

British Labor Rejects H-Bomb

By M. L. Stafford

The British Labor party firmly expressed its distrust of U.S. militarism and its rejection of nuclear warfare by voting for a policy of unilateral disarmament at its annual conference in Scarborough Oct. 5.

SWP Election News
Campaigning for Socialism

By Joseph Hansen
Campaign Manager
While Tammany's high-paid crew of legal buccaneers scratched through the New York nominating petitions of the Socialist Workers party peering for minute flaws in arithmetic and evident slips of the pen that might be used as pettifoggery pretexts for barring Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss

Dobbs on Radio
Farrell Dobbs will be heard on the national ABC radio network Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m., Eastern Time. Check your local papers for schedule in other areas or call your local ABC station.

from the ballot, the names of the two socialist candidates were finally certified on the opposite coast in the state of Washington. From headquarters at 1412 18th Avenue in Seattle, the socialist campaigners, who are also running Jack Wright for governor, write us that electioneering is now in high gear. They ask all readers and friends of the Militant in the area to help register a resounding protest vote against the two parties of big business.

How a student can succeed in stirring up some genuine thinking on political issues was beautifully illustrated at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, the last week of September.

Roger Shepherd, a student at the Rhode Island School of Design, arranged a meeting for Myra Tanner Weiss at Brown. The Brown Daily Herald announced it in a front-page article, quoting liberally from the Militant, particularly its

Keep Socialist Drive Rolling - Rush Funds!

By Tom Kerry

Organizational Secretary, Socialist Workers Party

With only one month to go in the \$12,000 Socialist Fund drive the scoreboard (published on page 2) shows 55 per cent paid or approximately half the quota still to be collected.

All branches of the Socialist Workers party are urged to rush payments on their fund quotas to meet the pressure of mounting expenses in the concluding weeks of the campaign.

Our first direct mail fund appeal went out last week to all Militant readers and prospective supporters of the Dobbs-Weiss presidential ticket. The immediate response was very heartening. In the first returns from our fund appeal we received the following:

Sends \$20

A twenty dollar bill from a supporter in New Jersey together with a list of 15 names of prospective supporters to receive our election campaign material.

A three dollar contribution from a Chicago supporter with a request for a quantity of our election platform and a list of 52 names to receive our socialist election material.

A one dollar contribution from the Bronx and a similar contribution from a supporter in Cleveland completed the initial batch of responses to our fund appeal.

All Militant readers will re-

Find 77% of Aged Are Chronically Ill

A federal survey reveals that 77 per cent of persons older than 65 suffer from chronic ailments. The U.S. Health Department study also showed that 48 per cent of those over 65 with family incomes of less than \$2,000 suffered chronic limitation of activity. But only 37 per cent of those with incomes above \$7,000 were in the same plight.

Republicans and Democrats joined hands last summer to kill any meaningful plan for federal medical aid for the aged.

conference in Scarborough Oct. 5. British socialists had the duty of showing the world that they would have nothing to do with nuclear war, declared the supporters of the position.

A resolution sponsored by the Amalgamated Engineering Union demanding "unilateral renunciation of the testing, manufacture, stock-piling and basing of all nuclear weapons in Great Britain" was carried by 3,300,000 votes to 2,898,000.

A second resolution passed by a smaller margin put forward by the huge Transport and General Workers Union, called for "a complete rejection of any defense policy based on the threat of the use of strategic or tactical nuclear weapons." It demanded that "patrols of aircraft carrying nuclear weapons and operating from British bases" cease forthwith and asserted continued opposition "to the establishment of missile bases in Great Britain." All these plane patrols and bomber bases are American. Two other clauses favored admission of Communist China to the UN and the reopening of East-West discussions.

Nailing down its stand, the conference rejected two resolutions supporting NATO. One of them a joint statement on foreign and defense policy sponsored by party leader Hugh Gaitskell presented by the National Executive of the party and the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

The conference decisions were a crushing defeat for the right wing and its leader, Gaitskell, who urged the party to reject "the suicidal path of unilateral disarmament." He was unable to change the conviction of the delegates that the Labor party should lead the way in giving up nuclear weapons and getting out of NATO.

Gaitskell announced that he would "fight, fight and fight" to reverse the decisions and that he plans an appeal to Labor's members of Parliament to re-elect him as party leader on that basis. The delegates had previously voted that the parliamentary group must follow conference policy. Gaitskell and his colleagues are evidently bent on defying its authority in order to overturn or bypass its anti-nuclear-weapon decisions.

SWP Picks Jack Wright For Governor of Wash.

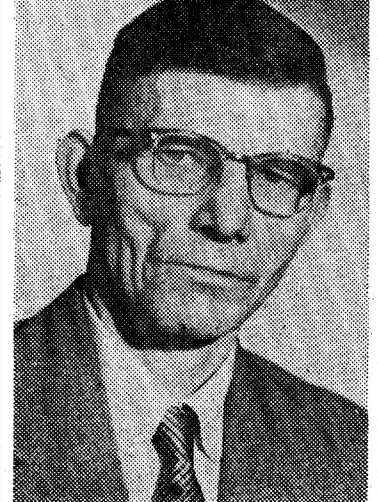
Jack Wright, a 64-year-old molder, has been nominated as the Socialist Workers party candidate for governor of the state of Washington. He has been an active trade unionist since he joined the International Molders and Foundry Workers Union in 1914. He has been a socialist all his adult life, having cast his first presidential ballot for Eugene V. Debs in 1920.

Sends \$20

The anti-labor laws of the past 20 years such as Taft-Hartley, the Walter-McCarran Act, the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin bill, and the "right to work" laws in 20 states," he pointed out, "were enacted by Democrats and Republicans alike. In many cases the Democrats had majorities in the Congress and state legislatures. This could be stopped if the unions formed their own Labor party."

The benefits granted in the unemployment insurance law passed by the last session of the Washington State legislature were offset, he said, by raising the minimum eligibility requirements from \$800 to \$1,200. This disqualifies thousands of low-paid and part time workers, including most of the women employed in fruit and vegetable packing plants.

He supports the SWP national platform which calls for the extension of unemployment compensation to every jobless worker, and at the full union scale for the entire period of waiting for a job.



JACK WRIGHT

They Don't Like Scabs



Striking members of the International Union of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO, at General Electric's Nela Park plant in Cleveland tell off police-escorted scabs who entered the plant. In a number of cities police and special deputy sheriffs have used clubs and fire hoses on GE pickets. At the Syracuse plant, deputies attacked the mass picket line two days in a row and then jailed five of the strikers, including local union president Loren Vinal.

SWP Nominee Hits Kennedy's Stand on Cuba

OCT. 7 — Declarations on Cuba by Democratic presidential aspirant John Kennedy were assailed today by Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers party vice-presidential nominee as a combination of "liberal demagoguery and McCarthyism."

"While Kennedy taxes the Republican administration for having given aid and comfort to the Cuban tyrant Batista," she said, "he offers not the slightest sympathy for the Cuban revolution which got rid of the tyrant. On the contrary, he maligns the Castro regime and makes clear that, like Nixon, he seeks its overthrow."

Kennedy's blaming the Republicans for having "lost" Cuba, because they allegedly disregarded "evidence" that Cuban Premier Fidel Castro was a "Communist," is as disreputable as the 1952 Nixon-McCarthy accusations that the Demo-



MYRA TANNER WEISS

Court Victory Places SWP on N.Y. Ballot

OCT. 12 — Rejecting a Democratic party challenge, New York State Supreme Court Justice Kenneth S. MacAffer yesterday upheld the right of the Socialist Workers party to a place on the state ballot.

In another ruling, he ordered the Socialist Labor party removed from the ballot because of minor clerical errors in its nominating petition. The SLP will appeal.

Democratic party spokesmen indicated they will appeal the rejection of their challenge against the SWP.

Both the SWP and SLP had been certified for the ballot by the Secretary of State after they filed nominating petitions, which in accordance with state law, bore the signatures of at least 12,000 registered voters, with a minimum of 50 in each of the state's 62 counties. Both parties exceeded the legal minimum by substantial margins, with the SWP nearly doubling the requirements.

Certification of the two parties was challenged by Monroe

Vote Socialist!

You can vote socialist in the following states by casting your ballot for Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, candidates of the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY for president and vice president.

Colorado: (presidential electors).

Iowa: (presidential electors, ballot designation, "Farmer Labor.")

Michigan: (presidential electors). Vote for Frank Lovell for U.S. senator; Robert Himmel for governor; Evelyn Sell for lieutenant governor; Larry Dolinski for secretary of state; Rita Shaw for attorney general; Harriet Talan for state treasurer; Edith Gbur for auditor general.

Minnesota: (presidential electors). Vote for Carl Feingold for U.S. senator.

Montana: (presidential electors).

New Jersey: (presidential electors). Vote for Gladys Grauer for U.S. senator.

New York: (presidential electors).

North Dakota: (presidential electors).

Pennsylvania: (presidential electors, ballot designation, "Workers Party"). Vote for Morris Chertov for state treasurer; Arthur Felberbaum for auditor general.

Utah: (presidential electors, ballot designation, "Socialist Workers and Farmers Party").

Washington: (presidential electors). Vote for Jack Wright for governor.

Wisconsin: (presidential electors).

Write-in votes for Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss are urged in all other states.

Also, in Illinois write in Howard Mayhew, Socialist Workers candidate for U.S. senator. In Los Angeles write in Erroll Banks, Socialist Workers candidate in the 23rd Congressional District.

GE Pickets Defy Clubs, Fire Hoses

By Fred Halstead

An impressive display of workers' solidarity on the one hand, and injunctions, arrests and police violence against pickets on the other, have marked the first week of the strike of 70,000 members of the International Union of Electrical Workers against the General Electric Corporation.

The strike began Sunday, Oct. 2 when the old contract expired and the corporation refused to extend it while negotiations for a new one continued.

GE announced that it would operate its plants behind the picket lines and, through ads in local newspapers, direct mailings to GE workers and signs posted at the plants, urged all employees to go to work Monday morning as usual.

The union members responded with mass picket lines and halted production at most of the 50 odd GE plants organized by the IUE. (GE operates 166 plants and employs 240,000 persons altogether.)

At the Philadelphia switchgear plant, employing 4,500 workers, the picket lines kept even supervisory personnel from entering for two days. Then the company went to court for an injunction against picketing and the union called off mass picketing. But the production workers stayed out and production remained at a stand-still.

In Syracuse, N.Y., regular and specially recruited deputy sheriffs arrested at least 14 pickets the first day but failed to break the line. In following days they used clubs and fire hoses to clear a path for some automobiles going through the picket line. The picture of workers being hosed down shocked many unionists throughout New York state who saw the newsreel shots on TV.

The same treatment is apparently being prepared for pickets at the Schenectady, N.Y. plant, GE's largest.

City officials declared a state of emergency there after local police failed to break a 5,000 man picket line. Schenectady

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Wavery X

Truly weighty evidence was brought in to bolster the lurid Democratic charge of "forgery" against the SWP. The judge was solemnly shown the "X" with which an elderly man had signed the SWP petition, along with a photostat of the man's "X" on the election registry. The one "X" was "firm," the Democratic legal talents argued, and the other "wavery." The judge ruled out their claim.

Disqualification of the SLP petition was based on the flimsy ground that in one county the election district of some 30 voters had been incorrectly listed and the election district of one witness had been incorrectly entered.

Committee Offers Negroes \$80 All-Expense Tour to Cuba

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 — An \$80 all-expense round-trip tour to Cuba is being offered to Negroes, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee announced today. Chartered flights will leave from New York for the one-week trip, Oct. 21 and 22. Planes will leave on the same two days from Miami. The cost from there will be \$30.

Robert Taber, executive secretary of the committee, said that the tour had been organized after Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's stay at Harlem's Hotel Theresa. Dr. Castro wished to show his appreciation for the hospitality he enjoyed in Harlem and had declared that he would personally welcome a delegation of American Negroes.

'Stop Cold War, Recognize China,' Dobbs Demands

Assails Kennedy and Nixon's Suicidal Policies in Far East

"What a shudder must have passed through many a father and mother and young man in this country as they heard Senator Kennedy and Vice-President Nixon say in their Oct. 7 debate that it is necessary to fight and die for Chiang Kai-shek," declared Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers party candidate for president, this week.

"The only difference between these two cold warriors is whether the U.S. should fight over the islands of Quemoy and Matsu or over Formosa. The U.S. blockade of Communist China is one of the gravest threats to world peace. The Republican and Democratic candidates have served notice that they intend to maintain and intensify this reckless course in the Far East.

No Hero

"It is an offense to hold up Chiang as a hero of 'the free world' when he has just jailed a critical editor for ten years. It is absurd to pretend that this dictator, who was thrown out of the mainland by a people's revolution and survives in Formosa only through American military and financial aid, in any way represents China.

"The real government of China is located in Peking. It is time the blind men in Washington admitted this fact and recognized the Chinese People's Republic. The State Department's attitude toward Communist China is bringing more and more discredit upon this country.

"This is shown by the vote in the UN last week on the admission of the People's Republic. The General Assembly decided to postpone considering the question by a vote of only 42 to 34 with 22 abstentions. This is the first time the U.S. position hasn't commanded a majority of the members and it's the smallest margin in ten years.

"Premier Nehru of India and Senator Morse are correct, I believe, in predicting that this is the last time U.S. opposition will prevail.

"Against Kennedy and Nixon and the State Department, the Socialist Workers party urges that the Seventh Fleet be withdrawn from Chinese waters and no further aid be given Chiang Kai-shek."

Factory Jobs Reported On Decline Since June

The official government figures for employment in September reveal continuing serious weakness in the economy. While total employment declined less than usual, factory jobs — the most important indicator of the state of the economy — fell short of normal expectations for the fourth successive month.

The decrease in unemployment for September does not necessarily mean an increase in employment. It is partly accounted for by the return to school of students looking for

summer jobs who are then taken off the unemployment register.

The rate of unemployment dropped from 5.9% in August to 5.7% for September. This apparent improvement, however, tends to mask overall weakness in the job picture, points out an AFL-CIO analyst. The reported unemployment of about 3.4 million is 170,000 greater than a year ago and the 5.7% unemployment rate is the highest for this month of any non-recession year since World War II.

The drop in industrial jobs is the most ominous feature of the situation. Manufacturing employment in September was 36,000 less than in August. The average number of hours worked by factory production hands, which usually rises at this time of year, also declined this month.

Seymour Wolfbein, manpower chief of the U.S. Labor Dept., noted that the September unemployment rate was still the highest for any month except August and that 800,000 people had been out of work for 15 weeks or more. Total initial claims for unemployment compensation were the highest on record for the month.

A shorter work week is the best way of coping with this growing economic insecurity. Kennedy and Nixon are opposed to any reduction in hours of labor. The Socialist Workers party platform endorses the demand of a growing number of union bodies for the 30-hour week at 40 hours pay.

Block Racist Vandalism, Banks Urges

"Racial vandalism must not be permitted to spread from the South into our city," stated Erroll Banks, Socialist Workers party candidate for Congress in the 23rd District of Los Angeles. He cited the attack upon the campaign headquarters of the Students Committee for Dobbs and Weiss at 4360 Melrose Ave. on Saturday evening, Oct. 8.

Vandals hurled a brick through the plate glass window facing the street. A scrawled note with the missile, marked "Ku Klux Klan," said: "We don't like people who want to destroy American rights. This will set your plots back several hours. This stone courtesy of the White American Citizen Council."

Banks called for an immediate investigation "to uncover the racist-inspired origins of these groups who are really destroying American rights."

Appeals to Mayor

Bill Hathaway, chairman of the Dobbs-Weiss Committee and a student at L.A. City College, sent a letter to Mayor Poulson asking him and the police department to take steps to prevent further incidents of vandalism.

"Perhaps the participation of members of our committee in recent picketline activity against Woolworth discrimination has subjected us to attack by white supremacists and hate groups," said Hathaway.



ERROLL BANKS

Rally for Dobbs Slated in N.Y.

NEW YORK—Returning from his second coast-to-coast tour, Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers party presidential candidate will open the final drive of his campaign in the key state of New York. He will address a rally here Saturday, Oct. 22, and address student groups during his four-day stay in the city.

The rally will also hear Elinor Ferry and Fred Mazelis. Miss Ferry was treasurer of the 1958 United Independent - Socialist Campaign Committee in New York and is active this year in the Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee. Fred Mazelis is a national executive committee member of the Young Socialist Alliance and member of Students for Dobbs and Weiss.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. at 116 University Place and will be followed by dancing and refreshments. It is sponsored by the Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee and Students for Dobbs and Weiss.

The GE Strike: Bosses Seek A New Showdown with Labor

By William F. Ward

The International Union of Electrical Workers' strike against General Electric is more than a run-of-the-mill dispute. It is the central struggle by organized labor to beat back the anti-union offensive of big business.

GE's attitude signals the further development of a big change in the relations between the major industrialists and the unions. At the end of the war in 1945-47 the corporations tried to smash the union movement. They were beaten back by victorious and determined strike actions. As the postwar boom developed, big business had to reconcile itself to getting along with the unions in basic industry.

Instead of seeking to break them, the industrialists contrived to housebreak the unions by making small concessions from the super-profits they were reaping in. They were assisted in this task by the increasing bureaucratization and conservatism of the top union officials.

Recession Threat

Now a new recession is at hand. The pinch of competition and the profit squeeze is being felt by the biggest companies. The margin of concessions they care to make to the unions is lessening.

The directors of big business believe that the time is ripe for a drive to shatter the power of the unions. With unemployment mounting and automation proceeding at a fast clip they reckon that the resistance of the labor organizations is weakened.

The groundwork for their assault has been carefully laid by staffing the government agencies regulating labor affairs with their men and by building up an arsenal of anti-labor statutes culminating in the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin bill passed by the last Congress.

Last year the monopolists singled out the steel union as the most likely target. But the solidarity and stamina displayed by the steel workers in their 116-day strike foiled their scheme.

Today big business has centered its assault upon the more vulnerable IUE. Whereas the steel workers as the sole union in the industry could stop all steel production, the IUE can shut down only those GE plants where it has representation.

GE has been notorious for its fierce opposition to unionism. One of its officials, personnel manager Lemuel Boulware, is the author of a union-busting plan which is now being applied by the company.

GE's president Ralph Cordiner is also head of the Business Advisory Council for the Commerce Department, the powerful private rich man's club which includes the biggest of big businessmen and bankers. This elite group which is intimately allied with top government circles constitutes a general staff to map strategy against the labor movement.

GE is counting on benevolent aid from Eisenhower's administration. While Secretary of Labor Mitchell sues the National Maritime

Union for failing to comply with the election provisions of the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law, IUE president Carey, who sought his intervention to fend off the strike, complained that Mitchell could not even be contacted by phone or telegram.

The GE formula for union-wrecking is proceeding in five steps.

(1) Make an offer that the union can't accept without total surrender to company dictates. Issue an ultimatum to "take it or leave it." Reject even the union's offer to submit the issues to arbitration.

(2) When the union is forced out on strike, keep the plants open. This is the first time since World War II that any major corporation has tried to operate during a strike.

(3) Encourage and organize strikebreaking by telling the workers their jobs are open and they are legally entitled to cross picket lines.

(4) Provoke violence by insisting that local police accompany the scabs through the picket lines into the plants. In Syracuse, N. Y., for example, on the second day of the GE strike 210 deputy sheriffs piloted non-striking employees through the picket lines into the building. They clashed with 800 pickets and arrested twelve of them. The next day, with the temperature at 40 degrees, deputies turned fire hoses on pickets to clear a path for scabs.

At Lynn, Mass., the police broke up a group of 1,000 pickets who were massed along the route followed by a convoy of 250 cars loaded with non-striking leaving the River Works.

(5) GE is aiming to whip up public sentiment against the union by depicting its strike as an unnecessary personal vendetta of IUE president Carey against the company. Its full-page ads quote Carey as saying: "I owe GE a strike." And: "If the offer was good, I still would not accept it."

GE Provoked Strike

The truth is that GE's offer was no good. The corporation has been intent on provoking the strike and then smashing it as an object lesson, not only to IUE, but to all other unions.

AFL-CIO president Meany called a meeting of major union heads in Washington last week to confer on the GE situation. This meeting pledged full support to the strike. GE locals affiliated with the Auto Workers, the Machinists and other unions, however, have accepted the company offer rejected by IUE and their members remain at work. This lack of unity is a grave source of weakness which ought to be rectified.

The IUE strike concerns the whole labor movement. If GE succeeds in its efforts to break it, big business will undertake similar union-busting drives in other industries. The GE pattern is already being applied to Mine, Mill and Smelter members on strike in the Coeur d'Alenes mines in Idaho. The material and moral support of every union ought to be mobilized behind the IUE to ensure defeat of the corporation's scheme.

Should Socialists Join Battle for Reforms?

Dear Comrade Lind,

In addition to your letter, we have received other inquiries concerning the differences between the Socialist Workers party and the Socialist Labor party. Moreover, the Weekly People has written on the topic, including an editorial in the Oct. 8 issue "warning" its readers about the Trotskyists. So I will attempt to extend my reply to include questions not directly raised in your letter.

As a spokesman for the Socialist Workers party, let me begin by indicating the areas of agreement. Both parties believe that the main danger confronting humanity today is an atomic war. Both believe that this danger derives from the continued existence of capitalism, and that the only fundamental way to avert this danger is through the establishment of socialism.

The two parties are agreed that the working people as a whole suffer chronic insecurity under capitalism, an insecurity that reaches unbearable levels when the economy goes through its periodic cycle of depression.

They are agreed that the great social evils of our time, such as race prejudice, discrimination, bigotry, poverty, crime, vice and all forms of ignorance, are rooted in capitalism and can only be cured by reorganizing society along socialist lines.

They are agreed that both the Democratic and Republican parties are political machines of big business and that at best you only waste your vote by casting it for such figures as Kennedy - Johnson or Nixon-Lodge. A socialist, in the opinion of the SWP and the SLP, betrays his basic principles if he votes any other way than socialist.

Let us now approach the differences. The SLP places great stress on the views of Daniel De Leon. To make the teachings of the great American socialist leader available to the present generation is highly commendable. But the SLP slights, dismisses or takes a hostile view of the contributions of the many other great socialist leaders, including such Americans as Albert Parsons and Eugene V. Debs.

Workers Councils

The SLP likewise stresses De Leon's concept of the "Socialist Industrial Union." The Weekly People periodically publishes a chart of its structure and often explains how beautifully it will work in place of the present bureaucratic unions after capitalism is overturned and socialism is won.

It should be noted in passing that the word "Union" in the label is somewhat misleading. What is really meant is workers councils organized along industrial lines. The Russian word is "soviets." As is well known, workers councils appeared in the 1905 Revolution and again in 1917. Leon Trotsky headed the first one in 1905 in Petrograd.

One can safely predict that eventually a form of workers democracy resembling the Russian prototype or De Leon's concept will appear in the United States. Rather than draw speculative charts and specifications, however, the SWP, in distinction to the SLP, stresses lines of action to be found in current reality that can lead to the actual formation of councils, however they may finally shape up.

The SLP draws a rather sharp distinction between Trotsky and his followers in the Socialist Workers party. For example, in a favorable review of Isaac Deutscher's biography, "The Prophet Unarmed: Trotsky, 1921-1929," the Feb. 20, 1960, Weekly People wrote:

"Notwithstanding his aloofness to De Leon's conceptual thought, the SLP perceived in Trotsky an outstanding revolutionist. And when he was fouly struck down by a Stalinist assassin in 1940, the Weekly People published an editorial salute, the relevant part of which was written by National Secretary Arnold Petersen. It said:

"Between the Socialist Labor Party and Leon Trotsky there were important points of difference — a difference which is irreconcilable. But there was never any doubt in our minds that Leon Trotsky was a man of single-minded purpose, selfless and devoted wholly to the cause of working-class emancipation as he saw it. Accordingly, the Socialist Labor Party . . . dips its colors in honor of a departed champion of the working class — one who, with whatever mistakes, gave his life and all to working-class emancipation."

A typical expression of its deep appreciation of the SWP is the following, taken from the Sept. 17 Weekly People: "For a moment we shall overlook the gratuitous insult of bracketing the SLP with the Trotskyites, whose reformism and opportu-

"I'll Not Congratulate Or Commend You"

Editor:

Several letters from your readers have congratulated the Militant for the fact that it is not, or is less, sectarian, or less dogmatic and less formal than the Weekly People which is published by the Socialist Labor Party.

Translated into ordinary English this means that the Militant, which is supposed to represent a "Socialist" party, does not adhere to a particular faith, meaning that you do not adhere to Marxist principles. Or do you have a system of prescribed doctrine which you follow? Do you write, advocate or act in accordance with a set of forms within the conventional Socialist Science requirements?

I'm sorry to say so, but I'm afraid I'll have to agree with your readers; only I'll not congratulate or commend you for such. All I can say is I'm sorry there's organizations like yours that use the name "Socialist," for you certainly don't deserve it in the least.

Your organization comes out for reforms like both the capitalist parties do, outside of paying lip service to Socialism. By so doing, you are in reality double talking, causing confusion, for certainly to learn Socialism from you people and what us workers must do to establish Socialism is not explained in the Militant.

We workers already have had a good taste of reforms, and instead of offering a solution to this dying capitalist system, you say we need even more reforms, we need these partial steps to Socialism. For, as an example, you say we need full democratic rights in the ranks of the armed forces. (Armed forces are not necessary in a society of Socialism.) We need free speech, free assembly and election of our officers, etc., in our armed forces.

I'm sure the working class will go for that one all right. I know I would myself, if

such could be made possible under capitalism.

Yes, I would join immediately in any one of the armed forces along with the many other workers who would be qualified to join up, hoping that the men and women workers left at home would be able to make ends meet. After all they will still receive in wages only a fraction of what they produce, hence can only buy back that fraction. The rest of their products must find a way into foreign markets.

It is this struggle for these markets which is the primary cause of war. "There was never a war at arms," said the late General Hugh Johnson, "that was not merely the extension of a preceding war of commerce grown fiercer until the weapons of commerce seemed no longer sufficient to deal with it." (World Peaceways broadcast, 1935.)

But the next war will be a war of annihilation, the end of civilization, if not the end of all life on earth.

War is inevitable under capitalism, for capitalism means war. And if war is delayed because of some ideological reasons (the reasons are now almost impossible to dream up), the warehouses will overflow and the layoffs which are now in progress will make another capitalist depression an inevitable fact.

Here again, like the last depression, capitalism will need another war, a war which will be fought unless we workers decide to take things into our own hands and reconstruct society along sane social lines.

To find out how we workers must do this we must look to the Socialist Labor Party, and their Weekly People paper, which, by the way, is the only paper here in America that is a Socialist paper, a progressive militant paper which points the way out for us workers for that new infinitely sane social Society of Socialism.

Vernon Lind, a Socialist Labor Party Sympathizer, Coon Rapids, Minn.

unionism. This struggle, which may start as a reform movement, can become a transition to independent political action and socialism.

Negro Struggle

Similarly in the struggle for full equality. The fight for school integration, for an end to Jim Crow transportation, for equal service at lunch counters, and so on, is conspicuously absent from the Weekly People. All the Socialist Labor party offers is the consolation that equality will be a characteristic of the socialist society of the future.

The Socialist Workers party, in contrast, believes that such battles are an integral part of the living class struggle out of which will come forces capable of playing a leading part in the transition from capitalism to socialism. The SWP favors militant struggles like sit-downs and picket demonstrations even if the immediate aim is no more than such a "small" reform as equal service at lunch counters.

The same contrast appears in every field. Take civil liberties, for instance. Dr. Willard Uphaus is imprisoned, Lloyd Barbenblatt serves a sentence, Nobel prize-winner Linus Pauling is threatened with prison — all for their political views. The Weekly People is indifferent to the defense of these victims of the witch-hunt.

Unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, socialized medicine, a shorter work-week at no reduction in pay, democracy in the armed forces — the Weekly People will not be caught advocating such "patchwork" reforms.

If the armed forces were made democratic, it is charged, the workers would want to flock in! Good replies the SWP. Let Congress pass legislation to democratize the armed forces. The SLP could use its "equal time" in indoctrination courses to brief the armed workers about Daniel De Leon.

So some people may think that pressure can squeeze concessions from the Democrats and Republicans on such issues? Let them find other leaders. The Socialist Labor party is not interested in leading partial fights or winning concessions. Other wars may have preliminary battles leading to a decisive encounter but not the class war as the Socialist Labor party views it.

On Cuba

In the case of the Cuban Revolution, the Socialist Labor party has blown hot and cold. "What happens in Cuba . . . cannot set in motion the forces of Socialist revolution," the March 26 Weekly People informed its readers. "Indeed," said the Aug. 27 issue, changing its mind, "the obvious apprehension of U.S. capitalists but reflects the volcanic potentialities in the present situation."

Among the potentialities is "an economic and social crisis in the United States of the first magnitude." This would lead to growing receptiveness among the workers "to ideas and plans for social change." And so? ". . . as Socialists, we must be forewarned, hence prepared for the revolutionary situation that capitalist contradictions render unavoidable."

Excellent. But the most elementary actions seem beyond the capacity of the Socialist Labor party. It cannot call for the withdrawal of U.S. troops and the relinquishment of the Guantanamo Naval Base. Or urge Americans to visit Cuba. Or suggest they join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee to help win a hearing for the Cuban side.

I could go on and on; but I want to come to the gist of it all. Is the SLP hopelessly sectarian? No, I don't think so. Recently the Weekly People engaged in

something rather startling. In the July 16 issue a headline urged: "Protest the TV-Radio Blackout!"

by the time you read this," the article said, "a letter to your Congressman and two Senators may help to preserve what we have of free speech on the air. Ask your Congressman to vote against suspending the equal time provisions of the Federal Communications Act, and to move to rescind the House action if the House has already passed the resolutions. Also write to your two Senators and ask them to move to rescind the Senate's action."

"Try It!"

If you were inclined to doubt the efficacy of such action, the Weekly People was reassuring: "Letters to the politicians do get some attention."

The Weekly People even suggested the crassest of reformist illusions: "More letters from our readers may possibly induce some of the politicians to realize that in banning the SLP from free TV and radio speech they are assaulting political democracy. It's worth a try! Try it!"

And the SLP asked its readers to cite "recommendations" of the American Civil Liberties Union against the Demo-GOP moves. That is, the SLP joined in a kind of united action with a reformist organization.

What did the SLP seek? To prevent passage of a reactionary piece of legislation and its reform if already passed. They didn't worry about success creating any illusions in the democratic nature of capitalism.

Whom did they press? "Your Congressman and two Senators" none of whom are members of the Socialist Labor party, but Republicans or Democrats.

In other words, the Socialist Labor party sought a patchwork concession from the Democratic and Republican machines. The SLP hoped to get the concession by mass pressure. Not very stiff pressure, to be sure, like a picket line or a public demonstration, but in principle not different from a March on Washington or a Congress of Labor in the nation's capital or similar fighting proposal such as the Socialist Workers party might suggest in a big labor battle.

This action of the SLP might be ascribed to the corrupting effect of decades of participation in the capitalist electoral process, but I prefer to think not. The SLP was putting a toe in the stream of the class struggle.

In fact I feel encouraged to hope that the SLP leaders might now consider more actions of this nature and in other fields besides the struggle for free speech. Members of the Socialist Workers party will be happy to greet and collaborate with adherents of the Socialist Labor party in the many areas of the class struggle where militant action is called for.

Come on in, the water's fine!
— Joseph Hansen

... Campaigning for Socialism

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defense of the Cuban Revolution.

The next night there was standing room only at the meeting, and, according to the Brown Daily Herald, that included the floor, windows "and outside on the grass." Among the crowd were supporters of the ultrareactionary Senator Barry Goldwater. They met the presentation of the socialist position with the strongest intellectual weapons at their disposal.

This led to an editorial in the Brown Daily Herald which said in part: "It is probably true that many in the audience had never seen anyone with fanatical convictions on pressing political, economic and social issues. But, her public interest cannot be questioned, and it was plain boorish to heckle her, the substance of her speech notwithstanding. Many an ugly vulgarity slipped through the pleasing personality veneer of more than a few students Friday night."

James Merewether wrote a long letter to the editor that began: "I returned from Mrs. Weiss's speech Friday evening feeling ashamed of being a member of the Brown student body. Never have I witnessed such discourtesy and rudeness directed toward a speaker as I witnessed in the form of catcalls, interjections, shouted remarks, jeers, hissing and booing."

The student, after discussing

the right of a speaker to be heard, said: "I might add that the seemingly dire necessity on the part of some of us to immediately refute the speaker's ideas and opinions says much about the depth of our entrenchment in doctrinaire policies and attitudes, our unwillingness to ever hear a different and fresh analysis of the world situation."

"Mrs. Weiss deserves to be congratulated for her contentment and smooth presentation in spite of the abuses of her juvenile audience, not to mention her sincerity in the work she is doing."

This letter carried sting. One of the Goldwater's intellectual offspring, David Schell, took more than twice the space in an attempt to save the sting. He argued for "rugged individualism." Here are some typical paragraphs:

"Mrs. Weiss is an evil, stinking bad joke with a sulfurous odor that has not left my nostrils. Her presence on this campus or anywhere is a gross affront to the dignity of the human spirit and thus not meritorious of respect or even 'different' silence. The only way to reach such an animal who insultingly denies man the right to his mind is to equally insultingly deprive it of the right to be accepted. I am glad this animal was scorned. I am glad she was cursed and derided. I am glad she was deprived of a respectful hearing by rational people. I am glad that here,

on the Brown campus, there are people with courage, dignity, and self-respect enough to let the animal know she has no place, and that her kind never will. The Weisses must be stamped out."

An indignant reply came in the following issue of the college paper from Joseph Nardino. He disagreed with socialism, but said: "I am seldom excited by a statement of the views of any man, but I can hold no quarter with such a flagrant example of irrational intolerance as was displayed in that dissertation. . . . If the 'stamp 'em out' philosophy were prevalent in pre-revolutionary days, what would have been the fate of such radicals as Paine and Henry, to whom we owe so much?"

Letters then followed in such abundance that the editor could only print extracts. From the extracts, here are typical sentences:

Linda Newman: "What I find almost more upsetting than this lack of courtesy is Mr. Schell's letter. After reading that letter, I can almost believe Mrs. Weiss when she says that this country may yet become a Fascist dictatorship."

Raymond P. Rhinehart: "Her political position was vulnerable indeed. But was there sound argument from the floor? Quite the contrary. The 'debate' showed a woeful lack of knowledge of economic, political, and social facts on the part of the Brown and Pembroke audience."

William Burten: "Instead of trying to prevent Mrs. Weiss from speaking, Mr. Schell would have done better listening to what she had to say. He would have learned that in a socialist society the individual (perhaps not the individual in his warped sense) can quite easily maintain his self-respect. He is not robbed of his creative ability nor is he deprived of his dignity. (In such a society, the artist is able to create for humanity instead of being subject to the threat of profit seekers on Madison Avenue.) The individual becomes more conscious of his duty toward his fellowman. Materialism is no longer a standard for measuring human success or failure. In such a society, the individual is better able to free himself from the irrational and subordinate the material world."

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Detroit	470	365	78
New York	3,325	2,359	74
Allentown	85	59	69
Twin Cities	950	600	63
Milwaukee	225	128	57
Seattle	375	209	56
Boston	300	130	43
Los Angeles	3,450	1,433	42
Newark	200	78	39
San Francisco	325	117	36
San Diego	200	70	35
Berkeley-Oakland	325	100	31
Philadelphia	300	92	31
Pittsburgh	10	3	30
Connecticut	75	20	27
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The Right to Hear

As of this writing, close to 1,500 requests have been received taking up Farrell Dobbs' offer in his first national TV broadcast to send the Socialist Workers Party platform and the Militant. This extremely encouraging response shows a greatly increased interest in socialist views.

see any essential differences in their bipartisan cold-war positions. Ever since the U-2 incident, they suspect they are not being told the truth and are being misled by Washington on such burning questions as Cuba.

Free Medical Care for All

A number of letters have inquired about the Socialist Workers party's stand on medical care. The SWP urges the establishment of a national health service which will provide medical treatment and hospital facilities free of charge to every person in this country.

the only major country in the world that still depends primarily on private care. In the early history of this country education was regarded, not as everyone's right, but as a privilege of the well-to-do.

The Republican and Democratic leaders, echoing that hard-shelled monopoly of private practitioners, the American Medical Association, decry such a plan as "socialistic."

Under the existing setup, only the rich can afford proper medical care. The lower income groups, which are the hardest hit by illnesses, get the least and the worst medical attention.

Free public health care is not such a daring innovation. Most of the advanced countries, including the Soviet Union, have had it for decades.

How can the government pay for this free public health service, it is asked. Take the cost out of \$40 billions a year now being spent for wasteful military purposes.

Blow to Cold-Warriors

The H-bomb maniacs in Washington and London have been given a stiff jolt by the British Labor party conference's rejection of nuclear armament which would entail withdrawal from NATO and the removal of U.S. bomber bases from Britain.

U.S., is a political development of exceptional importance. The struggle for peace is the most burning political issue of our time.

This stand by British labor follows the fight against the "mutual security" treaty in Japan which came to a head with Eisenhower's projected visit.

The ranks of labor are the only force that can carry through that struggle to the end. The movement against nuclear weapons can be initiated by students, intellectuals and others.

The emergence of such powerful working class opposition to the imperialist war makers in these two highly industrialized countries, both chained by their capitalist governments to military alliances with the

That is why labor's mobilization against the H-bomb and the cold-warriors in England and Japan is so great a contribution to the cause of world peace.

Colonialism in Africa

From a speech, Oct. 10, to the United Nations General Assembly by President Sekou Toure, of Guinea:

the exploitation of the immense resources that they foresee.

"Africa . . . occupies a preponderant place in the expansionist plan of the imperialist powers.

"Thus colonialism tends to take an international shape that tolerates flags and hymns of African nationalism and apethms, but will not allow one finger to be placed on its own interests. . . .

"By subtle maneuvers, and under the guise of economic agreements, these powers are pooling their resources and coordinating their efforts for the building of military bases, which are indispensable for

"Obsessed by their preoccupation with the cold war . . . some go so far as to reproach the Africans for their relations with the other half of the world. Of course, the colonialists prefer to be the only ones in Africa. . . ."

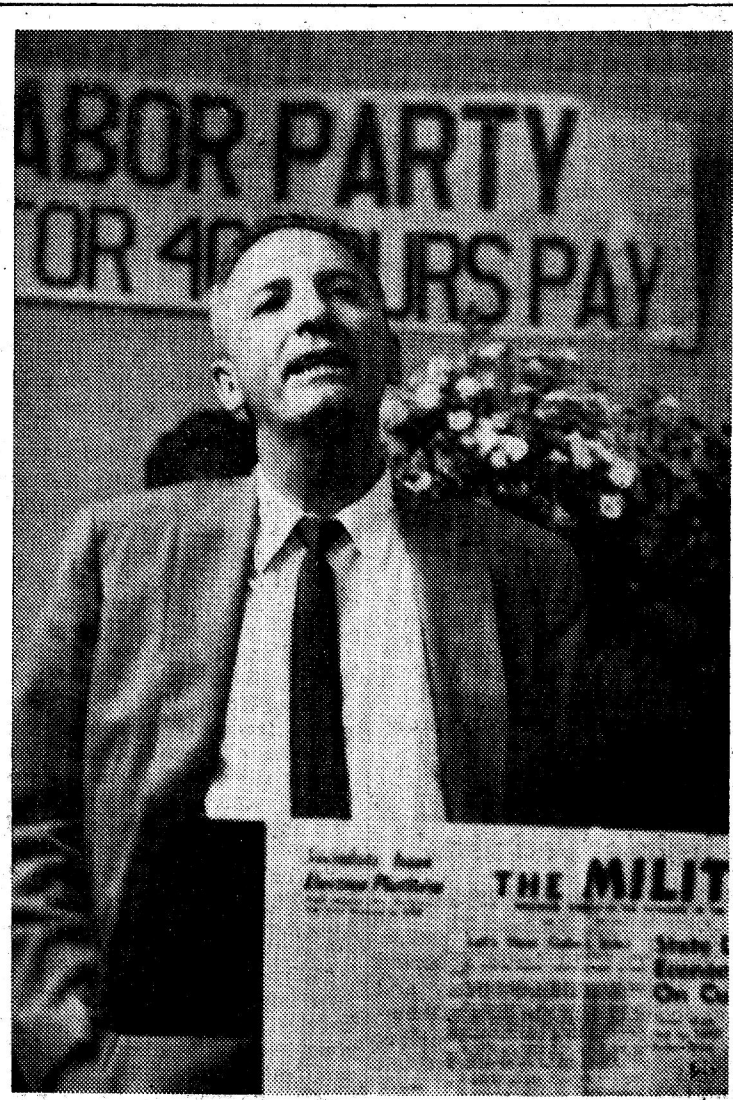
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I Wish Your Talk Could Have Been Longer

Viewers Praise TV Address by Farrell Dobbs

The following are excerpts from the nearly 1,500 letters and postcards sent by TV viewers in response to a fifteen-minute nationwide broadcast by Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party presidential candidate, on Oct. 1 over the ABC network.



Socialist Workers presidential candidate Farrell Dobbs addressing a July 26 election rally in Philadelphia. A former official of the Teamsters Union, Dobbs was a leader of the militant truck drivers strikes in Minneapolis in the 1930's which transformed that city from a haven of the open shop into a union town. He then led the Northwestern organizing drive that won the first over-the-road contract for the Teamsters.

I was in Cuba too a few months ago. Please send me a copy of the speech that was making justice to Cuba. C. C. C. Los Angeles

I agree with you regarding Cuba. Good Luck! P. M. Worcester, Mass.

Congratulations on the splendid broadcast last night. More power to you. F. D. L. Rutherford, N.J.

Only wish your talk could have been longer. I shall listen to you everytime you are on TV or radio. Mrs. E. M. Chicago

I have been a Republican all my life. I think the country needs a change. I have been a farmer all my life. A. H. Elkhart, Ind.

Please send me literature on what I can do to help the Socialist Workers Party fight against capitalism!!! S. K. Oak Lawn, Ill.

I have become interested in your party by a speech delivered over ABC television, but as yet my interest is academic. L. M. C. Winchester, Mass.

It is important that we get your party's stand on compulsory health insurance. Send us all the information you have concerning socialized medicine, how it could be most effective and which country has the best plan. K. A. M. Lawton, Okla.

I was watching television the other night and I saw your candidate, Mr. Dobbs, and I am interested in his principles. I am a bit confused as to what the basic platform of the So-

cialist Party is and I am also confused by Mr. Dobbs' ideas as to how we should give up our military bases over the world to show that we want peace. I don't think you can just say we must be first (ahead of Russia) to give up our military bases because if Russia doesn't follow suit then we are in danger of being destroyed by Russian military might. J. H. Buffalo, N.Y.

As a student who is dissatisfied with the present form of government I feel obligated to study all solutions. Socialism seems particularly appealing. J. R. Evanston, Ill.

I just can't bring myself to vote for either candidate of the major parties as both are dedicated to war. D. S. R. Glen Ellen, Calif.

I am one of the millions of people in this country trying to

support a family on low wages but still have to pay high prices for food and shelter. At the same time the rich get richer by my sweat and the sweat of millions of workers in this wonderful country of ours. M. L. D. Williamsport, Pa.

I have been a mute supporter of socialism since high-school days. In these critical days it is very urgent for our society to search its mind and to search for truth. W. O. Youngstown, Ohio

Being a liberal and rationalist, I've decided to jump on the SWP bandwagon. I certainly would appreciate leaflets for the campaign to circulate in this area and get people familiarized with SWP candidates. No one here seems to know about your party. J. B. Manville, N.J.

Last night I watched your interesting program and your presidential candidate. I agree with practically everything he said. I would like to learn a little more about the Socialist Workers party. C. D. Revere, Mass.

No one is asking you to stay in our wonderful country. Get the hell out and go over to Russia where you belong. A True American No Address

Thank you for your wisdom and truth in regard to U.S. policies today. Truth has always been the treasure of a minority. Keep up your good work. L. K. Ridgefield, N.J.

I enjoyed your address and wish to thank you for making public your party platform and bringing out some hitherto unknown facts. J. D. Franklin Square, N.Y.

I was very impressed with Mr. Farrell Dobbs' statement on television yesterday. It was a pity that his time was so limited. T. L. S. Park Ridge, Ill.

I think socialism is a good solution for the nation's woes. J. B. North Hollywood, Calif.

Mr. Eric Hass said on TV that the Worker Party was Trotskyites. How do they differ from the Bolsheviks? From the Labor Party? R. R. Sheridan, Ark.

I was very impressed with your presidential candidate. I was also impressed with the dirty war the other parties saw to it that he was followed immediately by someone who would confuse the whole deal. Mrs. C. G. W. Paulding, Ohio

I would be especially interested in your views on the problem of adequate medical care for the citizenry. M. J. A. Milwaukee

After hearing the broadcast last evening which publicly introduced the Socialist Workers Party, I have decided that some of your points manifest merit in the solving of world problems. Thank you for giving the public the opportunity of surveying all sides of the political picture. T. E. Waukesha, Wisc.

I just heard fifteen minutes of the worst bunch of lies and misrepresentation of facts that ever has been seen and heard on a television set. . . . The only conclusion I can draw is that you are commun-

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and, as far as I am concerned, properly so. But, I ask, do either of you two, the Socialist Workers Party or the Socialist Labor Party, represent anything very different? Nevertheless, I am delighted to find some candidates for whom I can vote, to at least register my opposition to the regular party candidates. But my problem is, which one of you two to choose? I am writing, therefore, for literature you referred to and should be glad to have any suggestions you may have to make. . . . Mrs. A. G. H. Pittsburgh

After seeing your television broadcast, I found that I agreed with many of the ideas that you presented. However, I do realize that there are many minor political parties which claim to be socialist but in reality are not. Therefore, I wish to know more about your party's objectives. R. W. McKeesport, Pa.

Heard Mr. Dobbs and was pleased with his sincerity and truth. B. G. Newton Holds, Mass.

I understand that you publish a weekly newspaper, "The Militant." Is there any possibility that I may subscribe to that paper? R. J. C. Norridge, Ill.

I think your speech was very fine but what can we do? Every one is either Democratic or Republican. I turned Democratic in the depression when everyone had to suffer so. The people don't want war, but it looks so much like it. All the people I talk to are confused. They don't know if either party is for us. E. M. Wildwood, N.J.

I am well aware that the two major parties are worthless for the benefit of the people. Mrs. E. R. North Platte, Nebr.

I think it is time there were some changes made and would like to know a little more of how it can be done. Mrs. D. S. Wichita, Kansas

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'Why Don't Others Tell the Truth?'

I have been greatly pleased and mentally satisfied by your speaker. He spoke honestly and truthfully and may I add correctly.

I wonder why our newspapers and our politicians don't talk the way you folks do? Could it be possible that they are trying to hide much truth from us, the public, just for the sheer reason that there is much about our governing system that is unpleasant and to be ashamed of?

Shady deals, things that we've done to Cuba and other nations in the past, are suddenly starting to boomerang. And certain men leading these nations today are calling us to account because of these injustices and wrongs done to their people and their countries.

I should love to hear more from you. You have found a convert in me. Am sick of stale ideals but love new ones. S.T.R. Chicago

Yours is just another way of causing disturbance among weak people and rats that won't work and helping Mr. K. J. B. El Segundo, Calif.

Quite the best speech of any candidate. It sounded honest, also. F. D. M. Burbank, Calif.

I listened and agreed with you on most of your talk on the TV last night. Mrs. E. C. Seattle, Wash.

I have literature on the other two parties and I would like to hear your side of the story. I am a student in high school and naturally am interested in differences of opinion. F. D. Danvers, Mass.

Would you please put my name on your mailing list. I have a young freshman in the U. of Wash. who works with

me, who is interested in your approach to world affairs. I would appreciate a couple of campaign buttons if you have them. D. K. Seattle

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Country Faces War Under Old Parties

I started out as a Republican for five years, changed over to the Democratic Party and now I see the handwriting on the wall - neither of the two old parties serve mankind on the true basis of justice.

We are now faced with nuclear war under either party. No matter how a man votes now, he gets the same results. All in favor of the wealthy and against the working man. C.W.N. Phoenix, Ariz.

Istis, yourselves, and only hope to enslave us the way communists have the majority of Asia and Europe. Unsigned Wichita Falls, Tex.

This is the first time in my life I heard someone telling the truth. With all my heart I hope for the good of humanity everything will happen your way. S. H. San Lorenzo, Calif.

I would like you to send me ten copies of your party's platform if it would be possible. G. J. R.

Dubuque, Iowa I am 17 years of age and have nothing but hate and despise for the rich and the government of the, so-called, people. Democracy doesn't work and it's been proven. M. S. Atlantic City, N.J.

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The Reality in Cuba

The reader of American newspapers seeking to gain perspective on events in Cuba encounters assertions such as the following: (1) The population of Cuba is becoming disenfranchised with Castro and is plotting a counter-revolution.

So marked is the disparity between these assertions and my experience on a recent three-week visit to Cuba, that I want to cite a few aspects of the Cuba encountered on that trip.

(1) The most striking feature of a huge rally on the 26th of July in the Sierra Maestra section — to which nearly a million people went — was the enormous personal affection shown to Fidel Castro, and the virtual lack of precautions taken to insure his personal security in the midst of this vast throng.

At no time was there any apparent concern shown by anyone in the official party regarding security. Arming the populace and placing the person of the head of government in their midst are hardly the actions one would expect in the face of any counter-revolutionary sentiment and illuminates more clearly than any argument the patent absurdity of the allegation of the U.S. press that Castro's star is waning.

(2) It was on the face of it strange to be in a "police state" and find there was no police; to see that the army was occupied with tearing down Batista's fortress army camps and building farmers' and workers' housing projects and cooperatives.

(3) The wildest tale of all is that which alleges that an American visitor would be subject to injury or insult in Cuba. Actually, the cordiality and warmth which are extended to U.S. tourists may be found in cosmopolitan Havana, in the dimly lit streets of provincial Cardenas and in the stony hills of Oriente.

Now, it is rather unlikely that this is not known to U.S. newsmen and State Department intelligence agents, inept bumptkins though they may be. It is absurd to believe that these things which are apparent to the casual vacationer would be unknown to professional journalists resident in the country.

For this reason we returned to New York with a deepened realization of the proportions of the intellectual swindle being pulled on the public by our press. For this reason I feel impelled to request the use of the Militant's columns to recount this experience, since this paper is one of the few which endeavor to assemble a realistic picture of the real Cuba.

C. A. New York
'Monroe Doctrine' For the Far East?
Editor: I heard old busybody Walter Winchell interviewing Richard Nixon over television. Winchell asked Nixon what the United States would do in case Cuba let Russia build missile bases there. Nixon said the U.S. would

never permit any country in this hemisphere to become a Communist satellite.

But I notice while our self-righteous capitalist politicians are forever croaking about the Monroe Doctrine they are very careful not to mention our blockade of Communist China and our rash intervention in protecting the ousted Chiang Kai-shek.

China and Russia should make a doctrine similar to our Monroe Doctrine and serve notice on the United States to get our navy out of the Formosa Straits and quit interfering in China's internal affairs or they would be forcibly ejected from the Formosa Straits. For that matter, I have read that the native Formosans don't want Chang Kai-shek on Formosa but he forced himself on them.

Sorry to write such a long letter but I am 100% for your cause and believe strongly in the principles of socialism. I want to commend you for your fine newspaper and am very proud to be a subscriber.

R. A. L. Indianapolis

Virginia 'Socialists' Nominate Kennedy

Your Oct. 10 issue reported that the Communist party and the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation are supporting Kennedy "with eyes averted and head hung down."

I don't know about the Communist party, but at least one unit of the Socialist party seems quite proud of its support of Kennedy. The Reading Labor Advocate, official organ of the Berks County, Pa., SP-SDF, reported Sept. 23 that in Virginia the Social Democratic party has put Kennedy at the top of its ticket for the state ballot.

The paper reports a Virginia party spokesman as saying: "We're appealing to 'national' — that is, liberal Democrats — to support Kennedy on the SPD line. Our goal is to overthrow the Byrd machine and replace it as the official regular Democratic party in Virginia. That's why we're only 'fraternally' associated with the SP-SDF."

P. M. Philadelphia

It's Easy to Learn the Truth About Cuba — Just Visit There

By Jean Simon

Despite all the nonsense in the press inspired by the State Department, one area of our confused foreign policy that the ordinary American can investigate for himself, with ease, is Cuba. My two weeks' vacation there in August convinced me of that.

When I called a travel agency to make arrangements for my trip, the clerk said, "We don't advise visits to Cuba."

"Why not?" I asked. "Well...uh...It should be obvious...don't you read the papers?" she mumbled.

So I made my own arrangements: Sent an airmail letter to the Hotel Riviera in Havana (recently renamed the Habana Theresa) inquiring about rates and room reservation, received a wire confirming my reservation, and bought my plane ticket.

"Aren't you afraid to go to Cuba?" some of my fellow workers asked me. "Do you think it's safe?"

"Why not?" I said. "I don't own any sugar mills or oil refineries. The hotels still take your reservations and the plane companies still sell tickets. I know, I've read the stories in the newspapers, but they don't make sense, any more than they do when they report labor news. I'm going down to see what is going on in Cuba."

Special Student Rate

The first thing I saw when I got off the plane was three gaily costumed singers with guitars, serenading new arrivals. Going through customs was easy, simpler than when I went to Mexico for two weeks' vacation four years ago.

The next thing that caught my eye in the airport was a registration desk for students. In addition to a variety of information folders for tourists, there was notice of a special rate for students of \$70 for a month's vacation, all expenses paid (except transportation to Cuba, I assume). If only the American students knew this, I thought. Apparently a few from New York, California, Wisconsin, Indiana and other states in the next two weeks.

One of the things I had read was that it was particularly dangerous to carry a camera and try to take pictures. (Cubans are so hostile and suspicious, you know — or haven't you read the papers?)

Well, I started by taking a flash shot of the student registration desk in the airport, and I didn't stop taking pictures until I ran out of film backstage after a performance of a national theatre group at the Sala Covarrubias. Not once did anyone try to discourage me, let alone stop me.

In addition to snapshots in a privately-owned cigarette factory, at a huge government-intervened cement mill, at the main headquarters of the Confederation de Trabajadores de Cuba (the federation of labor) and elsewhere, I took 8 mm. movies of the workers' militia drilling, of construction workers, of William Morgan, a denaturalized U.S. native who fought with the Castro forces in the mountains.

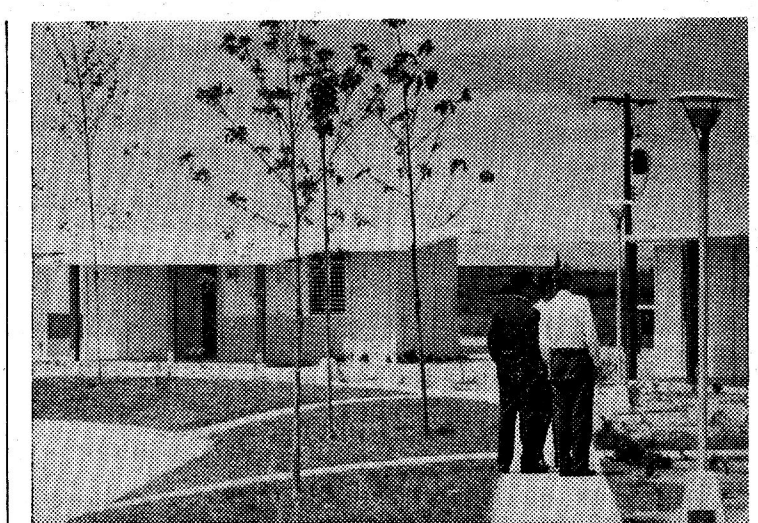
Talking with Morgan was like "old home week," and one of many interesting experiences in Cuba. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he lived in Toledo and was a union organizer in Texas. To him American labor leaders who echo the State Department line on Cuba, without investigating the facts for themselves, are typical "company stooges," serving the interests of big business rather than the working people they are elected to represent.

Although he has been deprived of his U.S. citizenship, Morgan is not "a man without a country." He has been granted Cuban citizenship and is living a full and productive life helping to cope with the problems of reconstruction in that country.

Morgan's Frog Farm

About six months ago the Ministry of Agriculture agreed to an experimental project with an idea Morgan had for a new industry, a frog skin industry, and put him in charge of it. Five months later, when I visited "Morgan's Frog Farm," the original contingent of eight men had expanded to 800, with plans proceeding toward the employment of 2,000 men and women. They are shipping 50,000 pounds of frogs' legs a month for restaurants, etc., expect to double that figure — and that's only a by-product.

The project when I saw it was a fascinating example of organization. Simultaneously, the following processes were un-



Militant photo by J. H. At the Hermanos Sainz cooperative in Pinar del Rio province in Cuba. Low-cost homes like these are beginning to replace the primitive palm-thatched bohios (huts) throughout the island as construction gets under way following the revolution. Among the visitors in the photograph above is Farrell Dobbs, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party.

der way: breeding of thousands of frogs, slaughtering, preparations of legs for shipping, skinning, processing of skins, tanning, dyeing, polishing, stamping, inspection, sorting and bundling, designing and manufacturing and training of apprentices in manufacturing. At the same time that production was going on in temporary sheds, construction of permanent quarters, improvement of roads, etc. was proceeding. A cafeteria for the employees was in operation, and plans call for construction of homes, a beach, and a school.

Samples of frogskin shoes, purses, belts, wallets and watch bands showed the processed skins to be strong, flexible and most attractive.

Workers at the frog farm, most of them formerly unemployed or low-paid seasonal workers, now earn \$8 to \$10 a day, work an eight-hour day with an hour for lunch, six days a week. Learners get \$3.50 a day.

Highest paid are the eight technicians in the design and manufacturing department — "the most skilled leather working craftsmen we could find." They also train the 32 young men and women apprentices, aged 16 to 22.

"These people want to learn and want to work," Morgan said earnestly. "I never saw anything like it."

"This is an industry with an idea behind it..." "This is the only frog leather industry in the world, isn't it?" I asked.

"Yes, as far as I know it is," he said, smiling. "Guess it's quite a monopoly!"

Asked whether he is ever embarrassed by anti-American slogans, he laughed. "No. You see, I fought in the hills during the revolution. When I walk into a gathering that is singing 'Cuba si, Yanquis no,' they change their tune."

"I think I'm doing more good for the States here than all the politicians in Washington..." You know, when we were under attack in the hills one day, dodging fire from American-built

Linus Pauling Again Defies Witch-Hunters

Nobel prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling again defied the inquisitors of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in Washington Oct. 11 by refusing to name the scientists who helped him circulate petitions calling for a ban on nuclear weapons.

"I am unwilling to subject these persons to reprisals by this committee," he told Democratic Senator Dodd of Connecticut who conducted the inquisition. "I could protect myself by agreeing, but I am fighting for other persons who could not make a fight themselves."

Dr. Pauling provided the subcommittee with the signatures of more than 1,100 scientists in fifty countries who signed the petitions filed with the United Nations in 1950. He also gave the names of 1,200 scientists to whom he wrote for aid in collecting signatures. But he firmly refused, as he did on June 21, to identify those who actually circulated the petitions.

Dr. Pauling told the subcommittee that he was against the McCarran Act, for re-

pealed of the Smith Act, and regretted that he did not have more time to work for the release of Morton Sobell. He remembered with pleasure that he had picketed the Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco last winter.

Asked if he had ever helped a non-Communist, he replied: "I made a statement urging that Gerald L. K. Smith be allowed to speak and I feel reasonably sure that he is not a Communist."

At the opening of the hearing Sen. Dodd commented that Dr. Pauling "might be trying to force the Senate of the United States to cite him for contempt." However, according to Murray Kempton's report in the Oct. 12 New York Post, Dodd later said that Dr. Pauling was released from further subpoena.

Calendar Of Events

NEW YORK

MEET THE CANDIDATE — Socialist Workers presidential nominee Farrell Dobbs speaks at a public rally Saturday, Oct. 22, 8:30 p.m. Also, Elinor Ferry, Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee, and Fred Mazelis, Students for Dobbs and Weiss. Gala social to follow — dancing and refreshments. Contrib. \$1. 116 University Place (off Union Sq.) A.S.P.: Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee and Students for Dobbs and Weiss.

LOS ANGELES

Socialist Workers Election Rally. Hear Max Goldman, Minneapolis Smith Act victim and socialist organizer, on "Labor and the 1960 Elections." Friday, Oct. 21, 8:30 p.m., 1702 East Fourth St. A.S.P.: Socialist Workers Campaign Committee and Students for Dobbs and Weiss.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Hear the socialist point of view on vital economic and political issues as presented by Theodore Edwards, Radio station KPFK-FM, 90.7 on your dial. Friday, Oct. 21, 6:45 p.m.

BOSTON

Hear Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers presidential candidate, on the issues of the 1960 election. Wed. Oct. 19, 8:15 p.m. Boston Labor Forum, Gainsborough Bldg., 295 Huntington Ave.

NEWARK

Lecture classes, Sunday evenings, Oct. 23 and 30, 8:30 p.m. on "The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Road to Socialism." Instructor, Frances James. At 352 Seymour Ave. Contrib. 25 cents each lecture. A.S.P.: Socialist Workers party and Young Socialist Alliance.

...Hits Kennedy

(Continued from Page 1) crats had "lost" China because they were "soft" on Communism, Mrs. Weiss charged.

"The Republicans and Kennedy share the same pernicious assumption — namely, that China and Cuba are really American possessions which were 'lost' because of 'ineptness' or 'treason' in high places."

"Our party takes a totally different view of the matter," said Mrs. Weiss. "We don't believe that China or Cuba were ever legitimately American property, and we are glad that the Chinese and Cuban peoples have at last taken control over their own countries' destinies."

It is true, of course, that the Eisenhower administration supported Batista, Mrs. Weiss continued. But the Cuban hangman had enjoyed the support of the Truman administration, too. "It is also true, as Kennedy charges, that Nixon played up to Batista when he visited Cuba. But when did Senator Kennedy ever denounce Batista's murders prior to the election campaign?"

Mrs. Weiss said she could easily understand why a multimillionaire like Kennedy would view Cuban revolution as a "disaster which threatens the security of the whole Western Hemisphere." It has cut into the profits of the big corporations, which Kennedy "represents," and to them profits are paramount.

"But there is no reason why the American working people should view this revolution as a 'disaster.' The Cuban people have repossessed the assets plundered from them by the U.S. monopolies. But they haven't taken anything from the American people."

Fair Play Committee To Hold N.Y. Rally

NEW YORK—Carleton Beals, dean of Latin-American correspondents, will speak on "The Truth About Cuba" at a public meeting here Thursday, Oct. 20, under the auspices of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Other feature speakers will include I. F. Stone, noted journalist, and Leo Huberman, teacher and co-author of "Cuba: Anatomy of a Revolution." A recent documentary film on Cuba will also be shown. Richard Gibson, president of the committee's New York chapter, will preside.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue.

...GE Pickets Defy Clubs

(Continued from Page 1) Mayor Ellis said the Fire Department would be deputized for strike duty.

James King, vice president of the International Firefighters Association, AFL-CIO, then demanded that the Schenectady city council direct the mayor to "cease and desist this ill-advised attempt to order our union fire fighters into service as strikebreakers."

The corporation had counted on a weak showing by the Schenectady local, the IUE's largest, since it was one of ten IUE locals which had voted to recommend to the union's national bargaining committee that the strike not be called. After the strike started, however, the key local voted to join. It came out four days late, but it came out solid. The Schenectady Council of Churches said that the corporation's announcement that it would attempt to operate in that city was an "invitation to violence." Now that its violence has failed to dent the pickets, GE has gone to court for an injunction. On Oct. 11, however, IUE officials decided against mass picket lines stopping scabs from entering the plant.

Fort Wayne Plant Closed

At the Fort Wayne, Indiana, plant—the only one of those on strike where a large block of workers belongs to a non-striking union — members of the International Association of Machinists have respected IUE

Local Directory

- BOSTON Boston Labor Forum, 295 Huntington Ave., Room 200. CHICAGO Socialist Workers Party, 302 South Canal St., Room 210. WE 9-5044. CLEVELAND Socialist Workers Party, 5511 Euclid Ave., Room 203. DETROIT Eugene V. Debs Hall, 3737 Woodward. TEmple 1-6135. LOS ANGELES Forum Hall and Modern Book Shop, 1702 E. 4th St. AN 9-4953 or WE 5-9238. MILWAUKEE 150 East JunEAU Ave. MINNEAPOLIS Socialist Workers Party and Labor Book Store, 704 Hennepin Ave., Hall 240. FEderal 2-7781. NEWARK Newark Labor Forum, Box 361, Newark, N. J. NEW YORK CITY Militant Labor Forum, 116 University Place, AL 5-7852. OAKLAND-BERKELEY P.O. Box 341, Berkeley 1, Calif. PHILADELPHIA Militant Labor Forum and Socialist Workers Party, 1303 W. Girard Ave. Lectures and discussions every Saturday, 8 P.M., followed by open house. Call PO 3-5820. SAN FRANCISCO The Militant, 1145 Polk St., Room 4. Sat. 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Phone PR 6-7296; if no answer, VA 4-2321. SEATTLE 1412-18th Avenue, EA 5-0191. Library, bookstore. ST. LOUIS For information phone MO 4-7194.

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Profits versus Freedom

(Excerpts from talk by Robert Himmel, Jr., Socialist Workers party candidate for Governor of Michigan, over WWJ-TV, Detroit, on Oct. 9.)

The United States used to be an inspiration to people in other countries fighting for freedom. We used to have the reputation for being one place where people could come to escape oppression. Perhaps some of you came to this country for that reason.

But in a short span of years those who run our government have destroyed that reputation. They have made our country hated and feared throughout the world. Why is it that we no longer have friends except for a few corrupt governments kept in power with American dollars and arms?

The reason is that those who run our government are more interested in profits than they are in either peace or democracy. Our profit system, capitalism, can only be maintained by supporting colonialism, even at the risk of world destruction.

It's uranium profits, not communism, that determines our government's policy in the Congo. It's sugar and oil profits, not communism, that causes our government's hostility toward the revolution that liberated Cuba from the dictator Batista.

It's profits, not communism, that compels our government to spend over \$40 billion a year on arms. That arms budget right now is the only thing standing between us and a major depression. If you don't believe it, look at the way the stock market drops whenever there is talk about peace or disarmament.

There's no real debate between Democrats and Republicans over this issue. The only difference is that the Republicans want to spend \$40 billion this year on arms and the Democrats want to raise this figure to \$45 billion.

Both parties are run by the people who own our banks and corporations. They are primarily interested in policies that will protect and increase the profits of these enterprises. That's why they have to lie to the American people about what's happening in the world.

Most of you as working people have more in common with the Cuban worker, with the African peasant, with people everywhere who are fighting for freedom and a decent standard of living than with the millionaires who run our government. This employer class is willing, in the interest of their profits to throw us out of work, subject us to man-killing speed-up, to propagate race hatred and discrimination.

As the majority in this country, the working people have the power within themselves to change these things. But they will make no basic gains until they learn that they don't have to be reduced to a choice between one or the other big business parties. They can, they must and I am confident they will organize their own political party, a labor party, with a program like that put forward this year by the Socialist Workers party.

Such a party could put a workers and farmers government in power that would do away with the system that puts profits above people.

Notes in the News

THE LOWEST — The local school board at Kellogg, Idaho, has cut off federal school lunches for children of striking miners. Some 2,000 members of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union have been on strike for five months there against the Bunker Hill and American Smelting & Refining companies. The school board demanded that the local union pay for the lunches if they were to be reinstated. International union president John Clark has wired federal and state authorities demanding that they obtain reversal of the action.

TIRED OF STRAPHANGING? — For the benefit of those of our New York readers who may be tired of the daily subway trip to work, we are glad to report that Buckingham Livery is offering daily home-to-office commutation in a chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce. The fee is only \$15 a day for clients living in Manhattan. It is scaled upward for other points, depending on distance.

DIXIELAND, N. Y. — The New York State Commission Against Discrimination has been asked to act against Angelo Mustachio, a Uniondale barber who posted a sign in his window, "Kinky Haircuts — \$5." The complaint was filed by Mrs. Charles Flott on behalf of her eight-year-old son, Charles, Jr. She said the shop demanded \$5 when she took her son there last spring. On an earlier occasion another barber in the shop had charged 75 cents. A decision by SCAD is expected late this month.

FOR YOUR XMAS LIST — A necktie of 24 karat gold fabric at \$25.

THE HOUSE WE'LL LIVE IN — By mid-1960 only 630,000 new homes had been started compared to 766,000 last year. Commenting on this, the Oct. 1 Electrical Union World reports: "One builder says that if construction continues to lag behind our mushrooming population, in a few years we're going to be the best-dressed, best-fed, fastest moving nation of tent-dwellers on earth." This prediction is needlessly gloomy. The Oct. 5 Wall Street Journal reports that one category of construction starts enjoyed an impressive 175 per cent increase over last year. The category was jails and penitentiaries.

WRONG COMPLEXION — A milling mob barred a seven-year-old girl from entrance to an elementary school in Dunn, N.C., last month. Although she came with a proper "white" birth certificate, Edna Sue Hump was considered "a little too dark complexioned." Said the principal: "After that Indian situation... they are all so touchy." Indian and Negro children in Dunn must travel miles to their respective segregated schools. Two Indian teen-agers who staged a sit-in at the local high school in a bid for admission were convicted and fined Oct. 7 on "trespass" charges.

THOSE PRICE JITTERS — The federal cost-of-living index now includes the cost of tranquilizer pills.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — "Since there are so many unfulfilled job opportunities, employment could be increased by greater efforts to find jobs." — First National City Bank Newsletter.