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BIGGEST MARITIME STRIKE FORCES GOVERNMENT TO RESCIND WAGE-CUT

Dobbs Defends Seamen, Drivers In Radio Talk

NEW YORK, Sept. 12—Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York, tonight opened his campaign with a powerful radio address in defense of the striking seamen and New York City truckdrivers.

His 15-minute answer to the lies of the capitalist press and his attack on the Democratic and Republican politicians who are aiding the employers, was broadcast over Station WJZ at 10:45 tonight.

TEST OF EVENTS

Even in advance of the elections, Dobbs points out, "living events are testing" the vote-catching promises of the capitalist politicians.

"Where are the voices of Mead and Lehman, of Dewey and Ives, today?" Dobbs asked. "Why have they not said a single word in defense of the seamen and truckdrivers? During their long political careers they have never said one word on behalf of any

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workers in any strike." The Socialist Workers Party candidate for New York Governor charged that "a vast and well-financed propaganda drive has been unleashed to arouse hysteria and turn the people against the strikers."

ANSWERS BOSSES

He replied in detail to the boss propaganda about the strikers being "responsible for shortages." Turning the attack against the bosses, he showed how the monopolists are responsible for real shortages. He contrasted the fact that the capitalist press and boss politicians like O'Dwyer show no indignation about the meat trust cutting off all meat supplies, with the way they attack striking workers.

"If I were Governor," Dobbs stated, "I would make it my first duty to support the picket lines of my fellow workers." At the same time, he said, "I would use every power of office to force the employers to satisfy the full demands of the strikers."

Reuther Hits Attacks On Detroit SWP

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 14—Walter P. Reuther, President of the CIO United Automobile Workers, this week denounced the attempts of anti-labor elements to evict the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters in Detroit. Reuther's statement was along the lines of a similar public protest made last week by UAW-CIO Vice-President R. J. Thomas. Full text of Reuther's statement follows:

"As President of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, I want to add my protest against the forces within the City of Detroit who have banded together in a reactionary drive to force the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters at 6108 Linwood. "The latest form of attack, that of trying to force the Socialist Workers Party to vacate its premises because Negroes attended its meetings, is a serious challenge to the fundamental constitutional rights of Americans to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. Any such attack must be met on those grounds because the rights of all citizens of this country will be jeopardized if such a precedent can be established by these reactionary forces.

"Labor cannot permit the zoning laws of this city to be utilized for the purpose of discrimination against any individual or organization because of race, creed, color or political affiliation."

Atom Workers Vote 2-1 For Unionism

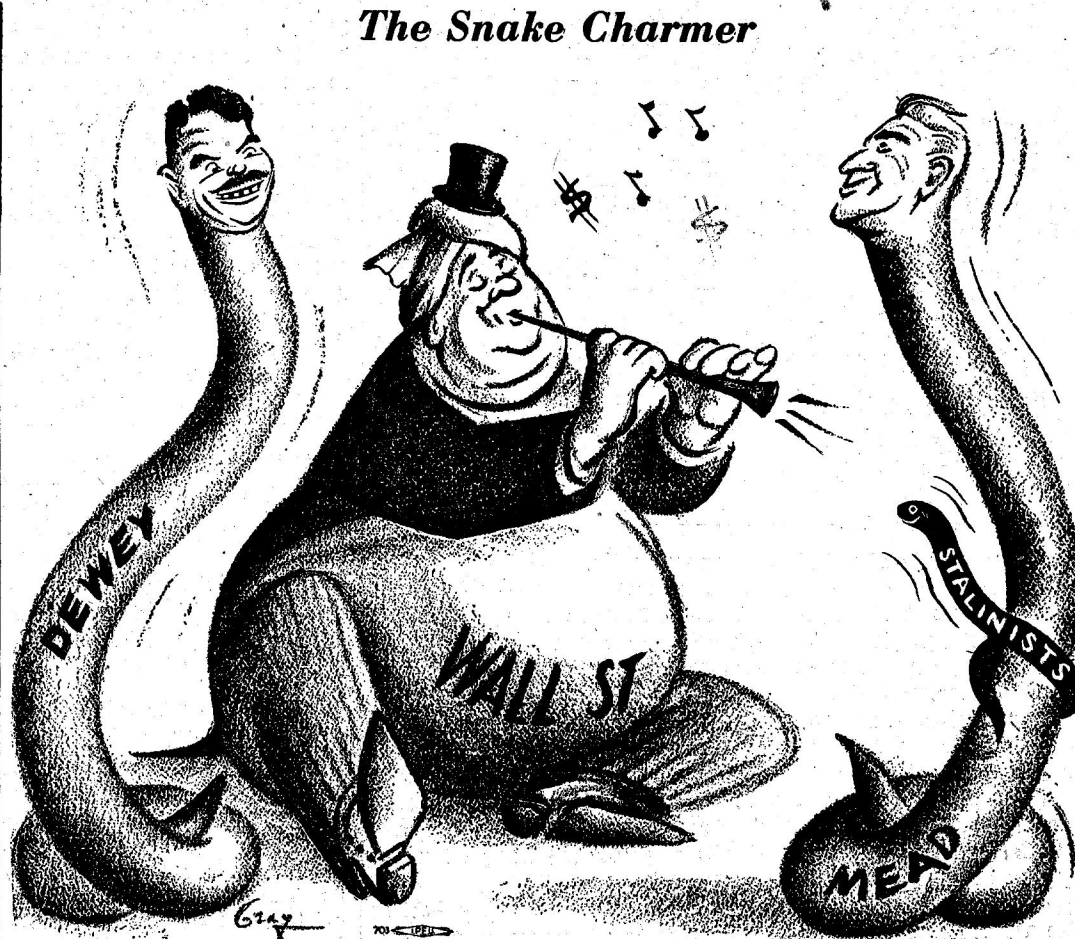
Workers in two of the three atom bomb plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, have voted to have the CIO or AFL represent them in collective bargaining.

The CIO won the election at the second largest plant, run by the Carbide & Chemical Corp., by a vote of 1,918 to 1,893, in a run-off with the AFL. The AFL won at the Monsanto Chemical plant by 331 votes to the CIO's 136. The vote at the Tennessee Eastman plant was 3,120 for "no union" against 2,530 for the AFL.

Meat Trust Causes Famine

Thousands of packing-house workers were out of work, and housewives searched in vain for meat to feed their families this week as the packing trust intensified the meat-famine it has imposed on the country to force elimination of price ceilings.

Virtually no meat is on sale at even the high ceiling prices given to the packers by the OPA, although price increases averaged 10 to 12 per cent. The packers are shutting down their major plants and operating through the black market outlets. In Omaha, T. J. Lloyd, international representative of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen Union, announced that 25,000 of the union's 160,000 members have already been laid off, and another 25,000 face lay-offs next week. The CIO United Packinghouse Workers reported that half of its 30,000 members in Chicago are out of work because packers are curtailing legal production. Butcher shops "throughout the



Stalinists Drop Own Candidates To Back Capitalist Party Slate

NEW YORK, Sept. 14—The withdrawal of candidates of the Communist (Stalinist) Party from the three top places on the New York ballot is "one of the most cowardly and ignominious acts in the political history of this state,"

against reactionary attempts to deprive them of their right to run. All this farce was played out so they could withdraw at the proper moment in favor of the Democratic candidate who brackets them with the Ku Klux Klan.

"The policy of the Communist Party is a blend of hypocrisy and deceit. About a year ago they expelled Earl Browder as an agent of Wall Street. One of his actions as a Wall Street agent was to support Lehman for Governor and Mead for Senator. After purging itself of 'Browderism,' the CP 'reformed.' Today it supports Mead for Governor and Lehman for Senator.

"For months the CP has been denouncing Truman's foreign policy as imperialist, war-mongering and anti-Soviet. They promised to withdraw if the Democrats repudiated Truman's foreign policy. The Democrats wrote a platform that supports Truman lock, stock and barrel. The Stalinists withdrew. Obviously, the way to get Stalinist support is to do the exact opposite of what they demand and give them a public kick in their political posterior."

IN THE NEWS

A Shot In The Arm For German Capitalists

FRANKFORT AU MAIN, Sept. 11—As a result of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes' speech on the future of Germany at Stuttgart Sept. 6, industrial stocks on the Frankfurt Exchange have risen an average of 10 per cent while bank stocks have risen as much as 30 per cent. Industrial stocks have now virtually reached the permitted ceiling price. (N. Y. Herald Tribune, Sept. 12.)

Hogs Never Satisfied

The U. S. Emergency Court of Appeals rejected demands of New York City landlords that they be permitted to jack up residential rents 15 per cent. The court contended landlords were making bigger profits under rent control than during the prewar years.

Propaganda Sure Makes A Hearty Breakfast

"Each morning as I carefully spread a thin film of 66-cent butter on my undersized, off-color toast, I dutifully remind myself that America is eating more than it ever did before." (Saturday News, Lewisburgh, Pa.)

How About Putting Capitalists To Work?

"There will be no limit to production once labor makes up its mind to get busy and go to work." (Undersecretary of Commerce Alfred Schindler, Sept. 10.)

Civilian employment has reached an all-time peak of 58,100,000. Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small, reported on Aug. 30. He added: "The stop-and-go output... has now been replaced by continuous high-level production."

Decontrol's Already Jet-Propelled

Washington, Sept. 16 (UP).—John M. Bulkeley, OPA's decontrol expert, said today the next few months would see a great speed-up in the removal of price ceilings.

CIO Pickets Tie Up Ports To Follow Up AFL Victory

Maritime labor's militancy and solidarity tied up every port in the United States so completely that the AFL seamen have won a smashing victory against the government.

Within eight days the Truman Administration was forced to capitulate. The AFL seamen won their demands—a pay increase of \$22.50 a month on the West Coast; \$27.50 a month on the East Coast and Gulf.

The AFL's victory was assured when the CIO maritime unions supported the strike. Now, the Committee for National Maritime Unity, representing six CIO

unions and one independent, is following up with a strike to bring CIO seamen's pay to parity with the AFL rates.

Last June, the CIO's strike threat won a gain of \$17.50 a month. The AFL unions then negotiated for still higher pay. Truman's Wage Stabilization Board disapproved the higher rates, thus provoking the AFL strike.

DANGER REMAINS

But the seamen still face a great danger.

After every great upsurge of the seamen, the capitalist government has opened up a counter-offensive. In 1921 the government spearheaded a union-smashing drive that broke the backbone of organized maritime labor for years. After the great strikes of 1934 and 1936 the government introduced the Copeland fink book in an attempt to cripple the maritime unions.

Wall Street's politicians will

New York Truckdrivers Stand Firm; Break Operators' Front

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—Grimly determined to win substantial wage raises and a 40-hour week, the 15,000 striking members of AFL Truckdrivers Locals 807, 282 and 816 here are fighting back against the pressure of the boss newspapers, Democratic Mayor

O'Dwyer and their own weak-kneed leaders.

The militant rank and file have rejected O'Dwyer's phony compromise proposal and brushed aside his attempt to divide their ranks with a red-scare.

Their determined stand, expressed at a stormy membership meeting of the largest local, 807, at Manhattan Center last Thursday, has forced the recalcitrant truck operators associations to resume direct negotiations. (See Evelyn Atwood's account of dramatic strike meetings, on Page Six.)

A break in the truck fleet operators front has been reported. Two large operators are now said to be offering wage raises amounting to \$7.40 a week for a 40-hour week instead of the previous 44-hour week. The only previous offer of the truck operators had amounted to \$2.86 more for a 44-hour week—6 1/2 cents an hour.

O'DWYER FAILS

Mayor O'Dwyer sought the help of his Democratic political henchman, AFL Teamsters President Daniel J. Tobin, to force the drivers back without assured gains. O'Dwyer, who had tried to put over a "compromise" giving the drivers only a dollar more a week, demanded that Tobin send the drivers back, charging that "communists" had taken over the strike, and threatening

Stock Market Slump Reveals Wall Street's View Of Future

By Art Preis

As the Truman administration boasts of record-breaking peace-time production and as dividend payments soar to new highs, the stock market ominously clangs an alarm.

A new feverish wave of selling last week tumbled prices on the Stock Exchange. For the second week in a row that barometer of the capitalist system—the stock market quotations—fell sharply.

The landslide unloading by small investors and speculators climaxed a steady drift downward since the May high point. By last week, more than 19 billion dollars of stock values had been liquidated—\$9,300,000,000 in the first days of September.

"LOOKS FINE"

Administration spokesmen have responded with a cheery note of "optimism." U. S. Treasury Secretary Snyder on Sept. 11 opined business prospects "look fine." Civilian Production Administrator Small said, "It's all a state of mind."

And RFC Director Allen boomed: "Wonderful! Wonderful! We're going to have a wave of prosperity like you never saw before. And let me tell you this—we're never going to have another depression in this country." (Life magazine, Sept. 9.)

But these economic witchdoctors cannot with a mere pass of their hands wave aside the visible symptoms of malignant disease eating at the vitals of American capitalism.

The Stock Exchange is recording Wall Street's outlook on America's future. As Henry Hazlitt, N. Y. Times financial commentator, observed on September 9: "The stock market seldom reflects today's events; it reflects, instead, today's judgment, good or bad, on the long-term future."

"NO CONFIDENCE"

For the "long-term future" of its own system, Wall Street has cast a vote of "No confidence." That is the real meaning of the stock market slide.

The stock market's advance warning of an economic disaster comes when American capitalism stands at the summit of world power. It has crushed the most aggressive of its capitalist rivals abroad. And it boasts of record peace-time economic

achievements at home.

On Aug. 30, Civilian Production Administrator Small reported that July production had reached a new all-time peace-time peak. "The stop and go output... has now been replaced by continuous, high-level production," he said. "Industry is within sight of full production of finished goods." Employment has reached the all-time peak of 58,100,000.

EXPORTS BOOM

At the same time, U. S. export trade boomed to heights never known before. "Commercial shipments are expected officially to reach \$10,000,000,000 this year. That would top the previous peak of \$8,228,000,000 reached in 1920," reports the United States News, Sept. 13.

Why, then, does Wall Street vote thumbs down on its own "long-term future?"

First of all, American Big Business has now placed a minus sign beside its hopes for prosperity based on the world market. American productivity, doubled during the war, has outstripped the capacity of a ruined world to buy its products. Not ten billions in exports—but 30 billions was the hope.

The great markets of Europe and Asia are disrupted. The peoples are burdened by colossal debt. Their economy is hopelessly disorganized. Their production stagnates at levels far below the pre-war years.

ADDING IT UP

"What it all adds up to," says the Sept. 5 World Report, Big Business weekly of world affairs, "is that odds are against continuance of the present export boom much beyond two or three years."

Here at home, capitalist economists acknowledge that to

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