



THE TWO BOYS with the sign, left, were among the "youths" who attended the YPA state convention last weekend. Center, a more serious group listens to radio commentator Rod Holmgren in one of the committee sessions. Right, Charles P. Howard, Iowa publisher who keynoted the Progressive Party convention at Philadelphia, was the main speaker at one of the plenary sessions.

# State YPA plans campaign

## U. of C. profs join committee to welcome Dean of Canterbury

The Rev. James Luther Adams and Wayne McMillen, University of Chicago professors, are among the 93 prominent educators, churchmen, and laymen who this week formed a Committee of Welcome for the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, dean of England's Canterbury Cathedral.

Dr. Johnson, attacked in the reactionary press as "the Red Dean," had been invited to visit the U.S. for a speaking tour under the auspices of the Natl. Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The State Dept. refused him a visa because the council is on Attorney General Tom Clark's list of "subversive" organizations. It has filed suit to force removal of its name from the list.

The new committee, headed by Professor Ralph Barton Perry of Harvard University, has invited the dean to speak at a series of meetings to be arranged by the committee throughout the country in November and December.

The letter of invitation said that "many American citizens were shocked to learn that a visa had been denied" such a leading figure in the Church of England.

Among the 93 leaders who signed the statement were the Rev. Dr. Albert E. Barnett of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston; Angus Cameron, editor-in-chief of Little, Brown & Co., book publishers; Henry Seidel Canby, author; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of the Zionist Organization of America.

## Local witch hunt resolution awaits committee action

The Burmeister resolution, which would require elected and appointed city officials and employees to sign non-Communist affidavits, this week awaited a hearing by the City Council rules committee.

The rules committee will not discuss the resolution itself. It will merely decide to which of two other committees—judiciary or schools—the resolution should be referred.

Ald. John C. Burmeister (44th), author of the resolution, which has won the support of Mayor Kennelly, told The Standard that he has received "a number of compliments" about the resolution from people who believe that there is "a lot of merit to it."

"There has been some opposition," he admitted, but he said public opinion apparently hasn't crystallized sufficiently for him to realize how much support or opposition the measure will ultimately receive.

## West Side tenants plan picket line around City Hall

The political "hide-and-seek" game being played with them is over, warned the 1600 members of West Side Tenants Council who face eviction if the Veterans Administration goes ahead with plans to construct a vets' hospital on their home sites.

The 1600, many of them veterans, supported by West Side Progressive Party clubs, were to throw a picket line around City Hall, this Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m.

They live in the area bounded by Ogden, Polk, Damen and Taylor.

Recently, a false hope of aid was extended to the West Siders by Mayor Kennelly, who stated that he had urged a special meeting of the VA and housing authorities on their problem.

And last week, State Sen. A. L. Marovitz (19th) resigned from Gov. Green's veterans' housing commission, charging that the governor's stall on new housing legislation for Illinois has retarded construction of relocation housing for the 1600 West Siders who face eviction.

## Wallace here for Slav congress convention speech on Sunday

The fourth national convention of the American Slav Congress will be held in Chicago this weekend to "swell the voice of the majority of the American people who want peace and security in a peaceful, secure world."

Delegates from Slavic-American organizations, societies, church groups, social clubs, trade unions, and youth groups were expected to attend.

Henry Wallace, Progressive candidate for President, will address the convention, according to an announcement from Leo Krzycki, president of the American Slav Congress, former vice-president of the Amalgamated

## Wallace returns

Henry Wallace, who left Chicago the day after last week's Wrigley Field rally, will return here at least twice before the Nov. 2 election.

On Sept. 26 he will address the national convention of the American Slav Congress, meeting here.

On Oct. 15 he will speak at three or more ward Progressive Party club meetings.

Meanwhile Chicagoans will be able to hear him every Monday night over the radio. He'll answer listeners' questions over a coast-to-coast Natl. Broadcasting Co. hookup. In Chicago, WMAQ will carry his broadcasts at 9:30 p.m., daylight saving time.

## Progressives condemn ballot snub to Truman

NEW YORK — Louisiana's Democratic machine has been condemned "without qualification" by the Progressive Party for barring President Truman from the ballot in that state.

"We believe in full democracy," explained C. B. Baldwin, Henry Wallace's campaign manager; "anybody who wants to vote for Mr. Truman should be able to do so."

Truman has refused to comment on frantic efforts by his Democratic cohorts in Illinois and other states to keep Wallace's Progressives off the ballot.

"We hope Louisianans can vote for Truman if they feel like it in November," Baldwin said. "If they can't, we invite them to vote the Progressive ticket and give meaning to their vote."

Clothing Workers of America (CIO), and a leading Wallace supporter.

The convention, which opens Friday night at the Stevens Hotel, will be highlighted by a mass rally at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Civic Opera House.

On Saturday evening the delegates will attend a banquet in the grand ballroom of the Stevens.

WASHINGTON (FP) — A statement condemning lawless assaults on Henry Wallace during his trip through the South was unanimously adopted by the CIO executive board Aug. 31. The CIO affirmed its support of free speech for all Americans.

## Founding convention maps out political action drive for Nov.

Nearly 200 enthusiastic delegates and observers witnessed the first state convention of the Young Progressives of America at DuSable Community Center, 49th & Wabash.

Keynoting the convention, Albert Janney, Progressive candidate for state representative from the 17th district, stressed that "a vote for Henry Wallace is a vote against the draft, Jimcrow, and the vilest forms of political discrimination."

"The purpose of this convention," he said, "must be to make concrete plans for election work in the coming weeks. Specific objectives are support of Progressive Party candidates, building of YPA, and the organization of a new group of 'Volunteers for Wallace' which will have YPA as its base."

John Gojack, national vice-chairman of YPA and a national officer of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers (CIO), pointed out the "shocking similarities" between recent developments in the U.S. and those which accompanied Hitler's rise to power in Germany.

## Head state YPA

Lloyd Davis and Connie Scott were elected co-chairmen of Young Progressives of America in Illinois. Vice-chairman is Mickey Weston, downstate telegrapher. The Rev. Robert Brown is secretary. Jack Burch is treasurer. The 15 executive board members include four labor leaders, five students and six community, social and religious leaders.

He stressed the need for a strong labor foundation in the Wallace youth movement.

The platform provided a program to meet the needs of students, young workers, Negro youth, farmers, women and veterans.

The labor plank asked the extension of unemployment insurance to cover workers on strike and those who have finished school or job training but have not secured work. It demanded an end to all discriminatory practices in shops.

"Jimcrow must go! Jimcrow must go!"

More than 200 marching youths chanted this cry during a spectacular torchlight parade in South Parkway in the evening following the first day of the convention.

Some 400 spectators joined them at 32nd and Rhodes in a street meeting that heard a fight-

ing speech by Oscar Brown Jr., Progressive nominee for state representative from the 1st district, who urged the Negro people to fight back against racial bigotry by joining the Wallace movement, which he called the "only hope of freedom for the Negro in America."

## Howard condemns DuBois dismissal

The dismissal of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois from his post as research director of the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People was condemned this week by Charles P. Howard, Iowa publisher, in a speech before the first annual convention of the Young Progressives of America's Illinois chapter.

Howard, long a Republican leader but now a national officer of the Progressive Party, charged that the NAACP's national leadership is retreating before the "fascist forces."

Such a retreat, he emphasized, threatens the welfare of the Negro people in the U.S.

Praising the work of YPA, Howard told the young delegates that their work "will result in a future of peace, freedom, and abundance for the American people."

## Every reader - get a reader

Last week's Wrigley Field meeting brought in 426 subscriptions to The Illinois Standard. That's a good start.

Individuals who turned in subs during the last week were: Erland Wefander (2), Louis Zorko (2), Bertha Tenin (3), Ed Dvorak (2), Gertrude Noyes, Sidney Ordower.

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