rain. After a icy that is putting millions of our

youth in uniform? Or do you find it safer merely to express regret that or young men must be taken munist Party. Yet we defend all carted the furniture to a ware-Not only do we have no vote house and moved the family into from their homes to risk death of foreign battlefields? a municipal flophouse, where they When you think about it for are presently residing. They were

while, you begin to realize that policies of the union officials and it's not as easy as it used to be Negro leaders. Yet we defend cause their landlord is planning to express your real thoughts them when they are attacked by on "renovating" their six-room, publicly, especially if you don't the thought-control police. \$57.50-a-month apartment into like the war.

The Republican and Democrat-After reading the above items foreign exploitation, from gain- which the fate of all mankind I decided to listen to some music ic co-authors, of the present war erties means anything, it means policy know it isn't popular. They we must defend the rights of before turning in. I caught our

If the people had the power to Municipal station WNYC just as know the people will become even those with whom we disagree. It city of opportunity, where eight They intend to curb this dissatis- pair freedom of thought and ex-

The Big Business press, the million people live in peace and faction by making it unsafe to pression. To completely stop this assault bought-and-paid-for politicians, harmony, and enjoy the benefits criticize the war policy. They begin by attacking peo- on democratic rights, we must

inst the interests of the country has gone so far that the conservative leaders of the CIO people. Like all tyrants who act ernment, genuinely representative against the public interest they of the working people, would act steel union warned against it at must first gag those whom they to promote peace, instead of war. he union's recent convention. would betray. In a resolution unanimously

It would encourage free ex-As Al Capp, creator of Li'l Ab- pression of public opinion and be adopted the Steelworkers convenner, put it we are even suffering guided by it, instead of trying to gradual loss of our freedom to regiment people's minds through laugh at each other. Mr. Capp thought-control. "The danger from domestic

non-resistance to communism.

ward police-state rule.

hunt.

The establishment of a Workers merely tries in his cartoon strip to give us a good chuckle Yet he and Farmers government is the told in a recent Life magazine main plank in the platform of the ary forces who attempt . . . to article of receiving indignant let- Socialist Workers Party. We ask ters accusing him of kidding Big you to support us in working to Business, of creating pacifism and attain this goal.



(Continued from page 1) against the Trucks "Witch Hunt"

The Stalinists, who have them-Law H. C. of Cincinnati emphasized his "Greetings and best wishes for your convention" with a \$5 litical opponents. Their conduct bill to help put socialism on the that you've already been affected helps the reactionary clique that ballot.

is trying to push our country to-J. K. of Washington D. C. sent \$10 after televiewing the accept-Union officials and Negro lead ance speeches, saying, "I respect your courage."

(See scoreboard above)

Stalinists. This policy helps pave THEIR MORALS against unions and Negro organ AND OURS By Leon Trotsky The Socialist Workers Party which has honored me with the 64 pages 25 cents nomination as its presidential fense of democratic rights for all - A New Pamphlet -We are firmly opposed to the policies of the Stalinized Com-The Stalinist victims of the witch Jim Crow Murder We sharply disagree with many of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore We stand squarely on the prin ciple that if defense of civil lib By GEORGE BREITMAN 10¢ PIONEER PUBLISHERS 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3 Latest Catalogue on Request





The general public doesn't take the election platforms of the capitalist parties very seriously. And why should they? Experience has proved that the old party politicians don't write down what they actually stand for in those platforms, but only what they think will bring them the votes necessary for election. The cost of almost everything else has gone up in recent years, but campaign promises are still as cheap as dirt and only half as valuable.

When promises are so plentiful, and so meaningless, you can learn a lot more by what the capitalist party platforms DON'T promise than by what they do. A good example is the Republican plank on civil rights.

In 1948, the Republicans promised to enact "such federal legislation as may be necessary" to guarantee the "right of equal opportunity." This general formula was accepted and interpreted as a pledge to enact a federal Fair Employment Practices Commission to combat discrimination in hiring. Of course the Republicans did nothing to pass such a law in Congress (neither did the Democrats) but at least it was part of their platform.

The few Negroes at the Republican convention tried to get the same civil rights plank inserted into the 1952 platform. But they were turned down flat. This year's plank says that each state has the right to "order and control its own domestic institutions." That's what the Dixiecrats say too. This year's plank also promises to enact federal legislation "to further just and equitable treatment in the area of discriminatory employment practices" if it won't "duplicate state efforts to end such practices." The Dixiecrats don't say that, but they don't mind it either because it is nice and vague and because it does not say anything about a compulsory FEPC. The Republican delegates from the South, who are as Jim Crow as the Dixiecrats, accepted this plank.

That's not surprising because this plank was especially written to satisfy the Jim Crow South. The Republicans think they have a chance to carry a number of the normally Democratic states in the South this year, and they made the necessary adjustments in their campaign promises to win the support of Southern white supremacists. There's a lesson in this. The white supremacists are well organized and aggressive fighters for what they want, and they get concessions for that reason

The Negro delegates, headed by Harold C. Burton of New York's 22nd District (Harlem), behaved differently and were treated differently.

VOLUME XVI They came to the convention as supporters of Eisenhower, although they know that he is opposed to a compulsory FEPC and favors "states'

not to fight against the plank on the ground that such a fight would help Taft, and they folded up again. When the platform came to the floor, Uncle Tom Burton got up and said he now interpreted the civil rights plank as favoring a compulsory FEPC law - the other delegates mouths dropped open in amazement when they heard this "interpretation" - and he seconded the motion to adopt the platform.

It's no wonder that the Republicans feel they don't have to offer their Negro members any concessions. Why should they when the Negro Republicans don't even fight for them ?

Of course capitalist party platforms don't mean much in the first place; the real platform is not what the convention adopts but what the party leaders stand for. And in this case, as Walter White said at last month's convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, General Eisenhower's views on FEPC and segregation put him "to the right", of Taft and Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, the Dixiecrat choice for President.

But in spite of that, the fact that the Republicans promise the Negroes less this year than in 1948 is something worth thinking about. It means that Negroes have reached just about the limit of even verbal concessions that they will get as long as they continue to move inside the framework of capitalist party politics. Whatever the Democratic convention does on civil rights, the Democrats too are not going to promise more or do more than they promised or did in the last four years. If Negroes want to get concessions from the ruling class, they are going to have to get as tough as the Dixiecrats, who didn't hesitate to walk out of the Democratic convention in 1948 when they didn't get their way. Loyalty to capitalist parties and loyalty to the Negro struggle for equality never mix, and they clash violently in a year when Dixiecrats are being appeased.

(Next week: The Democratic plank)

posed to a compulsory FEPC and favors "states' rights." Then they switched to Taft. Then Gov-ernor Dewey put pressure on them and they switched back to Eisenhower. They condemned the civil rights plank as "watered down" and "weak" and promised to fight it on the conven-tion floor. Then Governor Driscoll of New Jersey and Senator Ives of New York put pressure on them not to fight against the plank on the ground

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Iran Wins at the Hague



Iranian Premier Mossadegh (r) conferring with defense counsel at the Hague, Holland. The Hague court threw out, on a technicality. Britain's demand that it rule as "illegal" the Iranian nationalization of oil. The U.S. representative voted with the British on this issue. Anti-American sentiment in Iran was fed by this action of the representative of the American capitalists in behalf of the British colonial despots.

YALU BOMBING BLEW UP **CHINESE TRUCE OFFER**

The recent bombings of the Yalu River power plants in North Korea, long banned as military targets because of the possibility that such attacks might spread the

Korean war had more behind ?them than at first appeared. It world, such as European arming, has now been reported that the the German war pact, and U.S. with ease a few sporadic demon-Chinese, just a few days before armaments. It is very unlikely strations. Instead, the whole of the bombings had advanced ten- that any government sincerely Iran flamed up. The army and tative compromise proposals for seeking a cease-fire would launch police had orders to fire pointa truce settlement. A New Delhi dispatch to the tions of the war at the very mo- Times applauded this "stern

Communist Chinese Government, new conciliatory moves. using India as a sounding board, . This "coincidence" is another said the Times' editors on July had broached a new basis for a in a long list since the start of 20 when reports came of Iranian Korean truce at Panmunjom a the truce talks. At one point in civilians shot down and wounded few days before United Nations the truce talks when agreement on Ghavam's orders. planes bombed the Yalu River seemed near, the U.S. Far East power plants, according to in- Command ordered the bombing of these attempts at brutal repres-

that closed the trial was capped by a denial of bail pending appeal despite the fact that Nalson is another basic plank. Such Yalu incident and the subsequent Soviet border and a previously and opposition. From one end of the shedding tears over "a orava the country to the other, the shedding tears over "a grave masses rose against Ghavam, turn for the worse" in Iran. Lonntative proposals, at least for Last August, in the time being. This is given as where the Chinese-Korean truce "Britain's flunkey" as they called don is even gloomier. What they especially fear, the reason for Indian and British team had made a big concession him. Cities were paralyzed by a both in Washington and London dismay over the bombings . . ." to the U.S. thus making truce ap-This is another example of how pear imminent, the Ridgway general strike. The transportation is that the Iranian events will the Truman administration has headquarters concealed news of system, from trains to taxi-ser- as they have in the past, exercise fanned the flames of war in Ko- the concession and launched the vice, was shut down tight. The a profound influence on the Enrea in order to push for general biggest ground offensive of the merchants closed their stores. The tire Middle East, deepening the war measures throughout the war to that date. entire economic and commercial crisis there.

By John G. Wright

The Iranian people, who 15 months ago touched off the revolutionary wave throughout the Middle East by kicking the British oil monopolists out of their country, demonstrated last week that

their fervor has not slackened, activity of the country came to that their determination to re- a standstill.

main free and decide their own At the great refinery of Abafate is stronger than ever. dan, the striking workers were The events that demonstrated reported disarming the troops, this to the hilt took place in the aking away weapons and armored course of four days, July 18 to cars. In many cities, as in Ha-July 22, when the forces of Iran-madan, revolutionary bodies comian reaction headed by the Shah pletely took over the administraand backed by London and Washtive and policing functions. ington, sought to depose the an-

The army itself was proving "unreliable." Many soldiers reti-British Premier Mossadegh and to replace him with a notorious fused to fire on the demonstrapro-British puppet Ahmed Ghators. Patrolling tanks in many vam, a wealthy landowner. areas, including the capital city It is quite clear that Ghavam of Tehran, were reported "as not and his British and American firing." By the third day of these backers acted under the illusion

revolutionary demonstrations, orthat the time was ripe for reders were issued for the army to action in Iran to beat back the withdraw from the streets. mass of the people and get back By Monday July 21, Ghavam

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was issuing frantic assurances Ghavam talked and acted that "he stood for nationalizatough." He called out the army tions." Within 24 hours, his resiand the police. He promptly andence was in flames and he was nounced he would come to agreefleeing for his life, after "resignment with the British on the oil ing" as Premier. To save his own ssue. He denounced Mossadegh's throne, the Shah hastily reapactivities as "anti-British and unpointed Mossadegh.

To the bitter anti-Brtish sen-

American Ambassador Loy FOR REPUBLIC

Henderson demonstratively visit-Even from the highly garbled ed Ghavam at his residence, and reports in the capitalist press, it pledged him U.S. backing. The is evident that the revolutionary British and American dailies open- ferment in Iran has reached a ly expressed their glee at "Mos- new stage. The mass demonstrasadegh's exit." "The sands have tors, particularly in Tehran, run out on Mossadegh," chortled raised for the first time the slow the N. Y. Times on Sunday July gans of "Down with the Shahl 20. They were all in for a shock. For the Republic!"

PEOPLE TAKE ACTION

firmly in the saddle again.

related to the oil question."

timent has been added strongly Chavam and his capitalist anti-American feelings. Public backers in London and Washingresentment has reached such a ton had expected to put down pitch that Mossadegh's "National Front" movement, hitherto considered as "pro-American," is reported to have "reoriented its policy," and National Front one of the most provocative ac- blank into the crowds. The N. Y. spokesmen are preparing to "attack United States policy during July 19 N. Y. Times reports: "The ment that the other side makes treatment" meted out to the demonstrators. "They deserved it,"

the next session of (Iranian) Parliament" (N. Y. Herald-Tribune, July 24). Dispatches from Washington tell of "deepening concern" over Iranian developments in the U.S. But as matters turned out,

State Department. The N. Y. formed sources here. After the Rashin, only 17 miles from the sion only fed popular indignation Times, the most authoritative

The Worst Atrocity - By Thomas Raymond

Notes from the News

On July 10, a sentence of 20 years in the Alleghany County workhouse was handed down against Steve Nelson, Pennsylvania Communist Party leader. This shocking punishment, supplemented by fines totalling about \$20,000, was inflicted solely on the grounds of Nelson's political opinions. No illegal action of any kind, overt or covert, was even alleged against Nelson, much less proved.

The Socialist Workers Party is not in agreement with the Communist Party of which Mr. Nelson is an official. We are opposed to its reactionary policies, and consider it a barrier on the road to socialism. This does not prevent us, in common with many other Americans, from feeling the greatest sense of outrage at this injustice: the worst atrocity of the witch hunt to date.

Nelson was charged under a Pennsylvania statute left over from the witch hunt of the early Twenties which makes criminal any "writing" or "utterance" which may bring the government of the United States or of the State of Pennsylvania into "hatred or contempt."

M. Montgomery, himself a director of the same organization. Yet the judge refused to disqualify himself on grounds of prejudice! One of the prosecutors in the case turned out to be Musmanno's nephew. The other was elected

a County Judge while the case was on trial. Nelson found himself facing three judges, one of whom sat on the bench, another serving as prosecutor, and a third as chief prosecution witness and initiator of the action. Yet Nelson himself was unable to secure an attorney, although 700 lawyers were canvassed in an effort to get one and giving the people the right to

who would take the case. He had to serve as his own attorney. peace.

pelled to face three judges, trying him for his DEMAND FULL EQUALITY political opinions. Moreover, all three judges had Full economic, social and politdeclared themselves in advance to be mortally ical equality for the Negro peohostile to those opinions. The vindictive sentence ple and all other racial minorities bail pending appeal, despite the fact that Nelson equality is to be enforced by fed-uproar, the Chinese dropped their "banned" target. must now r a Fodoral

Farrell Dobbs, **Myra Weiss Head Anti-War Ticket**

Mine Union Ends

Soft Coal Pact

John L. Lewis, president of

the United Mine Workers, has

notified the owners of the soft

terminating its wage contract

has yet been released on what

wage and contract improve-

ments the union will demand.

the contract within 60 days at

any time after Feb. 1, 1952.

It is believed that the union

held off the termination of the

the steel dispute. At the pres-

ent time about 40,000 of the

400,000 soft coal miners are out

of work because of the steel

Coal production in the U.S.

has been declining since 1947,

when 630,000,000 tons were

mined. Last year the figure.

was 535,000,000 and this year

it was estimated at 500,000,-

000 if there is no strike. At the

same time productivity has

been rising steadily. These con-

ditions, plus the steady rise in

the cost of living, point the

need for a sizeable wage in-

crease. The present contract

was signed Jan. 18, 1951, when the miners received a wage in-

crease of \$1.60 a day.

strike.

Either the union or the mine

(Continued from page 1) the White House and Congress vote on the question of war or

Thus Nelson, without an attorney, was com-

Michael A. Musmanno, now a judge of the State Supreme Court, initiated the prosecution with a raid on the Pittsburgh headquarters of the CP in July, 1950. Musmanno is an official of "Americans Battling Communism," a fanatic witch hunt group in Pennsylvania.

The trial that followed may be sufficiently characterized by the following few facts: Musmanno, by this time a judge, was also the chief prosecuting witness. Another witness, Matthew Cvetic, a professional FBI informer, was on the payroll of "Americans Battling Communism." The case was brought to trial under Judge Harry

charged from the Army with the notation:

"Symptoms of long-term insanity. May go off

at any time." Sounds like a diagnosis of the

HELPING THE STEEL STRIKE in a way

that counts, Local 738 of the CIO United Auto

Workers at the Glenn L. Martin plant in Balti-

more voted to contribute \$1,000 to the CIO steel

union and pledge \$200 a week for the rest of the

* * *

took seven lives in Brooklyn last month have

filed a \$1,000,000 damages suit charging three

New York City agencies with negligence. The

Department of Housing and Buildings, the Fire

Department and the Welfare Department were

accused of knowing about and failing to correct

firetrap conditions in the Bedford-Stuyyesant

A NEW YORK JUROR was ruled guilty of

contempt and sentenced to ten days in jail be-

cause he held out against conviction of three per-

sons charged with defrauding the city. The judge

accused him of deliberately violating orders to

keep his mind open and to refrain from deciding

on the guilt or innocence of the defendants until

after the evidence was presented. The juror's

"crime" consisted of "pretending to read a news-

paper" while his fellow-jury members argued, and of telling one of them: "Why don't we go

after the (James J.) Moran type instead of going

CHARLES CHAPLIN is suing columnist Hy

Gardner and the National Broadcasting Company

for \$3,000,000 for spreading the innuendo that

Chaplin was "sympathetic to the Communist Party in France; that he favored communistic mo-

tion pictures; that he was in favor of the violent

overthrow of the government of the U.S. and that

he was unworthy of belief and had lied when he

denied giving an interview to a French Com-

munist newspaper."

after these little fry at the bottom of the list?'

RELATIVES OF VICTIMS of the fire that

capitalist system.

strike.

area.

epare his defense agains eral legislation making all forms Smith Act charge also hanging over him! of racial discrimination punish-American law does not recognize the existence

able by severe penalties. of "political" trials or prisoners. In theory, Nel-The convention called for an son and all those convicted like him of "political" independent united fight of the offenses are nothing but common criminals. Yet labor movement to smash the it is becoming increasingly difficult for govern-Taft-Hartley Act and to oppose ment authorities to conceal the fact that everlarger numbers of Americans are being tried any form of the wage-freeze. It urged united labor support to the solely for their opinions and not for any actions. CIO Steelworkers in their bitter And when trials for opinion alone wind up with twenty-year sentences, America has gone a long way down the road to the police state.

Americans must fight this; they must fight it, not with pious words or generalities about "freedom," but by giving every possible support to the two old major parties, the Nelson and to all victims of the witch hunt. SWP platform urges the work-

eight-week-old national strike for living wages and union security. Pointing to the broken prom-

sition to Wall Street's rule of the to choose their officials.

By Daniel Roberts

SEATTLE, July 20 - The ers, poor farmers, oppressed Negroes to join forces to build an Washington State Supreme Court independent labor party and to moved into first place among the break now with all capitalist ranks of the local witch hunters The objective of such a party decision upholding the state loyalparties and politicians.

THE PSYCHOPATHIC VETERAN who killed DR. LINUS PAULING, world-famous head a stenographer at Columbia University because of the chemistry department at the California ducers would be the establishher employers wouldn't read his book was dis-

Institute of Technology and member of the Kutchment of a Workers and Farmers er Civil Rights Committee, has finally been Government. This government challenging the validity of the It is the formula for terrorizing he challenged the loyalty oath ference and opposition to the fight granted a "limited passport" by the State Dewould lay the foundation for last- oath brought by the Progressive the American people that the provision in the state courts. partment. His passport applications had been reing peace and plenty through Party. The Seattle branch of the state Supreme Court judges spejected three times. The State Department claimed | measures to create socialism, first it had "new evidence" this time. of all by nationalizing the basic

filed briefs in the case supporting civil liberties! industries under workers' conthe PP.

ANOTHER WAGE CUT for textile workers trol. has gone into effect in New England. The arbi-**DEFENSE OF CIVIL** trator, Prof. Walter Gellhorn of Columbia Uni-LIBERTIES versity, ordered a wage cut of 81/2 cents an hour

for 15,000 workers employed by members of the Special emphasis is placed in New Bedford-Fall River Cotton Manufacturers the platform on the immediate Association. The employers demanded a 15c hour- need to mobilize the labor and libly cut so they could meet Southern competition. to defend the civil liberties of the

A JAPANESE VERSION of the Smith "Gag" Act and the McCarran "Registration-Concentrawitch-hunters. The SWP and its candidates pledge defense of all loyalty oath, is to attack the contion-Camp" Law went into effect last week. The Japanese labor movement fought the new "Subversive Activities Prevention Law" with a series of bitter political opponents like of nationwide strikes because the law authorizes the Stalinists. In the matter of the government to reestablish thought control, civil rights, said Farrell Dobbs, one of the evils that World War II was supposedly who delivered the report on the fought to abolish.

urge the old slogan: "An injury

THREE U.S. OIL COMPANIES - Socony- to one is an injury to all." Vacuum, Esso Erport Corporation and affiliates The first major business of the the individual is not presently enof the California-Texas Corporation - are accused by the Mutual Security Agency of "overcharging" on their sale of Middle East crude oil to Western Europe to the tune of \$50,000,000 between 1949 and 1951. That's above and beyond the lush profits approved by the MSA.

"AN ECONOMIC RECESSION" is likely in 1953 or 1954 when arms spending is supposed to level off, the CIO Economic Outlook warns.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN signed the so-called "fair trade" bill to legalize price-fixing in 45 states. Under this measure when a manufacturer signs a price-fixing contract with one retailer in a state, the contract automatically becomes ciples: "Our day will come." binding on all retailers in that state even without their agreement or signature. These are the peogained from "free enterprise."

"conspiracy to overthrow the rect. But it was not enough. of the American toilers and pro- ty oath provision for candidates for public office. The nine judges ruled in a case

Socialist Workers Party and the cifically upheld in their ruling. Roberts case be thrown out of

STRIKE AT BASIC "Such an oath," declared the CIVIL RIGHTS judges, "would not infringe upon

. . . stoutly claimed constitupublic office should object to the The reward for their treachery STAB IN THE BACK

the oath the judges gave sanction

fight against the witch-hunt, we JUGGLE WITH WORDS

from the bench: "Submit in silence." The Supreme Court in its deci-The oath means, the judges

convention was the adoption, gaged by one means or another inists advanced and upon which is riding high and the labor move- cover up this betrayal. after extensive discussion from to overthrow the government by they pinned their hopes for vic- ment is slow in coming to the the floor, of a political resolution force and violence and does not tory. Gripped by the witch hunt- defense of civil liberties. But duct, if persisted in, can only which defines the political situa- knowingly belong to an organiza- ing frenzy the judges insisted on even the worst of judicial deci- pave the way for further defeats, tion in the U.S. and the world, tion so engaged." By thus inter- going straight to the core of the sions can be offset where a civil the principled line of conduct of the perspectives for the growth preting the oath, the judges claim matter - the basic civil rights rights case has aroused consider- the SWP points out the road to of the party and its tasks in the to have "meticulously observed, of the citizen, which they were able public interest and involved future victories in the battle to coming period. James P. Cannon, guarded and protected" civil lib- determined to uproot. The Stalinists confined this united effort. National Secretary of the SWP erties. The interpretation is a and its founder as reporter on the mere juggling with words and free speech fight to argument on resolution described the pre-con- changes nothing in the intent and one narrow point of law. They Seattle branch of the SWP stands hunt.

contended that the legislature out as a champion in the fight The Progressive Party has anditions for the next great advance scope of the Kimball Law. of the revolutionary socialist The drive towards the police does not have the power to add against the loyalty oath, while nounced that it will appeal the movement and predicted that if state is being conducted behind further qualifications for state of- the Stalinists emerge from the decision of the state court to the the party holds firm to its prin- the smokescreen of the fraudu- fice holders whose qualifications fight without honor or credit. U.S. Supreme Court. Despite the lent claim that the government are provided for in the state con- During the course of its legal foul record of the Stalinist lead-Details of this and other re- must be protected from plots to stitution. To grant the legislature battle against the oath, the SWP ers in the earlier phases of the ple who tell the workers about the benefits to be ports made by party leaders to overthrow it by violent means. such powers, they held, would knocked at the door of every la- case, all defenders of free speech the convention appear on Page 2. These "plots" exist only in the strike at the right of the people bor and liberal organization in must support this appeal.

| propaganda of the witch-hunters | to set qualifications for officials | Seattle, urging it to get into the who designate any form of oppo- and thereby strike at their right fight. It rallied behind its case the American Civil Liberties Uncountry as "subversive" and a This legal contention was corion, Americans for Democratic Action, two major AFL locals, government." It is the aim and The Stalinists had made a great and a number of prominent pacipurpose of the witch hunters _ deal of their technicality. Last fist and liberal individuals. If the Republican and Democratic January, they treacherously in- the SWP did not succeed in winpoliticians - to suppress all dis- tervened in the Supreme Court ning more widespread support; it sidence in the name of suppress- case of Daniel Roberts, SWP can- was not for lack of trying, but ing "treason" and "subversion." didate for mayor of Seattle, when because of the criminal indifexhibited by most of the labor The Stalinists asked that the leadership.

The SWP gave wholehearted American Civil Liberties Union And then they speak of protecting court so that the judges might support in the courtroom, in its review the loyalty oath around press, in its leaflets, over the ratheir own case. The Stalinist press dio and in the public appearances justified this misdeed on the of Daniel Roberts to the parallel ground that the SWP was plead- case of the Progressive Party, The judges go so far as to in- ing the wrong issues when it stressing at all times the nectional rights which, in any event, we believe have been meticulous-brought to the constitutionality speech and free elections. They political disagreement. The SWP

> case of the Progressive Party and successfully urging the American

The Stalinists, on the other hand, did not even try to mobil-WITHOUT HONOR OR CREDIT ize public support. And their Setbacks in the battle for free "contribution" to solidarity in the speech are to be expected these free speech fight was a stab in said, "no more nor less than that sion rode roughshod over the days, even in the case of the best- the back to the SWP's case, follegal technicality which the Stal- conducted struggles; for reaction lowed by a torrent of slander to

> While the Stalinist line of cona number of organizations in a preserve civil liberties. The SWP policy deserves the confidence of Judged by this criterion, the genuine opponents of the witch

ly observed, guarded and protect- of the loyalty oath is a form of accused the SWP of "faking a capped its, show of solidarity by eral forces in a determined battle ed by our decision in this case," subversiveness. The judges de- fight" and conducting the case filing a supporting brief in the That statement is a brazen lie. clare: "It is extremely difficult, in order to lose it. American people and to halt the For the very purpose of the Kim- if not downright impossible for The Stalinists held up their leball Act, which institutes the us to understand or see any rea- gal gimmick as a talisman - a Civil Liberties Union to do likeson why any citizen aspiring to sure-fire instrument for victory. wise.

kind of oath or affidavit of al- is bitter defeat with nothing to legiance we think is required." compensate for it. That is tantamount to a warning

victims of the witch-hunt, even stitutional rights of free speech

to these attacks.

and free elections. By upholding