

WALL ST. PINS HOPES ON ARMS RACE

SWP Election Drive Inspires United Activities by Socialists

Candidates Campaign In N.Y., San Francisco

By Herman Chauka

The election campaigns being waged by the Socialist Workers Party in New York and San Francisco are providing a growing basis for united action by socialists of various persuasion who share a common belief in the need to advance an independent socialist alternative to the Republican and Democratic parties of Big Business.

Vincent Hallinan, former Progressive party leader, will speak at rallies in both New York and San Francisco on behalf of the SWP slates. The San Francisco rally on Oct. 30 will be chaired by Warren K. Billings, heroic fighter with Tom Mooney, against capitalist injustice.

Further support in San Francisco to the movement for united socialist political action came this week with the endorsement of the Socialist Workers nominees by George Hitchcock and George Olshausen.

Their statement declares: "We believe that Labor should have independent representation in government. Frank Barbaria and Joan Jordan, candidates for Supervisor, are running for office because they feel the same way. Moreover, they are both active socialists whose program emphasizes the socialist future of mankind.

In New York, support continues to grow for the Oct. 25 Cowley rally, at which Hallinan will speak. In a letter of Oct. 10, James Aronson, Editor of the influential weekly, the National Guardian, urges support to the rally.

Additional speakers at the New York rally will include Mrs. Clifford T. McAvoy, long active in the Progressive and American Labor parties, and Tim Wohlforth, editor of the new youth paper, the Young Socialist.

A statement in support of the New York rally has been issued by Tim Wohlforth, George R. Stryker and others. The statement greets Hallinan's support for Cowley as "in accord with his principled stand of supporting all actions which contribute to laying the foundations for a united, mass party of American socialism."

"Such a stand," they continue, "deserves the support of all those who seek a socialist society free of hell-bombs, witch hunts, racism and economic exploitation. Attendance at the Oct. 25 meeting at Central Plaza for Vincent Hallinan and Joyce Cowley will be a demonstration of your belief in the future of American socialism."

San Francisco Candidates



FRANK BARBARIA and JOAN JORDAN, Socialist Workers Party candidates for Supervisors in San Francisco, united socialist advocates in their campaign.



JOYCE COWLEY, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor of N. Y. and VINCENT HALLINAN, 1952 Progressive Party candidate for president, will speak at New York rally Oct. 25 for independent socialist political action.



Nat'l Guardian Editors Back SWP Rally in N.Y.

(The following is the text of the Oct 10 letter from James Aronson and John T. McManus, editor and general manager of the National Guardian respectively, urging support to the New York rally for Vincent Hallinan and Joyce Cowley.)

Dear Miss Lynn, This is to let you know, in reply to your query, that I will be glad to give my support to the meeting on Oct. 25 at Central Plaza, when Vincent Hallinan will speak for the candidacy of Joyce Cowley for Mayor.

I have the utmost admiration for Mr. Hallinan whom the National Guardian supported in his campaign for the Presidency on the Progressive Party ticket in 1952. His courage and optimism



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in a dark time in America have been most heartening to so many of us who suffered far less for our convictions than he did.

In addition, I am convinced that the dismal record of both major parties in the city and nation leave only one recourse for intelligent voters — independent political action. In my opinion, for a progressive citizen to vote for the candidates of either of the major parties in the New York Mayoralty election on November 5 would be a foolish waste of a valuable ballot.

Sincerely, James Aronson I concur! John T. McManus

OTHER COMMENTS

(The following are additional excerpts from the Stryker-Wohlforth statement reported elsewhere on this page. — Ed.)

The lack of fundamental choice presented by the Republicans and Democrats in the New York Mayoralty election provides a graphic demonstration that the two party system has nothing to offer the working people and their allies.

We therefore welcome the activities of those who bring to the fore the issue of independent working class political action in the New York elections and who present a socialist answer to the major issues of the day.

Integration and The Southern "Moderates"

By George Lavan

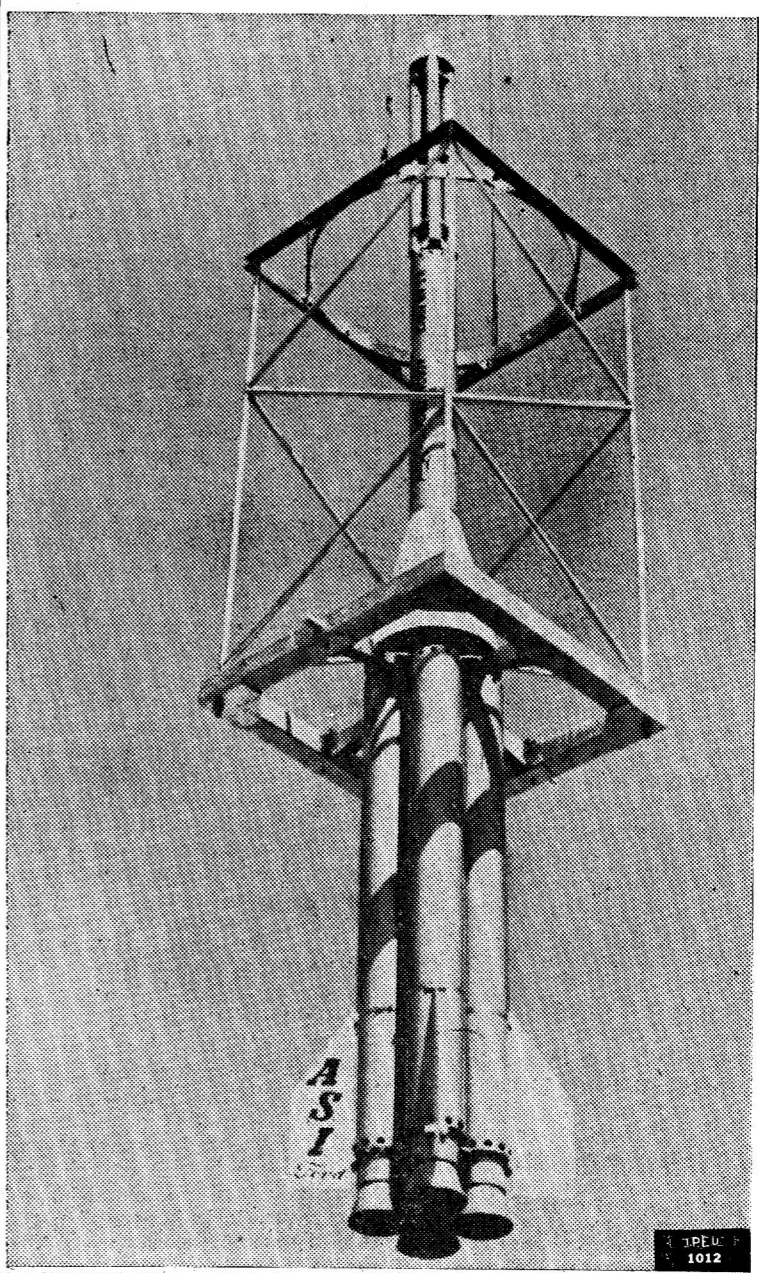
The American public is suddenly hearing a lot about Southern "moderates." Northern newspaper editors are hailing them as the hope of the South, the answer to the school desegregation problem, the people who can prevent the reoccurrence of such "tragedies" as the federal enforcement of desegregation at Central High School in Little Rock.

Who are these Southern "moderates"? What is their program? What can fighters against Jim Crow expect from them? These questions and their answers will assume increasing importance since the Southern "moderates" are being pushed forward into the national political limelight occupied up till now by the Byrnes-Byrd-Griffin-Eastland School of Southern politics.

A PECULIAR TERM

Use of the label "moderate" is as wide, all-embracing, and consequently as vague, as current usage of the term "liberal." As applied to the Southern scene it is being employed to describe (1) anti-integrationists not identified with fire-eating statements of absolute defiance of the Supreme Court decision and legislation to destroy it at any cost, (2) those who may have taken the above positions but who have since indicated that they believe nullification, interposition or abolition of the public school system unfeasible, (3) state officials who have endorsed such positions but are credited with secretly not being for them.

It was during the Southern Governors Conference that the



Ford-built rocket, planned to be launched from a balloon-suspended platform above Eniwetok Atoll, is one of U.S. answers to the Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile that has disrupted Wall St.'s war perspective.

Pushes War Spending to Block Slump

By Joseph Keller

OCT. 15 — Sputnik didn't flash into outer space a day too soon for Wall Street.

The stock market, an important indicator of the condition of the profit system, had begun in recent months to sag in the middle and droop at both ends, it the hopes of America's declining 15% since July. The Soviet "moon" has lifted with financial rulers. They see in it a pretext to speed up U.S. militarization and thereby give the capitalist economy another shot-in-the-arm of war spending.

Yesterday's Wall St. Journal, which complains that "cuts in war spending have already made themselves felt in part," observes in its lead article that "Sputnik and kindred Soviet achievements are propelling the cold war into a tough new phase."

"TOUGH" TALK

This leading financial and business newspaper cites the speech of Army Secretary Brucker last week before a women's group, when he stated: "You'll never know the power this country has, unless there is a war. That power is so massive that nobody should ever risk trying it out."

The Journal then quotes "one of the Administrations's most skilled diplomats" as follows: "When you talk peace all the time, people get to believe that you're never going to use whatever power you have."

All this "tough" talk, of course, doesn't preclude some maneuvers in the direction of "peaceful co-existence." But it does indicate that official propaganda is being pitched to prepare the American people for an intensified arms race and the sacrifices that further inflationary war spending will entail.

MORE SACRIFICES

Certainly, the Democrats are going to press the issue and have already fired their opening salvos. Thus, Senator Symington (D-Mo.), a former Air Force Secretary, sarcastically commented that "Eisenhower wants to meet the enemy at the border with a firmly balanced budget."

Even the most conservative financial commentators are declaring for no-holds-barred in tackling a stepped-up superarmaments program. "At this moment we do not know whether a stepped-up missile program will cost us a fraction of a billion dollars or many billions of dollars a year from now on," states financial expert Lawrence Fertig in the Oct. 14 N. Y. World-Telegram. "But," he adds, "whatever the cost it will have to be done." Even, he states further, if this must be done at the expense of socially-beneficial projects "such as federal aid to education."

Sen. Styles Bridges, a Republican member of the Armed Services Committee, puts the prospect of "sacrifice" more directly: "The time has clearly come to be less concerned with the depth of the pile on the new broadloom rug or the height of the fin on the new car, to be more prepared to shed blood, sweat and tears..."

REMOTE DREAM

Naturally, this doesn't refer to the blood, sweat and tears of those who will profit from increased armaments and who have only old hand-made Persian rugs and fleets of Cadillacs and Jaguars.

Noting the recent aircraft plants layoffs, the Oct. 11 N. Y. Post pondered editorially, "What will happen if some real disarmament accord is finally achieved and defense industries begin to cut down on a national scale? How much of our economy is based on cold war? How will it withstand the shock of relaxed tension?" But then comes the reassuring thought: "Perhaps the dream of disarmament remains remote."

Hurl "Spy" Smear at Wife To Prejudice Sobell Appeal

By Myra Tanner Weiss

OCT. 17 — A ferocious campaign, inspired and organized by the FBI and the Department of Justice, was unleashed this week in a desperate attempt to prejudice the appeal of Morton Sobell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sobell is serving a 30-year sentence in Alcatraz following his conviction in 1951 on trumped-up charges of "conspiracy to commit espionage" for the Soviet Union.

This campaign has been unfolding along two lines. First, an attempt is being made at a "spy" smear against Helen Sobell who has spearheaded an investigation of the frame-up of her husband which has uncovered devastating evidence that the Department of Justice is fearful to have presented to the Supreme Court.

At the same time leading newspapers and magazines have come out with editorials and articles attempting to bolster the government's case against So-

Rally for Independent Socialist Political Action

New York City

Hear

Vincent Hallinan

(1952 Progressive Party Presidential Candidate)

Joyce Cowley

(Socialist Workers Party Candidate for Mayor of New York)

Mrs. Clifford McAvoy

Tim Wohlforth

(Managing Editor Young Socialist)

Friday, October 25 -- 8 P.M.

CENTRAL PLAZA — 111 SECOND AVENUE

Contribution 50 cents

San Francisco

Hear

Warren K. Billings

(Chairman)

Vincent Hallinan

Frank Barbaria

(SWP Candidate for Supervisor)

Joan Jordan

(SWP Candidate for Supervisor)

Wednesday, October 30 -- 8:15 P.M.

ILWU Bldg., 150 Golden Gate Avenue

(Auspices: Citizens Committee for Barbaria and Jordan)





