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FARRELL DOBBS, MYRA T. WEISS HEAD SOCIALIST WORKERS ANTI-WAR TICKET

STOP THE KOREA WAR NOW, DEMAND SWP DELEGATES

NEW YORK, July 19, 1952 — The nominating convention of the Socialist Workers Party today unanimously demanded that "all American troops be immediately withdrawn from Korea."

and exploit all Asia, and to destroy the colonial struggles for independence," the resolution declared.

The Socialist Workers Party convention expressed its "sympathy for the cause of the revolutionary Korean people," and demanded that the Korean nation be indemnified for its losses in the war.

"We further demand," states the resolution, "that all Korean prisoners of war be released without qualification or intimidation."

Minnesota Branch Gives \$500 Boost To Election Fund

By Reba Aubrey, Fund Campaign Manager

The Minneapolis delegation to the 15th National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party gave a \$500 boost to the campaign fund for the presidential election, lifting the total pledged thus far from \$17,500 to \$18,000.

Not to be outdone, the Buffalo delegation announced that prospects look bright around the windy end of Lake Erie for another \$500 there, but definite details about this ante are not yet ready for release.

The new Minneapolis contribution came at the conclusion of Morris Stein's report on the status of the Socialist Workers Party

Three More TV Broadcasts Slated For Dobbs-Weiss

NEW YORK, July 23 — Three more national television broadcasts by the presidential and vice-presidential candidates of the Socialist Workers Party were announced today.

Presidential candidate Farrell Dobbs and vice-presidential candidate Myra Tanner Weiss will be heard over NBC-TV on Sunday, July 27, 4:30 to 4:50 P.M. (New York time). Their talks will discuss the need for the formation of an independent Labor Party, the fight against Jim Crow and the common interests of labor, poor farmers and the Negro people.

Farrell Dobbs will be interviewed by the editors of the "Chronoscope" program over CBS-TV Friday evening Aug. 1, from 11 to 11:15 P.M. (New York time).

Both Dobbs and Mrs. Weiss will be seen and heard again on the Dumont-TV network on Sunday, Aug. 3, from 5:30 to 5:45 P.M. (New York time). The New York station of this network is WABD, channel 5.

In addition, Dobbs is scheduled to make a television broadcast in Detroit on Tuesday, July 29, from 9:30 to 9:45 P.M. (Detroit time). The station is WXYZ-TV, Detroit outlet of ABC-TV. Most of this talk will be devoted to an analysis of the Michigan Trucks Law, a witch hunt measure designed to bar minority parties from the ballot.

George Clarke, national campaign manager of the Socialist Workers Party, said today: "The response of people who listened to the Dobbs-Weiss talks during our national convention last week has been highly encouraging. Hundreds of letters received indicate that broad sections of the people are glad of the chance to hear and vote for a fighting socialist ticket."

Extracts from some of the letters received appear on Page 2 of this issue.

Full Text of CBS-TV Speeches By National Nominees of SWP

"Injury to One Is Injury to All" Must Be Civil Rights Slogan -- Dobbs

Our country was founded on the great tradition of human liberty set forth in the Declaration of Independence. We, the people, were guaranteed protection from tyranny by the Bill of Rights. These principles are today being destroyed by power-drunk politicians and military brass who are pushing us straight toward war on a world scale.

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

There was a time when we could associate with anyone we pleased, regardless of their ideas, and be free from the snooping government stool pigeon. These days we are branded subversive if we associate with people holding unpopular ideas, and any stool pigeon's word will be taken against us.

In the past we could go to other countries whenever we pleased, be friendly with anyone we chose. This is no longer true. You can't get a passport if the State Department doesn't like the way you think. Association with opponents of capitalism abroad makes you an immediate target of the political police here at home.

People from other lands were once welcomed to our shores without discrimination. Today our government closes the door to immigrants who have the wrong political ideas or the wrong nationality.

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

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

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

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

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

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FULL EQUALITY DEMANDED FOR THE NEGRO PEOPLE

NEW YORK, July 18 — The Socialist Workers Party at its nominating convention here today demanded full social, political and economic equality for the Negro people.

"The Republican and Democratic Parties are both White Supremacy parties," the resolution adopted by the delegates stated. "They have united to make second-class citizens of Negroes, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans."

The Socialist Workers Party stated in its resolution: "We stand for the abolition of the poll-tax, for a strong anti-lynch law; we demand an FEPC law that empowers the government to enforce genuine equality; we demand the outlawing of restrictive covenants in housing and for the complete abolition of Jim Crow."

The statement further declared: "The Truman administration has done nothing to stop the victimization of Negroes by home burnings and bombings, legal lynchings and police brutality."

For President



FARRELL DOBBS

For Vice-Pres.



MYRA TANNER WEISS

Presidential Candidates Pledged to Fight for Worker-Farmer Govt.

By Joseph Keller

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

The convention also nominated Mrs. Myra Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles party organizer, as the SWP candidate for U.S. Vice-President.

A series of national television and radio broadcasts of their acceptance speeches and other talks by the candidates highlighted the convention events. Texts of the acceptance speeches are printed in adjacent columns.

The candidates both pledged a vigorous fighting campaign to bring the emancipating program of socialism to the American people, who are hounded by fear of war, insecurity and destruction of civil rights.

The two SWP banner-bearers called on the working people, racial minorities and all exploited layers of the population to join with the Socialist Workers Party in its militant struggle to break the grip of the capitalist political monopoly and to place a party of the American workers and farmers in office in Washington.

The convention delegates and visitors, who packed the Cornish Arms Hotel ball-room throughout the convention sessions, responded to the fighting appeals of their candidates with tremendous ovations. In the face of the terrible witch-hunt and repressions which have been growing in this country over the past years of capitalist war preparations, the convention gave a remarkable demonstration of high party morale, enthusiasm and revolutionary optimism.

CHALLENGE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

The delegates drafted, discussed and adopted a platform that challenges all down the line the pro-war, anti-labor, Jim-Crow programs of the Democratic and Republican parties.

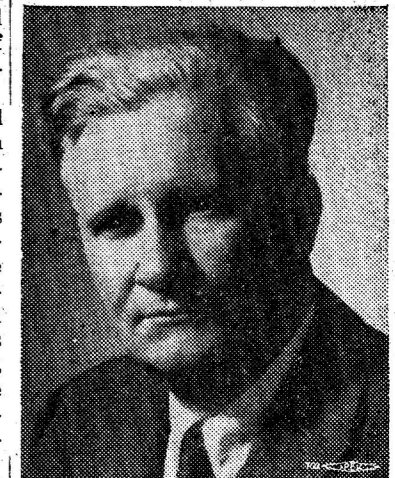
publican twin-parties of Big Business.

Plank Number One of the SWP platform pledges unyielding opposition to the war plot of U.S. imperialism. Big Business is seeking to avert an economic and social crisis of capitalism here at home and to put down working-class revolutions and colonial uprisings abroad with world-wide military conquest.

The platform demands that the Korean War be stopped now and that all U.S. troops be withdrawn at once. It calls for taking the war-making powers away from

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SWP Leader



JAMES P. CANNON

National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party who delivered the main report on the political situation at the SWP 15th National Convention.

Democrats Yield to Race-Haters

By Harry Frankel

With all wings of the Democratic Party fully committed to an aggressive war policy, little attention was paid at the Democratic National Convention to international affairs. Instead, the politicians busied themselves with the Southern Bourbon wing of the party. The so-called New Dealers and Fair Dealers had promised to fight for a plank promising federal fair employment legislation with teeth in it; but, at the convention, the keynote was compromise.

Compromises were in the air on every side: compromise on the candidate, on the platform and on the "party regularity" pledge. Indeed compromise with the reactionary race-haters of the South was so much the vogue that it reminded one of the days before the Civil War when the Democratic Party was known as the party of slaveholders and "dough-faces," the latter being defined as "Northern men with Southern principles."

For its candidate, the Democratic Party appeared to be on the verge of choosing Adlai Stevenson, Illinois governor, who the N.Y. Times says, "has managed to retain the admiration of the Northern liberals without alienating the Southern conservatives."

On the issue of "party regularity," that is to say, a Dixiecrat revolt and the measures it would be met with, the convention again worked out a compromise that is really a capitulation. The Fair Deal Humphrey-Lehman wing started out threatening that every delegation would have to swear to a "loyalty" pledge, binding it to work for the candidate nominated in the convention. By the time the compromises had been worked out, all delegations from states which have laws that can be interpreted to bar such pledges were exempted, and delegations that had been pledged in advance against such a course had also been exempted.

In the end, three Southern state delegations refused to take the pledge, but at this writing they remain in their convention seats and attempts are being made to work out a further "compromise" that would leave them there.

"LIBERALS" LOSE "FIGHT"

The civil rights plank of the Democratic platform is another such "compromise." The key conflict on this plank was over the words "enforceable" versus "effective." While this may seem an unimportant distinction, it symbolized the issue under dispute, and the rejection by the platform committee and later by the convention of the fight for "enforceable" legislation against racial discrimination has been universally taken to mean that the Democratic Party "liberals" lost their fight.

Of course, the platform is of

very little importance anyhow. They had a so-called "strong" civil rights plank in their 1948 platform, and what is more, had a candidate who said he favored that plank in no uncertain terms. However, after the election these campaign promises were filed in the waste basket.

What can the Negro people and other minorities expect of a far worse platform and a "compromise" candidate?

SHABBY FORMULA

Stevenson, the probable candidate, has said on the issue of civil rights: "I feel very strongly that this is the first responsibility of the states themselves." This is the shabby formula that has been used to avoid any action on civil rights for three-quarters of a century, ever since the compromise of 1876 when the capitalists of the North turned the rule of the South back to the Southern Bourbons. No wonder Stevenson is called by the N. Y. Times "a man who is not likely to incite the Southerners to further riot."

The labor leaders, scurrying around the convention with their label pinned on their chests: "Support some capitalist politician at all costs," secured the adoption of a platform plank advocating repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. This is a repeat of the 1948 Democratic plank. However, Stevenson has said: "Some features of the law seem to me to advance the cause of good labor relations,"

and other features, in my opinion, do not. I think the Democratic platform should recommend modifications.

This raises the following question: If the Democrats, with a President who said he stood for "immediate repeal" failed to scratch the Taft-Hartley law in five years, and moreover used that law to break many strikes, what would they do with a President who only wants "modifications?"

BI-PARTISAN POLICY

In the field of foreign policy, the Democrats pledge to continue their course towards World War III. This war drive has also been endorsed by the Republican Party at its recent convention. This means that Wall Street can now lean back and feel satisfied with both parties. It has what it wants no matter which party takes office to administer the war drive.

Wall Street places first stress on foreign policy for two reasons: the war drive fills its needs abroad, and it determines the course of domestic policy as well. Any party which drives toward civil liberties, gag the people, put the race-haters in power, repress labor, cut living standards and abandon most of the social reforms won in the past. This will be the course of both war parties no matter what their platform pledge.





