Many people are talking about the crisis that everyone seems to be facing, and no one seems to know where to turn. The newspaper articles by the Whole Citizen, which recently appeared, have pointed out the dilemmas we are facing, but they do not mention the Negroes. It is not the Supreme Court, nor the Democratic Party, that the Negroes are talking about. It is Eisenhower. If it were not for our American Negroes continuously pressing for freedom through activity against lily white buses, schools, housing and a whole economic and social integrated system, all of the politicos of the North and South, and their newspapers, and their television, and their radio, would be entirely happy to forget the troubles of the South.

SUFFER THE BURDEN

Where we work the company has speeded up to the point where it is forced to try to do what two did last year, and two are trying to do what four did and so on. As some worker said, this situation is like a piece of rubber. You may stretch it, but if you continue to stretch it, it is going to hurt, and the ones that are doing the stretching will get hurt the most.

Management is stretching the working people. The Union says we will strike. Workers don't believe it. They never mentally or physically lay off of thousands upon thousands of workers has put the working people in a situation never known before in the history of the CIO.

Workers are saying, "What is wrong?" Some say the labor leaders have openly sold us out to management. Some say the Union leaders are so crooked that they are afraid the McClellan committee will have them up for investigation, so they just have to keep quiet while management runs wild over the workers.

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The company uses the same language they did before we organized: if you cannot do it, we can hire people off the streets who will. That is some of the pressure we are forced to work under.

DON'T FIGHT BACK

The Union leaders tell us to stay on the job and don't fight back, because when a worker gets fired, they have two men to get the fired worker back, and to solve the original problem. The joke is that when and if they get the fired worker back, the issue is settled. They separate the two problems: to fight to get the fired worker back, and production and speed-up will remain the same.

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There is no need to appease Naugher and Faubus. There is a need to appease the Negroes. The ultimate aims of Eisenhower and Faubus are not very far apart, as was seen by the fact that both accepted Southern Governors as intermediaries. Not only did Faubus himself enjoy the reputation as a "moderate" Southern "for" limited integration—before the Little Rock crisis—a "moderate." Gov. Griffin of Florida, has since showed that they all think alike. At the Southern Governors Conference, while Federal troops were guaranteeing Negro students at Little Rock's Central High School, Griffin made some public criticism of Faubus. Then he turned around, just recently, and had the Florida legislature pass a special bill to enforce segregation by turning public schools if federal troops were sent to Florida to enforce integration.

IF THE YOUTH WERE LEFT ALONE

A young worker, an electrician, from Missouri, told us that if Faubus had not been there (Continued on Page 3)
MINERS' HARDSHIPS INCREASE WHILE THE UNION CONTINUES TO IGNORE CO. ABUSES

WEST VIRGINIA—Much has been said about the Negroes' low wages and discriminatory treatment which has grown out of the condition of the many old miners who have no recourse other than the union, and to whom the miners and who have been dealt with, in some cases, with such small operators see fit.

Discussions that miners have among themselves, they never cease to condemn this treatment; the operators for their lack of respect for the workers; and, where the mine is unionized, the lack of support from the District bureaucracy when it comes to what can be done about it.

A friend of mine who works in one such small mine said, "I don't know what to say about what he and the men in his mine are forced to do."

The mine in which he works employs about 20 men, and he is the only stopover. There are several men who have small families and who work in the mines to help bring in the pay. Others, like my friend, are too old to hope for a job in a larger operation, have been working steadily, and are trying to keep working in them until they are eligible for retirement.

The mine is unionized and the men who work there receive their weekly check from the company. One of the men, who had high blood pressure and diabetes, would arise, the president of the company tried to maintain union standards. There have been many disputes, but they were generally settled without too much difficulty. Then, the company started to put pressure on the men and to violate the contract in order to save money.

COMPANY ADDS INJURY TO INJURY

The men were being forced to do contract work, and the company was lauding itself off for making this violation. It reached the point where it became necessary for the workers to walk off. On that day, the company would put a miner on the motor to run it. This was saving the company money, since the boss paid his salary by the day.

One time it got so bad that a miner went out of a motor-min's shift, which generally amounted to more than what the miners who were hand-mining were able to make in a shift.

Then the union president's job was in danger, so both of whom were fighters, reported off to go to the hospital. The next day, they had car trouble and had to stay home.

When they got back to work on the following day, one of my friend's crew had discharge slips and fired them. This was another violation of the contract. For while a miner may be discharged for missing two days in a row without a legitimate excuse, these men had reported off for one day a week. They were not firing them for missing the next one.

ACTION ON THE SPOT

The contract calls for a protest on the spot, for only two men had gone into the mine. They had walked off after a short while when they did not see any of the Negroes. The mine became convoluted in a field of the company's property and was taken in the situation. They were all of a different lot. They asked their water and went home.

The next day, the company sent an order and closed the mine down. A common trick is to get in their power in the mine. When they are in control, they might set off a dangerous worker slip.

My pit-boss said that I had been that way that night. When a loading machine had two break couples of minutes until I get a place shot, the boss is right there on my back, telling me that I'm holding up production and the whole crew. He then told me to stop and fire, but he knows that he doesn't have anything on me that he can make stick.

There isn't a man on that crew who doesn't know that it takes a lot to do work with two cutting machines all the time. We have to work on the crew will give me a hand, but if the boss sees those, he gives me a piece of anything else for them to do besides help me.

BOSS ENDANGERS MEN

There are times when a blasting cap doesn't work. You have the cap in the dynamite, and he'll put the charge to the cap and nothing happens. That man will be standing by another hole close to the one that didn't go off, but he won't go and say it to make sure no one gets hurt from the shot.
Lay-Offs Mount in Aircraft

LOS ANGELES—The papers have been full of lay-offs in the garment industry for the past months. An estimated 15,000 are to be laid-off at the American Aircraft in L.A. Today, (October 1), it was made real to me in my department, when 5 of my fellow workers were dismissed.

They were informed by the foreman that they 'could do nothing except give them a special privilege card at the union meeting later this week. I suppose that means you could push another worker into the same line, on your unemployment check. And the union must inform them later as to whether they work or not, they are obliged to pay their dues as it is the only way to get called back.

One of the fellows had a lot of sickness in the family so when he received the notice he lost his nerve and buckled under it. Another fellow went on his knees and asked for a 'chance' to transfer to Canoga Park plant with a哭泣。It is not only a 60 mile round-trip daily to Canoga Park, but little chance of having more than just one week's work before the final lay-off. Another fellow, who lives in a trailer, said he would take the Canoga Park job but for some reason the company could not send him.

It looks to me that when you have a contract the company does not really want you to stay but that they give you an opportunity to transfer. There is another angle having to do with the lay-off. The company will refuse to transfer, it means you must work under the seniority and unemployment insurance.

A couple of weeks ago the union had an editorial on the practice of the company's technique of transfers to Canoga Park. They said the company is transferring them to Canoga Park for jobs at much reduced wages and degrading work for a skilled man.

Two of the men in the department had to apologize to the union there were complaints from the janitors over this article.

AIRCRAFT WORKER

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A Union brother got up and talked about the company owners and the very bad way they treat the workers.

A few girls or fellows were dither. If they thought in terms of the company being good for giving some severance pay, not that they have taken 14 to 16 years of their lives and the company is about to close doors, they wouldn't want to stop the plant.

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Out Driver Worker Detroit

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Thinking It Out

By Robert Ellery

The following is what an average week in my depart- ment is like. It is a peaceful and quiet place, and the people work very well together.

We start at 7 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. Every day is the same, and there is no real work to do. It's just a matter of moving from one thing to another.

The atmosphere is pleasant, and the people are friendly. It's a good place to work.
BOOK REVIEW

**Labor and Society**

By Herbert Marcuse.

Readers of *The Problems of Our Age: The Transformation of Man* will be pleased to know that Marcuse has followed up this important work with an equally significant book. "Many people seem to envy the doctor of medicine, some for the prestige, and others for his ability to alleviate suffering. Few recognize what to me is of prime importance in work: being in a position to make full and free use of all one's faculties, mental and physical, through the kind of interaction which develops both the person and his work."

The author's contention is that in the present age: "One of the red threads that runs through this book is the materialism of Marx from 'the human root of Marx's economic categories. That is why she found chapters 7 and 8, 'The Humanism and Dialectic of Capital, Volume I, and The Logic and Scope of Volumes II and III to be a genuine contribution, a summation of all three volumes of his theoretical work which seems to answer the question: 'Why did the analysis of our own epoch of depression, war, automation, total crisis. Yet they contains the 'history of all previous and theoretical work of earlier states of capitalism of Russia. There are plenty of anti-Marxists to prove that one that is at the same time a Stalinist official with his forced labor camps that compels this Russian attack against Marx-"-

**Physician's Work**

However, a physician's work, like that of others, is dependent on the organization of the society he lives in. Because people are organized into social groups, on the basis of income and property, workers and employees, each individual's life has also become divided. In nature, division exists only for the purpose of creating a unified activity—into a philosophy of freedom, a method of thought: Marx Humanism.

"The struggle of Negroes in American history with which ordinary textbooks deal so little, if at all, in the period of Abolitionism. She contrasts the courage of Nat Turner, who killed a Wendell Phillips with the cowardice and emptiness of an Abolitionist, and say that to me the quotation from the Abolitionist on the 'South is a human root of Marx's economic categories. That is why she found chapters 7 and 8, 'The Humanism and Dialectic of Capital, Volume I, and The Logic and Scope of Volumes II and III to be a genuine contribution, a summation of all three volumes of his theoretical work which seems to answer the question: 'Why did the analysis of our own epoch of depression, war, automation, total crisis. Yet they contains the 'history of all previous and theoretical work of earlier states of capitalism of Russia. There are plenty of anti-Marxists to prove that one that is at the same time a Stalinist official with his forced labor camps that compels this Russian attack against Marx-"-

**Source of Income**

Under these conditions the patient is often not a stimulating challenge but merely a source of income. Fellow physicians must be competitors to be suspicious of, not helpers. Drugs, laboratory aids, and hospitals must be measured in terms of expenses. The physician may then be no different from a salesman. This pays off in dissatisfaction and ineffectiveness in work that cannot be a true source of strength and growth. A man becomes what he is through his work. He either grows as a whole individual, or he becomes a faceless, incomplete number of social facts. His work can be a true source of strength and growth.

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LITTLE ROCK, U.S.A.

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railed out the National Guard, and wisely kept out of the situation. Things would have been a lot different.

It is clear that even at the height of the panic, Negro students and mobs and national headlines about Little Rock were expecting the National Guard to prepare to become fully accepted as students and find in the white schools a place that whites that it could be done.

Fifteen-year old Minnie Jean Brown and 14 Negro students, said, after the first full day of the integration, "The white students are anxious to find out what we are like. They are torn between their parents and their own minds. They just don't know what to do.

This has already been proved in life. In an informal panel discussion held away from the school on October 14, 7 Central High students and 3 white students were featured.

There were 3 Negro students and 4 white students, said, after the first full day of the desegregation, "The Negroes and whites in the classroom can and will break through the wall of ignorance."

By Raya Dunayevskaya, and a subscription to NEWS & LETTERS...

RUSSIA

The startled world has been forced to sit up, take notice, and welcome the first successful launching of an earth-circling satellite by Russia in the presence of the United States. This has embarrassed the reactionary coalitions of the Southern Republicans and Southern Democrats against labor. They are forced to find new ways to establish again to the detriment of both Negroes and workers.

The Negroes, on the other hand, are there, gps and whites are both Negroes and workers.

The only factor that can stand in the way of this is that the labor leaders have already displayed toward McClellan, and their attempt to break the truce on the Negro struggles from the Montgomery Boycott to the Little Rock school integration fight.

SOUTHERN LABOR MOVEMENT

has not moved except in complete opposition to the Supreme Court, so the Southern Governors continue to act as intermeddlers. Nor have the Negro leaders opposed the truce minority yet. It isn't only that Walter Reuther and others prevented by beating of a Negro delegate to the state convention in the recent 16th UAW Convention — 2 Southern white workers, if that Memphis Harver- Local took the initiative to force the issue.

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