SNOBS WITHOUT STRENGTH

By CHARLES DINBY

Several months ago, during a wildcat strike in my plant, an office worker asked an International represen-
tative who had been in the plant to try to stop the
workers from striking. "What's the matter, Horace?
Can't you keep those workers on the job?"

"MY BLOOD BOILED"

My blood boiled in me. Only a few short years ago,
these same office workers—who are as close to
and as much a part of the company as anyone—
were yelling about the company's treatment of them.
Then, they wanted to be organized in the UAW.

They were accepted into our Union only when the
International told us they were calling on us to strike
to settle our backlog of grievances. The company yielded
to the Interracial and recognized office workers
as members of our Union.

The production workers' grievances were for-
gotten.

Many auto workers have never forgotten, and
never will forget, the office workers' attitude during
our strikes. They would walk through a picket line and
turn up their noses and poke fun at us.

Now, we are supposed to be brothers and sisters of
the same local Union—based solely on our strength
—and they still have the same attitude and feeling of
contempt towards us.

Many times, in wildcat strikes, you hear a foreman
or company official ask, "What's the matter? Can't
you keep those workers on the job?" You know their
interest is that of the company. They blame the work-
ers when the company forces us to walk out.

But when someone who is supposed to be in the
same organization with you speaks in the tone
that office worker did, it burns a production work-
er up. Especially when all over the place everyone
else was saying that the company was forcing the
walkout.

SNOWS WITHOUT STRENGTH

Today, in the shop, there is a big separation in the
feeling and attitudes of workers in different classifica-
tions. It appears that the majority of workers in higher
classifications think and act as if they are above others
in lower brackets.

But when they get kicked around by the com-
pany, their first call for help is to the strength of
the production workers.

As one worker stated, "The office workers feel
they are better than all workers. In fact, they feel they
are not workers.

"The skilled workers think they are second best.
The semi-skilled, third. The production worker, last.
The sweepers and janitors—some of whom have made
a bigger contribution to building this Union than any
one, and their jobs are as important as any other work-
er's—they are not thought of at all. Or if they are, it
is like talking about a machine and not a human.

"It is all in the Union the Union has gone for this
type of thinking and action."

They often post signs about educationalists on bul-
etin boards in the shop. But you never see skilled
workers or office workers at these educationalists. Their
meetings are held only for them. No production work-
ers allowed. They think the production workers and
janitors are too dumb. But all can come to our meet-
ings.

IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH, IF . . .

As another worker said, "If no production worker
can attend their meetings, why in the hell don't they
get into a separate Union?

"Yes, we know that the bigger the union the
stronger it makes a working force. If we could feel that
this was the purpose and interest of all in our Union,
it would be fine.

"But the attitudes and action of those above our
classifications think and act as if we are only interested
in being 'keepers of the faith.' They say our only interest
is to cry for help and use our strength to stand on
til they can get what they want. Then, 'To hell with
you production workers.' The Union leaders use us the
same way."
If They Can't Crush You to Death
They Try to Work You to Death

They Try to Work You to Death
If They Can't Crush You to Death

SHORT CREWS
DEER SEASON-the top up.
place. Some places you
prevention. The top was

THE BIG LECTURE
fix it up.

PRODUCTION FIRST-
SAFETY SECOND
The boss told these track
men that the place was
bad. He said it was working
and had to be timbered in a
hurry to keep it from falling in
the place.
The way it was set up, the
posts had to be car-
ed about six feet from
where they were stocked to
the place that had to be
timbered. Then they had to
cut out to the correct length,
and then placed in
position.

They had these three track-
men carrying the posts and
placing them, the boss kept repeating
that the top wasn't going to
hurry. That the place was bad
did not have to be told to
these men. They could
see and hear it.

But they could also hear
something else. They could hear the
logging machine, cutting machine, pin
machine and buggies moving about at
the face. The men thought they were doing
just that, producing coal.
They couldn't be stopped to
help correct a bad situation
if it meant interruption of
production. Oh dear me!

And with a short crew
that the top wasn't need-
med at the face!

It was just like one of
the track men said, "We
weren't worried about
that top after those first
three posts were set. If
it wanted to come in, let it." We'd have
time to clear it to the top to get out. That's what we
were worried about.

"If the boss would have
been more concerned about
what was going on in our
section, he would have had
all of the men on the section
there setting posts.

We were pretty sure
that the top wasn't going
to kill us. And we somewhat
thought that if it wasn't going to kill
ourselves working.

They Only Stop You
If You Let Them

FAIRMONT, W. Va.—I
was to go to a funeral. I
told my boss and he said
that I didn't have to report
off. The time I missed
when I was sick is when I'm really sick
or during deer season.

When I came back to
work the next day, my
light was out and the
top supervisor, who was the
called me over. I
thought they were going to
try to get me on day-shift,
because I was a bad section
and were trying to get
me to go on day-shift to fix
up.

THE BIG LECTURE
When I got to the office,
the super sat behind his
desk with a book open and
started to talk about the
absenteeism. He started by
saying that I had two days
off before when I was
sick.

I was told. I told him
he had just been off for
two days and that I had been
sick. He'd just come back.
Was that held against
him? This is the kind of talk
and the boys in the shop said
they could hear me as clear
as they were there in the
department. By the time I got through
the super was saying, "nights you're
your light. It's all right.

The Above Letter from
Dedan Kimathi can be
found in
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Black Man's Justice and
White Man's Law in Kenya

Dedan Kimathi, leader
of the Mau Mau, was
sentenced to death on
Nov. 27 for "illegally"
possessing a revolver. This
is British justice in
Kenya. It is also exactly
the type of justice with
which the Russian
Communists threaten the
Hungarian revolutionaries.

General Kimathi, ac-
ting to the NEW YORK TIMES
dispatch of that date, was
also "convicted on a
second charge of pos-
sing a revolver and
sentenced to seven
years imprisonment.

"I am explaining
clearly that there
is no Mau Mau, but
I am only Mau
which can finish Mau Mau,
and by using other weapons.

"Without doubt, the Kenyan Government,
by its murderous policy, is
without careful consideration,
and by harassing the people in the Reserves,
now the Mau Mau has increased a
thousand times in the forests, and
young men and women
and even old men are in
the forests for fear of
being arrested as it is the
Government's main object.
And even now I am glad I had many
soldiers.

"1. If people are want-
only attacked in the towns
and even in the Reserves,
put up with it without running to the forest.

"2. If the police and
the Black and Home Guards
withhold food who can put
up with hunger?

"3. If there is no po-
logical organization in
Kenya, why will not
everyone side with the
Mau Mau?

"4. If colour discrimi-
nation continues in Ken-
ya, who will remain for the
underdog, for the Afri-

"5. If it is better
to put up with trouble,
why should we put
up with trouble in our
hearts?

"6. To the responsi-
ibility of the Govern-
ment to see whether
these things are true or not.
The foundation of
lawful co-operation is
also the foundation of
peace, wealth and pro-
gress.

"God who created
everyone helps them and
feeds them these are
people like others, we will
find food as always but it is no place alone because
we cannot live
without food.

"My writing in the
Kenya Defence Council of
the whole of Africa, Kenya
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police K.A.R. (Kenya Afri-
can Rifles) in all areas, if peace and
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bitter enemy who are the
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ings looking for a
new world of freedom.

"Sir— For the re-
turn of peace and the
return of a new Kenya, I
have told all leaders of
the war in the forest
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We'll Starve Together—and Stick Together

One thing about the miners. What affects one miner, affects all of them. They all will starve together, if there's any starving to worry about. If one is hungry, everyone is hungry.

You can't come to my house and expect to find something different than at your house. The same strikes or layoffs that hit me, hit you too. You may sometimes find on your door a little nest-egg hid away. But it never stays hid for long.

Old Timer.
West Virginia.

Now They Tell Us!

A month or so ago it was announced on the radio that the amount of radiation in the air was "now back to normal." It seemed that in September it had been the highest it had ever been, but this was not revealed until it was all over. Now they tell us.

Housewife.
Detroit.

Red "Automation and Brainwashing"

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Way of the World

By Ethel Dunbar

How well rich people can speak of poor people when they have no one to take their place when they are dead and gone.

What They Want

When the rich man has no son left to take his place, the poor son-in-law will have to stand over and be the big man. But that is not what the rich people want.

They all want it to keep the riches in their family name, and to keep the Negroes down and back as far as possible. They can do it in two ways.

One, they can be laid-off. The poor-little-rich-girl could not find a rich boy to love, so the rich father had to find his poor-little-rich-daughter a boy-friend to make her happy.

Love at First Sight

He found a poor boy who worked in his factory, who seemed to have nice ways, and whom he thought he could have for a son-in-law. He sent him to see his 32-year-old daughter and they fell in love the very first time they met.

The rich father wanted to find out what kind of father and mother this poor boy had, and what kind of work they did. He asked this poor boy, to take him, his wife and his poor-little-rich-daughter to meet his father and mother, and he did.

The rich man and his wife went to see the poor man and wife, and told them that their children had fallen in love and wanted to get married.

'No' and 'Yes'

The poor people shouted out, 'No, our son can't marry your rich daughter because he will marry out of his class.

We are poor people. We do not have a factory; only a garage to make our living and we can't take care of your rich daughter out of the garage.'

The rich father said, 'Yes, but the boy and girl love each other. Let them marry and I will send my cars to your garage to be repaired. You can overcharge me for fixing my cars so that the children can live.'

'I need someone to take my place when I come to die, because I do not have a son to take my place when I am gone,'

So, we can see that if everybody could have the same amount of money, the world would be a better world. It would be a world to live in, to stay in until we die.

Exhausting & Degrading

I don't like job shop work on principle. If anything happens and you get into a job shop, his word is law. Even with the unions the way they are now, a worker in a union shop can act with more dignity and stand up for his rights even if he desperately needs to keep his job.

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Heritage That Lives On

The general strike that the Hungarian Workers' Councils are conducting at this moment will stand as a monument of unparalleled heroism. They carry on despite the fact that over 100,000 Hungarians, who previously fought shoulder-to-shoulder with them, have now crossed the border to Austria. They carry on despite the fact that Russian tanks and troops fire into unarmed crowds.

What gives these revolutionaries their daring?

They have withstood the attack of the monster Russian State. They have been left standing alone in their fight by the "Voice of America," which has found it expedient to lie to the United Nations' gab-fests and thus to hide its do-nothingness.

These capitalist instruments are resolve in only one thing—passing resolutions. At the head of the resolution Writers—Krishna Menon of India. He now thinks that the way to "solve" the massacre of Hungarians is to go to Russia and "talk it over" with the slaughterers.

Prominent in this talking big and doing little is the World Federation of Trade Unions. Every union leader has "praised" the Hungarian freedom fighters. Not a single one of them has listened to the Hungarian appeal for a sympathy strike.

It is reported that 25- to 50,000,000 freedom fighters, of all kinds, from Hungary, many of the Hungarian intellectuals, who helped spark the October 23rd revolt for freedom, have now fled to their individual freedom elsewhere. The Hungarian workers, on the other hand, do not separate their individual freedom from the freedom of their country from Russian overlordship.

Neither do the women who faced the Russian tanks in a defiant demonstration to mourn their dead.

Norg does the youth who know that the only type of freedom that means anything is the freedom of people in their lives.

There has been no greater heroism than that created by this vision of a better world. Each man is a hundred in vision—and hence as a hundred in strength, courage, fortitude and capacity to sacrifice for a world society where all working people, to a man, organize and control production and the state.

This heroism and vision will not be drowned in any larger vision. This heroism and vision will not be drowned in any larger illusion.

The "Progress" of Automation

At a Des Moines, Iowa, packing plant so many jobs and wages rates no longer exist since automation was introduced, that an officer in the local union admitted that, "I don't know whether these new mills benefit the people."

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The older men don't want to bump into the higher classifications because we have to work at their old rate on the new job for three months before we get the higher rate.

Then it could be another three months before we got top rate for the job.

Some plant superintendents will give top rate right away after three months, or a few weeks after—if they think you're doing the job well, or deserve it or something.

But the contract leaves that up to the company, it just says three months before we get the higher rate.

and then top rate within six months after the transfer.

A-Assembly

Detroit

The older ones say they don't want to bump up because they have to wait too long to get top pay. I don't think that's the real reason. I think they don't bid for the higher job because they know the job they're on and they have everything worked out. The few extra dollars aren't worth the grief of starting on a new job they don't know nothing about.

I can't really blame the older fellows for this, but the way it's working now the company says they can't help it, they got to bump the younger guy and the union says, they can't help it because the older guys don't want to and everybody blames everybody else and we get the short stick.

2-Year Seniority

Detroit

Leaders & Ranks

I read an article about the decline of Local 600 (Workers' Journal, Dec. 11), and I remember for years all over the UAW workers used to say that the old Briggs and Hudson locals, and a few of the other smaller locals, had the best and strongest union in the UAW.

Each one of those locals had not only chief stewards but also line stewards, although many have deteriorated as a result of the union officers making deals and going for proposals by the company.

Now, they're all talking about eliminating the steward system.

Member, Local 212

Detroit

During the recent campaign there is no doubt what the American Labor Leadership CIO- AFL used every trick in the book to get the American workers to vote the way they wanted them to. No one asked the workers what they wanted to do.

What was the result? The labor bureaucracy collected and spent $1,041,244 from its 16 million members, (about 10 cents per member). All of this money was wasted supporting the party of Stevenson-Kefauver and led by the anti-Ne­gro Southern reactionary Democrats.

Not only was the party decisively defeated, but the actions taken by the labor leaders weakened the organization of or­ganized labor in the struggle against the bosses on the job.

World War II Vet

New York

When we first heard about the Union wanting to ratify the Constitution, one guy said, "Those Hungarian got the right idea. I talked to one of the leaders of the new society, and he said, 'We're no damn good to us anymore.'"
TWO WORLDS

AUTOMATION AND BRAINWASHING

Automation has cut across the thinking of the people more sharply than anything else since the Industrial Revolution nearly 200 years ago. At the point of production, automation has compelled two fundamentally different class attitudes, depending on which side of the machine you stand.

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

If you are the one who operates it, you feel its impact in every bone of your body: you are more sweaty, more tired, more tense and you feel about as useful as a cog on a wheel. You are part of the machine; the machine is always on top of you and keeps you isolated from your fellow-workers. In addition, you feel more isolated and more of your shopmates are displaced by the monster machine.

If, on the other hand, you are the one who drives the men and counts the production for management, you praise the machine, to the skies.

This attitude of the capitalists and their agents has acted as a brainwashing of the labor bureaucracy.

Instead of listening to the specific grievances and aspirations of the workers; instead of listening to their complaints against the conditions of labor and new speed-ups; instead of listening to their demands, they have unequivocally brainwashed the very kind of labor that would transform man into a cog of a machine and make the machine into "the thinker." The labor bureaucracy allowed the workers to do nothing "against" automation, thus, when the miners were first confronted with the continuous miner in 1948, John L. Lewis disregarded their general strike and announced instead that the union was for "progress."

The working force in the mines was literally cut in half.

By 1952, automation forced Ford, Reuther to tell the auto workers to consider "the future" which would bring them a six-hour day, and not to fight against the present employment.

Meanwhile, there has been no change in the working day since the workers, through their own struggles over decades, won the eight-hour day and the turn of the century.

BRAINWASHED LABOR LEADERS

The latest result of this brainwashing of the so-called labor leadership can be seen in the way in which they let the professors do their thinking for them. There is not a college, from the University of Michigan to Harvard, that does not have its Technology Project. The labor bureaucracy appears at the conferences to parrot the words of "the educated."

The actual findings of "case studies" are hidden behind the windy words of labor bureaucrat and professor. Taken to one side, these professors know only too well—the closing down of the Murray Body Works several years ago. Five thousand workers found themselves with lots of time on their hands and no money in their pockets. A real shock to the management, however, was "forward looking." They went into another business—bowling alleys. They moved out of Detroit. 5,000 auto workers remained in Detroit and remained unemployed.

Or, take the cases of those who remain on the job in automated plants. Contrary to the ease that push-button work is supposed to bring about, the workers all say: the more production, the more speed and tension.

Contrary to Reuther's abstraction of every worker an engineer, there is little or no upgrading with automation.

What do the labor bureaucrats and the professors do with all their findings? Well, here are some of the questions they posed:

Mr. Ted F. Silvey, of the National Headquarters Staff of the AFL-CIO, stated that the problems they would have to face with automation are 1) the problem of human solidarity, and 2) he saw that "more and more people will be relieved from that acquisitiveness which drives them to obtain personal property beyond all sensible human needs."

Professor Charles R. Walker, the Director of Research in Technology and Industrial Relations, and the President of the Society for the Study of the Industrial Revolution, which sponsored this conference summed it up by worrying about: "What can we find as substitute for time?" (his own emphasis).

It is clear no torture chambers are needed to brainwash labor bureaucrats and intellectuals. They are too deaf to the concrete demands of the workers, and all too willing victims of abstractions which help maintain the capitalist system.

R. D.

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Views

the party offices. The man who flew to Atlanta to mail the letters is supposed to be a Republican leader, and he gave the Republican party's telephone number when making his plane reservations. There seem to be other pieces of evidence that have not been announced. By now it must be clear to everyone that neither the Democrats with their Dixie bloc nor the Republicans with their pac pal have an ounce of honesty left, to say nothing of political integrity.

Independent

Detroit

On. Dec. 5 I watched the U. S. Steel Hour on TV. The commercial showed a group of white students taking a tour of the Fairfield Works in Albina, Birmingham, Alabama.

As they entered, the TV cameras were careful not to show the two entrance gates, one with a "white only" sign and the other for colored only.

I also failed to notice that any colored students were included in the touring group, although 50 per cent of the people in Birmingham are Negroes.

White TV Viewer, Atlanta, Ga.

WAR & PEACE

Did you ever notice how some news commentators on the radio sort of hint at many things at once? For example, 1) they used to harp on a workers' government (Russia?) and how it will alter the world's thinking, 2) they used to talk about the workers' councils as if they were the workers' own. They followed this for a long time, but quit in time so they wouldn't have to swallow their own words.

They are now cheering for the workers in Hungary and sort of insinuating the workers' councils are their football team.

EX-GI

Morgantown, W. Va.

A guided missile fired by the U.S. Air Force got "lost" and landed somewhere in South America in the dense jungle. It will probably never be recovered. Too bad Dulles wasn't riding it.

Student, Detroit.

The United States came out second best in the Olympic Games, held in Australia this year. Russia was the "winner" in terms of the highest number of points won by its athletes.

However, if anyone were to pay attention to the international rules—established long before the supremacy of athletes became any sort of measure of the correctness of the political policy of any country—the supremacy of Russia would establish only the supremacy of Russia's athletes.

The Olympics should be confined to a competition between individuals and not, the political football that it has become in the years.

Sportsman,

Up, Peninsula, Mich.

BATTLE FOR MEN'S MINDS

The Roman Catholic Church, which has long advertised itself as the world's greatest force against totalitarianism, has recently made deals with Government in Poland exactly as it made deals with Hitler and Mussolini.

By agreeing to urge Polish Catholics to submit to the Gomulka regime, the Church has in turn received the privilege of controlling classes in religious education in State schools.

Thus Church and State, in Poland as in Spain today, are in league against the struggle for freedom of people who are sick of other people running their lives for them.

In making a deal with Gomulka, the Church shows once again that the only freedom it cares about is freedom for itself; the authority of its leaders is far more important than the freedom of its members.

In this respect there is no difference at all between the Church and the Communist Party.

Detroit Teacher

My philosophy instructor finally came through with a little bit of truth today. After rambling through the biggest part of the semester, he made a statement that I think he should have made a long time ago.

He was talking about Marxism and said, "Russia is as far from Marx as the United States is from Jesus Christ."

It made the class a little worse, but then what does he come up with, but, "You have to study Stalin and what Russia is like today to know Marxism."

I guess I had hipped right the first time. The next thing he'll be saying is that we have to study Joseph McCarthy and Wall Street to know Jesus Christ.

Student,

West Va. University.

WE WELCOME A NEW CORRESPONDENT

"I enjoy reading News & Letters as it gives me an insight to what the American workers are actually thinking and feeling about the various issues and problems that are besetting the workers. I would like to write a column of British Workers news or act as a London correspondent for you.

"As News & Letters is a workers' paper I look upon this labour of mine as a contribution to the international workers' cause."

The best plan is to get you not only British working class news but also political news information likely to be of interest."

I close now with best wishes.

Protemally yours,

V. J. L.

YOUTH

Thinking It Out

By Robert Ellery

The New York Post has been running a series about juvenile delinquency on New York's lower East Side. I want to take up the fourth article in this series. It is entitled, "A Teenager Makes Good," by Helen Dudar. Her comments betray that she has a classic type of juvenile delinquency attitude. They fool themselves into the accomplishments being made. Their starry eyes turn inward, unable to face up to the reality that this thing called "juvenile delinquency" is a symptom on a sick society. What is demanded is a cure for the illness.

A CASE HISTORY

The case history of an East Side youth is presented. That the writer is never able to identify herself with the young people's evident. She waxed poetic:

"At his most relaxed moments, he had native charm and intelligence and an air of certain innocence that attracted most people, including cops. He was tall for his age, well-developed and moved with an easy grace that reflected his certainty in his physical strength—literally, his only certainty."

I've heard jungle animals described similarly.

—OR A HUMAN BEING?

The teen-ager comes from a broken family and has been brought up by his mother. Both were supported by the welfare department. He doesn't like his mother and didn't like school. His local social worker got him a job as a trucker's helper and then as an errand-boy.

If he stayed steadily on his job, this point in his life, age 16, the welfare department would have cut financial aid to his mother and he would have been responsible for her support.

A BOY'S DREAMS

He dreams of becoming an actor, a writer, or a world adventurer. Miss Dudar says these dreams are "all areas that could bestow fame and fortune without the necessity for becoming deeply involved with any other persons."

Does this imply that when he is straightened out, his errand-boy should look good to him because of the many social contacts he is likely to have been involved with?

ESCAPE TO THE ARMY

One day after he went to the wrong class was one big party. The teenagers for the Army in order to get away from the old neighborhood, from his mother, and my guess is from his social-worker friend, too.

We are told that after he got out of the army, "he might study acting or settle for a less glamorous job." At least he'll be too old to be a juvenile delinquent.

"Smoking Isn't a Crime," Father Says

DETROIT—I have a son who is going on 14. The other night two young cops came into my house leading my boy in front of them.

What was his crime? He was smoking a cigarette while he was walking the dog.

One of the cops tossed a package of cigarettes down on the table saying he had taken them from my son. After a while he told me that in Detroit "prohibition" is an offense, let alone smoking.

He said, "If we were going to be like the others, this he'd have got the ticket but you'd have had to pay the fine."

HEALTH NOT BOUNDARY

I don't want my son to smoke, not because I think it's unlawful or immoral but strictly because I don't think smoking is good for his health or anybody else's. I also believe the recent reports about the connection between smoking and cancer in later life.

When my son came to me, not so long ago, and asked me for permission to smoke, he said, "I'd rather smoke openly than behind your back."

NO PERMISSION

I said, "I'm sorry if you were吸烟 behind my back but I won't give you permission. I think you're too young to smoke, and anyway smoking's no good for anybody."

"I can't watch you every minute of the day, but if I don't let you smoke in the house I think you'll smoke fewer cigarettes than if I give my permission."

When the cops brought him home the way they did, I knew they weren't worried about his health. They were thinking about him as a "hoodlum" or "juvenile delinquent" or whatever other choice phrase they use against youngsters.

A ROTTEN EITHER-OR

Do what you expect me to do? Whip him? Or chain him to the bedpost? I wonder how old they were when they started to chain a child who was able to stop them?

They use the whole question of a cigarette, I think I'd rather my son have this than the cancer of the lung in 30 or 40 years—if a war doesn't kill him before then—than live up with him and make certain he get cancer of the spirit right now when it counts.

Father of Teenagers.
A DOCTOR SPEAKS

BY M.D.

Defects in the Newborn & Stress in the Mother

In a recent series of articles on Radiation, emphasis was placed on the danger to future generations through damage to the inheritance factors—the chromosomes.

However, atomic bombs can cause such havoc to a whole population by their immediate, direct effects. There are no such hazards to the human mind other than not easily grapple with the possible future inheritance of monstrosities.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MOTHER AFFECTS HER UNBORN BABY

Knowledge has accumulated to indicate that local environmental conditions of the growing embryo, the world around it, stress in the mother—something we may wreck—may cause some so-called mental deficiencies.

These things can no longer be considered mysterious acts of unknown forces. One recalls in this connection Dr. T. H. Ingalls' thought of as old wives' tales—of unborn babies marked or deformed by shock, horrible dreams, lightning, or fright in the mother.

RECENT DISCOVERIES

But the importance of maternal diseases in determining the health of her unborn child did not come until about 15 years ago, when a doctor in Australia observed that an acute infection—German Measles—in the mother's body, lungs, eyes and ears of unborn babies if the infection were contracted by the mother in early pregnancy.

It also has recently become clear that certain infections can be transmitted in the blood. This condition can be prevented and also treated.

MOTHERS' STRESS & MONGOLOID BABIES

At the Harvard University School of Public Health, Dr. T. H. Ingalls has made studies of stress in pregnant women and has discovered a connection, stories—usually thought of as old wives' tales—of the mother's stress and the stress of her unborn baby.

THE TWINNING PROCESS

In 1947, oxygen-lack was shown to be a specific cause of congenital deformity. Twinning of one-half of the body with the other is part of the normal process of development. Everyone starts with a single fertilized ovum or cell which breaks into two and then four, then eight, then 16, etc., finally forming two halves of a body. These halves are basically twins at an early stage of development.

This process may overdevelop the mark and go on to the production of identical twins. Arrest of this, results in joined twins or Siamese-twins. One member to the production of identical twins. Arrest of this, results in joined twins or Siamese-twins. One member of a Mongoloid and the other of a type of defective we call the Mongoloid child.

He noted that a mother gave birth to a Mongoloid child after carbon-monoxide poisoning in the second month of pregnancy. The mother produced Mongoloid twins after a head-on collision of the automobile she was driving on the 59th day of pregnancy. A third mother of a Mongoloid had a difficult tooth extraction under gas-oxygen anaesthesia, late in the second month of pregnancy.

There seems to be an increased number of Mongoloids in the U.S.; the number over 40,000 at present. If the proportion of Mongoloid children had more disturbances such as an abnormal position of the womb and heart disease.

REAL TRICKY, THESE OLD MEN

My wife has been after me to retire. I don't know what's so much trouble as I raise around the house.

She'll do something in one room, and I'll work for a long time trying to undo, and then they'll tell me she doesn't want anything else. I can't see in the sense of the things what we do. I'll want to do it another way, and I'll get put out. Sometimes I'll do it deliberately.

I may say I want to walk around the room, and she'll tell me she has me helping her with something. I'll stay. I know I'll get put out forever. She'll start to do it one way, and I'll start to do it another. "Get out of here and start doing it this way." She'll tell me she'll do it sooner or later.

It looks bad if she's doing it, and I'm just sitting there doing nothing. But if I pitch in and start doing it, I'd get put out. It doesn't look so bad that way.

MENTER, Fairmont, W. Va.

A Woman's Viewpoint

I've had a baby, although I never had the pleasure of raising it, as she died right after birth. But I've been a child's nurse both in hospitals and private homes, and it has given me more experience in raising children than many average mothers ever get.

It has taught me that there are women—and some poor excuses for women.

POOR EXCUSES

Some of the women I've worked for have really disgusted me. Some of them don't have enough sense to streo a bottle; yet they are the very ones who act as if they knew a lot.

Some of them have stayed in bed for months before the baby was born and for months afterward.

One dentist's wife I worked for had a two-months old baby. During the day she'd go out shopping in the car and fly all around while I did all the housework.

But the tail was on another pig when her husband came home. She'd sit down and look all glazed and complain of how hard the housework had been. The last straw was when she'd have her husband carry her up the stairs because she was so weak and tired.

It disgusted me to see a woman act so foolish, but it disgusted me more to see a man fall for such nonsense.

Three or four days is plenty of time to lie in bed. The sooner I could take charge of my baby the better. And I have some pretty definite ideas of how I would raise a child.

SHARING WORK

I had no washer and washed diapers on a scrub board. I was very happy to help. My husband helped. I got put out. He often got up to feed and bathe the baby in the morning when it was busy work. He didn't want to do those things. We took turns getting up at night. We took turns keeping the baby while the other went to a movie or for a shopping trip.

When we did all go out together, I went even if it was just taking a walk.

I know that it is difficult for some women to learn how to share a baby, especially the first one. That is the real pleasure of raising a child.

Those women who, instead of trying to learn on their own, would rather have someone else look after the child miss a lot more than the work. They miss the fun, too. They are not what I would call women. They are what I call poor excuses for a woman.
The Next Contract
(Continued from Page 1)

which he blasted the wildcats
of District 31.

In that speech, Lewis charged the cattlers as a "rebellion," and the wildcats as "irresponsible elements and "hot-rod-
ders." He said the "ex-
citable young men" had kept others, who had fam-
ilies and mortgages, from working, and they have to be taught the "responsibility-
of life."

RESPONSIBLE

To have a base from which to clench to their hold as "fa-
bor representatives," these bureaucrats seek anythin
to turn a small group of so-
called "responsible" work-
ers against the majority—skilled against unskilled, white against Negro, and, if possible, older workers against younger workers or vice versa.

Management knows this role of the bureaucrats as well as the majority of the workers do. It helps them to hold a little base of an even smaller group of "favored" work-
ners to use against the rest.

That was the situation during the strike against the Ruby Faucet Co. in West Virginia, when the strikers were on one side by the strike-breaking women "homesteaders" be-
came, from the other side, the women belonging to the bureaucrats of UMW Dis-
trict 50. (See News & Letters, Oct. 30).

News & Letters has published stories from auto workers, steelworkers and mil-
ters whose disgust for the Union bureau-
crats was so great by the worker who wrote:

"The Unions sure don't do what they were or-
iginally set up to do. They speak for the com-
pany now, instead of for us."

But no bureaucracy, no matter how strong, has been able to control the working people, as a class, for very long.

Those intellectuals who see only the mighty bu-
mocrats sitting on the workers all over the world, and do not see the workers revolt against this, see only half the truth which is worse than nothing.

They are as blind to re-
ality as those intellectuals who think that the Ameri-
can workers are "back-
ward," and "satisfied" and want only more cars and more money.

CONDITIONS NOT WAGES

When last summer's steel strike resulted in a wage raise, it was a steel-
worker's wife who wrote, "There are so many other people who ought to take up, things a lot more im-
portant than a nickel raise . . . It's the conditions the worker has to work under that need improvement, not their wages."

If Reuther has already o
ranted the 1955 wildcats that greeted his phony "Guaranteed Annual Wage"—if Lewis has for-
 gotten this year's wildcats and the nine-month strike that first greeted au-
tomation in 1949-1950—

they will both be taught a new lesson at the next con-
tracts.

The workers in general are having their own thoughts on the near-
termination of the way of work. This is to be seen now in every shop and it is assuming new forms, especially among the young workers.

TITO-LAND

The arrest and impris-
onment of Milovan Dijas, former high mem-
ber of the CP in Yugosla-
vania, indicates that Tito is in as much trouble as the Russian regime.

The apparent immedi-
ate cause of Dijas' ar-
rest was his recent decl-
aration, which was wide-
ely published abroad, ac-
cusing Tito of turning against the lead-
ging role of the Hun-

Our Life and Times

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Washington, D. C.

The British Stationary Office has just published "Documents on German Foreign Policy," Vol. IX. The text of these revealing documents shows a topsy-turvy revolution sent to the Nazi Reich Chancell-
ery by Nazi Ambassador to France, Hans Thomesen, which reads as follows:

"A well known Repub-
lican Congressman, who works in close collaboration with the (German) special office for press affairs, will invite some fifty isolationist Repub-
lican Congressmen on a three-day visit to the party convention, so that they may work on the delegates of the Republican Party in favor of an isolationist foreign poli-
cy. $3,000 are required.

In addition, the Re-
publican Convention is pre-
ted to form a small ad hoc Republican Committee which, as a coun-
terblash to the full page advertisements by the White Committee, "Stop Eden," which will be shown by the party convention, publish in all the leading newspapers a full page advertisement with the impressive appeal, "Keep America Out of War."

"The cost of this would be about $60,000 or $80,000."

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