Why Should We Vets Vote Communist, Bob?

Here are the answers to some questions Negro and White Veterans have asked Bob Thompson . . . recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest military award—Communist Candidate for Comptroller.

Question: What about a place to live, Bob?

ANSWER: Remember how the Army did it? From jungles to army barracks overnight! 75,000 Oak Ridge homes for atom-bomb workers in 6 weeks! Millions of planks and cement and building supplies for soldiers—but not a nail, not a room for vets. No, we didn't come home from foxholes to ratholes. Gov. Dewey spends $200,000,000 for a swank highway. Gov. Dewey builds a crummy 6,000 homes for 211,000 families of veterans. Gov. Dewey said the state surplus of $500,000,000 was to be used for the veteran to "meet the needs of that critical period." He said that in 1944. The "critical period" is NOW, 1946. Vets can't use luxury highways . . . and vets won't put up pup tents on highways, either. They want homes!

Question: How about jobs and education?

ANSWER: The vet fought for a better world. He comes home to what? The new VA retraining ruling says he can't earn more than $200 a month—he's forced to starve it out on 52-20 or take a job which means hunger anyway. Is that the deal the vets fought for? Lift the ceiling on vets' maximum earnings. We demand a Federal government boost in student vet allotments for married men to $135 a month and for single vets to $100. We demand a free State University. Present college and school facilities are overcrowded. We Communists are telling the Administration and Gov. Dewey: Cut out the promises, cut out the politics, give the men who fought the war a chance at a decent living and a decent education. Speak up Dewey!

Question: What's your stand on the bonus, Bob?

ANSWER: We want a national bonus of $3 a day for stateside service and $4 a day for overseas duty up to $4500, plus another $500 for disabled vets. The whole cost to the government would be less than 10 days of war operations against Japan! Is that too much for the men and women who gave up careers, homes and a future, to save this country and all civilization from Nazi destruction? We demand that Gov. Dewey loosen the strings on that state $500 million bundle for a decent state bonus! And NOW, not in 1948—a presidential campaign year.
Question: How can we keep the peace, Bob?

ANSWER: Let’s get back to FDR’s foreign policy... place our hopes on Big Three Unity... end the get-tough-with-Russia policy... end our atom-bomb bullying policy against other nations... end the Byrnes-Vandenberg program of backing a despotic king in Greece, a reactionary Chiang Kai-shek regime in China, a fascist Franco, The Soviet Union lost between 12 and 15 million men, women and children in the common struggle against Hitler. Such a country is our natural ally for peace. Gov. Dewey and the Republican Party is the main war danger. Dewey in 1940 fought FDR’s alliance with Russia as a “fantastic partnership”—a partnership which saved millions of American lives. We Communists demand that Truman end appeasing the reactionary Republicans; we demand that the government stop bullying smaller nations; we demand that the Administration get back to Roosevelt’s road... the way to PEACE; not Dewey’s road, the way to war!

VOTE COMMUNIST!  VOTE LABOR!

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• Protect Labor’s Rights. Repeal Anti-Labor Bills.
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• More and Better Schools. Higher Pay for Teachers. A Free State University.
• Guaranteed Annual Income for Farmers.
• End Sales Tax. Keep the 5¢ Subway Fare. Lower Workers’ Taxes. Increase State Aid to Municipalities.
• Higher Pay and the Right to Organize for State Employees.
• Government Ownership of Utilities and Nationalization of Key Industries Under Democratic Control.

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