Peace, Freedom, Equality, Security
Are Aims of New Progressive Party

By WILLIAM E. DODD, Delegated Staff Writer


Already, the opening sessions of the founding convention of the Progressive Party had disturbed and energized the American public and drawn it into recognition that there was being recorded the most significant event in U.S. history since F.D.R.'s death. Never since the historical triumph in Chicago which nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency had the Democratic ticket have I witnessed such spontaneous enthusiasm as at a political meeting. In 1928 I was a mere spectator, this time a delegate to the new party's first convention.

HOUSTLE PRESS

Hostile press and lukewarm radio newsmen were forced to acknowledge that something was started this year in Philadelphia which will profoundly affect the course of U.S. history. Fortunately radio and television came to see in the Progressive Party Convention not only a colorful spectacle but the representative of the real America, which has been so maligned and deceived by the bipartisan proponents of the cynical Marshall Plan and the professional witchhunters of Congressional Un-American investigation committees.

Prominent among the 3,200 odd delegates are alternates of ILWU leaders and rank and file. President Harry Bridges, Vice-President Germain Bulke, Henry Marriot, member of Local 6 and candidate for the 23rd California assembly district; Roscoe Proctor, Local 6; George Walsh, Local 10; and Neal Pettibone, Local 26, came as part of the large California delegation.

NEGRO NOMINATES

From Oregon came Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Local 50; Harold Labert, Local 12, and Clyde Mungren, Local 68. Local 208, in Cleveland, picked Lloyd Yamanoto, Daniel Grant to represent the union in Philadelphia. Bernard Leora, president of Local 207, in Chicago, was a member of the Illinois delegation.

William Glinier, ILWU Washington representative, was spotted in the Virginia contingent.

The Wallace party sessions followed the sad and bankrupt Democratic Party wake here by less than two weeks. The last night of the new party's convention, Charles P. Howard, of Des Moines, Iowa, laureate of the New Negro, publisher, and Republican for the past 30 years, laid bare the hypocrisy and deception of the two old parties which pretend to represent the American people.

In his keynote speech the Iowa publisher told the delegates that for the first time, as he stood before the American people "the precious right of choice." Conquering "the denial of decency in the name of profits" practiced by the old parties, Howard said the Wallace party once again offered to Americans "the precious right of choice."

He brought the convention to its feet when he said the "choice is War or Peace." (See Page 3 for details.)

On the next day, the delegates approved the business of nominating its candidates for President and Vice-President, picking its committees and drafting its platform.

But on Saturday night, these more prosaic tasks, gave way to an interlude of color and fireworks, at the baseball park where Wallace and Taylor accepted the nominations.

RAISE $5,000

Special trains brought thousands of spectators from cities up and down the east coast who could not take part in the official founding convention but who wished to acclaim their next President and Vice-President. Their number was legion and the Shibe Park rally became an event which promised literally to turn the corruption-rife city of Phila.

Delphia upside down.

William Glinier, radio commentator, followed the moving speech of Representative Vito Marcantonio with a vivid description of the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of race, color or political creed, with a money-raising spiel that brought in over $55,000. High-spot in the night's entertainment was Senator Taylor, accompanied by his wife and brother, singing a fine old barber shop ballad "Sweet Sixteen."

TRUMAN BETRAYAL

In his acceptance speech Wallace traced the history of American political parties and linked the Progressives with the revolutionary party of Thomas Jefferson and the abolitionist Republicans of Abraham Lincoln. Then he showed how the high ideals and achievements of the New Deal under Franklin Roosevelt had been betrayed by Harry S. Truman.

He sketched the unnecessary and dangerous foreign affairs crises provoked by the bipartisan schemes of the present money changers who rule the roof in Washington. He laid particular stress on foreign policy and called for an immediate end to the cold war. (See page 3.)

On the third day of the convention, the platform was adopted—a platform which had been worked

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More Reports from Europe Delegation

INTERN REPORT No. 2


Mr. Harry Bridges, President ILWU, 150 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, USA.

Dear Harry:

Owing to delay in securing visas we were unable to leave Paris until Monday the 19th. We are O.K. now for Finland, Yugoslavia, but will have to apply in Warsaw for a visa in the USSR. The Russian Consul in Paris promised to do everything to facilitate getting the visa and till the present representative at WFTU in Paris was also helpful. And, oh yes, we also got our visa for Czecho-


In Paris we got wonderful cooperation from Paul Davier, Sail-

lant's private secretary. We shall send you a letter of thanks.

This Monday noon we landed in Marseilles; we were met by the general secretary of the Longshoremen's union and immediately taken to the union headquarters and introduced to all the other officials as well as the rank and file. It was that happened to be around the place. And a grand and warm welcome it was. Immediately when you land in that place you feel the real honest to goodness friendship of the workers and nothing has been too good or too much for the "delegation Americans."

VISIT DOCKS

That same afternoon we were taken around the docks where we talked to the stevedores and checkers and warehousemen. Naturally they were very congested about "those Americans." The delegation has gathered a lot of data which will be reported on when we return. A few things that might interest the stevedores back home in the fact that Marseilles longshoremen work two eight-hour shifts and adhere strictly to their eight hours. Also at the expense of the employers they have a hot meat job on the job in the half hour break period. Further-

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Shipowners Start Fear Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO—As employers across the nation had police beat pickets and engaged in more subtle methods of union wrecking, waterfront employers went into the last lap of their fear campaign against longshoremen and seafarers in preparation for a Taft-Hartley presentation of their last offer to the workers.

Before August 20 the NLRB will conduct a secret ballot on this offer, which is due to have been "no" to all union demands for wage increases, shorter shifts, vacations for all, one full day off a week, and safety provisions in the coast contract.

This ballot will be written in the shipowners' own words so that they can cover up their refusal to bargain collectively in good faith, and trick up a phony proposition.

False rumors, fancy maneuvers and promoting of fear in the ranks are the shipowners' tactics intended to scare ILWU members into voting in favor of any offer at all.

The union is fighting this intimidation with the facts. Stop work meetings were in progress up and down the coast to discuss the employers' proposals before members vote in any Taft-Hartley

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Platforms and Liars

NEITHER the Republicans nor the Demo-
crats, now two peas in a pod, dare state
their true aim, which is to undo the progress
of the past for which the people struggled
so hard. They cannot come right out and say:
"We want and intend to spread the domina-
tion of Wall Street over the whole world even
at the risk of a devastating war" or "We want
and intend to further enrich our rich
masters, even though we know it means driv-
ing the American people to a mere subsis-
tence standard of living, if even that."

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Progressive Party Platform Spells Civil Rights, Labor Aims

PHILADELPHIA — Many days of backbreaking effort and sweat melting in the mid-summer heat of this historic city, went into the making of the Progressive Party’s comprehensive platform.

It was longer than the program of either of the old parties because it spelled out what it meant by civil rights, housing, anti-trust laws, social security and labor legislation.

Here are the highlights of the platform adopted by the Progressive Party on July 6.

PLATFORM HIGHLIGHTS

The United States and Russia share “joint responsibility for ending the tragic prospect of war. The Progressive Party demands negotiations and discussions with the Soviet Union to find areas of agreement to win the peace.”

Repeal the draft; destroy all atom bomb; redistribute the Marshall Plan and the Truman Doctrine; give aid to the needy nations of Communist origin and through a United Nations Reconstruction fund; partition Palestine along the line recognized by the UN; strengthen the UN to achieve “enforcement” of international federal law enacted by a world legislature.

The Progressive Party will fight for the constitutional rights of Communists and all other political groups to express their views as the first line of defense of liberties of a democratic people.

SEGREGATION CONDEMNED

“Full equality for the Jewish people and other minority Americans requires federal antidiscrimination legislation.”

Fair employment practices and anti-poll tax legislation. The Party condemns segregation in all of its forms.

Legislation to impose controls that will reduce and keep down the prices of food, shelter, clothing and other essentials of life and basic materials.

Repeal the Taft-Hartley Law. A $1 an hour minimum wage for all labor. End government “strike-breaking through the use of federal industries.”

Amend the Railway Labor Act to permit railroad workers to “enjoy the right to strike.”

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

“Initiate such measures of public ownership as will put into the hands of the people’s representatives the levers of control essential to the operation of an economy of abundance. As a first step, the largest banks, the railroads, the merchant marine, the electric power and gas industry, and industries primarily dependent upon government funds or government purchases must be placed in public ownership.”

Strengthen and rigorously enforce the existing anti-trust laws to curb monopoly.

Extend social security protection to all Americans. A national health insurance, with federal government initially bearing the entire cost of the security and health programs.

For SMALL BUSINESS

Assistance to become farm owners. “We propose as a major goal of federal farm programs that all farm families be enabled to earn an income of not less than $3,000 a year. We repudiate the program of big business which would eliminate as many as two thirds of the farmers.”

“Encourage and safeguard independent business.”

Progressive candidates for Congress and Senate, presidential candidates, candidates for the governorships of every state and for every office in every state will be pledged to carry out this platform.

Keynoter Howard Tells Cheering Delegates at Progressive Convention: “It’s War or Wall”

PHILADELPHIA—Keynoter at the first national convention of the Progressive Party Charles P. Howard, Negro publisher from Des Moines, Iowa, brought the packed Convention Hall to its feet and gave thousands of Wallace followers an indelible impression of the kind of New Party offers Americans once again “the precious right of self-determination to all people.”

Their choice, he said, is “Wallace or War.”

Howard said that the Republican circus and the Democratic circus “are made up of the . . . second, third, fourth . . . of the world. They took us in by the millions of people—for their old parties—for their way is a road to nowhere.”

“I know for the first time, here and now, we are not going to be used by the old parties—for their way is the denial of decency in the name of profit. Not only in business, but far beyond our borders, to millions of people—for our domestic policy is only the reflection of our foreign policy. And our foreign policy is the brainchild of banking house diplomats, and banking house brads, of John Foster Dulles and James Farmer.”

“Federal bonus to veteran based upon the length of service.”

The old parties offer you runaway prices, and the Progressive Party say that the choice is Wallace or War.

Once again we offer to Americans the precious right of choice. The old control essential to the operation of an economy of abundance.”

PROGRESSIVE SINKING

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PHILADELPHIA—Blasting the arrest of the nation's top Communists as an expression of political freedom, Henry H. Jaffe, chief of the New York Post-War Post here, said they "have been timed to silence opposition to new turns in the big party-get-up-foreign policy."

"Telephoning a statement to New York from Washington, Mr. Jaffe here, said that "these are the first arrests of the nation's top Communists and the first in the line in the defense of the liberties of a demo
cratic government in Germany, Italy, Japan and other nations." He added that the suspension of the Communists is but the first step in the program of destruction of rights of labor, national, racial and religious groups."

CRISIS CREATE FEAR

"While I favor strong action against any individual who commits violence, it has been my observation that violence in the U.S., as in indeed in other coun
tries, has been generally committed by people who would suppress the free speech of Communists and other groups with whom they disagree," he said.

He warned of further "red scare" and threatened more arrests of the minority groups, adding that "the program of the American Legion is essential for the administration to support fear through a continued attack upon these minority groups."

NEW YORK—Viewing indictments of top Communist party leaders as a dangerous attack on civil liberties, many protesting here July 21.

"The American Labor movement, under the leadership of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, as an essential part of the program for the maintenance of our civil liberties. The indictment

Shippers Exult At Extension of Red Scare

SAN FRANCISCO—The shippers are rubbing their hands in glee in anticipation of broadening the "red scare" to help them in their drive toward war, said New York Post-War Post here.

This week, the shipowners have utilized every means of discrediting the Communist leadership. The U.S. attorney general is reported to have "definitely favor an)

SHIPOWNERS LAUNCH FEAR DRIVE AS SEPTEMBER 2 DEADLINE APPROACHES

By KATHLEEN CRONIN

PORTLAND, Ore.—Longshore

The basis for the false rumors were散布ing lies about the Communists in various ways. The shipowners have been careful to make it stick and actually collect the $100 fine imposed on all striking longshoresmen by the judge for the first two hours of work.

The idea of the Union of Steamship Employees is the campaign to keep the shipowners "out of the way" of the workers. The shipowners have made a 

"Two Republican New York City

progressives—Some of the trade union leaders who attended the first and founding convention of the Oregon Progressive Party July 17 in Portland, Ore., are shown above. Left to right, Frank V. Patterson, secretary of the new party and former FTA-CIO organizer; Estus Curry, vice-chairman of the Citizens Committee in the Vanport disaster, and member of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Nels Peterson, chairman of the Progressives. The Progressive party—under law of Oregon, 1947; branch of the AFL, business agent of the IUB-AFL, a national committee man; James Fantz, vice-chairman of the Pioneer Party in Oregon, and vice-president of ILWU Local 8.

Oregon Progressives Founded At Historic Session in Portland

By EVAN C. CARLSON, and the Progressive Party's choice for Congress from Oregon's third district, took the mike and said: "When my husband died he left me a job for all of us."

"During a convention ill, Mrs. Carlson, a thin dramatic figure in black, accused her fellow congressmen of being her best fighters and if he could see all the longshoresmen here today, he'd say the same thing about November." The Progressive Party at Aug

Progressives—The Progressive Party's choice for the legislature on both sides of the Red flag. Mrs. Carlson and her husband have been named as national conven

Two-thirds of all companies co-operating in the survey reported a jump in productivity, 10 percent reported a decline and the rest said there was no change.

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Oregon's Progressives

Back ILWU

PORTLAND, Ore. — Resolutions supporting the maritime workers of the Pacific Coast whose strike was joined by the U.S. Courts, and protesting the laws and the government, directed by President Truman, to deport ILWU President and his disbandment and red-adopted at the founding convention of the Oregon Progressive Party on Oregon, July 18, 1948.

Pointing out that the crux of the shipowner-attacks against the ILWU and other maritime unions is destruction of democratic hiring halls and the legislation to destroy labor by removing honest, efficient leaders...

Local 209 News Bulletin Launched

CLEVELAND, Ohio—First issue of the Local 209 Bulletin appeared recently with news and notes from all shops and announcements of training sessions of shop stewards and rank and files starting September 9.

The sessions, to be held every Thursday, will start with a clinic on grievance procedure where members will take up typical grievances and negotiate contract clauses with employers imper-sonated by other members.

Clinics on wages and hours, holidays, and insurance will be held, and on collective bargaining tech-niques, and others. Attendance at the Taft-Hartley law are on the program.

Members will also discuss the two-party system, monopolies, and the history of the AFL, CIO and ILWU.

San Francisco Council Again Cites Regional Director Flynn's Disruption

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco CIO Council has renewed its demand for the removal of Tim Flynn as CIO Regional Di-rector for Northern California on ground of his assistance to raid-ing AFL Teamsters and to in-tervene in the Taft-Hartley law.

Regional Director Richard DeShetler has been condemned by the council for his assistance to raids, and for his support of other AFL Teamsters in the fight against Fascism in Italy.

The council's last protest in April, on basis of a petition signed by 24,000 ILWU members in favor of the Taft-Hartley law, is the spiral of inflation, the "Inhuman Hatred For Labor"...

Radio Series Tells How ILWU Brought Democracy

HONOLULU, T. H. — "Until the union came we never knew what democracy was. We were raised in a dictatorship." A unit chair-man at the ILWU's pineapple local here described the way democracy works in his union in the third of the Hawaii ILWU's series of radio broadcasts on how the union functions July 16.

"Ever since we can remember, until the union came, we've been held in the hands of the bosses. 'Do this, do that.' And we did it. And the bosses said, 'Neither that nor we got blackballed and starved to death,' the chairman told that story.

EMPHASIZE CHECKOFF

The checkoff drive is the main ingredient in the concentration of all unit officers pineapples local here is . . .

"When their men are laid off, the women wear at the Marshall Plan, said, "We cannot even use coal sent by the United States, because the factories that use it are closed down.

Stories about how workers living in Honolulu divided the city into sections and visited all members in the section where they lived, since all the members in the canneries could not be contacted.

Program, with all new members, were required to bring and rank-filers, pictured the duties of each official, the demo-cratic philosophy of the ILWU, the right to strike, and the rights of the ILWU members, all money will be spent, and the co-operation necessary to make the ILWU "the union we want to be." Il."...
SUGAR PINEAPPLE

Feudal management. Negotiations are underway for a new contract when the present one terminates last week with ILWU Attorney for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the contempt case of ILWU United Sugar Workers Local 142 members.

Robert Moore told the court that the Norris-LaGuardia anti-union security clause with a union that has not complied with the Taft-Hartley Law. The employer has made no such ruling. The employers tried this angle before by claiming that they were forbidden to expend government funds for wages of workers in non-complying unions. The rider in 1941, to prohibit Judge Wirtz from pressing the contempt cases, has been attached.

The union is demanding as part of the contract and language on inflation, limiting of the right to strike—on subjects ranging from politics and the Soviet Union is a great experiment. Social changes are difficult, but the candidates who is a social Democrat, or Republican, knows something about it. The rest of the world to go to bankruptcy the U.S. before it starts; war along with it. Certainly England and the U.S. would have to pay for the men forced the company to correct the unsafe operations. The men stepped up in the contract and language on security and seniority provisions, without a no-strike clause being attached.

Price Protest—Mrs. Douglas Stitt, representing "Mama's OPA," is shown above as she appeared at a Local 10 meeting in San Francisco last week to gather signatures on petitions to the special session of Congress calling for a rollback of prices. Shown signing the petition is Charles Bingman of Local 10.
Walgreen Delays

To Mr. C. K. Walgreen, Jr., of the Walgreen Drug Co., the "question of Americanism versus communism" is more important than anything else in labor relations.

In answer to a letter from ILWU president Harry Bridges, pointing out that the United States Government has stated that filling of Taft-Hartley non-contracts was a requirement for collective bargaining, Walgreen said that he was interested in "whether or not the officials of your organization believed in the overthrow of our Government by force or any other unlawful methods."

All terms of the contract have been agreed upon by the company and Local 260 in Chicago. Only the demand that the union submit itself to Taft-Hartley law entanglements blocks signing of the contract.

COMPANY IGNORES

Walgreen pointed out that the company was acting "in the spirit of true Americanism and good faith in collective bargaining," ignoring the fact that the ILWU has literally hundreds of agreements all over the country negotiated without any question of Taft-Hartley compliance raised by employers.

Bridges told Walgreen that Local 260 at a single local does not have the power to determine policy on employers, that the international union through convention and executive board meetings has set up a code of conduct against any use of the slave law.

Walgreen workers have passed out thousands of leaflets in front of all the stores asking the workers to find the乐意 customers that the drug chain is not barging in good faith and asking them to buy elsewhere.

Safeway Arbitrators

Local 6 and Safeway in San Francisco are now selecting a panel of five arbitrators, one of whom will be chosen by lot under the master contract in effect at the deadlocked union and company.

The union moved for arbitration after an adjustment board failed to settle the questions of the company's refusal to pay the 10-cent-per-hour increase granted in all master contract houses, refusal to withdraw termination notices to the warehousemen and excessive tax deductions on checks after the June strike.

Complaints were filed on these three points in line with Judge Edward Murphy's decision that Safeway is bound by the master contract and all disputes must be settled under the provisions of that contract.

He enjoined the company from firing Local 6 members and escaping its commitments under the master contract when Safe way locked out the warehousemen during the Local 6 strike.

Best Foods

The last independent house under contract to Local 6 has agreed to a 10-cent increase following the master contract raise in June. A supplement signed by Best Foods in San Francisco July 26 sets the base rate at $1.40.

This is 2½ cents above the master contract rate by a provisional agreement good until a 1948 opening.

All women at Best Foods receive a minimum of $1.20 an hour to start and $1.25 after 20 days, 5 cents above the master contract rate. Some 50 of the 250 workers received a 12½-cent raise, and 35 women received a 15-cent boost.

Bingham Hardware

A strike vote of better than 85 per cent forced the Bingham Hardware Company off its split first floor in four hours and 7½ cents across-the-board wage increase for warehousemen in Cleveland July 20.

For the first time since the plant was organized in 1945 Bingham agreed to union security in the form of the dues checkoff.

During two months of negotiations the company had refused the warehousemen who offered a nickel on the basis of splitting off 25 veteran workers into a special classification with no wage adjustments.

The vote ended Bingham executives' efforts to find different ways of saying no. The union won a strike three weeks on the bricks last year.

All Local 299 shops are now under the checkoff. Base rates range from a minimum of 25 cents an hour for porters and paper balers to a maximum of $2.35 for carpenters.

Maxwell Box

Months of negotiations at the Maxwell Box company in Chicago finally raised the company's contract to Local 6 members, not to zero to 6 cents, but it took a morning off the job to force Maxwell up to an acceptable 8-cent offer.

On the morning of July 18 the 150 workers gathered outside the plant instead of reporting for work. With the plant still empty at noon, Maxwell capitulated.

Local 206 president and secre tary, Bernard Lucas and Aaron Bingleman, told the company their word had spread to another box shop, Rathbone & Ridgeway, when they left Maxwell negotiations for the larger shop where Local 206's contract runs out June 30.

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Rathbone had offered to the company 240 workers before now. Now it offered a second 8-cent boost and agreed to the local.

A majority of the Rathbone workers signed checkoff cards at midnight Monday, July 18.

Walcker Talkowski announced the raise.

American Metal

American Metal Treatting Company with Local 206 in Cleveland last week agreed to set the overtime rate two on days on the bricks persuading the company to sign a recognition agreement.

The company demand that the warehouseman's case be handled through the Taft-Hartley procedure was rejected, and the men walked off their jobs under contract to meet the shop committee.

All warehousemen at the plant joined Local 206 in less than a week. Some of the women received as much as 25 cents an hour and rates vary as much as 10 cents for a single job.

C & H Sugar

All Local 208 committee meetings with the company, Local 208 negotiations at C & H Sugar in Oakland July 20.

Sulphite Union tried to organize the plant was organized in 1940, when the bricks last year.

The ILWU has held a contract with the CIO before the Taft-Hartley NRKB must be Local 207 went into negotiations for a 25-cent per hour wage increase.

Protests against the raid to CIO State Organizing Committee Director Fred Piper and National CIO Director of Organization Allan Heywood have not put a stop to it.

The ILWU has a contract with the big roofed plant since 1944. The AFL paper, Pulp & Sulphate Union tried to organize it away from the ILWU all during the month, but never achieved more than 15 per cent union membership.

Finkefot Raid

Local 207 members at Finkefot in New Orleans, who voted down a raiding AFL union more than 5 to 1 last December, now face a raid by the CIO Gas, Coke & Chemical Workers.

That CIO union filed a petition for an election with the Taft-Hartley NRKB, Local 207 went into negotiations for a 25-cent per hour wage increase.

Globe Strike

Globe Mills were shut down July 20, in San Carlos, California.

The Oakland members acting by the government to prove that the Communists are responsible for high prices, Taft-Hartley laws, shortages of housing, destruction of civil liberties, and the fact that previous efforts to bring charges against U. S. Communists as foreign agents, the warehousemen said.

"It failed completely and solely because all such claims are based upon false propaganda and lies," Local Secretary-Treasurer Richard Stassen said.

BINGHAM HARDWARE

"With certain extra precautions I'm allowed to smoke in the house now!"
Oregon Labor Writer Fired From Civil Service Job

PORTLAND, Ore., July 30 —

Julia Eaton, a labor writer, whose articles under the byline Kathleen Cronin, have appeared from time to time in The Dispatcher, last week (July 28) was fired without notice from her position in the Medical Division of the State Public Welfare Commission.

At the time of her discharge Mrs. Eaton was at work on a series of articles afflicting responsibility for loss of life and property in the Vanport flood. Her discharge has been branded by officials of the numerous planes involved in the delegation's 60-day trip. The other delegates are Herman Stuyvelaar of San Francisco, M. Victor Gagnaire, London, and said she also thought it "had a lot to do with my union card because they are demanding. Not once have they would think hard and long to appreciate its great significance.

Peace and Freedom Aim Of New Party

out the whole program, where spokesmen of all the many democratic groupings of the nation and of the world's great days of work, the platform as brought before us was accepted with few minor amendments but only after full discussion and debate.

PROGRAM FOR PEACE

It was a program built around the idea that a lasting world peace could only be achieved through international cooperation. It included a call for a world organization, the World Court, and other measures to promote world security.

The approach to the Progress Party platform on July 25, the conference was declared satisfac-
tory that it had mapped a people's program which placed human rights above property rights. The thousands of delegates, ob-
servers and supporters of the new party left Philadelphia with a profound feeling of hope.

It was a most forceful lesson to the Italian workers. Reports in Italy pointed to the effect of the left to seize power were completely rejected by President Frankfurter nor the Italian Labor Federation so that in such instances. The strike was an expression to the effect that the government itself was unable to control the press and bring peace and order to the republic.

Monday night we arrived in Naples. We came by bus, driving through some of the most beautiful and fertile country that we have ever seen. The workers look far from prosperous. Along the way we came through many towns that had suffered terribly from the war. If the people in America could only see these things, they would think hard and long about the ideas of peace, freedom and justice.

TOUR OF AFFECTION

But to get back to that trip more so on the economic and political questions affecting the workers. On the day we arrived in Rome we were the guests of the longshoremen, who took us to the beaches in the late afternoon and to the Porta Salaria in the evening, the principal sights and taken to the opera that night. Our host, Mr. Varro, was a very handsome and charming wife were at the dinner. And, by the way, Mr. Santacana, a victim of Mussolini during the Fascist reign of terror.

We tried to arrange a visit with Togliatti. However, although he was rapidly recovering, the attending doctors advised against it. It was in the evening and all day before we had been receiving many visitors. He was much in need of rest. No art we could imagine the reason.

Facts are now coming to light that the guy who did the shooting was not the lead of the strike from within, reaction used all the tactics that the working class has used in the past. First they tried to organize a labor strike, reaction used all the tactics that the working class has used in the past. First they tried to organize a labor strike, which was attempted it was checked. Whenever force was attempted it was checked. In places like Turin, Milan, Genoa and Livorno everything was in full control of the strikers.

Dirty political臺既

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and said she thought it "had a lot to do with my union card and my press card as a labor re-

porter." She belongs to Local 18 of the AFL State, County and Municipal Workers Union and has an honorary lifetime membership in the CIO.

She is appealing her case to the State Civil Service Commission. Irving Goodman, noted civil rights expert, is her attorney.

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gime. One rated in the filthy jail for 19 years. Naturally these brothers are greatly beloved and highly respected. And it is the longshoremen who are trying to re-build the power of the press and no help to encourage from the present government. They have already built two cranes which is all the equipment they have. Everything else is done in the factory by hand. They may sound unbelievable but those are the facts.

After our tour of the town and port we were given a grand Italian dinner at a lovely spot outside the city. We asked that you write a letter of thanks for the wonderful reception to Sr. Caruso Eghibert, Presidente Di Vitto, Syrtese and Vicin-

evoche (Roma) Italy. On our arrival in Rome we met Di Vitto, General Secretary of the Italian Labor Federation, also the head of the Italian Syndicate, Marino de Stefano. This guy Stefano is a native of Naples, husky and strong with a keen sense of humor. He gave us a splendid trip. The other delegates are Herman Stuyvelaar of San Francisco, M. Victor Gagnaire, London, and said she also thought it "had a lot to do with my union card because they are demanding. Not once have they would think hard and long about the ideas of peace, freedom and justice.

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tives of other maritime unions serving on the committee are: George Johnson, business agent, Aluak Fishermen; Roger Randall, Inland Boatem, and Eddie Lane, Marine Cooks.

Secretary of the committee is Francis J. Murnane, CIO-IWA plywood and Venner Workers Union, Local 939.

IWA COUNCIL PROTESTS

The plywood and Venner Workers district council, 794, strong, in annual convention here July 31 branded the Eaton dis-

charge as an attempt to abridge freedom of the press.

The article for which Mrs. Eaton allegedly was discharged appeared in the June 28 issue of the San Francisco People's World.

The article rapped the welfare commission for cutting off cash grant aid during June to recipients who were Vanport flood victims.

Answer to Who Sold It

Frank P. (Flipchuck) Foisie, victim.

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