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**Politicjans Play With Segregation**

The appointment of Detroit's Mayor Coleo of James McNall and Edward Davis to the Community Relations Commission has caused a big controversy among Negroes, especially the position the NAACP has taken when they expelled these two men from membership.

Some people feel that the lackadaisical attitude the NAACP has taken in regard to leading or carrying on a consistent fight against all forms of discrimination since World War II as the main reason its branch membership has dropped from 25,000 to 4000 in less than three years. As one said, "If these men are expelled by this branch for taking an Uncle Tom position, they must really be awful."

I don't think that is what is involved. It is true, as branch president Turner stated, that the policy of the Mayor's Housing Commission is a segregation policy. Negro should condone it or support it.

**SOME PAST EXPERIENCES**

But some years ago, Rev. Bradley was president of the NAACP branch and he was also appointed as a member of the housing commission by the late Mayor Jeffries.

After serving a year or more, Rev. Bradley got into some differences with the members of the commission and he resigned or was thrown off. Only then did the holler begin about the segregated policies that Mayor Jeffries had originated long before he passed. Nevertheless, when he resigned or was thrown off. Only then did the holler begin about the segregated policies that Mayor Jeffries had originated long before he passed. Nevertheless, when he resigned or was thrown off. Only then did the holler begin about the segregated policies that Mayor Jeffries had originated long before he passed. Nevertheless, when Rev. Bradley was appointed to succeed Rev. Bradley and he accepted. He served for three or more years before he resigned, or was fired. Then, afterwards, he began to shout about the segregated policies.

**DEMOCRATIC MANEUVERS, REPUBLICAN SHENANIGANS**

It does not seem to be a principal thing with these particular individuals that the NAACP. The NAACP has left behind its non-partisan position and is going overboard in politics. It seems to be struggling to ally itself to the Democratic Party.

The UAW supported Mayor Jeffries during his lifetime. He had already made his position clear on discrimination in housing. That is the reason the NAACP could not and would not say a word openly and publicly against the housing policy then.

Coleo is a Republican. His appointment of those Negroes is to try to swing as many Negroes to support the Republican candidate. I feel this is what the present controversy is mainly about.

It is true, the accusation the NAACP makes of the Mayor and his committee. But if the NAACP is going to take the position to expel any member that holds a job or office that has a segregated policy, they should stand with their own leaders first. Let the ranks of the membership discipline them.

Much praise and happy shouting will come from Negroes, for the NAACP takes the position of fighting against all forms of discrimination.

**SLIGHTLY INTERRACIAL**

There are many white members who, I feel sure, could accept the Mayor's appointment and you would not hear a word from the branch, especially if these whites were leading Democrats or supporters of the Democratic Party.

There is a building down town that houses, or used to house, the Wayne County CIO Council. It has a restaurant and a bar. Two Negroes that hold high office in the CIO Council also have office in the NAACP, another served there. But its segregated policies keep other Negroes from being served there.

These incidents and many others have happened, make me feel it is not only the segregated policy of Mayor Coleo that caused the NAACP expulsions, but politics which Negro leaders today often play for a particular gain.

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**A Look at East-West Relations**

"Listen," a steel worker said, "I don't pay any attention to their world conferences and I don't even think about them. They spend a lot of money, they horse around in Geneva and when they finish, things are worse than when they started, because the things they talk about openly are only a small part of the things they fight about under cover."

The paralysis of the Big Four ministers, in the current Geneva conference, has been noted by every commentator. It was reported on the talks. (See WORLD OUTLOOK, p. 8). Their absolute deadlock on the question of what will happen to Germany is a measure of the totality of the crisis in Europe. This is but one side of the world-wide crisis. The other side of the question — and this is the side of what baffled them in Geneva—is what will happen in Asia and Africa, where the Chinese Communist Government is in control. It has won full control for all of the colonial movements of the Far East.

**WHEN WORLD WAR II ENDED**

No one knew that the expulsion of the Japanese meant, not peace, but a violent upheaval in China until Chiang Kai-shek's bid for all of Japan to remain enslaved to the corrupt Chiang Kai-shek regime. If it had not been for the war with Japan he would have been got rid of long before. He was one of the War II generals as Joseph Stalin and George Marshall knew this.

But American "democracy" had long since lost its vigor. The leading politicians just went on an administrative compromise in China. Toward that end they collaborated with the Communists. Stalin was willing enough to go along on this. No Mao Ts'ung was not. Accordingly, shortly after a compromise "national government" was achieved, it fell apart.

Though the U. S. State Department lost vigor for "democratic reforms," they lost none of their arrogance with regard to the peasant movement. Now, instead of Mao Ts'ung, the Kais have driven out of China than he was installed on Formosa and hailed by the State Department as a bulwark of Western democracy in Asia. Not only was this hypocrisy obvious to the Chinese, but to the Asia, it was no less obvious to the American workers as well.

The Peasant Revolt

The Chinese Communists under Mao weren't tied either to the old vested interests of the

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A DOCTOR SPEAKS
BY M.D.

WHAT BRINGS ON HEART ATTACKS?

Since President Eisenhower's heart attack, there has been an increased concern, by many people, with their own hearts. Doctors found themselves with new appointments for heart examinations. Life and medical insurance companies found an increase in their sales, even as the stock market dropped.

A number of people talked to me about their hearts and wondered if they needed special tests though they had no symptoms. I discouraged them, saying that people may have a heart with normal electrocardiograph findings, yet a few days later suffer a heart attack.

Sometimes it is easy to determine heart disease by a physical examination. In the majority of people, there is nothing abnormal evident on examination. The signs of a poor or failing heart can only be recognized by a person's own description of how it is carrying on its work. If the heart functions without shortness of breath or pain, there is usually little wrong. Of course, there are other causes of pain over the heart area and of shortness of breath and these must be eliminated.

Not all heart disease is of the same nature. There are individuals with weak hearts from birth on; congenital deformities of the chambers and outlets. These are not difficult to recognize early in life; it is now possible surgically to correct some of these abnormalities.

Most acquired heart disease falls into two groups: the rheumatic, found in younger people and the Arteriosclerotic or Coronary, usually found in the middle ages and beyond. The rheumatic type is an inflammation, probably due to bacteria or their products. Rheumatic fever damages the valves between the chambers of the heart. This may disturb the pressure relations within the chambers and interferences with the pumping action and the force required to circulate the blood.

Coronary heart disease is the type usually present in what is commonly called a heart attack. It is an injury primarily of a section of heart wall muscle, which is deprived of its nourishment by the blocking of a branch of the artery carrying blood to it. The muscle then becomes soft and may even rupture, bringing sudden death. If the area happens to be primarily of a section of heart wall muscle, which is deprived of its nourishment by the blocking of a branch of the artery carrying blood to it. The muscle then becomes soft and may even rupture, bringing sudden death. If the area happens to be

The blocking of a branch of the Coronary Artery usually takes places by means of a clot or thrombus. This is often due to abnormal formation--called arterio-sclerosis. Very little is known for certain about the cause of arteriosclerosis, but it seems to bear some relationship to the type and quantity of food eaten by civilized people today.

Many coronary deaths occur even before any serious degree of arteriosclerosis has set in. More and more people in the forties and fifties, frequently men, especially those who undergo mental stress and tension, die of this disease.

There is little physicians can do, following a coronary thrombosis. The outcome, as far as life or death and capacity to work, after recovery, depends entirely on the amount of damage to the heart wall.

However, I think it is possible to prevent many of the heart attacks due to sudden closure by spasm of a blood vessel. But this calls for an emotional stability very difficult to have in the competitive and dehumanizing life of today where the central axis is production.

A DETROIT AUTO WORKER SAYS:

You must have spotted the reasons you know things are happening when they happen. You've got a sincere paper all right, it's all sincere. People aren't used to that.

Do Your Friends Read
A Beef About Steak

LOS ANGELES — Over at the Lincoln-Mercury assembly department, the maintenance department won a good housekeeping contest that the company ran. The prize was to be a steak dinner in the company cafeteria for all the night shift of the maintenance department. Things didn't work out that way. The day shift got their dinner all right but the night shift of the maintenance department, though they were just as responsible for the cleanliness of the maintenance shop.

When the general foreman was asked about this he flatly told the men that no dinner was being scheduled for the night shift. He added, very nastily, that they could have his own steak if they wanted. That evening there was talk of filing a grievance under the union contract.

"NORMAL" GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Before I go on with my story I want to say a few words about the grievance procedure as I have seen it work in auto. If the complaint is about something explained specifically in the contract, like wages or call-in pay, a worker has got a good chance. It's easy to prove that there has been a violation of the contract and the union will take it up, no case without reservation.

Most of the trouble in a shop, however, comes from conditions that aren't spelled out clearly in the contract, the right to control the working conditions is specifically given in the GMCA, but the contract isn't just a union contract but a company contract as well in which the union agrees, the foreman, the control over production. The union therefore usually discourages workers from filing grievances on working conditions. The workers often react in the same way to a grievance procedure and take matters into their own hands. I should say the situation was at Lincoln-Mercury this particular time.

MEN WRITE LETTERS

One of the millwrights suggested that the night shift would certainly get their steak dinner after all. He had written a letter to the plant manager and other high officials in the company. They had thus bypassed the union, the foreman, the superintendent, the labor relations office and all those who could settle the matter directly.

MEASURED-UP PRODUCTION IN SMALL FACTORY

WEST VIRGINIA—I don't know if you know how the auto factories and aircraft plants are run as mixed up as the little factories I've worked in, but if they are it amazes me how industry manages to get out as little as they do.

Some of the things I've seen get downright ridiculous. In one place I worked they had to take a new machine to wash sand out of the brass. An ordinary guy could have figured out the two-foot square of space from where to set it up pretty easily. But when all the bosses got in on it, it was an impossible problem.

CAN'T DECIDE

First they had the carpenter boss set it up along the lines of the vice-president or somebody had suggested. Then another boss came along and decided it should be moved a little one way. None of the bosses ever seemed to get together on it. But there was a third boss that said it was to be moved on top of where it set up pretty easily. But when all the bosses got in on it, it was an impossible problem.

ALL FOULED UP

The next day they called us, we saw they had busted the cement pillars out, and we had to move the machine so it could be set up again! What confused it even more was that they had another cement pillar on that same brass. That machine had to be set up in relation to two pillars that could have been a simple problem, too. But the whole thing is not based on "production." The "engineer" they called in to figure it set up his instructions: He wanted them on the floor for the pillars that had been knocked out and somebody moved it and the measurements came out of kilter.

It was such a ridiculously confused business that nobody could really describe just what all did happen. All I can say is that they had to knock out the pillars twice before they finally got the machine set up where it was when I left the place. I doubt that it's still there. It just doesn't follow that it would be.

What gets me most is that the thought of all the time they had lasted just shows that heavy thing around day after day. If things were run right, I'm convinced that the boys could put out the same amount of production in three hours as they do now in eight—and spend the other five hours fishing.

They put out a lot of work. I'm sure the workers had 154 to 59. But I know that is they had to move the machine where it was set up, nothing could ever be set up only is because the workers put out more work.

STEAK AND SPEECHES

To make a long story short, the men on the night shift got their steak dinner in a matter of days. The only problem was getting back to the dinner and spoke to the men. He encouraged such things as好好 sketches of reassembly work in the book and to break the union. I don't believe anyone fell for his line. In the meantime, the present union set-up could handle their grievance but cost the union getting together and putting pressure on the top policy-makers in the company is the basis of their whole contract and unionism. In fact, they are such good union men that they won't tolerate situations where the union bureaucracy prevents the men from putting pressure on the company.

"Incentive Pay" Means More Work Less Pay

By Jerry Kegg

A friend of mine worked at Burroughs when the wild cat strike took place there about four years ago. She said she couldn't blame the people in the production departments for walking out for they didn't have the impossible pace. They have the "incentive pay" and many of the workers have the same idea that the workers can't even make them, never mind make them work overtime, and they are always being timed and the quotas raised. These incentive pay workers can make a week where non-incentive pay for women runs around $72.

She said that some of the workers were fired because they walked off the job after the lunch bell rang instead of wandering off last thing. One guy was manhandled by a foreman who tried to push him back to his place but was fired when the foreman accused him of kicking his shins and shining at him. The foreman in the department knew this worker was such a religious man he seemed to have had a swear word in his life.

They just had another sit-down strike last week in the department that started the first strike. Two rumors were that it was about higher quotas set and about a new insurance plan they have.

Why I Quit General Motors

LOS ANGELES. (The following letter was submitted by a worker at GM assembly plant in Los Angeles to the union newspaper The Assembler.)

"1. Management feels that people are more important than the safety of its employees.

"2. I personally tend to see that he can avoid an accident by stopping the line; yet he does not do so.

"3. We have grown from cars, cut with sanding discs, etc. I was knocked unconscious for 15 minutes (a few months ago) and the extent of my injuries are yet unknown. General Motors is a fine organization but their method of production is not for me. The superintendent has told me to buy a job that is unsafe and not fit to be on the road that he will cost the company a lot more. He pulls red tag jobs out of the machine and held for the chief inspectors.

"I believe that this isn't the only form of production for a company like General Motors. I feel that the superintendent is afraid of losing production. I have seen their new production regardless of accident and lives.

"All the above information are facts which I have no objections to this article appearing in the Union paper The Assembler."
Who Is to Control Production?

There has been a great deal said about the fact that with the ever increasing use of the continuous miner in the coal fields there is a corresponding decrease in the number of men employed in the mines. It is certainly true that this problem is weighing heavily in the minds of the miners.

There is something else that they are giving increasing voice to. The tremendous speed-up of the men who are working on continuous miner sections is trying to get in Readers’ Views (Oct. 26):

“Nobody likes the continuous miner. It has to be tended EVERY SECOND of the day . . . Everything is on the fly now instead of just walking . . . I’ve lost 30 pounds since I was put on this thing . . . the machine itself is a man-killer . . .”

With the reorganization of the productive process that the continuous miner effects, for the first time, the miners are caught in the pressures of belt-line production.

The first feeling of security that some miners feel, when they are put on a continuous mine section, is replaced quickly by a conviction that it is not worth it. Those who are working on continuous miner sections are trying to get other men to change with them. They have no takers. Many have openly said that they would rather be laid off than work on the continuous mine.

It is obvious to any observer that tremendous forces and passions are being put into play in the minds of the miners. These forces and passions are not unlike those felt by the factory workers in the 1930’s which exploded in the formation of the CIO. This was the weapon the workers fashioned for their defense against the inhuman conditions that management had been forcing on them in the shops.

When the CIO was in the hands of the workers, they used it often and effectively for their own interests.

This, however, is not 1936, but 1955. The miners are not unorganized workers. They have a history and tradition of organized struggle which is second to none in the nation. Because of the very nature of the underground conditions under which they work, miners have always been deeply concerned about their conditions of labor. The speed-up condition on a continuous miner section poses itself as a threat to their lives and limbs. This condition is not one to be tolerated by them.

The traditional policy of the United Mine Workers—non-interference with mine management over the introduction of new machines and methods of production—is being seriously questioned by the miners. They have seen no indication that the UAW, as it was presently constituted, is prepared to engage the coal operators in a battle to obtain for the miners a voice in determining the production of coal. Yet this is precisely the question that the miners are posing in their present situation.

The current struggle, which is shaping itself in the coal fields, is not going to be carried out on the same level as that of the industrial workers when they formed the CIO.

No one can predict the actual form that the struggle will take to resolve the problem. But this much is known:

The miners’ struggles in the past have set new patterns for workers over the whole nation. The manner in which they will struggle to meet this problem of belt-line speed-up will very well pose the solution to the problem which is on the minds of workers everywhere: Who is to control production?

STRIKES, CONTRACTS & CONDITIONS

I had a fight with one guy in the shop who says that unions are good. I think he’s crazy. It never does anything but take your money.

Ex-Waitress Detroit

How can the ordinary worker get representation in the courts? There is no room for delegate to the UAW conventions the guys who run want to be elected because they like the “all expenses paid” good times they have at conventions.

In order to get elected to have fun, you know they’re going to vote the way the administration wants.

The steward hopes sometime he can be a commit­ teeman so he’ll do what the committeeman has said.

The committeeman hopes to be able to get into local office and try and do what the local officers want.

The local officers have to get in the front office in the international so you know they’ll get voted in with the irritation right down the line.

The worker just has not got a chance against the steward.

Ford-Highland Worker Detroit

The union will never get into Burroughs. I remember when I worked for the union 15 years ago turning over some of the boys when they were trying to organize Burroughs. They’ve been trying to organize Burroughs Union won’t do anything about production anyway.

Woman Worker Detroit

The UAW has raised its initiation fee to $15. They are reported on the lot that I guess they’re trying to equal the high fees in the AFL now that they’re getting together. A friend of mine had to pay it even though she was laid off only six weeks after she got her job.

Woman Auto Worker Detroit

Anyone who says the union enforces the contract is a hypocrite. The contract says that a worker shall be upgraded on the basis of merit alone. But there are very few Negroes who are upgraded. The workers are all pushed up.

With all the strikes that have taken place lately, whether authorized, unauthorised, wildcat, or auto one has been on this question. This isn’t only a matter of Black. It’s a working class question right at the point of production.

Negro Auto Worker Detroit

I used your last editorial about the martial law in Indiana (Oct. 26), but I didn’t like the title “Back to the Good Old Days?” It should have been “This Is What’s New In the Good New Days”

Chrysler Worker Detroit

At the tool crib, the other day, some workers pasted up the daily paper article about a worker killed in a fire. Foremen, when a foreman passed a worker would call out, “Hey, did you see that article?” They fixed it up with a plastic cover over it so it wouldn’t be ripped. It’s still up there near the crib.

Auto Body Worker Detroit

The story on the brain-washed guy (Oct. 26) I couldn’t quite figure out why he changed his mind. I just couldn’t see why he was being figured on getting married. But whatever the reasons for the apparent change, I’m almost sure that he won’t be able to think that way for long. They just can’t keep working at the rate he was working for very long. His brain was washed out last.

Contributor

A guy in my department told me he used to be a miner laying track in the mine. He told me that before they won portal-to-portal pay the workers were often delayed an hour or an hour and a half getting out of the mine. Now they can get on the track or something like that. Since they won portal-to-portal pay, there are no delays at all getting in or out of the mine.

Chrysler Worker Detroit

PROSPEROUS AMERICA

I have recently made a cross country tour and was surprised to find how great is the number of areas where the local press daren’t publish any tell-all about “national prosperous-ity.” Unemployment is widespread and wages are so low that it is impossible to make ends meet. The big joke is the raise based Minimum Wage Law of $1 an hour—it applies only to people in the basic industries in inter­state commerce. These are highly unionized and so many or strikes or auto worker would work for a miserable $1 an hour. But in the service industries—sales ladies, waitresses, bakeshops, gift shops, etc.—the average wage is $290 a week for a 6-day week.

I knew of two cases in West Virginia where the families were so big that the “young ones” in the family had to hire out. That is to say, they became servants to any home that would hire them. The family just “hired out.”

West Virginian

With all the advertising about what a terrific car the new 36 Buick is, it’s a mystery why GM production worker told me. He said they suddenly quit working on them because there’s something wrong with the transmission. They’re in such a hurry to get ahead on production and now they’re suddenly quitting working on them.

West Virginian

A few weeks ago Ford made the big announcement about how good production was and that the model B Ford would be working 54 hours a week until January. On the basis of that estimate they tool­led up and hired on a lot of new help. It appears that they didn’t know what they were talking about and underestimated the future. Right now they laid off 250 workers at the Highland Park plant. Just the other day they laid off 250 workers in the Flint plant.

Ford Worker Detroit

All of these auto companies are putting out big figures of how great their sales are. It can’t be based on brains so it must be based on false hope. The big econo­mist likes that by the auto companies can’t have faith in the economy if they use such a scheme to turn out of hope not fact.

Working Mother Detroit
Notes from a Diary

TWO WORLDS

ATTITUDES TO AUTOMATION

The sharp division between the rank and file worker and the labor bureaucrat is seen nowhere so clearly as in the different attitudes each has toward automation. While the auto worker, for example, deals with it as it affects him daily, his supervisor’s promise of “a vast improvement in living conditions” and “leisure”

AUTO WORKER

“I do not know what he is talking about,” one worker told me. “I don’t have any time to breathe, much less to talk about. The work-week at Ford’s now is 53 hours and here that man goes around talking about ‘leisure.’ As far as we’re concerned, there has been something wrong since the CIO first came in being. Automation has meant to us is unemployment and overwork, both at the same time.”

MINER

I spoke to the miner who had written in to News & Letters about what the introduction of the continuous miner has meant to him—a loss of 20 pounds in weight caused by the speed-up and automatic production. He added that that was only half of the trouble. The half that was not said was the time one can’t take out of the time any more for the right underpinnings and there has been a serious rise in accidents.

The coal operators are trying to drive up the unity of the miners by making “maintenance men” part of management. What has happened with automation is this: the continuous miner needs the constant attention of men while it is in operation; in order that the mechanican can be on the spot when the machine breaks down. The maintenance man thus assumes a very key position. He is generally younger, more more stupid and isolated outside of the direct production line. Management hopes thereby to use him to drive up the men in the mine.

Safety concern, however, brought the men together again. Because the continuous miner can work 24 hours a day, the management expected the men to proceed with the work although a death had just occurred in the particular mine. The men told the foreman in no uncertain terms that he could operate these machines if he was so concerned with production. They would go to the funeral. The maintenance man said he would go with the miners: “Human life is cheap enough around here.”

YOUNG WORKER

A young worker in Los Angeles was most concerned with the idea of the “old” human being in this day of automation is nothing but a “button pusher.” “Work would have to be something totally different,” he continued. “What skill do you need? What pride being in this day of automation is nothing but a “button pusher.”

SKILLED WORKER

A skilled worker, on the other hand, could not see automation as a reality. It seems there is very little automated industry outside of aircraft on the West Coast. Unlike mechanization, automation requires not only new machines but the product itself has to be completely redesigned. Naturally this requires not only the introduction of new machines. You cannot just superimpose new controls on old machinery. Even so, the end product, has to be newly conceived for mass production electronically controlled.

This worker pointed out all the machinery and factories that would have to be scraped; that to be fully automated the entire time in capital need to be so immense because every fraction of a second would count up in the thousands of dollars in the question of production costs.

The whole question of obsolescence of machinery, caused and to be caused by automation is very crucial for this second industrial revolution. The mergers in the auto industry last year are but a slight indication of the strange mergers that could come in the future. The change in position all over industry. The whole pull is toward central controlled control in “the hands of one giant capitalist” or one giant controlling giant. As Marx put it some 85 years ago. We will return to this subject again.


Two worlds by Louis Fine. 

WORKER

“Middle life means to me—a loss of 30 pounds in weight caused by the continuous miner can work 24 hours a day.”
The Way of The World
By Ethel Dunbar

White America's time has almost come to an end. They have gone so far in politics until they don't know what to do or say. I was sitting down reading the daily papers, and had come to the conclusion that the Communists here feel that their time has come again and they are going to see their faces and have a telephone and all you have to do to join is ADDS UP TO NOTHING

Whatever it is the Government will or won't do to the Communist Party, it now improves this "outlaw" party coming out into the open. I was wondering was it because nobody has anything to say in favor of the Democratic Party or Republican Party, or was it that the Communists really feel that this would give them something to talk about. Will these parties now accept the vote of the Communist Party if it pulls the Democratic or Republican Party?

Then I began to think what will happen next since the American white politician has no other thing to look on the American people. When the Democrats were in power they supposed to have some Communists in the Government and then the Republicans came into power and now it seems as if the total of hearings. Now if the Republicans come into power with the Communist help, the Democrats will have these hearings. It adds up to nothing.

CREATED EQUAL?

That same paper that wrote about the Communist Party opening in Detroit had another article about discrimination against the Negro. Half of the article said discrimination must be cut out in Detroit but you got down to the last sentence and you found out that the Government didn't mean it at all. At the end of the article every word of the beginning against discrimination was changed to mean the opposite.

They are not fooling the Negro people. The Negro people don't believe all that stuff the white American says about all people being created equal, because they aren't.

I think Ethel Dunbar's column was the best thing to come on Oct. 26. I couldn't help but contrast this with the hypocritical statement of President Marshall when he chose duty. I don't think anything should be done for white men as compared to the official leadership better than Dunbar's column.

New Reader
Chicago

Worker Describes Faults in Detroit Interracial Housing

DETROIT — Jeffries Project is a very impressive looking place from the outside, with its spacious grass plots and planted trees decorating the surroundings. Most of the apartments are a tremendous improvement over the rotting tenements which a large section of Detroit's workers inhabit.

To the casual observer this must be a haven of community progress. It is progress but there are faults. Let's look at them.

UNPAINTED WALLS

The most familiar complaint among Jeffries' tenants is about the unpainted walls. The project is about three years old and, with the exception of the kitchen and bathroom, walls are completely bare of paint. Most walls are so soiled and scratched that washing does not help at all. Promises and excuses have been offered for months but still no paint.

The problem of rules will be bigger, and harder to enforce. Rules like women washing the hall walls weekly and mopping down the floors were forced upon tenants in order that they may be accepted in a better place to live.

Subscribed to NEWS & LETTERS

—A Worker

Is Michigan's New FEP Law Same Old Story?

By Matthew Ward

DETROIT — The Democratic Party leaders in the State of Michigan and many Negro leaders are bailing the recent adoption of the Fair Employment Practices law as another hollow step in forward movement of progress in the State.

After reading all its meaning in the daily paper, one will have to wonder does it mean anything at all to any one in the future?

NO POWER TO PUNISH

The new law seems to deal with discrimination which is one of the fundamental economic problems in regard to Negroes and other minorities getting jobs. But this does not cover everything pertaining to civil rights. The daily papers also state very clearly that employers have found guilt of discrimination in firms may wind up in court where they can be ordered to stop discrimination. If this FEP law is equipped with no punishment as such, this does not cover the total meaning of the bill.

TO CATCH VOTES

If there is a question used as a political football to its fullest extent, it is the question of employment practices and civil rights. Everyone knows the State soon will grapple and headed for an election. The Democratic Party might stand a chance if it can whip this FEP bill. Negro leaders will have to watch whether the law will or won't do to the Negro vote and at the same time, they can whisper to the whites: "You are not hurt by it. We need their votes. But the law will surely force you to abide by it.

FAIR JOBS FOR SOME

If only on paper, the only thing anyone will accomplish is a little more public criticism of a commission to head the bill. It seems that several politicians will be appointed to a yearly salary of $5,000. It seems that they are already preparing to wring a few dollars, to wring a few dollars, wring a few dollars, and if they are "valid" commissions.

One must wonder if the passage of this bill was to open up some new jobs for Negroes to hold. But if that is the case, the Republicans can open up some new jobs for Negroes. We will see if there will be any changes in regards to discrimination in hiring and civil rights. As, yet, the Negroes in the ranks of the Democrats can have those jobs.

Their long experience with bills pertaining to civil rights has taught them better.
THE GANG GROWS

We started hanging around our little island again. More and more of the boys from the same little gang of about 12 members broke up and they all hung around us. The girls from the old blocks began coming and some of their girl friends from other blocks. We had about thirty girls and a dozen girls. The ages ran from 14 to 18.

At night someone would bring a portable radio and there would be dancing and drinking and people would pull things out of us, make noise. The police came and told us to get away to island and "don't bother coming." We told them we weren't hurting anybody. He shoved us off, and we walked back next day.

UNDER SURVEILLANCE

The cops didn't bother us for a couple of months. We figured it was because we'd cleaned up. We could watch them. We had one printclips to watch and they left us alone from us and watch us from one of four corners. Cops were always watching. In the summer when they're too busy to look like anyone else, they always wear these quarter sleeve shirts with a newspaper folded in their back pocket. Inside the newspaper they keep their .41 pistol. Every once in a while we would just stand in the middle of Broadway and point at the detective. Everyone walking in the street would look at him. He would drive him crazy.

One Girl in a "Boys" High School Class Shop. She did paper-cutting, book-binding perforation. On the side, she was both print and typesetter. She didn't find out until much later that she was married to a printer. She helped everyone. She was the best pressman in the shop. She was a revolution, because they're good mothers and dutiful wives and husbands. I once read in the paper: Even then, I usually felt like a prisoner. I was put in a corner and locked up with my kids all the time. It isn't that I don't love them, but you have to help kids that way.

The only time I get to go out is to go down-town shopping. Even then, I usually feel like a prisoner. I'm not allowed to go out. There was a little girl, I was visited by a little girl. She was deaf and could read lips and I could read her. She could communicate Asia. We had to be too tired, or he'll go out. That's what doesn't seem fair. He can just get away once in a while. The other day, when I was at the doctor's office, I picked up a copy of the March issue of Woman's Home Companion. An article by Arnold Toynbee, on the minority question. I have never read so much before. He started to tell us that we had the most light in the whole plant. He thought we should feel sorry for the poor girls who worked where the light was worse. He started to tell us about the girls who were there because it would look bad for him if there were too many "free or uncomplaining" in his department.

During the heat wave out here, when it was 110 degrees and the sun was blazing, I think it was so hot. He wasn't working and could stay in the air-conditioned office with the other bosses. We found out, too, that the quota of girls was set. It had to be out in one day, before they let us go home early, was seven. The quota was more than ever. There was a lot of heat in the plant where the oven was. If she was sick, if this is what human beings were put on earth for—to be able to do all these things, to work from heat prostration that someone sitting in a nice air-conditioned office somewhere can make a little more money off them.
**EAST-WEST RELATIONS** (Continued from page 1)

China or to Stalin’s politics. For the Chinese Communists were part of the peasant unrest which was a genuine mass uprising, and the landlords and intellectuals and liberals refused to return to the old regime. They demanded that the armies Mao had built up under Chiang Kai-shek and against the Japanese invaders now be used for their liberation. That was what gave the Chinese Communists their boldness.

They were supported by the masses, it is true, but they didn’t depend on it. Their armies carefully bypassed the few remaining centers, like Shanghai, and swept into the vast agricultural regions where the peasants were waiting for them with open arms. It wasn’t only the peasants who were with them. Whole layers of intellectuals and liberals flocked to them, thrilled at the conflict of ideas.

**COUNTER-REVOLUTION**

The Communists had a network of administrative bureaus which they automatically installed. When they took over the government, they took over the State complete with a totalitarian regime. When the old corrupt landlords and intellectual and liberal politicians were swept into the vast agricultural regions, the Chinese invaders now were used to take their place.

The Chinese Communist movement met a tangle of personal corruption and collaboration with the discarded Western powers. Under the circumstances, various colonial leaders can look at the Chinese Communists and feel confident that they, too, can take over and, in the name of reform, impose a total control under their own leadership. This is not only irrespective of the philosophy of reform against the peasant masses in whose name it moves, but it is in direct preparation for World War III.

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**PARALYSIS & TYRANNY**

The empty smiles of the summit conference in Geneva, late last summer, became quite frozen shortly thereafter, as was to be expected before they first appeared (See NEWS & LETTERS, Aug. 19).

No more smiles at the second Geneva conference just dragging to an end. Even the most enthusiastic commentators write gloomily about deadlock and paralysis. They sigh that the Western powers seem to lack the will and boldness of a program.

They hint that Russia, thanks to its totalitarian control at home can follow its program if it chooses, and with determination.

Let us look then, at these four powers who control the fate of the world today and pretend to speak in the name of more than two billion people.

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**FRANCE**

The measure of French decay is to be taken in the man who now heads the government, Edgar Faure. How long he will remain is just as much a guess. French politics is like a roulette game.

Just recently, while the Moroccan revolt against French rule was at its highest and France was ripped by violent strikes at home and by popular demonstrations. The war has kept millions of workers in shocking living conditions. This has produced more and to spend less. The war has beset England since Eisenhower’s full confidence.

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**WORLD OUTLOOK**

Looking at this decay, the American press very grandly offered advice to the French. The Detroit News openly advised them that they need a dictator, as a strong man, to lead them back to glory. The New York Times was more dignified, they advised the French to subordinate their decisions to the judgment of the world in the interests of a rebirth of French power in world affairs.

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**GREAT BRITAIN**

Great Britain, whose empire is cracking up under the blows of colonial revolt in Asia and Africa and even in Cyprus, is looking fearfully at the possibility of depressions. The To-buy Government has nothing to offer except to encourage business and to warn the workers to look out for themselves.

As one example, the acute housing crisis which has risen to warning against the war has kept millions of workers in shocking living conditions. This has produced more and to spend less. The war has beset England since Eisenhower’s full confidence.

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The Labor Party, hoping to profit from the troubles of the Tpecque government, is busy studying its own belly-button. Try as it may, it has nothing to offer British workers except more of the same: Government controls, tight belts and, above all, no unauthorized strikes.

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