The Weird Economy And Weirder Democracy

UNEMPLOYMENT AND WORLD CRISIS

The two most important statistics of 1958 were: 5,000,000—the number of unemployed; and 16,000—the number of Southern students who found themselves deprived of any education because their elders preferred closing the schools down rather than integrating Negroes into the Southern educational system, if not to the separate facilities.

While these two figures spell out clearly enough our weird economy and wroth democracy, the world situation is even worse. For here capitalism is shooting for the moon with an unlimited capitalism will see to it that neither the production problem nor the Negroes' problem will appear with the new year.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND INJUNCTION

Detroit—An enthusiastic mass demonstration, called by the Citywide UAW Unemployed Council of Detroit, took place at Common Council on Jan. 12. They are also calling for a mass meeting on January 20th, at the Labor Temple, 63 West Montcalm, at 10 a.m.

The purpose of the demonstration was to emphasize that the widespread employment which has so cruelly affected thousands of workers has also left us with a permanent crisis in America which life which calls for immediate solution.

The unemployed were at Dodge Local 212, 740 Joseph Campau and the Skilled Trades Council, 5861 Wood.

UNEMPLOYED BLAST REUTHER

An unemployment council meeting preceding the demonstrations heard unemployed rank and file workers blast Reuther not only for completely ignoring the problem of the unemployed but for signing the recent auto contracts which have practically eliminated the auto industry and for increasing the already bad situation.

The workers at Chrysler's lawyer referred to the contract signed by Reuther which gave the company full control over production— to defeat the workers and to give support to the injunction.

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**MORGANTOWN, W. Va.** — On December 7th, 1958, an announcement was made of an agreement signed by the coal operators and the UMW. The agreement provided for a two dollar a day raise — a dollar more than the cent increase goes into effect on January 1st, and an additional 8c goes into effect on April 1st. In addition there is a $0.00 increase in vacation pay, bringing the total to 8c for the two week vacation period. And rounding out the agreement was the provision that the unionized coal operators would not purchase or process non-union coal.

**LEWIS’ TRADE**

There were several other provisions involved in the negotiations, namely ones dealing with shorter hours, full bargaining rights and paid holidays. But these three were traded.

**MINER GIVES BOSS LESSON IN SAFETY**

Osage, W. Va. — Some of the bosses we haven't much mind what we're working. You take the boss I had—he'd been there never have been allowed in a mine. He was just plain dangerous.

I was working on this pin machine and had just pulled down a place to work. I turned around and there was mine gas as gassy as you can find any place, and I soon made it my business to check a place before I start to work. Anyway, I turned the place with safety lamp and there was gas there around the bosses. To him I said, "Oh, that's not much gas. You can always work around it;" and he, of course, I told him that I didn't know about him, but I knew I wasn't going to work in gas. So he started to fan the air. He then put his safety lamp up and said, "Now see? You can go ahead and work now. The gas is gone." I just stood there looking at him for a couple of seconds. I was getting pretty mad by this time, so I told him, "Now look! I don't know how long you've been working in mines, but I've been working in them for a long time. And I know when you do what you just did, you only move the gas from one place to another. You got to have enough air to move that gas all the way around. And if you had enough air for that, you wouldn't be able to find it in the first place. I could have some cans to put up to get more air in here before I start that machine. What I ought to do is turn you in for trying to get me to work in gas. You never took anything about yourself, but there are more than a dozen guys on this section that know what I can do to get into the hole, and if you don't get that through your head the better off you'll be."
DETROIT—Local 212 has no regard for those unemployed member unemployed. But do you think that the so-called 'mains' pay — one bit different from Chrysler management in its disregard of those unemployed workers? No, it is worse.

Take what happened last week when all of the members who worked at the Mack plant $20, provided they lost 15 days or more on account of the company. This is not true, they said. They lost the money when we have thousands of unemployed members who have done the job instead.

One chief steward said, "It's the union that told them that the reason they didn't hire unemployed members was because they would have lost their compensation for some time if they had. This is not true, though. The workers would lose $1.50 for each hour they were unemployed, and any man would be glad to lose $1.50 for each hour he was so employed in order to work three days at $30 a day."

Another worker said, "I worked three days with $600 in made money on the deal, then. Since you were out of work three days, you over a holiday, the company didn't have to pay you the holiday pay you were supposed to have had. Which means you didn't have the holiday pay you had coming."

The steward, said, "But we got $150, and the workers started figuring again. That made $500, instead of $600."

The worker said, "There were some of those stewards who made $350 and even pay $2.72 an hour, so they got even more than $350. It's even worse than we thought."

—Disgusted
Employed Chrysler Workers

Is This What's Meant By Having A Job?

Los Angeles—I'm an ex-Chrysler worker and this is why I was fired.

With three and a half years seniority, my job paid me $1.20 an hour, during the 40 hour week. I worked from January to March. It made no difference what kind of a contract, much, and the recession, the reduction had done its dirty work for the unemployed. By October I took a job for $1.70 an hour. Between October and today when I was laid off, I've put in only 20 hour weeks.

My average take-home pay was about $15 a week more than Unemployment.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

This was Tuesday. Monday, the company knew darned well that they wouldn't have us back, but they still told me to call on Wednesday and said I could come in and talk

The company's answer was, "You're not coming back, but you will still be paid by us."

There I am without a pay cheque one week before Christmas, and probably wouldn't get an Unemployment Insurance check before the next year.

—Unemployed Again

MEANINGS SHIFTED FOR WORKERS IN SHOP

I went to see some of the workers last week who were working and they were just as burned up about it. They told me that they were unhappy who were suffering but that management told them that they had a man who has drawn all of his unemployment checks.

You can imagine how the unemployed members felt when they heard that UAW had jobs to give out, and did not give them to the unemployed who had plenty of their money and sweat to build the union, and now were jobless.

Workers Call Steward's Bluff

The guys in the shop got real hot over the union giving the stewards $50 a day just for handling out $20 checks to the chairman and Sam Marcus. The following Monday workers all over the shop called in on the stewards and told them they thought they were going to cut the company off if they have to have our money when we have thousands of unemployed members who have done the job instead.

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Unemployment

in England

London, Eng.—In spite of the efforts of the Tory Chancellor, unemployment is at "an excruciatingly high level." This is what the Tory government or minus, it doesn't matter谁 will be getting the jobs. The only possible job is to get the unemployed to spend it somewhere else. But when you think of a well known department store, you can see for yourself that it is not a sweat shop I wouldn't know what else to call it.

First of all there are about 4 supervisors, or as they like to call it, "heads of department" that watch over you and if you do not go up to a customer, you could have a steward come out to you. Like many other jobs they play favorites and have brown noses. The worst part about this job is that your salary is dependent on your commission sales. I was shocked to see how many of the older sales girls use that excuse themselves to acting as if there were no other sales. They got me to call on Wednesday and said that they were going to give me a job to speed up work for the next 3 days at $50 a day. How can the UAW expect us to go on working the workers over-time while others have no work? It means it's the union itself does the same just to prise some who would rejoin the union.

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Editorials

The Inhumanity of Automation

The automobile companies have just released figures to show that they had the highest output in December of any month in history. At a rate of 9,341,000 a month as of the last week of December, 1958, was higher than during the same period of 1957—117,719 as against 93,416.

A factory in which unemploy- ment rise to 5 million; despite the fact that auto-workers are among the hardest hit in the country, the auto companies maintain production close to the same production they had a year ago. This is another demonstration of the inhuman crisis in capitalism under which full production does not mean full employment, and an over-grown army of unemployed is a permanent fact of life.

Ignoring the mounting misery of millions of unemployed, the capitalists now say that the production worker is a "vanishing American," that his unemployment is a "temporary dislocation," that his conditions of labor are ideal as compared with the sweatshops of the 1920's; and that the typical worker now is a well-paid skilled or white-collar worker, whose numbers will further increase as automation eliminates the dirty drudgery of production work.

As anyone in an automated plant can testify, Automation, as an employer, is no more kind-hearted than the automobile capitalists, who use it as an instrument of speed-up, factory discipline and inflation. Now the employers who are experimenting with automation, the unemployed worker, in turn, is organizing not alone for jobs but for different conditions of labor.

RETIREMENT

Among the many facts the CIO leadership is daily forgetting is that it is precisely this relationship of unemployment that helped create the CIO. The capitalists, who thought they could get away with using unemployment as a strike breaker, found, instead, that many unemployed were picketing the plants in support of the employed workers who were sitting in down in them. When Reuther turns his back on the unemployed, he is turning his back on the ones who helped create the CIO along with the mass unemployed workers and is thus fashioning a noose around his own neck.

The unemployed organize

And one thing is well aware of the fact that the army of unemployed are their brothers in arms. The first were the Dodge workers who were striking against Automation, and helping the unemployed picket the plants against overtime work. The demonstrations reported on page 1 of NEWS & LETTERS are a further indication of this growing movement. This is however is just the beginning of a new relationship of employed and unemployed in their common struggle to overcome the capitalist crisis in this country. The conditions of full and labor at the point of production—the factory itself—as the basis for a new, human way of life.

Revolts in the Belgian Congo

The latest of the African revolts, which is presently taking place in the Belgian Congo, once again makes clear that the African Revolution will not stop until it has gained national and international recognition in the so-called showcase of colonial rule. For Belgium prided itself on the fact that it had no "prejudice"—because many jobs. Many other than unskilled labor were allowed the native population.

Ever since the end of World War II, however, it was clear that the Belgian Congo would not stop until it had gained colonial independence. This was made evident in the so-called Congo conflict of 1957.

The United Nations has followed the West African in their march to freedom, despite the fact that political activity is forbidden in the Congo. Now, to get itself a new constitution, Belgium is willing to allow "some" political freedom. By not waiting for the pronouncement of Belgium, but beginning strikes and demonstrations now, and being machine-gunned by the Belgians, the population of the Belgian Congo have served notice on all so-called advanced nations, America included, that they do not mean to stop halfway between economic and political destiny and will continue to fight for freedom, that is to say, self-rule.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

There was a nice flashy letter on the bulletin board at work the other day, a certain interesting fellow was going to 2½ days off for Christmas. But on the Friday before Christmas, the company laid-off 30 men, over the phone.

May they have broadcast it from a tape from the Atlas missile.

Unemployed Los Angeles

At the SUB ofices at Dodge Main, Plymouth and Chrysler Mack plants, they have signs up about openings in Delaware and urging workers to sign up to go there to work. But Friday at the unemployment office we saw two men who had just come back from there, after being laid-off. One had 18 years seniority with the company and the other had 10.

I heard that if enough people don't sign up to go to Delaware they're going to send out letters, and if you refuse to go you'll be cut off from your compensation. Some people say that Chrysler couldn't do that, but I don't want anybody telling me it's impossible! He's done more already than anyone ever thought he'd get away with!

Unemployed Detroit

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VIEWS

TO TOLERANT LIBERALS?

The people to watch out for are those who say, "I have a lot of Negro friends, but..." or "I have nothing against the Negro race, but..."

One white woman I talked to admitted, "It is not quite accepted that we are prejudiced, but that is because we are in a safe position, and to talk of prejudice makes my children go to a school where whites are in a majority."

Contrast that statement with the actions of Southern Negro children, who risk being beat up to go to an all-white school. We wonder if the former has any progress if it were left up to the "unprejudiced" and "tolerant"

Committee Member

HELPS NEWS & LETTERS

A Detroit auto worker who is unemployed wanted to help NEW S & LETTERS raise money for the paper. His wife not only agreed with him, but immediately set about making a beautiful patchwork quilt to sell by raffle. They both went out among their friends and asked for a bit of wool. It was a much richer material. They hope to develop, in time, an exchange of material.

Correspondent Answers Tribune

I am not afraid to sign my name; yet I am not going to give the "labour-leaders of capital" ammunition for their grating.

Tribune has a bit of blight on its policy. It is not prepared to openly attack the Labour politicians and trade union bureaucrats. It obviously considers the "unity" of the Labour movement to be far more important than devotion to Socialist principles. That is why it has not conducted a campaign against the union bureaucrats who expelled Brian Behan from the AUBTW for his unorthodox Socialist activities.

Yet it is essential that a Socialist paper, or a Socialist journalist, should stand by the working class everywhere all the time.

To create the impression that the majority of the members of the Labour Party are completely free from racial prejudice is an error. And with the best intentions in the world you cannot legislate colour prejudice out of existence. The only effective way to do so is to work for the creation of a classless society.

If Tribune were a real Socialist paper, it would lead a raging, tearing propaganda for straight, revolutionary international Socialism, no nuclear arms, no American imperialism, sending and bringing all troops home, and extending the class struggle.

But no! Gaitskell, Strachey, Bevan and Co. are Tories at heart and objectively on the capitalist side of the fence. They are out for nothing but a see-saw arrangement with the Tories by which each in turn enjoys office, capitalism is unchanged, and the exploitation of the workers goes on.

P.S. When I originally sent in my London letter to NEWS & LETTERS I put my name at the bottom of it. Since then the Labour bureaucrats, of whom some are members of the Communist Party, have deprived militant workers of a livelihood by expelling them from their unions for taking part in unofficial strikes. Simultaneously militant Socialists have been thrown out of the Labour Party for daring to criticise the right-wing.

RUSSIA'S "PARADISE"

Your own feature writers in the November issue wrote in their own words that the whole attitude of NEWS & LETTERS towards Soviet Russia is bad for us, because what they think we are the side of working people. In writing on education, Mr. Robert Ellery, shrinks about child labour in the new-look for education in Russia. He says, "... 12 year olds forced into factories one day a week." Mr. Ellery closes his article with his dream about breaking down the separation between mental and manual labor.

In Russia, Mr. Ellery, they are not dreaming about it. Soviet Russia recognises the child's potential impressions are strong and that 12 years of age is not the time to start impressing upon all the value and dignity of working. Mr. Ellery says that the capital-employer-propaganda line in full has finally reached the U.S.A., it has not. This new turn to education in Russia was plainly stat ed by its policy makers to accomplish their ends, one of which Mr. Ellery admires. They have succeeded. "It is the best educational system that U.S.A. ever had. There is every reason to believe Soviets and capitalists have outdistanced the Czars in all fields beneficial to working people!"

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Boston

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TWO WORLDS

By Roya Dunayevskaya

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TH E AFRICAN REVOLUTION, I

The heart of the struggle against colonialism has shifted from Asia and the Middle East to Africa. At the very moment when France went De Gaulle, one word was heard everywhere: Swaziland, Kenya, Tanganyika, and all the rest of remaining part of France from little Guinea (population: 26 million) in French West Africa. Unfortunately, the courage of the African masses who began the road to liberation directly after World War II concluded in an outburst of elemental, constitutional nationalism. It is the Chinese "great leap"—from semi-feudalism to state capitalism via forced labor—to be the road of the African Revolution.

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The spurious African revolutions have been overshadowed by the great twentieth-century African revolution, and the Middle East which hit at the lifeline of the major war powers so that the self-activity of the masses in the far-off African countries has been lost sight of, until now.

The African leader came in person to tell his tale of revolution to the mighty French Confederation of Labor, already under Communist domination. His labor leaders for the Communists were then the comrades-in-arms of De Gaulle and this African was told to return to Africa and organise himself and his people.

THE AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL IN A DILEMMA

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Thus even before the African Revolution got unfolded, signs were evident that the war against colonialism and the drive for industrialization meant capitalism, although these intellectuals knew how to build this capitalism as "socialism." This was why the French colonies gained their independence. It means something very different now that some have state power. In Guinea, for example, they now speak of "single party socialism," and the "self-management" title of "the African Personality."

In his address to the African Peoples Conference, recently concluded in Accra, Nkrumah clearly explained that the "African personality" synonymous with "non-violent revolution." For this he was greatly praised by the capitalist press everywhere, especially in England and America. At the conference itself, however, there were many who could see the difference, and the "African personality" equals "non-violent revolution."

Another contributor to the British white terror? Or an Algerian the barbaric white colonial rule that brought De Gaulle to power in France itself?

The biggest of all traps to stiffle the African revolution is the trap of "non-violent revolution." This means that the African masses who began the road to liberation directly after World War II concluded in an outburst of elemental, constitutional nationalism. It is the Chinese "great leap"—from semi-feudalism to state capitalism via forced labor—to be the road of the African Revolution.

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Thinking It Out
By Robert Ellery

A reader of NEWS & LETTERS is criticizing the last issue’s lead article on education. (See Readers’ Views). His main criticism was that Russia has in fact begun to oppose this duality of thought between mental and manual labor and that we fail to notice.

Khrushchev’s idea of abolishing the division of mental from manual labor by decree could only appear in a “dream” of mine as a chance nightmare. It is yet another perversion of Marxism. Marx spoke of capitalism’s fragmentations, the alienation of man and the ultimate necessity of ending this “sick” system. We have work and thought. That the workers themselves in this is a thing to develop their natural and acquired talents would create a society where the activity of man becomes something far richer than the salary of his hour.

The “policy makers” of state capitalism Russia want to turn men into automatons so they turn to the children. All Khrushchev’s attacks only gloss over the fact that child slave labor. We’ll just bet that the English capitalist of 1845 in England and 1958 in 9 generations of spinners in 3, wished they had such a fancy excuse to cover their crime. If it’s really

THINKING AND EDUCATION
What Colleges Don’t Teach

Los Angeles—Upon reading the last issue of NEWS & LETTERS for November 28, 1958, I thought back over my education up to now, when I am a college student. I considered the school days with an increased understanding gained from your recent acquain-

tance with your newspaper.

It seems to me that education bows not only to war plans, but to other plans the administration of the university. The primary thing that we are taught is to respect and obey the “order of freedom,” where you may think and speak as you wish. This is the only catch that you darn well better not wish to criticize or express our hallowed institutions.

REAL THINKING AVOIDED

Just to make sure that no “doubts” do not penetrate onto a superficial level are stirred up, the subjects which are being taught are carefully sifted and presented so as to gloss over any in depth or “unaccept-
able” areas of man’s history of thought. To show what I mean, let me give the ex-

ample of my own school experience of a subject which is, to say the least,

very important in the history of thought, the history of the struggle of man to be free. I refer to the ideas of Karl Marx. I am not new in college and yet this is the first semester when I have given re-

consideration of the ideas of Marx; before now all that was said was vague criticism of Marx without a mention of what was being criticized. I can only describe the treat-

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by James Douglas

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When I was seven I contracted tuberculosis. From that time onwards—until I reached the age of fourteen—there was a terrific shortage of labour, I found a job as a labourer without encountering any difficulty. My parents recognised that I would "gang my ain gait" any way:—"

Three hours. But I was fiercely determined to try and my parents recognised that I would "gang my ain gait" anyway.

On that first morning I was put to work with Italian prisoners of war. I immediately went to our foreman and told him that I was not going to work with Nazis. Our foreman patiently tried to persuade them they were needed for the time being to help our war effort. I said that while I'd work with them under the circumstances I was damned if I would ever talk to them. After a few weeks, however, my prejudices were beginning to vanish; yet I hated to admit that perhaps I had been wrong. Then one morning those imprisoned workers came to protest against their lack of food. I made it known that my sympathy was on their side—though I could not do anything to help them. They were, I knew, directly dependent on my parents and my parents recognised that I would "gang my ain gait" any way.

Dow Chemical Co. contracted for millions of gallons of benzine from Russia when there were so many unemployed in America, the reply was: "We can Cyanimid, and Metro- cates safely rules, the gold man. Among these questions is the solution for a man's disease, necessity drives men to work in the "hungry thirties" had stimulated me to ask questions about the purpose of life, of the working man's role in making the world better—within four short years, I was a leading spirit in the Party's list markets.

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only 1,500,000 of these to receive additional benefits since June. That means that already over one million are not getting the government-supplied unemployment compensation.

The Administration may continue to supply unemployment nothing to get excited about. The unemployment figures in Republican alike no doubt with the government "in科创 the problem." The Negroes will not. American capitalism makes a very nice living off these "unemploy-
tic" problems. The world does not.

WORLD IN TURMOIL
A new popular expression in Western Europe goes: "World up the world get pneumonia." English economists have been cautioning the Administration to see to it that our re-

employment does not become depression. Their argument runs: it is best for yourselves to do that, since the De-
pression of the 30's brought them so many French workers which adds up to a 25% extra burden.

The very co-existence of continuing inflation at a time of unemployment is a sign of how deep is the present crisis. World monopoly is on the monopoly stronghold.

Where widespread unemployment used at least to bring income, living tending down, it now exists as a legitimate, if not necessary, cost of living, thanks to the big monopolies.

Where preparations for the future, "solve", the problem of unemplo-

ment, it is generally not accounted for by ever deepening recession.

Automation in the industry may solve the problem of unemployment, but both these are only different phases of capitalism which has lived its usefulness but is hanging on to produce more work crises.

Not a single one of the old crises could be solved in 1938. Some new ones were added. France workers, keeping their mouths closed in 1946 since De Gaulle has named the price of "saving France from Communism and chaos": an annual cost of 3,000 million. It is not mean that the chaos in Algeria has been solved in 1958. Some new unemployment is on the horizon. 1960-

The deficit of French money by 1960 is one of its French workers which are frozen after World War II. The new cost of the Dauphine (from the Dauphin) is a permanent army of unemployed workers, even as the leaders were shooting for a secession.

The economists who coined the phrase, "weird econom-
y" characterize our present recession and inflation as a shock to the economy that was a "price shock" to the Ford executive who first coined the word. Nor is the problem not merely a shock to the employed workers struck out against Automation. In France they had to work in opposition to the labor bureaucracy's "secret acceptance," and the unemployed are presently evolving new forms of struggle against this "weird econom-
y." Neither are the Negro people keeping their mouths shut about the "weider democracy" and it is these same unemployed and unemployed Negroes that are portents for a truly new year.

State and Society

"What is society, whatever its form may be? The product of men's reciprocal activity. Are men free to choose the society of their own free will or are they subject to forces which are binding on them? By no means. Assume a particular state of development of men and you will get a particular form of conditioned and organized society. Assume particular stages of development in production, consumption, and accumulation and you will have a corresponding social order, a corresponding organization of the family and of the ranks and classes, in a word a conditioned society. In each particular civilized society and you will get particular political conditions which are only the official expression of civil society." -Karl Marx