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# Farrell Dobbs, Teamsters Leader, Dies

Former Teamsters union organizer and four-time presidential candidate of the Socialist Worker's Party Farrell Dobbs died Monday at Doctor's Hospital in Pinole. He was 76.

Mr. Dobbs was a member and leader of the Socialist Worker's Party for almost 50 years and gained national attention for leading the 1934 Teamsters union strike in Minneapolis, which helped establish Minneapolis as a union town.

As a result of the strike, he was elected secretary treasurer of Teamsters union Local 574 and later won the first interstate contracts for Teamsters in 1938.

Former Teamsters union President Jimmy Hoffa once said Mr. Dobbs deserves credit as "the architect of the tactics" that brought into being the modern Teamsters union.

Born in Queens City, Mo., Mr. Dobbs was raised in Minneapolis and retired to Berkeley in 1974.

In 1934 he joined the Communist League of America, a precursor of the Socialist Workers Party. Seven years later he and 17 other Teamster leaders of Local 574 became the first people to be indicted under the Smith Act, an anti-conspiracy and sedition law which outlawed Communist organizations. Mr. Dobbs was convicted and served 13 months in a federal prison.

Mr. Dobbs was the presidential candidate of the Socialist Worker's Party in 1948, 1952, 1956, and 1960. He received his greatest support — getting more than 17,000 votes — in 1960 when he visited Cuba and went on a national speaking tour in defense of that country's Communist revolution.

After his retirement and move to Berkeley, Mr. Dobbs wrote a four-volume history of the Teamsters union organizing struggle and

two volumes of a history of the Marxist workers movement in the United States.

He is survived by his wife Marvell of Berkeley and three daughters, Carol DeBerry of Fremont, Sherry Buch of Albany and Mary Lou Montauk of Oakland; seven grandchildren and six-great-grandchildren.

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spokesman said a memorial service will be held in the Bay Area on November 19, but the location has not yet been determined. He said memorial services will also be held in New York and 45 other cities around the country.

The family suggest that contributions be sent to the Political Rights Defense Fund, 14 Charles Lane, New York City.