Many workers in the plant where I work had a feeling that taking strike action against the company was hopeless. They felt that the union officials in the last several years always line up with the company on disciplining the worker, especially when the issue involves production disputes.

Some weeks ago the company removed a number of workers from the plant. Those of us who remained put out the same amount of production. The workers continued to work but slowed down and rode the lines and there was a general feeling that production would pile up in other departments. The company fired eight workers.

The department struck. The committee man tried to insist that those workers continue to work. They were as angry at this as I was told they chased the committee man out of the department and walked out, closing the plant down.

They went to the union hall. I never witnessed such an angry group of workers before in my life. They would not listen to the local officers. They were booted and cursing them from a to z.

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I said, "I have put money in this union for years to buy this hall. It is ours, not the officers," and went in. My first attention was drawn to the fact that all over the hall were chief stewards and others who are part of the bureaucratic machinery that does not work in the department where those striking workers are. One union official asked me where I was going. I told him I was going to the stewards and asked what they were doing there. I said, "This is our union hall. I have as much right as any one else." He grunted and went on.

The union officials were sitting on opposite sides of the hall from the workers.

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They were strikes before we had a union and there are strikes where there are no unions now. The official said they would guarantee these workers that the fired workers would get a guarantee when those fired workers will be back. "A worker said: We have someone to make a statement about the workers in who were directly involved in the issue. Not only the skilled workers who are back, but all the workers. The production worker exploded, "Hell it was. The skilled workers started it. The paper played that up and tried to make believe the production workers were doing theSame. It is unfair. We don't like that contract and we went out."

WILDCATS BEFORE AND AFTER

At the same time, UAW was carrying on negotiations with General Motors. And GM workers were wildcatting all over the country forcing GM to close 20 plants. These pre-contract walkouts, no doubt, delayed negotiations. Reuther charged that they were sabotaging the talks. No sooner did Reuther and GM finally come to agreement than 175,000 workers walked out in more than 40 GM plants throughout the country. The union and the press tried to say that these were strikes before we had a union and there are strikes where there are no unions now. The official said they would guarantee these workers that the fired workers would get a guarantee when those fired workers will be back.

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With Liberty and Justice for All

It seems there was a man who worked for the State Department, a very loyal sort of guy. He firmly believed that his relationship with his fellow workers was based on trust and mutual respect. He was suspected of associating with some people who were in turn suspected of being Communists. Sounds complicated? Is it? Well, he was a loyal citizen, not wishing to incur the wrath of either his superiors in the State Department or the official or private snoppers who are so numerous today. For a time he was even in the want ads of the nation from falling upon his shoulders. He officially resigned permitting a State Department appointment to marry his fiancé. In due course of time, and then one day in due course of time, the official blessing of the State Department, on the face of it. They were married. They wished that it might happen every day, but no, not so much. In due course of time, it happened.

About a year after the happy event, our unfortunate hero was called upon the State Department's red carpet and discharged for association with people who would not associate with those who associate with you know who! It also turns out that the information on which this action on the part of the State Department was based came from the ultra-loyal staff member of the State Department who was given the information by some fellow workers.

THE MAN I WORK WITH

Fairmont, W. Va.—When I first got the buddy I work with, I was sure that what I had gotten into was serious. I'm not sure what it was, but with said about him was true. As a matter of fact, the only reason I got him was afraid to talk to this little fellow, but contrary to the foreword in class C movies and general sentiment, all my stories were true. Only the newspaper has been changed—to give you a truthful ending. The hero of the story is out of a job.

THREE PHONOS IN A PITCHFORK

Steady working is the rule of every big city in the world. In the biggest and richest city of them all—New York—the problem has a special flavor. Not only can't the city fathers solve the housing of the masses, but even to supply the decent living of the masses is defeated. New York, once the symbol of a nation, is the city of steel, the city of the steel workers.

1. New York State Rent Administrator Abrams, in his annual report, says that in New York, a city that is fully supplied with housing, the number of families who cannot pay the rent varies from 10,000 to 20,000.

2. The chairman of the City Housing Authority, says that the welfare department, to give him a chance to do something, will send new tricks to cut down on the competition for apartments in New York City.

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ONE SPEED WORKER

The more I worked with my buddy, the more I began to feel that all the other men were right about him. He was always looking for a way to get along better with the rest of his crew. Or rather, he wasn't looking for a way to get along better with the rest of his crew. He was looking for a way to get along better with the rest of his crew. He was looking for a way to get along better with the rest of his crew.

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A Coal Section Because

Morgantown, W. Va.—The coal miners of America have played, are playing, and will always play an important role in the shaping of the history of the United States. In the achieve of this important role, the miners occupy a singularly important position. They have been in the forefront of the battles that have resulted in gains, both large and small, for American labor. The term, "Shock Troops of American Labor," has been applied to them.

LIVES UNKNOWN

And yet, it is not by accident that the miners have held this position. It is a natural result of the conditions of their work and the slumps and famines lead. This knowledge, however, is known to very few outside the ranks of the miners themselves. Most of the things that the public hears about the miners are the result of strikes and the press that reports the occurrences is almost always on the side of the company's position. The miners themselves have no one to speak for them, so their positions are honestly presented. There is, of course, The United Mine Workers Journal, but this official publication of the UMW generally concerns itself with the local problems of high politicians.

It's a rarity to see anything of the day-to-day existence of the men appear in its pages. It is, nevertheless, the day-to-day experiences of the men that shape their attitudes and aspirations. It is from an understanding of these circumstances that a true insight can be gained of what the miners are after, and why they do, and what they must do, to get away with it. They'll do it, and get away with it. They'll try to do it as a joke, because, after all, he's white.

But they'll never call a colored man a "nigger" to his face. They know better. They're afraid to do it. But they don't care if they call a colored man without a white man behind his back. They know better. They're afraid to do it. They don't care if they call a colored man without a white man behind his back. They know better.

That's why they pass the law of "democracy" to the people. That's why they pass the law of "democracy" to the people. That's why they pass the law of "democracy" to the people. That's why they pass the law of "democracy" to the people.
STRIKES in the SOUTH

Birmingham, Ala.—Southern Bell Telephone workers who voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Louisville and Nash- ville Railroad workers in the crucial phone strike against the entire Southern system, quickly went out on strike in support of White workers. This same human relations and understandings between different races before. This is one of the main principles which contributed to the success in breaking up and wrecking the old Southern system—workers who are working in a new way of life, closing the door in the face of the Northern big bosses. Labor has been rapidly forming a policy of moving their industries down South in their search for peace and cheap labor.

WILDCAT AT BOWER ROLLER BEARING

A friend of mine who works for a bearing company was telling me how the company is now compelling the workers to times themselves when grinding tool bits they use while running production.

The company issued an order that all lathe hands were expected to time almost as long to grind a tool bit each. This was not necessary. The company said this was for the purpose of determining the life of a tool bit. However, the men could see that the company wanted to time each man. It was not to determine the life of a tool bit but as a speed-up. They told the company that they should get a time study man for that; that they could determine the life of a tool by the amount of pieces run. They didn't say any more, but the second day they gave 17 men a lay-off.

The 17 workers set up a picket line when they went out. Then the company gave them notice they were fired. The stewards of the department were still eight workers who the union officials were working with, the company and the union members.

THE CITY WAS SHAKEN

A pack of strikebreakers was sent in to break the strike. This same human relations and understanding with the workers in other parts of the South, dealt the biggest blow in all other industries in Birmingham, Alabama, have said they would have come set out on similar wildcat strikes if the striking workers if the state militia had been called in to break the strike. This same worker stated, when the threat of the troops was made, how every worker in the city was ready to shut down every- thing there, the steel work, the factories, the railroads, and all others. The whole city was shaken to its founda- tions and the officials quick- ly retreated.

Shortly afterwards, John L. Lewis, his first visit to a battery furnace restaurant commonly used by workers. This put more fear in the heart of the wives. What has happened in the South have done in changing the South is clear, in my opinion, in the young people who have made some years ago, by an official there, who said, it seems this lavorer there, where he would not leave alive.

THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

The South has been fighting for the right to "strike" law, it is a law designed to break strikes. Whether the workers struck in defiance of the law, we cannot say. But since the strike began, and the total rejection of the law that was on the books, we can see that the owners have been killed. We can also see what can happen to all reactionary laws designed to shacke- labor. These Southern workers have been most courageous in their struggle against the strikebreakers. This same group of workers revolted against them.

CLOSER HUMAN RELATIONS

These Southern workers and their successful struggle to hold the company and union leaders on the South—this is in part of the country, who bring closer human relations and understandings between Negro and white workers. This same

Behind the Steel Talks

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The mills are working better now than they were before. That is, the men are making more money. But there's less men in the mills. The mills have moved in the port for the first quarter, that U.S. Steel with 7,000 less men had made more money.

The men who are operating the furnaces in the mills are making more than ever before. And guys on one open hearth are making more than that. They're on an incentive plan. That years go up. And then they chop it down the next year. I don't know how those guys that are going at high speed are going to keep going at the rate they're going now.

In steel, what the stockholders and everybody else want, they want to make sure what the furnace will put out. That's the starting place.

Regardless of how much prep- aration is made before, like in the three months needed. There's a lot of work to do and the iron ore and all the magnes- ium and the rest. And all that steel's been used up.

We when put up a new furnaces we've to take the amount of that furnace pays for the whole entire works. One heat. Every heat after that, they're making more. But we've to start over. And we're now making that practically all profit.

But when there's a lay-off, they lay off the guys on the furnaces. The guys in the office stay.

SPEED-UP

I guess they've run- ning job studies ever since they got a time study man. They really put it into effect after the lay-offs when they started running by the book. And they got it geared down so far now that they might have one foreman watching one man and ten men watching seven or eight men. They have it placed so that everybody's accounted for. At all times.

They have it geared now that if you're not doing your prescribed job, you're doing something wrong. What's more, they don't want you to change your job with little time you have to your own out there, now. The only way you get is what you make yourself.

But most of the men have been off for so long, they're glad to get back to work. They're glad to get back to work, they're glad to work. Before, each man would do his own job. Now everybody is being watched. They've been looking at every little time you have to your own out there, now. The only way you get is what you make yourself.

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WORKERS & GAW

The company is already beginning to break down classifications and putting everyone on the same level. Whether they want to. They most likely are preparing for what Reuther will give up for the annual wage. I can't see how you can guarantee an annual wage. A company can always go bankrupt, move out of Hudson did, or a depression come. If there is a war, they'll be drafting you to work. The sure way is for a short week, and less production.

GM Woman Worker

There will be a lot of gimmicks and clause with its five year contract and the bonus and vacation pay with its number of hours, their wages and their conditions of life at home, at play and in relations in society at large, will determine the future. That is why we publish and there are so many trick phrases in certain paragraphs. When you ask us readers—especially the workers, Negroes, women and youth—to join us in making this paper a reality by writing, editing and circulating it in its true form.

AFTER A YEAR OF WAITING

When the Supreme Court laid down its latest interpretation of the segregation in public schools, when and where it was "feasible and practical," Thurgood Marshall of the N. A. A. C. P. called it a victory for the Negro people. The Negroes were (as usual) with him. They say it is the same as the concession Reuther claims he won for the workers. The workers rebelled against it while the company and other leaders praise it. Thurgood Marshall said it was a victory for the Negro people.

Negroes have continued their resistance against segregation. Their fight for full integration forced other peoples and countries of the world over to take notice of the demand about the United States is what it is. Thurgood Marshall is one of the factors that helped pressure the Supreme Court, a year ago, to make its decision that segregation is unlawful. The company will get rid of some "low seniority men, as they won't have to pay on the payroll unemployed employees as Negroes and seniors do. There is more seniority to get more production. The company won't stand to see you paid for nothing. It will be a way of breaking down classifications and seniority to get more production. There are a lot of men in different classifications who can now sit down when there is nothing wrong. They are in the form of annual wage, these men won't be able to sit around as much.

Chrysler worker, Detroit

A wife of a GM worker I know was put into a funny situation over Guaranteed Annual Wage. She doesn't believe that GAW is all it is supposed to be. She believed the guaranteed wage and seniority to get more production. The only thing I could see was that it was going to do any good. It isn't a question of the facts and the truth, it's the decision they ever had. They'll make peace that way. The Guaranteed Annual Wage is never going to do anything to the union leaders. They are going to fight it, and they're going to fight it. And trying to make peace with it, because they want it to do anything to pay bills, and it's the only thing they really have—what are they going to do with it?

It can't go on, all these people with no work. They're going to want to work. Many have seen the "good old days."
Views

In England a man can get away with murder. Our freedom is a noble- minded speech is much more tolerable than it is here. The Communists claim that they are sincere in their desire to overthrow anything. And what they can harm on most is England being an aircraft carrier for war in the Pacific. It is better to cooperate on most because there are so many of our Galaxians over there.

Those guys of course aren't real communists. There are real communists, but the good guys just pay by using everyone else's. They have split and they are still at war. They are on the left side of the government. But you don't have to believe that the government has no purpose.

Civil Defense

The biggest complaint of civil defense is that people won't co-operate with them. Why should they? They are going to put these fumblings bureaucrats? bufsize.Rothery, West Virginia

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Mother of Two

Los Angeles, Calif.

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A Negro Miner

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We Are Somebody
by Edith Dunbar

The struggles of the Negro people are still making a little progress, even since the old days. They have learned to go to school and get their college degrees and make something out of them since.

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How it impressed me to know that she not only escaped but all and made more than eighteen trips South only using the stars to guide her. She had no map, no guide, she knew only the North Star. She never lost one.

The Negro woman of today has passed this struggle. But they have carried on many struggles to help in the family life with the children. There is a struggle for their rights which are sometimes with men as a whole in every side. Their biggest struggle because of the oppression of women and especially Negro women. Women were made to fight harder for their right to jobs, their right as women for freedom.

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G.L VIEW OF JUNE 17

New York -- I think people became a lot more conscious of June 17 after the event ended. The American soldiers I knew in Germany became sympathetic. They identified themselves with the medics and grups that were involved. Several of the old tankers discussed the German's attempts to disable Russian tanks with a sledgehammer and broom sticks in the slogan that moves the tank. Some also flung rocks and pavement stones at the tanks.

Many, looking at these incidents, have since seized upon them to demonstrate the futility of the revolt; attacking a Russian tank with anything less than barbacoas has been called a token demonstration for freedom.

The veterans of armored warfare were more realistic. They reminded us that the people who threw rocks were really trying to cause a direct confrontation with a well directed old fashioned stone could still damage a Russian soldier's head. That knowledge alone would have made the Russian tanks turned up (all pictures we had seen had the hatches down) limiting the tanks' fire power tremendously and leaving them open to targets spots like being shot by a head

When he was walking and pointing toward the field that he meant for the slow ones to take another lap around the field.

After he hit me I went to the principal to complain. The principal, called in Mr. Allen and sent me into the principal's office, to tell me that if I wasn't one of the last ones I wouldn't have been hit.

A father sent me in the principal, a letter to apologize to her. But I had never had a right to be hit. If he was President of the United States he wouldn't have a right to hit me.

Anyway the principal is just a front for the vice principal. There is no real authority the outcasts of the kids, he has been trained for this. He tries to cover up for the teachers any way he can. Mr. Allen and I had a talk about this situation. He's such a sly guy we call him "greasy" because he can slip out of whatever he's doing.

I went past Mr. Allen and he pulled me to the side and hit me on the ear. I could have fried an egg on my ear it was so hot. He told me that I was supposed to take another lap. I didn't know that, in a letter box and looking out.

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A DOCTOR SPEAKS

BY M.D.

MENOPAUSE

Menopause is the period in a woman's life, marked by the cessation of menstrual cycles usually an end to child-bearing. Menopause is the monthly thinning off of the inner lining of the uterus or womb—a layer which has been swelling in preparation for a possible pregnancy and which must be eliminated if pregnancy does not take place.

Menopause is a complex process which recurs periodically. (It has been said that this is the 29th birthday of the moon around the earth.) The cycle is initiated by ovulation. Ovulation is the ripening of a special tiny cell or ovum, of which there are hundreds in every woman's sex gland—the ovary. Each month, at a time which varies, the ovum begins to develop. If two menstrual flows, ovulation takes place and the ovum breaks out of the ovary to enter the uterine made ready to receive it. Menopause makes the period of time that we come to call "the change of life." There is a falsity in this expression that is false and misleading.

A reader told me that in his shop he has seen men discuss with one another how difficult it is to get along with a man and his wife at this particular time of life, and how often women then are irritable and short-tempered, unstable and unhappy. He wonders whether that is as it should be.

The average physician in his office sees more women patients than men patients. In this month of May, for example, I would say, from my observation, that the majority of those who reach the time when menstruation finally ceases have no experience new or unusual signs of emotional instability. Certainly, most of the symptoms do not indicate any serious disease.

For most women, the time when the ovary ceases to put out the tiny cells or ova—which when united with a male sperm become a new human life—is between 45 and 46 years of age. The ovary, however, is an endocrine function. It gives off important chemicals to the blood stream and this does not necessarily cease at the same time menopause occurs. It is possible, however, that more important glands of internal secretion that continue to function beyond this age in forming the inner being of a person. As a man which cell forms a new middle-life, middle-life, have less illness than men and they generally live on to an older age.

IT NEED NOT BE A PROBLEM

I do not believe that the final cessation of menstruation should bring about any basic change in the physical health of a woman. Menopause is the condition that the more stable and satisfying her life has been, the fewer are the emotional symptoms at menopause. The so-called "change of life" is a state of the mind. That, however, makes it more easily than menopause, and each one is working in a different environment. Under these conditions, the menopause is like a warning alarm. A type of crisis may then develop in a woman's life and the fear and uncertainty will make her feel weak, helpless and inadequate.