

# WALL STREET WINS ANOTHER ELECTION

## Carlson Campaign in Minnesota Points the Way

## No Labor Party On National Ballot

### WEST COAST SHIP TIE-UP STILL FIRM

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—The Pacific Coast steam schooner strike continued this week with the deadlock unbroken, following rejection by the unions of Secretary Perkins' arbitration proposal.

With 47 steam schooners of the coastwise trade tied up, members of the Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks and Stewards, and the Marine Engineers are on strike, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific locked out.

Anticipating increased government pressure on the unions following the national elections next week, the shipowners apparently have gone back on their implied promise of a \$5 increase. The boss press has insistently raised the phony "national defense" wall, and the shipowners expect that when next Tuesday has been safely tucked away the government will move in and turn on the heat.

Meanwhile the Marine Engineers, instead of holding fast to the sort of united union front originally proposed by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, have reduced their original demands.

The unity proposal of the SUP, which would bring the unions together to act collectively as they did under the old Maritime Federation, has been met only with the phony Stalinist excuses of the Bridges' machine.

The agreement which the SUP proposed was:

"It is hereby agreed among the following unions: SUP, MFOU, MM & P, and MEBA, that the unions pool their efforts to secure new agreement on the steam schooners and that no union or unions shall return to work until all unions secure new agreements satisfactory to their own membership.

"It is further agreed that no official, union or unions shall submit any point in dispute on the steam schooners to arbitration of any type or form.

"It is also agreed that this agreement shall be binding upon the Headquarters and the Branches of all unions signatory hereto, and it is fully understood that in the event that any union or unions violate this agreement before all unions have agreement satisfactory to their own membership, or any union or unions submit, or agree to submit, any point in dispute to arbitration of any type, all other unions signatories hereto shall be released from this agreement."

To this proposal of the SUP, the Stalinists have replied only with evasive excuses. The Voice of the Federation, organ of the CP waterfront machine, declares this week in an editorial titled "Hang Together or We'll Hang Separately."

"A disunited labor movement, running off in different directions at the same time—despite the fact that we all want the same thing, better wages, hours and conditions—can never preserve unions in this day and age."

These are weasel-words of the most obvious sort, in view of the Stalinist actions in the steam schooner strike. If the Bridges-controlled unions mean what the Voice says for them, all unions involved in the schooner beef would now be acting in union.

### Greek Resistance Slows Down Italians

### Training Camp News Blocked By Censorship

FORT DIX, N. J. Nov. 4.—Reports that a strict censorship is being exercised at the Army post here have been circulated in the press. The reports include the charge that releases of newspaper correspondents are censored, that only authorized officers are permitted to speak to newspapermen, and that the enlisted men were being deliberately prompted by the army authorities to write home and present a favorable impression of conditions in the training camp.

These reports brought a denial from Colonel Herbert D. Forrest, chief of staff, Forty-fourth Division. In his denial, Colonel Forrest disclosed that a special public relations office and officers has been set up for the division "to facilitate the dissemination of accurate facts to the many newspaper correspondents on the post."

He added, "Any authorized newspaper man may get items of ordinary news value from the PRO'S and items of questionable nature will not be supplied until authorized by the division PRO."

Indication that some restriction is being exercised in the provision of news, especially from the ranks, is given in Colonel Forrest's additional statement, "News correspondents are extended every courtesy to interview specific persons or inspect parts of the area, with the PRO or qualified officer remaining with them during the interview or inspection." Few army privates can be expected to speak their grievances openly before their officers, for fear of punishment or reprisals.

The staff also announced the re-organization of the military police, with a special division for "counter-subversive activities." This usually means protests against bad conditions.

### TROTSKY ON THE GPU

Watch for the next—November—issue of FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

Featuring the article on which Leon Trotsky worked from the first of June until the time of his assassination: "The Comintern and the G.P.U."

### Electric Union Wins Leviton NLRB Election

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—A favorable settlement of the nine-week-old strike of 1,500 workers of the Leviton Manufacturing Co., electrical supplies firm, appeared near as the strikers, by an 18-1 majority in an NLRB election, designated Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL, as their collective bargaining agency. With 93 percent of the eligible workers voting, 1,299 voted for the union, only 70 against.

Mass picketing of the Leviton plant has been continuous since August 22, when the strike began. The walk-out was called after the management had refused all demands for union recognition, wage increases and improved working conditions.

The company bitterly fought the union, and attempted to run scabs into the plant. On October 15, the management called the local draft director and asked for police aid in enabing some scabs allegedly of draft age, hosed up in the plant by the pickets, to leave unmolested in order to register for the draft. The union exposed this move as an attempt by the company to get police aid in running scabs not out of but into the plant.

From the start of the Leviton battle the management raised a howl about "national defense."

### Union Leaflet Brings Arrests At Ford Plant

DEARBORN, Mich., Nov. 2.—Three weeks after the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the principle of "free speech" by a ruling, in the Ford Motor-NLRB case, that Henry Ford has the right to distribute anti-union literature to his employees, 25 members of the United Auto Workers-CIO union were arrested for distributing pro-union leaflets at the big River Rouge Ford plant.

The arrests occurred Friday, when United Auto Workers organizers and members attempted to hand-bill Ford workers as part of the big Ford organizing campaign which the union is trying to get under way.

The latest arrests followed the day after Municipal Judge Lila M. Neuenfelt, in a test case involving R. J. Thomas, UAW president, ruled that the anti-hand-bill distribution ordinance was unconstitutional. Thomas's case was dismissed by Judge Neuenfelt on the grounds that a previous Dearborn ordinance requiring a license for leaflet passing had been invalidated by the state supreme court.

She likewise stated the union must be protected in its rights of free speech corresponding to those granted Ford by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision.

While Dearborn officials announced their intentions of appealing Judge Neuenfelt's ruling to the Wayne County circuit court, in an effort to secure an injunction against the union contending that a local justice was "not the proper official to determine so important a question," the latest 25 arrested union men were being hailed before another Justice, Leo R. Schaefer, who ordered all to stand trial. He ruled that Justice Neuenfelt's decision was not binding, that a ruling from a higher court was necessary.

### Japanese Withdraw Forces in South Part of China

By GEORGE STERN

The Italian war machine has evidently not been able to maintain the same kind of schedule that Mussolini has always boasted he imposed upon the Italian railway system. The degree of resistance offered by the puny forces of the Greeks has of necessity not been great, but it has apparently been great enough to prevent Mussolini's mountain troops from making it an easy jaunt over the Albanian passes.

Meanwhile those who were watching Turkey to see what would happen got their answer last week from President Inonu, who announced continued Turkish neutrality despite previous pledges of assistance to the Greeks in case of attack. The continued concentration of German troops on the Rumanian-Bulgarian border and the constantly repeated threat of a direct German attack on the Dardanelles may mean that the Turkish stand will waver little. When the diplomatic maneuvers are done with, the Axis drive for the Near East will continue at the Nazi pace.

Meanwhile on the Far Eastern front there are ample indications of new developments of considerable magnitude. Last week Japanese forces began a systematic withdrawal from the south China province of Kwangsi. Nanning, the provincial capital, was recaptured by the Chinese. A few days later, evacuation of the Kwangtung island base of Wai-chow, was announced. Rumors soon multiplied these evacuations. Chinese reports said that the Canton area might likewise soon be recaptured. Similarly in Central China the Japanese were reportedly planning to fall back from Yochow and Ichang, farthest points reached in last spring's Yangtze river offensive.

The current explanation in the press here is that the Japanese are preparing for hostilities against the British, in particular against Hongkong, on the South China coast, and the naval base at Singapore. In support of this it is reported that many of the evacuating forces are being concentrated on Hainan, island off the South China coast.

However such a move would not be enough to explain in itself such extensive Japanese withdrawals from Chinese fronts. Japan's main problem in the unfolding war situation has been the liquidation of the stalemate in China in order to free Japanese forces for further adventures against the British.

To this end a considerable effort has been made in recent months to get Gen. Chiang Kai-shek to talk peace with the Japanese. Chiang, who can clearly see a Japanese-American clash in the offing, has been in a position to take a stiff stand. In all previous parleys and presentations of peace terms, Chiang has always demanded Japanese evacuation of Chinese territory. This, until now, the Japanese have always refused to concede.

It may be, however, that the present withdrawals are part of the latest Japanese attempt to woo the Chungking regime into

### Labor's Only Road Is Organization of Independent Party

Flash!

Out of 551 precincts in Twin Cities, 509 with complete returns show voting as follows:

Carlson	S.W.P.	2179
Thomas	S.P.	1647
Aiken	S.L.P.	968
Browder	C.P.	719

Out state returns not yet available.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 4.—In a stirring appeal broadcast early this evening over station WLOL, Dr. Grace Carlson, candidate of the Trotskyist Anti-War Party for U. S. Senator from Minnesota, called on the workers and farmers to cast their votes against the oppression and violence of capitalism and for the socialist reconstruction of society, by supporting her candidacy tomorrow.

Dr. Carlson, in this wind-up speech of the most vigorous minority party campaign ever conducted in this state, declared:

"Capitalism is a great destroyer of human lives. Not only are millions of young men murdered in its bloody wars, but each year, hundreds of thousands of men, women and children die needlessly because of the failure of capitalism to provide them with the means of life—adequate food and clothing, warm houses and proper medical care."

Scoring the tragic irony of want amidst plenty, Comrade Carlson said, "The United States is the foremost capitalist power in the world, but she cannot insure lives of peace and plenty for the American people. Two-thirds of the world's gold is in American vaults; American warehouses are bulging with surplus food, American cotton growers destroy acre after acre of luxurious cotton plants, yet 'one-third of the nation is ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed.'"

Exposing the roots of the wars and misery of modern society as growing from the soil of capitalism.

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### Bethlehem Steel Blasts Lewis' Hope For "Deal"

John L. Lewis' "reasonable hope" that his support of Willkie would be rewarded by a "reasonable" deal with Bethlehem Steel, open-shop foe of the CIO, was sent glimmering as Eugene Grace, Bethlehem chairman, announced through the press on October 31 that the firm is not negotiating with the CIO.

Grace added, to make the point emphatic, that the Bethlehem bosses still held that a signed contract was not a necessary part of collective bargaining. This is the bosses' way of informing Lewis that he can still cook and serve the broth for their table, but will continue to eat out in the kitchen by himself.

### Third Term Heralds Beginning of Basic Changes in Politics

The refusal of the American trade union bureaucracy to launch an independent labor party during the past period bore its inevitable fruit at the polls Tuesday with the re-election of a boss government.

The second world war now flaming over Europe and the Far East likewise saw its reflection in the election. For the first time in the history of the United States a president is serving his third term.

The election returns show that the masses are far more disturbed over the world situation than they are over breaking precedents. But the unceremoniousness with which the masses brushed aside the no third term custom points directly to more profound changes in future politics in the United States. The death agony of capitalism has begun to have its effect on the political consciousness of the workers and farmers.

Without the slightest doubt a clear call for an independent labor party from anyone of the leading trade union bureaucrats such as Lewis, Green, etc., during the past year would have flashed like a spark in a powder magazine among the workers, releasing a burst of enthusiasm that would have undoubtedly made such a party a major contender in the national political field.

But Lewis, Hillman, and the rest of the Wall Street lieutenants remained mute until the presidential campaign reached the last laps then came out for one or the other of the capitalist parties. Green advised the workers to let their "conscience" be their guide—difficult advice to follow if their "conscience" rejected the boss parties on the ballot.

A remarkable opportunity to launch the drive for an independent party of labor was thus knifed in the back.

As in previous elections the campaign was completely dominated by the two capitalist political parties, the Democratic and Republican. As in previous elections they had no fundamental differences in program. A vote for either of them was a vote for the bosses and their rule.

But the election platforms of the two parties were likewise astonishingly alike. Neither of them differed an iota on matters of capitalist policy either foreign or domestic. Both favored "peace," both favored the so-called New Deal "reforms," both claimed themselves "friends of labor," both asserted big business would not suffer if they acted as its representative in Washington. The campaign consequently revolved on secondary and tertiary issues even looking at it from the viewpoint of Wall Street.

The re-election of Roosevelt means the intensified application and development of his policies towards plunging the United States into the world war. The election of Willkie naturally would have made no difference on this score or on any of the other problems facing the American capitalist class.

The drive against labor and its past gains will be intensified. Civil liberties, free speech, free-

### ANTI-PICKETING STATUTE VOID IN OREGON

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26.—Oregon's reactionary anti-picketing law, passed by state referendum two years ago, was declared unconstitutional today by a 5-1 decision of the state Supreme Court.

The decision was undoubtedly the result of a protest campaign initiated by the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods almost immediately after the statute went into effect.

Considered the most stringent anti-picketing and anti-strike law of its kind, the statute prohibited almost every form of picketing, forbade "jurisdictional" strikes—a phrase that served to outlaw every strike by permitting the bosses to tag a "jurisdictional" label on it—and drastically curtailed the rights of the unions to raise funds for political purposes or aid to sister unions.

### Negro Sailors Put In Brig

Because they wrote a letter protesting the intolerable Jim Crow conditions in the U. S. Navy and sent it to the Negro press, 15 young colored messmen on the U.S.S. Philadelphia have been clapped into the brig, according to wires received this week by the Pittsburgh Courier.

They are being punished, according to the Courier, "because they used the democratic process to appeal against their mistreatment."

In their letter of protest (reprinted in the Socialist Appeal of Oct. 12 from the Courier) these boys had related the story of discrimination against them as Negroes on the ship, how their job opportunities were curtailed and their chances for advance in pay and rank far more limited than those of the white sailors.

They were treated as "sea-going bell hops, chambermaids and dishwashers," their work "limited to waiting on table and making beds for the officers."

They complained that "in the last nine months there have been nine mess attendants given solitary confinement on bread and wa-

ter" as a result of "the treading on and kicking around we receive here (without being able to do anything about it)."

In explaining why they were signing their names to the letter, "regardless of any action the Navy authorities may take or whatever the consequences may be," they said:

"We only know that it could not possibly surpass the mental cruelty inflicted upon us on this ship."

In the Navy, evidently, imprisonment is the reward for complaints of any kind. If you're being kicked around, you've no right to say anything about it, even in a letter to friends outside. The officer caste, which runs everything in the most autocratic way, won't like it.

Only the struggle for union control of military training will abolish Jim Crowism in the armed forces.

Only a system of union conditions in the armed forces will permit the men through their committees to present grievances concerning their conditions, without fear of reprisals.

### Wall Street Profits Soar

Bethlehem Steel profits for the third quarter of 1940 have soared to 6 percent higher than the highest pre-depression corresponding quarter, in 1929, Eugene Grace, head of the giant steel trust, announced last week. Net profits for the three months ending September 30 were \$12,462,288, compared with the 1929 take of \$11,766,473, after all deductions for taxes, including allowances for the new Excess War-Profits tax.

That this profit is just chickenfeed to what the coming months will bring to the Bethlehem coupon-clippers, is indicated by Grace's further report that orders on the Bethlehem books at the end of September totaled \$1,123,081,930, or virtually four times the back-log of \$288,521,487 on June 30. This tremendous increase in orders is due entirely to government contracts; Bethlehem Steel has received 28-30 percent of all naval contracts.

The latest reported Bethlehem profits are 250 percent greater than the \$5,377,470 million cut in the third quarter of 1939.

These phenomenal profits are, in part, a direct reflection of the open-shop policy of Bethlehem

Steel, which recently received the sanction of the Roosevelt administration. The U. S. District Court of Appeals two weeks ago upheld a series of NLRB rulings against the Bethlehem corporation, charging it with "a plain violation" of the Wagner Act. This decision was nullified in advance by the expressed policy of the federal administration that violations of the federal labor laws are no bar to war contract awards.

In addition to the war profits made by Bethlehem Steel, the New York Times last week disclosed its compilation of the profits of the first 150 leading corporations so far reported for the first nine months of 1940. The net aggregate income for these 150 corporations was \$341,971,003, an increase of 31.9 percent over the \$259,124,379 reported for the same period of 1939.

Republic Steel showed a 224 percent profit gain. Jones and Laughlin Steel gained 2,110.7 percent. L. H. By-Owens-Ford, the flat-glass monopoly, whose executive head, John Biggers, is on the National Defense Commission, made \$7,314,781, or a gain of about 100 percent. Patriotism pays!

### THE BOSS ANSWER

This was the answer the UAW-CIO received to its plea for official "protection" when it announced Thursday, after Thomas's case was dismissed, that it intended to "defy" further attempts to prevent union leaflet distributions by a big turn-out at all Ford gates the next day at 2 P. M.

The phony ordinance on which the arrests have been based prohibits handbill passing on certain streets, mainly those leading to the Ford plant, "as a precaution against traffic congestion." Previous congestion has usually been precipitated by the ganging up of Ford's "service men" on any union agitator who happened to appear.

At the time of the court ruling in the Ford-NLRB case, CIO leaders and press had hailed it as a great union victory. Ignoring the portions favorable to Ford, the union officials pointed to that part of the decision ordering Ford to cease interfering with union organization, indicating that it constituted a major weapon in organizing Ford's.

The present arrests are evidence that Ford does not intend to submit to the court/rulings without a fierce battle. The problem of organizing Ford still is one which only the direct action of the auto workers can solve.

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