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DEATH BY AUTOMATION

Every production worker that is employed by the Chrysler Corporation is talking about the complete sell out by the union on the inhuman treatment and speed-up by the company. Older workers that were hired before the union organized swear that it is worse now than then.

OLDTIMERS ARE "GIVEN THE WORKS"

A worker with 30 years seniority first hired at the Plymouth plant, spent all of his time there. He had worked on practically every job and operational code in the plant. Last year the job that he and about 30 other old timers were working on got transferred to the 8 mile plant. They were sent with the job. Some 6 months later the job was given out to another company. All the older workers were laid off. The company and the union wouldn't let them go back to the Plymouth plant, nor could they bump any of the workers with less seniority at the 8 mile plant.

NO HELP FROM UNION; ACCEPTS LABORERS JOB

This worker walked the streets for some 6 months before they called him to the Mack plant. The company told him the only job they had for him was a laborer's job. This is one of the lowest paying and the hardest, most rugged work. When he refused they told him they had nothing else for him. He went to the union hall and sat there 10 hours waiting to see the local president. When they were ready to close the office they told him the president was out of town and did not know when he would be back. The following day he came back to the plant and had to accept the laborer's job.

AUTOMATION'S TOLL

This kind of treatment of workers goes on day in and day out. A Negro worker had just returned to work after spending a month in the hospital. He was put on a job that workers in good health could hardly do. He told the foreman it was impossible for him to do. When he was told by the super that he would be fired, he came back to work. He worked the job 2 days, the third was off. 3 days later a worker was going around collecting money to buy flowers for his funeral. Workers yelled at the super, "You killed him, do you feel happy now?"

At the Jefferson plant the workers are not allowed to wipe the oil and grease from their hands. The company says this is lost time. "The time study man does not time workers while they wipe their hands."

BROTHERS IN ARMS—EFFICIENCY EXPERTS

I remember during World War II how the capitalists yelled about a report that the prisoners in Germany were punished for stopping to sneeze on the job. Hitler said this was lost man hours. The daily papers here said that is the way Fascism works. What would you call this treatment of American workers today? This inhuman treatment is called our democratic way of life.

A woman worker at the Chrysler Highland Park plant said that every day she feels as if it is going to be her last. Today she is in a hospital. The doctor says it is from strain and over exertion.

Today in the plants if a worker falls behind on a job or he can't do it, the super hollers, "Pay him off." They'll put you in a pool with all the laid off workers until they are ready to call you back on the same job or one that is worse.

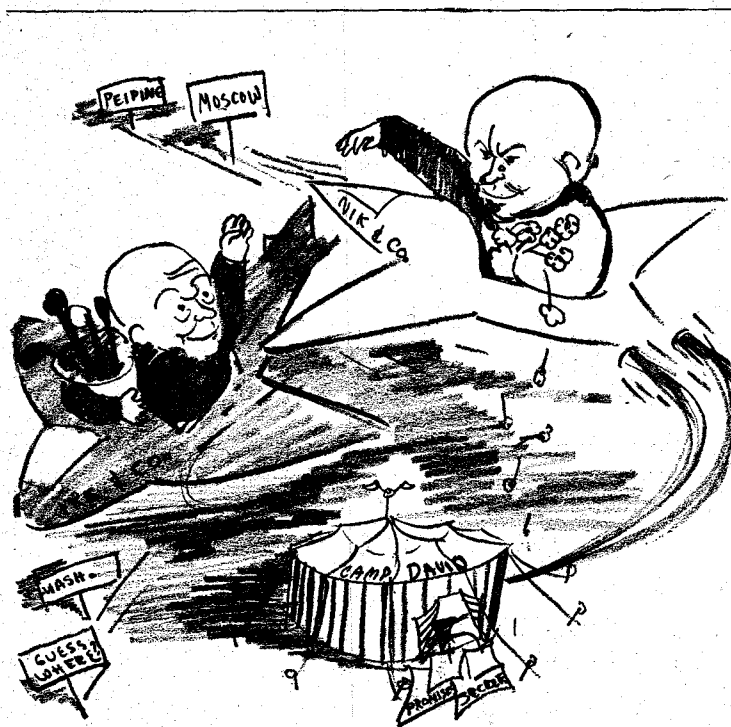
The union has not said a word about this. As reported in the last issue of News & Letters officers of Local 212 even signed away 1/2 of our relief time of 6 minutes every hour. You haven't got time to go to the rest room. The union leaders call this job security.

A worker said, "This is only job security for the undertakers; it will make us well secured in our graves."

The officers said that the workers should not be mad at them, but the company. A worker said, "We know the company. We had to organize a union because of the company. You are supposed to be on our side representing us but you are doing everything against us and for the company. You're worse than they. We'll organize again if we have to."

FIGHT FOR INTEGRATION BRINGS ATTACKS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH

A Negro worker told News & Letters, "They have twisted our fight for a better future for our youth into 'token integration' in the schools. The pitiful admission of a few colored kids into schools with hundreds of white kids they call 'progress.'"



"Don't give Away my Secrets and I won't Give Away Yours."

"When the Supreme Court decision on integration was made, I thought that within the time the Court gave the Southern states, it would be unlawful and unconstitutional to deny anyone admittance into any school. I see now that time allowance was just what the reactionary white South wanted to build up their resistance to integration."

PUPIL PLACEMENT LAWS

It is precisely this that has turned that decision into a sham. Pupil placement laws is the legal weapon the South has been using to force token integration. With these laws they cause the greatest of delay in admitting Negro children into white schools. On the basis of a choice of factors, crowded schools, intelligence, psychological adjustment, health and morals they have been able to fight integration without even the mention of it. Individual cases are dragged through the courts, and much too often the white South has been upheld by the Federal Courts.

POLICE BRUTALITY

With the 1959 school year, Negro students have not only found themselves fighting for token integration but have found themselves bearing the brunt of police brutality that has swept the country in the guise of fighting "juvenile delinquency."

It is bad enough that the white authorities are carrying on this vicious attack but this kind of action has been given the green light by the attitude and the campaign carried on by the Negro leadership in its press against the Negro people themselves.

A Negro worker pinpointed it when he said, "What kind of white wash is this?"

SCHOOL INTEGRATION

While the Negro people have to fight for every bit of freedom they have gained, many of the segregationists have the power of the states behind them. Five of the Southern states have refused any integration at all in their schools. These are the states with the largest Negro populations. They are Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Caro-

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TWO WORLDS

EISENHOWER-KHRUSHCHEV SPECTACULAR

The show is over. The unprecedented TV, radio, and press coverage of Khrushchev's visit faded into the stillness of Camp David, where secret agreements between two such great warlords as Eisenhower and Khrushchev would not be open to mass media coverage. Then, the whole circus tent was taken down.

LEND-LEASE

The official communique from Camp David carried almost as frigid an air after, as before, the well publicized thaw. Nothing but "clarification" of the two opposing positions seems to have been achieved on the question that brought about the crisis in the first place: Berlin. But that is only because another show, more sinister than the one on TV, has to be put on for the benefit of the independence of "allies," especially West Germany.

The main reason that Khrushchev first concocted the Berlin crisis—trade in America—is also being played in a low key and first will be given to experts to see what Russia will pay for its Lend-Lease debt. Finally, still another show, this time for Eisenhower, has been put off until Spring, with the homey statement on the part of Khrushchev that it would be easier for the Eisenhower grandchildren to accompany him then.

"DOING BUSINESS WITH KHRUSHCHEV"

But all these are appearances. Of course the Berlin crisis could not be "resolved"—because the two contenders for world power have no intention of doing anything but prepare for the holocaust of World War III. But meanwhile—while the missiles become so operational that each side is sure it is the other that will be annihilated in the

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EYE-WITNESS REPORT
ON
WESTERN EUROPE

COAL AND ITS PEOPLE

Co. Pressures Older Workers

MINERS TELL SUPER NO YELLOW DOG CONTRACTS

Scotts Run, W.Va. — This guy working in my mine was an old-timer. He'd been around a long time and was a real fighter. He was working as a mason, and the company was putting pressure on him to try to get rid of him.

CO. TRIES TO GET RID OF OLDER WORKER

He didn't work quite as fast as some younger men, but he did his job and the company was searching for some way to get something on him.

BUT ONE day he found himself in a rough situation. His supplies were a couple hundred feet from where he was working, which meant he had to carry them a long way. The result was that he didn't get a block stopping he had started to work on finished during the shift.

The mine super called him into his office at the end of the shift and started to chew him out for not doing his work. The miner explained the circumstances to him, but this was hardly satisfactory to the super. He wanted to get rid of him and he thought he could pull a fast one.

After many threats and much intimidation, he got the miner to submit to sign an agreement that he would build at least one stopping a day.

ONE YEAR TO GO

This was something completely against the contract, but this miner had about a year to go before his retirement and was pretty desperate.

But to top this, the super went to the recording secretary of the local union and had him sign the agreement as a witness. It was bad enough for the miner to have agreed to this, but this officer was even worse.

He should not only have refused to be a part of the whole business; it was his duty to inform both the super and the miner that this was nothing less than a yellow-dog agreement — something that had been outlawed when the miners first organized the mines in the '30's.

As soon as the men heard about the whole rotten business, they hit the ceiling.

WE HAD our union meeting the following week-end, and both the miner and recording secretary were there, as well as a large group of very angry union members.

The mason was very firmly informed that he had been forced to do something that he shouldn't have done

through threats and intimidation. He apologized for his ignorance after explaining the circumstances under which he had signed the agreement.

But the recording secretary came in for the most criticism. He knew better, only the men also knew he was often with the company when arguments came up, so they jumped on him with both feet.

AT ANY RATE, the first thing Monday morning, the mine committee, on instructions from the men at the meeting, were in the super's office.

The super had heard of what had transpired at the meeting, of course, and had the agreement on his desk. He tore it up after the committee had related both the sentiments of the men and quoted the contract forbidding such shenanigans.

PICKET BAN AIDS CROSS CO. SCABS

DETROIT — There is a strike that is now going on at the Cross Company in Detroit, an outfit that makes automation machinery.

The company refuses to recognize the UAW as bargaining agent for the workers, although in two previous elections supervised by the NLRB, the majority of the men had voted for the UAW to be their representative.

COMPANY REFUSES TO BARGAIN

When negotiation time came, the company refused to bargain with the UAW, saying that the majority of men in the plant did not favor the UAW. The result was a strike, which has now been going on for a couple of months.

But scabs are still going to work, passing through picket lines with the help of police and a court injunction which has limited pickets to 20 men. About two thirds of the workers are on strike.

In a situation like this, there is bound to be hard feelings on the part of the men who are out, and although there has been some violence on the picket lines, the amazing thing is that there hasn't been more.

MINERS HAVE TRADITION ON STRIKES, SCABS

For a miner, such a situation is hard to see. Not that miner's don't know about scabs and violence, but because they do know about it. Indeed, it is because of a history filled with such situations that they have developed a rich and positive tradition about strikes, picket lines and scabs.

THROUGH THEIR battles with yellow-dogs, scabs and

MINER GETS SMART

West Virginia — With the lay-offs we had in our mine, men were juggled around to different shifts and different buddies.

This one white miner who had worked on the afternoon shift had a colored buddy working with him on a pin machine. He was prejudiced against colored people — and everyone on the section, including his buddy, knew it.

When anything went wrong, he would blame his buddy for it, even though most of the time it was his own fault.

When the lay-off hit, he was moved to day shift because he had a lot of seniority, and got a white buddy. What he had hoped for so long was finally coming true. But while he was overjoyed about the switch, no one was happier to see the change than his colored buddy.

After about a week of working on day shift with his new buddy, however, the miner who had been transferred began to change his tune.

WE WERE all talking together after a union meeting and someone brought up the subject of his switch to day shift, getting a new buddy and how satisfied he must be now.

"Satisfied my eye," he snorted. "You know, I never thought I'd live to see the day when I'd say that I would rather work with a colored man than a white man. But my old buddy on afternoon shift has more sense about that job and machine in his little finger than my new buddy has in his head."

police, their attitude reflects the respect they have for men who are out on strike.

IT TAKES ONLY TWO TO GET SOLIDARITY

This respect for a picket line among the miners is best shown by the fact that only two men from a mine that is on strike can go to other union mines in their area as a picket line, and men in the other mines will join them in sympathy.

There have been rare instances when officers at a particular mine would not recognize two men who came to their mine as a picket line, and instruct the men to go ahead and work and ignore the "pickets."

But by the time the next shift at such a mine is supposed to start work, there is no question about if the two men represented a picket line. For a throng of pickets from both the mine directly engaged in the dispute and others out in sympathy with them are on the scene in force.

And there is no question of the men going to work. They don't.

Way of the World

By Ethel Dunbar

AUTOMATION, THE MOON, & EISENHOWER

This world we are living in is getting to be no better than it was hundreds of years ago. You can hear people saying everywhere you go, what can we do? Where can we go to make a living here in the U.S. without capitalists having something to say on everything. They have the courts pass laws to back them up in order to keep the poor working people down. Poor people here in the United States can't do anything to prepare a way to live happy. The administration thinks of ways to cut them down and not be able to make a living for themselves.

They are taking so much time out trying to hold back the working people with automation machines until they forget how to put their rocket "bombs" together.

All they are thinking of is how many more police they need to kill the rest of the people that are not starving, out of work.

While they are thinking of how to destroy the workers they will go all out making a law to support the capitalist class and put them still higher than the poor.

UP TO THE MOON AND BACK

But one thing that Mr. Khrushchev and the Russians did not forget, is how to build their rocket "bomb" and how to send it on up to the moon and have it there before the United States can get anything to go over a thousand miles in the air.

Mr. Eisenhower saw just how far behind they are in making war tools to profit this country. He decided he better do something about making friends with the Russians. He had Mr. Khrushchev come to this country to see how good he and the big capitalist class are treating the American people. He took him around to a few large cities to show them off. He had Mr. Walter Reuther ask Mr. Khrushchev some of his foolish questions but Mr. Khrushchev told Reuther what a fool he was for the capitalist class.

KHRUSHCHEV'S MANUEVERS

President Eisenhower did not take Mr. K down South where he would have seen how the Negroes were fighting and struggling for their free rights, to go to school, to ride the buses like the white people because they are just as human as the whites. The whole world watches the South and Mr. Eisenhower doesn't want any more trouble.

Khrushchev asked Ike to do away with the army and end the cold war because he has H-bombs to kill all the people in one day. But Mr. Eisenhower has to think, what can he do with the millions of soldiers when they return home? Who would like to be in Ike's shoes? His problem is as hard to work out as the Negro question. So Mr. Eisenhower don't you think you should live, and let live?

Negro-White Relations

Detroit—You don't know how it hurts to know what goes on in regards to the Negro people, and not be able to get anybody to help. Everyone just sits and talks —everyone, and the NAACP most of all. But no-one does anything!

IT MIGHT NOT HURT you if you're white but it sure hurt me when I read about the 15 year old Negro boy that is to be electrocuted in Canada.

I read about all this brutality going on and I get so angry that I don't want to hear about it anymore. It keeps going on though.

MY HUSBAND told me that he picked up a hitch hiker one night a few weeks ago. The man told him that he had gone out to answer an ad for a job that was in the papers. He used his last 30c for the bus. When he got there the man said, "Oh, I am sorry, I didn't want colored." He said he had to thumb a ride home. My husband took him a little of the way and when he got out he gave him 40c for carfare.

The man told him he was going to walk the rest of the way and use the money to buy some neck bones so he could make a stew for his kids.

I tell you if I had answered an ad like that I wouldn't have had to walk home. The police would have taken me for I would have punched the guy in the nose.

THE WHITE MAN is not in slavery. The Negro people have to start the fight and have the help of the white man.

If you can get the people together Eisenhower will hear you all right.

—Esther Douglass

Breaking the South

A Negro worker watching the L. A. Dodgers on T.V. said, "You see how happy those guys are when they win. The team is almost half Negro. How they hug each other when they win. For years I doubted that I'd ever see anything like that. I thought, maybe my grand children might but not me. That kind of unity and the hell the Southern Negroes are giving the whites is going to break the South and I know I'll see it in my time."

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North American Lays Off Workers As Air-Force Cancels Contracts

Los Angeles—I have some friends who work at North American—that is, they did work there until the Air Force decided to cancel the F108 contract. One day they were working, and the next day they, and a couple of thousand other workers didn't have jobs. This sort of thing seems to happen every

year or two at the local aircraft plants, and it sure doesn't do anything to make the workers feel more secure; perhaps this is what the companies want.

The workers I know feel that the F108 was ridiculous in the first place because by the time they ever finally got one off the ground—if, indeed, they could ever get one off the ground—it would be obsolete. Not only that, it would probably cost one to three billion dollars just to get the first one in the air. I don't think that it was the money that bothered the government—it's just that they want to shift the funds over to more missiles in order to meet the Russian challenge of better publicity on the destructive and moon rockets.

What seems so bad about all this is that with one swirl of his pen, some Air Force man can write off the jobs and lives of some few thousand men—a thing which is so inhuman.

The workers I know who still have jobs at that company don't feel much better, for they have seen again how insecure they are; even though the company has a contract to build another huge and equally expensive bomber, the B70. As one of the workers there put it, "I know that that big elephant-in-the-sky (the B70) won't fly, but they will spend billions finding out. I feel like I'm working for some big WPA project."

—Aircraft Worker

HARDEST HIT ARE STEEL WORKERS

River Rouge, Mich.—The steel strike has hurt plenty of people around here. Not only the steel workers and their families—everyone knows they're hurting.

I mean different business places and people who had rooms and apartments rented out to steelworkers working here.

I know of at least three restaurants that have closed down because no steelworkers are eating in them now. And you can walk along these blocks and find most of the rooms and places that steelworkers had rented are now empty.

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WHEN A steelworker is working, he doesn't mind paying ten or twelve bucks a week for a room to stay in during the week if he lives far away or if he's single. It's worth it in the transportation costs you save.

But now it sure isn't. Those that have homes far out are there and the single guys in Detroit where they can get a sleeping room for three bucks a week.

What Kind of Labor?

They're always trying to get steel workers to work harder and harder. Last year they came up with a gimmick to do it: whoever would turn out the most heats during a day would get a placard hung up and a box of cigars.

To get that, so-called ideal conditions were set up. Our records are only for a day, and the next thing you know — after the placard and cigar — they want the same tonnage all the time.

The truth is that the conditions are never ideal. Say you had four cranes and one broke down. Then three had to carry the load of the four, or the fourth would have to be operated manually. These conditions are not ideal, but still they expected the same amount of work.

Incentive is the real killer in steel. It is the gimmick, the controlling factor. And now we see that we're back in the old conditions.

Steelworker
Pittsburgh

Talking Machine

Detroit—I couldn't understand why one guy at work kept insisting that the foreman lay him off. He could have worked a couple of more days but he said no, he'd rather be laid off now.

I went up and asked him how come and he said to me, "You see that machine there — it can do everything but talk and I am scared of it. Yes, scared that the next thing it will do is talk and tell me 'HURRY UP!'"

—Chrysler Production Worker

DUES HIKE For U.A.W. Workers

Detroit — The U.A.W. is holding its convention. The daily papers have stated that there is no need for the delegates to be present in the hall. First, there is no opposition and secondly there are no proposals or demands coming from Reuther or his staff, on the companies, the next contract or working conditions.

The only point to the convention will be the raising of dues in order that the union treasury will be up to the same level as when the thousands laid off were working. This will fall on the backs of the employed. When that butcher Khrushchev called Reuther a capitalist stooge no one knows it better than the auto workers. His only interest is himself and the corporations. I believe he hates the production workers. If it was not that he wants us to vote for some so-called "good" Democratic politician he would tell us what he thinks of us.

—Union Member

has been mentioned about the working conditions that the workers struck over in the first place.

One worker knows the union leaders well. He said, "If you think about it, in all the strikes in the past 3 or 4 years over the same grievances of speed-up and unsafe conditions, the International sits by until some workers get fired and then they step in to bargain. The issue then becomes not the working conditions but the fired workers. Then they get some fired workers back or make some agreement on it and call the strike settled!"

—Detroit Auto Worker

TWINSBURG STRIKE

Just before Labor Day a wildcat strike took place at the Chrysler plant in Twinsburg, Ohio. During the Labor Day parade in Detroit some workers from the struck plant stood on the side lines yelling to the union officials, asking them why don't they march down to Twinsburg and help the workers there.

The union leaders announced they wouldn't go to Twinsburg until the strikers went back to work.

At the Twinsburg plant itself all the local union officers were fired. There the officers still work on the line and know the working conditions and were with the men 100%. A week after they were fired officials from Solidarity House finally went to Twinsburg, and started to bargain with the company. They came out and said they couldn't settle with the Company so they called an "official strike."

They were quick to go back and settle when this began to close down production in the Detroit plants. They settled on the basis that the leaders of the wildcat strike would be suspended by the company from 6 days to 6 months. Nothing

The Working Day

By Angela Terrano

MACK PARKER KILLERS TO GO FREE

The Grand Jury that was to investigate the murder of Mack Parker has thrown the case out because "the evidence" does not warrant an investigation. What a sham, what mockery.

LYNCHING, U.S.A.

It was last May that Mack Parker was lynched by a pack of masked white men. It was last May that the F.B.I. was finally forced to investigate a lynching. The eyes of the world were focused on the American Negro people and they knew it. The world had seen the strength of the Negro people and they had also seen their treatment at the hands of American white officials and non-officials.

SUPER POLICE

The F.B.I. that probably knows every spy that is

breathing throughout the world took months to come up with some names of people involved in the lynching. They have never been made public. They were turned over to a county prosecutor who turned it over to the Grand Jury. So here is the complete cycle.

JUSTICE, U.S.A.

While they fete the greatest butcher of them all, Nikita Khrushchev, and much fanfare is made throughout the country, somewhere is buried the story that Mack Parker's killers will go free. This is justice by the U. S. butchers. This is the law of the land that the Negro people have faced for years. It is about time that white Americans stand up and be counted on which side they stand.

MONEY USED BY UNION COULD HELP STEELWORKERS' FAMILIES

River Rouge, Mich.—We are hearing a lot of news now about different unions pledging money to help us who are out on strike.

But do you know where this money is going to? You can bet the men on strike in the steel mills and their families won't see a nickel of it.

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WHAT THEY'RE going to do with that money is buy up a lot of space in newspapers and on TV to put the case of the union to the "public."

To me, that's just a lot of waste of good money that could be helping to feed the men and their families.

And don't let anyone kid you that there aren't plenty of steelworkers and their families who are wondering where their next meal is coming from.

You take my local for example. They sent us all a letter telling us what was going on in negotiations in New York between the union and the company. Now that's about 10,000 letters, each one with a four-cent stamp, plus the cost of the paper and envelopes and the work of people to get them out.

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THERE ISN'T a steelworker who hasn't kept up with all the news by radio

or TV or both. What they said in that letter was old news to us when we got it.

But think of the expense involved in those letters. That money could have fed a lot of hungry people.

NEGRO TECHNICIAN MEETS HOSTILITY

PITTSBURGH — A white jobber I know has a Negro working for him who is highly skilled in electronics, and sends him out to handle all sorts of complex equipment, installing it in various parts of the United States.

One time the job was in West Virginia. The Negro worker made a flying trip with the other white workers to install some scientific equipment in the plant. When he walked in, everyone looked up. They had never seen a highly skilled Negro technician.

The boss made a point of refusing to call him "Mister" even though the head man of the group had introduced him as "Mister" to all the employees there. One white man got especially aroused when he saw the white girls calling him "Mister" and when he needed to ask him any question he called out, "Hey, John."

The Negro worker replied, "My name is Mr. Butler. Only close family friends call me John, and I do not consider you one of my close friends."

The white worker was just burning up and the next time called him by his first name again. This time the Negro answered, "Okay, Sam."

The white worker called him "Mister" from then on. —Negro Housewife

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STRIKES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

One million out on strike. That was a conservative estimate reported at the beginning of October. Workers throughout the United States showed by walking out that they would not be intimidated by any new or old anti-labor laws. One million workers in Steel, Auto, on the Docks and in numerous small shops were out—with still yet another strike impending, that of the Railway workers.

IN DETROIT, area workers at the small Cross company, manufacturers of Automation machines, are having a show down fight to keep their union. The company is determined to break the union and has used every trick in the book against the workers, in a bid to outdo the Kohler corporation in anti-unionism.

USE OF THE TAFT-HARTLEY

While workers walked the picket lines Eisenhower entertained Khrushchey, and when Khrushchey left he invoked the Taft-Hartley, slave labor law, while vacationing in California. He used it first against the Dock workers and then against the steelworkers whom he claimed were endangering the "economic health" of the nation.

BIG BUSINESS big shots have never doubted that they had Ike in their pocket and his recent action urged by the Steel bosses with the support of American Motors shows how right they are. Big business with the president of American Motors as their spokesman is not content with merely the Taft-Hartley and Landrum-Griffin laws but are urging the passage of still more anti-labor legislation to tie up the workers. No doubt we will hear still more from them if there is no strike settlement at the end of the 80-day "cooling off" period provided for in the Taft-Hartley Act. Labor Secretary Mitchell has already warned if this is the case, Congress which reconvenes early in January will have to enact more legislation.

WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION and big business are acutely aware of the unrest throughout the country and determined to control the workers, not a single shadow of this unrest appeared in the deliberations of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. bureaucrats who met in convention in San Francisco at the very height of the strikes.

WHILE THE A.F.L.-C.I.O. conventions have produced nothing but futility ever since the artificial merger convention of 1956, the 1959 convention will go down in history, not for what it accomplished, but for the new low it reached.

The big shots gave a lot of double talk about human rights, while A. Philip Randolph, an international vice president of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. and the head of the Sleeping Car Porters Union, attacked the lily-white practices of the Railway Brotherhoods. He proposed the motion that the A.F.L.-C.I.O. give the member unions 6 months to eliminate discriminatory practices which bar Negro workers from membership or face expulsion.

He was voted down.

The one thing that will be long remembered from this convention is President of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., Meany's abusive shouting down not of the motion alone but the shocking display of shouting down A. Philip Randolph himself. Through all this Reuther sat silent and gave his voting strength to Meany.

AUTOMATION—MAN KILLER

The union leaders are not fighting for any of the demands of the production workers. Automation, which these leaders failed to fight from its inception into the factories, is a man-killer. News & Letters has printed workers' articles about these monster machines. Production has been speeded up beyond imagination. Automation is forced on workers who physically and mentally cannot take its in-human motions and are literally dropping dead in the factories. A striking Michigan steelworker who got a job in an auto plant to try to make ends meet said, "You know the speed-up from Automation in the steel mills is back breaking but working in that auto shop was something. I never saw anyone forced to work so fast in all my life. I had to quit. I couldn't take it."

NEITHER THE Administration, big business or the labor leaders are concerned with this. But the workers on strike are concerned, with their very lives at stake.

IN PEIPING, after his U. S. visit, Khrushchey said, "Eisenhower is a man who enjoys the absolute confidence of his people."

A million striking American workers have answered the lie.

Readers'

KHRUSHCHEV'S VISIT

Khrushchey took over TV — around the clock. I have never seen such coverage except once in four years when the Republican and Democratic conventions might get it. From the time he landed in Washington they broadcast his speeches complete (and they are long.) There was a TV camera at every corner on all his visits. Then there were news commentaries and summaries while he slept.

What it meant was that for twelve hours a day, the TV world audience was being fed the most complete vulgarization of Marxism I have ever seen. With every question Khrushchey answered, he tried to identify what they have in Russia with Marxism.

The only answer to all this perversion can come from us and the Marxist Humanist theory we base ourselves on. The "Two Worlds" column last issue was magnificent on the purpose of Khrushchey's trip.

Committee Member
Los Angeles

The cartoon last issue was one of the best I've seen. It really hits the nail on the head and cuts through all the nonsense about Khrushchey's visit. I admire (as you "admire" a ferocious tiger) the way he can say something which on the surface is witty, even friendly, but underneath is a very brutal threat.

For example, he said in his first talk how he had left Moscow in the morning which is good luck or something in Russia and when he got here it was still morning. He said what close neighbors we are. (And how easily we can blast each other off the face of the earth.)

Mother of Two
New England

A worker in our shop who came from Russia as a little boy was mad because Khrushchey called himself a Communist. He said he was no more a Communist than Ike is. The only thing he liked was when Khrushchey called Reuther a dictator. We all liked that.

Auto Worker
Detroit

These visits between Ike and Nik may mean no war immediately — but that "breather" in our age just means depression. Russia or Khrushchey won't buy enough American cars to keep the auto industry going.

Auto Worker
Los Angeles

I don't think this country could even dream of going along with Russia's proposal to disarm. There are too many unemployed here right now. If they stopped the war preparations can you imagine what would happen?

Production Worker
Detroit

I never heard so much talk about Russia before at work as in the last few days. It kind of scares me because it seems to be a little too sympathetic. Yet they seem to know that if this line was in Russia, they'd make you work as hard or harder.

Production Worker
Los Angeles

Khrushchey sounds pretty good until you begin to prod him about Hungary. One guy at work said that Russians are all godless and another answered him that he read about Mr. K. saying that he would swear on any bible that Nixon would. He said that Khrushchey uses God as much as Nixon.

Auto Worker
Los Angeles

The trip to the moon was another Sputnik but treated like a form of transportation for Khrushchey.

He mentioned it in his first speech and no more — nothing must take the spotlight from Khrushchey. And America was willing not to discuss it and not have it on the front pages.

The reaction of the scientists was one of great admiration and congratulations to the Russian scientists. But it was not in the news for more than 12 hours.

Reader
Los Angeles

WAR... AND "PEACE"

I read that 23 babies in one week died in Italy of some sort of intestinal infection, and felt right away that it was probably Strontium 90.

Working Woman
Detroit

One of the first things that hits you about our town is preparation for war. There is an armory here that makes small weapons for the armed forces. You see parts of the armory set up all over town.

The other thing is that there is a big SAC base nearby and so we hear the jets roaring over all the time. At first it scared me to death, not just the sound, but what it meant, what it could mean.

Now I am used to it—how quickly we can "ad-

just" to death. Sometimes they break the sound barrier and there is a terrific boom like thunder and the houses shake a little. And yet when you look up in the sky and see that white trail, or see the plane itself, you think what power for good that could be, and even how beautiful it is.

Newcomer
New England

The positive aspect of Khrushchey's recent visit is not his gift of "Peace" through total disarmament. Rather it is that for the first time the two powers that are dividing the world between them met on a brilliantly lit stage for all to see.

This spectacle of the two potential radio - active - poisoners of all humanity seeking a deal over the H-bomb, brings into sharp focus the kind of labor that daily adds poison to the life of the individual laborer in each nation. Much was said about socialist planning and achievement as well as American prosperity and democracy; but nothing about the kind of human existence that is the essence of News & Letters—the growth of the whole individual through his work; unified activity of mind and hand that is as essential to a man's life as oxygen; the need to reunite the producer and his product. Here democratic capitalism see eye to eye.

Peace is meaningless in the kind of a world where daily each worker returns to the factory only after a war with himself.

MD
Los Angeles

LEADERS AND RANKS

We know that at least 10 workers have died at Chrysler from the speed-up, which the Union hasn't said a thing about. When I read that Chrysler had made some 58 millions this year, all I could think about was those men who died making it. The Union talks about the nickels and dimes they've won for us in pay-increases, but a man's life isn't measured in nickels and dimes.

Chrysler Worker
Detroit

I don't see much difference between the way Khrushchey acts with his workers and the way Reuther acts with us. What Mr. K. says goes there, and what Reuther says goes here. I guess they can strike in Russia if Khrushchey gives them the orders to, just like we can strike if Reuther tells us to—but if we strike for ourselves, they call it an

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Views

"illegal" wildcat and we can be fired by the company and expelled from the Union. As far as the plant itself goes, that's our own Siberia.

**Auto Worker
Detroit**

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A foreman was riding my co-worker and had him pretty mad. He finally turned to the foreman and said, "Khrushchev is leaving tomorrow. He brought 100 people with him, but I wish he could take 200 back." The foreman asked him what he meant, and the worker told him, "I have a list all ready for him. I'd send Reuther back with him first, and you second, and there are 98 others I have in mind to follow." The foreman left in a hurry and never did come back all day.

**Production Worker
Detroit**

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UNEMPLOYMENT

The Chrysler Mack plant is so empty now that on the 3rd floor all you see is the floor, walls and ceiling. The fourth floor is the same with the exception of one department that has maybe 120-150 workers. The press room on the ground floor may have 200 people. In the whole place there might be 180 welders and helpers.

They said that with the new model they would use not more than a half of the people they had on the old model. I can tell you there is not more than one third—even less than that—left in that plant. That means the majority of those workers are out in the streets now.

At top capacity this plant used to employ 35,000 workers. That was in 1956, or 55. And the way they have us work now they're killing the men who are left.

**Production Worker
Detroit**

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I was laid off from the Ford Motor Co. November of 1957. They just called me back the beginning of October—1959.

While I was off I was in a car accident and am not completely recovered, but the doctor passed me as OK for work. Only the Ford labor relations board couldn't find a job for me to do. So here I am again, an

**Unemployed Ford Worker
Detroit**

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Chrysler announced in the paper that they have enough steel to work until November, but they didn't say how many hours a week we are going to work. I got called back after model change-over and eight days later I was laid off for two more days.

**Chrysler Worker
Los Angeles**

Equal opportunity and being able to go get a job without the fear that you are going to be turned away because of your color even though you qualify—that's what is important to me right now because I have been out of work 2 years. It's hard for anyone to get a job these days, but when they turn me away because I am Negro it just makes me angry.

**Reader
Detroit**

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NEGRO STRUGGLE

The 1954 court decision didn't say integrate one grade at a time. To me it meant the whole school.

This one grade at a time is just a way to get around integration.

**Negro Worker
Detroit**

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I can't understand how any white would want to keep the children separate in the schools because of a fear that they'd start to mingle.

White and colored have been working next to each other in the shops for a long time, and yet they don't visit each other or continue as friends after work. The kids being together in the schools probably wouldn't mix any better.

I think the real reason they don't want the kids to go to school together is that the whites don't want the colored to learn their politics.

**Negro Mother
Detroit**

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What the Negro people need is to become respectable, to get better economic advantages and better themselves.

**Negro Worker
Detroit**

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The Negro leadership is quite respectable and has lots of money—but look what they do with that money and respectability to remain in the favor of the whites. They've been carrying on a vicious campaign in the press and blame the Negro people for everything.

That has simply given the green light to the police to beat up Negro teenagers.

I was certainly glad to read about it when more than a dozen mothers stormed the police station to get one woman's 14-year-old son out. They didn't need eye-witness reports to know what was going to happen to him once he got in there. They called extra police squads to the station—but they let him go home with his mother pretty fast.

**Negro Worker
Detroit**

Police brutality is not something that just happened. It's been going on for years and it is about time that something is done about it.

**Auto Worker
Detroit**

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MARXIST HUMANISM

To my notion, this paper gives everybody a chance to express themselves in their own words and not be ashamed of it afterwards.

Until the people in the U. S. begin to pull together, we won't be much good. Until we can get our thoughts together like in **News and Letters**, we can't begin to solve our problems.

**New Subscriber
Los Angeles**

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We haven't yet found the way to get all those who agree with us to join us, but just putting out the paper regularly, and just having somebody tell us that he "agrees with everything in it" is important, even if that same person doesn't join us right away. We have plenty to say, and the workers have plenty to say, and putting it down for others to read is not just "talking" about something. It is "doing" something about it. Nobody else in the world is even looking in the right direction for the answers.

**Committee Member
Detroit**

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Last issue you printed a letter predicting that soon everybody would be hopping on the Humanist bandwagon under other names. It did not take long to come true.

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge recently proclaimed that this stinking system was not really capitalism, but something called new "Economic Humanism". If this has anything human about it, please count me out.

**MARXIST Humanist
Pittsburgh Pa.**

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I read **Marxism and Freedom**. I was able to get it in the Mitchell Library here in Glasgow. While I do not agree with it entirely, it delighted me. Some of the chapters would stand publication as separate works. It is an outstanding work.

The politically minded workers must be assisted to get the Trotsky-Stalin poison out of their systems. It seems to me that the issue of Workers' Councils versus the State is coming to the forefront. The Russian leaders are scared about it and are making themselves ridiculous. They will never forget Hungary.

**H. McShane
Scotland**

TWO WORLDS

By Raya Dunayevskaya, Author
of **Marxism and Freedom**

EISENHOWER-KHRUSHCHEV SPECTACULAR

(Continued from Page 1)

struggle for world domination—we will have "peace," and trade. The biggest victory was won by that part of Big Business which wishes to do business with Russia.

And this contains the greatest of all threats to the American working class, for the simple reason that at the base of the "doing business with Khrushchev" is the pressure to do as Khrushchev does to his workers. Let us not forget that the biggest "insult" to Eisenhower came not from a "foreigner" but from his own golf playmates—**Big Industry, specifically Steel.**

Here was the President of the United States, the most powerful single ruler in the whole world, wishing to show off the steel industry to his most potent rival, Russia, and willing to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act to get the workers back to the mills—and the steel industry, feeling it had not yet succeeded in compelling submission on the part of its workers, said, "NO!" The "No" was loud and clear and insulting, but Eisenhower chose to obey it because his capitalist mentality agreed that the American workers must be chained to the machine and factory management.

ALL IS NOT WELL IN RUSSIA

Returning to these class fundamentals also illuminates the other side of this state-capitalist world, Russia—and ensures that we do not forget that Khrushchev came here not because all was well at home, but because it wasn't.

IF the Russian workers had meekly accepted the Khrushchev 7-Year Plan with its impossible goals of increased labor productivity, instead of having been so ingenious in their slowdown, Russia would have achieved what it wanted, and would not have had to come begging for trade with the country it is supposedly well on the way to "surpassing."

IF the Russian peasantry had been eager to obey quotas and over-reach them, instead of having been so ingenious in its resistance to them, Russia, technologically capable of reaching the moon, would not have been so technologically backward in its agriculture that it had to have its Number One Man go to praise Iowa corn and Midwest cattle and eat hotdogs, without vodka, to boot.

IF the Russian youth were not so restive and frustrated at the new society that has been promised them for three decades but which they haven't yet seen, then Khrushchev might had addressed himself to them instead of to his best friends—the American capitalist class.

USURPING THE BANNER OF MARXISM

Khrushchev, however, has one advantage none of the other capitalist rulers have—he is travelling under the usurped banner of Marxism, although Communist totalitarianism is the exact opposite of that great banner of liberation. Indeed, the stupidities of the State Department are nowhere seen so clearly as in the fact that they thought their image of socialism with horns would keep the American masses "in place." It is clear, instead, that they have a very different public to deal with since the visit of that master showman, Khrushchev—not because his hands are bloody, which they are—but because he has usurped the banner of Marxism and knows how to expose the other capitalists' war-mongering so that the great desire for peace on the part of the peoples seems answered. And Khrushchev isn't limiting his peace overture to America.

WAR & PEACE

From the United States to Algeria, from China to Germany, from France to South Africa, the one theme Russia is playing now is "peace." Even reaching the moon was played down for "peace," as if all along they aren't testing the thrusts, not for scientific space exploration, but for war weapons to hurtle across continents and threaten the very existence of mankind. And the people are just supposed to sit with folded arms, peacefully forget their class struggle, and be drowned in illusions of peace!

But—just as the steel workers have refused to be cowed, although their stomachs are getting pretty empty, and just as all workers, American and European and African, refuse to separate their fight for bread from that for freedom—so the workers in each country on each side of the Atlantic, will prove to be the real antagonists against these hypocritical state-capitalist leaders. Until that struggle is settled, no others can be—because all the others only lead back to the same old exploitative society.

YOUTH

Thinking It Out

By Robert Ellery

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

The tremors of revolt that shook Eastern Europe in 1956, spurred the Hungarian youth to action. The Budapest students on October 23, just three years ago covered that city with leaflets bearing demands that found workers and intellectuals in ready sympathy. The Russian puppet Communist government wasn't disposed to meet the demands. Full scale revolution began.

The revolution lasted but a fortnight, and then it was overwhelmed by 1/4 million Russian troops, armored divisions and artillery.

It exposed there and then the nonsense that the era of Khrushchev's "collective leadership" would be any less brutal than had been the Stalin era. Thousands of Western European Communists who had stomachached the Stalin regime tore up their party cards, disgusted by the indefensible slaughter of Hungarian workers and students that had been masterminded by the new "democratized" Russian counter revolutionary leadership. The "collective leadership" that Khrushchev espoused at the 20th Congress of the Russian Communist Party lasted only long enough for him to dispose of it. Today he is party boss, state boss and now ambassador boss.

IKE AND ADLAI

The Eisenhower government offered bleeding Hungary sympathy and nothing else, and three years later during Khrushchev's recent tour the State Department cautioned against riling him with any questions concerning that country.

Adlai Stevenson, brain

trust of the Democratic party behaved like a complete idiot on the occasion of his Iowa luncheon with Khrushchev. Talking all kinds of nonsense to get the butcher of Budapest to smile, he became serious only long enough to wish him long life and many more years in power.

"SEE NO EVIL"

So horrifying is the prospect of H Bomb ICBM warfare that the shaky temporary truce between the two capitalist giants, Russia and America, has elicited a "see no evil" attitude from all shades of intellectuals. As if wishful thinking could replace harsh economic laws, they have exchanged reason for fantasy.

One such correspondent who visited Hungary recently reports that the people are trying to coexist with their Russian installed government. He says things are much better in Hungary now. Why? Because there are more consumer goods on the market. More motorcycles to be had.

The demands the Hungarian students made on October 23rd were clear. They spoke of things like freedom of speech, withdrawal of Russian troops, reduction of the work norms. The workers who organized into workers' councils demanded their recognition.

The early demands of the Freedom Fighters developed in the course of the battle to a cry for a totally new way of life. Anyone who pretends to believe they can be satisfied with refrigerators and motorcycles is an intellectual coward.

STUDENT WANTS YOUTH TO UNDERSTAND WORKERS' PROBLEMS

DETROIT — The supposed topic under discussion of a small youth group that met recently was the current steel strike. It surprised me to find out how ignorant to the conditions of labor the kids in the group are, especially since a few of their parents used to work, or are working in the shop.

We all agreed that the oppression in the sweat shops is wrong and should be changed. But one of the girls, whose father handles grievances for one of the big three auto companies, thinks that everything isn't as bad as it is made out to be just because of her father's position.

She says she knows that what she says is so because her father brings home grievances every night, and then takes them back the next day.

I put her on the spot when I said that evidently her father wasn't doing a very good job on grievances or he wouldn't be

taking so many home each night. It gave her something to think about.

The next point talked about was speed-up. As far as I was concerned, it was a very confusing discussion because they disconnected speed-up from the automation machine and everything else connected with labor.

In talking about the automation machine, everyone concluded that it was a job-killer. But I was the only one who said it was a man-killer, too, because one man has to do the work of at least three men to make up for the work the unemployed should be doing.

The father of one of the kids didn't help much on that point. He said that he knew a worker, a union official, and all he did was put a roll of wire in his machine, press the starter, and then sit back on his stool and read his paper until the red light said to put more wire in the machine.

DELINQUENCY THE WORLD OVER

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Times covered "juvenile delinquency" as an international phenomenon. The article described the gangs of the world — their purposes and tactics. England, Italy, Germany, Japan, Argentina, Laos, the USSR and the USA, as well as many other countries, all have gangs.

Two ways to combat these gangs stood out in my mind. In Laos, sterilization was proposed to end gangs, as Nazi a tactic as I have ever heard of. And in Athens the youth have their heads shaved, they are handcuffed with a sign describing their crime hanging from their necks, and in this fashion they are marched through the streets!

These methods of punishing youth seem more inhuman than the crimes committed. I think it would make me want to do something really terrible in order to "deserve" that kind of punishment.

TOKEN INTEGRATION

LOS ANGELES—Integration in the South is still taking place only on a token basis. In Little Rock the Negroes are fighting just to maintain the foothold they had two years ago. In the Southern states the vast majority, and in some states, all the schools, have no integration what soever. It has been five years since the Supreme Court decision on school desegregation. Yet neither the President nor Congress has done anything to see that school desegregation is carried forth in the South.

While it is true that the President did order troops into Little Rock in 1957, he still has not said whether he wants integration.

The Congress which was elected last November was supposed to be one of the most liberal. They promised that there would be effective civil rights legislation. Yet Congress has now adjourned with no new civil rights legislation. In fact, the Civil Rights Commission, which was initiated before this session of Congress, almost was abandoned.

—High School Youth

If the youth of today can't, or won't understand the crises around them, they can't hope to know and understand their own role in society. It is important for the youth to have this understanding because we are the least understood.

—High School Student

Communists Back DeGaulle

As usual, Russian Communism exposes its hands not where it merely speaks, but where it acts — whether that be against its own proletariat or against the Hungarian Freedom Fighters. Presently, the period of peace Russia desires is so urgent for it that the Communists throughout the world have very nearly forgotten about the class struggle in any country, including the colonial world. Thus M. Leon Felix, the French Communist leader, has just published a long statement in their official organ, *Humanite*, to the effect that the Algerian resistance movement is a "responsible body" and would not flatly reject the offer "as General De Gaulle hoped." The last phrase is the meek attempt to pretend that they are not quite like all the other betrayers of the colonial movements of liberation when they demand that they capitulate to De Gaulle because, allegedly, although De Gaulle offered the plan, he really "hoped" it would be refused!

Old Politico
Detroit

WORKERS MUST PRODUCE WHILE IKE-NIK CHAT

Los Angeles — Khrushchev makes me think of the war and destruction which could come through him. All this visiting back and forth isn't any more than a game, and all that Ike and Nik have at stake in this game is my life and the lives of my family.

All this talking may postpone the war that they want to have and it keeps me alive a little longer so I can produce more and work more and get nothing more out of it but just barely keep my head above water. Ike and Nik battle about which has freer and more prosperous workers. . . . I don't know about the workers over there, but personally I'm tired, not prosperous and I don't feel very free. I'd bet anything that the workers there aren't as free or well

Khrushchev Critic Brutally Beaten

San Francisco papers reported on Sept. 23, the brutal beating of Ferenc Iszak, a Hungarian who fled Hungary in 1956. He made a speech against Mr. Khrushchev and in this land of freedom this is not permissible at the moment. Mr. Khrushchev is Ike's buddy.

The papers didn't report what Mr. Iszak said but it is clear that he must have hit home.

It took a man that had lived under the Russian rule to stand up and be heard, while American officials wine and dined the "charming" deadly Mr. Khrushchev.

I wonder if those Hollywood stars, Mayors, Governors and the like will travel to San Francisco to shake Mr. Iszak's hand?

Were they Russian Secret Police agents that beat up Mr. Iszak or just fellow travelers? But from now on in this land of freedom Mr. Iszak lives in fear.

— Angry Citizen

I think the biggest crime is letting Khrushchev get away with identifying what he stands for with Marxism.

Reader
Los Angeles

off as we are, though it's hard to see how there could be much difference when you come home beat and grab a little food before you fall into bed and then stay awake half the night wondering how to pay the bills.

Mr. K's visit won't mean I get up any later in the morning or that my machine will go any slower or demand any less work or that I'll feel alive when I get home.

Ike and Nik visiting are like the Ford Motor company visiting with Reuther. Those people aren't considering me or people like me. We are the only ones that are concerned with our problems in the shop and our families and it is only the ones concerned with these problems that will and can do something about them.

—Production Worker

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FOR OUR BRITISH READERS—We are happy to announce a British Edition of Marxism and Freedom. Other News will follow in future issues.

Marx's Heirs And Antecedents

RAYA DUNAYEVSKAYA: Marxism and Freedom from 1776 Until Today. 384 pp. New York: Bookman Associates. London: Vision Press 48s.

The author of this book was for a short time one of Trotsky's secretaries; and, though she cannot be described as an orthodox Trotskyite (if such a category exists), her thinking has been deeply influenced by Trotsky's criticism, from a Marxist standpoint, of the Stalinist regime. Above all, she is steeped in the Marxist tradition. But it seems impossible to discuss Marxism to-day without becoming involved in more recent controversies. Was Lenin a faithful Marxist, or did he "adapt" or "falsify" Marxism in order to make it fit Russian conditions? Did he vindicate the earlier against the later Marx? Did Stalin break with Marxism? And did he also turn his back on Leninism? How in Marxist terms should the Stalinist regime be described? And what prospect does the future offer to the Marxist—in the Soviet Union or in the United States? Mrs. Dunayevskaya's book, which starts as a straight interpretation of Marxism, soon begins to revolve round these 64,000-dollar questions.

As the title suggests, Marxism and Freedom stresses Marx's position as the heir and exponent of the liberal and humanist traditions of Western rationalism. Marx denounces the "alienation" of the human personality of the worker inherent in capitalism, and treats socialism as the essential condition of the liberation of labour. "Marxism is a theory of liberation or it is nothing." This aspect of Marx's teaching emerges most conspicuously in his earlier writings, and accounts for a certain Utopian element in Marxism which reappears strongly in the period of the Paris Commune. Mrs. Dunayevskaya gives in an appendix a translation of two early manuscripts by Marx which were first published in Moscow in the 1920s. This is claimed as the "first English publica-

tion," though as a matter of fact another translation has been issued almost simultaneously in a collection of Marx's Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844 issued by the Foreign Languages Publishing House in Moscow.

The most original and at the same time most controversial part of Mrs. Dunayevskaya's book is her treatment of Lenin. She includes in translation a section of Lenin's Philosophical Notebooks first published long after his death—an abstract made by him in the autumn of 1914 of Hegel's Logic, while he was engaged on an article on Marx for a Russian encyclopedia — and represents it as a fundamental turning-point in Lenin's thought. It is true that in Lenin, as in Marx, there were always two conflicting strains. Lenin was always a revolutionary who passionately believed in the liberation of the workers. But he was also an organizer, and therefore not one of those who were prepared to carry liberty to its logical extremity in anarchism. Already in 1902 he had published in What is to be Done? his views on the necessity for disciplined party organization, in which both Rosa Luxemburg and the youthful Trotsky detected the symptoms of dictatorship. Even in 1905 it was Trotsky rather than Lenin who hailed and celebrated the spontaneous action of the proletariat in the Soviets. It was only in 1917 that the Soviets came to occupy the central place in Lenin's thought and action; and it was in that year that he penned the most "Utopian" of all his writings, State and Revolution, with its vision of the centralized bureaucratic State of the past being replaced by the free administration of workers.

Something can be made of this argument. Shifts of emphasis, or of point of view, occurred in Lenin's thinking and writing at different periods; in so chequered and dramatic a career it would be astonishing to find it otherwise. It is fair enough to trace back the extreme anti-state attitude of State and Revolution to the shock experienced by Lenin in 1914 when the German (and other) social-democrats threw in their lot with the national cause, and logically embraced what was to Lenin the spurious conception of state socialism.

The remainder of the book follows more familiar lines, Leninism being opposed to Stalinism, and Marxism to

the form of Communism practiced under Stalin and Khrushchev. The author is emphatic in declaring the present regime in the Soviet Union to be not socialism but state capitalism — "Collective Leadership under Khrushchev, Inc." The argument is well worn and goes back to the days of Lenin. But, like all terminological disputes, it tends to become scholastic, and to lose touch with realities. Capitalism anywhere to-day differs widely in many ways from the capitalism contemplated and analysed by Marx; and the assertion that "a single capitalist society is governed by the same laws as a society composed of individual capitalists" may be true in some contexts but false in others. To grind the faces of the workers does not seem to be an exclusive characteristic of capitalist societies. Mrs. Dunayevskaya's assumption that the present regime in the Soviet Union, whatever it may be called, cannot and will not raise the standard of living of the masses of workers seems particularly rash, and tends to discredit the case which she builds on it.

The final chapter on labour conditions in the United States entitled "Automation and the New Humanism" is too short to make it quite clear how the author applies her concepts to capitalism in its current American form. Unlike the earlier sections of the book, it is full of portentous but somewhat cryptic pronouncements. "What is new in Automation, is the maturity of our age in which the totality of the crisis compels philosophy, compels a total outlook." "The creation of a new society remains the human endeavour. The totality of the crisis demands, and will create, a total solution." Automation is, one gathers, the ultimate and complete form of the subjection of man to the machine — of the "alienation" of labour. It can only provoke the spontaneous revolt of the workers, which must be the beginning of any true process of liberation. The conclusion is lost in these floating clouds. But the book contains enough stimulating argument and enough glimpses of insight to prove attractive and valuable to those whose thinking can accommodate itself to the Marxist categories.

(Editor's Note: The American edition of Marxism and Freedom with the first English publication of Marx's "Private Property and Communism" and "Critique of the Hegelian Dialectic" was published in 1958. Fully more than a year before the Moscow publishing house came out with their publication.)

A DOCTOR SPEAKS

By M.D.

OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY

Occupational disease has an important place in the life of the American working man and woman. This is true in a far deeper sense than is ordinarily realized; for such disease includes much more than the injury that is visible and evident. The greater part of this illness is not legally compensable nor is its existence even acknowledged. The legal recognition of such deeper disturbances would be suicide for our present way of living.

A HEALTHY LIFE

There is something fundamental about the word disease—"dis" plus "ease"—absence of ease. Ease is freedom from pain or physical discomfort, freedom from mental disturbance or from constraint in behavior. It suggests naturalness, facility, expertness, readiness, and calmness; but does not exclude exertion or excitement. This calmness is not the stagnation or silence associated with absence of life. It is rather an inner movement toward the maintenance of equilibrium, balance, harmony, in all interacting forces of the body—chemical, physical, electrical. Ease is synonymous with a good life, a healthy life, and a normal life.

THE GREATER PART of man's activity today centers about the way he makes a living. Therefore, his well-being—his ease—is very closely related to his job. Millions of Americans engaged in labor that is monotonous, un-interesting, unstimulating, uncreative, wasteful, and unproductive are not at ease. This is connected to the fact that a man's labor is not free—that is, he is not able to carry on his work under conditions whereby he can function as a whole person. Rather, his activity is determined and limited by the wants of his employer, who uses him and his product as he sees fit. Under such conditions he can neither develop nor maintain the internal harmony, the movement for growth and balance so essential to the state of ease.

MR. K. LIKES SPEED-UP

I listened to Mr. Khrushchev in his recent spectacular tour across our land. He wanted everyone to know that his country was "Socialist," and he lauded the activity of workers here as well as in the U.S.S.R. Though he frequently came out triumphant in his tilts

with American advocates of private ownership, he failed to show that state ownership of property in his country has brought about anything different in the way men labor there—that there is ease in the life of the Russian worker. Mr. K.'s greatest enthusiasm was for the beltline system.

WHERE THERE is a law that covers a specific occupational injury to a worker, there are often many obstacles in its application. There are officials and agencies of business to see that no one gets a "free ride." And there can be found also more than a few physicians who have become so brain-washed by close ties with insurance companies that they see malingerers in almost everyone.

DOUBT WORKERS' ILLNESSES

There is often controversy over low back injuries, in which objective findings and subjective symptoms frequently do not correspond. After an injury, a worker may have to undergo months and even years of disability before his symptoms are accepted as valid.

WHEN DOCTORS do not have a reliable test for a specific disability the patient's complaints are looked upon with skepticism. This has been true in coal mining—an ancient industry. Coal dust particles inhaled into the lungs, ultimately produce a thickening and scarring of the lungs called Anthracosis. This miner's disease leads to increasing shortness of breath. Only recently, through studies on several hundred miners, it was recognized that when the maximum breathing capacity (as obtained by a simple formula based on a man's age and body surface) is less than sixty per cent normal, he generally has a degree of breathlessness which incapacitates him from the manual labor of coal mining.

HUMAN LIFE

The revolt of men in its various forms growing out of the occupational disability inseparable from today's abnormal labor, is pointed to by some people as a defect of "human nature." This explanation serves both as a screen to their conscience as well as to their eyes. The wonderful phenomenon that is human life is compelled by its very nature to free itself from everything which brings it closer to death.

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FIGHT FOR INTEGRATION

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lina. Other states such as the border state of Delaware, have also gotten around integration by using a plan of "one grade at a time." This will take only 12 years before each grade level has token integration.

The White South has shown what it means by "progress." It took the Courts 100 years after the Civil War to come up with their decision on school integration. It has taken the white South just 5 years to turn it into "token integration."

During those 5 years however the Negro people have also shown the world what they can do.

This past summer, for the first time in Montgomery, Ala., the Negro people forced integration in the public parks and playgrounds. To prevent this, the white city officials ordered the Montgomery police to keep everybody out of the parks. Some of the whites, caught in between, are saying that they and their children have to have recreational facilities, and that they would rather have them integrated than not at all.

Recently Federal District Judge, Frank Johnson, Jr., ruled that such segregation in parks and of recreational facilities was unconstitutional. However, the city officials have continued to keep all the parks closed. Now there will be yet another court battle. But Montgomery is the city of the bus boycott and it is precisely this that has shown the South and the North as well that the Negro people will not stop until they have complete freedom.

A Negro woman worker said, "To put an end to such things the Negro and white people have got to get together. It's bad up North too. We have never had a struggle up here like that Montgomery bus boycott!"

READY TO SHOOT

The police brutality that has swept the country against teenagers finds the Negro youth in the forefront of the abuse. This same woman worker told *News & Letters* "Just last week some teenagers I know, were stopped by police. They were told to get out of their car and stand still, 'don't run!' One of the boys felt a gun in his back. They were stopped for no reason at all and you know that 'don't run' meant they were ready to shoot. They looked in the girls' purses and then they were allowed to go."

She went on to say, "Just because it's the Negro kids that the police are after first, the white people better wake up to this brutality for it's not just the Negro teenagers. It was a white boy that was killed in August in Pontiac. They didn't even give him a chance. They heard him reloading his gun. Now you know if they heard

that they were close enough to overpower him in that time instead of having to shoot him, but they'd rather shoot a 16-year-old kid. Like I said it is only when we get together that we can stop this sort of thing."

NORTHERN K.K.K.

In the shops themselves some KKK elements have emerged not against the Negro workers only but against the union itself. The Southern reactionaries, aided by new allies, whether it be a conscious or unconscious alliance, among the Northern "liberals," have lashed back with this reorganizing of the Klu Klux Klan and White Citizens Council openly in the South and secretly in the North. In the North, workers in the shops report the KKKers are getting their instructions from the Southern white reactionaries with the connivance and open support of Southern politicians on the local and national level.

THE NORTH

Today, the Southern white poison has spread throughout the nation. At the same time that segregationists demonstrated and planted a few bombs against school integration in Little Rock, Arkansas, white parents in the borough of Queens, in New York City, demonstrated against the transferring from crowded schools, Negro and Puerto Rican children into hitherto all white public schools.

Where the South enacts laws to segregate schools by force, the North uses not too subtle means of segregation by discrimination in housing and restrictive zoning laws.

However, the North is still not the South, for it is in the South that the segregationists are rooted and show the full ugliness of their violence. It is the fear and weakness of the whites that forces them to resort to these inhuman tactics of lynching, murdering, and with mobs threatening, denying small children their right to attend schools.

Their fear is the fear that grows from the strength of the Negro people. The whole world has focused attention on Little Rock and the South. It is seen in the statement made by one of 3 students from Kenya, on being asked why they choose Little Rock as the city to go to school in:

"Because I want to experience what is there. Troubles are not in Little Rock alone, but the trouble in Little Rock might give me better experience for when I return to Kenya." He is preparing himself for when he returns to Kenya to fight the white terror of British imperialism there.

This Kenyan student has a bond with the American Negro people because of their struggles but when the big politicians — whether

AFTER WASHINGTON— PEIPING

Khrushchev not so silently stole off to Peiping for a new show. He stopped in Moscow only long enough to take a bow or two and then hurried off to consult his powerful Chinese neighbors.

In China, Mr. K was a visitor while new actors took the stage. Mao Tse-tung and his heir, Lin Shao-Chi had a very impressive show to present. Chinese-made jet bombers and fighters, Chinese tanks and guns, along with 3/4 million people, paraded for his benefit.

The 10th anniversary of the Chinese Communist Party in power had some impressive material things to show him. New buildings, cleaner, rat and fly-free cities, busy factories, the emergence of China from the age of feudalism into the age of 20th century state-capitalist production.

But the change carried its price tag. There were food queues in Shanghai and other large cities. The "planning" of the bureaucrats has resulted in chaotic shortages of both labor and material things for the workers. Populations are shifted about like chessmen: the peasantry mustered into 26,000 communes; the railroad workers sent to the docks because the dock workers had been sent to the rice paddies. Office workers filled in for those sent to the farms and even the military laid down their arms long enough to produce for the state. When, and only when, the basic demand of the workers became, "money for our work and 8 hours sleep at night" did the state-capitalist bureaucrats pause.

Outside, the consequences were the same. Foreign trade, which had been up 23%, was down 56%. The early sympathy of India and the Far East has been bartered away for territory in Tibet, Burma, Laos, Kashmir and India. The brutal treatment of people has alienated whatever sympathy they might have

they are Nixon or Eisenhower, Stevenson or Reuther, Diggs or Thurgood Marshall, or Dawson from Chicago — speak about the need for "gradual improvement" they are not concerned with the rights of the Negro people. They are only concerned with quieting the workers, Negro and white, in the interest of the cold war between the United States and Russia.

At the moment there might be a "lull" in the cold war but preparation to keep the workers in "tow" goes on. The Administration has its new anti-labor law; the Negro leadership plays its

Our Life and Times

By PETER MALLORY

gained in the struggle against the butchery of Chaing Kai-shek.

Only 5 weeks before their great anniversary, their phony claims on the industrial front had to be denied by the Central Committee in the face of reality.

But what about the fate of the 600 million Chinese people? The largest working force in the world is bound to make impressive records, even slavery and slave societies can show gains where there was nothing before. The cost has been loss of human dignity, human suffering, misery, slow starvation and death.

This is not what Karl Marx envisioned when he said, "We must above all avoid setting up 'the society' as an abstraction opposed to the individual. The individual IS the social entity," and "The free development of each is the condition for the free development of all."

Red China today is not socialism, it is its opposite, barbarism.

THE U.S. VISIT

Apparently a compromise has been reached between the two main opponents in the world of State Capitalism. Russia has withdrawn its threat to Berlin on the stipulation of concessions from Washington. Without knowledge of the terms, I would like to relate a little story.

A hunter was out looking for a bear, from which he would make a warm coat. He met the bear, a big one, and the bear was not only big and hungry but also smart, said he, "Let us compromise and have a discussion; come into my cave and discuss." To the old hunter this seemed a reasonable proposition, so they went into the cave to discuss.

After a while the bear emerged. He seemed both satisfied with the discussion and the compromise reached. The Press was there and quite naturally asked him for a statement on the results of the discussion. He gave it to them. He said, "The hunter was looking for a warm

bear coat and I was looking for breakfast. I breakfasted on the hunter and now he has a warm fur coat." This is usually the result of such compromises with butchers.

ARGENTINA

Four million workers engaged in a 48 hour general strike on Sept. 23 in protest against the government's policy of holding wages down, while letting prices skyrocket. The workers shut down the industry of the entire country very effectively.

The strike is the biggest in the history of the country.

ALGERIA

De Gaulle's long heralded plan for the liberation of Algeria has finally been made public. Four years after all hostilities are over he will give them a chance to vote for three propositions, making it clear, however, that which ever the Algerians choose France will not give up its oil rights.

His plan is obviously a fraud designed to get the tacit support of the U.S. State Dept. and the United Nations.

The U.S. continues to support De Gaulle and the press lauds him as being one of the greatest "Peace" men of our time while he continues his treacherous war against the Algerian people. Soon they will be saying the same of Franco-Spain.

LAOS

The U.N. team which went to investigate the fighting in Laos brought with them a flock of newspaper men. These reporters found the government reports of the fighting to be greatly exaggerated.

The Laos Government claimed that the town of Sam Teu changed hands 4 times in 5 days of heavy fighting. The reporters say that the town is unscathed and quoted the local commander as saying it never had been held by the rebels.

Once again phoney claims to excite American sympathy and to get huge sums in foreign aid come to the fore.

part of trying to control the Negro people, by carrying on in their press, not an attack on the segregationists North and South, but a ferocious attack against the Negro people.

Not far behind are the corporations who are seeing to it that they break up any unity between Negro and white workers. They fear that more than anything else. In one of the Chrysler plants in Detroit, the trim shop, which had been the most integrated and militant department and the leader in many wildcats against inhuman working conditions, has been completely dis-

banded. The department has been moved to another plant and to get into it now you need "25 years seniority."

While the labor leaders up North sell out the workers, Negro and white, and while the Democrats and Republicans join hands to keep the American worker down, and while the Southern segregationists resort to violence—the Negro people continue their fight, for school integration, for bus integration, for complete freedom. What ever "progress" has been made, whatever freedom has been won, has been through the struggles of the Negro people themselves.