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By Charles Denby, Editor

TRUMAN SHOWS HIS TRUE COLOR

Ex-President Truman's statement to the effect that if it were his place of business he would throw the Negro students out had nobody in my shop talking about it.

They felt that this statement was the most brazen attack upon the Negroes of this country ever made by an ex-president. As a worker said: "You cannot tell what kind of animal you are voting for when you go to the polls and vote for a politician. It would have been impossible to pry those words out of Truman's mouth when he was running for President."

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Steelworkers Fear Layoff As Speedup Hits New High

PITTSBURGH, Penna. — The steel mill at our mill that are still working figures are still going to catch up with all of them. There are those who planned to buy a new car. He's been counting on it for several months, and had half his money saved. He's still working, but he's afraid to put anything on the car because if something happens in the future, he might lose his initial down payment and the car too, he's holding off.

Another guy was planning on buying his first house if he had six months of 5 work days. "I don't think we're getting any kind of a break. If we're getting 4 days, he said, "I don't think we're getting any kind of a break."

But then there's a lot of money involved. When you're buying a house, and you're looking at a car, and the steel company says, "You can't have it," then you're going to have to think about it. And he doesn't want to do that. He wants to keep that money in the bank."

To M.D.

H ow much exhaust can a man stand?

Detroit — I'd like to know what thing from M.D. how much fresh air does a man require in his body every day?

In an auto plant we don't get much air. But if we get too much exhaust — just how much exhaust does a man require to stand it?

We'd like to know what things the auto plant does to the men that work there.

I hope the men who work there that that is the last thing to happen to them.

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Unionist Asks:
Is Closed Shop Now Obsolete?

The Closed Shop now out of date? I ask this question because the situation in some factories in which the ability of the trade union to control entry is in danger and certainly of that of the local branch officials! did more to prevent the employment of non-union men than to assist it.

When you get a shop that is only half organised, the union members are only too apt to regard the rest as if they were non-union. Yet, obviously, they do exist and according to the latest figures more than a quarter of all jobs in Britain are in factories where the union has not yet got a footing. This is a great deal of potential union membership and it is vital that the union should be united and or­ganised, that all the lads who do the same as the CP'ers in South Africa are preparing to isolate the shop floor, not at the main entrance, but for the benefit of workers who have members in the branch.

The main thing is that all the lads are prepared to work together for the benefit of the union or that union, but that the shop floor is not just a slogan of convenience. The question is how the shop floor can be united and how the branch unity can be formed. The Shop floor is the area where the lads should be united and organised.

This does not necessarily mean that they must join this or that union. Each union has its own strength and weaknesses, and they should all be united on a shop floor basis for the benefit of the workers they are supposed to represent.

I know that these remarks will cause many old-timers to wring their hands with indignation, but I do not apologise for anything that I say. The fact is that so many cases the closed shop has the opposite effect of that intended by the employers.

This cannot be allowed to continue without a terrible amount of bloodshed.

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The General Council of the T.U.C. has just given the Executive the power to take action against the United Auto Workers who are resisting the "community" condemns the C.P. The leaders forget that they owe their positions to men who have fought "unofficially" and not about Ford's £20-£30-a-week workers, not a word of complaint, and then a week after that a sell-out was paid by friends.

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**Editorial**

**Labor bureaucracy’s electioneering**

The only time in recent years that the labor bureaucracy has gone all out for a mass meeting occurred recently when the Democratic Party of the Middle West had its convention in Detroit. Osten sially called to fight for the Landrum-Griffin bill as a means for aid for the aged, the monster rally in the State Fair Grounds was used to parade the various Democratic hopefuls.

Democrats & Republicans Alike Voted Landrum-Griffin

The labor bureaucracy has chained itself willingly enough and for many years to the more “liberal” party of the capitalist class: the Democrats. But heretofore, their action was more of a reaction to the labor bureaucracy than a deliberate attempt to influence the labor bureaucracy’s electioneering. No wonder the rank and file’s opposition to the labor bureaucracy is reaching new white heat proportions.

**Rank & File Opposition**

Recently various opposition groups as the one in Flint on making the union more democratic have gotten publicity, but not down to the rank and file. Without a single one of the many hopeful Democratic aspirants for the Presidency opposed this bill.

On the contrary. Not only did they join their Republican colleagues in the almost unanimous vote for this anti-labor law. The inspiration for this piece of totalitarian legislation came from a Communist and anti-labor racket, the Southern Democrat, Senator McAliean. But so shameless is the capitalist nature of the labor bureaucracy that this is not even called to the labor bureaucracy’s electioneering. No wonder the rank and file’s opposition to the labor bureaucracy is reaching new white heat proportions.

**The Negro Struggle**

The United States sure has proved to the Negroes of South Africa for the way they treat the Negroes. As far as Negroes in this country are concerned the only thing the landlady spoke was that the Negroes should be doing just precisely what the anti-black sentiment in that country do in a sneaking way.

New Reader Detroit

Even the whites in the mill are concerned about the Negro struggle. I had occasion to talk to a few of them and they said, “Well, it’s coming now. But it takes time.” I asked the Negroes how much time they wanted? They always say it’s not them, but the others.

The solution has to be found fast. It doesn’t take too much anymore to get the colored people moving. They’ve already got the fire, all they need is a little gasoil. But the trouble is that even when they come up they won’t let you in very far. It’s to want to see it down to the wire.

Steelworker Pittsburgh

The N.A.A.C.P. I guess is a nice organization but it works in a group. Unemployed Negro Worker Detroit

I had to go to Alabama recently and I was afraid to travel from the trip. At one time stop that was sickening. I met just had to eat. The worst of it is that almost everything in the table. We had a lot of younger people to eat. The colored were all with each of them, everyone else — the amount to the penny.

When I got back home and picked up new people, the doctor said I had to get me to move to the rear. I told him I was satisfied with the food and I had stick with this. He didn’t make a thing more. It makes me think that if I just did enough to try to push you. I sat down where I wanted, when I wanted. Or didn’t. Because they saw by my ticket that I had come through from Detroit, I’m not sure.

Negro Reader Detroit

I had to go to Alabama recently on family business and the State police stopped me and said I had to throw over 100 passengers from where I was headed, to ask me when I wanted. When I came back through, they said to report back there. I told them I hadn’t had any trouble there. They said they said already I knew this. When I had me under surveillance the whole time I was in the story.

Negro Worker Detroit

It’s all right to criticize the whites in the South for their treatment of Negroes, but there is plenty right here in the North where they should be hit and hit hard every time.

Newspaper Man Detroit

You’d think it impossible for a city like Detroit, which has one-fourth, or about 500,000 of its population composed of Negroes, to have such things as cross- burnings. The Negroes have enough nerve to bring plenty of pressure on police and city officials to provide such stiff punishment for such acts that rare-burning whites would think twice about a more of a couple of times, I say, ‘cause they would meet such foul and degrading crimes.

**Working Woman Detroit**

I was raised in Chicago, and that’s supposed to be a bad city for Negroes. But it’s not as bad as Detroit. One time they picked me up here for speeding and took me to jail. They put me in a cell with 3 Negroes and 3 whites. I said to myself, “You know, something’s wrong.” Now the way I feel, you can see something’s wrong, you ought to do something about it. That’s what is finally happening.

**From the Picket Line**

I was in the picket line around Woolworth’s on Saturday and some woman stopped to read the signs and wanted to know, “Jim Crow!” I said, “Get in line and follow me and I’ll tell you all about it.”

**Picket Detroit**

Now that this thing has started here too we should put up picket lines all up and down Grand River. There’s their discrimination in practically every block along it.

**Laid-off Ford Worker Detroit**

Two Negro boys, about 9 and 11 years old, were standing against the wall of the dime store. A man had come through from the other side of the entrance from them, the other boys were standing on the other side of the entrance from them, the two boys happened to be a bus stop.

**Picket Detroit**

We who are walking in the line saw what was going on, obviously big politicians, go up to the two cops and start keeping an eye on things, and giving the peace police a little push. After the politicians left, the sergeant came over to the little boys and said, “in instead of going away, why you in the picket line with us!”

**A Machinist Shanty**

Something has to be done all right. I know we’re going to stand up to any advantage. Have never been more impressed with the fact that there is no real difference between Republicans and Democrats than I am this year. Because no matter what they say before, when it comes to the anti-labor legislation, I think they all voted alike.

**Disguised Detroit**

I think Truman won the election that fooled all the experts in 1948 because he was able to say that he had a New Deal and a New Deal Labor Law. There’s a lot of politician on the scene who can say he was for something like the Landrum-Griffin anti-labor law. If I was a politician this election year, I’d be worried sick. I don’t know how I’d get myself elected.

**Young Voter Detroit**

A politician is no good for leadership anymore. You just can’t depend on anything he says to help a man gain a little bit of freedom in the automated world today. He’ll leave you, and join up with the company, and you’ll never see him again.

**Maid Detroit**

I’m speaking for a couple of women who work in this area as well as myself. We wanted you to know that we really them from the very beginning. It was just facts. We just wanted to thank you for helping us to keep up the good work.

**Chrysler Worker Detroit**

The reason I am interested in your organization is because I know that anything that will benefit the people. I can’t do much by myself, I know. But I can help other who are trying to do something. I’ll do anything you ask me to do.

**New Reader Detroit**
**REVOLUTION AND COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA**

"Izwe Lethu (our land)," shouted thousands of Africans as they burned their "passes" and marched to the police stations in protest. They had violated the fascist type of internal passports imposed upon them by the white rulers.

In response to this bloodless revolution for human rights, the counter-revolution burst forth in an orgy of violence, machine-gunning the unarmed mass of human beings in cold blood.

The Revolution mourned its dead by a mass funeral and staying away from work. The counter-revolutionary police harried (segmented) Africa, terrorizing human violence with vicious baton charges into African crowds, declaring a state of emergency, and outlawing any political organization, Mainly black. Blood was black or white, that dared challenge the savage white supremacy.

The Revolution—the struggle for freedom—though it comprised the overwhelming majority, 15 million against 3 million whites, must face, unarmed, the white rulers who are armed to the teeth with everything from bull whips to jet planes, to not even mention prisons, the legislature, factories, mines, farms, ships and concentration camps.

This is the face of "civilized" white rule in South Africa as the economy of the country depends on black labor to stoppage and put down the dispute even where management needed it. Refusal to work is punishable with $1,000 fine or 5 years in prison or both!

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Thinking It Out

By Robert Ellery

AN INTERVIEW WITH BERNARD LEE

I am proud to turn this space over to this interview — R. E. minus boot scooters and a few other support of the Negro. We were all contaminated, poisoned, and adulterated by the world. People all over the country are giving to the lunch counter sit-ins with Negroes. This demonstrates boost our morale in the fight for freedom.

It's working very well. We've got to look out for the white man. There's no doubt that we're having a noticeable effect. Join the picket lines. Ask all of your friends to do the same thing.

From my experience, I can't help but think that the Negro is in sympathy, but he does not support the movement, and from some recent demonstrations and the failure of the school system in the way they teach us our education.

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He demonstrated in sympathy for the Bus Boycott, and in the case of freedom, Mr. Lee explained, "We were supposedly emancipated with shotguns and dogs to the southern white man doesn't understand what non-violence means. We've got to look out for the white man. There's no doubt that we're having a noticeable effect. Join the picket lines. Ask all of your friends to do the same thing.

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**DEGAULLE**

The French farmers are up in arms against the régime of De Gaulle. Their marketing system, which dates from over 200 years ago, demands that all produce be sold at Le Havre for auction and then distributed throughout France. This naturally increases the costs of farm products by 100% or more which the middlemen, not the farmer, gets.

FRANCE UNDER DEGAULLE

De Gaulle has finally agreed to the first lunch counter sitdowns on April 1, students were again on April opened, new sitdowns will not convince the white of the Student Committee for African students have been arrested. The police answer was open mass demonstrations and organizing. The increase in Negro enrollment throughout South Africa, 74% of the total enrollment in the capital's public schools, an increase in Negro enrollment in the South African National Congress, the National Federation for the Improvement of Negroes in South Africa, and the National Congress of South African Students, the Pan African Congress, the Indian National Congress, the NAACP, and the National Association for the Improvement of Teachers in South Africa, among others. The masses responded with a mass march of 25,000 from the Freedom Fighters' headquarters to the White House. The police had surrounded the government buildings and demanded that the police and demonstrators be1

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