ELECTIONS IN LOCAL 212

The elections of union officers, bargaining committee-men and executive board members, have just been concluded in Local 212. These elections left the majority of the office in the hands of the Reutherite bureaucracy of the Mack plant, where the largest number of members are, stunned by the victory of the Reutherite Green Slate. Many were asking what happened. "We won the election committee two weeks ago. In all previous elections when you win the election committee, you also win the election," another worker said. "Practically every leading Green Slater told me they would lose this election because the workers in this plant, and the 8 Mile plant have turned against them," something did happen.

Not just one thing but many. First the Green Slate officers refused to have voting booths put at the plant gate as had been done in all previous years. Many, many workers were so beat at the end of the day a slaving in the plant they were just too tired to walk ¼ of a mile to vote. Secondly there were three slates organized just before the election, mainly to disorganize the workers. Thirdly, there were independent candidates all over the place.

THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE

As a worker said, "Every vote the Unity third slate got was taken away from the Rank and File. Every vote the independents got was taken away from the Rank and File." He went on to say, "But the leaders of these slates are no different from those of the Green Slate. They just seem to want an easy job in place of the others. From now until the next elections in 2 years you won't see or hear from them. They're like dogs that had a fight and got licked. They will go into a hole and lick their wounds for 2 years. When the production workers are battling the company and union about speed-up, these opposition leaders will still be licking their wounds. If they by any chance happen to be at a meeting their mouths seem to be glued together. In some cases when they do pry it open they tell us we have to go along with the officers and support them."

The Green Slate wanted a small vote and they maneuvered and got it. They had every International Rep. that ever worked there to come out to vote for them. Some have not been around for 20 years. Out of some 20,000 in Local 212, only 7,000 voted.

NEGO OFFICERS OUT

They maneuvered practically all Negro officers out of all leading positions in the union. There is only one on the shop committee. They had a running for recording secretary. One white, an ex-Reutherite, ran independent. He was in a run off with the Negro Green Slaters and some said that the union officers were telling Negroes not to vote for the white independent rather than the Negroes on the same slate with them.

A worker said, "The Green Slate had the sanction and blessing of the company."

THE UNITY SLATE

The Unity Slate was organized a few months before the election mainly by skilled workers, some former Reuther bureaucrats and fellow travelers.

The workers in the plant see no difference in any of these slates.

SHACKLED BY CONTRACT

If the Rank and File had really answered the problem of speeding up, workers, that in the past 2 years, since they were elected at the shop level to the bargaining committee they have not been able to solve their grievances because of the contract that the Reutherites have shackled us with and now the Unity Slate appears to divide the votes but are never around when the workers are fighting us with and now the Unity Slate appears to divide the votes but are never around when the workers are fighting...
CONTINUOUS MINERS BRING CHANGES—ALL BAD

Scott's Run, W. Va.—They're bringing in more continuous miner operators and classifying them according to their own rules. It's like about a miner being a new machine, but pinning his hands on to it.

With the miners coming in, men are sure to go. And the company will even classify them into categories to try to get miners rather than men in them so they won't be laid off when the lay-off hits. Seniority seems to mean absolutely nothing; in fact, it's getting to be a bigger joke all the time.

"THEY BRING IN ROBBERY!"

Drilling to put in pins to hold the top has gotten tougher every time, too. The company has gone from using seven foot pins to using four foot pins. The outside of the road is back since the miner has been on the section the top keeps the dirt on.

And with the coal hungry operators we have, and the very fast rate of advance, it's a lucky thing that someone hasn't been caught under a roadway. But it should go luck so far and it'll catch up with you.

We both had a couple of men crushed in a fall a couple of months ago, but you should have seen the injuries or figure it won't happen again.

Consol—a Modern Mine

PRODUCTION, PROFITS PAID FOR WITH MINERS’ LIVES

Morgantown, W. Va—Plans for the Loveridge mine of Consolidation Coal Company, Morgantown, W. Va., indicate that it will be the largest coal mine in the world as well as the most modern.

Consol is big all right—the largest commercial coal producing company in the world. And it is modern, too, because it cuts down on injuries. If a miner gets hurt, he has to go to the hospital or have his injuries treated. The miners can't hurt the company too much.

But Consol also eats up more men than it pays. In its history it has driven for big production for big profits.

The company remains that only one thing is important to Consol, and that is big profits. It does not mind how it becomes a danger to grave markers, wheel chairs, filled hospital beds and broken families to show whose expense Consol has grown big.

Modeone Mine, OLD DEATH

One of the more recent accidents at Consol added to its long list came out of the "modern" Loveridge.

Joe Nagy was an operator on a continuous miner there. He controlled the machine, and the miner is designed to keep going all the time. It didn't seem to be too important.

But it was important, and after a few days his condition reached the point where he had to take off from work. His case was diagnosed as a ruptured disc and required an operation. The operation was not successful and he now has to wear a brace and just stand up. He will be crippled for life. But the irony of it all is that the company beat him out of compensation for his injury—because he was not an employee any longer.

When I talked to him later, he said, "What I think of all the things I had to carry for the company. Of all these I knocked myself out for and you don't know what to do. The thanks I got from them for all the years of service is that they had to have them even beat me out of my compensation."

IWW Exposes New York Job Agencies

New York, May 11—The Industrial Workers of the World, still an active union in many towns, has been heard by many people as a thing of the past, today initiated a boycott against employment agencies as "selling" jobs to restaurant workers.

According to an I.W.W. survey, restaurants in New York rarely get a job without paying the agency a fee of from $35.00 to $40.00. Standard pay for restaurant workers ranges from $2.00 to $2.20 an hour, sometimes less.

I.W.W. officials point out that restaurants are compelled by certain employment agencies to supply kitchen help because the State Employment Service is inadequate in this area.

In order to alleviate a situation for which forces the city’s lowest-paid workers to buy jobs, the I.W.W. is establishing a free employment service. The union’s stated object is to meet the restaurant industry’s personnel needs without placing the individual workers in an economic situation where they have to buy a job. According to the plan, there will be no cost to the worker. Any individual who wishes to use the service will do so by paying $1.00 to register with the employment service.

A permanent picket line will be established by the I.W.W. in front of certain employment agencies selling jobs to restaurant workers. Any agency officials who in violation of the I.W.W. and union officials will be the object of information pickets telling their employers how they are profiting by their lack of workers’ rights. It was said.

One I.W.W. official described the boycott as “an important step to check the inadequacy of the employ­ ment of the restaurant owners, some of whom do not know that employment agencies sell jobs in their establishments at ex­ celent prices.”
STAYING ON THE JOB

Just Keep Telling Yourself That Our Husbands Are Laid Off

When you are out of work for over a year and a half you get discouraged. Usually you don't want any job there is just so long as you can work and get away from the atmosphere. Well, last week I got a job after being off that long and in 2 days my whole outlook changed completely.

19TH CENTURY

One thing I am sure of — this factory comes out of the 19th century, the work, the dirt, the men. In the first place you hear of Automation. In this plantAutomation didn't do anything. It deprivest workers of a livelihood or drives people so that it nearly kills them; but there have been some tools designed that have helped people a little. However, never, no word of these has leaked into this factory. It is the only one I've seen that dirtiest work I have ever done. It is a job for several hundred people, but there are only 2 of us women doing it.

We make up the electric cords for irons and such. First the strands of wire have to be put together; then they're coated with rubber (a man does this) then they have to be coated with asbestos; then they're twisted in what I call a monster machine (looks like a direct straight out of a horror film). From the monster machine they go to the twisting machine. As the wire goes down it goes on bigger steel spools and gets heavier and heavier. A man's job is to keep it from weighing 80 lbs. The diameter of the wheels on the spools are about 8 feet. BENEFICIAL TO HEALTH

Our job is to roll these spools of wire to each machine for the different operations. To get one into the machine we have to take a bar that goes through the spool and then we lift, tug and pull to finally get it into the machine. I can remember my first day being taught how to lift heavy objects so that you don't hurt your back, but in doing this carefully it is practically impossible to do it correctly. Besides the heavy lifting which I am sure is against the law, during one operation you breath in asbestos; at another time the whirling noise of the machines is so great that it remains with you for several minutes after you shut the machines off. After the first day I thought I couldn't keep my balance and was walking as if it were a drunk.

THIS IS A JOB!

The UAW has had this shop organized for the past 2 years and we were fighting hard to get it in. I asked the girl I work with why she worked here after the union got in and she said, "I don't know. All I know is that the company has 6 girls working these 32 machines and since, we are the last girl in." After my first day on the job this same girl had said to me, "Just keep telling yourself that our husbands are laid off."

This is called a job. I am sure some-one has to use a burea on unemployment is happy that they can now list 40 hours a week, 52 weeks down and in the end we get to take along 14 bus loads plus plenty of car loads.

The International got up and started talking first, of the war and then Messy and then others. The unemployed started talking second, of the war and then short and let us talk for a change. And that's how we got around.

Around 2 p.m. we marched to the Capitol and once around the parade. Arrangements had been made to talk to various officials. We were supposed to be over in 35 minutes according to their schedule. But once we got there they held us them back there to

STEEL WORKERS FACE STRIKE DEADLINES

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — It appears that McDonald's proposal contract, no work. All the locals have passed the word around that there is no way the company is going to be much question but that the union plans to go out. With all the stockpiling of steel the men figure there is going to be a strike, and a long one at that. But anyway it goes, the company is going to have to pay for building up, the price of steel goes up and the price of everything. The feeling in the mill is that the men will come out on the short end no matter how things go.

But if there is going to be a strike, they'd rather be out in the summer time. The jobs in the steel plant steadily would sure appreciate a strike because it would get rid of the terrific pace they've been working. There is about back to normal in my department, what it was before the big rush. The men are not enough men to do the work. The work is short length. The men can't work the pace of the work to point where men can't take it. Before they were always "extra" crews to do the work that would go over the men. Too many had to be done. Now you don't find an extra man or woman to work. That's why they feel like they can't do the job.

ALWAYS SAME STORY

More than anything else the men want their conditions changed. Grievances are building up when the men file them and the union doesn't press any of the is. It seems the men just don't know if they're coming or going. They are asked to file grievances as if they are being treated unjustly. They do this and then they're asked to file another one aside. Its always the same old story, "It's not proper, take a complaint to the committee to get something definite from the union, but we can't as it is our job to go to them.

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A Reutherite in our shop just came back to the South in chat after being out of the shop for about 3 years. He just got back from being a chief steward, so he hadn't really worked on the job for 10 or 15 years before that. He told us, "I've heard the guys say that the conditions, but I didn't think things could change so much in 3 years." He said that he has a lot of experience in a pernintence in Jackson. He said, "I just had a screening and I think it could be worse than Jack­­son Pen. But this is the kind of men that are throwing the Chrysler you go home at night."

No Job

Detroit

LOOKING FOR WORK IN DETROIT

Going around looking for factory work can be one of the most discouraging jobs there is. There are very few places that are hiring. Secondly when they are doing a job they seem to be misconceived if you have been out of work for over a year and a half be a strike, and a long one at that. But anyway it goes, the company is going to have to pay for building up, the price of steel goes up and the price of everything. The feeling in the mill is that the men will come out on the short end no matter how things go.

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EDITORIAL

NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR CALLS OUT NATIONAL GUARD TO BREAK STRIKE

Striking textile workers, in the Southern mill town of Henderson, North Carolina, are barred from picketing demonstration by the National Guard who were called on May 11, to protect the scabs at the Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills.

Using the time-dishonored cry that he has to protect "everybody's" safety, North Carolina's self-styled liberal Governor, Luther H. Hodges, called the guard in a new move to end a 10-months old strike.

SCAB VIOLENCE

The Henderson strike has been marked by violence since the company broke it off with the support of the Textile Workers Union of America (AFL-CIO), locked out the striking workers, and replaced them with scabs.

They fought back and forced the company to cancel its plans for a third shift with the national guard patroling the company street, the guard washin away that they work among the scabs as far as 18 miles away, letting them know what it means to cross a picket line, steal another man's job, and then get the company's boot when the dirty work is done.

CHEAP LABOR

Being a Governor Hodges' calling in the troops is in the fact that North Carolina led the lily-white South in luring capital with the bait of "cheap and unorganized labor." In 1938 alone North Carolina snared almost $2 million in new plant investment.

Hodges wants to do better than that in 1959, but he's afraid Negroes in Monroe, Union County.

In bloody Harlan County, Kentucky, and Jellico, Tennessee, exploding tipples and national guard bayonets marks the end of the scab strikes by coal operators to negotiate with the United Mine Workers.

This year, half the year, the national guard has been used in the South for breaking strikes more often than at any time since the 1930's. It is clear the Southern rulers are out to break the union and re-establish company unions with their inevitable scab shop conditions. That's why things go is learning that the bosses and politicians of the South "lily white" means decent, scab labor.

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dealing with the white Southerner where Negroes are involved is practically impossible.

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Views

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NEWS & LETTERS

TWO WORLDS

By Raya Dunayer-Rayna, Author of Marxism and Freedom

MAY 1 AND THE SHORTER WORK DAY

During the first week of May this year the United Steel Workers presented its demand for a shorter work week. They asked that work days be restricted to 38 hours a week—which is contributing to the fact that even the so-called radical press is giving it little publicity. The union demand is for a 24-hour work day from Monday to Friday. This is an inordinate demand in light of the fact that union contract time put such a demand on the negotiation table.

No doubt the committee of the present union leaders to issue this demand in the first week of May. But, again, the significance cannot be lost in the incidental nature of this demand. In order to have a shorter work week is indissolubly connected with the struggles for the 8 hour day. The initiation of the struggle for the 8 hour day coincided with the founding of the first National Labor Union in America.

Eight-Hour Leagues sprung up everywhere. “In the United States a large number of independent labor movement was paralyzed so long as slavery disfigured a part of the republic. Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded. But out of the death of slavery a new vigorous life sprang. The first fruit of the Civil War was an agitation for a 8-hour day movement.”

The severe financial crisis of 1879 dealt a death blow to the Eight-Hour Leagues, but not to the idea of an 8-hour day. The sections put it into effect, were once again initiated this time by the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions of the United States and Canada. This was the American Federation of Labor. It was this organization which specified that the date for the struggle in the form of a national demonstration was May, 1886. “The struggle for the 8 hour day during the decade of 1880s received a real blood bath from the counter-revolution. The open direction initiated with the government. The anarchist labor leaders, Parsons, Spies, Fischer and Engel, were railroaded to the gallows.”

This unity of socialist and insurrectionist had not stop the movement for the 8 hour day. On the contrary, the conservative head of the A.F. of L., Samuel Gompers, looked back and saw this as a new beginning of the year 1889: “At the time of the meeting of the International Workingman’s Congress in Paris approached, it occurred to him that this is the expression of world-wide sympathy from that Congress.”

They got more than sympathy from the International at its Paris Congress in 1889, which immediately adopted the following resolution: “The Congress decides to organize a great international demonstration, so that in all countries and in all the different ways in which it shall be necessary to demand that the state authorities the legal reduction of the working day to 8 hours . . . Since a similar demonstration has appeared in this country on May 1, 1889, by the American Federation of Labor at its Convention in St. Louis, December 1888, this day is accepted for the international demonstration.”

THE UNITY OF PRACTICE AND THEORY

Just as the Marxist world organization had adopted the American choice of May 1 as the holiday that would combine strike action with demonstrations in support of labor’s demand for the 8 hour day, in practice—so, in theory. The struggle for the shorter workday became the basis of Marx’s greatest theoretical work, the Constitution of Labor. Building on the impulse, action, and philosophy of the working class, for a shorter working day, Marx drew up the following resolution: “The Congress decides to organize a great international demonstration, so that in all countries and in all the different ways in which it shall be necessary to demand that the state authorities the legal reduction of the working day to 8 hours . . . Since a similar demonstration has appeared in this country on May 1, 1889, by the American Federation of Labor at its Convention in St. Louis, December 1888, this day is accepted for the international demonstration.”

THE PENDING STEEL STRIKE

As words, Marx’s phrase—"the development of human power which is its own end, the true realm of freedom . . . can flourish only upon a true need—exists as its basis. The shortening of the working day is its fundamental premise."—the thought behind it, the development of the human being instead of greater and greater machines, is precisely what is presently going on. The realization of the working day to 8 hours . . . it will give us a chance to catch our breath," said one of the steel workers at Homestead, Pa. “We sure need it.”

It is not that anyone thought that all problems, either of the employed or of the unemployed, would be solved by the end of the working day. “Well,” one of the steel workers said another, “it’s not like the companies has made everything worse,” said a third, cutting both our employment and security. This cutting of the workweek, if we take it to its logical extreme, has the potential to do what about it anything.”

Disgusted Detroit

It was I was certainly gratified to get a report on the March which carried on the Young March for Integrated Schools. Letters and papers carried news of the local March on city hall, but we couldn’t find a thing about the National March. Interested Los Angeles

I was a good talk about fighting over the coming March. The one thing you can’t just let them down. How about the South? There are more than two million Negroes there, yet a rape occur and I don’t see any. American troops rushing down there to protect the Negroes’ rights.

Working Mother Angeles

AND THE PRICE OF WHITE SUPREMACY

The report of the National Education has worth while re-printing because it shows what great strides have been made toward the attainment of the goal. The Southern states are the last rungs in the ladder. Mississippi, the lynching state, is the only state which has classroom teachers an annual salary of $3,070, and only 16 per cent of all teachers are graduates or any state except Alabama which spent $164. But Mississippi is the most in one respect: almost 50 per cent of all teachers who registered for the draft in 1957 failed to pass the physical and mental examination.

Teacher San Francisco, Calif.

THE WORLD AT WAR

The sudden bombardment of both sides in World War II was the explosive mixture that the “colored” question got mixed up in. Former blackshirt leader Mosley is the parliamentary head of the next general election for that reason. He is the leader therefore working hard on the electoral rolls, and using other methods of getting publicity.

Correspondent London

I didn’t see a word in the daily papers here about the March in Maryland—perhaps even though 74 went from Detroit. I think it was a planned silence. The only reason I can see for not mentioning any news seep through on the national front that integrated schools is just too hot an issue, and because they might say more about it.

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Old Friend Detroit

THE NEGRO STRUGGLE

London, Eng. — A few days ago, during the Whitson recess, a young colored worker was attacked by a white youth on a hill and stabbed; he died in the hospital soon after. This was the scene of the race riots.

Fascism is trying to establish a base in this area. America is in the midst of the explosive mixture that the “colored” question got mixed up in. Former blackshirt leader Mosley is the parliamentary head of the next general election for that reason. He is the leader therefore working hard on the electoral rolls, and using other methods of getting publicity.

—Correspondent —London

I didn’t see a word in the daily papers here about the March in Maryland—perhaps even though 74 went from Detroit. I think it was a planned silence. The only reason I can see for not mentioning any news seep through on the national front that integrated schools is just too hot an issue, and they they said about it the better.

Marcher Detroit

I was I was certainly glad to get a report on the March which carried on the Young March for Integrated Schools. Letters and papers carried news of the local March on city hall, but we couldn’t find a thing about the National March.

Disgusted Detroit
YOUTH THINKING IT OUT
By Robert Ellory

AUTHOR OF MARXISM AND FREEDOM WINS UPTOWN TOUR

"The truly breath-taking creativity lies, not in the music or the dance, but in the labor of the blood and bones of Vorkuta which killed once and for all the myth of totalitarian invincibility." This view was presented by Raya Dunayevskaya, author of Marxism and Freedom, to an audience of 800 university students in California who came to hear her lecture on the subject of Russian Intellectuals and Creativity.

Since the appearance of Marxism and Freedom, 15 years ago, Dunayevskaya has lectured to student audiences totaling over 5,000.

Dunayevskaya contends that the Russian intellectuals are abetting their own stagnation by "living like the artist to live in luxury and glory in his specialized estate," while the political commissars stifle creativity.

The American intellectuals have not been free hands. She reminded her audience of Nobel Prize winner John Logie Baird and his barbaric statement that he is willing to spill Negro blood "to preserve the Southern way of life.

It was evident from the reactions of the audience that the remarks made against intellectuals who traded their souls for gratuities, hit home. A lengthy letter printed in the campus newspaper noted that "the lecture tried to justify intellectual conformity as being necessary to the people who others who heard the lecture said for the first time they recognized was the same class that currently played the role of public relations men for the system, be it Russian or American.

SHE LECTURED

Dunayevskaya completed her recent tour early in May, lecturing to college audiences in Chicago. She spoke of her book to an audience of 250 students she lectured on the evolution of the political ideas of Trotsky a few years after. Of Bernard Wolfe, author of a recent novel, "Prophet Dies," that impetus to Trotsky a change of political affect in his later life that he wouldn't admit she said "Only people who have no thoughts of their own can misconstrue the thoughts of others." She contrasted Trotsky's development to that of Lenin.

Trotsky's inability to bring about the revolution by the due date to recognize in a later epoch the class roots of Stalinism "made it impossible for Trotsky to seriously combat the counter-revolution despite his personal heroism and optimism that the working-class movement could still save his nation.

The last lecture was extremely well received and both the audience and band requested a typescript so that they might continue to study the book in class.

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The author's central argument is that the author is steeped in the Hegelian dialectic. Now this Hegelian dialectic again as this reviewer understands it, is the rather obvious proposition and that it is the result of preceding arguments of the book that Marx is so much among devotees of Hegel are "not used to producing. They hire out way of making a living. The class roots of Stalinism..."

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AS OTHERS SEE US

BOOK REVIEW

Book review by Fred Thomas, Detroit journalist from INDUSTRIAL WORKER, March 17, 1958

"MARXISM AND FREEDOM: Relations of worker to job."

This book by Trotsky's former secretary is a weighty addition to the somber side of Trotsky. It clearly argues for a world of free men as distinguished from a world of sets directed by a bureaucracy of planners. This book further argues that this society is not socialist and that socialist view is the Marxism of Marx..."
COMPANY FOREGOES SAFETY TO GET OUT MORE STEEL

Pittsburgh, Pa. — There were powerful arguments, recently when steel started to run out of a tapping hole. The operations manager, on the men to put water and dolo-

BOSSED "HURRY UP"

The usual report was turned in concerning the circumstances of the accident, and as usual, the men were sent to the hospital. It was charged with negligence for not having his helmet on and the other for not wear-

JUST "TALK" ABOUT SAFETY

There is still the bulletin board with the accident, and men were so much fancy dressing and does anything but tell the operator concerning the incidents. Now that the company is going full blast, they don't want any of the men, and what would ordinarily be a lost accident is covered up by the major role in making us what we are.

RECENT MEDICAL STUDIES

In recent years a number of medical studies have been made on minority groups in this country — Chinese, Japanese, Puerto Ricans and Negro. Blood pressure levels and heart disease have been compared for these groups and there has been a racial group outside the United States — the West Indies, Hawaii, etc. This has been little external outlet for the tensions and violence within. There has been little external outlet for the tensions and violence within. There has been little external outlet for the tensions and violence within.

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NOTE ON RETURN

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they themselves to an exhaustive pace, with the steel hungry coming out of break-neck speed, even harder and faster work is demanded, and the men are already feeling the effects of it, and it is commonplace for a man to finish his shift because he just gave out or, especially at night when he has just woken up. This situation will get worse next month when the weather gets hot.

Going hand in hand with this man-killing pace is a constant lack of safety precautions. At Homestead, the boiler tenders have reported that the furnaces are being fired beyond the pressure limits permitted by state regulations to provide a margin of safety for the men. Everything is going by the board except precautions to reduce ever-increasing tons of steel in each hour of time with the men, as usual, suffering the consequences.

In terms of statistics to show who is reaping the benefits from the sweated labor of the steelworkers, a little research reveals that from 1952 to 1958, the cost of wages in the industry has made an increase of over $900 million, while profits have more than doubled, and the union has not made any sacrifice to provide a margin for safety for the men. Wages are everything in the sale of steel. The plant that can put it out, will have the whole thing. They have facilities that can be used — from $143,678,740 in 1952 to $391,558,321.8 in 1958.

The steel industry has not had to pay more in overall labor costs since 1952 because the workers themselves, who brought in these 230,000 men permanently out of work and increased the work burden on the men still working, have been the most willing and able mentality of the steel magnates who demand ever-increasing profits at the expense of the men. They have not hesitated to sacrifice in the interest of the workers.

The companies have a total disregard for the workers and who suffers, they impose on the families of laid-off workers.

WAGES AND UNIONS

The capitalist press is full of reports of the "high" $3 average wage per hour of steelworkers, but we have completely silent on the short work-weeks they have had for months, the terrific pressure of speed-up and disregard for the safety of those men who are the most famous of the steel industry.

One steelworker painted this picture of conditions at the companies have plenty of plants not only along this river, but in all the country. They have facilities that can produce cheaper than others. As a result of this, the companies can produce the product cheapest will get the order, even though the company might not be able to put it out.

As a matter of fact, I look for them to completely shut down two open-hearth furnaces where I work. What is going on and do we walk the streets?"

As the issues are being debated, some of the unions and the plan include not only the general pushing the men to work longer, but also to lay off top supervisors, a step which is talked of as a long time to be seriously considered by the unions.

LONG OR SHORT STRIKE

The workers are preparing for a long strike. They remember the long drawn-out negotiations in auto and the sellout there, and they do not expect McDonald to be much different from Reuther, judging by the fact that the problems that concern most them — speed-up, safety, shorter workday — are the ones that McDonald will try to evade at all costs. The plan is to settle for a few wage increases that are "inflationary" wages and raise capital costs, and raise the unions, companies, and government will try to shove the work load, while the steelworkers stay away.

One thing the auto workers have that was Ken­thow's threat — because auto, unlike steel, is still in a depression, and the auto workers have a direct bearing on them. Gene­va is no further away from Pittsburgh than is Washing­ton, D.C. The breath of cold war on the steel workers is still may en to support the British after they have just shot at my people in the cold war on the steel industry. The issue of the cold war he said, "How can we judge on the issue of the cold war when the debate on whether the world will go to the East or the West, when all we have to prove to us are the evils of commun­ism and the evils of colonialism which we know." Mr. Reuther, who was chairman of the Toronto meeting, sounded positively revolutionary when he said, "I'm not talking about the opportunity of the American worker."

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