

# Bosses Consciously Building Up Norman Thomas; Fear the Rising Struggles of Workers, Says Foster

## LIBERAL SUPPORTER OF SOCIALISTS IN BANKERS' ANTI-VET BONUS GROUP

Oswald Garrison Villard Enters Anti-Labor Group Sponsored by Wall Street  
Vets Rank and File Committee Opens Attack on Legion Forced Labor Plan

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—S. Stanwood Mencken, corporation lawyer, super patriot and notorious labor baiter, announced today that Oswald Garrison Villard, one of Norman Thomas's, Socialist candidate for President, ardent supporters, has joined his Committee to fight against the payment of the bonus.

The committee consists of a large group of reactionary capitalist politicians and bankers who have established this organization, with national headquarters in New York, and who have announced, in a public statement, that they will fight the ex-servicemen.

Oswald Garrison Villard, the supporter of Norman Thomas, has joined the organizing committee of this group, which includes Jules S. Bachs, one of Wall Street's outstanding financiers.

S. Stanwood Mencken, the moving spirit behind this organization, fathered the National Security League, one of the earliest of the anti-labor organizations in this country, and was its first president.

"The fact that this outstanding supporter of the Socialist Party has openly lined up with the big bankers and capitalists against the fight of the veterans proves conclusively the correctness of our statements that the Socialists, like the Republicans and Democrats, are against the payment of the vets' back wages," said Emanuel Levin, National Chairman of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League.

"The only political party supporting and organizing the veterans for this fight is the Communist Party," declared the vet leader.

In connection with the preparations that are now being made by the National Veterans' Rank and File Committee for the nation-wide march to Washington Dec. 5 to demand full and immediate cash payment of the so-called bonus, a vigorous fight will be launched by the committee in every section of the country for real veterans relief.

**Legion Forced Labor**  
American Legion officials working hand in hand with the starvation city governments throughout the land have established a policy of forced labor for the unemployed ex-servicemen. Veterans in many cities, and especially in the city of Buffalo, are forced to do a day's hard labor for the few miserable pennies worth of so-called relief that is dealt out to them under the direction of the legion leaders. For every cent of this "relief" that the veterans receive they are forced to sign papers agreeing to pay back twofold the amount in cash "when they get a job".

S. J. Stember, one of the leaders of the recent vets march to Washington and member of the National Veterans Rank and File Committee, said today that the Rank and File Committee, which will lead the march to the capital in December, will fight against this forced labor policy until it is abolished.

**N. Y. Vets Busy**  
The New York delegation of 35 veterans which returned from the Cleveland conference Friday will get down to the business of organizing the New York veterans for the march to Washington at once. The entire delegation will meet in the headquarters of the W.E.S.L., 154 W. 20th St.,

### Lame Duck Rescued



Georgia voters rejected Charles R. Crisp for re-election to Congress in the primaries. The mere fact that the voters don't want Crisp meant nothing to Hoover. He appointed Crisp at once to the tariff commission.

### WAGNER MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Voted to Give Billions to Bankers

ALBANY, Oct. 2.—U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner, of New York City, will be the "keynote" speaker at the Democratic state convention opening tomorrow noon here, it was announced by party leaders. The choice of Wagner, who in the Senate voted to give billions to the bankers, while his bill for "relief" to the unemployed provided only forced labor and starvation, shows that the Democratic state machine has nothing to offer the workers of New York State that differs not one whit from the Hoover hunger program.

It is rumored that Wagner may also be nominated for Governor at this convention, and that Lieutenant Governor Lehman, notorious for his strike-breaking plots with the labor fakers of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, will take Wagner's place in the Senate to carry on the Hoover hunger program on a national scale.

### Equal rights for the Negroes and self-determination in the Black Belt.

at 8 p.m. Wednesday to discuss the immediate steps to be taken to spread the united front for the bonus into every veterans' organization. Following this meeting general meetings will be held in the headquarters of every post of the WESL Thursday night. All veterans are urged to attend these meetings where a full report of the Cleveland conference will be given.

## Tells Reasons for Press Publicity for Socialist Party

Both Hoover-Roosevelt Stand for Program of Robbing Masses; Rift in Democratic Ranks Aimed to Aid Hoover Program of Un-disguised Oppression

Only Communist Party Fights Capitalist Parties; Favors United Struggles with Socialist Workers for Winter Relief; for Revolutionary Way Out of Crisis

"The announcement of the Tammany-Republican coalition in Thursday's papers is a political development directly and vitally affecting the national elections," declared William Z. Foster yesterday to a representative of the DAILY WORKER. "It represents another step in the direction of a split in the Democratic Party, primarily designed to secure the re-election of Hoover as the most tried and trusted executive of Wall Street."

Foster's interview was the first which the doctors have allowed him to give since an attack of heart trouble on September 7th forced him to discontinue his national Presidential campaign speaking trip, during which he addressed 75 meetings and travelled 17,000 miles.

**Drive to Put Over Hoover.**

"A gigantic campaign is being organized," said Foster, "that already begins to take shape, to place again at the head of the American government the most discredited and popularly-hated figure that American political life has seen in several generations. The move towards a split of the Democratic Party which is being engineered by the Smith-Young-Baker-Raskob-Shouse-Tammany combination and which if successfully completed will probably re-elect Hoover, is certainly not based upon any fear of Roosevelt's program. If there were any doubts anywhere that Roosevelt's program is the same as Hoover's on all essential questions, these doubts must have been dispelled by Roosevelt's speeches in the last weeks.

They fight most bitterly, but only over the division of the loot provided by a common bandit program. It is precisely this absence of even any serious difference between the main capitalist groups on these questions which has made it possible for the projected bolt of the Smith Democrats to make as much progress as it has."

**Bosses Don't Fear Roosevelt.**

"The motive for this move is not fear of Roosevelt's program, but a fear of the anger of the hungry, disillusioned masses who have been led to hope for a new heaven on earth as a result of Roosevelt's election and who would be immediately faced with a complete reproduction of the Hoover program if Roosevelt should occupy the White House on March 4th."

"Not the least important phase of this high political maneuvering involves the Socialist Party. Both Republican and Democratic Parties have agreed upon and are carrying through a campaign to build up the Socialist Party and Norman Thomas in this election. This is assuming enormous proportions. The amount of favorable publicity being given to Norman Thomas by the Republican and Democratic Parties throughout the country is unprecedented. The Socialist Party, which is almost completely without any press of its own, has been presented free of charge with millions of dollars' worth of publicity by the capitalist press. Norman Thomas is openly praised by the most conservative journals as the peer of Hoover and Roosevelt.



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"While reassuring the capitalists as to the safe and sane character of Thomas and the Socialist Party, the capitalist press at the same time spreads before the masses the most alluring demagogy of Thomas, as to how gradually and painlessly, without any conflict and with the consent of the capitalists, he is going to transform capitalism into a socialist system."

**Use Thomas As Catch-Basin.**

"The main purpose of this elaborate campaign is to provide a sure catch-basin to hold the hundreds of thousands of voters who are daily turning away from the Republican and Democratic Parties in disgust and to prevent them from supporting the Communist Party, which alone offers a program of real struggle against the capitalist system and proposes measures which would really alleviate the suffering of the masses."

"Within this joint Republican-Democratic building up of the Socialist Party there is also a sharp rivalry between the two, in which the Republican Party is definitely attempting to use the Socialist Party as an additional means for re-electing Hoover. Especially in those strategic states in which the voting is expected to be very close, the Republican Party is making special efforts to build up Norman Thomas at the expense of Roosevelt, hoping that his vote will be big enough to throw the election to Hoover even with a minority. Norman Thomas is consciously exploiting this political maneuver and is adjusting all his political speeches to play into the hands of Hoover and the Republican Party."

"This also explains the unprecedented financial support which is being poured into the Socialist Party campaign, especially in these states—a support which certainly does not come from the working class or any section of the exploited masses, but directly from the capitalists themselves."

**If Debs Were Alive.**

"The Socialist Party is cashing in on this situation to build up a large vote. In payment for this it is selling the last shreds of its working class and revolutionary traditions, especially associated with it through the name of Eugene V. Debs. It requires no vivid imagination to know that if the flaming, revolutionary spirit of Debs were alive today, he would blast this unprincipled political chicanery in the most burning terms. But in the hands of Norman Thomas and Morris Hillquit, the tradition of Debs is made the merchandise for most unprincipled political commerce with the Republican Party, the party of starvation and war, the party of Herbert Hoover."

"Let the working class study these developments very closely and understand their significance. They furnish additional proof of the fact which the Communist Party has tirelessly pointed out—that the Republican, Democratic and Socialist Parties are equally the parties of capitalism. They furnish proof that the working class must find a revolutionary way out of the crisis and that only the Communist Party is leading the exploited and starving masses along this way."

## NOW IS TIME FOR REAL MASS STRUGGLE FOR RELIEF, NO WAGE CUTS

While Tammany Factions Reveal Each Others Plans to Slash Pay, and 5-cent Fares  
Workers Should Rally to Communist Call for United Struggle Against Starvation

NEW YORK.—The Communist Party points out to New York employed and unemployed workers that the present factional fight inside Tammany, led by McKee on the one hand, and Curry and Berry, probably for Walker, on the other, is, either way it goes, a pre-election squabble in which the workers are going to be bled white for the benefit of the bankers and traction companies.

The campaign slogans and demagogic exposures of each other which both factions are indulging in, proves that wage cuts of city employees, new starvation for the jobless, and institution of the 10 cent street railway fare are certainties whichever group wins.

**"Save Money" for Bankers**  
The main program of each group is "saving money for the city". They differ only in what they claim is the best way to make the workers and jobless pay for this saving—and neither even promise they will not "save money" by both schemes—10 cent fare and wage cuts. Both factions are serving the biggest business in New York, and their budgetary "reforms" are at the orders of the banks and traction companies.

**Now Is the Time.**  
Now is the time, the Communist Party points out, while the thieves are quarrelling over the best methods of looting the workers, and over who shall do the looting, for all employed and unemployed workers to rally to the call of the Communist Party, for a united front struggle for relief, against wage cuts, against evictions, and to the support of Communist candidates. Now the organization of anti-wage cut committees in the shops, on a united front basis, should be hastened. Now is the time when united front committees of the unemployed, and group organizations in every neighborhood, in the flop houses, in the crowds registered at the relief agencies and the employment agencies, must be rushed forward.

**McKee and Walker**  
The factional split in Tammany which will, if the Court of Appeals rules for a special election for mayor this year, throw Acting Mayor McKee into the campaign as an "independent", opposed most likely by ex-Mayor Walker as the official choice of the Tammany majority, is serving at least as a warning to the workers.

**Wage Cuts**  
Comptroller Berry, backed by the Tammany majority led by Curry, point out that McKee is carrying on a vigorous wage cutting campaign for city workers. He is reviving in an even sharper form Walker's demands that city employees, particularly firemen and school teachers, take a one month's "voluntary wage cut." Berry, Curry and Tammany generally, are making an election campaign against McKee on the basis of pretending to save the city workers' wages.

**10 Cent Fare**  
On the other hand, McKee has already charged in the Board of Estimates squabble, and will again charge in his radio campaign this week, that Berry and Curry and the Tammany majority is willing to slaughter the five cent fare on subways, "El's" and street railways to make a profit for these lines.

There are all kinds of grand stand stunts being arranged, one was for Walker to arrive on the eve of the Democratic Party city convention October 6, and make a triumphant entry into it. But the rotten machinery of the fascist ship "Rex" which

Mayor McKee of New York, who is pushing salary reduction and drastic cuts in relief at the Welfare Bureau so he can share the city's money with the bankers, has issued a manifesto for "Share the Work Week," supposed to begin today. Under this slogan, McKee is calling on employers to concentrate this week on pushing still lower the low wages given to workers, under the mask of this stagger plan by which more workers are supposed to be given jobs, though the total amount of wages paid remains the same.

As in the past, this "sharing" of jobs means no increase in relief for the jobless workers, but instead forced labor for them and for the workers who at present have jobs.

Only the solidarity of the unemployed workers in the ranks of the Unemployed Councils and their unity with the employed workers under the leadership of rank and file united

hung up the ship two days at Gibraltar seem to have spoiled that.

## SHOE STRIKERS WIN DEMANDS

80 In Best Ever Shop Now Fight Pay Cut

NEW YORK.—As a result of the drive started by the bench-made shoe workers, the shop of the Lipp Shoe Co. was settled with a 10 per cent wage increase, no discrimination, no firing and full recognition of the shop committee.

The Slipper Workers mass meeting Friday in Manhattan Lyceum had an attendance of several hundred workers. It was decided to start a drive for improvement in their conditions and for recognition of the Shoe and Leather Workers Union. As a result of this the Best-Ever Slipper Co., 75 Front Street, Brooklyn, which employs 80 workers, went out on strike Saturday morning against a 20 per cent wage cut and for full recognition.

At the mass meeting a large organization committee was elected. It will have its first meeting today at the union headquarters, 96 Fifth Avenue. All elected are urged to come at 6:30 p.m.

## "Young Worker" to Be Out in N. Y. Nov. 7th

The Young Communist League of District 2 announces that the New York City Edition of the Young Worker will definitely appear on Nov. 7th on the occasion of the anniversary of the Russian Revolution. The statement points with alarm to the fact that the drive for the New York edition is proceeding very slowly.

## Easley Wants Doak Hounds Loosed Against Students

National Civic Federation Urges Action Against "Subversive Doctrines"

The rapid growth of the student movement in the United States against the bosses' attacks on educational facilities, and the students' trend to join with the working class in the fight against starvation and war, have alarmed the National Civic Federation, which is a group consisting of capitalists and labor fakers such as Matthew Woll.

Ralph Easley, chairman of the executive committee of that association, sent a letter Saturday to Secretary of Labor Doak, urging him to push his reign of terror further into the colleges to destroy "subversive doctrines," and to send stool-pigeons to yank out professors or foreign students.

International House, adjoining Columbia University, was mentioned particularly by Easley as a "hotbed of radicalism."

Meanwhile the movement against Doak's ruling that no foreign student could get a job is spreading. The Daily Princetonian, a Princeton University campus paper, charged that Doak is making this gesture in the hope that "somehow the Ameri-

can unemployed will starve in a better frame of mind."

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