

Augstein Supports Goebbels

In a memorable 1960 article, Augstein showed his intellectual fibre by "proving" that one of Goebbels' biggest "Big Lies" was true! Incredibly, in "Stehen Sie Auf, Hern Van Der Lubbe" (Stand Up, Mr. Van Der Lubbe), Augstein absolves the Nazis of all guilt in the famous 1933 "Reichstag Fire." The Dutch Communist van der Lubbe was really to blame, says Augstein.

With the endorsement of Strauss, Mr. Augstein no doubt feels at home with himself once again. Stehen Sie Auf, Hern Augstein!

ISRAEL STEPS UP WAR PACE AS CIA ESCALATES GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

Nov. 6 (IPS)--In a speech yesterday to Parliament, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin blustered that: "It doesn't enter our minds to negotiate with a body [the Palestine Liberation Organization] that would negate our existence as a state and resorts to violence and terror to destroy our state." The PLO is nothing more than a "murder organization," according to this Israeli leader.

Rabin's remarks followed quickly on the heels of Israeli deportation of prominent West Bank Arab leaders accused of support for the PLO and membership in the Palestinian National Front, which allegedly had "perpetrated acts of murder and terrorism." The London Times indicated that other issues were at stake. The Israelis, they said, had revised their policy after the decision of Jordan's King Hussein at Rabat to hand the West Bank to the PLO in order "to underline Israel's refusal to deal with the PLO."

Combined with continual press reports of overnight consolidation of proto-governmental infrastructures by the CIA-manipulated PLO and the guerrilla operations threatened to coincide with the Nov. 13 Palestine debate at the UN, such Israeli security operations quicken the pace of the war momentum.

WORKING CLASS ELECTORAL VICTORY: LABOR PARTY EMERGES AS MASS-BASED MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 6 (IPS)--Yesterday in a historic first for communist organizing in the United States, Labor Party candidate Alan Ogden, running for Congress from the 5th Congressional District in Richmond, Virginia, polled 7,539 votes--11 per cent of the vote--according to the official Board of Elections tally. In San Francisco, Labor Party candidate for School Board Richard Clancy won 14,338 votes. Boston results show Labor Party candidates Laurence Sherman and James Kiggins winning 10 to 12 per cent of the total vote.

As of yesterday, the U.S. Labor Party is officially the mass-based party of the working class.

*A detailed analysis of the 11 per cent Richmond vote total by the Labor Party National Operations Center in New York City yielded the following breakdown: In black working class areas, the U.S. Labor Party polled 30 to 35 per cent of the vote, in interracial working class sections the Labor Party vote was 20 per cent, in white working class areas the turnout for the Labor Party was 8 to 12 per cent of the vote. These figures reflect the strength of Labor Party ideas among wide sections of the working class population of the skilled, employed, and unemployed.

*In South Boston, mass Labor Party organizing exposing the phony busing issue and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's race riots brought out Labor Party votes of 17 and 14 per cent in two districts in the Sherman race.

*In San Francisco, first projections for Labor Party candidate Richard Clancy for School Board were 12 per cent. The next "official" vote count gave Clancy only 6.2 per cent, still a high 14,338 votes.

Preliminary "official" totals nationwide with returns incomplete for most campaigns show that the U.S. Labor Party "officially" received 50,739 votes--despite massive fraud. In fact, Labor Party candidates polled at least 20 per cent of the vote nationally.

Labor Party Countermeasures Against Vote Fraud

In New York State--where only one per cent of the total vote, or 50,000 votes for a gubernatorial candidate places a third party permanently on the ballot--the evidence of vote stealing from U.S. Labor Party gubernatorial candidate Tony Chaitkin is already in. Labor Party voters have signed affidavits swearing to having voted in election districts where official counts register no Labor Party votes!

In a suit to be presented before the New York State Supreme Court Friday, Nov. 8, the U.S. Labor Party will enter a plea on Article 333 of the state election law demanding that voting machines in targeted election districts be impounded pending investigation of electoral fraud. This plea supplements the Labor Party complaint already in Federal Court showing that the New York City ballot was deliberately designed to obscure the Labor Party line and confuse voters. This was affirmed in a decision by New York Federal Court Judge Charles L. Brieant, Jr., Thursday, Nov. 4. Evidence from Buffalo, Albany, Schenectady, and Rochester also will be introduced at Friday's court appearance.

In South Philadelphia, where Labor Party candidate Bernie Salera ran for Congress in a campaign followed nationally by workers, the Labor Party is planning similar court action to impound voting machines. Television newscasts there reduced their initial reports of Salera's vote from 5,000 to 1,800 to 1,000!

Mass-Based Communist Movement Emerges

Upon witnessing this election-stealing, numbers of Labor Party supporters joined the Labor Party on the spot. As of 1:00 p.m. this afternoon, seven men and women made that commitment. These people and hundreds of thousands of workers like them across the country who voted Labor Party are not "registering a protest." They are joining the only organized socialist force capable of taking power around the world in the next two years.

Yesterday's vote totals represent the core of a working class movement that has emerged as a shadow government in the United States.