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*Invasion Means Action
 Give Blood! Buy Bonds!
 Till Victory*

Dewey's Plan Robs Servicemen

The Servicemen's Ballot Bill passed by the New York State Legislature and wildly heralded by Gov. Dewey as being the best in the country is depriving the servicemen from this state of their right to vote. The June 14th issue of PM reveals that the percentage of servicemen from the Empire State who have received applications for ballots so far is only 6 1/2%. New Jersey and Pennsylvania using a plan operated on the Federal Ballot procedure are well above the 90% mark.

New Jersey's soldier vote bill was passed at about the same time as the New York measure but New Jersey's Governor, Republican Walter A. Edge does not have his hat in the Presidential ring. PM stated that unlike the N. Y. "no-vote" law, New Jersey's servicemen were not required to send in a signed ballot application. Instead, the "Civilian" Defense organizations, under orders of Gov. Edge, conducted a statewide canvas collecting the name and military address of every New Jersey man and woman in the service about whom such information was available.

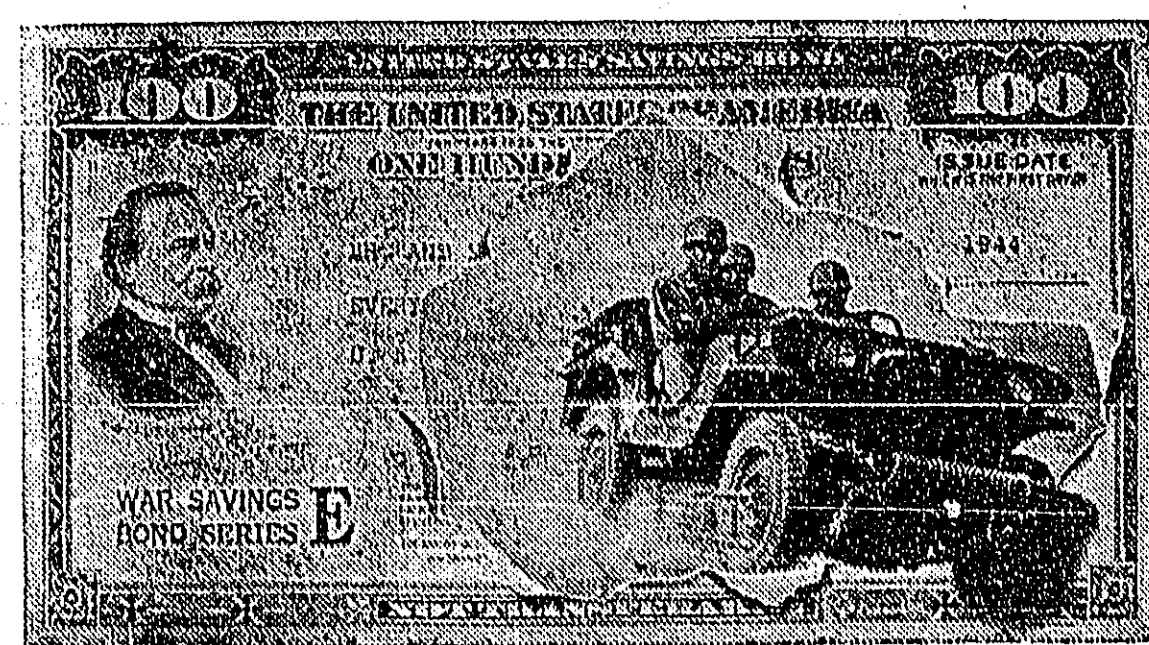
Last March Dewey told the Legislature that his plan was simple and workable, but time has shown strikingly clear how ineffective his plan is. Despite the efforts of Democratic leaders, organized labor and progressive groups, Dewey has shown no sign of wanting to amend the present law to make it workable for the benefit of the serviceman and woman. It is now evident that he is using this ballot law to keep the servicemen from casting a ballot because he fears that the boys will vote against him and will support the win-the-war administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the fall elections.

Local 301 Legislative Committee has made attempts to have Dewey call a special session of the Legislature in order to consider some changes in the bill but Dewey has had a deaf ear. Letters were sent to Republican leaders, councilmen and supervisors in the City of Schenectady urging them, on behalf of Schenectady's thousands of men in the service, to call on Dewey and to make known to us the results they had obtained.

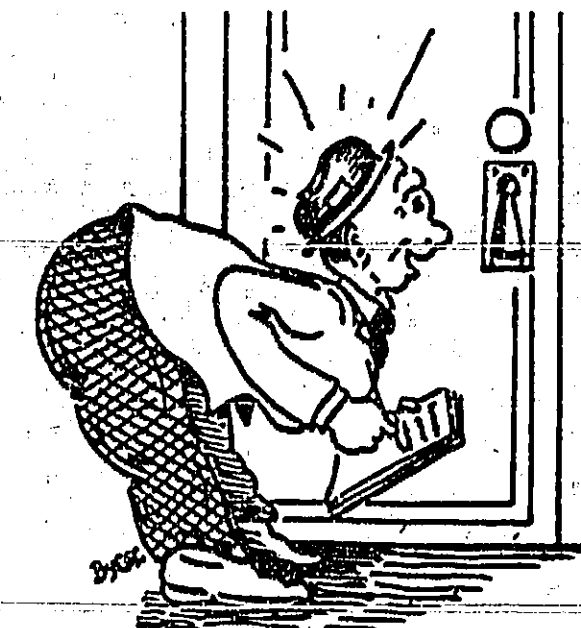
To date NOT ONE of those people to whom letters were sent have even acknowledged receipt of the letters! It is quite strange that most of them acknowledged labor's letters during last fall's elections.

Organized labor cannot and must not forget the Dewey Republicans' attitude on this issue. Every serviceman and woman from this state and the City of Schenectady will know who deprived them of their right to vote. Together with organized labor, they will place the responsibility for this breach of democratic rights where it belongs. THEY WILL NOT FORGET!

Have You Bought Yours Yet?



Man Around Town FDR Needed For Unity-Leadership



"Never has there been a time in our national history when the people needed leadership and unity more than today. . . . We here in the United States have a solemn duty to provide inspiration to our people and to all mankind. That duty can best be fulfilled by a declaration of unity in support of our Commander-in-Chief."

That is how CIO President Philip Murray led up to his stirring call for a fourth term for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

BALONEY

The whole American people know President Roosevelt's magnificent record of national leadership—how he lifted the country out of the quagmire of depression and despair and led it to the solid ground of economic and social progress.

LABOR in particular owes him a debt of undying gratitude. It suffered most of all from the poverty and unemployment which preceded the New Deal.

It gained most of all from the progressive social legislation which Roosevelt promoted—laws guaranteeing the right to organize and affording a greater measure of security and opportunity to the working people.

But the world has furnished an even greater test of Roosevelt's leadership. He has mobilized the nation for victory as no other leader could have done. He has been truly a people's leader in a people's war.

Roosevelt is the symbol and inspirer of national unity for victory. He has also won world renown—as the most consistent, effective and aggressive advocate of the closest United Nations unity for victory over fascism and to lay the groundwork for enduring peace and post-war prosperity.

America cannot dispense with such leadership in this most critical year of world history. Roosevelt's call for a fourth term for President Roosevelt therefore expresses the heartfelt desire of nearly every CIO member and of all other thoughtful and patriotic Americans who set their country's interests ahead of petty partisan political considerations.

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An Important Date

ONLY 5 MONTHS TO NOVEMBER 7th!

D Day In Schenectady

Over station WGY in Schenectady came reports from cities throughout the country. They told how place after place had risen spontaneously to the occasion. One city had mass prayer meetings. Other cities had rallies, back the invasion rallies. Every small village or town showed varying degrees of interest or excitement, every town except Schenectady.

So far as the leadership in Schenectady was concerned it was just another day. From 7:00 o'clock in the morning till late at night, Business Agent Jandreau tried to stir up the leaders of the community to take some action appropriate to the occasion. At the G. E. personnel office the best he could get was permission for anyone who wished to take off an hour to go to church and even that concession was not announced through the plant.

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Sailor Praises Local 301 Record in Letter

The following letter was recently received from F. D. Carr, DM2-C who is now stationed at a Navy base on the Atlantic Coast. His letter brings out what the service men think of Local 301's program. It is as follows: Fellow Workers:

Today I received the Local 301 Electrical Union News, for which I thank you. Keep up your good work. Local 301 has a grand bunch of fellows. . . . I see by the paper you are getting the office workers under your wing. Nice going, for they really need help and are willing to accept it from what many told me before I left. Looking back I can see where U.E. Local 301 has a record to be envied by other unions; blood donors, war bond drives, community chest, etc. For that reason I am at a loss to understand GE stopping the distribution of our paper at their gates on company property. During my free times I have read issues of the Electrical Union News and have never seen anything to harm anyone. . . . So long for now.

Very truly yours,
 F. DON GAER.
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BUY EXTRA WAR BONDS Today!

Are You A Good Representative

By Merrill E. Small, Bldg. 60

To be a good representative you must possess several qualities. A quick clear-thinking mind and be able to control yourself under trying conditions. You must be willing to forego your own thoughts to be able to comprehend the thoughts of the people you represent. At no time should you take their thoughts for granted.

You are the contact and safeguard of your group. Above all you must remember your voice and actions must be that of your group. A truly good representative will at all times keep his group informed of union activities and at no time should you act upon any subject till you have explained it to your people and the let your actions be guided by their request.

Any large union is built around its representatives. They are the lawyers of the organization. Its up to them to act as a lawyer between the worker and the foreman.

At the same time each representative should keep his group informed which trend to effect working conditions. You cannot expect a union of all actions outside of the shop member to be interested in something that he knows nothing about.

When information is given to you at your representative meetings don't keep it to yourself, but pass it on to your group. So that when they attend a membership meeting they will be able to more clearly understand the issues which they will have to act upon.

That's important. Pass the information you receive on to your group.

Activities Comm. In U. S. O. Group

The Activities Committee of Local 301 met with the USO Executive committee recently and it has been arranged for the Union group to have charge of the activities at the USO center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. This has been done due to the fact that attendance at the center by war workers has fallen off a great deal and it is felt that with union people arranging the affairs, more will be attracted. The first war workers night under the supervision of this group will be June 28th which will feature a dance and entertainment. A 25c admission fee will be charged. Service men are invited.

The Activities committee is comprised of the following people: Frank Irick, James Craig, Foster Campbell, Carmine Marconie, Erlene McGann, Walter Mohyde, John Dason, Martin Burgess, Joseph Manur, Donald Claus, John Green, Bernice Green, Genevieve Winarski and Pat Vottis, chairman.

War workers who have not as yet visited the USO are welcome to enjoy and to use the facilities there which provide enjoyment and recreation to suit any taste. Any union member who wishes to make suggestions for programs may do so by calling Genevieve Winarski at union headquarters.

In addition to the activities committee program, the committeewomen of Local 301 at their meeting last week elected the following committee to sponsor in conjunction with the Activities Committee a Sunday night buffet supper for military personnel in the near future: Irene Patterson, Mae Haight, Barbara Cimino and Bee Turner.

SHOP + SHORTS

BUILDING 10

Rose Carbone
 We all miss Carol Bucholski and are glad to hear that she is on the road to recovery.

Nellie Pier, Alma Overman and Ted Jeffs have transferred to our department from Websters and we enjoy having them here.

Ben Schneider has returned from his vacation nicely tanned.

Susan Dockerty who was on the sick list has recovered and returned to work.

CAMPBELL AVE. DEPT. DEDICATES FLAG
 Workers in the spare parts department of the Campbell Avenue Plant observed Flag Day by dedicating a new flag which will hang in their department.

The following people from the department made blood donations during the week. They are Rose Jones, Lucy Mazza, Mary Ann De-Orio and Pauline Williams.

TROY SNIPES

We who are left on the home front should gladly back the attack and buy that extra war bond. It is better to lend today than to give tomorrow. So let's all do our part and hurry the boys back home. There are a lot of people not doing their part and why, I hope this poem will explain:

War doesn't mean a thing
 Until it strikes at home
 It's just something else to talk about
 In the evening or early "morn",
 A score of men may be lost at sea
 And their memory so soon gone
 But wait until there is just one lost
 That we've played with or we've known

And when it takes a relative
 We feel it through and through
 And criticize the thoughts of everyone
 That think like we used to do
 The Lord moves in a mysterious way
 His work is never harm
 Though the things he does
 That grieves us most
 Are to show us right from wrong.

Opening and closing the program were patriotic songs sung by the following workers of the section: Miss Vitolo, J. A. Hogan, Miss Stanislaw, and Miss J. Costanza. W. Bliss was at the piano.
 Clifford Maxfield, veteran of 19 months in the Pacific war and now employed in Bldg. 14, received an ovation when he made a plea for support of the fighting men.

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP by Yomen

"Two Gentlemen from the CIO Political Action Committee to See You."

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