

numbers of tobacco workers, the Labor Party received no less than 20 per cent in all precincts and over 30 per cent in one-half of the precincts.

The white working class in Richmond also cast a large vote for Ogden; especially in areas where there was a spillover into black districts or in integrated communities such as South Richmond. In the Central City district, an all-white, working-class community where the Labor Party campaigned extensively, the Labor Party averaged 17 per cent in the three precincts. The biggest surprise was precinct 25, which is one-half black ghetto and one-half petit-bourgeois, where the Labor Party got 28 per cent.

The Ogden Campaign

The Ogden campaign has been building up for over a year in the Richmond area and throughout Virginia. Ogden's Democratic opponent, Saterfield, coasted through in previous elections. This time, however, Saterfield was advised by the Democratic organization that "though your opponent [Ogden] is relatively unknown, it would be dangerous for you not to campaign."

Press coverage and working-class debate had been stirred up during the past year around the Labor Party's exposure of brain-washing facilities in the prisons and throughout Richmond. This interest, however, became outright enthusiasm when the Labor Party escalated its anti-Rockefeller drive. The success of this campaign was demonstrated when U.S. Senator Scott of Virginia became the first Senator to come out openly against Rockefeller's nomination. When asked by the press why he was opposed to Rockefeller, Scott replied, "There is too much opposition now to Rockefeller in Virginia."

Extensive press reporting of Ogden's campaign is continuing after the elections. The Richmond News-Leader ran a story "Delighted Saterfield Goes Back to Congress," the content of which was almost totally on Ogden and the Labor Party. The end of the story queries, "Will Ogden run in 1976?" And answers, in the last line, "No, the Labor Party says it will be in power in 1976!"

U.S. LABOR PARTY TURNOUT BREAKS EUROPEAN DEMORALIZATION

WIESBADEN, BRD, Nov. 8 (IPS)--While the European bourgeois press has attempted to play the U.S. elections as a sign of supposed "demoralization" of the U.S. working class, European Labor Committee (ELC) organizers, armed with the story of a U.S. Labor Party turnout in the hundreds of thousands and widespread Rockefeller-engineered fraud, have begun to break the actual demoralization of European workers.

In Darmstadt, West Germany, ELC organizers hit the streets wearing "sandwich" signs announcing high returns in Richmond, Virginia and in Boston. Sales of the ELC's German-language newspaper Neue Solidaritaet doubled as workers crowded around the Darmstadt organizers.

Later that day, ELCers met with a member of the factory council of a local textile plant. Demonstrating the fear that Rockefeller has tried to instill in European workers, this Social Democratic trade unionist blustered, "The American working class must first reach all the democratic rights the German workers have." Realizing the idiocy of such chauvinism as the briefing continued, the SPDer admitted that he hoped the North American work would succeed. He agreed to meet with members of "Unity for Socialism," a faction within the SPD which is organizing a European United Front with the ELC.

At an Ideological Conference of the Belgian Socialist Party in Brussels, ELC organizers rapidly sold newspapers, and an independent left group, which had been in communication with the ELC for some time, asked about joining the ELC en masse.

In Rotterdam, a member of the Dutch Socialist Party finally was moved to action by the large number of calls he had received from places as far away as Munich in the wake of the news of the Labor Party election turnout.

The reactions of the Western European Communist Parties have been extremely cautious now that the returns have demonstrated that the Labor Party has more influence than the Communist Parties of North America and much of Europe.

However, the Danish Communist Party already has moved to find out what its members are talking about, sending a reporter from its newspaper to an ELC election press conference in Copenhagen. All European left press is being mobilized by the ELC to break through the fraudulent news of "demoralization" transmitted by Rockefeller press sources in the U.S.