ary elements around Goldwater was a harbinger of what is to come. It will inevitably promulgate a symmetrical development to the left. The organized labor movement, like the Negro organizations, will be under great pressure to deliver something from the Johnson victory which they ballyhooed. This will be all the greater because of the reciprocal effect in the two sectors. The victory of the Labour party in Great Britain adds a further element operating in the same direction. Why can't the American trade unions do at least as well as their British cousins in politics?

A great cleavage plane runs through the Democratic party. The development of the class struggle will eventually convert this into a fissure. That, however, is something for the future.

The vote for the valiant Socialist Workers party and for the Freedom Now party (which ran in the state of Michigan) will not be known until the official results are compiled, probably some weeks from now. They met with a good reception during their campaigning, however. The Socialist Workers party reached hundreds of thousands with the message of revolutionary socialism and once again put up a strong defense of the Cuban Revolution as it did in the 1960 campaign.

MASS ARREST OF LEFT COMMUNIST LEADERS IN WEST BENGAL

CALCUTTA, Oct. 31 -- The West Bengal government suddenly swooped down on the Left Communist party [pro-Chinese] in the early morning hours yesterday and arrested nearly half the newly elected state committee, including its secretary, in an apparent attempt to disorganise the All-India Congress of the organisation which starts here today.

Those arrested, numbering more than 23, include the most important organisers and public figures of the party in this state. They also include nearly forty per cent of the West Bengal delegation to the party congress. It is significant that almost all of them are spokesmen of the more radical wing of the party who had won a decisive victory over the moderates and the centrists at the recently held state conference. [See page 24.] Political circles here feel that the government's latest action is also aimed at weakening the voice of the "extremists" at the party congress.

Criticising the arrests, a spokesman of the Central Executive Committee of the Left CPI said that these arrests reflected the government's panic at the growing influence and strength of their party, particularly at a time when the bankruptcy of the government's policy was being increasingly exposed before the masses. He declared also that the party congress would be held as usual and "the congress would follow the correct path to build up a Marxist-Leninist party in India."