

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

H-Bomb Tests—

Election Issue

Editor, Daily Worker:

Candidate Adlai E. Stevenson has put before the electorate the question of banning atomic and hydrogen bombs tests and of seeking an end of the conscription of young males for military service. Candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower disapproves. It is, therefore, the unbounded duty of every conscientious citizen to cast his ballot in favor of the candidate he considers most deserving of being elected. As possible stimulus for thinking about this matter the following words from Chapter I of Lewis Mumford's book *In the Name of Sanity*, are hopefully submitted:

"Until sanity reawakens among the tribes and nations and kindreds, the threat of a final apocalypse of violence will continue to hover over mankind . . . our own leaders are now living in a one-dimensional world of the immediate present, unable to remember the lessons of the past or to anticipate the probabilities of the future: to guarantee national security they have created a state of total insecurity, and in the effort to insure national survival they have perfected weapons whose full-scale use would imperil the future of the human race. If mankind is not to take the last step into the abyss, we must awaken ourselves from this nightmare, and cleanse ourselves of our present irrationality. Each of us must accept, as his own, the personal responsibility for safeguarding man's essential humanity. Each of us must challenge the automatism we have submitted to and evaluate both the near and the remote consequences of the forces that we have helped to set in motion. The chief enemy of peace is the spirit of unreason itself: an inability to conceive alternatives, an unwillingness to reconsider old prejudices, to part with ideological obsessions, to entertain new ideas or to improve new plans."—HUMANUS.

Unimpressed by Lawson Series

NEWARK.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I read Elizabeth Lawson's series of articles in the *Daily* on the *Woman Question*. I happen to be one of those women who she says spends 100 hours a

week in the kitchen. I too have been cursed with these new fangled gadgets that "only add to my burden." In addition to the "100 hours a week," I also work to help us live, I'm exceedingly active in organizations (as are thousands and thousands of American women). I raised a child, I clean, I cook and have time to read books and enjoy my family. Her intentions in

writing the articles were probably very good—but it seems to me that before she started she should have found out how American women really live and what their problems really are.

Could it be that a source of our errors is due to the fact that some of our "experts" have their feet firmly planted in mid-air?

—B.B.

ROCHESTER LABOR FORMS ADLAI-WAGNER COMMITTEE

By MARK ANDERS

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Oct. 2.—A Labor Committee to Elect Stevenson, Kefauver and Wagner was formed here last week under joint auspices of CIO and AFL groups, it is announced by John H. Cooper, CIO leader, and James L. Burke, AFL leader.

The committee includes representatives of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Steelworkers, IUE, UAW, Lithographers, Textile Workers, Newspaper Guild, Communication Workers, Food Workers, Milk Drivers, Laundry Drivers, Stationary Engineers, Culinary Workers, Upholsterers, Motion Picture Operators, Office Workers and Laborers.

The first major political rally in Rochester, held under labor auspices heard Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate. While the AFL and CIO Councils here have not yet amalgamated organizationally, they have been conducting joint political

activity for a number of weeks and have distributed the voting records of Congressmen Keating and Ostertag to their membership.

Labor interest in local politics is high this year because a number of labor leaders are campaigning for office on the Democratic ticket.

In the 38th Congressional District, William H. Moystyn, president of Metal Polishers Local 113, is opposing Republican incumbent Harold C. Ostertag for Congress.

Michael J. Cavalier, business representative of Meat Cutters Local 255, is running for State Senate in the 51st Senatorial District.

Paul J. Andrews, president of UAW Local 1097, is the Democratic candidate for State Assembly in the 4th Assembly District.

French Assembly Elects Socialist As Speaker

PARIS, Oct. 2.—Andre Le Troquer, a Socialist, was elected speaker of the French National Assembly with Communist support tonight.

The election of Le Troquer to the second biggest job in the fourth French Republic came on the second ballot as the Assembly reconvened after its summer recess.

CP, SP Speakers to Debate on Coast

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 2.—Spokesmen for the Communist and Socialist Parties have been selected for the debate on "America's Road to Socialism" Oct. 12, at Embassy auditorium.

Socialist speaker will be Charles Curtis, a member of the party's state executive committee, Dorothy Healey, chairman of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, will represent that organization.

Bridges' Assailants Get Hearing Oct. 8

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—The two members of Sailors Union of the Pacific who beat up Harry Bridges, longshore union leader, will be given a preliminary hearing Oct. 8.

Fred Reppine and Donald R. Hansen, charged with assault and battery, pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Municipal Judge N. Charles Brusatori at San Rafael.

Bridges, president of International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, was knocked down and kicked by the two sailors in the men's room of Valhalla restaurant in Sausalito.

Motive behind the attack is still to be determined, with Reppine and Hansen denying they came here as "paid goons" to get Bridges.