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# POLITICAL POINTS

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## BACK TO THOSE ELECTIONS

Elections - both the primaries of June 6th & those of Nov. 7th - have been overshadowed by the invasion of Korea by American forces. For the past 6 mos. we have insisted that the prime issue in these elections is that of war vs. peace. Few candidates agreed. The self-styled 'liberal' candidates would not face the fact that their promises to the people could not be realized unless the peace were kept.

The comparatively poor showing of these 'liberal' candidates who 'opposed' the Warren-Nixon-Scudder slate is traceable to their refusal to offer a basic alternative to the Coldwar. And their constant breast-beating in disclaimer of any communist 'taint' didn't raise their stock a point. It only served to make it harder to tell them apart from the reactionary candidates.

## ROOSEVELT - DOUGLAS

This was true in the important races in the state. Roosevelt & Douglas, backed by labor, pensioners, etc., were victims of Truman & his Luckey-Malone Democratic machine as well as of their own shortcomings. Luckey refused to withdraw his endorsement of Warren, & Boddy was put up by the Democratic machine to defeat Douglas & throw the election to Nixon. Yet these candidates refused to break with the wardrum-beaters of both parties.

The result? A big over-all majority for Warren (which will be hard to overcome in Nov.) & a tough fight for Douglas (tho the voters more easily recognized the open fascist-type platform of Nixon).

## THAT RACE FOR CONGRESS

In the race for congress from the 1st district, Roger Kent can now dissent from his major campaign slogan that he was hi-man in the primaries of 1948. In the primaries of 1950 he barely squeaked thru to win the nomination of his own party. Even in Marin, Kent's home county, Scudder has a majority of 2000 votes. In Humboldt County, long a stronghold of the labor & progressive vote (which Norgard carried in the November '48 elections against Scudder) Kent was snowed under by 10,319 to 6,476, & got the Dem nomination by a mere 633 votes. Rumor has it that Kent sees in this a move to the right by the voters & that he will have to move more (!) in that direction to win. If he does he is sure to be defeated. How much more to the 'right' can he get, anyhow? He plugged the war policy of Wall \$t. 'till it hurt & seldom failed to mention his work with the Regional 'Loyalty' Board (witch-hunters) in San Francisco. This isn't 'leftism' by any stretch!

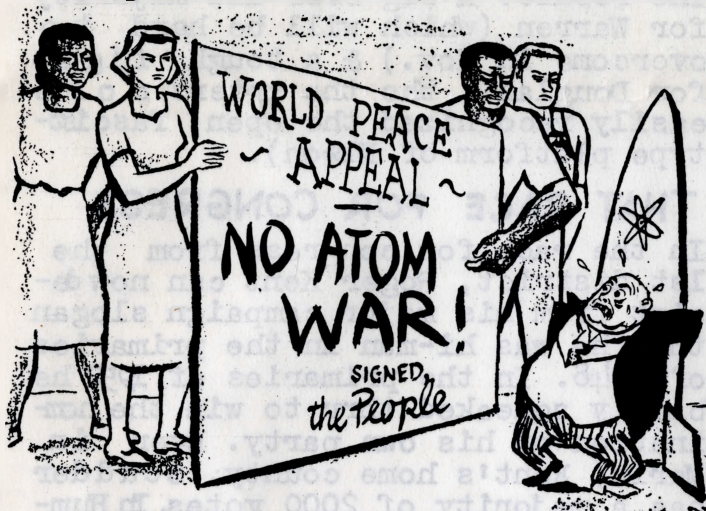
"...if the primaries prove anything, it is that Dem. candidates cannot win without an alliance with left & progressive forces. They can only win by meeting the

issues, particularly the decisive peace issue, & by enlisting the support of the Negro & labor voters, of the vast reservoir of independent & progressive strength in this state."

(People's World, 6/8/50)

### VOTES FOR PEACE

In this connection the vote cast for Bernadette Doyle for State Supt of Public Instruction is interesting. This well-known Communist leader set something of a record. She polled over 600,000 votes in



California. She got 5083 in Marin (21% of the vote); 6407 in Sonoma (22½%); 2568 in Humboldt (14½%); & 25½% in Yuba County.

The local papers & politicians from Earl Warren down (or up?) tried to 'explain' the vote for Mrs Doyle by insulting the intelligence of the voters. They said the voters did not know they were voting for a Communist. While this may be true in some cases (the same as many voters no doubt did not know what they were voting for when they selected Warren), it can hardly explain the record vote for Mrs Doyle. We do not claim that over ½ million people voted for Communism. Many factors contributed to her high vote. But the heart & core of Mrs Doyle's effort was the need to educate and

work for peace - not war. And if 600,000 people cast their ballots for a Communist to vote for peace, then it points up the need that the people felt for such a crusade and their desire to express it at the polls.

The 'liberal' candidates should be able to draw some conclusions.

### CHIPS ARE DOWN...

In November the chance comes again to strike a blow for peace. Three Independent Progressives have filed for office. They are: George Walsh for Secty of State, Mrs Alia Washington for State Controller, & Reuben W. Borough for State Treasurer. And peace is the issue!

What should have been recognized in June has become obvious now, with the warming up of the Coldwar according to the plans of Wall \$t. No person seeking office can now claim to be for housing unless he fights the war; he cannot oppose the wage-freeze & support the war which caused it; he cannot claim to be for increased pensions & social security unless he fights against the war appropriations.

Nor can any candidate give lip-service to the cause of peace without demanding the release of the Coldwar prisoners - Gene Dennis & the other Communist leaders being jailed because they are for peace, the Hollywood Ten, & Harry Bridges, militant leader of labor whom they want on ice so that they may more easily attack labor.

We must choose which is dearer to us: the lives of thousands of American boys being killed as well as the lives of thousands of helpless women & children being ruthlessly bombed in Korea, or the profits of giant corporations. (Americans are being asked to fight the Korean people to safeguard the \$1,250,000,000 New Korea Co. taken over from the

Japanese by the Morgan interests.)

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We cannot have houses & guns, A-Bombs & security, freedom & hysteria, peace & war. We must choose. And if the most outspoken men of reaction (Warren-Nixon-Scudder-McCollister) are to be defeated, we must demand that the 'liberal' candidates must choose also.

To help get our nation back on the tracks of progress, the following might be considered:

\* More & stronger demands for repeal of T-H, passage of the Brannan Plan, FEPC, Civil Rights, Housing, etc.;

\* The undertaking of a vigorous effort to register thousands of unregistered people (especially thru the unions & farm organizations) to vote in this land where millions are disfranchised for one technicality or another;

\* Roll up a high vote for the three Independent Progressive candidates for peace; &

\* Throw into the teeth of the war-makers new thousands of signatures of residents of this district who wish to see the A-Bomb outlawed & the first user declared by international opinion a war criminal.

F.G.F.

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### AND WE QUOTE.....

(We hereby reprint excerpts from the editorials of 2 papers with whom we are often in disagreement but whose comments on the Korean invasion reflects the uneasiness felt by many Americans toward this war. One is a labor paper - the other a farm paper.)

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"...Is our American army now really helping to keep Korea free, or is it contributing to the return, first of South Korea & then of North Korea, to their former overlords? Evidently there are a lot of South Koreans themselves, who are not enthusiastic enough about the government we have given them to be willing to put up much of a fight against joining the northern government. Why should American soldiers die for such a cause?

"Our workers here in America should not permit themselves to be misled or sidetracked, from the political campaign...by any developments or outbreaks that may take place in Asia.

"We might as well face the deplorable fact that in spite of all the platitudes we hear spoken in behalf of world peace that there are people both in & out of Congress, who are insanely anxious to start another world war in which the United States & Russia will be lined up on opposite sides instead of as allies, as was the case in the last world war.

"Practically all American workers love the United States & stand at all times ready to defend it with everything they have against attack from whatever source...But for us to be picking up the internal quarrels of other people & going to the

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extreme of sacrificing the lives of our soldiers in behalf of either side...is quite a different matter, especially during an election year when labor has issues of tremendous importance to our own workers to vote on. Let us not be sidetracked.

North Bay Labor Journal  
AFL, Fri, July 14, 1950

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"For 3 years we have been warning that our government's policy was leading to war.....

"We realize that we are in a period when even a whisper of dissent may

be branded as disloyalty. This is so because when those in power are trying to whip up a war mentality they cannot afford the luxury of dissent.

"But we point-blank refuse to peddle the delusion that the Korean adventure is the way to peace. We also bluntly reject the thesis that American honor & prestige will be advanced by those who seek to make our country the policeman for world reaction....Now, when we are asked to 'close ranks' for an atomic war, is the time to open vistas for peace."

'Iowa Union Farmer', organ of  
Iowa Farmers Union, August, 1950.



### VARIATIONS ON A THEME....

Many people think they are reading 'both sides' when they read 2 or more papers & magazines. In most cases, unfortunately, it just isn't true. Unless they happen upon one of the few truly independent periodicals, they are more apt to be getting only slight variations on a theme by Big Business. As a matter of fact newspapers are Big Business.

The Examiner & Chronicle, Humboldt Times, Fort Bragg Advocate-News, Time Mag, Santa Rosa Press Democrat, San Rafael Independent, et al, are not kept in business thru sales revenue. They are subsidized by the corporation ads which run into the billion\$ annually. And their policy is completely controlled by said ads. (Maybe that's why commercial newspapers are referred to by those in the know as the 'prostitute press'.)

Yes, to find the 'other side' the honest reader must find a paper free from corp. ads - a paper which is at liberty to print the truth as it finds it. The **PEOPLE'S WORLD** published in SF & delivered thru the mails, is such a paper.

While 99<sup>44</sup>/<sub>100</sub>% of the impure press fought FDR, the **PEOPLE'S WORLD**

was among the handful which backed him up. It is the only paper on the coast which always takes the side of the workers, small farmers and middle class against their (& the nation's) enemies - the banks, utilities, military brass, the corporations & their stooges in govt. It is the only coast daily which is today demanding a return to peace.

While it is not the official organ of the Communist Party, we wholeheartedly recommend it because of its past record of service in the people's cause & because of its courageous stand today.

Do yourself a favor; print your name & address on the enclosed card, mail it, & you will receive without obligation to you, 3 sample copies of the

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