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**WORKER'S JOURNAL**  

"It's Awful to Be an Uncle Tom"  

By CHARLES DENBY  

Many Negro leaders are still playing the old political game with their people in the hope of gaining prestige among them and making some deal with white society.

Several weeks ago, Congressman Diggs, speaking from Ghana, said history was being made there and he was there helping to make that history. The Negro paper, the PITTSBURGH COURIER, seemed to be saying that vice president Nixon also made that history according to the write-up it gave him.

It was neither of them. The making of history there is a long bitter struggle carried on by the people of Ghana against British domination. Nixon or Diggs wouldn't dare to utter a word against the British rulers in behalf of those who struggled and died in their fight for independence.  

**THOSE WHO MAKE HISTORY**  

Rev. M. L. King was also in Ghana. This young Negro man and the colored people of Montgomery, Ala., have made history in the South. The COURIER could mention him. Nixon and Diggs will not go there to help make history for the freedom of Negroes—not even to see what is going on to enable them to tell their people what is happening there.

Another Negro paper, the MICHIGAN CHRONICLE, (February 23) carried a long article by the editor, Charles Wartman, for the Local 212 white union men. For the Negro workers it was a wonderful sign that Union is and why they should support their leadership because of what they have done for brotherhood and helping Negro advancement.

Mr. Wartman is not a member of Local 212 and never worked in the plant there. He is too high up to talk with rank and file Negroes. The Negroes he mentions who are in the International, will sell every worker in the shop down the river for their own personal interest. That's why they are there.

All the gains mentioned, were won by the fight and struggle made by the rank and file Negroes in the shop with the support of some white workers. Many times they had to struggle in opposition to some of those so-called "good" leaders named by Mr. Wartman.

Some of the Negro leaders were given positions on the International Union as their reward for what they did. The right Negro workers were carrying on for their rights as any other union members.

The Negro workers voted and are voting against the so-called "Brotherhood" leaders. Wartman mentioned. Workers know them. They know what they have done in relation to brotherhood. After 20 years there are still lily-white departments, restaurants and bars sitting practically in the plant, Negroes cannot go in and get service.

**... FOR A MESS OF POTTAGE**  

That Negro professor in Mississippi said it's awful to be an Uncle Tom. When your own people turn against you the whites don't need you and won't have you regardless of what deal you made with them. This should be a warning to Mr. Wartman and the Negro International Representatives.

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The only other thing that the green slate caucuses discussed was the fact that Pat Caruso, the president of Local 212, said the defeat by the rank and file was due to the fact that the leadership had been "pushing the 50 cents increase too hard."

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The ranks, many of whom never went through high school, knew this all the while. Many rank and file workers, Negroes who never attended a Union meeting, knew the same about those leaders mentioned by Wartman.

And many know why Wartman wrote the article. They knew the score long, long ago: there are still those that will sell their birthright for a mess of pottage.

**The Case of the Rank and File Against Walter Reuther and Chrysler**  

By A Chrysler Production Worker  

DETROIT.—A member of the Reuther green slate caucus told me the other day, "The Reuther boys are still reeling from the defeat in Local 212. Although they have full control of the union machine, they felt the need of calling a caucus meeting. Malady chief stewards, committeemen and political opportunists attended. The committeemen were bawled out by Ken Morris, Regional Director. He told them that the defeat of the green slate was mainly their fault.

"I do not want to hear of any of you sitting in the committee room from now until after the election," he said. "You are to be in the committee room only when you come into the shop to hang up your coats and hats. You are not to come back until the end of the day when you get your things to go home. You have been sitting there trying to settle grievances by phone. Go out in the shop and talk to the workers."

"That is all these swivel-chair leaders know of the feeling and resentment in the shop against speed-up, unemployment and the Union men doing the foreman's job and riding the workers," concluded our worker-reporter.

**COLLECTION FOR NON-DELEGATES**  

The only other thing that the green slate caucuses discussed was the fact that Caruso and Despot would have to pay their own way to the convention since they were not elected as delegates. It is true the Council voted to send these non-delegates to the convention nevertheless, but that vote did not mean they were given money but that they will have to take the money for the trip out of their vacation pay.

This sad story made each committeeman and chief steward, who knows on which side his bread is buttered, dig deep into his pocket and come out with a $1 or $5 contribution.

$302 was collected. They adjourned their meeting and arranged for two of the people to go spying on the Rank & File caucus.

**IN THE PLANT**  

The next day in the plant the most hated committee-man was busy passing out the Negro newspaper, THE MICHIGAN CHRONICLE, neatly folded to the article which was a whitewash of the leadership of Local 212. (See Working Journal.) This article praised them as men who helped the Negro, and the committeeman passed it around to Negro workers only.

Many workers wondered why, if the Reutherites have suddenly become busy talking up strike in the hope of regaining their prestige, there is a constant stream of leaflets, which the workers throw away without reading.

The workers aren't concerned with the official union paper either, which is giving the "right picture" of those union talks with Chrysler which have lost the workers 20,000 jobs. Every worker believes the news story of the deal with Chrysler to be true.

Wildcat  

Each day the wheels turned faster till you saw  
They were not there for making cars, but beasts,  
Beasts out of men, beasts to work for the wheels.  
What could men do but quit? As one you quit.  
And what did the wheels, the bosses and bureau­  
crats do?  
They tried to fling your from the human race  
Into a wilderness, a hopeless animal.  
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COAL AND ITS PEOPLE
Anything Can Cause a Deadly Mine Accident
Since Production’s More Important Than Safety

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—We were recovering material from a place along the main line where there had been a fall. The fall had been cleaned up and steel cables had been placed on them. On these I-beams, cribbing blocks had been placed, up to the top of the fall, as protection against any further fall that might occur.

We were pulling out the rails and tie(s) in this fall area where our boss came over and told us we would have to recover the I-beam. They were needed on another section and the company didn’t have any more.

IMPROVISING TROUBLE

The power line had been pulled back to where a motor without a cable and reconnected. There was no room up far enough to jerk out the strung machine cable. I was on the mound where I had to have a cable on it. The boss got a piece of old, discarded cable, spliced it into the end of the power line, and stretched it to the point where the I-beams were.

On the motor there was a steel I-beam*: They were needed there. The beam was loaded with the cable on the beams a little and then had loaded the cable on the beams a little. I told my buddy to put the cable back on the make-shift power line.

TWO MEN ALMOST KILLED

As soon as he did, the motor started to take off—directly towards them. For a moment I was petrified. The motor was not supposed to move until I had power production.

I grabbed at the controller and reverse bar, and suddenly realized that when I had thrown my arms up, the signal was turned the controller off. It was wide open and in that position looks as if it is off.

I could tell, even though I could not see, that fast away, that the beams had been pulled when the motor took off—and I was sure that two men under those beams and cribbing blocks were dead. I sat there, frozen with fear.

Then, as the shout—"What the hell you trying to do, kill somebody? Jesus Christ!! Man, you crazy or something!"

It was my buddy yelling. He wasn’t dead. I could have cried with relief as I jumped the motor and went up to where my buddy and the boss were standing.

"Boy: It’s a good thing you personal were sorting up. We jumped out of the way just in time. What if the hell happened, anyway?"

I didn’t say anything for a minute. I just looked from them to the 2 I-beams that had cribbing blocks and the dust blowing around that mess of stuff that had come down. I thought about what had happened.

The boss looked at me and said, "Now that’s not good!"

"THAT’S NOT GOOD"

"Now that’s not good," I thought to myself. Here I’ve almost killed 2 men, one of them, and he says, "That’s not good." I don’t know what I’d have said if our positions were reversed, but I’m sure it would have been more than that.

Sure, a lot of things were wrong from the beginning, but I was on that make-shift power line of the lives of those men were in my hands, not in the hands of safety surgeons. Regardless of what any formal examination might have found, I know now that it would have been to excuse myself if anything had happened there.

Then the boss said, "Well, it all came down pretty good. You shouldn’t have too much trouble getting it loaded again, just the way it should have.

I shook my head. "It figures," I thought. "Even after it power production." All I could think about was how lucky those were they still alive and how lucky they were just being alive. That’s what my buddy was thinking, too. He went on to forget that for a long time. I hope he never does.

Just Like Home

CASSVILLE, W. Va.—We were in the thawing room of the shop. When everyone was out of the way, the signal was turned the controller on. We saw that cable tighten a minute. I just looked at the section roek-dusted off. We’re really working in a small shop in New York City. This same I.U.E. Union has more than half its membership is colored. They will accept dues from the Negro people as an equal part of the country while, in another, they turn the other way while Negroes have to pretend that you are safe in their shell. They are safe in their shell. They are safe in their shell. They are safe in their shell. They are safe in their shell.

DUST & CLAY

"That’s bad enough," he said, "but the dust out of the section rock-dusted enough to try to keep an explosion down. The company’s policy of paying lip-service to safety and ignoring it in actual practice.

One of the safety committees met on the one section where he had been working last week. The dust was so bad you should have set the whole mine off."

"But you sure don’t want to do that," he went on, "else you will turn against your own company telling them how to treat the working people.

We are American born citizens and we want to live in peace without the whites trying to lay down some kind of low-down law for the Negroes in their own lives without being bothered for nothing.

We are American born citizens and we want to live in peace without the whites trying to lay down some kind of low-down law for the white people. We’re not their enemies. We are their closest friends in this world and don’t mean to do them any harm at all but just keep America free.

GET IT OVER

Worry can’t be free to do some things we want to do without having to fight the so-called good Americans? But since we got to fight to get what we want, let us all go in and fight to get over so we can live a happy life too.

Then, there will be no one left for the whites to pick on but the Uncle Tom’s like that professor of Mississippi. He found out that he was a big fool.

LET THEM LEARN

Worry can’t the big Negro leaders learn to help their own people to fight. If they do fight, they are bungling things. We are recovering many good Negroes by the white people. But if they see that you will turn against your own company. He was wrong of you telling the whole world that they are crazy people, letting the whites persuade you into doing this.

We can leave the no good white people up there picking and choosing and we will keep the Negro people down. We will be standing at home plate with all our hands in it. We can live a happy life—and daring them to try it to take away.

The Working Day

By Angela Terrano

The Human Quality

An I.U.E. electrical shop here in Detroit has the dubious distinction of never having been damaged by a strike in its 15 to 20 years of existence. This was told me quite proudly by one of the strong union members in the shop. In fact, she said that she worked so hard to get the union in that some of her co-workers called her Communist.

This is a real small shop that does not have a production line or even quotas to follow. The work is on machines that cost 20 to 25 thousand dollars and has to be handled carefully. The work becomes tedious even though there isn’t a line of work to be divided up. You have to sit at that bench for 8 hours. Even if you’re not working you have to pretend that you are.

UNNATURAL HUMAN RELATIONS

Not only are the work relations strained — for what kind of work is it when you are tied to a bench with an overseer walking around to make sure you are not away from it 160 long—but human relations are even more unnatural and strained. They accept no trouble those like themselves.

This same I.U.E. Union has most of the electrical shops in New York City. This same I.U.E. Union has most of the electrical shops in New York City. This same I.U.E. Union has most of the electrical shops in New York City. This same I.U.E. Union has most of the electrical shops in New York City. This same I.U.E. Union has most of the electrical shops in New York City. This same I.U.E. Union has most of the electrical shops in New York City.

SORRY FOR THEM

Right now I feel rather sorry for some of these people. They don’t seem to have any human quality of wanting to know other people, their wants and feelings. If they did I am sure they would realize how close all working people are. But they have built a little shell around themselves and they think they are safe in their shell.

As an egg shell is cracked, so this one that has been rotting for a long time, will betransmogrified. Only those who love and need freedom not only for themselves but for the next person too.
From "Wildcat" to "Authorized" Strike:

**Chrysler Workers Push Union to Strike in L. A.**

LOS ANGELES. — After several wildcats in recent weeks were ruled out on an authorized strike against the Chrysler plant in Los Angeles, the men there have long since decided that far too many of their friends who are watching the pickets. He's a big show if you don't know him.

BIG SHOW

I've been to union meetings where this guy comes all worked up that sound real good, but what he did in the wildcat two weeks ago is the same thing as standing up and he got up and he's all International. He told the wildcatriers, "I know what your feelings are but we got to stick to the International and have them behind us." There was a definite feeling to continue the wildcat before this type brokenship to go back to work. The Union wasn't in the forefront of the company. You got to look at the Union in this situation as something that's being pushed. The strike wasn't their decision to make; they had to go along.

—Chrysler Striker

**With the Chrysler Pickets**

LOS ANGELES. — The picket line over at Chrysler reminds me of the picket line at General Motors last fall. The men are striking for the same thing—a reduction of speed-up and improvement of working conditions.

The men on the picket line knew that they were working at General Motors. One picket told me that there were many ex-GM workers who worked at Chrysler plant now and they said that the speed-up at General Motors was far worse than at Chrysler. Another said they were out on strike to prevent conditions from becoming as bad as they are at General Motors.

**AUTHORIZED STOCKPILE**

Another picket told me about the wildcats they had a few weeks ago. He told me if they had stayed out then it would have been easier to force Chrysler to a settlement. One said he left in the time between the wildcats and the authorized strike, Chrysler put a lot of new cars each shift and has stockpiled in nearby parking lots. They are now withdrawing from this "bank" to fill their orders.

The men want to throw a picket line around these cars to prevent these cars from being shipped. The Teamsters have agreed that if there is a strike they won't cross it with their carrier trucks. However, the Union told the men that such a picket line would be illegal.

**WHAT'S AT GM?**

The pickets wanted to know how it is at General Motors after the strike. There were many who told me that there was a lot of extra cars each day. For a week after the strike things were a lot better. After that the Changeover tool was turned up increased, foremen started to work again, reprimands were increased and so forth. Things are now as bad at General Motors as they were before the strike.

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**WHY HOMESTEAD IS THE MOST PREJUDICED MILL**

PITTSBURGH, Pa.— Homestead is the most prejudiced mill in the valley. In the other mills up and down the valley, in the other mills up and down the valley, in the other mills up and down the valley, the Negroes are nationals, electricians, bricklayers. At Homestead the Negroes are acting as pit bosses. At Homestead the only Negro boss is the night-time supervisor—WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Up to now both the men and company have been ranked in the decision at Homestead, so far as I can see. If the company put a Negro on, and told the other men that he was going to work that job, that would be it. That's the way it used to be.

I said to one guy who works near me what he thought of the strike. He said, "I think the other companies draw straws. I think it's the same thing—a reduction of speed-up and improvement of working conditions. The Union was pushed so hard they couldn't do anything. They want to run that thing by the boss in sanitation."

The pressure of having a strike or their people would go out and say, "They christened you "Wildcat." You're out for blood. Tamed, you would be dead. They transformed, with the magic of a name, You into more than beast, for as you cross, Chewing and wise eyes burning, Invincible feline body, masterful of men."

**STEELWORKERS PROD UNION & COMPANY TO TEST**

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**Twenty Years of “Progress”—Whose?**

LOS ANGELES—I noticed an ad in the paper by the United Steelworkers of America that David McDonald, their president, was going to speak on "20 Years of Progress." I turned on the radio and this is what I heard. He is one of the men who signed the first contract with the steel companies in Chicago 20 years ago. I am not a steelworker, but it struck me that the things Mr. McDonald enumerated as progress—the fringe benefits, the raises and things yet to come in health and safety—that were important to him.

**COMMUNITY BETTERMENT**

McDonald said that since 1937, when the steelworkers concerned for the working man, they are also concerned with all the things that go along with the growth of the community betterment. On international matters they are concerned, for example, with the welfare of the African and African Americans.

There came to my mind, however, the fact that when a Jim Crow steelworker from Alabama, a member of McDonald's union, had voted in to the head of the CIO denying that steelworkers supported the integration. Authorine Lucy's student, Mr. McDonald had nothing to say.

**FUTURE PROPOSALS**

I turned to my Steelworker's magazine and found an article that had finished his talk with proposals for the future. Since the atomic age would increase the cost of living, Mr. McDonald recommended cutting hours or having a 3-month leave of absence for every 5 years for each worker.

I would like to know what steelworkers have to say about this 20-year report.
**Racketeers, Capitalists and Government Investigations**

The Senate investigation into labor racketeering has been successful in one thing, and one thing only, and that is headline grabbing. It has not, cannot, and will not get behind the real causes of labor racketeering.

In a small way, the inability of the Administration to get to the root cause can be seen from the fact that it was the Labor Department itself which had appointed Dave Beck "to represent" American labor at the forthcoming National Labor Conference. There is nothing about Beck that the Administration knows now—not after it has withdrawn its approval of him—and certainly not when it first approved him. The only difference is that Beck's connections were not in the limelight then. In changing "delegates," neither the Labor Department, nor the head of the AFL-CIO, Meany, don't have the "suggestions," consulted the rank and file of American labor.

It is precisely because the government, even as the labor leader, fears the rank and file above all, that each becomes an agent of capitalism. It is the capitalist employer who created "business unionism." Professional criminals have always been used in the war of capital against labor. In this fight against labor, they have been preferred to combing with shady labor officials rather than face the wrath of the rank and file. In the case of Dave Beck, the employers helped him to leadership because they feared a genuine rank and file movement would organize rackets. Without the conspiracy of employers and politicians the racketeer could not exist for a moment.

The FBI has been as slow to move against the labor racketeer as against the gangster in the 1920's. When they finally did get a Capone it was only for income tax evasion. No, it wasn't any of these authorities who put the racketeer in the union to rout the capitalist press joined in whitewashing him. Just this past week a Chicago union put an end to that vampire on the union movement.

On the other side, consider the case of James R. Hoffa. When Hoffa switched to Eisenhowen the capitalist press joined in whitewashing him. Just recently he had been tendered a $100-a-plate dinner at which business, government and local civic leaders praised him to the sky—and paid for it. At $100-a-plate, they paid, in round numbers, a quarter of a million dollars to establish a children's home in Hoffa's name. This extra payoff is capitalism's appreciation of him.

Not only Hoffa, but the outright racketeer is the darling of Big Business. Calling off strikes, and settling grievances have been the thing with respect to the bosses against the workers in the 1920's. When they finally did get a Capone it was only for income tax evasion. No, it wasn't any of these authorities who put the racketeer in the union to rout. The history which established Hoffa put an end to that vampire on the union movement.

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I read the article about the Chrysler Rank & File group defeating Reuther. It recalled to me the experience I had with a union election many years ago. The elections committee was so entrenched for years, was defeated. The election took place in a Local where nothing had happened before.

Right after the war various caucuses were organized. It took about 2 years on the part of one candidate to get the bureaucracy out. The same sort of thing went on. As the Detroit Chrysler workers recall it, there was almost no problem. The old officials had many connections and were very important to the workers. Reuther for 20 some-odd years was almost unbelievable to the old officials that they had been defeated.

**Construction Worker, Los Angeles.**

What the workers in the auto industry complain about is the way elections are conducted. Against appointments of officials, against being able to see a whem officer when you need him, against having the steward give you the business, against the business agents and stewards going along with the company. These are the unfair things.

**Sheet Metal Worker, Los Angeles.**

**"BUSINESS UNIONISM" AND RACKETEERING**

**Chrysler-Mack Worker, Detroit.**

I almost didn't take a copy of your paper with the story about Local 212 elections (March 5) but I think a look at the cartoon that went with the story. It's the best cartoon I ever saw and it showed just how lousy things are in the plant and how we felt about beating the green slate. Who drew the picture?

**Chrysler-Mack Worker, Detroit.**

**Angela Terrano is the cartoonist. She also writes the column, "The Working Day."**

**Rank and Filer, Detroit.**

**Reuther and Meany have known all along that the rank and file of union members in labor unions. If they had wanted to they could have got 80% of the rid of the racketeers themselves without having to welcome McCarthys. Maybe a government committee in to do a job which belongs to the workers themselves.**

**Machinist, Los Angeles.**

**An old timer told me that in the early 1930's he organized iron workers in his spare time without a car or expense accounting. The union became established the president bought a big car. Foremen were admitted into the union. Years went by without an election or even a union meeting. Several 'bosses' of union and company decided contract policies without looking to the workers in the factory. Conditions of work were terrible. He said that when he wasn't on work the rain came in through big holes in the roof.**

**Iron Worker, New York City.**

I read in the daily paper that now McCarthys wants to investigate the UAW. I don't think Senators are helping workers by exposing union leaders.

**McClellan and McCarran and the Government are doing their best to kill labor's power. They're wrong in the thinking that the Government holds this power. In attacking the leaders they will try to weaken the movement. I say workers can take care of their own leaders. They don't want the control of their union, for they have the money and the power of movement.**
**Views**

I don’t have confidence in any of the labor leaders these days. They’re getting rich and are indifferent to the condition of labor. Even Reuther, who has been attaching their back, and who is certainly cleaner, is just a more efficient racketeer because the workers are getting back from him much, much less than they are putting into the union.

Chrysler Worker, Detroit.

**NEGLIGENCE STRUGGLE**

I blame the men for the up-grading conditions that are so apparent. It’s just like saying, “What the up-grading conditions at Homestead. Is that the same identical thing men they have there, I can those people in Alabama to me as what’s happening there?”

They could put plenty of er they did anything about it or not. The men shouldn’t stand for it, and something could be done. There is plenty of pressure on them, whether they did anything about it or not. The men could worry them if they stuck together.

—Steelworker’s Wife, Pittsburgh.

**WAR & PEACE**

I have noticed that there are a lot more colored going to the University now than has been before. You see the colored fellows are getting into the basketball games too. When they go to a school at least they don’t seem to have any prejudices. I don’t know what the situation is when they go home. Maybe they still act that way. It isn’t always, but they don’t take their prejudices to college with them.

*Ex-GI, West Virginia.*

**WARRING PEACE**

I certainly don’t have any hopes that Washington or Moscow can assure us peace—and as far as anyone preventing a war once it got started, it would probably already be too late. You get to feeling that if the big wheels in Russia or U. or Beijing U. decided to start a war, nothing could stop them. If Congress decided to declare a war, nobody would have anything to say about it—anymore than the majority of the people have favored the last few years entertaining King Saud or anything else they do.

The way things are set up, the whole point of the matter seems like entertaining King Saud or anything else they do.

—Fidel Castro is leading the people who belong to the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union, which had been branded by the CIA as Communist-dominated, a cry since taken up by Attorney General Brownell. The head of the Subversive Activities Control Board openly admitted that the vote of the Montana copper miners for a union was affected by this law.

The labor bureaucracy is the real barrier to labor’s organization, North and South.

—G. M. Stedman, Detroit.

**TWO WORLDS**

On Both Sides of the Iron Curtain

The latest U. S. Supreme Court ruling against the UAW’s participation in political campaigns; the railroad through the Indiana legislature of the infamous “Right to Work Law”; the enactment by the Southern states of laws to circumvent both the Constitution and the latest rulings to grant the Negroes their civil rights—all are but one chapter in the Administration’s move to curtail the American people’s rights.

**THE METHOD OF MADNESS**

Although in 1955 McCarthyism seemed an individual madness, by 1954 it had suddenly and actually become the law of the land. The Communist Control Act claimed to have the outlawing of the Communist Party as its aim, but the use of it has been solidly anti-labor.

For example, it was used against the Montana copper miners who belong to the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union, which had been branded by the CIA as Communist-dominated, a cry since taken up by Attorney General Brownell. The head of the Subversive Activities Control Board openly admitted that the vote of the Montana copper miners for a union was affected by this law.

The attorney general is moving against workers in Arkansas against the union before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

For one who has studied Russia as closely as I have, I cannot help but feel that economically and politically the administration is moving in the same direction as the one-party totalitarian state on the other side of the Iron Curtain.

**ATTORNEYS GENERAL: BROWNEILL AND VISHINSKY**

Day in and day out the Administration is fighting hard to make this country more and more like Russia. Already it has abolished any serious distinction between Attorney General Herbert Brownell and Attorney General Andrei Vishinsky of the infamous Moscow Trials.

The Attorney General of Russia could become the sole despot or the unique Russian lawyer because long before the purges the rights of the men had been taken away and the trade unions had been incorporated as part of the state apparatus, that is to say, they had been destroyed as independent organs of the working people.

This is the aim of the latest Supreme Court ruling against the UAW, even as the use of the Communist Control Act again is against labor, against the union before the Subversive Activities Control Board. At the same time the South is using it against the NAACP.

**A CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE**

By a stroke of the pen Congress thrust democracy out of the window. The Attorney General’s decision has become all-important and the workers’ vote has been declared non-existent. Yesterday, the Attorney General and Congressmen had the gall to pronounce this a law against “the Communist conspiracy.” In truth, this law is the greatest conspiracy against the American people.

The independent Negro struggle in the South and the rank and file labor revolt in the North will stay the hand of the Administration in its headlong rush to transform this country into a carbon copy of Russian totalitarianism.

Under whatever name, the working people know that the control of every phase of daily living—especially the way workers work in turning the wheels of production—would be a step toward total war and the destruction of the American people. The aim of the daily struggle is to stop that. This is the thing the Administration cannot control in its move to make this country like Russia. The American people don’t and won’t take it. To aim at totalitarian power is one thing. To succeed is another.

—R. D.
PHASE OF THE CIVIL WAR. SO, TEACHERS DISCOURAGE PUPILS, TEEN-AGE GIRL SAYS

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS BUT MY HUSBAND AND I WERE TALKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE REALLY AIN'T MORE.

IT ISN'T THE KIDS WHO ARE DELINQUENT, IT'S THE WAY OUR WORLD IS BEING Committed IN A MANNER THAT THERE REALLY AIN'T MORE.

SMARTER TODAY

My mother is continuously talking about how much "smarter" children are today than they used to be. She seems to talk a little earlier and "grow up" so much faster than I expect. I have a lot more out of him.

LOUISIANA. -- The World is

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APPEAL TO HELP REBUILD BOMBED HOMES AND CHURCHES IN MONTGOMERY

First, they seem to talk about certain things the world has discovered up to this time at a faster pace than ever before. But she's their fault, so far as I can see. You can't just blame "the kids". You have to find out what the real delinquents are.

I TOLD HER I HAD A CAR AND COULD BRING IT RIGHT OVER AFTER SCHOOL, WHICH WOULD HAVE TAKEN ME ABOUT 5 MINUTES:

JUVENILE COURT

I wondered whether you watch the TV program, "Juvenile Court". It is really one of the most horrifying things I have ever seen. It may be a chapter in the book of the day, and the answer is always, "To get some money."

The stock question, he puts to the kids is, "Why did you break into that store?" And the answer is always, "To get some money."

He can never answer that simple reply, so he nags and whines at them. Full and sends them off to a training school.

The plan, nor those of the planner, nor those of the planner, cannot be claimed. This concern is for the benefit of the planning!...

But love isn't what they show in the movies. Affection to me means showing you care for each other—what you feel for each other. Don't reward me by saying something as simple as, "You look tired."

WHAT'S LOVE?

Give me respect and that is a real display of affection! Even a woman's health is worn down, she knows she can't blame "the youth". You have to find a world that is to blame "the youth".

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**YING TWO LIVES...**

Last week I received a letter from a member in my union to fill out. It was in regard to a pension survey they are conducting in connection with the forthcoming negotiations with the employers.

I have very little interest in pensions. Not because I'm against pensions, I think we should have them. But for many years pensions have been a matter of running away from the real problems of working people and the substitution of one scheme and then another.

IS IT BETTER?

The question of wage increases. We have been getting them regularly now for ten years, but generally not as much as they might change for the better? Do we have a more stable life? It does not exist at all.

Have we been able to grow up with our children and understand each other better? Have we been able to find satisfaction in our work?

There has been some talk of a 25-cent work day. But it seems to have been lost in the shuffle. And most of the things that has come up that even begins to approach something that means real meaning.

**ONE LIFE**

I actually live two lives. The one of work, work, work. It starts at 6:15 a.m. when I get up to prepare breakfast and lunch before going to work. Then finish traffic for an hour and a half, add to that 8 hours of work and when you get home, it is 5:30 p.m.

By that time I've had it. The work, the tension just take it out of me, as a laborer.

**THE OTHER LIFE**

The other life I live, or, I should say, I would like to live, I have to squeeze the few remaining hours out of the day. There are many things I would like to do. I get to do very few of them.

I'm building a hi-fi system. I would like to build some cabinets for the house. I'd like to work out in the yard and plant things and watch them grow. And above all, I would like to spend more time with my family and the growing children.

Actually you should be able to live your work at the shop. But with the whole emphasis on making more and more production time hell with everything else, that's what it turns out to be. Hell.

The whole idea of a pension in this day when we are daily threatened with a world war is something of a bitter joke.

—Skilled Worker Los Angeles

**How Some Men Have to Work!**

Today I was watching an outfit in the cellar blowing checks on their pay. They were making laborer's wages, when they should have been making two dollars or three dollars an hour—what they were getting.

—and colored. When they get home some of those guys are so mad they can't sit down and eat.

I watched them today and when I was getting ready to go home, they were still working. The heat is so terrific down there when they blow that no man on earth had gone through two sweat-shirts soaking wet. You couldn't find a dry spot on them.

Most of the hot work is done by the Negroes. If you could just see how some men have to make their living.

—Steelworker Pittsburgh.

**A DOCTOR SPEAKS**

By M.D.

**Troubled Scientists**

The February 19th issue of News & Letters, in the column “Two Worlds,” is concerned with the crisis among the scientists—since the development of the atom bomb—over “the social consequences of their discoveries.” It is there pointed out that the difficulty the scientist finds himself in today cannot be resolved by submitting to pressure and urging the engineers to stop working.

Many prominent scientists are, however, looking for a solution to the troubled state of their conscience, and to the stagnation in which they stand. The splitting off of the atom seems also to have split the well-being of these scientists.

**ETHICS AND MORALS!**

Albert Szent-Gyorgy, who is the director for muscle research at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass., in an article, “Science, Ethics and Politics,” has this to say: “What the scientist really wants to know are the internal laws that hold the universe together with all that is in it. Morals are the laws that hold human societies together. So science is not devoid of relations to ethics and morals.

“Within the last decade science has created the most powerful tools, which might be used for destruction. The scientist cannot remain a neutral spectator and refuse all moral responsibility when he sees the politician run away with these and turn them into tools of destruction.

“... Countries can no longer run around with a moral code. I am deeply convinced that this is the simple root of all our political troubles... so what is really needed is an international bureau of moral standards passing out weights and measures. Yet this kind of moral code is what all the great religions have been preaching for centuries— with little success. Dael Wolfle, who is an executive officer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, says, "Science has become so abstract and complex and in changing so rapidly that it has become extremely difficult for the non-scientist to understand. At the same time, science has assumed such a fundamentally important role in our industrial and technological society that the average non-scientist is in danger of non-scientist is in danger of losing his identity with society that it becomes extremely important for the non-scientist to understand its nature, and the role it plays in the culture of our economy."

"... What will society do with the ability to develop power from atomic energy? Will it use it to expand the globe, free from dependence on water power or fossil fuels—with the ability to launch a missile capable of destroying a city thousands of miles away? Or to construct war factories for the human operator but only maintenance personnel—to repair machines that convert raw materials into finished products—to send explorers to moon? WHO WILL EDUCATE THE EDUCATORS?"

He said that education of the public to understand the scientist as well as science is what is urgent— but that the scientist himself has been preoccupied with the social consequences of their discoveries. He went on to say that the scientist can deny that our existence in association with others should be one in which the individual’s welfare and well-being are primary. This is based on the freedom to apply his mental and physical resources to the whole world around him. The capacities of man are thus the means for his growth toward universality and not merely labor power to produce values.

When, however, men are used merely as machines, something happens to them which perverts their human identity—by stunting it. Fear and hatred, apathy and brutality set it. The indigestion of society comes from this and nothing else.

It seems to me that under these conditions it is a healthy sign for people not only to be troubled but to question the wisdom of scientists and others that follow the leadership of those in government and industry who accept what is as normal.
Rank & File Against Reuther & Chrysler

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WHAT'S THE TRUTH BEHIND THE "DEAL" WITH CHRYSLER?

Some workers were talking last week about how the company and the union had"agreed" to make a lot more money out of their present production and shop conditions. They say the "deal" has been in the works for some time. The workers have no confidence in it. The company, they say, is making them work harder and longer, with more machines and saws, for less pay. And, to make matters worse, they say that the work shop is being moved out of town, and the workers are being forced to travel to work every day. The workers say they have no confidence in the "deal" and are determined to fight against it.

The workers have been organizing and meeting in their own homes, and have decided to take action. They are planning to hold a meeting on the day of the "deal" announcement, to discuss their plans and decide what they can do to resist the company's demands.

The workers are determined to fight for their rights, and to protect their jobs. They are not going to be pushed around by the company or the union. They are going to stand up for themselves and their families, and will not be intimidated by anyone.