

The Election Campaign

IN order to carry out the far-reaching military, political and economic measures necessary to accomplish a decisive victory in the war, to maintain postwar peace and to bring about the economic reconstruction of the world, as foreseen by the Teheran Conference, it is fundamentally essential that the governments of the major countries be firmly democratic. The chief menace of the Dewey candidacy in our Presidential elections is that it goes directly against this imperative need for the strengthening of American and world democracy. Dewey, like a lodestone, is attracting to himself the reactionary forces in this country and, if he should succeed in capturing the Presidency, he will become the center of world reaction, thereby gravely menacing our victory and establishment of a democratic peace.



American reaction, with Dewey as its banner-bearer, is now on the march. It scored a big success at the Republican national convention, where it steam-rolled the Willkie liberal opposition, cemented an alliance between the Hoover reactionaries and the McCormick fascists, drafted a reactionary platform and selected a Presidential ticket entirely to its own liking.

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With the machinery of the Republican Party firmly in its grasp, the Hoover-Dewey-McCormick reactionary group is now trying to accomplish the second phase of its sinister program. This is to grab control of the American Government in the November elections. Should it succeed in this, organized reaction would then be in a position to deal heavy blows at American democracy, particularly the trade unions, and to block the adoption of win-the-war, win-the-peace policies. What the reactionary leaders did to the progressives in the Republican convention is a foretaste of what the progressive forces might expect at the hands of a Dewey government.

Should Dewey be elected President, then inevitably American reaction would branch out into the third stage of its program; namely, to cultivate reactionary forces throughout the world, for its own benefit. Make no mistake about it, a Dewey government would follow actively imperialist policies and would be an enemy of democracy and progress throughout the world. Its path, if unchecked by democratic resistance, would lead surely toward economic crisis, the regrowth of Fascist reaction and a World War III.

THAT is the Hoover-Dewey-McCormick plan in a nutshell: (1) They grab the Republican Party; (2) they try to grab the American Government; (3) they seek to grab world im-

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perialist domination. Their past record and present program leave no other conclusion.

That there is grave danger in all this is clear for those who care to see. The Hoover-Dewey-McCormick combination of reactionary forces, among which are the vast bulk of the press and a majority of the great capitalists and the employers' associations, is so strong as to make the Presidential elections anything but a walkaway for Roosevelt. It is certain that if they could get the powerful American Government in their control they would carry out a reactionary policy on a world scale ruinous to our national interest.

All of which signifies that the progressive, democratic forces of this country should put a sudden stop to the advance of American reaction by overwhelmingly defeating the Dewey-Bricker ticket in the November elections. If the American people want to force Germany and Japan to unconditional surrender; if they want to make the recurrence of a new world war impossible; if they want to avoid economic chaos and to lay the basis for a new world prosperity—then they must break up the reactionary coalition by burying the Dewey ticket under an avalanche of FDR votes.

The future of this country and the safety of the world demand that there be a progressive-democratic government in the United States, and the only possible way for us to have such a government is by the continuation of the present Administration in power.