



### How about that three fish?

Our "How Crazy Can You Get Dept." set a new record in October for the number of readers who submitted entries on the same news story. Thirty readers in every part of the country sent in the story of Janet Gray (above) and the Bolshevik Bogey. It seems Janet did some modeling a couple of years ago for a Los Angeles junior college art class. She got \$3 for the job. Her parents didn't know any money was due, but when they found out recently, they applied for payment. There was a hitch: all L. A. school employes are required to sign a loyalty oath before they can get paid. The oath has the usual disclaimer about overthrowing the U. S. government (or California's) by "force or violence or other unlawful means." Janet can't write nor, for that matter, read; she's three. No problem, said the school authorities: a parent can take the oath for a minor. But the Grays apparently are old-fashioned. They regard Janet as an un-violent type and refused to sign for her. There the matter lies, and Janet is out three bucks. Since we couldn't give out 30 free subs, we bought the picture from the Los Angeles Daily News, where it was first published, and decided to let you all in on the deal.

## WAR & PEACE

# U.S. policy comes to a dead end: Will the Soviet H-Bomb make it turn around?

By Tabitha Petran

**S**OBER American commentators, looking at U.S. policy as press and government describe it and as it actually has to be in face of world realities, are beginning to admit the dead end to which Washington has arrived. Walter Millis (N.Y. Herald Tribune, 10/19) finds that while propaganda assumes we may be on the verge of a third global war, "the actual trend of events" points to a "stalemate." Walter Lippmann (NYHT, 10/22) points out the distinction between "de jure" policy of official aims, diplomatic exchanges etc., and the real, "de facto" policy—a tendency "to accept the fundamental situation as it is" because none can afford to "try to change it" by military or other means.

**VANISHING GOALS:** The reality is a "de facto stalemate" for these Washington cold-war goals:

- "Liberation" of E. Europe. In the summer of 1945 Washington said it would not tolerate Soviet dominance there. Today all U.S. talk of "security guarantees" for Moscow insists the U.S.S.R.'s "present power frontiers" cannot be guaranteed because "this would be capitulation by the West in the cold war . . . the basic issues in the cold war are the frontiers of the Russian realm" (Christian Science Monitor, 10/8). But Washington is being slowly forced toward negotiation with Moscow, as the recent three-power note on Germany indicated.

- Preventing the consolidation of Communist power in China—goal of the billions given Chiang Kai-shek and of the Korean War. A Pentagon-Congressional-State Dept. axis is even now pushing a "long-term project" to break the Chinese government by boycott, if necessary naval blockade (CSM, 10/7; World, 11/53). But U.S. and Chinese diplomatic representatives are meeting



Lewis in Milwaukee Journal  
"What's holding up the launching?"

for the first time since the Korean War, at Panmunjom.

**THERMONUCLEAR WINDS:** The effect of one vital factor in the stalemate is just beginning to be felt. That factor is the Soviet achievement in atomic and hydrogen weapon development, revealed in a series of tests in August and September.

Official U.S. reactions strongly suggest that Soviet progress has outstripped American—that the U.S.S.R. has developed an H-bomb, while the U.S. has still to do so. Reactions to the atomic tests suggest that Soviet progress in this field, too, far exceeds U.S. estimates, and that Washington may have some undisclosed information on Soviet nuclear power development. Consider these developments:

- After confirming the Aug. 12 Soviet hydrogen explosion, the Atomic Energy Commission announced new Soviet atomic explosions (8/31), said it would have no more to say about them.

- Moscow (9/18) said it had successfully tested "some new types of atomic bombs." AEC chairman Lewis Strauss in a N.Y. speech (9/30) said there was "new evidence recently of Russia's activities in nuclear explosions . . . added that recent Communist boasts from Moscow about developments in the field 'do have basis in fact'" (N.Y. Times, 10/5).

- The President announced (10/5) that the U.S.S.R. now possesses "a stockpile of atomic weapons of conventional types" and "a weapon or

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FARM

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## Crisis in agriculture threatens to spread into national disaster

By Lawrence Emery

**W**HEN President Eisenhower summoned Ezra Taft Benson, one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon), to Washington to become Agriculture Secretary, he told him:

"Surely you believe the job at hand is spiritual. We must rekindle the faith of the American people in their government."

Later Benson told the Salt Lake Deseret News & Telegram:

"This appointment means that the world has come to recognize the Church for what it is . . . it is the fulfillment of a prophecy of Joseph Smith, who said the Church would one day assume leadership in Washington."

**LEADS WRONG WAY:** Last week it seemed the spiritual rekindling was slow in coming, the world not quite ready for Smith's prophecy: seldom has there been such a clamor as that raised for Benson's departure from government. In Washington his resignation

was thought to be only a matter of time.

U.S. farmers are in the grip of a spreading crisis. Pres. James G. Patton of the Natl. Farmers Union reports:

"Depression already has set in for farmers throughout the country. . . . If the farm depression isn't stopped soon, it will spread into other sections of the economy with disastrous results for the whole country."

In September the Doane Agricultural Digest, warning of the parallel with the farm disaster born in the 1920's, said:

Farm prosperity is fading. Some farmers are already in debt over their heads. A lot of farms and ranches have loans on them for the first time in 20 years. Short-term debt exceeds mortgage credit and is going up at an alarming rate.

**SPURS & KICKS:** In a 1951 speech at Logan, Utah, Benson said:

"Every young man requires the spur of insecurity to force him to do his best."

Since taking office, he has diligently



applied that spur to the family farmers. He has repeatedly emphasized his opposition to high, rigid farm price supports, his belief in a return to a "free market" for farm products, his hatred of "subsidies" for farmers. (As for subsidies, the U.S. Budget reports farmers got \$463,000,000 last year, busi-

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### The language that Washington understands

"We will not let ourselves be lulled by words; we want positive and unequivocal deeds." Thus did the U.S. . . . reply to the various signs of trying to relax tension which appeared in the U.S.S.R. after Stalin's death. . . . That is why the manifestations of Soviet diplomacy—which if they were sincere could perhaps have led to relaxing tensions—have been ignored, set aside, indeed ridiculed as of no significance. . . . "We need deeds, and then we will see if we can believe in them. . . ."

"You want deeds?" replies Malenkov—and explodes the hydrogen bomb. The result does not have to be waited for. For this is a deed! And, since it is a demonstration of strength, it is considered an overture of peace. Immediately the U.S. seems determined to engage in talks. . . . The U.S., which talked the language of strength, shows that it also the language it understands.

Jacques Kayser in  
Le Monde (Paris), 10/16.

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I was thinking hard what would be an appropriate gift for such a lusty, vigorous youngster. The A and H bombs are not yet in the toy departments of our department stores. With the continuous help of right-thinking humanity, stimulated by the GUARDIAN, before long a specimen of each will be in the Smithsonian and other museums. Louis Ken

**Medina risen**  
ROCHESTER, MINN.  
I read in the Minneapolis Tribune (clipping enclosed) Judge Harold R. Medina's answer to the question: What happens to a man when he dons the black robe and takes his place on the bench? This is what he said:

"Some subtle force takes possession of his soul and whispers continually in his ear the command that he make sure that his every ruling be just and right. . . . The thirst for victory, the love of combat—gradually these fade away, and in their place comes a profound concern lest some emotional bias or hidden prejudice sway him from the righteous and just conclusion."

May I suggest that someone write an article entitled "The Ascension of Medina"? The black robe should have been white, because there is no doubt that the judge has arrived in that capitalist heaven where black is white and white is black. O. S. Cummins

**Kellogg's mask**  
DETROIT, MICH.  
All users of Kellogg's Corn Flakes may wish to enter a protest with the Kellogg Co., Battle Creek, Mich., over the horrible Negroid mask they are printing on their corn flakes boxes these days, one of a series of 12 masks they are offering to children. Subscribers

**The heart of learning**  
CHICAGO, ILL.  
I went back to school (U. of Chi.) a few weeks ago. In the hall I was greeted by a fellow veteran, a math student. "Still trying to cross the ocean in a rowboat like I am?" he asked me. He shook my hand, or rather he clung to it like a man will heave to the oar of a boat when he's desperate to make shore.

"That's about right," I said in the same vein, but I was sympathizing with the obvious weariness in his voice and in his eyes. "His feet would go fast but his heart stands still," I thought. I did not know exactly why the words "crossed my mind" — except that the feet seemed to represent the desire to "get ahead," a

**How crazy can you get dept.**  
NEW YORK (IP)—Sen. Joseph McCarthy spoke on the steps of the Sub Treasury Building where he received the "Bill of Rights" medal from the Wall Street Post of the American Legion. —Everett (Wash.) Daily Herald, Sept. 25.  
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narrowed, self-centered striving that dominates the entire atmosphere and set-up of our colleges and universities. Whereas the heart could represent the delight, the absorbing interest one feels when he can conceive of knowledge as something tremendously important, because it's meaningful for human life.

When one feels that he has something to contribute to human progress and happiness he will love to study, he will be avid for all kinds of knowledge. It is not at all strange that Jefferson and Lincoln in America, and Lenin and Stalin in Russia, gave the clearest emphasis of all to this fact. Fred Adams

**To Dr. W. E. B. DuBois**  
(On his being presented the Intl. Peace Prize of the World Council of Peace in Chicago, Oct. 16, 1953). LA CRESCENTA, CALIF.

When the despoilers and oppressors, now So panic-stricken that they seem insane As they rush down the hill to blazing death, The Duponts, Rockefellers, Krupps and Thyssens, Are buried in the tephre of their own building, And the last writers hired to praise their greed As virtue, change scarcely perceptibly To maggots, in that day so near at hand That the red banners of the dawn are bright In all the eastern sky, that glorious day In which men everywhere will stand upright, Hands clasped in brotherhood around the world, Two names will be enshrined in every heart In Africa, the names DuBois, Morel. These are the men, the incorruptible, The fearless, clear of eye and clear of thought, Who sought no wealth, no honor save to serve The poor and the oppressed, shining like stars Through our dark night in token of the day Now dawning, who gave courage to endure The last long hours of torment while they worked With tongue and pen, tools of the obstetricians Aiding the birth of freedom for mankind. Hugh Hardyman

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**Rosenberg question**  
TORONTO, ONT.  
The popular impression is that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted fairly of atomic espionage, even though most people will concede that the death sentence was too great a punishment.

Only those who have gone into the facts are aware that they were convicted of conspiracy upon dubious and contradictory evidence. Most people also think the Supreme Court O.K.'d the sentence after review. Only readers of the GUARDIAN are aware of the later evidence of their innocence.

Would it be possible and practical to attempt publication of the trial record and subsequent legal moves, in the form of a low-priced booklet, with most of the material coming from official sources? Harry Bassken

**That they may live**  
BRONX, N. Y.  
Where is the scientist who could under our present moral standard, figure out how long it will take until we will be completely stripped of all human virtues, including even the affection for innocent children—signs of which have already emerged in our society. I do not refer to the kidnap killing in Missouri; I refer to the dreary event in Toms River, N. J., with the Rosenberg children.

I enclose here \$2 to the fund of Robert and Michael, that they may live. P. Horn

**Prediction**  
MUSKOGEE, OKLA.  
It seems that the people's judgment is as good as the best economist's. As one who knows a little about each, I would like to predict that sometime within the next 18 months a deeper-going depression than the "Great One" will begin. If only all could be as prepared for it as GUARDIAN's readers will be. So batten down the hatches and gird up thy loins. Raymond Rector



Daily News, Los Angeles "Well, you heard Ike's speech . . . have you tried being a Liberal-Progressive - Conservative Republican?"

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We shall continue to support the GUARDIAN and the causes it defends by sending you a monthly contribution. Grateful friends

**Pseudo-science**  
COLUMBUS, OHIO  
Anent the letters attacking the article on polio: Why are so many well-intentioned radicals so far off the beam in affairs which are most easily subjected to objective testing? Upton Sinclair's early protests against social injustice were largely vitiated by his dabbling in quack medicine, psychic phenomena, and similar nonsense. Eugene Debs might well have spent many more useful years on this earth had he not elected to "rest" at Lindlahr's Naturopathic Sanatorium.

Reaction against the immoral commercialism of the medical profession is understandable and justified, but the complete substitution of scientific medicine by any of a score or more of the phony "paths" is as absurd as the even more common acceptance of some irrational theology as a protest against the irrational materialism of our time. Fundamentally it is the same aspect of human behavior which allows the pseudo-scientist to convince thousands of people that poliomyelitis is caused by the accumulation of body wastes, that allows the demagogue to convince



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"If there is anything that cannot bear free thought, let it crack."—WENDELL PHILLIPS

**REPORT TO READERS**  
**Hey — don't hog the facts of life for yourself!**

**F**ACTS, FACTS and more facts! Facts are what people need to make correct decisions. Facts—the full facts—are the stock-in-trade of the GUARDIAN; and this is why we keep hammering at YOU to do more to get these facts in NEW HANDS. At a baseball game, even the television audience can see whether or not a decision is a new one, but in politics and peace people can't judge the decisions or correct them, if they can't see what is going on.

**T**HE people know, for example, that Secretary Benson sent a lot of unhappy farmers back to their home states last week with a refusal to help the drought-ridden livestock areas. Do they know what could and should be done? The answers are on p. 1 of this week's GUARDIAN. Do they know that while the Eisenhower Administration gives the brush-off to our farmers, the Soviet Union is undertaking a huge price-support program for its livestock farmers—and taking the cost out of military and other government budget items instead of passing the cost on to the consumer? This was in last week's GUARDIAN.

**T**HE people know that, for some mysterious reason having to do with alleged communism, the Monroe Doctrine has been junked and the British permitted to move in and overthrow the government of a South American country, British Guiana.

Do they know that the alleged "communism" was in fact the imminent passage of a labor law almost exactly like the New Deal's Wagner Act—guaranteeing Guianese labor at long last the right to collective bargaining? And do they know that the Aluminum Corp. of America, through its Canadian subsidiary, is the single biggest exploiter of Guianese labor, in the largest bauxite mines in the world? People can put two and two together if they have all the facts: the GUARDIAN told these facts last week.

**T**HE people know that Eisenhower's Operation Candor is still tongue-tied on the subject of the dangers of atomic attack. Do they know why? Do they know that the best Civil Defense experts in the country say that A-bomb shelters sufficient to safeguard the population of any big American city are "neither economically nor practically feasible"? Or that a single H-bomb explosion can "reduce a city the size of New York to charcoal in one blow"? These and many more facts on the Civil Defense fantasy were compiled in the Oct. 26 GUARDIAN. How many such facts would people need, to figure out for themselves that peace is the only sure defense against atomic attack?

**Y**OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS deserve the facts, and you are the only one who can make them available. We at the GUARDIAN can't reach your friends and neighbors without your help. Opposite these paragraphs, on p. 3, there is a sub blank for signing up new GUARDIAN subscribers—and two of the finest FREE GIFTS we can think of for your pains.

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the people he is their champion, while he is emptying their pockets for his own personal gain. Martin Gardner's In the Name of Science, published last year by Putnam, does a very excellent job of exposing much of the pseudo-science of the last 100 years or so. Anti-pseudo

**Anti-neurotic**  
HYDE PARK, VT.  
The GUARDIAN is the only thing that sustains my faith in human intelligence during these neurotic times. Virgil L. McCarty

**Not so amusing!**  
CHICAGO, ILL.  
I sent this letter to the editor of the Chicago Daily News: "Read your article called 'Dialectics Confusin' Amusin'" purporting to be an exposition of dialectics as practiced in the U. S. S. R. Fortunately, we Americans don't have to go through that process to arrive at conclusions valid enough for us. In fact, we don't have to go through any thinking process whatsoever. All we are required to do is to ask ourselves, "Will it make a buck?" It doesn't have to be an honest buck, it can be as crooked (providing we don't get caught) as spaghetti wound around a bent fork; but, to show the highest degree of intelligence, it should be a fast buck. "It is this wonderful logic of ours, with its contempt for any thinking that even aspires to a philosophical content, that has produced a Hall, ready to batter a 6-year-old child's face in, before he shoots him in the head; and is producing insurance after instance of American fathers and mothers who beat their children to death. "And what our superior logic is doing to our teen-agers and congressmen would take a body of psychiatrists to document. Perhaps a more serious approach to the distinctively human attribute of thought wouldn't hurt us." Fred Adams

# War & Peace

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a forerunner of a weapon" far more powerful than conventional A-bombs.

• AEC announced (10/22) a program for construction of its first atomic energy plant for peaceful uses, emphasizing a heretofore little-discussed motivation for developing nuclear power: that the U.S. must win the nuclear power race to keep power-hungry countries from gravitating toward Moscow.

**"PERHAPS OUR SUPERIORS":** These statements tell only part of the story. The Alsops explained that as details came out concerning the air samples of the Soviet hydrogen test, they proved "deeply disquieting" for secret "technical reasons":

The test proved . . . that the Soviet specialists are brilliant experimenters in their own right . . . technically our equals and in some respects perhaps our superiors (NYHT, 9/21).

CSM's Roland Sawyer reported (9/24) that the Soviet H-bomb's "potentialities . . . have surprised most of the atomic experts in Washington"; the AEC had left Washington for a week to discuss in secret "the gravity of matters now before the country"; "experts of many sorts are being flown into the capital for consultation"; the National Security Council and highest atomic and air officials were meeting on the problem.

**"SORELY TROUBLED":** Following these discussions a number of high officials made statements which, with due allowance for the special interests of the crisis-makers, are revealing:

AEC chairman Strauss (9/30): "I can only deduce . . . that the Soviets



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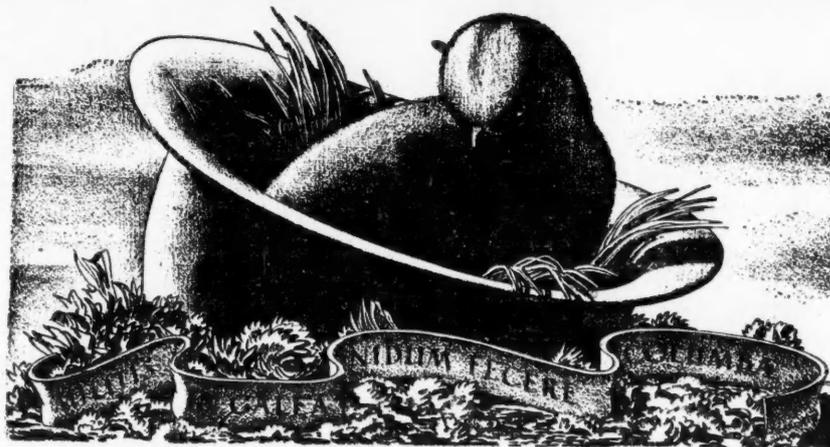
had begun their development of the weapon some considerable time before we did."

Joint Atomic Energy Committee chairman, Rep. Cole (10/4, 7): ". . . The Soviets have the capacity to outstrip us—decisively—within a relatively short time." He credited the Russians with "H-bombs plural," said for security reasons he could not disclose whether the U.S.S.R. had developed a better and easier way to make the H-bomb but was "sorely troubled."

Office of Defense Mobilization director Flemming (10/4): "Soviet Russia is capable of delivering . . . the most destructive weapon [H-bomb] ever devised by man. . . ."

Sen. Stuart Symington, former Air Force Secy: "One thing is sure . . . we have an enemy who . . . may well have military superiority over us."

**THE RADICAL APPROACH:** Defense Secy. Wilson (10/6) insisted the U.S.S.R. is not ahead of the U.S. in thermo-



"Soldiers in Galea are making nests for the doves."—Petronius

This is the frontispiece, specially drawn by Rockwell Kent, for the attractively-designed Friendship Book "We Pledge Peace," just published by the American Russian Institute (101 Post St., San Francisco 8, Calif.; \$1, 20 or more 55c each). Scores of GUARDIAN readers are among the 300 Americans who—in addition to a number of Soviet citizens, famous and obscure—have written this "people's peace book." Declaring in his introduction that "our pens are mightier than their bombs," ARI pres. Dr. Holland Roberts urges broad circulation of this pioneer book and the undertaking of similar projects in 100 or 1,000 U.S. cities: "we are 300 out of millions, but the truth will be heard around the world."

nuclear development but—as the N.Y. Times' James Reston noted (10/7)—"said flatly that the Russians had the hydrogen bomb." Said Newsweek (10/19) equally flatly:

The U.S. never detonated a fusion or thermonuclear bomb. It has detonated the mononuclear devices. [U.S. scientists don't know whether the Soviet August explosion was a device or a bomb, but] there is some evidence that its explosive force may have been more concentrated and more controlled than ours.

A week earlier Newsweek reported that "a top atomic energy official, a holdover from the Truman Administration" had told three newsmen a cheaper method of making the H-bomb was possible, with the use of an A-bomb as a "trigger" no longer necessary. This report echoed round the world but was largely suppressed here. Secy. Wilson rebuked the official who talked out of turn, said Newsweek, adding:

The actual fact of the matter: Soviet H-bomb scientists got a fast head start by trying a radical new approach that skips the A-bomb and is simpler and less costly than the U.S. technique.

[If true, it added (10/19),] this meant that Soviet Russia was far ahead of the U.S. in thermonuclear development and that it could produce H-bombs not only in quantity but at lost cost.

### The military power balance has shifted

All Moscow statements have referred specifically to Soviet possession of the "H-bomb," and urged new efforts to outlaw such weapons. The significance of Soviet nuclear and thermonuclear development in the struggle to prevent war can scarcely be overestimated. Since 1945, Washington's policy of domination has been based on its atomic monopoly: Breaking of that monopoly in 1949, and Soviet tests in 1951, had relatively little impact in Washington since it was convinced it had a decisive lead.

Today for the first time Washington recognizes that, as Foreign Operations Director Stassen conceded, there has been a shift in the world balance of military power. Or as Business Week put it (10/10), "any margin the U.S. has now is more illusory than real." The Soviet achievement and the apparent possibility that H-bombs can be produced easily and cheaply, hence presumably by any industrial nation, cancel out the chief foundation of Washington's policy.

In W. Europe—although few Americans realize it—people are clamorously asking if the "political answer" to the Soviet H-bomb, and U.S. reaction to it, isn't "co-existence" (New Republic, 10/26).

**POLICY WITHOUT POINT:** This is the one answer Washington has so far ignored. Instead it has on the one hand

postponed decisions; on the other, continued devising ways and means to wage atomic war:

• Former AEC chairman Gordon Dean said (9/24) that the "free world" must unite to halt the Soviet atomic weapons program within a year. CSM (9/24) commented that "not a few military experts in the government favor this program . . . of preventive war . . . termed now the policy of 'forcing a showdown' with the U.S.S.R." Yet, significantly, no Administration official has dared advocate it openly—and with all the H-bomb scare, official statements still emphasize there is no foreseeable danger of Soviet attack.

• Departure of the Joint Chiefs for foreign inspection tours amid a welter of conflicting reports about U.S. military strategy suggests an intensified battle over strategy, underlining the overall bankruptcy of U.S. policy. Trial balloons hinted at a "new" policy of limiting conventional forces and weapons in favor of nuclear weapons, and withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe when Germany is rearm; but these seemed designed, as Newsweek suggested, to condition the people to use

of atomic weapons. The "new" policy is really the Strategic Air Command's strategy of inter-continental atomic war combined with atomic rearmament of W. Germany.

A strategic decision to shift emphasis gradually from land forces in W. Europe to nuclear air bases along the Mediterranean was already apparent in the recent bases-troop-occupation agreements with Spain and Greece; and in the Oct. 8 decision on Trieste—made in part, at least, at Pentagon demand (NR, 10/26) in an attempt at a settlement permitting sea-air co-ordination across the Mediterranean. The proposed "new" policy, as Millis pointed out (10/23), is "quite unreal," and sharpens Washington's political dilemmas.

**DANGER REMAINS:** The Administration, which despite all the talk has not cut military spending, now indicates it won't. The military budget reflects

### How subversive can you get? (Burma divn.)

Under a double-page headline "ALL OVER THE WORLD, COMMUNISTS MAKE MORE & MORE TROUBLE," U.S. News (9/11) published this item (reproduced in its entirety) from Rangoon, Burma:

Communist rebels were reported to have joined hands with the Burmese Army in fighting floods affecting an area northeast of Rangoon.

economic rather than military strategy. In top business and Washington circles, nervousness about a recession is increasing. BW (10/10) indicated the possible strategy when it said "facing up to an atomic world" would cause military spending to "climb back uphill" next spring, probably in a supplemental appropriation.

Barely yet realized in Washington, the implications of Soviet nuclear and thermonuclear development have already reinforced the policy stalemate. Washington's policy has had some successes as in Iran and W. Germany, and may have more. The danger of desperate gambles remains. But some signs of the weakening of Washington's position are discernible. The shift in the world balance of forces toward peace, foreshadowed at the Soviet Communist Party Congress a year ago, is slowly taking place.

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### The President speaks

He had got the responsibility of attempting to develop a program that was enlightened and progressive and for the benefit of all people, and if the success he had in getting assistants and associates around him in his working with the Congress for an effective way, not just in an apparent, you might say out-in-front way, but in an effective way so as to secure the enactment of such programs, then those people that were supporting him, people of his own party, people that were supporting that kind of a program, had a real umbrella under which to operate, and that was the best thing he thought he could do, both for, you might say, his party, because he was working for his country.

—N. Y. Times transcript of Eisenhower press conference, Oct. 22.

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## THE DESPERATE DICTATORS AND THE HUMAN PAWNS

## Indians confirm 'Peace Town' terror

By Kumar Goshal

WHILE the U. S. press had a field-day with dispatches from Panmunjom's "Peace Town" about Chinese-N Korean POW's who reportedly would not even listen to arguments for repatriation, the other side of the story began to emerge in some detail in accounts sent via Peking. One persistent Peking charge—that of torture and murder in "Peace Town" compounds of POW's wishing repatriation—was gruesomely corroborated by India's Gen. Thimayya, chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission. The NNRC had set up a subcommittee to draft an explanation of why they disagree and the POW "explanation sessions" are stalled. The Polish and Czechoslovak representatives on NNRC took the position that force is being used in the compounds to prevent POW's from listening to arguments for repatriation, and force must therefore be used if necessary to carry out the NNRC's duties. Swedish and Swiss representatives opposed the use of force under any circumstances.

Peking dispatches indicated that Chinese and N. Korean representatives in "Peace Town" had been expecting difficulties over "explanation sessions" even before they started. According to Hsinhua (10/19), when POW's were transferred to Indian custody,

... the organizations of American-planted Chiang-Rhee agents were kept intact and moved into the Indian custodial camp to intensify their terroristic rule, making POW's feel they would have no protection if they asked to return home... [The POW's] have during the past two or three years personally experienced and seen for themselves in the U. S. prison camps the tortures suffered by those who had asked for repatriation... Intimidated by fabricated rumors... forced to be tattooed and to join various reactionary organizations, they could not express freely their will to return home.

**WITNESSES SPEAK:** How the Kojestyle terror was allegedly continued in "Peace Town" was documented with personal accounts given by Chang Ming-ching, Tang Chi-yung, Chang Fei-o, Chia Hung-kun and others who either escaped before "explanation sessions" began or were repatriated during the first couple of days. This picture emerged:

- Tents in the various compounds were strictly controlled by Chiang-Rhee agents; agents Ko Yun-fei, Kao and Tsai Fei-pei maintained contact with Chiang, Rhee and U. S. representatives, respectively, by radio and through "nurses" and doctors in camp hospitals;

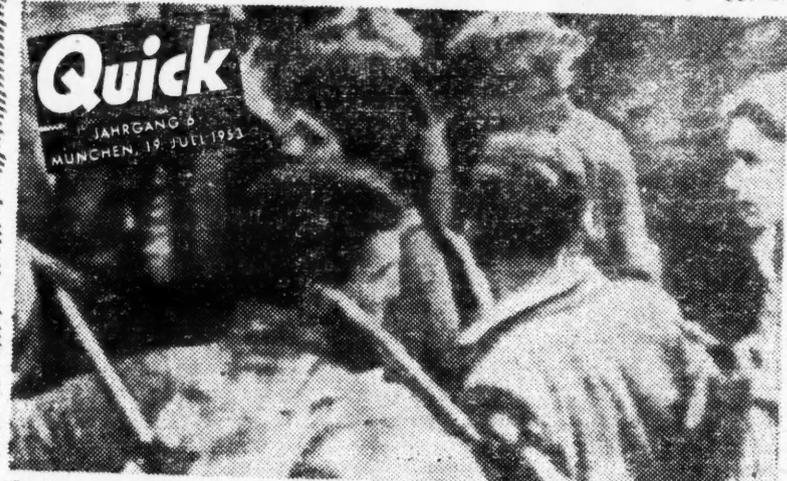
- Chiang-Rhee agents damaged loud-speakers, prevented POW's from listening to rules and procedures governing explanation sessions;

- On 50 different occasions Chiang-Rhee agents received "instructions" from outside, advising them to order POW's to stage "demonstrations," behave in a hysterical manner during interviews; agents were told to watch for "unreliable elements," to send "reliable" ones to interviews first, to hold hostages so that those going to interviews would be certain to return to camp;

- Chiang-Rhee agents were armed with knives and other weapons, had murdered several POW's refusing to shout pro-Chiang slogans or attempting to escape from hospital or over the barbed wire;

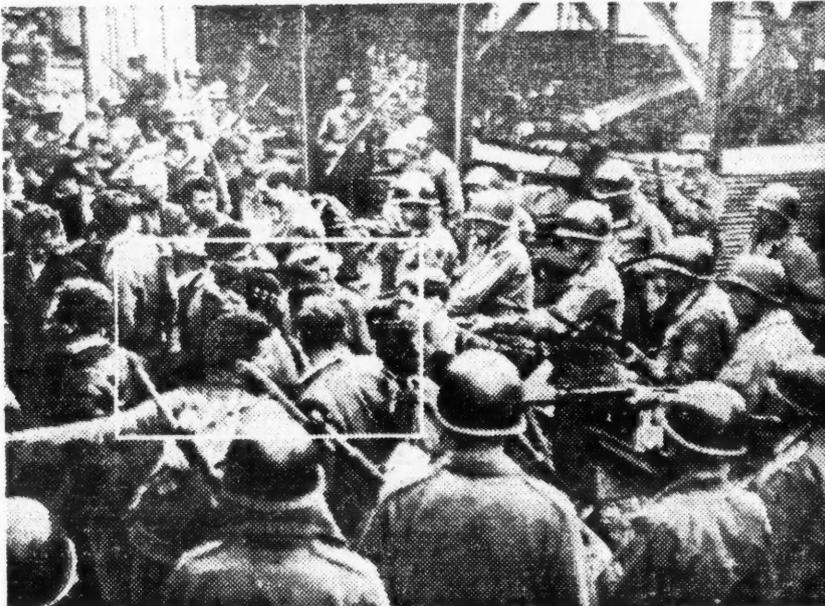
- Not only did UN Command observers attempt to disrupt "explanation sessions," but N. Korean Gen. Lee Sang Cho found 28 of the 32 "representatives of the detaining side" were Chiang agents; Cho pointed out that although these 28 claimed to be U. S.-born or of "Chinese-American ancestry," they spoke pidgin English, and had no right to be there since Chiang was not a belligerent in the Korean war.

- Apart from threats and actual



**Bajonette gegen Arbeits-Sklaven**

Hunderttausend Arbeiter der Wismuth-A.G. im Uran-Gebiet von Aue demonstrieren gegen ihre Unterdrücker. Die Bajonette der sowjetischen Besatzungsmacht sind den Wehrlosen zu ihrem Frontstücken zurück. Dieses Foto wurde von einem russischen Soldaten aufgenommen und gelangte auf seltsamem Umwegen in den freien Westen.



**Slave labor in the editorial rooms**

Quick, a sensational picture weekly published in Munich, West Germany, on July 19, 1953, published a photo (top) as part of a series describing conditions in East Germany. The caption read: "BAYONETS AGAINST LABOR SLAVES: One hundred thousand workers of the Wismuth A. G. in the uranium mines in Aue demonstrated against their oppressors. The bayonets of the Soviet Russian occupation power drive the defenseless people back to their place of serfdom. This photo was taken by a Russian soldier, and reached the free West by a strange and devious route." How devious can you get? The picture is not new. It was printed in the GUARDIAN on Aug. 29, 1951 (bottom). It is actually a photo of British delegates on their way to the World Youth Festival in Berlin (August, 1951) being hemmed in by bayonets in the hands of American and French occupation troops in Austria. The delegates were refused passage through the "free West" and roughed up by the troops till friendly Austrians helped them break through. Note how the photograph was cropped to complete the fake.

murder by at least 466 Chiang-Rhee agents within the camp, the POW's were intimidated by U. S. military aircraft frequently circling overhead, once dropping on Oct. 17 two bombs at Height No. 115 bordering the camp (Hsinhua, 10/14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22).

**INDIANS CONFIRM:** According to the N. Y. Times (10/24), the government of India

... asserts that the reports of the Indian observers in Korea bear out Chinese allegations... against purported prisoner leaders in the camps, whom Reds have called agents of Rhee, Chiang... and the UN Command. The Indians say they have convincing evidence that prisoners who refused to conform to the dictates of anti-Communist camp bosses had been murdered.

In "Peace Town" Gen. Thimayya supplied the evidence, reporting that at least four POW's had been murdered within the camp and "we have the bodies." He described how one had been severely tortured, another had his

upper leg crushed, a third body was thrown out of the compound (AP, UP, CBS, 10/28).

It was reported in India that Indian custodial forces were considering segregating the trouble-making agents, but at "Peace Town" there was no sign of this being done.

Meanwhile the Panmunjom meeting to set the time, place and composition of the political conference seemed to reach a deadlock over U. S. refusal to give priority of discussion to the composition of the conference. Even if its composition were discussed, UN Command representative Arthur Dean frankly said "we cannot go beyond an exchange of views."

**RHEE'S ESCAPED CAT:** While the Korean situation marked time, Rhee and his henchmen were not idle. His U. S. representative, Col. Ben C. Limb, seemed to have let a cat out of a bag by saying, during an interview on WABC-TV's Junior Press program (10/19, 9 p.m.), that "we started the

## Faint hearts in the BO

Four letters, supposedly from pressure groups which he has blasted on his TV show and radio-TV column in the Los Angeles Daily News, have forced cancellation of Paul Price's personal appearance tomorrow at May Co.'s TV Festival... The letter writers threatened boycott of all May Co. stores... Price was advised by the business office of the Daily News to forego the appearance because of "a delicate situation." It was admitted that the May Co. told the News that "it would be better if Price did not go on."

Daily Variety, Hollywood, Sept. 23.

The "pressure group" that protested the personal appearance of Paul Price... turned out to be a 15-year-old trouble-maker, who is organizer, proxy and only member of the Youth of America. The pressure scare has vanished and Price will be on full view this afternoon at the May Co. downtown store.

Daily Variety, Hollywood, Sept. 24.

war." When startled panel members asked him if they had heard right, Limb explained that the original partition of Korea was really an act of aggression against the Rhee government—the "only duly constituted government" in Korea; and that Rhee had to fight N. Korea just as a householder must fight to oust a burglar.

Rhee himself continued to make bellicose statements, carried on a systematic purge of government members who even slightly disagreed with him.

**O'KONSKI & GOD:** Heaping more coal on the fire kept burning by Rhee, Rep. Alvin O'Konski (R-Wis.) wrote him a letter praising him "as the hope of the free world," and wishing that God would grant Rhee "the courage and vision to liberate" the POW's in Indian custody as he had "liberated" 27,000 N. Korean POW's during the pre-truce negotiations. James Reston (NYT, 10/20) pointed out that O'Konski's letter violated the Logan Act, which makes correspondence by any U. S. citizen "with any foreign government or any officer or agent thereof" to influence their conduct "or to defeat the measures of the U. S." punishable by a \$5,000 fine or three years in jail or both. Reston recognized, however, that "this administration has shown little enthusiasm for slapping down members of Congress from Wisconsin." When asked his reaction to the O'Konski letter, Eisenhower refused comment.

(As a member of the House Committee "investigating" last year in Germany the World War II massacre of 12,000 Polish soldiers in Katyn forest near Smolensk, O'Konski, after listening to former Nazi war criminals declare Hitler's armies innocent of the massacre, laid the blame on the Russians.)

**GERMS:** At UN, as India's Krishna Menon had predicted, it was impossible to avoid discussion of the Korean question; in the course of the agenda, UN was obliged to take up the Soviet accusation of U. S. germ warfare against China. U. S. delegate Dr. Charles Mayo accused the Chinese of elaborately torturing U. S. fliers to extract germ-war confessions, which the fliers now repatriated have repudiated. He had nothing to say about the lists of apparently confirmatory places, dates and U. S. Army names given by captured fliers in N. Korea; nor about the on-the-spot investigation by Dr. Joseph Needham and other distinguished Western scientists, who confirmed the charges. Giving a long account of tortures allegedly inflicted on Lieut. James L. Stanley of Decatur, Ga., one of five fliers who "refused to sign confessions," he left UN members wondering how to explain the behavior of "Soviet-supervised torturers" who after torturing Stanley for four months decided to "let him alone" and send him home to tell the story.

The U. S. S. R.'s Jacob Malik, suggesting that the repudiations of germ-war confessions could be ascribed to pressure on the fliers by U. S. authorities, called upon UN to ask the U. S. and other non-signers to sign the Geneva Convention against germ war.

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Instead of tenement apartments—where a sink is shared by 15 families (111 E. 9th St.) and the rent is \$25 per week for each—public housing. Instead of schools where plaster falls from ceilings (top photo, Food Trades H.S. annex)—a school building program paid by bond issues. Instead of witch-hunts—more and better-paid teachers, an education in free Americanism.

## THE ELECTION FINALE

# Impy & Co. flock to Wagner; polls see Dems winning

By Elmer Bendiner

INTO Robert Wagner's Brooklyn headquarters last week walked Mayor and ex-candidate Impellitteri. He seemed to have no other mission there than to smile his blessing on Wagner's campaigners and, presumably, on the candidate.

Politicians traditionally announce their maneuvers in deftly spotted paragraphs of gossip columns. The Brooklyn Eagle's Harold H. Harris noted the visit; the N. Y. Post's Leonard Lyons predicted the Mayor would campaign for Wagner. No denial came from any source. The war within the city's Democratic Party had presumably ended. Whether it ever extended deeper than the rivalry of politicians was doubtful.

**HE'S THEIR BOY:** After the primary, Impellitteri's backer James A. Farley had congratulated "Bob"; since then he has rallied Democrats, right and center, for the Tammany nominee. There was scarcely a hold-out on the far-right.

In the campaign's closing weeks Wagner proved worthy of such support. Over WPIX Oct. 18 Wagner promised to "root out communists and communist sympathizers." He said: "They invent tales of persecution and unfair treatment." He resorted to the old libel that "communist-led" fights against discrimination were meant to poison the community "with racial and religious hatred." He said communists "say that they want all men to be brothers, but what they really want is for all men to be slaves—their slaves." Commenting on sympathetic treatment of himself by the Daily Worker he said: "I despise communism, communists, their fellow travelers and their dirty mouthpiece, the Daily Worker."

**MR. X IS DEAD:** Wagner's anti-communism seemed a diversion from the scandal exchange that marked his earlier campaigning. His "Mr. X", who, he said, was a national figure and a pleader for extortionist Joseph Fay, died suddenly when the parole board in court denied hearing from him; but his death left Wagner unmournful.

Wagner, seemingly confident of victory, virtually ignored program in his windup. The Liberal Party's Rudolph Halley in desperation turned to the issues and, as other candidates have done in other years, borrowed at random from the ALP.

When things looked better for him Halley had been as

vague as Wagner on jimerow. On the down grade, he came out for a city FEPC. He was apparently unaware that an FEPC was on the books (ALP called for its enforcement). He moved from advocating an ambiguous "economically feasible" fare to promising a return to 10c. He even hinted that the assessments of big commercial real estate might be reexamined.

Halley's frantic promises stacked alongside his performance (he fought for none of the ALP's program in office) could persuade few votes, but demonstrated the power of an independent minority party with a program.

**THE ISRAEL ISSUE:** The GOP's Harold Riegelman played a quiet trump. When Secy. of State Dulles cut off aid to Israel, all candidates seeking Jewish support in the city denounced the move. GOP's Riegelman seemed most damaged by the blunder of a Republican Secy. of State. He recouped neatly by traveling to Washington, said he won from Dulles a promise to restore aid to Israel—if Israel settled the problem of the Jordan River.

A candidate without hope from the start, Riegelman had done a workmanlike job of making hay out of the Democrats' scandals, left his program unblushingly pro-big business.

**APATHY REIGNS:** Polls were unanimous in predicting a Wagner landslide, though the term was out of place in the city's apathy. The total vote was not likely to go much above 2,000,000. Registration was 2,396,009. The N. Y. Times' James A. Hagerty commented (10/25): "The puzzling feature of the Mayoralty campaign is the continuing lack of public interest."

The N. Y. Daily News analyzed the apathy, found that the drop in registration was heaviest in low-income areas. In three low-income AD's the drop was 33.3 to 36.5%. Registration drops in middle and upper income areas were less; in a few moneyed areas, registration was up over 1949.

If the News sampling proves accurate it would show that labor in the city stayed away despite commitments by labor leaders to Wagner and Halley. The News poll showed Wagner leading Riegelman by more than 2-1, with Halley and McAvoy far behind.

The Brooklyn Eagle poll put Wagner's lead at a little less than 2-1. The Eagle's straw ballot included Impellitteri (out of the race) but left out McAvoy, noted that McAvoy got most



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of the write-ins. The N. Y. Times' Hagerty took no poll but estimated the ALP strength at 60,000-80,000.

**ALP's RACE:** The ALP had concentrated on key issues. Its program had been kept from most voters by a blackout in the press which, with the exception of the Times, frequently referred to a "three-way race." Even when ALP candidates were mentioned, the program was not.

ALP spokesmen appeared on 12 telecasts (five paid); for the first time, the party's candidate for Manhattan borough president, Andronicus Jacobs, campaigned by TV. ALP was on the radio more than 30 times, with six paid broadcasts in Spanish.

The candidates spoke at more church forums than in any previous campaign, joined in 15 PTA forums, 12 settlement house discussions.

With limited resources in a year of witch-hunts, "lesser evils" and apathy, ALP broke only partly through the curtain around it. To the extent it did break through, its tally is the most significant in the election.

## VITO MARCANTONIO

## 'The only honest fight honest people can make'

AT the very outset of this campaign, I stated that there was no decisive difference among Wagner, Impellitteri, Halley and Riegelman to merit the vote of anyone who wants to vote for peace, civil liberties, labor's rights and good government in the elections of 1953.

We don't have to wait for the Wagner administration of city affairs for the next four years to prove me right. The events of this October have done it.

(1) Where are the Impellitteri men today? Farley, Walter Shirley (Impellitteri's chairman), Roe, Sutherland, Sullivan and the rest of the Tammany leaders, for the defeat of whom progressives have been urged to desert McAvoy and everything for which the ALP stands, and elect Wagner? They are with Wagner. These men didn't sneak back into the Wagner camp; they were welcomed back—where they belong. There was never any principled fight between the Impellitteri gang and the Wagner gang; they were gangs of the same mob fighting over the spoils of the next four years. They are now united to make sure that the boodle doesn't leave the family.

(2) Dewey's Riegelman and Dubinsky's Halley are the same as Wagner on all the issues:

(a) The three support the war program of Truman, Acheson, Stevenson, Eisenhower, Dulles. Peace is an issue. Whether the city will be destroyed in an atomic war is the most important issue in any city campaign.

(b) These three candidates in one way or another are all responsible for the 15c fare and the winner will be responsible for a 20c fare and even a 25c fare.

(c) They all support the Bi-State Waterfront Commission that was established to register, fingerprint, license and politically screen longshoremen and to force them into the worst labor conditions ever established under any law in the U.S.

(d) Under the guise of anti-communism, they all support the program of installing tyranny over the minds of our school teachers and our school children.

These three candidates—Tammany, Republican and Liberal—all stand wrong on the issues of the day.

To have aided Wagner or Halley under the guise of stressing the defeat of Impellitteri or Riegelman is a betrayal of principle, and to continue to do so today is crooked.

ON THE BASIS of my 14 years of unremitting fighting in behalf of organized labor in the Congress of the United States, I say to the men and women who work for a living that they must support in their own interest only the candidate who stands right on the issues of the day, no matter behind whom some alleged leader of labor may have thrown his union.

To stand with any candidate who stands wrong is not coalition.

It is a double-cross of the candidate who stands right.

It is a sell-out of great causes. McAvoy is the only candidate who stands right on all of the issues—peace, civil liberties, fares, rents, good government, labor's rights on the docks, freedom in our schools.

WHAT COUNTS in this election is not whether Riegelman or Wagner or Halley wins—what counts is how many votes McAvoy will receive. It is this vote that will influence the affairs of the city in the people's interests if the vote is large. If it is not, there will be a repetition of the O'Dwyer administration with no genuine political opposition.

I say this because if McAvoy does not receive a minimum of 100,000 votes—and it is his vote that counts—the ALP will cease to exist as an effective political party. The ALP cannot live through another year with its candidate for Mayor receiving less than 100,000 votes. What is involved here is whether or not we shall have a City of New York without an ALP making the fight which the ALP has always fought.

To have toyed with this by advising some to vote for McAvoy and at the same time to have welcomed the so-called labor support of Wagner and Halley is to have imperiled the very life of the sole political party that is on the people's side in this campaign. If that life is snuffed out, it will be the responsibility of those who have been playing this political Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde game.

Any split ALP ticket for any other party candidate serves no good purpose. It only weakens the ALP.

It is for these reasons that I call upon all progressives to join me with their votes in insisting that **ONLY A FULL ALP VOTE** has any meaning at all.

This is not being short-sighted—it is the only way of protecting the ALP against sabotage and destruction.

It is the only honest fight that honest people can make for their city.

### American Labor Party Week

SAT., OCT. 31: "The Editors Speak," WLIB, Jacobs, 11 a.m.; McAvoy speaks at Fulton & Lawrence Sts., B'klyn, 11 a.m.; Humboldt & Moore Sts., 1 p.m.; Debevoise & Graham, 2 p.m., 161st St. & B'way, 3 p.m.; Schutzer and Jacobs at 26th St. & 3d Av., 2:30 p.m.; 32d St. & 3d Av., 3:30 p.m.; Dinner, 565 Henry St., B'klyn, Marcantonio, 7 p.m.; Dinner, 683 Allerton Av., Bronx, Charles Collins, Schutzer, 7 p.m.; Clothing workers dinner, 213 4th Av., Jacobs, 7:30 p.m.; 181st St. & St. Nicholas Av., Jacobs, 8 p.m.; Party, 530 E. 23d St., Schutzer, Jacobs, 8:30 p.m.; 2075 86th St., B'klyn, Stewart, 9 p.m.

SUN., NOV. 1: Committee of Baltic-Americans, Estonian Hall, 2061 Lexington Av., Marcantonio, 4 p.m.; Community Church, 40 E. 35th St., Stewart, 4:30 p.m.; WBNX weekly Spanish broadcast, Marcantonio, 5:15 p.m.; Candidates' cocktail parties, 107 E. Burnside Av., Bronx, 1723 Boston Rd., Bronx, Marcantonio, Stewart, Schutzer, 7:30 p.m.; Community Church forum, 40 E. 35th St., McAvoy, 8 p.m.; Committee for Puerto Rican Unity, Park Palace, 1107 5th Av., McAvoy, 9 p.m.

MON., NOV. 2: Garment Center rally, 38th St. & 8th Av., McAvoy, Marcantonio, 12 noon; Lucky Corner rally, 116th St. & Lexington Av., all candidates, 7:30 p.m.

## APPLETON, MINN.

TO VITO MARCANTONIO, ALP, NEW YORK CITY

THE ONE WAY FOR ALL PROGRESSIVES TO REGISTER THEIR SUPPORT FOR HONEST AND DECENT GOVERNMENT AND AGAINST WAR AND CORRUPTION IN THIS ELECTION IS BY VOTING FOR CLIFFORD McAVOY FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY AND FOR THE STRAIGHT AMERICAN LABOR PARTY TICKET. PLEASE RELEASE TO NATIONAL GUARDIAN AND NEW YORK PRESS. BEST WISHES.

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AN EDITORIAL STATEMENT

Vote straight down Row D

AS THIS PRE-ELECTION issue of the GUARDIAN reaches New York readers, a continued Tammany-Democratic administration of the New York City municipal government seems a certainty. To date in the election campaign, only the American Labor Party has offered a program of positive solutions for the needs of the city and its people. This program will not be represented anywhere in the incoming municipal government.

The American Labor Party today is the only recognized party of protest in New York city and state. Every ALP vote assures the future of that party; every vote added for ALP candidates adds to the force with which the ALP program can be projected in city affairs.

Therefore the job of New York progressives from now until the polls close on Tuesday must be to muster out the biggest possible vote for the ALP candidates; and to prepare NOW to mobilize the full force of that vote in the immediate months ahead to bring about positive solutions to the city's problems in spite of an adverse administration.

JUST AS URGENT is the job of getting other voters to join their votes with yours—to switch from presently intended votes which cannot change the result of the election to votes which can compel the incoming administration to acknowledge the existence of real support throughout the city for a constructive program.

Have you a television set, or does your neighbor have one? Then start now inviting a gathering for this Monday evening, at 7:45 over WABD, Channel 5.

The American Labor Party program will be clearly and affirmatively argued.

The rest will be up to you—and we sincerely hope you will arrange to have at hand the discussions of the city's problems which have been presented weekly in the GUARDIAN, to help carry the argument beyond the close of the television program. This is important, because the ALP program has been ignored by the press generally throughout the campaign, and your neighbors cannot be expected to know its details unless you can inform them.

WE BELIEVE that the ALP program is the only one which accurately reflects the real objectives of the people of New York and offers the means of achieving them.

These means are available to the incoming administration; what is needed most is a show of voting strength behind them to force them to attention.

This is the BIG REASON for a BIG ALP VOTE. State ALP Chairman Vito Marcantonio has asked every ALP voter to ask at least 10 friends for personal pledges to vote Row D down the line.

In concurring completely with Mr. Marcantonio in this appeal, we recommend the political advice of the great Eugene V. Debs, uttered a half century ago but still fine and fresh as a credo for thinking voters:

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—THE EDITORS

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How to vote on amendments

NEW YORKERS on Nov. 3 will vote on nine proposed amendments to the state constitution. Here is a summary of the amendments with the American Labor Party recommendation on each:

1. Allows judges to be shifted from court to court as needed. ALP: Yes.
2. Raises monetary limit for cases in county courts outside the city from \$3,000 to \$6,000. ALP: Yes.
3. Provides joint election of Governor and Lt. Governor, making it impossible to split your vote for the top offices. ALP: No.
4. Allows small communities, with Legislature's approval, to pool resources in guaranteeing their water supply. ALP: Yes.
5. Authorizes boost in Governor's salary from \$25,000 to \$50,000. ALP: Yes.
6. Authorizes boost in Lt. Governor's pay from \$10,000 to \$20,000. ALP: Yes.
7. Rewrites regulations on tax and debt limits for communities. ALP: Yes.
8. Raises the limit on city real estate taxation from 2% to 2.5%. Existing regulations would allow landlord to pass boost on to tenant in rent increases. It levies the same tax boost on small home-owners as on big commercial real estate. ALP: No.
9. Would revoke present regulations which permit 3% of the state's forests to be used for water control. ALP: Yes.

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**Manhattan**  
**AMERICAN**, 236 E. 3d St. Under Sunny Skies (Russ.) & Amer. western, Nov. 5-6.  
**ART**, 36 E. 8th St. 7 Deadly Sins, cont.  
**BARONET**, 3d Av. & 59th St. Beggar's Opera, cont.  
**BEACON**, B'way & 74th. 7 Deadly Sins (Fr.), thru Nov. 3; Desperate Moment & A Queen Is Crowned, Nov. 4-7.  
**BEKMAN**, 2d Av. bet. 65-66. Rome 11 O'Clock & Affair in Monte Carlo, thru Nov. 1; Story of 3 Loves, Nov. 2-3.  
**BEVERLY**, 3d Av. & 50th. Ox Bow Incident & Talk of the Town, thru Oct. 31; Rashomon & Brave Bulls, Nov. 1-3; Shane & "M" (1951 chase thriller, D. Wayne, H. Da Silva), Nov. 4-7.  
**55TH ST. TRANSLUX**, 85th St. & Madison. Rome 11 O'Clock, thru Oct. 31.  
**8TH ST. PLAYHOUSE**, 52 W. 8th. Rome 11 O'Clock, Nov. 1-3.  
**52D ST. TRANSLUX**, Lexington & 52d. Lili, cont.  
**FINE ARTS**, 58th bet. Park-Lexington. The Cruel Sea, (Br. docum.—type from Monsarrat novel, cont.)  
**GRAMERCY**, 23d & Lexington. 7 Deadly Sins, from Oct. 30.  
**GREENWICH**, Greenwich Av. & 12th St. Forbidden Games & Something Money Can't Buy (Br.), thru Oct. 31; Open City & Paison (2 ft. anti-fascist classics), Nov. 1-3; A Queen Is Crowned & Desperate Moment, Nov. 4-7.  
**GUILD**, 33 W. 50th. Martin Luther (docum. blog.), cont.  
**HEIGHTS**, 150 Wadsworth Av. 7 Deadly Sins & Mephisto Wolf, thru Nov. 12.  
**MIDTOWN**, B'way & 100th. 7 Deadly Sins, thru Nov. 6.  
**NORMANDIE**, 110 W. 57th St. The Little Fugitive (Morris Engel-Ray Ashley Venice winner), cont.  
**PARIS**, 4 W. 58th St. Captain's Paradise (Br., Guinness), cont.  
**PLAZA**, 58th & Madison. Julius Caesar (Gielgud, Mason, Cathern, Brando), from Nov. 1.

**72D ST. TRANSLUX**, 346 E. 72d St. Limelight, Oct. 31; High Noon, Nov. 1; Anna (It.), Nov. 2.  
**68TH ST. PLAYHOUSE**, 1164 3d Av. Long Memory (Br.) & I Started In Paradise (It.), Nov. 5-8.  
**STANLEY**, 7th Av. bet. 41-42. Battle for China (color documentary from the "Long March" to Liberation), opens Oct. 31.  
**STODDARD**, B'way & 90th St. The Browning Version (Br.) & Man in the White Suit (Br. Guinness), Nov. 4-6.  
**THALIA**, B'way & 95th. Midnight in Paris (Fr., Jouve) & Alibi for a Night (Fr.), Oct. 31-Nov. 3; Leonardo da Vinci (blog.) & Sadko (Russ.), Nov. 3-9.  
**WORLD**, 153 W. 49th. The Overcoat (It.), from Gogol's short story, cont.  
**YORKTOWN**, B'way & 89th. Forbidden Games & Run for Your Money (Br.), thru Oct. 31; Rome 11 O'Clock & Affair in Monte Carlo, Nov. 3-5.

### Bronx

**ASCOT**, 2313 Gr. Concourse. 7 Deadly Sins (Fr.), thru Nov. 6.  
**DOVER**, 1723 Boston Rd. Bellissima (It., Magnani) & 4-Sided Triangle (Br.), Nov. 4-7.

### Special

**CLUB CINEMA**, 6th Av. bet. 9-10 Sts. 8:30 & 10 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Oct. 30-Nov. 1. (Gig. from a tale by French novelist Colette).  
**MUSEUM OF MODERN ART**, 11 W. 53d St. 3 & 5:30 p.m. daily. Robert Sherwood's Night Must Fall (1937), Nov. 2-8.

### New Jersey & Upstate

**WED., NOV. 4**, I show at 8:40 p.m. Limelight: Kingston, Kingston, N. Y.; Carlton, Red Bank; Majestic, Perth Amboy; Paramount, Plainfield; Bellissima: Community, Toms River; Community, Saratoga Springs (8 p.m.); Community, Morristown; also Paramount, Long Branch, Nov. 5.

# Where to Go

### Drama

**OTHELLO**, Shakespeare Guild Festival professional repertory company directed by Wm. Thornton, with Earle Hyman as Othello, Jan Hus House, 351 E. 74th St. Thurs.-Sun. evens, 8:40, \$1.20-\$1.80; Sat. mat., 2:40, 78c-\$1.20, thru Nov. 22. TR 9-5480.  
**TAKE A GIANT STEP**, first play by Negro playwright Louis Peterson. Presents problem rare for B'way; solution controversial. Lyceum, 47th St. E. of B'way. JU 2-3897.  
**THE WORLD OF SHOLOM ALECHEM**, 19th century Jewish humor dramatized by Arnold Perl. Barbizon-Plaza Theater, 58th & 6th Av. Tues.-Sun. evens, mats. Sat. & Sun. CO 5-7845.  
**KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE**, by Shakespeare's contemporary, Francis Beaumont. Theatre DeLys, 121 Christopher St. Oct. 24, 25, 30. Nov. 1, 3, 4, 7, 12, 14, \$1.20-3. Mats. Sat.-Sun. WA 4-8782.  
**THE EMPEROR'S CLOTHES**, by George Tabori, directed by David Pressman. Greenwich Mews interracial theater, 141 W. 13th St. Nightly except Mon. & Fri., 8:40 p.m. Reserv: TR 3-4310.  
**THE PHILANDERER**, by G. B. Shaw. Equity Library Theatre, 331 E. 70th St. 8:30 p.m., Nov. 4-7, mat. Sun., Nov. 7. Free. Reserv: ELT, 45 W. 47th St. PL 7-3785.

### Music and Art

**DON GIOVANNI**, professional, non-profit. Amato Opera Theatre, 159 Bleecker St., 8:30 p.m., Oct. 23-25, 30, 31, Nov. 1 & 6-8. Free.  
**CITY CENTER OPERA**, 131 W. 55th St. Wed.-Sun. evens, matinees Sat. & Sun., Oct. 8-Nov. 8. \$1.50-\$3.60. Rigoletto, Thurs., Nov. 5; Carmen, Fri., Nov. 6; Die Fledermaus, Sat. mat., Nov. 7; Tosca, Sat. eve., Nov. 7; La Traviata, Sun. mat., Nov. 8; La Boheme, Sun. eve., Nov. 8.  
**LA SCALA GRAND OPERA**, Alfredo Salmaghi, dir. La Traviata, Fri., Oct. 30; Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci, Sat., Oct. 31; Carmen, Sun., Nov. 1 8:15 p.m., Brooklyn Strand Theatre, Fulton St. & Rockwell Pl. Tickets: 50c-\$2. UL 8-4370.  
**BARBER OF SEVILLE**, La Puma

Opera Workshop, Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St. Fri., Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Free. Reserv: TR 4-9646.  
**THE SPORTS PAGE**, paintings on sports by Wm. Gropper, Fletcher Martin, Paul Sample, Assoc. Amer. Artists' Galleries, 711 5th Av.  
**CHINESE DANCES**, Traditional action-dances from Chinese classic theatre. Sophia Delza, Cooper Union, 9th St. & 4th Av. Sun., Nov. 1, 8:30 p.m. Free.  
**CONCERT**, Florence Nicolaidis, violin; Kitta Brown, piano; Gramercy School of Dance & Music, Mus. of City of N.Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. Sun., Nov. 7, 3 p.m. Free.  
**CALYPSO CAROUSEL**, Carib Singers & Dancers, Massie Patterson, dir., with West Indian folk music. B'klyn Acad. of Music, Lafayette Av. & Ashland Pl. Wed., Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m. \$1.50.  
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Many thanks to the NATIONAL GUARDIAN for giving us staunch support and for printing facts on the real issues of the campaign.

Anne McCann  
 1st AD, Greenwich Village

#### He's still for Gollobin

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**  
 St Gerson's statement about the Charney candidacy for Manhattan Dist. Atty. is just not a clarification for my misgivings.

Ira Gollobin is the ALP man by due ALP process, as eligible to his place on the straight ticket as anyone on the ticket. What's Charney's special virtue that he should crowd Gollobin out of a conceivable legitimate election with the rest of that ticket?

The matter of party and political integrity persists. Immediately under the Gerson statement in the GUARDIAN is an item from the great Dr. DuBois which illuminates—light enough for me. You are sure that Dr. DuBois is not splitting his ticket for any "special favor." Dr. DuBois is not schizoid in a schizoid world. He votes the straight line of integrity. And I feel sure that, as a protest against McCarthy, McCarran, Smith Act, thought control and all, Gollobin must surely be quite as sound and solid as Charney, and quite as educational. How else could he have made his place on an ALP ticket?  
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**THE TINDER BOX**, Salome Gaynor Theater for Children, 30 Lafayette Av. Full length play, one of the children's great classics. Sat., Nov. 11, at 3 p.m. Adm. 60c-\$1.50. ST 3-6700.

**PINOCCHIO**, presented by the Y Playhouse. Original songs, child audience participation. Y M-YWHA, Lexington Av. & 92d St. Holiday shows: Tues., Nov. 3 (Election Day), 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 8, at 3:30 p.m. only; Wed., Nov. 11 (Armistice Day), 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m. Adm. \$1, \$1.50 & \$2. Half-price rates for groups of 20 or more. TR 6-2336.

**SLEEPING BEAUTY**, Playmart Children's Theater adaptation of the famous fairy tale. Carl Fischer Concert Hall, 165 W. 57th St. Performances Sats., 1 p.m. & 2:45 p.m.; Suns., 2:45 p.m. only, thru Nov. Adm. 75c-\$1.20. TR 7-7591.  
**NEW BLACK MAGIC SHOW**, with Frank Clinton & family. Henry St. Playhouse, 466 Grand St., N.Y. Sat., Nov. 7, at 3 p.m. Children 10c, adults 60c.

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### Miscellaneous

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### Films

**MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF N. Y.**, 5th Av. & 103d St. Journey of Medicine (older children), Sat., Nov. 7, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.  
**AMER. MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**, Central Park W. at 79th St. La Salle & Forest Conservation, Wed., Nov. 4, 4 p.m. (recorded music at 3:30 p.m.); The Navajos, Sat., Nov. 7, 2 p.m.

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# New movies reviewed

**THE OVERCOAT**, World Theater, 49th St. E. of Broadway.

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 J. T. M.

### Youth Committee calls Rosenberg conference

**A NEW Provisional Youth Committee** in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case (1050 6th Av., N.Y.C. 18) will hold its first city-wide conference Sun., Nov. 1, 10 a.m.-noon and 1:30-5 p.m. at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, Broadway and 76th St. The conference call points out the stake of young people in the fight for a defendant's right to be tried on his own case, not by prevailing hysteria. The conference's aim: a united policy and program.

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# The farm crisis

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nessmen more than twice as much, \$1,041,000,000.)

Now the farmers are scared of the future and are kicking back. As a Mississippi dirt farmer told the House Agriculture Committee, which is touring the country for a grass-root survey: "We're in a stream of worryin'." In a survey of 10,000 youngsters at the recent convention of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, 78% answered "Yes" to the question: "Are farmers in your area worried about farm prosperity?" And 56% blamed Republicans for the drop in farm prices.

**DAWN IN WISCONSIN:** The Administration was jolted to its heels on Oct. 13 when Wisconsin's traditionally Republican 9th Congressional District elected a Democrat for the first time in history. State Sen. Arthur Padrutt, the loser, had campaigned on the slogan: "Give President Eisenhower a Real Helper On His Team." Sen. H. Styles Bridges, who campaigned for him, warned:

"A turnover in this district would be a stunning blow against the Administration."

Republican Gov. Walter Kohler raised the same issue:

"The civilized world will be watching your votes to learn whether the Eisenhower Administration truly has the support of this nation."

**"STINGING REBUKE":** Victor was Democrat Lester Johnson, a small-town district attorney, who campaigned strongly on the farm issue, insisting that a vote for him was a vote against the Benson policies. In conceding defeat, Padrutt said:

"The results show very clearly that the farmer and laboring man do not like the present Administration's policies and took this opportunity to show their displeasure."

Said Democratic State Chairman James E. Doyle:

"Johnson's victory is a personal tribute. But Padrutt's defeat is a stinging rebuke to Eisenhower and Gov. Kohler. Kohler himself insisted on making Eisenhower the issue. And he got the answer loud and clear; and let the world note that in Wisconsin a candidate who emphatically condemned McCarthy was elected against a candidate who weaseled on the McCarthy issue."

**CAUTIOUS HOPE:** Said the Madison Capital Times (which habitually uses a small "m" for "McCarthyism"):

The sweep of Lester Johnson's victory raises the hopeful possibility that mccarthyism and other Republican medicine shows are losing their appeal.

Neither Eisenhower nor Benson had any comment. But Benson announced a reorganization of his Dept. which sent up more howls from farmers and their organizations; under the new scheme he would abolish the Production & Marketing Administration, close up all regional offices of the Soil Conservation Districts, do away with both the Dept.'s Poultry Branch and the

Bureau of Agriculture Economics. Several Congressmen angrily demanded no action on the reorganization until Congress can take a look at the plan.

**GOP BROMIDE:** Eisenhower and Benson met together; Benson started out with the President on the latter's recent tour but returned quickly to Washington. Eisenhower in a farm speech in Kansas City uttered platitudes and said farm problems were being "studied." The President met with his Natl. Agricultural Advisory Commission, but would say only that it would produce a farm program to help farmers get "their fair share of the national in-



"DROUGHT, INSECTS AND BENSON TOO. . ."

Federal aid was too late in one of the nation's worst droughts

come and work for the good of all." As Sen. Milton R. Young (R-N.D.) put it:

"If the present Republican Administration has a farm policy, I certainly do not know what it is, nor, I believe, does anyone else."

But the clue to a "Benson Plan" was found in a little 12-page booklet issued by the Agriculture Dept.; the Natl. Union Farmer quoted its key paragraph and commented:

"The basic long-range needs of American agriculture are to reduce costs, to improve quality, and to expand markets. The sound approach to every one of these needs is through research and education."

If this is the sound approach that American farmers need, then it would seem that price supports, soil conservation, an ever-normal granary, REA and low-cost farm credit are out the window.

**INSECTS PLUS EZRA:** By last week demands for Benson's resignation were growing steadily, in and out of Congress. Sen. Young, a power in Republican ranks, was for it and said Eisenhower's announcement that he will not take the stump in coming Congressional elections

"... will help the Republicans greatly in the Midwest where the Administration's lack of farm policy and their multi-billion-dollar . . . give-away program are very unpopular."

Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb.) said Benson has been guilty of "inept remarks" and that his resignation would be "in the best interests of the country." At Minneapolis hearings of the House Agriculture Committee, four speakers who demanded Benson's resignation drew applause from the audience. Said

J. C. White, Texas Agriculture Commissioner:

"Drought, insects and Benson, too, are just too much for our farmers."

**BILLION-\$ BUMBLE:** Sen. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.) charged that under Benson "farmers have lost in eight months just about everything it took 20 years to build up." Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) said Benson's "bumbling decreased their [the farmers'] income by one billion and a half dollars." Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D-Okla.) told a Natl. Farmers Union meeting:

"Now, I know the President is a good man. I believe he is a sincere

man—small and medium operators—want a 90% of parity price support on their live cattle to save them from immediate bankruptcy. As a Wyoming rancher put it, all he could hope for was "just enough to eat three times a day for the next year."

**"WERE GOING BROKE":** Benson listened politely as the cattlemen described their grievances. Many showed their resentment of his "rabble rouser" remark; one said:

"We're not rabble or rabble and not here to rabble-rouse. We feel we're in enough trouble and the rest of the country will soon follow unless something is done."

Their spokesman, Dennis Driscoll, told Benson:

"We do need help and we need it now. . . . We speak for the man with 200 head or less. They are going broke and going out of business. There are many in this hall now who are broke, and unless the government does something, when they go home they will have to sell out and quit."

**OUTLOOK—DIM:** Benson said he had an "open mind" on price supports, then made a speech indicating clearly he does not intend to grant them. When he finished, Driscoll said:

"Mr. Secretary, if that's the only outlook we have, God help the cattle industry."

Something had to give. Farm income is at its lowest, food prices are at their highest, with no relief in sight; on Oct. 19 the Agriculture Dept. reported: ". . . the cost-price squeeze is likely to continue in 1954 about the same as in 1953."

## In the family

**WE** had a little party in the GUARDIAN office last week to mark the actual date of our Fifth Anniversary. It was a nice warm party. The staff was all there, and the printers came up from the composing room. Vito Marcantonio came in and offered a toast. There were no fireworks and no fiery speeches, but there was a quiet feeling of satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. Everybody felt they belonged, and that they would belong for a long time to come. . . . We're pleased as punch to report that the first outside-the office party was held in Bridgeport, Conn. where we have a group of stalwarts, on Oct. 23. They set themselves a goal of 50 new readers by the end of the year.

Birthday presents continue to arrive accompanied by good wishes. Missoula, Mont. writes: "All good wishes and the best of luck to all you courageous people. May you all be blessed with happy thoughts and a good future and a very pleasant anniversary. Enclosed is \$5 to help a little." . . . Los Angeles, Calif., says: "Keep going. Expose the jingoists." . . . From Boston, Mass.: "Enclosed check (\$5) to wish you Courage—Persistence—Success on your Fifth Anniversary." . . . The New Haven Neighborhood Women's Group says: "We greet you on your Fifth and wish you many more. Enclosed \$5 to help you in your wonderful work." . . . Long Beach, Calif., writes: "I don't know how anyone could now do without such a paper. Its very presence each week in our home is a morale builder and gives us courage, and in turn we wish we were able to do as much for the GUARDIAN. Our combined effort is what will get the people educated."

We know many more parties being planned all over the country, but too many of them are "surprise parties" —to us. Come on, share the details with us! We'll be glad to help in every way possible. . . . And here's a tag-end reminder to all Guardian Angels in Los Angeles about the First Annual Guardian Birthday Ball at the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Dec. 12. See the ad on p. 7 for details.



EZRA TAFT BENSON They marched on Washington

# Sobell asks rehearing in Appeals Court

ATTORNEYS for Morton Sobell, who is serving a 30-year sentence in Alcatraz as a "co-conspirator" with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, moved last week for a re-hearing by the U.S. Appeals Court of Sobell's plea for a new trial. The court tersely rejected the new-trial plea last month.

In their new petition, attorneys Howard N. Meyer, Harold M. Phillips and Edward Kuntz cited the case of "Griffin v. U.S." in which a motion for a new trial was granted by the Supreme Court. Convicted of murder, Griffin won a new trial on the basis of the newly-produced fact that the dead man (unknown to Griffin) had an opened penknife in his pocket when slain; he did not produce anything bearing directly on the testimony of five government witnesses who denied Griffin's claim of self-defense. But in his brief on the Griffin case, presented to the Supreme Court, the Atty. General had stated that "... where the offense is of a serious type, and particularly in a capital case ... the proper rule [for granting a new trial] should be that there is a reasonable possibility that its consideration by a jury at a new trial would result in the return of a different verdict."

**THE 5 POINTS:** Sobell's attorneys pointed out that the government's entire case against him "rested on the testimony of a single 'accomplice'" as compared with five government witnesses against Griffin; and that the Griffin precedent "would seem to indicate that a single item of tangible evidence, corroborating a defendant's story, is enough in a case where the crime is so heinous and the punishment so severe." As against the "knife" evidence in the Griffin case, the new evidence in the Sobell case showed that:

- (1) The Rosenbergs never did have any such console table as described at the trial (GUARDIAN, 4/13);
- (2) David Greenglass had stolen uranium;
- (3) Greenglass' own wife had called him a habitual liar;
- (4) Greenglass had made prior inconsistent statements;
- (5) There was evidence of a "deal."

It was further pointed out that the trial court, on the new-trial motion, made no findings on any of the new evidence but merely dismissed it as "flimsy ... nothing of significance." But the questions raised were "more in both quantity and quality" than in the Griffin case, "and there is likewise exposure of fabrication by government witnesses, and suppression of evidence by government counsel." In light of these questions the attorneys submitted to the court "the propriety of going forward with a fully briefed and argued appeal."

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### San Francisco

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This audit cannot, of course, reflect the income and expenditures of the many local Committees throughout the country. It must be borne in mind, therefore, that the total amount of money given by the American people is a multiple of the income shown here. Likewise, the expenditures for such items as delegations, printing, public meetings, advertising and publicity, postage and freight, telegrams, and funds for Michael and Robert Rosenberg are also in multiples of the figures reflected in this financial report.

Percentages and asterisked notes have been added to the auditors report by the Committee to reflect in greater detail the generalized items under which they appear.

INCOME	
Contributions and Collections*	\$205,659.34
Dinner Committee	19,323.38
Affairs—Randall's Island No. 1	12,924.79
Randall's Island No. 2**	292.40
Sundry Affairs	3,296.69
Trial Records and Literature	13,737.56
Refunds for Delegations to Wash., etc., for RR fares, etc.	47,283.38
Interest on Telephone Deposit	12.53
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$302,530.17</b>

\* Total on contributions and collections includes \$4,194.18 additional proceeds of the dinner committee.  
\*\* This public meeting was held on Sept. 16 and therefore does not reflect full income and expenses.

EXPENSES	
<b>LEGAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, WELFARE, ETC. EXPENSES</b>	
Legal Fees and Expenses*	\$29,541.44 13%
Legal Printing	11,323.39 17%
Delegations to Wash., etc.—RR, buses, etc.	57,859.09 22%
Printing of Literature**	71,815.23 6%
Traveling and hotels for Staff, Committee members and additional personnel***	20,142.32 5%
Affairs—Randall's Island No. 1	7,538.92
Randall's Island No. 2	1,665.60
Dinner Committee Advances	9,016.22
Federal Admission Taxes	1,903.00
Permits, etc.	195.30
Conferences and Organizational Expenses	1,530.00
Advertising and Publicity****	15,640.88
Speakers' Expenses—Fares, Hotels, etc.	5,458.20
Speakers' Equipment—Sound Trucks, etc.	1,809.60
Postage and Freight for Literature, etc.	10,773.77
Press Clippings and Subs	656.65
Hall Rental	1,879.76
Welfare Expenses—Rosenberg Children*****	1,299.15
Welfare Expenses—Sobell Children	5,042.77
Welfare Expenses—Prison Commissary	490.00
Funeral Expenses	2,494.18
Washington Office Expenses	3,967.63
Telegram Expenses	4,322.53
Sundry Miscellaneous Expenses	930.83
<b>Total Legal, Organizational, Educational, Welfare, etc. Expenses</b>	<b>\$267,346.46—84% of expenditures</b>

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\*\* In addition to the printing of many thousands of form letters for mailing purposes, this expenditure made possible the printing and circulation of approximately 6 million leaflets and pamphlets and half a million petitions and postcards.

\*\*\* All told the Committee sent some 10 organizers out into the field at one time or another during its 2-year campaign. Trips for organization and investigations ran from 3 days to 6 weeks, reaching hundreds of communities and covering many hundreds of thousands of miles.

\*\*\*\* The Committee purchased directly about 250 separate ads for a total of about 40,000 lines.

\*\*\*\*\* Most funds for the Rosenberg children went directly to Mr. Bloch rather than through our Committee. The above sum went directly to the children for camp expenses, clothes, gifts, etc. Income from the Death House Letters is kept in a separate fund and is not shown here. Income received by the Committee for the Children's Fund is likewise kept in a separate trust account, and is not included in this report.

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Salaries of National Organizing and Clerical Staff*	\$28,891.95	9%
Rent and Maintenance	2,107.00	
Telephone	3,914.82	
Stationery and Supplies	4,363.23	
Payroll Taxes	355.88	
Auditing Fees	500.00	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	969.45	
Rental of Office Machines	935.30	
Outside Services and Fees**	4,947.70	
Bank Charges and Office Miscellaneous	715.65	
Moving Expense	109.00	
Local Fares	870.09	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$48,671.07—16% of expenditures</b>	

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\* The highest salary paid was \$96 per week before tax deductions. The number of persons on Staff varied from time to time, numbering at its height 10, of whom 7 were professional and 3 technical. The National Office paid the salary of a full time professional worker in Chicago, and at various times paid the salaries of workers in Boston, New Jersey and Washington, D. C.

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### ASSETS

Cash in Bank—Overdraw	(431.23)
Petty Cash Fund	50.00
<b>Total Cash—Overdraw</b>	<b>(381.23)</b>
Deposits Receivable—N. Y. Tel. Co.	585.00
Con. Edison Co.	15.00
<b>Due from Book Fund</b>	<b>265.15</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS 483.92**

### LIABILITIES

<b>TAXES PAYABLE</b>	
Withholding Taxes Payable	683.70
Social Security Taxes Payable	77.02
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>	<b>760.72</b>
Accounts Payable	9,640.56
Loans Payable	3,570.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>13,210.56</b>

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# Hallinan defense on in trial's 6th week

THE government case against Vincent Hallinan, West Coast labor attorney and 1952 Progressive Party Presidential candidate, and his wife Vivian on charges of \$65,221.57 income tax evasion ended in the sixth week of the trial in San Francisco. The defense case, which attorneys began to present Oct. 26, is that the Hallinans do not owe a cent; they ascribe the trial to political persecution for their many progressive activities.

While he was running for President, Hallinan spent six months in McNeil Island penitentiary for "contempt" when he defended longshore leader Harry Bridges in the latter's perjury trial in 1949-50. Mrs. Hallinan, mother of six sons, campaigned for her husband while he was in jail; she is independently wealthy as successful owner-manager of San Francisco apartments.

**"YEARS" ON THE TRAIL:** The government produced Bureau of Internal Revenue agents to establish that the Hallinans "spent twice their reported income" in 1946-50 and still became "even more wealthy." It claimed Hallinan "kept no books" for his extensive legal practice, despite admission in evidence of bales of check-books, stubs, canceled checks and tax "work sheets."

BIR agents Richard Nossen and James Compton, two of 50-odd witnesses called by prosecutor Macklin Fleming, said they had worked for years tracing the Hallinan income; that the couple failed to report large items received by the law firm, and that Mrs. Hallinan took illegal deductions for expenses in her apartment-house ventures.

**PROSECUTION FLAWS:** ILWU secy-treas. Louis Goldblatt testified that Hallinan spent more of his personal money on the Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt defense than his firm had received in fees for the case (\$15,000). Under defense cross-examination

(James C. Purcell and Edwin V. McKenzie for Hallinan, James E. Burns and Victor Barlogio for Mrs. Hallinan), the BIR agents made these admissions:

- That a \$2,500 item for entertainment and advertising listed as a business expense, and specifically allowed by the government in 1949, was now listed as an illegal deduction;
- That items listed by the agents as fraudulently entered under "repairs" had been properly listed;
- That the Hallinans omitted to take many deductions to which they were entitled, including \$2,500 in interest payment; there was also a \$1,000 error in the government's favor in 1950.

**WHERE'S THAT 30c?** The trial settled down into a wrangle over endless items and technicalities, with one protracted argument over a 30c discrepancy on a \$32,000 item. The Hallinans promised after their case opened to account for every "fraudulent" item. Testimony so far indicated the government cannot understand how a wealthy man can be as generous as Hallinan has been shown

to be; his former law partners said that in many legal cases they got the bulk of the fees.

For either or both of the Hallinans to be convicted the jury must be convinced they deliberately tried to conceal their income and evade taxes on it. Behind the case lies the as yet unemphasized fact that tax deductions were taken for many items which would never have been questioned had the Hallinans not been involved in progressive causes. Federal Judge Edward P. Murphy seemed to be trying the case with scrupulous judicial fairness.

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