

KOREAN WAR STIRS BITTERNESS IN VOTERS

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Voters Express Doubt, Hesitation About Old Parties

By Myra Tanner Weiss SWP Candidate for Vice-President

Since starting on my national speaking tour a month ago, I have questioned as many people as I can about popular sentiment on the 1952 election, and this is the picture I have got to date:

Most voters will string along with the Democratic and Republican parties - this year, but a great many of them will do so with doubts, reservations and dissatisfaction with both major parties.

Some confirmation of this estimate was provided last week in the Roper Poll, which reported that only 50% of the people

"have made up their minds" about whom they are going to vote for. Of the other, 13% are "wholly undecided" and 37% say they're leaning one way or another but are having a "conflict" in their minds about deciding definitely.

So much uncertainty is considered unusual only a month before election. The old parties will probably get the votes of most of these presently uncertain people, but it does not seem likely that it will get them on any firm or enthusiastic basis.

I get the impression that there are a great many people today who feel like the farmer who was interviewed by Samuel Lubell for the Scripps-Howard press and said, "I felt I had no party." Such people may vote for one of the old parties but not with the feeling that it is their party.

The same trend among the Negro people was shown in recent Pittsburgh Courier polls (discussed in last week's Militant) where a majority expressed dissatisfaction with the civil rights planks of both capitalist parties.

When we talk to the people this year about the need for an independent labor party, our words are not falling on deaf ears. The vast numbers of uncertain and dissatisfied voters are potential recruits for a new party that will meet their needs in fighting for peace, economic security, civil rights and civil liberties. Present sentiment indicates that a labor party, when formed, won't remain a "third party" for long.

For Vice-Pres.



MYRA TANNER WEISS

CIA Agents Won't Talk in Trial of False Informant

SEATTLE, Sept. 24 - The government's snoopers and political sleuths are only too eager to testify against alleged "communists" hauled to trial for "subversion." But two agents of the Central Intelligence Agency have refused to testify in the trial of Harry A. Jarvinen, charged with peddling false anti-communist information, on the grounds of "national security" and "orders of their superiors."

Jarvinen, manager of a local travel agency, recently gained notoriety when he gave false information to the CIA and FBI that Owen Lattimore, John Hopkins University professor, was arranging to leave for the Soviet Union. The CIA, evidently without checking the phony "tip," passed it to the State Department, which promptly ordered Lattimore barred from leaving this country.

Federal Judge William J. Lindberg ruled the two agents in contempt but did not order them held.

Democrats, GOP Offer No End to Korean War

Fund Gains \$2,421 in Latest Total

By Reba Aubrey Fund Campaign Manager

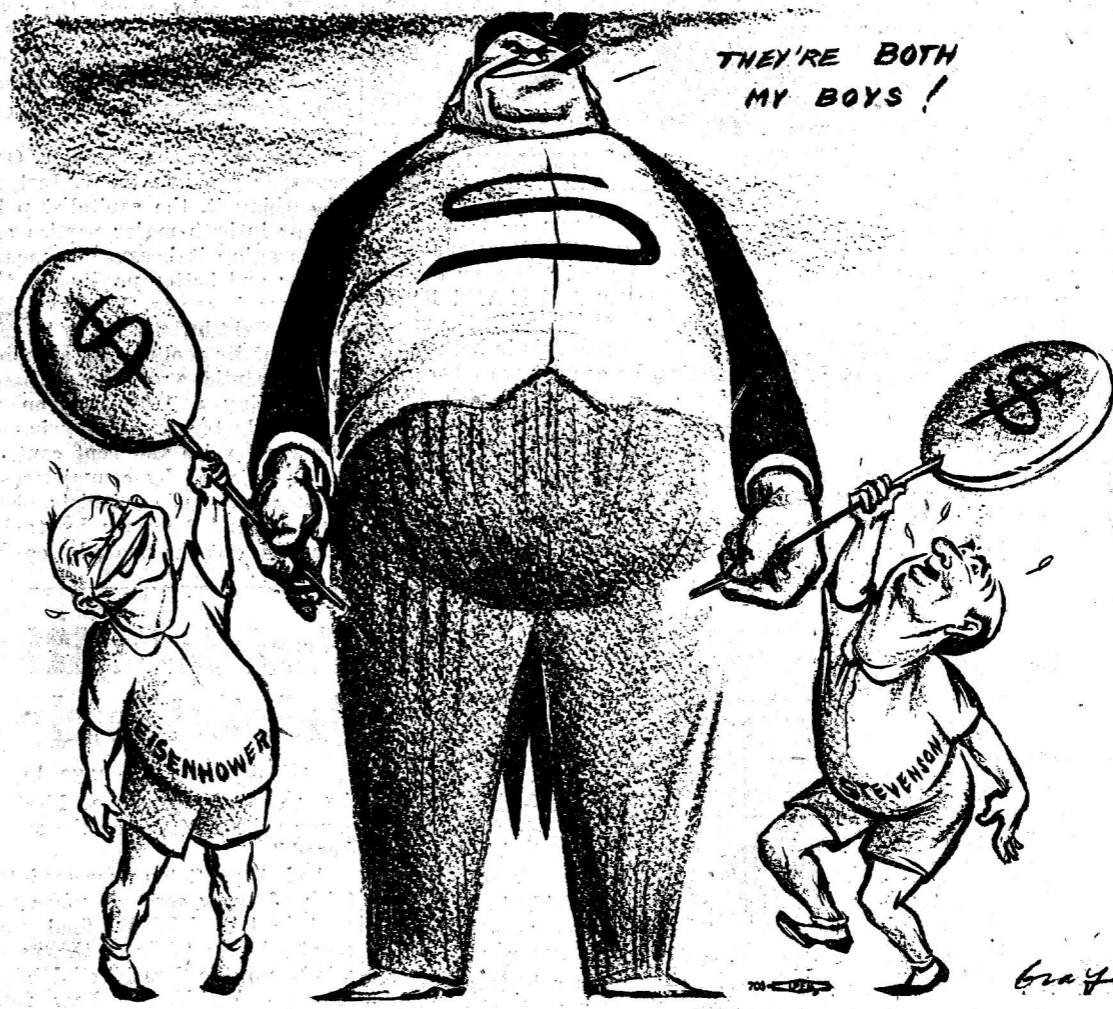
Receipts during the past week in the Socialist Workers Party campaign for an \$18,600 Presidential Election and Anti-Trucks Law fund amounted to \$2,421. This increased the grand total to \$18,368 as of Sept. 29, or 98% of the amount pledged by the branches - just 2% short of our goal. However, there is one more day to go and although a few of the branches are still behind schedule, we confidently expect a last-minute rush to get under the wire. The campaign closes Sept. 30.

First place on the scoreboard has been pretty well cinched for Connecticut. A friend, vacationing in Canada, sent in \$10.40 to be credited to Connecticut. This boosts their score to 118%.

Cleveland elbowed its way into second place with an additional \$34 and 113%.

San Francisco's \$145 sent them over the top to 105%. In addition, these seven branches crossed the finish line this week: Detroit, Flint, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Newark, New York and Philadelphia.

Jimmy Kutcher expressed, we believe, the sentiment of all these branches when he turned in Newark's final payment: "It will (Continued on page 2)



Withdraw All Troops, Urges SWP

By Farrell Dobbs SWP Presidential Candidate

I have insisted throughout this election campaign that the question uppermost in the minds of the American people is: How can we stop the Korean War immediately?

Every public opinion poll has shown that the majority of Americans are bitter about the Korean War. These polls show that they think it wrong ever to have sent U.S. armed forces to intervene in Korea.

Gen. Eisenhower is trying to capitalize on this sentiment by blaming the Democratic administration for "blunders" that brought on the Korean War. At the same time, he said on Sept. 22 that the U.S. invasion of Korea "was an inescapable decision."

While the general says the Korean War is a "critical problem demanding solution," all he offers is the rather vague formula that "brains and will power" - meaning Republican "brains and will power" - are the "two most essential, utterly indispensable needs of our government in the winning of the peace."

DEFENDS TRUMAN

Stevenson answered Eisenhower on Sept. 28 by defending every step of the Truman administration that led up to the Korean War. He charged that Eisenhower and those who accuse the Democrats of "bungling" this country into the Korean War "neither tell us what they would have done in the past nor what they will do in the future."

But Stevenson himself doesn't even pretend to have a program to end the Korean War. He offers "no easy solutions, no relief from burdens and anxiety."

Stevenson thus holds out only the prospect of a continuation of the Korean War, with the danger that it may be converted into a bigger war at any moment. That is what Eisenhower offers too.

WAR GAMES

Their common real aim is the aggressive expansion of American imperialist power over the entire globe, including the Soviet Union. This aim is exemplified in the gigantic North Sea naval maneuvers, the greatest ever undertaken. They extended from the North Sea down into the Mediterranean. Large-scale land warfare operations were simulated simultaneously in Western Germany and Italy.

The U.S. Navy and its allied forces sailed right to the very mouth of the Baltic Sea - a move as provocative as if a Soviet fleet had conducted war maneuvers in the mouth of the St. Lawrence River. The maneuver was said to involve a "mythical situation." But, admitted Hanson Baldwin, military analyst of the N. Y. Times, "the mythical situation was similar to one that probably would exist if war with the Soviet Union should start."

WE OPPOSE WAR

The perspective of Stevenson and Eisenhower is war not only in Asia but in Europe. The Socialist Workers Party, which I have the honor to represent as presidential candidate, is irreconcilably opposed to this war program.

As a first step toward real peace, my party proposes to stop, without further delay, the Korean War. The American people did not want and have never approved. The country cannot afford to wait on the U.S. brass hats negotiating interminably at Panmunjom.

We are for ending the war by the simplest, most fool-proof method: WITHDRAW ALL U.S. ARMED FORCES FROM KOREA AT ONCE!

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SWP Election News Campaigning for Socialism

By George Clarke SWP Campaign Manager

From the moment this campaign began, we said that peace was the central issue before the American people in 1952; and Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss have been hammering on that issue from one end of the country to the other, demanding that the troops be withdrawn from Korea, that recognition be granted to the Chinese Peoples Republic, that the Cold War against the USSR and Eastern Europe be stopped.

Up to now the Big Money Candidates (they're spending a mere eighty-five million bucks on the campaign) have been turning themselves inside out to duck the Main Question. But murder (and I mean murder) will out, and the issue is finally on the boards. Only the issue between them is not how to stop the war in Korea, not how to turn back from their mad race to atomic destruction. It's this: Who's the more blood-thirsty anti-communist? Did Truman and Acheson wait too long before starting the Korean war? Did Eisenhower speak too softly about the USSR in 1945? Is Eisenhower's Holy War of Liberation better than Stevenson's Crusade against the Communist Anti-Christ? (That's Stevenson speaking... not Franco!)

I. F. Stone can twist himself into a corkscrew figuring out the lesser evil between these monumental hoodlums. Intelligent people will choose Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss. Can there be any question of it?

THE REAL ANTI-McCARTHY CANDIDATE

There is only one genuine opponent to witch-hunter McCarthy in the Wisconsin Senatorial elections. That's James Boulton of the Socialist Workers Party. Let them shout about splitting the progressive vote or about lesser evils and all that tripe. The primary elections in Wisconsin should have proved to every one that any candidate - and that's all a Democrat can be - who accepts McCarthy's anti-communist premises, or who sugars up the McCarthy program (really Truman's program) to eliminate the rough stuff is the kind of opposition McCarthy likes. He walks all over them. Boulton may not get elected, but he'll show how McCarthyism should really be fought. And that's important because the anti-McCarthy movement will eventually have to become a big power in Wisconsin, as elsewhere.

So far as we can make out from here, neither the Progressive Party or the S.P. is running a candidate against Political Muggler Number One.

CANDIDATES IN THERE PITCHING

Reports from east and west show excellent meetings and first-rate campaigning by our two candidates. Philadelphia had a fine meeting for Dobbs. He did most of his campaigning there over the radio. For two nights running he appeared on the Steve Allison radio show which (Continued from page 2)

Snipper Condemns School Witch Hunt In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27 - Milton Snipper, independent candidate for Congress from the 19th Congressional District here, today denounced the new "loyalty" quiz regulation for Los Angeles school teachers as intended "to establish the witch-hunt in our educational system and force teachers to support the war drive of American capitalism."

Snipper is campaigning on the program of the Socialist Workers Party but has filed as an independent because of the discriminatory California election laws. He is vigorously opposing government witch-hunting.

Under the new regulation condemned by Snipper, the Los Angeles Board of Education would compel school system employees to answer questions not only about past and present membership in the Communist Party, but "concerning any person, place or conversation pertaining to the employee's school district duties."

For Congress



MILTON SNIPPER

PROGRESSIVE PARTY HAS OWN 'LESSER EVIL' LINE

By George Breitman SWP Candidate for Senator, N. J.

NEWARK, Oct. 1 - The Progressive Party announced last week that it has withdrawn its candidates for Congress in the 6th, 8th, 11th and 12th Districts in New Jersey "to permit voters to support other liberal candidates." (Newark News).

This action means that the Progressive Party will give unofficial support to the incumbent Republican Congressmen in the 6th and 8th Districts (Case and Canfield), the incumbent Democratic Congressman in the 11th (Addonizio), and the Democratic candidate in the 12th (Fox). All four of these capitalist party politicians have been endorsed by the AFL and CIO.

It was not a case of withdrawal because of difficulty in getting on the ballot. The four Progressive candidates were certified for the ballot last March. It was not a technical but a political action, designed to help elect hacks of the old parties which the Progressive Party is supposed to be fighting.

UNANSWERED QUESTION

To their members, the Progressive leaders try to justify the withdrawals as a clever move to keep the party from being isolated from the "liberal" forces inside the old parties, with whom they hope to form a coalition.

But the thing they can't explain to anybody's satisfaction is this: If it is correct to give informal support to "liberal Republicans" and "Fair Deal Democrats" running for Congress, then why isn't it equally correct to give such support to the same kind of capitalist politicians running for the Senate, or for the Presidency?

The inability of the Progressive leaders to explain this deadly inconsistency undermines their campaigns for the national Hallinan-Bass ticket and for Katherine Van Orden, running for U.S. Senator in New Jersey. It feeds doubt and demoralization among Progressive members and sympathizers by showing that their party is not fighting the old parties up and down the line as a matter of principle and has no

By William E. Bohannon SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

There are many "scandals" that the Democrats and Republicans could spring on each other. But most of them never see the light of day because of one drawback - whatever they say about the other party is equally true of themselves.

Ruth Montgomery, Washington columnist of the pro-Eisenhower N. Y. Daily News, reported on Sept. 27 that the Democrats had dug up a juicy item on Nixon - and then decided not to publish it after all.

The Democrats discovered that Nixon "had signed a covenant agreeing not to resell his \$41,000 house to Negroes or Jews," according to Miss Montgomery.

"This was just what the Dems needed to combat Vice Presidential nominee Sparkman's 'white supremacy' voting record in the industrial North and East. 'Licking their chops over the furor the signed covenant would

cause in Republican circles, the Democrats were waiting only until they had exacted the last full measure from the Nixon fund headlines, to trot out the new surprise."

CHANGED THEIR MINDS

But, Miss Montgomery continues, they changed their minds when they discovered "that Sparkman had also signed the covenant. And to make matters worse, so had such self-styled liberals as Democratic Senators Blair Moody of Michigan and Harley Kilgore of West Virginia, crusading Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Senators Burnet Maybank of South Carolina and Lister Hill of Alabama."

"The Democrats are willing to forget all about that covenant, thank you, if the Republicans will."

From the standpoint of the Daily News, which is backing the Republicans this year, there was nothing wrong in what Nixon did. Miss Montgomery defends him as a "shining young crusader who votes for civil rights legislation"

(a lie - he usually votes against civil rights) and explains that he "had to" sign the covenant if he wanted to "buy in the restricted Spring Valley section of the nation's capital" (but why did he "have to" buy his home there?).

AFRAID OF BACKFIRE

From the standpoint of the Democrats, the issue was important as long as they saw a chance to use it against the Republicans, but completely worthless when they discovered that it couldn't be used against the GOP by the Democrats anyhow.

From the standpoint of Negroes and Jews, anybody who will sign a restrictive covenant is an ally of racist segregation and a violator of the letter and spirit of the Bill of Rights.

Every Negro, every Jew, and every believer in democratic rights ought to remember this fact on election day: Voting for the old parties means voting for men who sign restrictive covenants.

Crooked Even When Straight

By Harry Frankel

The Nixon scandal has been followed by a rash of financial nudism that has everybody baring all. The exposures seem to prove one thing conclusively: there is a lot of big business money in U.S. politics.

Now you can call the big business tycoons of this land anything you please, but you can't call them liberal with their long green. When they cast bread upon the waters, they want it back buttered. And yet, to judge from the lists of business contributors to politicians' coffers now appearing in the newspapers, the industrial and financial barons have been giving the stuff away by the wheelbarrow. And, to judge from the stories of the recipients, the hard-headed donors have abjured their usual tight-fisted attitude and are getting nothing in return.

Of course that seems hard to believe, and as a matter of fact there are probably very few who do believe it. The money invested by the lords of industry in the Democratic and Republican parties brings a return. It is one of the means by which they keep control over U.S. politics.

That's the big lesson in the

Nixon-Stevenson revelations, and that's why we socialists are the only ones who haven't gotten all choked up with indignation over the "personal corruption" angles of the money scandals. Sure they show corruption, but that is the least of our worries.

If you cleaned up every bit of corruption, made politicians turn their pockets inside out before leaving the office each night, and saw to it that they all lived within their salaries, the country wouldn't be one bit better off than it is now. Maybe worse, because the workers of this country have learned a healthy disrespect for capitalist politicians from years of watching corruption, and they might be taken in more than they are now if all our politicians were boy scouts.

The trouble with capitalism is not primarily that it is run by corrupt men, but that the system runs with perfect personal probity. It is based upon the corrupt tenet that the fruits of the labor of millions may be appropriated by a few.

That is the real "corruption" in the Nixon deal, as an example. His personal honesty is the least important aspect. The important

thing is that a Senator, now candidate for the second highest office of the land, turns out to be the pampered protégé of a section of the capitalist class, and that his function in the Senate and elsewhere is regarded, both by himself and his backers, as the defense of the capitalist system against all comers.

The lawyer who administered the Nixon fund himself said: "The whole idea of the Nixon fund program is to enable Dick to do a selling job to the American people in behalf of private enterprise."

The newspapers and the Democrats don't dare put their fingers on this because they admire every "defender of free enterprise" above anything. That's why they have dragged us off on a side issue: a bloodhound chase through the mucky terrain of Senator Nixon's personal budget to find out whether he has put any of the money in his own pocket.

Personally, I can't get indignant over Nixon's morals after I have taken a good look at his politics. When I get over my rage at this semi-fascist demagogic plan for the enslavement of the American people in line with the desires of his

A Woman's Year?

By Joyce Cowley

Whenever I talk about women's rights, some man is sure to say: "You've got equality now — what more do you want? It's about time men asked for some rights."

wondering why the Women's Equal Pay Act was shelved or defeated each time it was introduced. Twelve states and Alaska do have equal pay laws.

Landlords to the Rescue

By Harry Ring

Let all the faint hearts who fear that the sanctity of the American Home is being undermined by "communist termites" take cheer, the united landlords of America are on the march against insidious Russian subversion masquerading as rent control.

Government. One of the statutes of the 1953 appropriations bills adopted by Congress provides, "No housing unit constructed under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, shall be occupied by a person who is a member of an organization designated as subversive by the Attorney-General."

Mary Fixson's Brave Fight

By Paul Schapiro

The following soap opera script was suggested to me by the recent television and radio show put on by Senator Nixon, whom I wish to thank for his inspiration.

Remember, John, I didn't get any money — just a coat. Can't you see that I took it so that I might look presentable and make people look up to you as my husband? I was only trying to be of use to you because — because (with a valiant effort to stifle a sob) I love you.

Notes from the News

EARL BROWDER, former head of the Communist Party, and his wife were arrested by FBI agents Sept. 30. The government alleges that in 1946 and in 1949 Browder and his wife made false statements in connection with Mrs. Browder's petition for naturalization papers.

sugar-coated account of the "Nixon Affair" and added, "The spectacle was typically an American one."

Lockheed Still Out; Douglas Men Return

By Ernest Rief

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 28 — Some 25,000 striking workers at five southern California plants of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation are still out, while another 13,000 on strike at the Douglas Aircraft Company's plant at El Segundo today yielded to Truman's insistence that they return to work under their old contract pending further negotiations.

Acquittal of Two Smith-Act Victims Heartens Resistance to Witch-Hunt

By Tom Conlan



An American GI examines the identification tags of fellow-soldiers who have died in the fighting in Korea. These are but a few of the tens of thousands of American boys sacrificed in Wall Street's invasion of Korea to support Syngman Rhee, despot of South Korea, against the Korean workers and peasants. In recent weeks, U.S. casualty rates have mounted to double those of last spring.

In the fifth month of the New York trial of 15 secondary Communist Party leaders, Judge E. J. Dimock directed a verdict of acquittal for two of the defendants, Isidore Begun and Simon W. Gerson.

SPARKMAN HAD SUPPORT OF STALINISTS IN 1946

By Fred Hart

Senator John J. Sparkman, Democratic candidate for Vice-President, owes his political career to many people and many things. He is indebted first of all to the ruling class of Alabama, which he served long and faithfully.

Dobbs Supporters Nab Radio Time in Sidewalk Interv'w

By Sam Stern

How an alert socialist can take advantage of an opportunity to spread our program for peace is indicated by the following incident. Milt and Gale were walking down the streets of San Diego on a carefree holiday, when Milt was stopped by a roving radio reporter. Milt expected the question that was put to him, "What do you do for a living?" But the reporter hardly expected the answers he got.

LIKE 1952 APOLOGIES

The article warned the Alabama labor movement that it "must immediately overcome its lethargy if the progressive candidate, John Sparkman, is to win on July 30." It gave a number of reasons why it considered Sparkman to be a "progressive" candidate.

COVERED UP JIM CROW

"He did not join the filibuster against the FEPC bill or against the bill to abolish the poll tax, even though he voted for neither of these bills."

Plan to Steal Even Post Office

The Post Office, TVA, and dams built by the government with taxpayers money may be turned over to private corporations if Big Business has its way.

A MARINE ACADEMY for Dictator Chiang-Kai-shek's forces has been set up in Formosa. Prospective marines are being trained by American instructors.

UE CONVENTION BACKS NO TICKET IN ELECTION

By Jean Simon

CLEVELAND, Sept. 19 — The 17th annual convention of the independent United Electrical Workers, which opened here last Monday with an address by UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald calling for a labor party and stating that the Progressive Party is not the answer to labor's needs, concluded today with adoption of a political resolution that fails to call specifically for a labor party and permits endorsements of capitalist party candidates.

formula to keep the door open to endorsement of Progressive Party candidates by keeping the door open to support of candidates of the old-line capitalist parties as well.

UE URGE UNITY The convention also adopted a resolution calling for labor unity against the united employer attack on the unions. The resolution made no specific proposal but urged only "special efforts in bringing unity and united action."

The resolution on wages called for withdrawal of all labor members from the Wage Stabilization Board and an end to "national emergency" restraints on collective bargaining.

And in the Rear — The Independent Socialist League, led by Max Shachtman, has again demonstrated what an odd meaning they attach to the words "Independent" and "Socialist." They are backing George S. Counts, Liberal Party candidate for Senator from New York. At the head of the Liberal ticket stand Stevenson and Sparkman.