English Workers Have Same Problems As We
By CHARLES DENBY

We recently received the following letter from an English worker on why they went out on strike. Whether it's speed-up or high cost of living, it seems to be the same miserable conditions workers have to fight everywhere.

LETTER FROM AN ENGLISH STRIKER

I note that our strike trouble here is felt by you people in the United States. To put the whole shocking state of affairs in the right perspective you have to go back for the last 2 years when the Conservative government started doing its very worst to subject the working classes to go cap-in-hand for anything. We work overtime on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning to bring the normal week up to 53 hours. Well, it's just time to strike if you can't manage on 53 hours and that's the trouble all round. Transport, Coal, Iron and Steel, Doctors, Dockers, in fact all the workers, are up against the same bad government.

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COAL AND ITS PEOPLE

Militant Miners Out to "Better Himself" Becomes—
THE "DIFFERENT" BOSS: WORSE!

SCOTT'S RUN, W. Va.—This guy is a young man. He had served as a cocommittee man, had fought the company time after time over any issue that the men would bring up.

He would say, "If we let the company get away with anything, it's our own fault. Those bosses are out for themselves, we all know that. If we don't look out for ourselves, no one else will!"

At Local Union meetings, he'd blast the company and the Local Union officers for letting the company get away with just about anything. He'd say, "The company is always talking about making you a better man. It's a good way to make you do something about it. They're making people know what's what.

"The give and take that the company is always talking about means just one thing: we give and they take. It's always been that way, and it'll keep on being that way until we do something about it." Many thought, himself, that he was a good Union man.

KEEPS MOVING UP

He moved around from job to job, always taking one that was better than the one he had before. He finally made it to a cutting machine, making top rate.

After several months on the cutting machine he decided to get his bosses' papers. "Not to be a pest, he explained, "I've got too much pride to be a pest. I'm just getting my papers to learn all I can about this business. It's for the guys in the Union to know this stuff. You can learn more about what the company can or can't get away with. We need someone who knows the score and isn't afraid to say something about it when they try to pull something on the men."

TAKES BOSSING JOB

He had no difficulty in getting his papers. Soon he discovered he had offered a job as a boss. He took it.

This is how he explained crossing the line, "I don't see why a man can't be a boss and still be a good Union man. I've always believed that a boss could go along with the contract and still do his job. You know that I'll not be doing anything against the contract.

"I've known a lot of men for a long time, but you know that I could never be like some of them. I'm still the same guy. I'm just learning to do things that's all."

MEN KNEW BETTER

There were a plenty of men who knew different. And many of them had seen this thing happen time and time again. They told him what he could expect.

"You will have to work hard. You might have been what you have, or what you are saying now. Once you're a boss, you'll be a longer a Union man. You'll have to work the men, keep them deseased, keep them happy, and they'll be paying you to get coal. If you don't get it, you're out as a boss."

"Just wait until you start putting pressure on for that coal. You'll have to start putting pressure on the men to get through things that was done."

At first, he tried to go along with the contract, but then he began to change. The men missed him. There was plenty of talk:

"You can't tell him anything. He thinks he knows the score, he doesn't know."

And later, "That guy wants you to do everything he wants. You have nothing to do with the cutting machine."

"Don't you mind helping me out a little bit do you? But I'm doing it for us, for that extra pound of coal."

New he's trying to get one man to run a machine by himself."

"That guy is just plain coal hungry. He said he'd get back at me. Well, he sure is. He's worse than all the other bosses."

The men complained that the boss had said there was nothing to do but run the cutting machine and his buddy to shag the place. The same thing happened in the next place. When the boss found me he started to give me hell for not keeping my work up.

CAN'T BE DONE

But I was ready for him. "Now look," I said, "you're on the bottom of his section. I'm supposed to do what you tell me to do. You tell me to rock dust, hang canvas, shoot or anything else, and I do it. I'm just following your orders. You make up your mind what you want me to do."

"But I can tell you right now that if you want me to keep that coal shot for long, you have to buy my machine. I'm not going to do the things you're trying to make me do. It can't be done."

He didn't say anything, but he has must have done some thinking. He hasn't bothered me since then.

Tells Boss: "Leave Me Alone"

PUSKROGLOVE, W. Va.—I was shooting on a section and the boss was really puttin me. He wanted me to go there right now to shoot the place. The same thing happened and stopped me. That this way, and it'll keep on being that way until we do something about it."

"I TRIED" I tried for a while. I was running all over the section. I'd get through throwing a little rock dust when the boss would come around wanting some canvas hung a couple of blocks away. I'd be there hanging the canvas and he'd run up saying that I'd have to hurry up and shoot the place. But I didn't do anything, I'd just hung out of the way and he'd be out of coal to load.

The cutter saw what was happening and stopped me. "Look here," he said, "you're going to knock yourself out. You can't do everything, you just have to give me some help."

"I can't do it, he said. "I'm trying to shoot the machine. I can't do it."

The cutter threw that rock dust now. Just keep throwing it. He's just got his cutting machine is about ready to come into the place I just cut. Don't go there right now to shoot it. Just keep throwing that dust. When that load's all gone, you be singing a different tune."

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"Now he's laying to get his bossing job. He's worse than they."

"I asked my friend, the wife of a skilled worker, how do you judge, and who should get more money for his or her work—the person who spends a few years studying or the person who takes a few years off his or her life by working on a production line?"

"Tels the Way of the World

By Ethel Dunbar

How to Stop the Big Crook

That is just like the white people used to treat us in the old days. But Negroes have learned to keep something for themselves. That is why the white people rob and beat their own people out of so much money today.

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You can go down and picket any time you want to. As long as you get in 8 hours a week you’re eligible for Union membership.

Some guys have put in a lot more than 8 hours a week and have credit for those extra hours if the Union will consider if the Union is going to honor those extra hours and not require these guys to be there for 8 or fewer days a week. They have to go in 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. It’s not even leisure you dream about, but simply luxury a working woman can’t even think about. It’s not even leisure; it’s a man who has to come home after work, straighten the house, bathe and flop into bed!

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Who Will Watch the Watchdogs?

Workers are talking about Reuther’s plan for a coming “police” of “leading citizens” to be appointed as a watchdog over the UAW treasury. Some say it’s heavenly. Some say it’s like the police department when a policeman is to be tried. The trial committee or trial board is always police or ex-police, and the verdict is always, “Not guilty,” regardless of how strong the evidence is against them.

This has he been recently been proven all over again in the case of police brutality against Negroes. The Negro, Mitchell, who brought up this case, got as far as the trial board, and this trial board whitewashed the policemen who beat him up.

Some of the workers are saying that the Senate Committee isn’t investigating labor leaders like Beck and Hoffa in the interest of the rank and file worker, but only to put up with much of the bigwig’s who have swindled the government of income taxes.

Other workers say that Reuther’s invitation to the committee to investigate the UAW is like a man playing poker, hoping his bluff will back them down.

No worker felt that the so-called watchdog committee members would be any better than Beck, Hoffa, or Reuther, so why would the UAW invite them to investigate?

Why shouldn’t the UAW ask the workers to constitute a committee to do this? It is the workers’ money that is involved, and it is supposed to be their Union.

For years the Union leaders have told us they mistrust these big city officials; that the city budget is always red because somebody has sticky fingers. Now, they propose that same type of civic leaders to be the watchdog over the Union’s finances. Workers don’t trust them.

They want to know why not a rank-and-file committee, elected from the UAW itself, to watch over their money and over their leaders. They certainly are a much better judge of how the money should be spent.

Reuther, in the midst of the UAW convention, said that the idea is that the bosses and the “watchdog committee” of people outside the union. It’s funny how 97 percent of the rank-and-file workers get only 3 percent of the vote, and 3 percent of the bureaucracy put up his Hoff will back them down.

Here, in Detroit, the workers were saying that one point on all their minds is the purpose of the dues increased. They are overwhelmed by the amount of the dues increase and the “watchdog committee” of people outside the union. It’s funny how 97 percent of the rank-and-file workers get only 3 percent of the vote, and 3 percent of the bureaucracy put up his Hoff will back them down.

No worker believes that Reuther’s so-called leading citizens committee will be any different from those “leading citizens”, who are still writing to the daily papers to express their high esteem of Hoffa. He is even re-elected to some city post here. It’s all a swindle, they say.

Those labor leaders are always looking for some new scheme to handle the affairs of the ranks who put them where they are. The last thing those control over their own affairs. They just want the workers to accept what is handed down to them. The Workers are sick and tired of all this and are talking of how to get the union back into their own hands. — C. D.

RANK & FILE OPPOSITION

Some workers read that we might have 50c dues increase and that he was trying to hustle support from the Rank and File delegates to fight against this increase and propose a $1 donation strike fund instead.

They started to suggest among themselves could call up right away to the Rank & File delegates at the convention and tell them if they go along with the 50c dues increase—or with the 50c plus posal—that they better stay in Atlantic City and not return to the store.
—Rank & File Worker, Detroit.

CHRYSLER STRIKE

I saw some of the articles in N. L. Lewis, Stellato and Reuther, in the midst of the UAW convention, said that he, Beck and Hoffa are all the same; that he, Beck and Hoffa are all the same; that the Senate committee is always re-elected to some city post here. It’s all a swindle, they say.

One man said, “It’s true! During the long Chrysler strike here in 1945, they were working at Dodge. He got pneumonia during the long Chrysler strike here in 1945, they were working at Dodge. He got pneumonia during the strike and he died in his bed and couldn’t come, they told her if he couldn’t come in person himself.

“She called me and told me what happened. I called the International Union to get that of Lake Michigan and told him that if they didn’t do something in law to help me, those people who were paying $1 a week to aid the strikers, they better pay another penny because this is the way the union acts when a worker needs help. We were working there for so long and they couldn’t go any further and just go on putting their time in.

—Chrysler Worker, Detroit.

During the first week of our strike, one man came over to talk to the pickets. He had read about the strike in the paper.

As an owner of a small store near the plant he has time-plan dealings with the Chrysler workers. He assured the workers on the line that for the duration of the strike was going to press for payments on their accounts. He said he sympathized with our aims.

—Chrysler Striker, Los Angeles.

On the Thursday afternoon before the strike, a lot of people were ready to go 4 hours before the strike was called.

They tried to have a walk-out but it didn’t pan out. In the body shop they started beating on the cars and walking out. Although they went back to work in 5 or 10 minutes.

—Chrysler Striker, Los Angeles.

STEELWORKERS

Conditions in the mill are a lot different than in the mines in a lot of ways. In the mine, the other fellow’s safety depends on your safety. But in the mill, everything seems so individual. It’s the way they have it set up. Each department has a separate section from the others, and each does things their own way.

A mill-worker seems like an individualist, the way it’s set up. Each is working for himself, instead of all together.

—Steelworker, Pennsylvania.

Negroes have the dirtiest jobs in the steel mills. White seelworker may start in the CIO Union. That is exactly why Hoffa is a real racketeer. He is in league with the companies to keep the teamsters down.

—Student, Detroit.

In an Electrical Shop who is a Negro, a few years ago, the Teamsters got in with the mill who is a deal with them to organize the place because the girls were talking business with Negroes in a CIO Union.

The Teamsters sat around intimidating the women workers and that’s how they organized us.

—Electrical Worker, New York City.

A year or two ago, Beck used about $2 million in Union funds to back Montgomery in the financial fight they had. As a reward, he got aCIO “galantine” there. That’s wasn’t called a scandal but now it’s called a scandal. So Teamster funds are used to finance bars, etc.

The real scandal is that no Union has any business in business.


If the Company and the Union changed their policy they could easily break the production records they’re setting now. But the way it is, if a man knows he can only go so far, he just "jumps off the bandwagon.”

—Negro Steelworker, Pittsburgh.
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Two Worlds
New Crisis in Russia

A new internal crisis is brewing in Russia. On March 30, the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Party passed an official denunciation of Russia’s highly centralized, planned economy.

The report of Nikita Khrushchev, spelling out the meaning of this shake-up of the Administration of the State Plan, took up to less than two-thirds of the leading newspapers’ space.

Russian Workers in Continuous Revolt

As usual, the daily press in America sees only the maneuverings on top, and does not create ignore—the revolt of the Russian workers from below which causes the maneuvers on high.

I do not mean to say that the workers want this decentralization. They know that the State Planner is in Moscow or in the district where the factory is located they will have to work harder. Like Ford’s “decentralization plan,” the Russian decentralization will not give the worker any voice in production.

No, neither the reorganization on top nor the fact that it was caused by revolt from below is the key to the internal crisis in Russian industry, but the fact that the present decentralization will not stop the revolt from below.

Russian workers cannot strike. Their resistance to exploitation must therefore find other ways to express itself. The most common forms of resistance are continued slowdowns and high labor turnover.

Great is the labor turnover in the building industries, for example, that the Plan approved at last year’s 20th Congress had to promise building workers that 10 per cent of all they built could be lost on the job.

But when First Deputy Premier Pervukhin reported on the success of the 1956 Plan he had to add that plans for an increase in labor productivity were “underfilled in the coal, lumber, machine tools, and building materials industries.” And he also had to add that there had been “losses of working-time and unwarranted lay-offs.

The Old Tune: Labor Must Produce More

Over the years and decades the Russian workers have been in continuous revolt against the State Plan. Millions of them are in forced labor camps as a result of one thing: to take it out of the hide of the worker.

What is new now is that even among the millions of workers and peasants who are not in forced labor camps, who constitute the normal working force, the slowdowns have reached such a high peak since the 20th Congress (See NEWS & LETTERS March 30, 1956) that the Sixth Five Year Plan has had to be cut.

A few months ago it was announced that the “planned rate of expansion of economic expansion” had been cut from 11 per cent to 7 per cent. But the new plan is no more acceptable to the workers because no less than 80 per cent of the total increase in industrial output in 1957 was “planned” to come from increased labor productivity.

During the past few months both Communist Party paper PRAVDA, and the government paper, IzVESTIA, as well as the so-called union paper, TRUD, have been full of sudden stories about “Violations of Labor Law.”

Management is blamed for dismissing workers without cause and trade unions are blamed for being “caveless in annoying workers.”

While Khrushchev has carried out a campaign to get the lesser bureaucrats away from their desks and “into the fields,” management government for the housing shortage. As one manager put it, “It is rare that housing is ready at same time as factory building... (and this) greatly complicates recruiting of workers.”

But all the bureaucrats—government, management, and “the intelligentsia”— are united in one thing: to blame it on the “ cheaper workers.”

“Some persons,” says the outraged, well-fed, well-equipped manager, “take a job only to obtain housing and then leave jobs in search of better circumstances for themselves.”

At the head of all the bureaucrats, of course, stands Khrushchev, the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Party and the political boss over all planning, the new “decentralized” kind as well as the “centralized” kind. As usual, it all rests on “raising labor productivity.”

The struggle over labor productivity is the class struggle which is tearing at Russian totalitarian society. It will not rest until the workers are finally succeeded in overthrowing it. —R. D.
THREATENS STUDENTS
When Mr. Smith came to
the microphone he told his
audience he would not be
injured. He prepared his lecture
before he had spoken with Mr. Stevens, the
head of the Hollywood police sta-
tion, about the disturbances in the
auditorium.
Over and over again Mr. Smith
assured us that he did not hate anyone,
even those who disagreed with him.
But, he was very careful to say that these
were hundreds of police-
men who were there to be
sure that "nothing hap-
pened."
We decided to refrain from
any applause from then on, just to be on
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News & Letters Committees
(In this column we report on the experiences of News & Letters committees in different parts of the country. The information is taken from letters written by various committee members in which they tell of the impact the paper has in their shops and communities. We also come to editing meetings to work with, and join, the committees.)

LOS ANGELES—Last night we had a party at the home of Los Angeles Motors workers present a few workers from the nearby General Motors plant and their wives. Also present was a young intellectual.

At one time during the evening I walked across the room and heard the General Motors workers present talking about inflation, deflation and how they consider the fight for better working conditions far more important than getting a few pennies more in the coming negotiations.

That snobbish young "intellectual" was obviously the most backward person in the room.

Committee Member

A DOCTOR SPEAKS

By M.D.

We Must Face Stress Directly

As I drive between home, hospital, and office, I see new and expensive-looking office buildings of modern design being erected in the choicest locations. Nine times out of 10 I am right in guessing that the structure will be occupied by an insurance company. Insurance, today, is perhaps the biggest of all business and seems to have its fingers in every industry. Selling protection is a form of extortion that is very profitable.

I see something unworthy about the very idea of insurance. Looking clearly at insurance one finds it inseparable from fear and impending disaster. To meet these one attempts to build his own wall. I find this separate existence in the shadow of catastrophe abnormal.

Nowadays, not too many people read the essays of Charles Lamb. His story "Roast Pig," still remains with me from high school reading. While thinking about insurance, I happened to read his essay on, "The Superannuated Man." It concerns Lamb's retirement, at the age of 50, in 1823.

LOOK OF GLOOM

For 36 of those 50 years he had worked as a clerk in a London counting-house, writing figures in books for the East India Trade. He had discovered that though he had lived 50 years, "If one deducts out of them the hours I have lived to other people and not to myself you will find me still a young fellow. The only truth is that which we call our own, the rest, though I may have lived it, is other people's time not his own." He figured he could therefore properly multiply the years left by 2. The next 10 years of his life would then truly be 30 years. Lamb was fortunate to enjoy another 9 years.

He lived at the beginning of the industrial era, but in some ways, our life has not changed in the past 125 years. Today many millions are now living their own time. They are looking to insurance, from their employer, their union, or the government, in order to live a life of their own "later." There is something immoral in giving up one's life time.

THE AGE OF ANXIETY

The same conditions that brought the expression of gloom to Charles Lamb's face have extended far and wide. We now talk of the present period as "the age of anxiety."

In our times, 35 million prescriptions for tranquilizing drugs are written annually. Anxiety is reported to be found in 25 to 50 million Americans today.

One cannot blame people for seeking relief from unpleasant symptoms of stress. Medical groups are, however, becoming concerned about potential dangers from the use, without supervision, of tranquilizing medicine. The drugs are not without danger from habit formation and from disorders to internal organs and tissues.

What appears more important to me, however, is this: Tensions, alarm, fear, anxiety, are responses to stress and are produced in order that we may rise up, defend our selves, and overcome a stress-producing situation. When, however, victory is not attained and the stress continues to prolong the body in a state of alarm, it is inevitable that exhaustion and breakdown will follow.

There are tensions that a doctor cannot and should not relieve. Men must face stress directly and resolve it in the only rational way, transforming that way of life that creates the tensions into one that does not.

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Keep News & Letters going.
The single option left the European countries, whose guided missiles will destroy their land, already ravished by two world wars, won the leadership of Ireland once again in the recent election.

He was one of the leaders of the Easter Rebellion of 1916, fought to free Ireland of British rule. For his role, he was arrested and executed by the British, they put on a dramatic hunger strike. Ireland乃至全世界的愤怒。他们不能为自己的土地而战斗。DeValera gave his life rather than capitulate to his British enemies.

The leader of the Easter Rebellion, John Conolly was both a brave Irish nationalist leader and a socialist. He was one of the leaders of the so-called North Atlantic adventure.

The agreement, recently signed in Rome, would put Big Europe into a battlefield, and he turning England once again into a battlefield. The agreement arrived at revealed the mutual distrust. The British will handle only the tall sections of the guided missiles. The American Army will handle the atomic heads.

Trouble at Home:
Whatever it is that Eisenhower and Macmillan patched up, in the relations between them, one thing is clear: the struggle at home cannot be spirited away.

Britain is faced with the test of whether a General Strike. 1,700,000 British workers were out on strike when Eisenhower was their leader. That by no means ends the threat.

The Suez adventure has been tested at home. The American crew stands along with his hands full in putting down Cyprus, Kenya and the general colonial revolts for na- tion the war in Iraq, and the British rule — is preparing to withdraw 13,500 troops from NATO. At the same time, the so-called North Atlantic Community. This was England's trump card to command military and nuclear aid from America.

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