

Socialists Issue Election Platform

Fight Against War, Poverty, Jim Crow Stressed by SWP

By M. L. Stafford

NEW YORK, July 5 — The Socialist Workers party today published the text of the platform upon which its national candidates — Farrell Dobbs for president and Myra Tanner Weiss for vice-president — will run in the 1960 elections.

Three key issues dominate the 1960 campaign, its opening paragraph states: "(1) How can the world be free from the threat of nuclear destruction? (2) How can hunger and poverty be wiped out? (3) How can democracy and equality be won and maintained?"

The platform notes that America is feared and hated by many peoples today because they believe it is chiefly responsible for the frightening drift toward a third world war. It proposes, among other measures, to turn the arms budget into a peace budget for homes, schools, hospitals, medical research, nurseries, playgrounds, highways, transportation and public parks.

For Planned Economy

The efforts to achieve economic security require the liberation of America's economy from its control by self-seeking corporations and money-mad monopolists bent on blocking world progress for the sake of private profit. The economic successes of the Soviet Union show the vast possibilities inherent in a planned economy even in backward countries. A planned economy in such an

advanced country as the United States, "with our skilled labor, our rich resources, tremendous industrial plant and highly developed science, could quickly end poverty on this continent," asserts the platform, "and assure everyone a life of abundance, opportunity and deeply satisfying achievement."

References to police regimes in other lands cannot conceal the fact that the state of democracy in these United States today "presents a sorry spectacle," says the SWP. "Forty-three years after entering the first global conflict to 'Make the World Safe for Democracy,' America has yet to make its lunch counters safe for Negroes in the South." The platform contains over a score of proposals to restore and expand

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civil liberties, defend labor's rights, and protect the positions of minority groups.

The SWP calls for an end to the Democratic-Republican monopoly of politics and the organization of an independent labor party.

Upon release of the platform, Farrell Dobbs, SWP presidential candidate, said: "The Democratic politicians in Los Angeles are hoping to hoist their choice into the White House by fabricating a platform which will be all things to all voters. The SWP does not intend to please equally the corporations and their workers, the upholders of Jim Crow and its opponents, the militarists and the masses who yearn for peace. We stand squarely with the working people in their struggles for a better life, with the Negroes in their fight for equality, and against the capitalist warmakers. We ask every voter to consider the genuine alternative which we socialists offer to the bipartisan policies of the big-business parties."

SWP Candidate



MYRA TANNER WEISS, Socialist Workers party candidate for vice-president.

Reply to a Redbaiter Who Attacked SWP

By Art Sharon

(The following is the text of a radio broadcast given in San Francisco on June 10. Art Sharon is Chairman, Bay Area Socialist Workers party.)

Good evening. We asked KPFA to make this time available to us in order that we might answer a serious misrepresentation in Professor Seymour Lipsett's broadcast commentary of Thursday evening, May 26. His talk that night, you may recall, dealt with student demonstrations at the San Francisco City Hall during the appearance of the House Un-American Activities Committee two weeks earlier. The substance of his remarks on the Socialist Workers party have been picked up, repeated and amplified, appearing even in the local press. Ordinarily we would ignore this object of attack from many directions. In time these usually turn against their makers. However, those of Lipsett carry some weight since they come from a professor of sociology at the University of California who stepped out of his classroom into the street to become an observer — presumably objective in his judgment and competent to separate fact from fiction — and a person one would not expect to be influenced by some petty factional pique.

In his talk, Professor Lipsett said, and here I quote from the transcript taken from the tape recording of his commentary, "I would like to talk about the [Un-American Activities] Committee itself, about the people who oppose the committee and about the people who make the committee possible. First, in terms of the people who oppose the committee. The House Un-American Activities Committee purports to be a committee that is fighting communism, which is seeking to expose the communist menace in the United States. "Now I was down around the City Hall on Saturday, the day after the riots. I was down there, let's say at the invitation of a number of the students who

were taking part in this picket line, who were helping to organize this picket line, who were picket captains. I might add that this was one of the most disciplined, well organized picket lines that I have ever seen, and these students asked me and some other members of the faculty to attend the picket line for a number of reasons.

"They wanted some faculty support around the picket line, but more important than that — they were afraid of two things. They were afraid there might be trouble with the police as there had been on Friday, and if such trouble occurred they wanted to have faculty witnesses who could testify as to what happened.

"Troublemakers"

"But they were also afraid that the communists would make trouble — two groups of communists. The Trotskyist communists, the Socialist Workers party, and the pro-Russian communists, who sometimes go under the name of the Communist party and sometimes go under other names in terms of front groups and organizations which they control.

"Now it's interesting to note and to repeat that one of the things that worried the people who organized the picket lines were that the communists were going to make trouble. They felt that the communists, both Trotskyist and pro-Russian communists alike, liked what happened Friday although they had nothing to do with the events that occurred. That they wouldn't mind seeing trouble on Saturday and they wanted to make sure that these people were kept in line.

"At the picket line on Saturday one of the major anxieties of the picket captains was that the communists, of the Trotskyist or pro-Russian variety, would create trouble, would use provocative slogans irrelevant to the fight for civil liberties, would

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Let's Hear Cuba's Side!

An Editorial

Wall Street has organized a lynching bee against the Cuban people.

The lynch mob includes the State Department, the White House, every Democrat and Republican in Congress, and the gangsters now here who ruled Cuba with machineguns under dictator Batista.

These representatives of "free enterprise" seek to pit America's mighty economic power against tiny Cuba, a country of less than seven million inhabitants. If this fails to smash the Castro government, they envision more desperate means, like the invasion under State Department auspices that overthrew the lawfully elected government of Guatemala in 1954, or a Korean type "police action."

The capitalist press, radio and TV are howling for blood. They have conspired to drown out the voices of their intended victims, every appeal to reason, every cry for justice or for help. By screaming "communism!" they aim to whip prejudice to a fever pitch.

The declaration of economic war on Cuba was taken on Herter's say so; without any public debate or hearing.

The dictatorial move will arouse fresh hatred and contempt for America throughout the world. In Latin America, the United States will sink to a new low as an evil, grasping power, contemptuous of democratic rights, ruthlessly opposed to independence and a better life for poverty-stricken peoples, callous to the suffering it inflicts at the decree of the oil and sugar monarchs.

We think that every American interested in fair play, every American who believes in democracy and the equality of nations, will shout at Washington:

STOP THE ECONOMIC WAR! LET'S HEAR CUBA'S SIDE!

Dobbs-Weiss Group Hits False Arrests

NEW YORK, July 5 — The Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee protested today against police harassment of three of its members.

Robert Franklin, John Clarence Franklin and Cornelius Suarez Jr., campaigners for the Socialist Workers presidential slate, were arrested June 21 after a street rally and booked on trumped-up charges of "disorderly conduct."

They face trial Aug. 9 and will be defended by Conrad Lynn, noted civil rights attorney.

The committee's protest was made in a letter to Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy by Murray Zuckoff, chairman. The text follows.

"We wish to lodge a formal protest against police harassment of members of the Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee which is supporting the candidacies of Farrell Dobbs for president and Myra Tanner Weiss for vice-president on the ticket of the Socialist Workers party.

"We refer specifically to the arrest on trumped up charges of 'disorderly conduct' of three members of our committee following a street meeting on the evening of June 21 at Sixth Avenue and Eighth Street in Manhattan.

"This incident occurred after one of the persons involved was threatened by a police officer immediately following adjournment of the meeting organized as a political rally by the Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee.

"The arrests occurred a few blocks from the scene of the street meeting later the same evening. Two of the persons arrested were on the list of speakers at the meeting. Both were manhandled by the arresting officers.

"The Dobbs-Weiss Campaign

Committee has retained counsel and intends to seek a remedy in the courts for what we consider an outrageous violation of the elementary civil liberties of persons pursuing their right to engage in electoral action during the period of the presidential campaign.

"We bring this matter to your attention in the hope that you will use the authority of your office to see that there is no repetition of threats, intimidation or harassment by officers under your command against members and supporters of the Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee."

Notice to Our Readers

In line with the growing summer custom of radical and liberal weeklies in this country, the Militant will be published in double-dated issues every other week during July and August.

Our next issue will be dated July 25 and Aug. 1. Subsequent double issues during the summer will appear thereafter on alternate weeks.

The regular schedule will be resumed after Labor Day.

All subscriptions will be extended to insure that one-year subscribers receive 52 issues and six-month subscribers receive 26 issues.

This readjustment of our publishing dates will enable the hard-working Militant staff to take vacations along with our readers and return refreshed for the most energetic and effective participation of the paper when the presidential campaign gets into full swing this fall.

1,500 N.Y. Bus Drivers Strike Over Street Plan

By Lillian Kiesel

Fifteen hundred New York bus drivers fought the New York Transit Authority, the Fifth Avenue Coach lines and their own Transport Workers Union officials for four days before being forced to return to work.

The walkout, labeled an "unauthorized, illegal, wildcat strike" by TWU president Michael J. Quill, was triggered by the Transit Authority's move to convert 3rd and Lexington Avenues into one-way streets next month. As a result, 77 drivers are scheduled to be transferred from the Omnibus Division line to the Surface Transportation line, both Fifth Avenue Coach subsidiaries.

Led by Peter G. J. Blumener, Section 401 chairman in TWU Local 100, and by other rank-and-file spokesmen, the

drivers protested the threatened loss of seniority, which entitles the drivers to better runs, days off and holidays. In addition, because of separate union contracts with the three Fifth Avenue Coach companies, transferred drivers will take a cut in pay. Omnibus drivers receive \$2.47 1/2 cents an hour, while \$2.40 is the top scale at Surface Transit. Furthermore, cutbacks in other benefits will result in a 25-cent hourly loss to transferred drivers.

Most of the 77 men have low seniority ratings, but if the "one-way" street plan is continued, there is a strong possibility that the Omnibus Division will be absorbed by Fifth Avenue Coach and Surface Transportation. This will revoke the sen-

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Hallinans Speak For Socialism At Weiss Rally

SAN FRANCISCO — Mounting world opposition to U.S. cold-war moves was hailed by Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers candidate for vice-president, at a rally at the Longshoremen's Hall here June 24.

The rally was chaired by Vincent Hallinan, 1952 Progressive party banner-bearer and noted civil liberties and labor attorney, who is supporting the Socialist Workers ticket.

His son, "Kayo" Hallinan, a University of California student and independent socialist, introduced Mrs. Weiss.

Pointing to young people's awareness of social problems, he suggested they listen to the Socialist Workers' campaigner, "sympathetically and critically."

Mrs. Weiss spoke on the role students have played in major political struggles in many countries during recent months, particularly in Japan where they spearheaded the fight against the reactionary U.S.-Japanese military treaty.

Although the school term had ended, the audience included many students.

Oil Corporations Behind Racist Gasoline Boycott

By Arthur Jordan

America's oil corporations are standing passively by while Negro farmers are forbidden to buy a single drop of gasoline. With their national officers piously protesting that "we never discriminate," local Gulf, Esso, Amoco and Texaco distributors are refusing to sell to any Negro consumers in Fayette and Haywood counties, Tennessee.

The boycott is part of a cold-blooded conspiracy to squeeze the lifeblood from Negro citizens of the two counties and to drive at least the more militant ones from their homes by fall election time.

Outnumbered several times over by Negroes determined to exercise their voting rights, landlords, bankers and merchants, acting through a White Citizens Council, have fired workers, evicted tenants, foreclosed mortgages, stopped credit, seized farm machinery and refused to serve or sell anything — even the barest necessities — to Negro consumers.

When threats and reprisals failed to prevent several hundred Negroes from registering with election boards this spring, the Citizens Council posted a list of registrants at all white places of business. At first the registrants, then their relatives and friends, were put under an all-inclusive boycott; lately the ban has blanketed virtually the entire Negro population.

Fighting Back

But the Negroes are fighting

State Dept. Opens Economic War On Cuban People

Three Urge Aid for SWP Ballot Drive

NEW YORK — Three leading independent socialists have issued an appeal to other independents urging them to help the Socialist Workers party presidential ticket win a place on the ballot in their respective states.

The three are Elinor Ferry, Muriel McAvoy and William A. Price. In a letter mailed nationwide, they asked those willing to circulate nominating petitions, serve as electors or contribute funds to write to them care of P.O. Box 170, Village Station, New York 14, N.Y.

Active in '58 Drive

William Price was campaign coordinator for the United Independent - Socialist Campaign Committee which sponsored the 1958 united socialist ticket in New York. Muriel McAvoy directed the committee's nominating petition drive and Elinor Ferry was in charge of its fundraising activity.

The text of their letter follows:

"It is the proud boast of our democracy that a freedom of choice is guaranteed in our national elections. We believe this has degenerated into political fiction, and are deeply concerned that socialist voices of dissent are virtually barred from our national elections.

"The undersigned therefore ask your help in winning ballot status in your state this year for Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, the presidential nominees of the Socialist Workers party. If you are willing to be a presidential elector, to circulate a petition, or to offer help in some other manner including giving funds, please write to us care P.O. Box 170, Village Station, New York 14, N.Y.

"As civil libertarians, and as unaffiliated socialists, we are in favor of independent political action in 1960 to permit as large a protest vote as possible to be registered against the bipartisan cold war policy, the sellout of civil rights and the attacks on organized labor."

Oil, Sugar Interests Seek Overthrow of Castro Govt.

By Alex Harte

The Eisenhower administration, solidly backed by a bipartisan Congress and prompted by domestic sugar-growers, the giant oil trusts and other segments of Big Business, this week openly declared economic war upon Cuba by banning further imports of sugar from that country.

In return Premier Castro's cabinet passed a law giving the right to nationalize property belonging to U.S. citizens if that is necessary for the country's protection.

The preamble to the Cuban law reads: "Whereas the attitude assumed by the government and legislative powers of the United States of America is one of constant aggression, with political aims against the fundamental interest of the Cuban economy, emphatically evidenced by the recent amendment accorded by the Congress of said nation's Cuban sugar law... the revolutionary government is obliged to adopt all means deemed necessary for the defense of our national sovereignty and the free economic development of our country."

Secretary Herter halted sugar imports from Cuba as a punitive measure against the Cuban government for seizing the oil refineries owned by Texaco and Esso. This move is designed to tighten the economic blockade of the island and force the revolutionary regime to its knees by cutting off its main source of foreign exchange.

The atmosphere around Washington's campaign against the Cuban revolution is heavily saturated with the stench of oil imperialism. The State Department has been operating in close collusion with the big oil companies there to put the squeeze on Cuba and force the regime to accede to its dictates. But they have met an adversary in the Cuban government and its people which is not easily frightened and is prepared to defend its national economic welfare against all threats and coercion of "dollar diplomacy."

After concluding an economic agreement with the Soviet Union, the Cuban authorities asked the oil companies to process their crude oil bought from there. The U.S., Dutch and British-owned companies ganged up and refused to do so, regarding a 1938 Cuban law requiring them to refine all oil at government request.

When the Cubans demanded an end to this sabotage, Esso and Shell discontinued all new imports of crude oil. The oil magnates put pressure upon foreign shipowners to refuse leasing their tankers to carry oil from the Black Sea to Cuba. They have refused credit to Cubana Airlines which prevented its planes from refueling at foreign airports.

Cuba was left with no re-

94% in Rural Areas Favor Castro Govt.

The capitalist press is headlining some individual defections in Cuba such as have occurred each time the government has taken vigorous defense measures against pressure from Wall Street and its State Department.

But an authoritative nationwide poll published by the independent magazine Bohemia June 26 offers fresh verification of the popularity of the Castro government.

Support in rural areas is 94%; in urban, 84%; and in Havana 81%. Since a survey a year ago, Bohemia noted an overall decrease of 2% in the government's popularity. This decrease, which "stems from the middle and upper classes," has been "offset by an increase among the working class" and by a "slight increase in the intensity" of support.

course but to take over the refineries and operate them. According to oil experts, their men are competent to do so.

U.S. officials and the oil monopolies are trying to clamp an international oil boycott around Cuba while the press hypocritically condemns Castro for turning to the Soviet Union for oil and thus siding with "Communism" in the cold war. The American ambassador is reported to have intervened when Cuban representatives inquired about obtaining supplies of oil from Mexico which nationalized its oil industry in the thirties. "It is considered almost certain," says the July 3, New York Times, "that the United States is prepared to go to unusual lengths to discourage the sale of Mexican crude oil for refining in the American and British-owned plants seized by the Fidel Castro regime."

Cuba is the world's largest sugar producer and supplies one-third of the 9,400,000 tons consumed in the U.S. The suspension of imports is a knife-thrust into the vitals of its economy.

Although the sugar quota and tariff is depicted as a bounty given to Cuba by a generous Uncle Sam, in reality, as the June 25 New York Times points out, the quotas "exist to protect the domestic producers, not to help Cuba." The immediate victim of the government's action is the American housewife who will pay more for sugar at the supermarket.

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Canadian Officials Jittery About U.S. Spy Flights

The U-2 spy plane incident and the Soviet warning that it will strike at foreign bases used by the U.S. for such flights has prompted the Canadian government to order compilation of a "top secret" report on the extent of U.S. espionage being carried on from Canadian bases.

Canadian authorities have always taken it for granted that the U.S. bases are used for a variety of intelligence purposes concerning the Soviet Union, but up to now they have preferred to look the other way, an Ottawa dispatch by the North American Newspaper Alliance explains.

"We used to think that what we didn't know wouldn't hurt us," one member of parliament said. "Now we are afraid it could hurt us anyway, so we have to have a better idea of what is going on and more control over it."

A particular source of concern to the Canadian government is the DEW (Distant Early Warning) radar installations and airfields. Nominally the bases are under joint control. In practice Canada has no voice in their operation.

"Neither the Canadian government nor its intelligence chiefs know what goes on at DEW-line airfields," the dispatch says. "DEW-line equipment includes many other things besides the components of a protective radar fence. It now includes devices for very long-range electronic peering into the Soviet Union and for monitoring Russian missile and atomic experiments."

Ottawa is now also getting a bit nervous because Canadian pilots have taken U.S. military planes on secret flights and may have penetrated Soviet airspace.

Hospital Workers In Twin Cities Face Stiff Fight

Editor: The hospital workers are probably the most exploited and lowest-paid in the country. More than 600,000 people work in hospitals but less than 10,000 hospital workers are organized in unions.

The hospitals are now in arbitration hearings on a new contract. The bosses are fighting all the way against any improvement in wages, hours and conditions.

The fight started when the hospital tried to stop the workers from wearing their union pins on the job. They said "jewelry" isn't allowed.

A Hospital Worker Minneapolis

The Editor Writes One

General Supt. of Mails San Francisco, Calif. Dear Sir: I am enclosing your form, dated June 15, 1960, which you sent me, informing me that you are holding in your post office 52 issues of the Peking Review and that they will be "disposed of as nonmailable under the law" unless I return your form to you within 15 days "from the date stamped hereon."

Joseph Hansen Editor, The Militant

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issue or seek to influence or seek to inflame the student pickets. This did not occur although there were some periods when some people were quite worried.

False and Ridiculous

That was Professor Lipsett's commentary of May 26. Now the image given here of the behavior or policy of the Socialist Workers party is false and ridiculous. It hasn't got the slightest resemblance to the truth, and if Professor Lipsett really wanted to know the policy of the Socialist Workers party relative to student demonstrations or anything else for that matter, he had merely to go to a public phone booth, find the number of the party in the San Francisco phone directory, call and receive the information.

A word on the background to all this. Last summer when the House Un-American Activities Committee announced its intention to come to the Bay Area, a committee was formed for the purpose of defense and protest. Members of the Socialist Workers party were invited to participate and did participate in that committee's formation, and at public meetings of that body made perfectly clear the position of the party on what was to be done about the appearance of the House committee.

The SWP proposed that the statement of purposes should include the basic idea that the House Un-American Activities Committee should be abolished and that a general call be made to the interested public to come down in numbers to the hearing location and show its dislike for the House committee.

Some of our liberal friends disagreed with the proposal calling for the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee. They argued long and wearily on the constitutional matter that was involved, and they opposed a large picket line because in their opinion this would alienate possible public support.

These disagreements plus the uncertainty of the House committee's appearance served to dissolve this ad hoc formation.

Students Did the Job

When a month ago, the House committee set a new date for its visit to San Francisco, a number of groups immediately began the organization of some kind of protest. But it remained for the students to do the job and by common consent they did a magnificent job and as so often happens they were ahead of their own organizations, their leaders and their elders generally.

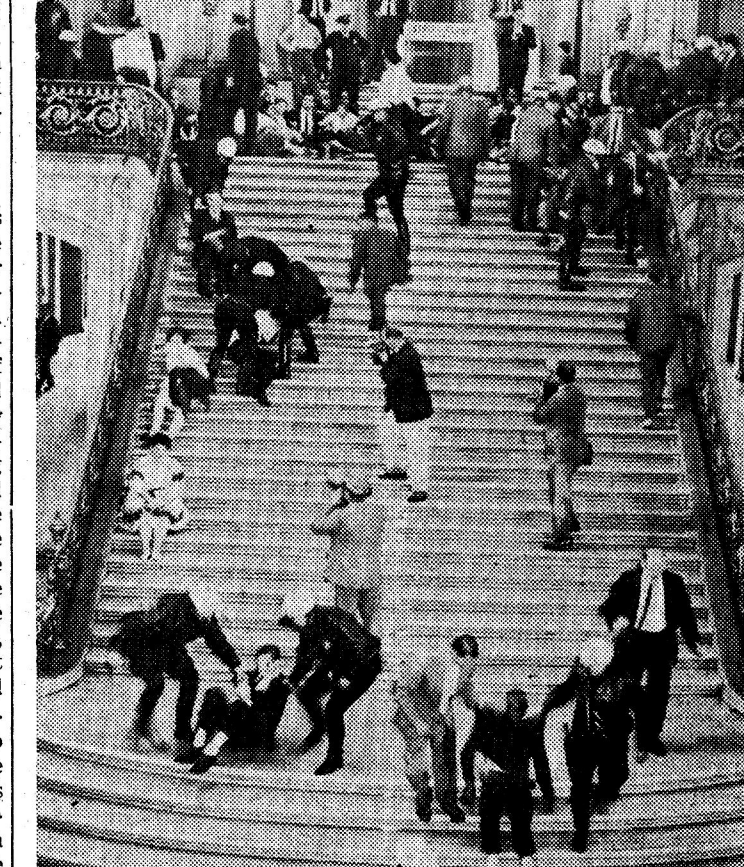
One only had to read the latter columns of the Daily Californian, the Stanford Daily and other college papers before the demonstration to realize the intensity of feeling that was being generated over this issue. It was obvious that student opinion was shifting and crystallizing in opposition to the obscene spectacle of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

And the most important thing of all, the students did not fall for that deception of merely protesting the House committee's method, while assenting to its existence, and further, they realized that a serious protest is effective in direct ratio to its size. They wanted a large turnout and they resisted all suggestions of a token appearance.

It is now being said by some that if the students had made more clear that they were anti-communist, the police would not have attacked them as they did. This reminds me of the Wall Street strike some years ago. The clerks of Wall Street were on strike and were not getting the very far when they called upon the Seafarers' International Union, which had its headquarters nearby, to lend a hand.

The union sent down a number of squads of seamen who were on the beach at the time to give these young people some help. This gave the clerks' fight powerful reinforcement and a dramatic twist which in turn brought about a great deal of nervous muttering and stammering in the brokerage offices down there about an invasion of "communists."

All Alike Now, the Seafarers proudly proclaims its "militant anti-communism" and in fact will not permit a "communist" to join its organization. So you can imagine the indignation of these seamen when the police armed with clubs descended upon the



When students gathered at San Francisco's City Hall May 13 to peacefully protest witch-hunting by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, they were met by a fierce police attack. Here students are being washed down a marble staircase by firehoses. A number of people were badly injured by policemen's clubs.

picket line and went to work on these seamen calling them "commies" at the same time. One devout Irish-Catholic sailor who was on the receiving end of a cop's club beating a tattoo on his skull cried out, "I'm not a commie, I'm an anti-commie." The cop didn't even pause, brought the club down even harder, answering, "I don't care what kind of a communist you are."

Now, it is to be expected that everyone is talking about and analyzing the student demonstrations and that they tend to see in them confirmation of their own political prejudice and much of this is frankly ludicrous. But as in every action that puts ideas and people to test a great deal can be learned from the events of last month. A discussion on this can be very fruitful and I hope the occasion presents itself when such a discussion can take place.

Refutes Himself For the time being I want to make clear that there isn't an ounce of truth in the distortion presented by Professor Lipsett as far as it relates to the policies or behavior of the Socialist Workers party. Even a careful reading of the remarks made by Professor Lipsett will show that they contain their own rebuttal.

For example, he says after describing the foolish action expected of the Socialist Workers party on Saturday, "This did not occur." Presumably it did not occur because of the strict organizational control imposed by the so-called sophisticated anti-communists. Did it then occur on Friday when such organization and control didn't exist? He says, they, the Trotskyists and Communists, that is, "liked what happened on Friday, although they had nothing to do with the events that occurred."

How he divined that "they liked what happened on Friday" is a problem for psychiatry, not politics. If Professor Lipsett's position makes sense at all it is that the students are basically not to be trusted. On their own they become very militant and in that state they may behave like Trotskyists although to all intents and purposes there are no Trotskyists around.

There is an element of truth in this insofar as any significant mass actions whether they be student demonstrations or strike actions by their very nature become militant. Their erstwhile leaders, the traditional radical parties, the leadership of the trade unions and other bureaucratized institutions are accustomed to arranging things in top private negotiations and they see these movements as dangerously unpredictable. They are firm believers in the conspiratorial theory of history and immediately start looking for the "subversive" who is misleading the ranks, and if they can't find one they'll manufacture one.

Confidence in the Youth The Socialist Workers party rejects this nonsense. It has great confidence in this young generation. It is not this generation who is responsible for the frightful state of the world we live in; rather the blame must fall on the shoulders of the traditional leadership of various stripes, the social-democratic, Communist, trade unionist. The Socialist Workers party has been built on

Students Picket Legion Parley in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Students and other young people in this area reacted vigorously when California Legionnaires roughed up four students picketing the American Legion's state convention held June 25-26.

...Racist Boycott

(Continued from Page 1) buy gas as an independent operator, the "Big Four" (Gulf, Esso, Amoco, Texaco) quickly turned him down.

Two weeks ago the Southern Conference Educational Fund and the NAACP wired protests to the "Big Four" national offices. In replies to SCEF the oil presidents uniformly insisted that it was against their policies to discriminate against any dealer on the basis of color. But the June 30 New York Post quoted a company spokesman who told the paper that the results of an "investigation" ordered by Gulf's president showed "there's nothing we can do . . . and that's that."

Besides gas vital for farm tractors, the list of deprivations Negroes in the two counties are undergoing is endless. When a new baby was added to the McFarren twins three months ago, Mrs. McFarren had to be driven fifty miles to Memphis for delivery.

"They just tell you to pay up your bills and get another doctor," says a man. "I went to get some medicine for my baby, and the druggist told me he couldn't sell me anything," a woman adds.

Speaking for all, John McFarren says he is not leaving; "They may carry me out feet first, but that's the only way I'll go." Many, he adds, cannot buy necessities even when they can be brought in from outside; and he pleads for help.

Contributions (checks or money orders only, payable to the Fayette County Civic and Welfare League or the Haywood County Civic and Welfare League) should be sent to: John McFarren, Rt. 4, Box 135, Somerville, Tenn. (for Fayette County) and O'Dell Sanders, 307 W. Margin, Brownsville, Tenn. (for Haywood County). Clothing and food are also needed.

It's Still Legal For Communists to Drive in New York

NEW YORK, July 6 — Apparently there are some limits to the witch hunt. A state supreme court justice ruled here today that Communist party members cannot be refused a driver's license because of their political beliefs.

The ruling was made in the case of Communist party leader Benjamin J. Davis who filed suit to compel the Motor Vehicle Department to renew his license. Renewal had been denied on the ground that Davis had been convicted under the Smith Act.

"Thy Will Be Done"

By Muriel Symington

Invocation of a realistic sky pilot opening the Democratic or Republican convention in the summer of 1960: "Oh Lord! Thou Who (I fear) knowest the innermost thoughts of our hearts before our tongues can give them utterance, Thou facest again the dual quadrennial test of Thy infinite patience.

beg Thee to perform one more Miracle. Transform, we beseech Thee, the Spirit and Purpose which animates so many of these delegates. Open their eyes and sharpen their hearing to the wisdom of the enlightened minority among them. Inspire them to nominate a candidate who, if elected, is endowed with the intellectual and spiritual qualities to meet the supreme challenge now confronting our nation and the world.

Who's Got the Rats?

By Marvel Scholl

"Rats, Rats, Who's Got the Rats?" This could be the theme song for a current controversy between New York City's Department of Buildings and its Health Department. It seems that some years ago, when the vast demolition of buildings in New York first began, somebody remembered that when buildings are torn down the rat population also faces a housing problem — a problem which they solve very easily by moving into adjacent buildings with their relatives. Needless to say, with the rapidity rats reproduce, this causes some overcrowding.

the yellow slips — if anything. The intention of the original motion was apparently to alert the Health Department about the menace of moving rats. Inquiry at the Health Department brought blank stares of dismay. They had never seen any yellow slips. They knew nothing about the millions of rats which had been rehoused — "taken care of" much better than the humans who had been evicted, in fact. Investigation revealed all 8,000 yellow slips in the office of the Sanitation Engineers — stacked up gathering dust. A spokesman for the Sanitation Engineers was quite adamant about the whole thing. "Rats are not our jurisdiction. They belong to the Health Department."

Notes in the News

"SPIRITUAL" INTEGRATION — In February 1956, the press reported that New Orleans Catholic schools were about to be integrated. The assumption was based on a statement by Archbishop Joseph Rummel who said: "Racial segregation is morally wrong and sinful . . . a step removed from slavery." In July 1956, Rummel said that "certain difficulties" made it necessary to postpone Catholic school integration "at least until September 1957." And in July 1960, he declared: " . . . integration in education must come . . . Just when it will come is very difficult to forecast . . . but certainly as far as the parochial schools are concerned . . . that time will not be later than when the public schools are integrated. In the meantime the church will continue to declare and maintain the correctness from the spiritual and moral standpoint of integration . . ."

plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn., have filed damage suits against the federal government for severe injuries incurred when they were exposed to radiation in a production accident two years ago. Five of the men report they are now sterile. Other injuries include progressively failing eyesight, a general weakening of the bodies, stiffening of the joints, falling hair, insomnia and loss of equilibrium.

BULLS DON'T LIKE THAT COLOR — A group of Saint Paul high-school seniors took a trip to Washington to celebrate their graduation. Each bus load was given a color to help reassemble the group. When after touring the White House the students were returning to their buses, one girl stood in front of hers with a large placard saying, "Red." A White House guard advised her: "You'll have to move on, Miss. No political demonstrations are allowed on the White House grounds."

MADISON AVENUE DREAM — "Think of the stir that would develop if Picasso or Chagall or Dali created a painting for a poster suggestive of the Grand Canyon or Yellowstone as a vacation spot for motorists. Let's say one of the great automobile companies or petroleum marketers would be the sponsor. It would become the most widely discussed outdoor advertising of the century." — Felix W. Coste, president of Outdoor Advertising, Inc.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATES DO — "You can't run for the U.S. Senate today in most states without being a wealthy man or finding 'fat cats' or pressure groups to finance the campaign." — George Romney, president, American Motors Corp.

WHO'D OF THINK IT! — A scientific survey of children in an "underprivileged" neighborhood in New York has revealed that the children there have the same aspirations as those in more privileged communities. According to the Bureau of Educational Research of the Board of Education, poor children seek a life as average, respected citizens with steady incomes.

THOSE CHICAGO COPS — U.S. Customs Agents report they trapped a Chicago cop with 80 pounds of marijuana smuggled in from Mexico.

HITLER'S METHOD — The noted psychiatrist, Dr. Karl Menninger, has urged an end to the "irrational ritual" of capital punishment. "We do a lot of finger-pointing at Adolf Hitler for disposing of unwanted people by putting them into gas chambers," he said, "but we put unwanted people into them one by one."

REBELLION FROM ABOVE — Most New Yorkers who own cars knock themselves out trying to find street parking space. But City Councilman Joseph Sharkey is waging a battle on a different front. As County Democratic leader, he is provided with the use of a king-sized Cadillac. It's so big that two parking lots recently refused to accept his business. Whereupon Mr. Sharkey introduced an amendment to the city code requiring garages and parking lots to accept cars regardless of size.

RADIATION VICTIMS — Eight former workers at the Atomic Energy Commission

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Calendar Of Events

- PHILADELPHIA Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers' presidential nominee will be interviewed by Frank Ford on WPEN, 950 on your dial, midnight, Friday, July 15. Saturday, July 16, 8 p.m. Dobbs speaks on "The Cuban Revolution As I Saw It," Militant Labor Forum, 1303 W. Girard Ave., second floor. Eastern Pennsylvania Picnic, Sunday July 17. Farrell Dobbs, guest of honor. For information write to address above or phone BA 9-2426. CHICAGO Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers' candidate for vice-presidential speaks on "Peace and the Summit Collapse" on Saturday, July 23, 8:15 p.m., Fine Arts Building 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Room 312. Contrib., 90 cents; students 25 cents. Ausp., Militant Labor Forum. "The Message of the South" — A panel discussion on the Southern sit-ins. Participants: Myra Tanner Weiss, SWP vice-presidential candidate; Rev. Joseph P. King, President, Washington Park Forum; Rev. William T. Baird, 1952 Illinois Progressive party committeeman; Eugene Feldman, editor, Southern Newsletter; Perry Cartwright, business manager, Southern Newsletter. Tuesday, July 26, 7:30 p.m. Hyde Park Co-op 54th and Harper. Contrib., 75 cents; students, 25 cents. Ausp., Hyde Park Labor Forum. LOS ANGELES A Marxist Study of Today's Capitalist Economy, based on Paul Baran's, The Political Economy of Growth. Tuesday, July 19, 8 p.m. "Underconsumption and Overproduction." Lecturer Theodore Edwards, Forum Hall, 1702 East 4th St. Ausp. School of International Socialism.