

Sees Shachtman Mayoralty Ballot As Party Files 14,000 Signatures

A place on the mayoralty ballot for Max Shachtman, national secretary of the Workers Party and its candidate for Mayor of New York City in the coming election, was predicted today by Paul Temple, campaign director, with the announcement that 14,023 nominating signatures were filed last Tuesday with the Board of Elections.

This total is nearly 7,000 over and above the 7,500 signatures required by law, demonstrating that the party's petition drive had gone far over the top. This number is the result of a six weeks campaign which represents the most intensive and concentrated party effort yet undertaken by our movement.

"The outstanding success achieved in our drive to put the Workers Party and its candidate, Max Shachtman, on the ballot," stated Temple, "demonstrates both the zeal of our party comrades and the popularity of our anti-war program with the workers of New York City.

"These 14,000 signers put down their names upon being told that we want to run an ANTI-WAR candidate against the LaGuardia and Democratic warmongers. The people are against this war and they want an opportunity to show it. Shachtman is the only

candidate in this election who will tell them the unvarnished truth: that none of the imperialist powers in this war—nor England, nor Germany, nor Russia, nor the United States—deserve the support of thinking workers who have nothing to defend but their own rights and interests against their bosses."

"However," he continued, "rumors have reached us of strenuous efforts that will be made, especially by the LaGuardia forces, to try to knock the anti-war opposition out of the running in this election, and by hook or crook deny it a place on the ballot. They can't do it, but we're watching out."

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THE WORLD AT WAR

Knox Describes Role of U. S. In Policing Post-War World For Dying Capitalist System

By MAX STERLING

On October 1, Secretary of the Navy Knox made a speech. It was a very important speech not only because of its content, but because this advance agent of Roosevelt says things which later on Roosevelt himself proclaims.

In this speech Knox elaborated on the business of bossing the post-war world. In their meeting on the high seas, Roosevelt and Churchill already indicated WHO it will be that will shape the world after the war. The Atlantic Charter made it sufficiently clear that this would be the task of England and America. Naturally the United States is expected to be the senior partner in this post-war firm.

It fell to the lot of Secretary Knox, however, to tell us HOW this task would be accomplished. As Secretary Knox is a realist, he is frank enough to admit that after the war a new international order will emerge to guarantee peace and outlaw war forever. This is of course true if capitalism survives, and it is proved by the last World War to end all wars. Thus Knox: "But again let me emphasize that peace, unless guaranteed by force, is helpless. Sometime, somewhere, an international order may emerge which need not rely on force, but that time unhappily, is a long way off.

"In the interim, a justly conducted, peace loving force must intervene to save the world from self-destruction. The foundation of such a force, as I have indicated, must be the control of the seas by the United States and Great Britain."

The idea that America and Britain through their control of the world's seapower, will police the post-war world, will dominate the world imperialistically and will serve as the two great forces upholding the capitalist system of society, is repeated many times in Knox's speech. The Secretary of the Navy, in line with Roosevelt and Churchill, does not, of course, exclude their allies from participating in this proposed set-up. Says Knox:

"Other nations of similar peaceful inclinations, and lacking in aggressive designs, could be joined to

them—the United States and Great Britain."

When, recently, the Allies of Britain and America, including Russia, met in London to approve a Atlantic Charter, they in effect agreed to the Anglo-American post-war plans and assumed for themselves the role of cooperators in the new super-Versailles of British and American imperialism.

We are obliged to Knox that he should so frankly state the cynically imperialistic aims of England and America, of their plans to dominate the world and perpetuate the bankrupt capitalist system besides promising the people wars in the future. The common people will at least know why they are herded into the war to die.

But that is only a part of the Anglo-American scheme and is, moreover, a scheme for the future. Right now Churchill and Roosevelt are concerned also with another problem. What if, in the meantime, the peoples of Europe, who are under the boot of Hitler, should take matters into their own hands? (Continued on page 4)

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KNOX STATES WAR AIMS: RULE THE WORLD BY FORCE!

Secretary Knox's "New" World Order!



Will Use Military and Naval Force to Subjugate Workers And Colonials of the World!

On October 1, Secretary of the Navy Knox delivered an historic address before the American Bar Association.

This super-charged supporter of Roosevelt and American imperialism made the most frank statement to date as to the REAL purposes for American participation in the World War.

"If we are to be able to help re-establish a world ruled by laws [the laws of capitalism, he means] and not by men, we must provide both the MAJOR POWER and the DOMINANT LEADERSHIP."

Knox then went on to speak of the necessity of America openly warring upon and defeating Hitler; of America patrolling and policing the seven seas; of America fighting on foreign soil and continents; of America taking the offense and not remaining on its defense.

Butte Miners Vote Down New Contract

Special to Labor Action

BUTTE—Saturday, September 27 the locals of the International Mine Mill and Smelter Workers' Unions, employed by the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. at Butte, Great Falls and Anaconda, Mont., rejected a new contract, proposed by the company officials and the union committee.

Owing to the peculiarities of hiring conditions in Butte and the fact that at certain mines working conditions are worse than at others, a central hiring system has always been something the miner has tried to avoid, fearing it would rob him of his freedom in choosing a bad or worse working place. The 75 cent raise has been looked upon by the Butte miner as inadequate and the vacation with pay to those who have worked 230 shifts in a year is a joke (Continued on page 4)

He concluded by stating that the United States and Great Britain must control the world for the next hundred years through their superior sea power. "A justly conducted, peace-loving force (?) must intervene to save the world from self-destruction. The foundation of such a force . . . must be the control of the seas by the United States and Great Britain."

Knox, an advance guard spokesman for Roosevelt and Wall Street, has stated clearly what America's relation to the war is all about. He is telling us that "we"—with England as a junior partner—must gain mastery of the world, of its markets and resources, of its commerce and sea lanes. If we (American and British imperialism) don't do it, then our rivals (Germany, Italy and Japan) will do it.

In Knox's speech there is no hypocritical talk of "four freedoms," "eight points," "sharing the world's wealth," etc. There is no talk of "democracy," "labor's rights," "the American way of life," etc. He presented a cold-blooded and simple proposition: TO RULE THE WORLD by military and naval force!

And to use that force not only against rival imperialist powers, but above all against the workers and colonial slaves of the world!

Today, the British and American governments may give some slight encouragement to mass unrest in the Hitler conquered countries. But let this unrest flare into organized rebellions for freedom from Hitler oppression—AND CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION—and Knox's "police" will crack down with military and naval force.

Yes, make no mistake about it. Knox is looking forward to the day when Hitler imperialism has been vanquished by American imperialism, when the United States will rule the world—for 100 years! He is looking forward to the rebellions and the revolutions in all the countries of the world that he knows must come. He is promising that these will be crushed by all the force that American capitalism can muster.

Where is the self-determination of nations that Roosevelt (Continued on page 3)

Missouri CIO Council Raps Government Boards

Delegates Denounce NLRB and OPM—Ignore Stalinist Plea for "National Unity" to Aid "Defense" Production

By ROY GOULD

ST. LOUIS—The convention of the Missouri CIO Industrial Council, held at Jefferson City, September 27 and 28, was marked by a high degree of militancy verging on political consciousness on the part of many delegates and speakers, accompanied by the most belly-crawling pleas for national unity on the part of the Stalinists.

Along with the general militancy, it was clear that the John L. Lewis forces were busy behind the scenes and had everything under control. They mildly spanked Hillman all through the sessions and finally put over an outright denunciation of his OPM back-door, closed-shop agreement with the AFL building trades. The OPM agreement covers all defense building contracts throughout

the country. In Missouri it has locked out thousands of skilled workers who preferred the CIO. As a result of the OPM contracts, workers from all parts of the country have flocked to Missouri, paid \$100 or so to the AFL for work permits, but are not admitted to union membership.

The resolution blamed Hillman personally for this and drew fire from his scattered supporters. This was the only debate of the convention, all other resolutions passing unanimously and uncritically.

Denounce NLRB

Speakers and delegates also denounced the new turn of the NLRB, both in Kansas City and Washington, D.C. In Kansas City, the board is showing obvious favor to the AFL and the General Motors Corp. by re-

fusing to grant the CIO auto workers an election at the Fisher Body Co. plant on the ground that the company has a contract with the AFL—a contract signed since the CIO asked for an election. "This is the only GM assembly plant left with an AFL contract. Last spring the CIO swept an election at the Kansas City General Motors plant."

Auto workers also condemned the NLRB for its new order allowing scabs and sniks to work and for requiring recent application signatures where workers had joined a union several weeks earlier. They were greatly disappointed that the "liberal" Professor Willis had turned against them as soon as he arrived on the board.

R. J. Thomas, speaking as president of the UAW, met the issue

squarely. "I do not intend, as long as I am president of the UAW, to have labor rights taken away, even if we have to sit down again. The sit-down was called unconstitutional, but I do not think that it was wrong—because it turned out right."

"If we are going to protect democracy in America, it has got to be protected all the way. The CIO is the only barrier between minority groups and their losing democracy," he concluded.

Thomas did not fail to rap the OPM and the lack of planning in Washington—which threatened to turn Flint into a ghost town, while building new motor plants in Chicago. He also denounced the National Defense Council, to which he was appointed and where he raised his voice repeatedly, but "might as well be talking

to that brick wall"—while thousands of captains of industry flooded Washington, especially in the Army and Navy Departments.

Norman Smith, colorful leader of the Ford campaign, Powers Haggood and other speakers took up the onslaught of the CIO against the government, but none drew the logical conclusion that labor must build its own party to take over the government. Only the Stalinists made a concrete political proposal, to forget the activities of the AFL and the government—for the sake of national unity in this time of crisis when all Americans were bent upon protecting England, Poland, Greece and the Soviet Union. Fortunately their ideas were too remote from the interests of the worker-delegates and were ignored.

AFL Convention Will Make Jingo Offering to Boss War

On the Second of the Two Major Problems Before the Convention, Racketeering, the AFL Officialdom Will Do Exactly Nothing

By DAVID COOLIDGE

The American Federation of Labor is holding its annual convention in Seattle. The convention will have to face at least two urgent questions: the war and racketeering. The question of unity in the labor movement will also come up, but this really is not a matter that the convention will have to make any practical decision on. It just isn't real and Bill Green knows this. All that will be said or done will be mere shadow boxing.

The executive council in its report said that the war would "overshadow everything." While that is certainly true, we are far from certain what Bill Green means by this statement. There is a hunt, however, in one part

of the report, which says: "If our nation should go into the war and we are faced with the question of rationing labor more directly or are obliged to sacrifice any part of the rights which the American Federation of Labor has established as part of the wage-earners' heritage, we must make those sacrifices voluntarily, acting through our own representatives and with assurance that we shall resume those rights when the emergency is over."

The AFL leaders are here saying directly to the government and the bosses that they are ready to offer up the membership of the AFL on the altar of the imperialist war. All they demand is that the bosses agree to let Green, Weil, Fry and

Tobin take the initiative so that it can appear that the organization is acting "voluntarily." That is, all that Green "demands" is that the government and the bosses give him time to prepare his membership for a "request" to work longer hours, to consent to a ceiling on wages and for "voluntarily" giving up the right to strike. This is Green's and Tobin's conception of the independence of the labor movement. Say Green, Tobin and Fry to the bosses: "Just let us know in advance what you want and we will put it over for you."

These recruiting sergeants of the boss war attempt to make their poison palatable to the ranks of the AFL by some mush about "assurance

that we shall resume those rights when the emergency is over." Even when the "emergency" (the imperialist war) is over, Green and Tobin will not be ready to change. When the "emergency" is over there will be another emergency. There will be tremendous mass unemployment, high taxation to meet the cost of the war debt and economic collapse attended by mass discontent in the ranks of labor. This will probably be the situation even though the "democracies" win the war. In such a situation any move from organized labor to get back the rights which have been "voluntarily" relinquished will be met with opposition from the government and the bosses. And when one looks soberly at the world

situation today, what assurance can there be that after the war, even though the United States is victorious, that the world, including the U.S., will return to pre-war "democracy"?

Fig. Today

The only assurance that labor can have for the possession of democratic rights after the war is to hold on to those rights today while at the same time the unions fight for even more democracy right now. Higher wages and shorter hours after the war or at any time in the future, must be fought for right now. We will get higher wages tomorrow by fighting for them today.

The bosses don't say: "We will

voluntarily" yield our profits now and wait until the "emergency is over" to resume profit taking. All we ask is the assurance that we shall resume those rights when the emergency is over." No, the bosses do just the opposite. They use the "emergency" to increase their profits. It is only from labor that the bosses demand sacrifices. Workers should consider the bowl that went up from the boss class and the boss press when Morgenstau proposed that corporation profits be pegged at 6 percent. Not only do the bosses refuse to give up a ν rights, they refuse even the slightest curtailing of their rights, that is, their profits. It is only the boss stooges like Deacon Green,

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AFL Convention Will Make Jingo Offering

While We Want the Unity of the Labor Movement, We Must Beware of the Fake Unity Cries of Roosevelt and Green

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Strikebreaker Frey, FBI Tobin and...
...the same time demand that...
...to be ready to sacrifice.

Racketeering
The convention will also have...
...the AFL, Green, Tobin and...
...the AFL, Green, Tobin and...
...the AFL, Green, Tobin and...

Butte--

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...all but about 10 per cent of...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The much heralded new contract...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Reputable Stalinists
The report of the executive...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

At least half the members of...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

which they carry on against the...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Furthermore, the racketeer...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Members who object to this...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The AFL is cursed to an...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

These are not even good...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

These are not the "criminals"...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The Greens, Wells, Tobins et al...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

What does the AFL leadership...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Dubinsky Absent
David Dubinsky, who jumped...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The report of the executive...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

These are not even good...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The union of workers in the...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

White workers in the South...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

What kind of unity is it that...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

On the question of "unity" in...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Those who go about today...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Rule the World by Force --

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...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Let the persecuted colonials...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

to the Roosevelt government and...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The AFL under the leadership...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

No Fake Unity
The CIO workers must continue...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

What kind of unity is it that...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Those who go about today...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

also keep a permanent copy in...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The next time FDR speaks...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

IN A FEW WORDS:

The next time you hear a...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The Good and Bad At URW Convention

By BLAKE LEAR

Three significant facts emerged...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

They were: (1) The placing of...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Wage Increases
During the past year wage...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Among the progressive...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

OPPOSING THE USE OF TROOPS
In strike situations, which was...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

BARRING THE FREEZING OF WAGES
In any contract

FAVORING MORE ADEQUATE HOUSING PROGRAMS
Especially for defense workers.

ATTACKING PROFIT HIDING
By corporations and suggesting legis-

tion for the abolition of the practice...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

CALLING FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE EXCESS PROFITS TAX.

DEMANDING HIGHER TAX RATES
For persons in the upper...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

On the Debt Side

While there were other...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Among these were failure to...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

But overshadowing these, of...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Among the progressive...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

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In any contract

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By corporations and suggesting legis-

However, Sherman Dalrymple...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The convention was run in...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

It can be predicted that...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

It won't be the picnic in...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

State of the ownership, management...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

The Readers of Labor Action Take the Floor

Correcting a Mistake About Los Angeles

Dear Editor:
In the last issue of LABOR ACTION I noticed a brief point made by Susan Green in her article on the Los Angeles Convention which...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

From the open shop city of Los Angeles...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

ing the famous 75-10 that aircraft workers...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Not only in southern California...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

W. Gaylord, St. Louis, to add 143 men...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Sees Home Guard Warning Confirmed
Dear Editor:
Several months ago your paper...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

Danly Workers Want CIO Union
Dear Editor:
A few weeks ago the UE-CIO Local 1114...
...the miners. Day's pay men such...
...the miners by the fact that...
...the miners do the actual...
...the miners do the actual...

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