

Petition Governor in ballot fight

Wallace & Taylor here Oct. 15

Henry Wallace and his running mate, Sen. Glen Taylor, will speak at three mass meetings in Chicago next Friday, Oct. 15, along with local Progressive candidates.

On the South Side, they will appear at a "Freedom Rally" to be held in the 8th Regiment Armory, 35th and

Giles.

On the West Side, they'll speak in Sokol Hall, 2345 S. Kedzie.

On the North Side, they'll address a rally in the auditorium of Lakeview High School, Ashland and Irving Park.

All three meetings will begin at 8:15 p.m.

Ask immediate special session to put Wallace on the ballot

A campaign for a quarter of a million signatures on petitions challenging Governor Green to "call immediately a special session of the state legislature" to put Henry Wallace on the Nov. 2 ballot was launched this week.

Among other developments in the Progressives' fight for the state ballot were these:

● A special three-man panel in the U. S. District Court here prepared to rule on Progressive arguments for a writ which would force Illinois election officials to place the names of Wallace, his running mate, Sen. Glen Taylor, and the party's ticket for state offices on the ballot.

● National Wallace headquarters disclosed that the new party has been certified for the ballot in 40 states, expects to be certified within the next few days in five additional states, and has been barred in only three—Illinois, Oklahoma, and Nebraska, with the latter state's Supreme Court expected to put the party on the ballot this week.

Ten thousand petitions, each bearing space for 25 signatures, were distributed to Progressive ward committeemen during the week.

Moving rapidly in the emergency mobilization, the ward committeemen were asked to take the petitions to their active precinct captains.

Deadline for the petitions is next Friday, Oct. 15.

The petitions, described as "a challenge to Governor Dwight H. Green," read:

"In face of the disenfranchisement of hundreds of thousands of Illinois voters as a result of rulings made by the state Electoral Board and the state Supreme Court barring the Pro-



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gressive Party from the ballot, we the undersigned petition and demand that you call immediately a special session of the state legislature for the purpose of enacting such legislation as will enable the voters of this state to exercise their franchise and vote for Henry A. Wallace and Sen. Glen Taylor if they so desire."

William Miller, state director of the new party, said that the Progressives were prepared to file an immediate appeal with the U. S. Supreme Court if the U. S. District Court handed down an unfavorable decision. The district court's ruling was expected by the end of the week.

He pointed out that William C. Wines, the attorney who represented Attorney General George F. Barret in the federal court hearings, had admitted in court that the state election law is unconstitutional.

Wines also agreed with Progressive arguments, advanced by Attorney Richard Watt, that voters who participated in the primary could sign independent petitions because electors are named in conventions and not in the primary.

Wines told the three federal judges—Michael L. Igoe, Philip Sullivan, and Otto Kerner, the latter a justice of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals—that he had no objection to an order which would force Illinois elec-

Five arrested at streetcorner rally in Rogers Park

A Park District ordinance forbidding meetings on park property without a permit seemed headed for a court test this week following the arrest of five Progressive Party speakers at a street meeting held last Saturday night at Pratt and Sheridan.

Scheduled to appear in Town Hall police court Oct. 7 were Zal Garfield, Progressive county director; Irving Steinberg, the party's candidate for U. S. representative from the 12th congressional district; Russell Burrows, nominee for state representative from the 6th district; Harold Rosen, 49th ward Progressive committeeman; and Donald Sweet, nominee for Sanitary District trustee.

Ten park policemen were booed by the crowd of 300 as they began making the arrests a few moments after Steinberg had said: "I fought three years for the right of free speech." Steinberg, Garfield, and Burrows are war veterans.

U.S. increases war supplies to China's dictator Chiang

SHANGHAI (ALN)—Deaths are expected to mount sharply in China's civil war, which is being fought mainly with American arms, as a result of drastically increased U.S. military shipments to Chiang Kai-shek.

The greatest increase in victims is likely to be among civilians, including factory workers. Chiang has been trying to make up for land warfare losses by bombing the rear bases of the Communist-led People's Armies, which have no planes of their own. The U.S. supplies to Chiang, which will be provided under a new procedure secretly devised in Washington, consist largely of planes (P-47D, P-51D and other types) and high octane gas.

Due to arrive in October is enough air fuel to keep Chiang's planes in the air for almost a year. Chiang's government previously had to buy and ship its own gas. Now purchases will be made by U.S. Defense Department procurement officers and

carried to China in U.S. army and navy transports.

Another batch of supplies being shipped to Chiang contains 300,000 rifles. Most of these are brand new, but they are being "sold" to China at a price only 10 per cent of what U.S. taxpayers spent to buy them. Over \$21 million worth of military items will be carried by U.S. vessels direct to Chinese government combat troops on the North China front by way of the port of Tientsin.

Seattle labor lawyer freed in perjury case

SEATTLE, Wash.—A jury in the U.S. District Court here has discredited a whole stable of un-American Committee witnesses by ruling that John Caughlan, noted labor and civil rights attorney, was not guilty of perjury when he testified two years ago that he was not a Communist.

Caughlan's testimony had been given in behalf of a trade union client at naturalization proceedings two years ago. A small army of witnesses, collected by the state's "Little Dies" committee, had contended that Caughlan lied when he denied being a Communist. Many of the witnesses against Caughlan have testified before the House un-American Committee in Washington.

The Washington State CIO Council, in convention at Kelso, gave a tremendous ovation to the news of Caughlan's vindication.

Milk price-fixers indicted

CINCINNATI (FP)—Thirteen major milk firms here have been indicted by a federal grand jury for conspiring to fix milk prices.

The indicted firms, the jury said, sell over two-thirds of \$16 million in milk distributed in this area. They are accused under the Sherman anti-trust act of forcing uniform prices and business practices with the help of the Universal Milk Bottle Service. This service refused to furnish or return bottles to firms which failed to "toe the line" on prices and practices, the grand jury alleged.

Milk now is sold here at the peak price in local history—22c a quart.

UE witnesses hit back at House probe

WASHINGTON—The right of the CIO United Electrical Workers to run its own affairs without interference by congressional snoopers was vigorously defended here last week by two UE national officers.

Organization director James Matles and secy.-treas. Julius Emspak verbally stood right up to the two congressional probers, Reps. Charles Kersten (R., Wis.) and O. C. Fisher (D., Tex.), and slugged it out.

Congressmen started the probe by hearing out James Conroy, who said he knew the union was run by Communists. His words were called "lies" by Matles, who added, "He is no good. He is out to wreck our union. He is a management man. The same thing is wrong with him as is wrong with you (Kersten). He stands for everything that is evil, just as you do."

In response to the committee's questions about "Communist infiltration" into the UE, Matles and Emspak made strong answers. Said Matles: "We are concerned about employers infiltrating our union and trying to make it into a company union . . ." Emspak: "I think that committees like this one are a greater threat to the democratic traditions of our country."

When UE general counsel, David Scribner, attempted to advise his clients on the legality of a query, Kersten ejected him from the hearing. Reporters noted that never has an employer's lawyer been restrained from giving advice to his client.



IN A DESPERATE EFFORT to hold together her family of five children, Mrs. Marie Kerwin of Chicago, a widow, has offered to "marry any man who will give us a good home." Mrs. Kerwin, shown with two of her children, was evicted when she was unable to meet a rent boost.



CAPITAL COP, on signal from Rep. Charles Kersten (R. Wis.), makes a grab for David Scribner, attorney for the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO). Two more cops came to his aid to eject the slight union lawyer when he tried to advise UE leaders testifying at House labor subcommittee hearing.

Every reader - get a reader

In addition to the subscriptions which came in to The Standard by mail and through other promotional means, the following readers of The Standard secured subscriptions last week: Steve Chulay, Edith Rochambeau, Maurice Dorfman, George Snoddy, Peter Price, Clara Parter, Glyn F. Brooks, Anne Mendelsohn, Mrs. H. Kleinman, John Slightham.

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tion officials to certify the Progressives for the ballot.

The only objection came from Melwin Wingersby, an assistant state's attorney, who represented Cook County Clerk Michael Flynn and the Board of Election Commissioners.