UNEMPLOYMENT ALL OVER

In Birmingham, Alabama, the industrial center of the South, the lay-offs are so severe that workers with 10 to 15 years of experience, who earn $6,000 or less, have no chance to hold their jobs in steel mills and pipe shops.

A Ford worker says it looks the same here in Detroit. At one of the company parts plants, there will be a 50 per cent lay-off beginning the first of the year. Any one can see this takes priority over the U.S. moon in the minds of many workers.

WORKERS CARRY THE HEAVY LOAD

Another worker said that the workers who remain employed will have to pay higher taxes to make up for those who have been laid off, the same as workers have to pay higher dues to keep up the same money going to the International union treasury.

The records show that 83 per cent of the government taxes are paid by workers who earn $6,000 or less. The records also show that the big 3 auto companies made a profit from 85 to 100 per cent more than last year. Chrysler topped the field with over $64,000 per employee, for paying too much in taxes.

How can the working people think of the satellite as the most important thing today? As some workers said, when the officials released the statement that it had bugs in it, they knew it wasn't going to work. It takes several months working on a new model auto to get the bugs out, and one has to ask oneself whether the scientists should work in the factory for a year or so, and learn from workers what to do about bugs and technical difficulties.

The $64,000 question is: Will the American workers go through the loss, suffering and misery that they went through in the 30's?

Working people know they pay the big majority of the taxes. The corporations and the rich get by without paying through phony exemptions. In '29 and '30 workers did not have as much to lose in comparison with what they have today. Many are saying they are not losing it or letting anyone take their life earnings away.

WORKING CONDITIONS UNBELIEVABLY BAD

Working conditions in practically all plants are unbelievable. Safety does not exist any more. Speed-up is at its top peak. Workers are best off after a day's work. Union leaders and committeemen and stewards, some years back, would say to a worker, "Take it easy. You don't have to kill yourself." Today, they say there is nothing they can do; you will have to do what the foreman says.

Everything, in this total crisis, is directed against the working people. We pay the bills for this world and suffer from the results in our lives. We give our blood, sweat and life to defend it in wars, and only get the crumbs that are handed out after it is over.

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WHAT KIND OF WORK?

The Only Thing “Union” About Hand-Loading Mines Is Dues

WEST VIRGINIA — My husband was laid off from one of the mines here. He has been out almost every day trying to get a job. He got a job working at one of these small hand-loading mines. He was laid off, and supposed to pay into it again. All the men had been laid off, but he just signed up for unemployment compensation when he went to the job. I asked him if he was getting that job where he made less than unemployment compensation, and he said yes. He was a union man when he was working there. You talk about a living. Boy, they sure have it.

You might as well say that the union men there are earning $20 a week. They all had those men working there before, I'm sure they would be doing all they can to get anyone they want.

What they call the mine committee there went to see about 700 men out of work. After getting the panel and seniority list, but that didn't work. The company told them that they would do anything or what they might want, but that it wouldn't affect any of the miners.

Now is this ridiculous?

Your government lets things like this go through by not doing anything about it? Is that the way we are going to be?

CAN MAN BE FREE?

When will our day come to be free of these things? This seems to me that the politicians of the United States do not want any trouble at all. Well, I want to say that I believe if poor white men who write the articles would change and write something about the Negro people, it would be a chance for all mankind to be free of this without having to fight for it.

But if they keep on, writing and just sending it until articles against the Negro people, the politicians against Negro people both.

STOP & THINK

Maybe it would be better if they stop and think over how the politicians do, and how the white people's families, who control just about all of the money that is in the United States, they will see what a big mistake they are making by not writing articles about Negro people and the Negro people fight to make mankind free. If they all lay off until we all can live a free life forever.

COAL AND ITS PEOPLE

West Virginia — My husband was laid off from one of Consol's mines in this area. He has a large family, but there are so many others who have been laid off, this makes no difference.

Miner Spends Last $20 for Kids' Thanksgiving

Scott's Run, W. Va. — There have been lay-offs at 2 of the large Consol mines in this area, the Spruce Creek folded the midnight shifts at both mines, knocking some 300 men out of work. Kelley Creek mine, also in this area, reported they had 300 men out of the frigid area, it is reported that Consol is also cutting the night shift of the coal producing crews.

Poor Seniority Hurts Operators

At best, the miners have a poor system of seniority, which is based upon class. The biters of this agreement are now beginning, as it has in the past, where men with 15-19 or more years seniority were in a better position than men with but a few years seniority are kept working. Most operators use more men do other jobs, but have no opportunity to bump someone else harder to get a classification. They are just out.

The evils of this agreement have been so forcefully brought to the attention of the miners over and over. It was brought with equal force by the International Officers' attention at the last UMWA Convention and the eyes of the world on how the men have fallen on deaf ears.

Lewis and a host of coal operators have pointed out the bright and rosy pictures for them, but it has no bearing on how the miners feel. They talk about the increasing need for coal and how many more millions of tons will be needed in 1965.

WHAT ABOUT THE MEN?

Another related, but more important, consequence of this trend on the emphasis of the increasing automation and the coal operators may be bright for '65 and '66. The long range future of the coal miners is anything but bright.

Worker Praises Negroes' Non-Violent Struggle

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Non-Violent Struggle

LANSING — In both Montgomery and Little Rock, where Negro people have won their battles through a strict adherence to non-violent resistance. However, after the Negro adults were beaten in Little Rock, one white reporter told of being unwilling to fight against the freedom loving peaceful Negro area after seeing what the great anger of the people there.

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And War," he said, "I do believe that, where there is an active movement between cowardice and violence, I would advise violence." While the South might not resort to arms in order to defend her honor than by some such mechanized method of attack, the eyes of the world has already seen the planned attack upon the reactionaries of the South.

Another related, but more important, consequence of this trend on the emphasis of the increasing automation is the complete disregard for any values based upon the human dignity of man, his being more and more manly becomes just an appendage to the machine people who are indispensable "To hell with the human beings if finally they are compelled to go to the grave to save the machine people to active resistance?"

—Factory Worker

--END--
WHAT KIND OF WORK?

Production Workers Want Their Rights in the '58 UAW Contract

By Angela Terrano

Detroit.—Walter P. Reuther has just made an
other pretty speech in Atlantic City by promising
more pay and the shorter week for our 3,000 UAW
members working in the auto industry. He also said
lyndon johnson's plan to

He is doubling up his
tongue as usual. How can be
against Johnson when he be
doing nothing but. if we don't care about the
Democratic politicians we ought to vote for? If
Johnson has his way, we'll be working a 6-hour
week, and we'll never get fired and how much the

services. He's against that Texas Sen.

3) We would like to have it

4) We want it where each
devotional and every production worker

Detroit—It seemed to
me there was a lot of
tension in the union hall of
Little Rock. There's about 3,000
Negroes at our mill, and in
the union hall about 75% of the Negroes are
mayperent of the total force. They

TENSION

in our gang especially
there seemed as much
tension among the whites.
Something would happen
and somebody would say it was
like Little Rock. Almost no
matter what might happen,
you could tell who was doing
the job.

the thing was that he
happened in sort of thing from
both sides—the whites
accused him of discrimin-
ing the Negroes and they
were afraid he was in one
heck of an awkward
position—no matter what
happened whatever body put it down to
discrimination.

"PUT UP A SQUAWK"

If you put up a squawk 
you can get some things
accomplished, but in a lot of
the labor movement they're
shutting us the way they want to.
And they'll keep on
if the men don't say

A&P and the guy didn't even
say, "No." I went to a branch of the
unemployment office.

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The other night, on "The
Price is Right," a man won
some luggage and, as a
prize, a leather jacket, coats,
vests, etc, for him and every
employee.

I don't begrudge this man
his winnings, and I wouldn't
mind being in his boot. But
for the same money I'd
like to see George Jessel, in
whose name your station
was giving away $90 or $80 a
week while their compensa-
tion holds out—that these
T.V. programs give all this
money away? Why can't it
be used to help some unem-
ployed workers?

PREFER WESTERNERS

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WAR, PEACE, AND THE NATO CONFERENCE

Once again our lives are held in precarious balance between brink-of-war statelessness and possible actual war. Yet the voice of the people is not to be heard either in the halls of the N.A.T.O. conference, or in the Bulganin war. Yet the voice of the people is not to be heard either in America and Europe, Eisenhower is trying to dismiss them...
The key theme of the AFL-CIO convention — "hold on, I'm not interested in what his point is. I'm interested in what he's doing to the miners." — was echoed throughout the convention.

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Not a Slip of the Tongue

LOS ANGELES—There is a boy in school who is from Detroit. His name is Andy. He is black and he is very prejudiced. He says he is used to having colored people around and he makes a point of it.

One day I lent him a couple of books. A few weeks later I saw him in the hall, looking very down. He said he forgot them and he would bring them the next day. I said, "They were under the desk, Andy. I told him to bring them or pay for them.

The next day, when I asked him again, he asked me how much he should pay. I told him we would have to come down to earth to a few weeks anyway.

"I don't know what all the fuss is about," he said, "or that she is trying to bury the Russian militaristic and imposing her feeling about it: Sputnik Was there, and we were not being very real.


"The book shows that Marxism is a theory of liberation. It shows how Marx's theory of value, and frightens me. The book shows that the leaders of this world, corrupt, incompetent, and power-hungry as they are, have their hands the power to take it away just as fast.

Another purpose is to show the human nature of today, the people on his route and he doesn't know what to do with the past and the struggles of our times, such as Hungary, Little girls, and the struggles around Automation.

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The quiet so impressed Norton Binkley that he looked up just in time to see a group of men come through the doors at the end of the department. The new vice president and his staff.

They came to Norton's desk. The vice president beamed down at him, "Mr. Stack," said the V.P., "I want you to meet . . ." and he introduced his staff one after the other. Norton couldn't believe he had come up behind the group and, with a scared smile on his face, was nodding vigorously at Norton. The latter, realizing that he had better go after him, introduced himself with a smile and said, "I don't fight with women, and they don't get anything for that.

Caroline Goldsmith
Boycott 'BUD' Beer for L.A. Job Bias

Los Angeles: The NAACP has organized a boycott of Budweiser Beer because of discrimination against the manufacturers of Budweiser Beer because of discrimination against Negroes. According to reports, all local beer manufacturers, except Budweiser, have joined the NAACP to work out fair employment practices. The NAACP claims that the boycott against Budweiser Beer will continue until the manufacturer agrees to a new contract in employment than against discrimination on the job.

Protests Comparison

One auto worker who read the report in the newspaper said, "It is a shame that the NAACP compares the treatment of Negroes in a company as it is, with the great Mont­gomery boycott."

In Los Angeles, the NAACP had been shadow boxing with the Montgomery boycott and said that it was more important to work for change in employment than against discrimination on the job.

Aftermath at Little Rock

Proves Need for Strong Civil Rights Law

After the events at Little Rock, it is obvious that a new civil rights law is needed.

When rioting segregationists were arrested in Little Rock, the NAACP called for a boycott. However, none of these segregationists were released and the NAACP compared this with the Montgomery boycotting where 50,000 people were arrested.

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MOUNTING UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment, which generally improves in the fall of the year, got worse this year instead of better. In October alone, total personal income fell nearly $3 billion. The main cause was admitted to be the increase in defense spending. Mitchell's thinking may have been that unemployment would now be a "recession" and, therefore, more "serious" than before. It has been pointed out that Mitchell's thinking seems to be "not serious" can scarcely be matched in calumny.

Aside from the fact that, by his estimates, the official unemployment figures will be closer to 10 million (the very number that launched the last Depression), Mitchell's thinking now. For those found guilty the penalty is a sentence at the same farm labor prison from which Soko tried to fight a "surrender" to no avail face, and again! to no hope to be forced to phone his supervisor. His cousin traced him after a great deal of difficulty, and he is too poor to do so, and again! to no help than with the State Department.

KENYA

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COLONIA

Dictator R o j a l Pinnila has been driven from office by a massive demonstration. He admitted that over 2,000 Colombians died during political struggles over the past week. Like other South American dictators, Pinnila started as a poor Peasant. His office amassed millions stolen from the people. Under him, the labor unions were abolshed; press, radio and TV spoke only as he desired.

It was a general strike of the workers that finally drove him out of office.

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By PETER MALLORY

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Mr. Tom Mboya, who leads the African Mem- bers, has declared firmly for a single national sufrag e democracy in which Africans, Asians and Europeans are all able to have independence and the right of self-de- termination.

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Don't think that Tito is finished. He is only using "Dulles Diplomacy" and "Rokossovsky" to make sure that the Yugo- slavs are forced to be content with the American state of affairs.

AMERICAN TAXES

How many people know that 83 percent of all income in the United States is taxed. The rich are im- mune to the income tax. The rich will pay the taxes which are paid by persons earning less than $6,000 per year. In cash this is $41 billion. It does not count the cigarette, gasoline, theater, luxury, liquor, city, state and county taxes which are paid. It is the workers who will pay through the nose for Eisenhower's Social Security, just as the Russian workers paid for Russian boasts.

INDONESIA

Eight years ago the In- donesians won their inde- pendence and have since, who have extracted over $1 billion from their people in the last 200 years of colonial rule. Even after independence the D u t h still hold over $2.2 billion in Indonesian industry.

Independence Left many issues unsettled; who con- trols this major resource and the role of the Dutch; the f u t u r e of the economy. The Dutch remain- ed on the streets and in the factories of Indonesia.

President Sukarno has appealed repeatedly to the people to resolve the disputes, but for reasons of international diplomacy, the issues have not been resolved. Now a 24-hour st r i k e has been called. Widespread opposition to "Kill the Dutch." Who keeps st r e t c h i n g the rubber bands and the first bomb thrown at him, killing nine and wounding 150 persons. P r e s i d e n t D ju a n d a , took steps, however, to make sure that the people will not take measures to protect "anyone's personal prop- erty or private interests."

Nevertheless, the Indo- nesians have gone on to seize all kinds of property, to ban the Dutch Airlines K.L.M., to drive out the Dutch, and to stage "wild- cat" strikes. Virtual dis- t r u c t i o n of the indus- try and business. The main issues are far from settled, but the days of the Dutch are numbered and for that matter, are the days of Sukar- no.

"Things Look Worse for '58"

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