Dobbs on TV Explains Need for Labor Party

Flays GOP and **Democrats for Atom War Plans**

(Text of acceptance speech by Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for U.S. President, given over CBS-TV on Sept. 8. It will be repeated over CBS-Radio, Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 10:45-11 P.M. EDT.)

The key issue in national politics today is the need for the unions to launch an independent labor party in opposition to both the Democratic and Republican parties. This political step is urgently needed to prevent the capitalists from plunging the country into an atomic war.

In accepting nomination as the Presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, I will undertake to

the workers. The nation's industries and banking system have been made the private property of the capitalist class. Through their stranglehold on the national economy the capitalists run the government, regulate public information, control public education and dominate cultural life.

Politically they impose their basic policies on both the Republican and Democratic parties, permitting them to disagree only on side issues where vital capitalist interests are not at stake. These minor issues are used by the two capitalist parties to run a political sideshow to delude people into thinking they have some actual voice in shaping the government.

The Road of Liberals

The capitalists are now using their monopoly control over the major parties to prepare a war of world conquest. They are conducting a witch hunt against all who oppose the imperialist foreign policy. They are preparing to make the working people finance the war through ultimate cuts in real wages and social benefits.

In contrast to the capitalists, the workers are virtually propertyless as a class, owning at most a home, an automobile or other necessities. Their class ties arise from mutual dependence on wage labor to earn a livelihood. Potentially the workers are more powerful than the capitalists. They are stronger numerically and are capable of dynamic action because of their concentration into compact bodies within industry. Once they break with capitalist ideas in politics the workers will emerge as the greatest social force in the nation.

The class struggle in industry has taught the workers to look upon the capitalists as an enemy class at the union level. But they have yet to realize that the capitalist politicians they confront in government are all class agents of the very capitalists against whom they must struggle on the job. Above all they are deceived by the liberal politicians who cleverly pose as friends of labor.

Liberalism is a capitalist reform tendency arising out of the middle class. Included in this class formation are



Democrats Blamed by SWP date of the Socialist Workers Party, I will undertake to explain why the class realities of American society re-quire the workers to take the road of independent politi-cal action. There are two basic social classes, the capitalists and



Stevenson Scored For His Silence While in the South

The following statement was issued jointly on Labor Day by Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party for President and Vice-President:

Stevenson and Kefauver drove of the white-supremacist mobs, through Clinton, Tennessee, in a motorcade on the third day of legal and moral advantage of he racist rioting aimed at driv- the Supreme Court decision has ng the Negro school children already been lost by advocates of the newly-integrated of desegregation.

high school. The failure of the Democratic candidates for President and Vice-President to make young students in Clinton, Tenn., any gesture or utter any word in symbolize, no less than do the Clinton or anywhere else during adults of Montgomery, their their trip below the Mason- courage in this fight. The fault Dixon line in condemnation of lies with the leaders of the Nethe white supremacists or in support of the Negro students Their policy of subserviency to shows, not only their own lack Big Business rule in America of devotion to the principle of has led them to let things drift, human equality, but the iron grip of the Dixiecrats on the There itself through the courts. Democratic Party.

out

The reactionary leaders of the Southern Democratic Party who, led by the Governor of Mississippi, had gathered in Tennessee honor Stevenson and page 4.)

Kefauver and promise them "a solid South" on election day are

The fault lies not with the Negro people, whose heroic They refused to mobilize the

(See Editorial on Eisenhower's role, page 3, and story on

wer inherent in the

of desegregation.

managers, professional people, small businessmen and similar elements. They seek political reforms to curb the power of the big monopolies but basically they support the capitalist system. As a class they are incapable of opposing Big Business rule without political leadership invasion of Korea, Wallace showed his fundamental loy- a growing realization of the need to use their class power from the workers.

who attract labor support by proposing capitalist reforms. Their chief characteristic, however, is their funda- In 1954 he joined with Senator Butler, a right-wing Re- despite the false policies of the union officials. If they In Alabama they have just as Stevenson and Kefauver's mental support of capitalism on all vital issues. Let us publican, to push through a measure against the Com- were given class-struggle leadership, as their fundamental pushed through amendments to behavior so amply demonstrates examine their record.

Henry Wallace is a liberal, a former New Dealer who headed the Progressive Party ticket in the 1948 elections. Although Wallace is no longer prominent in politics, his record is instructive. In 1948 he campaigned for office on a promise to oppose war. When Truman launched the



FARRELL DOBBS SWP Candidate for President

government level.

the Democratic platform called for stepping up the war

preparations. On other key issues the labor-Negro-liberal

The Stevenson forces laughed at Walter Reuther's

People who work for a living can't solve their prob-

If war is to be prevented, living standards protected,

alty to capitalism by supporting what proved to be the politically if they are to secure favorable action at the temporarily leave when they labor movement in a political Such are the class origins of the liberal politicians most unpopular war our country has seen.

Senator Hubert Humphrey is a liberal Democrat. munist Party which outlawed a political party for the interests require, the way could soon be prepared for a desegregation in schools or the Dixiecrats. first time in American history. The same Humphrey-But- political advance to an independent labor party. ler law set the stage for a witch hunt against the unions. Two unions have already been attacked as "subversive," Party leaders have gone all-out to help the union officials and North Carolina. the United Electrical Workers and the Mine, Mill and keep the workers tied to capitalist politics. In the name Smelter Workers.

The liberal politicians voted as a body in support Kremlin bureaucrats and the capitalist government in of the Humphrey-Butler law.

them support the present foreign policy of the capitalist political trends. Their method is to promote illusions that dent of the U.S. That is why and labor-haters. government. As defenders of private property rights in war can be prevented through the Democratic Party if Democratic ticket. industry and finance, the liberals wind up on the side of mass pressure is exerted to influence its policy. monopoly capitalism on all vital issues.

The union officials go along with the liberals in sup- union officials and Communist Party leaders to the acid dertaken on this the third school only means of realizing the porting the imperialist foreign policy. They hope to get test of political reality. Some 200 union bureaucrats went opening since the Supreme Court complete economic and political in return a few capitalist concessions to appease the union to the convention as delegates. They operated in a bloc membership. Their policy, which fails completely to meet with Negro delegates and liberal politicians in an attempt

the needs of the workers, flows from their social posi- to shape the election platform. tion as privileged bureaucrats. Since this bloc joined with the right wing in support of the imperialist foreign policy, it is not surprising that

What Road for Labor Faction?

As every worker knows, the union officials enjoy bloc was run over by the right-wing steamroller. They got living standards superior to those of the union rank and little more than a meaningless renewal of the long-standfile. They draw salaries well above the workers take- ing pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act, a promise the home pay. They lead a soft life compared to the strain Democrats promptly forget after each election. and exhaustion of labor on the production lines.

These special privileges have given the union heads threat that they couldn't have both labor and Senator middle class mentality. Not living under conditions Eastland, the Dixiecrat leader. They lined up with the like those the workers face, they fail to think like work- Dixiecrats in opposition to any promise to enforce the Suers. Instead they think more like liberal capitalists. To preme Court decision against segregation. Reuther rehelp them see things straight, the union bureaucrats sponded by helping to maneuver the Presidential nominaneed to be put back on the production lines for a re- tion for Stevenson. fresher course in the facts of working class life.

The workers find themselves in a contradictory poli- lems in a capitalist swamp like the Democratic Party. The tical position. The capitalist assault on labor has been Negro people can't win their civil rights; nor can the deepening ever since the beginning of the cold war. It be- capitalist drive toward war be stopped through the Democomes increasingly difficult to distinguish any difference crats or Republicans.

between Republican and Democratic policies on important issues. Yet the labor leaders continue to stimulate hope democracy safeguarded and civil rights won by the Negro that the unions can act through the Democratic Party to people, a labor party must be formed-a party based on the unions and embracing the Negro people and working reverse the anti-labor trend.

This contradiction is giving rise to a new political devel- farmers. Its aim must be to replace the capitalist governopment among the workers. They show a tendency to vote ment with a workers and farmers government.

as a class in choosing between capitalist politicians and to In the coming elections you will have a chance to serve intervene in capitalist politics as a labor faction. This notice on the union officials to get out of capitalist politics signifies they are beginning to understand their own so- and organize a labor party. You can serve such notice by cial power if they act politically as a class. It also marks voting for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

no less guilty than the racist labor movement and the Negro hoodlums in Clinton, Tenn. and masses for a bold strategy and Mansfield, Texas. militant tactics equal to the task

NO THREAT TO THEM

Most treacherous of all, the What sort of work did the went to Knoxville to greet coalition with the Democratic

These things the workers are learning for themselves Stevenson and his running mate? Party liberals, who in turn the state constitution to evade - are bound in coalition with

public parks. Similar legislation The first point in a program Yet it is precisely at this moment that the Communist is being prepared in Virginia that can organize and desegregate the South is for labor and Southern Democratic the Negro people to break out The of "co-existence" they aim to push for a deal between the Kefauver are no threat to their house into which their leaders leaders know that Stevenson and of the Democratic Party prison white-supremacy rule either as have led them and where they Washington. Their chief bargaining point is to demonstrate leaders of the Democratic Party are under the political control of

They backed Truman in the Korean war and all of that the Communist Party will sabotage anti-capitalist or as President and Vice-Presi- the Southern white-supremacists We are campaigning in this

they are solidly behind the election for such a program of working class independence from The pitiably small amount of

The recent Democratic convention put the line of the school desegregation being un the Big Business parties as the decision, as well as the increas- equality of all peoples. In ing boldness and self-confidence November, Vote SWP!



Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, SWP Candidates for President and Vice-President, will give their acceptance speeches over the following radio and TV national networks:

Farrell Dobbs Schedule

CBS-TV: Saturday, September 8 - 6:45 to 7 P.M. CBS-Radio: Tuesday, September 11 - 10.45 to 11 P.M. (Except in New York State where the broadcast will be heard, September 15, 10:45 to 11 P.M.)

NBC-TV: Saturday, September 15 - 5 to 5:15 P.M. NBC-Radio: Tuesday, September 11 - 10:15 to 10:30 P.M.

Myra Tanner Weiss Schedule

CBS-TV: Saturday, September 15 - 6:30 to 6:45 P.M. CBS-Radio: Saturday, September 15 - 10:45 to 11 P.M.

Farrell Dobbs and Myra T. Weiss Schedule

ABC-Radio: Thursday, September 13 - 9 to 9:25 P.M. ABC-TV: Thursday, September 20 - 10 to 10:30 P.M.

- All times given are Eastern Daylight Time-

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The 'Great Cleavage' in the CP

By Morris Stein and Harry Ring

The discussion in the American Communist Party which was sparked by the 20th Congress of the Soviet CP last February is distinguished by an observe of an article by Robert Mann in ties as well. A democratic But that section last February is distinguished by an absence of any the June Party Voice. He ex- movement cannot serve a bureau- ship which today is attempting on the program of the Russian serious contributions by the ?-

one finds an occasional article leadership."

that is all.

ship to participate with the ship of the right to participate will try to synthesize the discus- bureaucracy which owes its posi- the October Revolution was a record. ranks in a genuinely democratic in a meaningful way in settling sion ... or indicate the approach tion of power not to the party purely "Russian" experience While the present discussion discussion of the causes and party policy is demonstrated by which seems to be the majority ranks, but to the masters in the which has no validity for the reveals the pent-up desires of solution for the crisis which now the National Committee meeting point of view. Or he will merely Kremlin. This is why the grips the party has become one which concluded in New York, repeat what he said in the first problem of bureaucratism in the of the major grievances of the Aug. 26.

Party membership. (See article FOSTER'S EXPLANATION in Sept. 3 Militant). The ranks

had hoped that with the col- National Committee has been general awareness of agreement Soviet Union. split three ways. The Foster unsupported by any specific Within the Soviet Union, the lapse of the Stalin myth there would be a new kind of regime group, to the extent that it can, action of the participants." and that the junior Stalins in is standing pat. It claims that the American party would mend the primary reason for the are covered over in a single There the division is between a be explained in mational terms. guished by a pre-occupation with their ways. They looked to an Party's isolation is the objective resolution, the "summary" is the bureaucratic caste which has

ranks are awakening to their or the crimes and blunders it be made by the reporter. And the enormous material privileges committed in this country as a then the members will once which they wrested for themelementary rights. They want a voice in determining the result of carrying out his line. again be left with the choice - selves at the expense of the Those around Gates and Max either vote for the resolution or masses. policies of an organization to

which they have devoted their of the Daily Worker staff vote with your feet by leaving The surest sign that the leadlives. They want to participate ascribe the party crisis to the in disgust. in the election of the men to slavishly uncritical acceptance of NOT A SOLUTION

whom they are to entrust the the Kremlin line. Dennis stands leadership of the party. And cautiously in the middle, borrowthroughout they are demonstrating a bit from both viewpoints. ing that they want an expression of confidence in them from the leaders before they extend conparty, a draft resolution, accordfidence to the leaders .

TWO PARTIES

ing to the Aug. 28 Daily Worker, of this can resolve the division movement. has already been agreed upon.

The Worker reports that this These sentiments are graphipreliminary draft has been cally expressed in a letter from the Communist Party steel workers in the Gary, Ind., area published in The Worker, Sept.

of the inner-party regime, it mid-September to vote on the expresses in the main the senti- the Party to the "left sectariansays in part: ". . . for the past final draft and then present it many years there has been an to the membership for discusabsence of conventions, of sion, with action on the resoludemocratic selection of leading tion scheduled for the national general in the party and it is of group has undertaken an ex-

members to disagree, and most Feb. 9-12, 1957. important of all, an absence of The Worker also reports that leaders consulting with the com- the National Committee will grievances to settle with the party. rades of the branches and learn- "make known the trend of the arrogant and unprincipled men

people.

our comrades say frankly that

a cleavage in thinking between the resolution." the full time leadership and the rank and file which is so great 'THE SUMMARY' as to give us in effect two

parties." very elaborate procedure it is evident. The problem of the The problem of how to over- clear that the committee's main terrible bureaucratization of the talist witch hunting and blundercome the cleavage between the concern is to patch together a American Communist Party is ing tactics of the Party leaders

ranks, one of the dominant differences and make it possible identical process of bureaucratic only of America. themes of the whole discussion, once again to confront the degeneration has taken place in Internationally the crimes of is the concluding point in the membership at the convention in the Communist parties through- Stalinism have done incalculable steel workers letter. "Some of "united" fashion.

plains the phenomonon of the cratic master.

will be left ... [with], at worst, without an understanding of the in the fact that it is the first the long years of Stalinist prac-

When three distinct viewpoints qualitatively more profound way.

ership of the American CP has no intention to reform itself is

that it stubbornly refuses to The convention also will probundertake an analysis of the ably make some changes in the relations in the Soviet Union Yet with three positions on the statutes of the organization to which produced 30 years of main questions confronting the meet the demands for an end to Stalinist tyranny and which corthe bureaucratic setup. But none rupted the world Communist

in the leadership or establish the The discussion thus far has confidence of the ranks in the revolved around the question of leadership. And it certainly whether the present crisis is the

2. Describing the shameful state Committee will meet again in an overhauling of the leadership attribute the present isolation of

people, of the ability of the convention which will be held course justified. The membership amination of the responsibility has been abused and intimidated of Stalinism as a political system for many years. It has genuine for the present condition of the

ing from these comrades who are in daily contact with the discussion" in the Committee and that "individual party lead-party, as such, be rehabilitated Support Soviet Stalinist tyranny in the Soviet Stalinist tyranny in the Soviet movement of the Algerian peoers will make known whatever by merely removing some of the Union, which both the capitalist ple for independence.) From where we sit, we see differences they may have with most despised leaders, by a propagandists and the leadership

change in the organizational of the CP identified with soprocedures in one respect or an- cialism, has done more to other? alienate the workers from so-From the description of this The answer should be self- cialism and to isolate the Com-

munist Party then all the capibureaucratic leadership and the resolution that would hide their not a "national" one. The combined. And this is true not

lice in Algeria. out the world as the result of damage to the very idea of so-prison. This includes almost all In the villages where the olic writer of the University of brought charges against her in A pre-convention discussion their total domination by Stalin. cialism among the workers.

Egypt's Troops Guard Suez

Communist Party in a revolumany of the best cadres of the IWW and the Socialist Party of But that section of the leader- Debs, precisely because it stood to shake off the curse of the Revolution.

Party's central leadership. In all steeped in the bureaucratic "summary." He writes: "We're The Gary steel workers aptly Party's reputation as an agency The millstone around the necks the voluminous writings in the methods that they cannot change all familar with the summation. describe "the cleavage in think- of the Kremlin either by pro- of the present CP leaders is not Daily Worker, Party Voice, etc., cannot be allowed to continue in A meeting takes place. A report ing between the full time testations of "independence" or association with the Russian is delivered. . . Controversy over leadership and the rank and file, by open abandonment of Lenin- Revolution but the fact of their by Wm. Z. Foster, mostly aimed That the leadership is intent the report may be sharp. . which is so great as to give us ism certainly does not have the service to its treacherous at stifling the discussion, but on maintaining the "cleavage" After the discussion is finished in effect two parties." This answer. Nor will it accomplish negation - the Stalinist counterbetween itself and the ranks and the reporter will 'sum up.' cleavage is the product of the any genuinely socialist aim by revolutionary caste. This blot can The failure of the top leader- still hopes to cheat the member- ... If he is totally objective, he conflicts in interests of a shouting from the roof tops that never be wiped from their

> the ranks for a thoroughgoing United States. The great historic significance discussion of all issues, it must place. In any case, the meeting American CP cannot be solved of the Russian Revolution lies be noted that it also shows that,

As is now widely known, the a sterile debate and at best a problem of bureaucratism in the stage in the world socialist tices have thwarted the political revolution. Without grasping development of the Party's this fact it is impossible to ranks along Marxist lines. Most same cleavage exists but in a understand the objective situa- of the contributions to the tion in the U.S., which cannot present discussion are distin-By the same token it is impos- organizational questions and end of petty dictators barking orders to the membership. The discussion reveals that the representation is the objective resolution, the summary is the bureaucratic caste which has only way to deal with the problem. The membership will the masses and built a police feet on admitting Stalin's crimes to their a summary is the bureaucratic caste which has problem. The membership will state rule in order to protect The Discussion Percention, the summary is the bureaucratic caste which has sible to outline the perspectives of a revolutionary party in the legitimate questions, but deriva-

The Russian Revolution was tive ones. the first great verification of It is the basic political line Marxist theory and it had a from which these problems flow profound effect on socialist re- that must now be grappled with, gratified with its success. Scores able the authentic Marxist-

groupment throughout the world. Such major questions as the of socialist militants sacrificed Leninist teachings In this country it accomplished degeneration of the first work-the first major regroupment of the radical workers movement. degeneration of the first work-ers state, the line of "peaceful coexistence" with the capitalist extend to them our congratula-by Pioneer Publishers of James. Association with the Soviet world and such derivatives of tions for a job well done. Union when Lenin and Trotsky that line as "coalition" politics On the American scene, the - The Great Anticipation, stood at its head was not a curse (support of capitalist parties), principles of revolutionary so- Needed reprints of basic works but major political capital. The must become the subject of cialism are under attack within by Leon Trotsky will also be young Communist party in this searching examination. It is only the radical movements as never made available. You who have country emerged as the domi- on that plane that the funda- before. There is a flight from contributed so generously have nant section of the radical move- mental solution to the crisis can anything connected with Lenin- done your share. Now we will

ment, winning to its banner be found.

By George Lavan

time atrocity stories?

preliminary draft has been turned over to a committee "to consider the various points of isolation. The demand of the previously in the meeting." The National in the meeting." The National in everbauling of the leadership. expresses in the main the senti-ment of the rank and file throughout the country. The hostility to the leadership is general in the party and it is of

Q: Don't these repressions of chists, have also suffered much of her life to aiding the indethe French imperialists affect persecution. (The following is part of an

(The following is part of an interview with a French socialist and only those active in the inde-pendence movement or those ARRESTS IN FRANCE and active trade unionist who Journalists who tell the true whom the French police and miliis well acquainted with the tary mistakenly believe are acfacts about the situation in Algeria are persecuted. Thus Claude Bourdet, editor of the

A: Not at all. The repression Question: Are the stories is not only against the militants about terrible French repres- of the independence movement sions and reprisals in Algeria but against the whole Algerian true or are they the usual warpeople. This is because the imperialists know the Algerian peo-Answer: I don't know what stories you have in mind but pathy or support of the moveple are almost wholly in symthere is an unbelievably barbarment. Consequently collective reous repression being carried out pression and mass terror are the release him. by the French military and po- official policy.

City	Quota	Paid	Percent
CLEVELAND	\$350	\$352	101%
ALLENTOWN	85	85	100
BOSTON	500	500	100
BUFFALO	1,760	1,760	100
CHICAGO	1,560	1,560	100
DETROIT	825	825	100
LOS ANGELES	3,300	3,300	100
MILWAUKEE	250	250	100
NEWARK	200	200	100
NEW. YORK	4,000	4,000	100
PHILADELPHIA	400	400	100
SAN FRANCISCO	650	650	100
SEATTLE	300	300	100
TWIN CITIES	1,320	1,320	100
YOUNGSTOWN	250	250	100
Oakland	200	180	90
St. Louis	85	55	65
Akron	140	85	61
General		270	
Totals	\$16,175	\$16,342	101%

Fund Scoreboard

101 Percent

We publish above the last for some vague kind of "American Socialism."

scoreboard in the Socialist Campaign Fund. As we indicated last week, when the fund went will be used to counter the flight last week, when the fund went over the top, we are extremely with basic works making avail-

on the P. Cannon's pamphlet, The IWW

Our Socialist Campaign fund

ism, even in name, and a search do ours.

pendence movements of all colonial peoples.

She came to know the movement led by Messali Hadj and recently visited areas in Algeria controlled by the independence movement. She wrote an article in France Observateur describing what she had seen and said that Messali was the symbol of Algerian independence. Though back in France. an indictment caused such a public outery that against her was handed down the government was forced to by a judge in Algiers. This was especially ominous because ar-Another case in which public rest in France is one thing. In by the French military and po-lice in Algeria. Some 15,000 Algerians are in PUNISHING WHOLE TOWNS

we need a complete overhauling will be held. The members be been brown to be be have the opportunity to blow table. They have served to keep the of the Messalist movement [the difference of the money, food, etc. to the anti-Soviet Social Democracy Algerian National Movement, so- guerrillas the French police or compelled him to the French regime in Algeria. Most of us feel, however, that off steam. Some individual lead-In order for Stalin to convert alive. A clean break with the called after its leader Messali troops shoot the villagers in the conscience" compelled him to organizational changes must be ers may voice their "criticisms." the Communist International Kremlin bureaucracy and the Hadj] The prisons are over- fields. When a French soldier is The article modernte modernte modernte fields. made first. . We feel that some Then delegates to the conven-into a pliant tool of the foreign open championing of the Soviet flowing and in the concentra-workers in their strucele against in the nearest village and shot. of the present leaders can adjust tion will be confronted with a policy of the Kremlin bureau- workers in their struggle against tion camps there are old men the nearest village and shot. cracy it was necessary to destroy the bureaucracy is therefore test and women of 70 and 80 years In one village all the people possession the illegal publicato the new thinking but many single resolution. will not. Those who are so What will happen when the not only its Leninist program- number one for a change of the as well as children from five were ordered to assemble in the tions of Algerian independence



ITALIAN SOCIALIST merger the struggle for independence!' negotiations between the Right- "Down with imperialism!"

Wing party headed by Giuseppe Nasser began by the U.S. Saragat and the so called Left- government because of her role Wing party headed by Pietro at the Bandung Conference of Nenni, have run into a snag. Asian and African nations and Nenni, an ally of the Stalinists, because of the Czechoslovak has been moving away from of his three-and-a-half hour arms deal. Finally, at the end of the Soviet Union. Right speech he announced the decision them since the 20th Congress or the Soviet Union. Right wingers expected Nenni to ac-cept the anti-Soviet Atlantic Part and to donounde hig "unity" Pact and to denounce his "unity fezzes in the air, laughed and of action pact" with the Italian reided," says Malley. "The for-Communist Party. Nenni, however, has called for a "neutral-int" method for a back of the standard for the standard fo ist" role for Italy in the coldwar, and refuses to denounce the took up its slogans again strongseveral moments while the crowd CP unity pact outright, saying er than ever." it should be allowed to lapse quietly.

* * * CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S work EGYPT'S RECOGNITION OF week will be reduced from 48 CHINA "played a very promi- to 46 hours beginning Oct. 1, but nent role" in the decision of the "output norms" will be tightened U.S. State Department to with- up to compensate for the shorter draw the offer to aid Egypt hours, according to an announcein Building the Aswan High ment by Premier Viliam Siroky. child. Women workers confirmed which seeks to eliminate French suspicion of sympathizing with sur Glane, but it is necessary

Dam project which precipitated the Suez crisis, according to Simon Malley in the Septemer * * *

CHINESE WOMEN liberated

was unable to dictate Egyptian force," according to an Austrapolicies through strings attached lian newsman, Reg Leonard, of "China's women are generally much of the nation's economy. in France who knew him began to its "Point Four" aid, and the the Melbourne Herald writing happy in their new life of equal- The Sultan's supporters have a protest. They made public the but the French government tries aid was withdrawn, with a harsh from Canton August 13. He says ity," he reports, "They seem to taken a conciliatory attitude to- fact that he was a cripple __ to prevent such news from statement about the instability the decree granting complete prefer today's status to the re- ward France to obtain French 80% disabled and could at best reaching the French public. equality to women is rigidly straints and inferiority that support against the Moroccan walk slowly and that only with of the Egyptian economy.

Malley also describes the July enforced by women's organiza- might come with restoration of masses demanding economic the aid of canes. 26 meeting in Alexandria where tions. "In every farming co-op- the old order." Nasser announced the decision erative a woman is either directo nationalize the Suez Canal. tor or deputy director. They

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Hundreds of thousands of Egyp- have responsible positions in intians crowded into the huge cen- dustry and commerce. They have widespread unemployment are a "moderate" faction which for them. So they were put in promising opposition to the Altral square of Alexandria on the equal voting rights with men... behind a deep political crisis in wants to maintain the coalition a truck with a police escort to gerian War and because it prints occasion of the fourth anniver- In all the new factories this the North African semi-colony with the Sultan, and a "Cairosary of the Egyptian revolution. All the foreign diplomatic mis- clinics and rest rooms for preg- between Sultan Mohammed V, oriented" faction which is press-it any wonder that in Algeria Movement. Other working class sions were in attendance. The nant women. Management said and the largest party in Moroc- ing for continuation of the na- the police are called the French tendencies opposed to the Alcrowds kept shouting "Long live mothers had fifty-six days off co's coalition government, the Is- tional revolution.

ods of torture perfected by the public executions?

> Guy Mollet. Instead of decreas- there have been mass deportaing the terrorism, the execu- tions of whole villages. tions have caused it to spread. On the day after the guillotin- ACT LIKE NAZIS ing of three in Algiers a big wave of terrorist acts occured.

'SHOT WHILE ESCAPING"

A: Of course. The Algerians daily unofficial executions. Usually when guerrilla fighters are dressed to the French people captured by the French troops calling up the memory of Oradour sur Glane, which was marmula is "shot trying to escape." tyred by the Nazis. The pamph-This is done not only to guerlet said: "You French people

Q: Are these facts known in

A: More and more is known

For example, the newspaper of the French Trotskyists, La Ve-

along with complete national in- Algerians were arrested as host- lice during the past year on an dependence. The Istiqlal party it- ages. When they were brought average of about twice a month. MOROCCO'S INFLATION and self is reportedly split between to the jail there was no room This is because of its uncombe taken elsewhere. En route the the forbidden articles and mani-Gestapo? gerian War, such as the Anar-

the infamous prison called the lice went through every house against the security of the Villa of Birds where the meth- smashing everything in them. state.

Nazi Gestapo are practised on assembled and an old man of 70 Claude Gerard, a famous hero the Algerian independence fight- was forced to undress, dance of the Resistance, the only woers. This torture includes the naked before them and shout man who was a chief of the most bestial cruelties with wa- "Vive La France," then the po- maquis. She was a member of ter, electric shock, etc. Many lice selected ten men at random, the MRP, the Catholic party, have died under the torture. marched them to a ditch and which has the biggest following Most die without turning in- shot them there. In still an- among the reactionary French other place the women were so settlers in Algeria. After the Q: Haven't there also been afraid that they took their chil- war she was given a high post

dren and crowded into the in the government and went to A: Yes, at least ten Algerians mosque — a Moslem church — Madagascar. There she witnessfew months by the Social-Demo- But the French officers ordered 000 by which the French government crushed the independence

movement after the war. This honest woman was so affected that she swore to devote the rest!

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(On the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding Convention)

By James P. Cannon

"The bold design of the IWW was drawn by Bill Haywood, who presided at the Founding Convention. . . In his opening remarks, calling the convention to order, he said: . . We are here to confederate the workers of this country into a working class movement that shall have for its purpose the emancipation of the working class from the slave bondage of capitalism.""

Cannon tells how the IWW struggled to realize the "bold design", how much has been achieved since, and what further forms the working class struggle must take to bring it about.

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Regular troops such as those shown above guarding the Suez Canal have been augmented by militia volunteers - including women - and formed into a National Liberation Army. Meanwhile, last week, the British imperialists increased its troop contingent on Cyprus — a colony 250 miles away from the Canal. French troops, too, were garrisoned on Cyprus in

a new armed threat against Egypt. with pay after the birth of a tiglal (Independence) party, rillas but to those arrested on have pious memories of Oradour

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made automatic upon consent of of political independence to Mo- cen. An Algerian doctor was sands of such Oradours." 6 Reporter Magazine. This act by the revolution are "Chinese both parties and presentation of rocco earlier this year, but still arrested and "shot trying to es-6 Reporter Magazine. This act by the revolution are "Onlinese both parties and presentation of rooms there cape," — they said he tried to Q: Ar convinced Dulles that the U.S. communism's most formidable proof that the children will be garrisons French troops there cape," — they said he tried to Q: Ar France? provided for, says Leonard. and maintains ownership of run from them. Some teachers

planning and social reforms In another city ten prominent rite, has been seized by the po-

The article was guite moderate.

well-known weekly magazine

France Observateur, was arrest-

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ious prisons where his friends

couldn't find him. A famous hero

of the Resistance, his arrest

main square where they were movement. They found none but Everyone in Algeria knows of guarded while soldiers and po- he was charged with conspiring

In another, the people were Finally there is the case of

Q: Aren't these collective repressions similar to those car-

ried out by the Nazis during the Occupation in several French In addition to the publicized villages? executions there are almost

have been guillotined in the past hoping there to have sanctuary. cratic government of Premier the church machine-gunned. Also To get the background







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No Need to Act, Says Eisenhower

At his Sept. 5 press conference President Eisenhower revealed that he is no friend of the Negro people nor a defender of those sections of the constitution dealing with civil rights.

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Peppered with questions by reporters about his attitude to the white-supremacist rioting against school desegregation in Tennessee and Texas, he started off by declaring that there was no need for federal intervention. He said that the attorney for the Negro school children in Mansfield, Texas, had requested federal help but this was unnecessary because "the Texas authorities had moved in and order was restored, so the question became unimportant."

When reporters pointed out that Governor Shivers had sent state police not to enforce the federal court order integrating the Mansfield school but to remove the Negro children and put them back in Jim Crow schools, and while doing so had publicly declared his defiance of the federal government, Eisenhower could only reply that he had not seen Gov. Shiver's statement.

Eisenhower went out of his way to attack "extremists on both sides" of the desegregation struggle. This is becoming a favorite formula for those taking a Pontius Pilate attitude on the school desegregation issue. They wish to wash their hands of the desegregation fight and thus uphold the Jim Crow status quo by implying that both sides are equally at fault - that trouble is caused by "extremists on both sides."

The extremists on the white supremacy for their socialist anti-war conare well known. They are the Southern victions, and both were resenators, governors, etc., who boast their candidate for President. defiance of the Supreme Court decision; Like Debs, Dobbs comes from they are the lynchers, cross burners, and the Middle West. Born in 1907 racist mobs in front of the school build- in Queen City, Missouri, he grew ings. But who are the "extremists" on the other side? Are they Negroes who be thet their children receives the tother high school, he tried ask that their children receive that which various jobs, finally working the Supreme Court says is theirs under steadily for Western Electric. the Constitution? Are they the Negro He became a highly skilled school children who "provoke" rioting by worker and travelled all over the Middle West installing long-disgoing to formerly segregated schools? Middle west installing long-dis-tance telephone and telegraph an elderly worker in order to Where are the desegregation "extremists" transmission equipment. He was save the company paying the in Clinton, Tenn., or Mansfield, Texas? made foreman and was marked pension that would soon be due In the first town the children entered the for promotion to the managerial him. Though he had not as yet high school as the result of a five year and executive stratum of the come in contact with socialist court battle, in the latter after three years corporation. At this point, howin court.

This "extremist" smear, used not only Alger-like career. by Eisenhower but by some Northern Democrats, is really aimed at the NAACP and all others who demand that the Supreme Court decision be enforced.

Those laws and those sections of the conscience rebelled at such prac-Constitution protecting capitalist private property are strictly and fully enforced by the federal government. There is no talk about "changing the hearts of men" on such matters. Violations result in arrests, trials, fines and imprisonments. But then Eisenhower and all the capitalist politicians have a vested interest in enforcing such laws. In securing to the Negro people their legal rights, they have no such interest.

Principles Have Shaped His Life and wondering how unionism By John Thayer could have raised its head in

The Militant

their hitherto anti-labor fortress,

Dobbs was in the midst of

The great showdown between

summer of 1934. Farrell Dobbs

The life of Farrell Dobbs, So-Workers Party candidate ialist for President, and that of Eugene V. Debs have many points in common. Both were native products of the American working class, both became socialists in the class struggle, both organized many thousands of workers into unions, both went to prison peatedly chosen by socialists as

ideas he was obviously not made ever, Dobbs' began to feel a of the stuff required of an dissatisfaction with his Horatio American businessman or corporation executive. He already

believed that working people had In conferences with the department executives he began to rights. Consequently he quit his learn things about company- job. worker relationships that rubbed The early days of the great

him the wrong way. His social



By Art Sharon SWP Campaign Manager

Favorable Civil Liberties Rulings A number of civil liberties victories

have been won in Federal courts recently. For instance, on Aug. 14, the Government lost an action to reinstate contempt of Congress indictments against Corliss Lamont and two other persons who had refused to answer questions of the Senate sub-committee on investigations when it was headed by Joseph McCarthy. The ruling upheld the defense contention that the committee was out of its jurisdiction in investigating persons not in the Government.

Again, on Aug. 29 a government suit to strip Rose Chernin Kutnitz, head of the Los Angeles Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, was thrown out of U.S. District Court. And on Aug. 30, the State Department issued a previouslyby quadrupling penalties (the more dential candidate of the SWP stringent punishment was passed without Sept. 5 in Minneapolis, Minn., dissent by the 84th Congress); the In-speaking on "The American Peoternal Security Act of 1950, which set up ple Must Build a Labor Party.' the notorious Subversive Activities Con- After addressing a Sept. 9 meettrol Board and provides for concentration ing in St. Paul on "The Elections camps; the Humphrey-Butler Law of 1954 and the Fight Against Segregawhich provides for declaring unions "sub- through the Midwest centers, the versive" and which is being used against East Coast and then swing out the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers at to the West Coast winding up the present time; the Attorney-General's Nov. 3 in Los Angeles. "subversive" list; and Congressional "in- date, Farrell Dobbs, will open vestigations."

Neither the Democrats nor the Repub- geles at a rally at the Emlicans have pledged to repeal a single one of these days an administrative process Hall, 8:15 P.M. on "Labor in

a whirlwind campaign was already underway to organize every truck driver in Minneapolis. the coal yard strike and the organizing campaign. His militancy and ability brought him close to the Trotskyist spearhead of the movement and his education in the hectic days of 1933-1934 included not only practical union-building but socialism as well. Minneapolis labor and the bosses came in two strikes in the

played a leading role in these battles that made international CARL SKOGLUND news. Not only did they establish unionism in Minneapolis for

once and all but they set a new high for militancy and brilliant strategy. for American labor. The workers met and defeated not only the bosses, the police, an army of deputized vigilantes and the national guard - they licked them at every turn and won the support of large sections of Minneapolis' middle class and the farmers of the

state in the process. The Minneapolis strike vic tories, to which Dobbs contributed so much, had an incal-

depression of the 1930's found culable effect on the morale of Dobbs working in a Minneapolis the American workers that was executives, contains an analysis union bureaucracy and the coal yard to support his wife soon to prove itself in the of the union movement today. In Roosevelt administration, as a and three children. It was here crusade that built the CIO. it the Teamsters Union is dis-preparation for entry into World that he made his first contact Labor students still turn to the cussed and Dobbs' record re- War II, began its campaign to with militant trade unionists. Minneapolis strikes as models ferred to as follows: "Two men rid the unions of anti-war Quietly and carefully building of leadership, democracy and built the contemporary Team- elements, the leaders of the sentiment in the coal militancy. An excellent account sters Union, and their tactics SWP and of the Minneapolis union yards was a group of men who of them as well as a biographical will form the pattern for the or- teamsters movement were arwere destined soon to lead a sketch of Dobbs and other strike ganizing campaigns in the next rested and convicted in the first series of strikes that would leaders may be found in a years. One, whose name has been use of the Smith Act. Dobbs was transform Minneapolis from one sociological study of Minneapolis erased from teamster histories, one of the 18 sent to prison for of the worst open-shop cities in by Charles Rumford Walker was a Minneapolis Trotskyite their socialist ideas.

America to the best organized entitled American City. named Farrell Dobbs who had Today Dobbs is National Seccity in the country. Outstanding After the definitive victory of an acute sense of labor strategy. retary of the SWP. He has held among these were Carl Skogthe teamsters' union in Min- He it was who first clearly other posts such as that of lund, the Dunne brothers - neapolis, Dobbs was occupied realized that the key to teamster editor of the Militant. First Vincent, Grant and Miles - and with the work of organizing the power lay in organizing the picked as SWP Presidential Oscar Coover. 'over-the-road' drivers who haul candidate in 1948, he has been unorganized, first in Minnea-These men — all of an older polis, and then in wider and between cities. By declaring renominated both in 1952 and

wider circles in the Middle-West. 'embargoes' on cargoes coming 1956. generation than Dobbs — were not only militant trade union- His organizing abilities were so from non-union areas, the teamists but veterans of the so- marked that the national bureau- sters besieged and finally orcialist movement. Some had cracy of the Teamsters Union, ganized many recalcitrant cenbackgrounds in the IWW and the which had at first expelled the ters."

Socialist Party of Gene Debs' militant Minneapolis Teamsters The other man to whom the day. All had been expelled from local and, this proving unavail- Fortune author credits the the Communist Party in 1928 for ing, had finally returned their building of the Teamsters Union resisting the spread of Stalinism charter, made Dobbs an interna- is Dave Beck, now president of to the American party. They had tional organizer. In this post he the union. Suffice it to say that founded in Minneapolis a branch led a pioneer drive to organize Beck stands for almost every

of the Trotskyist movement the over-the-road drivers of 12 thing in the labor movement which was later to become the states. This drive was completely that Dobbs is opposed to. In-Socialist Workers Party, successful and resulted in 1938 stead of organizing the work-Their union organizing drive in the organization of 250,000 ers, he prefers to organize the in the depths of the depression Mid-West truckdrivers and the bosses via was an inspiration to the whole establishment of a uniform con- ments."

of these laws or administrative proce-dures. Their platforms do not say a word about the witch hunt. This is consistent with their bipartisan sponsorship and ex-



Farrell Dobbs (right) and Harry DeBoer, an organizer of Teamsters Local 544 at a recess during the Minneapolis trials. DeBoer participated in the Over-the-Road organizing drive and was convicted along with Dobbs and 16 other SWP Local 544 leaders under the Smith Act.

VINCENT R. DUNNE

been gagged during the last

years, the socialist candidates



Myra Tanner Weiss began her

The SWP Presidential candihis tour Sept 14 in Los AnPage 3

denied passport to Leonard B. Boudin, General Counsel for the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

Victories such as these are heartening. They all stem from determined struggles put up by civil liberties defenders. But they do not signify the break-up of the witch hunt which continues to grind out a fresh batch of victims in each of its divisions. Furthermore, in most cases, the victories were scored on narrow legal points or because of retreat by the Justice Department. In this way, the courts and the Justice Department avoided a test on the constitutionality of witch-hunting measures.

Thus the structure of the witch hunt remains intact. Its basic pillars are these: The Smith Act, recently made more vicious

The United States Government is sup-

porting anti-Jewish discrimination by the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) and its vassal, King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, in at least three officially admitted instances.

One: The U.S. agreed to a ban on hiring Jews at the Dharan Air Base in the 1951 agreement with Saudi Arabia. This agreement is still in effect. Two: American soldiers assigned to bases in Saudi Arabia are screened to eliminate Jews. This practice has been protested by the American Civil Liberties Union, but is still in effect. Three: ARAMCO refuses to hire Jews even though the New York office of the firm hires hundreds of Americans annually.

The American Jewish Congress last month filed a complaint with the New York State Commission Against Discrimination charging ARAMCO with refusing to hire Jews even for its New York operations.

The New York Commission had sanctioned the anti-Semitism of the company in a 1950 ruling under direct orders of the U.S. State Department (which was under Democratic administration at that time). This is admitted in the New York Times of Aug. 3.

King Ibn Saud, allows Wall-Streetowned ARAMCO to plunder the country's natural resources over the opposition of the Arab masses. ARAMCO pays royalecution of all these police-state measures. Detroit, Youngstown, Cleveland, In contrast, the platform of the So-

cialist Workers Party, consistent with its record of struggle for civil liberties, in the field and speaking on declares:

"Abolish the 'subversive' list. Repeal casts, our campaign will go into the McCarran Internal Security and full swing. Simultaneously, local Immigration laws. Halt all deportations. stepping up their activities Repeal the Smith Act and grant amnesty adding to the total striking to all victims of this thought-control law. power of the campaign and Abolish the 'loyalty' oaths. Repeal the law penetrating more deeply into abridging the Fifth Amendment. Abolish the labor and radical movement the House un-American Committee and on the local level. the Senate Internal Security Committee. in this election? We asked Far-Halt all political prosecutions for con- rell Dobbs and Myra Tanner tempt and perjury based on the testimony weiss for comment on this queet of stoolpigeons. No political tampering tour.

with pensions or other social benefits."

ARAMCO's Anti-Semitism

ties directly to the ruling dynasty which uses them on the one hand in luxurious system of imperialism, opposiliving, such as the purchase of slaves, and tion to their domestic policy of on the other to support an army to main- war economy, union-busting legtain its brutal regime.

uses anti-Jewish demagogy to attempt to ties." divert mass discontent. To protect its oil

profits, Wall Street and its government CAMPAIGN NEEDED How effective can such a camhave no hesitation whatsoever about supporting any and all of Saud's brutal acts that official leaders of the labor of repression, including anti-Jewish acts. movement have given support to

How different is Wall Street's attitude the Democratic Party? toward the nationalization of the Suez "It would be better," Dobbs who will have to pay the bill leaders, on how necessary it is Canal, which was a direct result of the countered, "to ask how much for such coexistence." desire of the Arab masses to control the more necessary such a campaign has become in view of the conresources of their own countries!

In this case, the imperialist powers the U.S. included - were ready to start a the labor officials and the lead- against the political policy of will admit that in practice the Korea-type war to stop the Egyptian ac- ers of the Negro people." tion. Even now, when forced to negotiate, they seek to impose their domination over the the avice the tentral question facing the la-date went on to show how the central question facing the la-dependent path of building a the propaganda. the Egyptian waterway under the guise bor and Negro movement is the labor party can register their of "international control."

That is because the movement of the talist politics and the launching Arab masses for national independence of an independent party of lastrikes at the heart of imperialist bor which could then rally all domination of the colonial world and working farmers and large sectherefore threatens the very existence of tions of the middle class to its workers who are first approach

and its junior partner, Ibn Saud.

Buffalo, Boston, Philadelphia and New York.

With our two candidates out coast-to-coast radio-TV broadcandidates of the SWP are

What are the aims of the SWP

"Our primary aim in the campaign," said Dobbs, "is to present the program of working class opposition to the rule of the billionaire monopolists, opposition to their foreign policy

MYRA TANNER WEISS which is designed to save the SWP Vice-Presidential Candidate islation, witch hunt and support

> ally themselves with labor in are many thousands of radical this break. Reuther, despite his loud talk have betrayed their class duty prior to the Democratic conven- by dragging after the labor of-

On Tour

the working people and the Ne-

Myra Weiss remarked that "an important function of our tinued practice of company-un- campaign is to provide an ave- Yet they show their real sentiionism in politics followed by nue for the expression of protest ments in two ways. First, they

question of a break with capi- feeling by voting SWP." APPEAL TO RADICALS "This avenue for expression

capitalism. It is part of the world strug- side in the fight against monop- ing radical conclusions, but for gle for socialism, and is so treated by Wall oly capitalist rule over the U.S. those in the radical movement Street and its agents. It is the diametric opposite of the anti-Semitism and other reactionary policies pursued by ARAMCO itself, Communists, socialists and former members of the Progress sive Party." Speaking from the experience "The handwriting is on the itself, Communists, socialists and Speaking from the experience

more emphatic - Labor must of her national tour earlier this 116 University PL. N. Y. S. N. Y.

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"sweetheart agree

quests for more information on the SWP, offers to help in the HERE IS CHANCE There are the government will try to speak all the louder campaign and applications for witch hunters who threaten to and clearer and carry their mes-

membership. One friend added his own take your jobs if you speak the sage to the people of this courcategory to the blank and re- socialist truth. There are the try. Get into the fight. Let your quested a bundle of five Mili- right wing union officials who money talk. Contribute to and here's hoping I can get a few the capitalist system of exploita- and peace. more votes for Mr. Dobbs this tion. November.'

We feel this is your chance to of. These days working people who know the truth about capi-

break with its class enemy in year, the SWP Vice-Presidential Like many reactionary despots, Saud of Southern racism, and opposi-tion to their two capitalists par-ally themselves with labor in are many thousands of radical

tion, showed that he can live in ficials and sinking into the mire the same party as Eastland, but of Democratic Party politics. "These workers have been

plenty of evidence that it is they ments, particularly from the CP to stay in the Democratic Party because the majority of the workers are voting Democrat. the labor officials. Workers, Ne- pro-Democratic party line has propaganda.

Second, these workers are often very sympathetic to our efforts in the campaign, as if they felt that what we are doing is after all the thing their own party should be doing."

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tants to distribute to his friends. police the unions for the witch work for the SWP election cam-He writes, "I have found several hunters. Everywhere you turn paign! It's your fight, it's the people who are interested in re- the pressure is on to conform fight of every class conscious ceiving a copy of your paper. So to the rules and regulations of worker who believes in socialism

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The Negro Struggle

By Herman Chauka

They Walked in Through the Front Door

The epic story of the struggle of the Negro people for full equality, like that of every other people fighting for its rights, is studded with the names of heroes. At every stage of the long struggle there have always been men, women and children for whom the cause of their people has meant more than their very lives. They have invariably been the kind of human beings whose deep-rooted convictions, are coupled with great personal pride and dignity. Our generation, too, is producing its share of heroes.

Millions of opponents of the Jim Crow system roared out their protest at the horrible killing of young Emmett Till. Their bitter anger grew deeper when Look magazine published the confessions of the acquitted killers, Milam and Bryant. But at the same time the ugly confession revealed that 14-year-old Emmett Till had stood up to his lynchers to the end.

Milam and Bryant bitterly complained, "We were never able to scare him. They had filled him so full of poison he was hopeless." They said Emmett Till went to his death defiantly saying, "I'm as good as you are. You can't scare me." Emmett Till died a hero.

Another name was added to the list of those whose courage inspired millions when Autherine Lucy braved a howling mob at the University of Alabama because she had quietly decided that she would not be prevented from attending a school of her own choosing.

And now in the town of Clinton, Tennessee, nine young men and women of high school age, along with their parents, have joined the ranks of the truly heroic figures in the fight for freedom.

The press of the entire world has reported how racist agitators incited mob violence after it became known that Negro students would attend Clinton's previously lily-white high school. And the for almost two weeks daily attended their classes.

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For seven days they walked calmly past the filthy insults and threats of violence and quietly entered the side door of the high school to go about their business of obtaining an education. On the eighth day the six young men, again quietly but demonstratively, walked through the front door of the school building.

The Sept. 5 New York Times reported: "Nine of twelve enrolled Negro pupils attended integrated classes in Clinton High School today without incident. With the surrounding countryside tense with interracial ill-will and sporadic outbreaks of violence pitting neighbor against neighbor, the central drama shifted once more to the Negro pupils who have fearlessly appeared each day at the school since integration began eight days ago. "The Negro children, six boys and three

girls, were cheerful and spirited. They submitted graciously to sidewalk inquiries from newsmen. . . They were brought to school in cars. However, when the session ended . . . seven of them walked home swinging their books and chatting gaily up the steep hill leading to the Negro settlement some 2,000 yards away."

They are marching up a steep hill. But they are doing it in a way that makes the heart of every partisan of freedom and justice swell with pride and confidence in the coming victory.

Dixiecrats Hail Stevenson As press has reported that in the face of this mob violence these three young Negro women and six young Negro men have for almost two weeks daily attended their

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Courage in Clinton, Tenn.



Why a Baby Died

By Roy Gale

MERCED, CALIF., Aug. 22- down the valley with no luck This is a story of starvation in at all.

the United States. It is the kind Finally, with money gone and of story that has been told re- car out of gas, the family took profits roll in while the migrants peatedly over the years in the shelter under the Merced River starve. vegetable and fruit fields of bridge over Highway 99. It was California's fertile Central Val- there the baby died from infant ley. This one concerns the death diarrhea.

of a tiny baby. The tragedy be- When found by local authorigan with a rumor that work was ties, Mr. Johnson said that the family had not eaten for two available in the fields.

Lloyd Johnson, father of the days. Coroner Kenneth Briggs dead baby, had a letter from his verified Johnson's statement with sister about a month ago that the comment that the parents work was available near Bakers- and five surviving children field. He packed his family in "looked as if they'd just gotten the car and started from his out of a concentration camp." Missouri home with the same The Johnson family plight only hope that thousands have had highlights a situation that has before him-the hope that in the existed for a long time in the California fields he could make Central Valley of California. The enough to feed, clothe and shel- corporation farms that dominate the valley's economic life care

so no one will take the responsibility for their welfare. In the meantime the big farm corporations grow fat on government agricultural subsidies. They

squeeze out the small farmers and gobble up their land. The

1956 SWP Platform on **Migrant Farm Workers**

The following is an excerpt from the Socialist Workers Party's 1956 Election Platform:

"The growth of monopoly on the land has uprooted large numbers of people who have become migratory farm workers. They travel from area to area working as seasonal help on the corporation farms. Paid only a starvation wage,

the candidate Treasury Secre- nominating petitions required to candidates "enthusiastic predictary George M. Humphrey told place any party other than the tions of a 'solid South' in the back to Jim Crow schools. Republicans they must support two Big Business parties on the November election. None saw any Stevenson and Kefauver of

Republican Finance Committee total vote for governor in the or any other problem to stand had returned to Chicago and a - and they are no "friends of last election, or about 500,000 in the way of a Democratic vic- question about Clinton had been labor" by any stretch of any- valid signatures. one's imagination - reportedly

The number for independent The planned ceremonies for reporter. Stevenson weakly reis paying a half million dollars candidates was raised from 1% the Democratic banner bearers plied that "rioting anywhere ... in campaign funds to help re- to 7% of the gubernatorial vote included a motorcade from Knox- is to be deplored," Kefauver for the state, county, or district, ville to Oak Ridge. The highway chimed in that the Supreme as the case may be. In Cuya- goes through Clinton, the scene Court decision should be com-

premacist rioting against the integration of 12 Negro school children in the previously running mate are the inspirers But neither Stevenson nor of the wave of racism inundat-Kefauver said one mumbling ing the South. They are the ones word against the racists or for who for three years have camthe courageous Negro students. paigned against compliance with Not in Clinton, or anywhere else the Supreme Court decision. in the state, did the Democratic They have declared they would candidates for the country's evade or defy desegregation.

They have denounced the high

court justices. They have shouted

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lic statements about the anti-Negro violence that was flaring of "mongrelizing," and abused up under their noses in Tennesthe Negro people. ee, as well as in Texas and

By George Lavan

Tennessee, on Aug. 30, the third day of the white-su-

Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver were in Clinton,

MOBS APPLY POLICY

They have outlawed the Na-No one attributed Stevenson's tional Association for the Adsilence to a loss for words; vancement of Colored People in among capitalist politicians he some states and have called it is outstanding for his glib subversive in others. They have tongue. As for Kefauver, during encouraged economic terrorism the primary campaigns he had against Negro and whites in fapictured himself to Negro au-diences as a true champion of vor of desegregation. They have allowed the lynchers of Emmett civil rights in contrast to Steven-Till and other Negro victims to son who had sold out. Yet go unpunished. Kefauver, a Senator of Tennes-

The hate - inflamed mobs, in see, did not try to use his in-Clinton and Oliver Spring, Tenna fluence there on behalf of the in Mansfield and Fort Worth, embattled Negro school children. Texas, and in other parts of the

DIXIECRAT ALLEGIANCE South where Negro school children are being insulted and The explanation for the shameful silence of the liberal Demo- threatened, where Negro motorists are being beaten, where cratic candidates was obvious. They were in Tennessee to at- dynamite blasts and gunshots a regional conference of accompany the burning of fiery the Democratic Party and re- crosses and the hanging of New ceive the pledges of allegiance groes in effigy, are simply of the white-supremacist politi- translating into deeds in the cians. This was duly sworn by streets and before the schools the speeches of the Southern senators, representatives, governors and local officials and Democratic leaders made at candidates of ten Southern party gatherings, in the state legislatures and in Congress. states. All of them are avowed opponents of school desegrega- DEPLORE' RIOTING

tion. An undetermined number of

While local officials in Clinton them are members of the White held firm on their integration stand until, after great delay, As the New York Times (Aug. Gov. Clement ordered the Na-31) reported, the Southern tional Guard to the scene, in Democratic leaders gave the Mansfield, Texas, the state

police ordered the Negro children Stevenson and Kefauver ended

put to them point blank by a

hoga County, where Cleveland is of the racist demonstrations. In plied with. On Labor Day in

his hadly-shattered reputation on

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Ohio Democrats So Bad Labor Tops in Dilemma

elect Bender.

By Jean Simon, Chairman, Ohio Committee for Dobbs and Weiss

Cleveland, Sept. 3-The labor movement of this state is up a tree trying to decide what to do in the November elections. Committed by the national AFL-CIO leadership to support of the Democratic presidential slate, and without a perspective of in-

to back Ike. Moreover, the Ohio ballot was raised to 15% of the reasons for the civil rights issue their Southern silence after they

ter his family.

When he arrived here he was little or nothing for their workup against the grim truth. His ers' welfare. Every year they sister had left Bakersfield for deliberately plant rumors in the crops in other parts of the val- eastern parts of the country ley and left no forwarding ad- about the need for farm labordress. How could she when she ers. Their idea of a "sufficient probably did not know herself labor supply" is about double where she would find the next the number actually needed to job? Mr. Johnson then began harvest the crops. In addition to those lured his search for work.

CHASING RUMORS

It takes an old hand to separate true rumors from false the border illegally. and know where crops are ripening and where more hands are ther heightened this year when needed. Mr. Johnson was new at corporations sent their recruiters the game and did not fare so to Japan for extra labor. A few well. In fact, he fared very weeks ago the papers announced badly. For a solid month he that 2,500 Japanese had been chased false rumors up and given visas to work in Califor-

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compelled to labor in the fields, mother and children alongside the father. Seasonal gaps in employment reduce their average earnings below \$1,000 a year. Yet they are generally denied the benefits of existing social legislation.

"These migratory workers west by rumors of work, there badly need the help of orare the Mexican nationals who ganized labor to build the uneither work on contract or cross ions they have started in an effort to improve their lot. Competition for jobs was fur-Especially they need the benefit of a labor party to compel

Dear Editor,

it. too.

government action for correc-

This kind of situation-an oversupply of labor-keeps farm wages low. Even those lucky enough to find work seldom get enough to carry them through the lean months when there are no crops to harvest. So the field workers are always on the edge of starvation.

To add to their tough lot, they are barred from unemployment benefits. Their nomadic form of and I thought it might be a life-here for a few days work good idea to give him a couple and then a week from now maybe 500 miles away in the other end of the Valley-deprive them even of meager relief handouts. They have no permanent homes

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dependent political action. Unio labor leaders are left blustering about a campaign to get out the vote.

Even from the "lesser evil" standard of the union movement here, the ballot presents a major dilemma this year. Endorsement for the Democratic ticket

is excluded by the fact that Governor Frank Lausche, the Donkey's candidate for U.S. Senate, openly supports union-bust-"right-to-work" legislation. ing

ballot last November by the united and independent efforts of the unions. The two capitalist parties are

the past according to the stand- dependents and socialist parties he thought the changes unconards of the labor bureaucrats. cannot get on the ballot in this stitutional. He said the new re-

ports him, it will be supporting The number of signatures on

located, an independent would fact it goes within one block Detroit Stevenson tried to repair Both the Democrats and Republicans made it perfectly clear need about 40,000 valid signa- of the school building. where they stand on issues af- tures to qualify - more than The outbreak of anti-Negro civil rights by telling a labor fecting the working people of three times the number neces- rioting in Clinton posed an and Negro faudience that the Ohio when they combined to sary to place the Socialist Work- embarrassing problem for the high court decision was "the

help defeat the unemployment ers Party on the ballot in New Democratic candidates. If they law of the land." called off the scheduled motorcompensation bill placed on the York State. An attempt to challenge the cade their cowardice on the was silent. The most he would constitutionality of the new re- school desegregation issue would say was that the President

tend

tory.'

Citizens Councils.

and independents was made in try. They decided the lesser evil create a climate of understandso brazen in their anti-working March, 1952. Common Pleas was to go through Clinton but class policies that they amended Judge Joseph H. Silbert ruled to act as if they were unaware decisions can be made effective The Republican choice for class policies that they amended stage observe in the state of anything unusual going on decisions can be made effective senator from Ohio, incumbent the election laws in 1951 to make against the defendant on a tech-

George Bender voted "right" in sure that labor candidates, in- nicality, but made it clear that there.

quirements for independents were "excessive and unreason-

strictions on minority parties be advertised to the whole coun- should "do all in his power to ing in which the Supreme Court's means no enforcement but tin-

stead an "effort" to persuade MUM IS THE WORD the white-supremacists to stop A third alternative - stopping being white-supremacists in Clinton and issuing state-

ments in favor of carrying out able.' the Supreme Court decision. COULD BE thus throwing their influence behind the embattled Negro "Could it be that the Legislature, or its elected representa- students-apparently never was tives, do not trust the voters in even considered. This would their ability to elect competent have violated a cardinal rule of officials and therefore restricted the Stevenson - Kefauver camtheir opportunity to vote by se- paign: Do nothing that might cret ballot according to their offend the Southern whitesupremacists! personal belief?"

The slightest expression of The Ohio Committee for Dobbs sympathy for the Negro students One local brewery did not to ride all they want on Sunday and Weiss is urging all voters raise the price of beer, never- for only the initial cost. In opposed to the strangle-hold of of Clinton would have offended the white-supremacist political leaders who were in charge not only of the motorcade but of cesses of this state to register A couple weeks ago, the Sun the whole Southern campaign their opposition by writing in for the Democratic ticket. the names of Farrell Dobbs for Indeed the Southern political

leaders assembled in Tennessee to welcome Stevenson and his is the only way to vote for a



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riod last year, 23,000 white peo-

that this year, only 700 have

and the breweries raised the beer, equivalent to five times **Omitted Last Week**

price of bottle beer 20c per the recent brewery increase! case of 24 bottles. Taverns Except for "captive riders" The article, "Chesty Puller's promptly raised the price of lo- who must use the bus and street Medals," published in last week's cally brewed beer anywhere car service, increasing numbers issue, was by Henry Gitano.

The Readers Take the Floor from 2 to 5c, and the price of of persons are staying home out-of-town beer 5c per bottle, watching TV instead of going I have met a man who subscribes to Weekly People. This even though cost of this latter out. A street car company has beer, to taverns had not been been offering special passes for man expressed interest in difonly 50c which entitle holders

increased. ference between SLP and SWP, copies of the Militant, and ther- theless taverns increased the short, dissatisfaction and tension the cynical Democrats and Refore, am enclosing \$1.00 for as price of its beer also. There are increasing. many copies of the July 30 and was more protest regarding this August 6 Militant of this year than anything else so far. One papers published some data reas this sum will cover. I thought labor leader protested that in- garding the public acceptance the complete article about Spain creasing prices would wipe out of the Supreme Court's decision President and Myra Tanner by Trotsky would be particu- all advantages and gains work- about segregation, relating to

larly good for him to read, and ers had achieved from increases public swimming pools. Last I believe he probably knows in wages. others who might want to read In addition to this, various were

t, too. The Eisenhower "prosperity" increased in price. I noticed just while they were interracial, so of which we have heard so last week, that "Jane Parker last year was "for them," and much, has been characterized Donuts" sold by the A & P have started using a former all-white here in Baltimore and probably gone up to 25c. Only a few pool instead, that the first pool

elsewhere, by a steady rise in months ago they were 19c, then was closed recently for lack of prices which has meant that the went up to 23c and now have innadequate wages being paid buy creased again in price. less and less. There was prac- People are starting to comtically no comment when the plain, and what is more, ap- ple went to the Druid Hill pool price of playing a "juke box" paranetly are carrying out, to went up from 5c to 10c, and the some extent, an unorganized been there under the interracial doubling of the cost of phone "buyer's strike." After claiming ruling. This came as a surprise calls from pay stations did not that they must increase the price of beer because of inevoke too much comment. However, in fairly rapid suc- creased costs, Gunther Brewery cession, the street car-bus fare distributed tens of thousands of was boosted from 18c to 20c, the advertisements with coupons ofprice of cigarettes went up 1c fering a special discount on