WORKER’S JOURNAL
By Charles Denby, Editor

White Citizens Council Supervisor Ousted From Plant by Workers

A worker said, “Since the Birmingham, Ala., demonstration where the police unleashed their vicious dogs on Negroes, and the murder of Medgar Evers, followed by the murdering of those children in the church bombing, tension has been so strong in the country, you soon feel it in everybody you speak with.” As he further stated, “Then came the assassination of President Kennedy, and there was so much tension now it feels as though it is in everybody every minute of the day. They are trying to shift the blame for what Oswald did as an individual, as all the racists and liberals.”

Then he told of a situation in a Chrysler plant where he works. A superintendent in that plant, Pete Underwood, is a leader of the White Citizens Council in Michigan. This was discovered by a reporter from the Free Press, a Detroit daily paper, when he attended one of their meetings. The reporter also noted the derogatory remarks made about Negroes, and their plans to eliminate Negroes completely.

When this report was made public, every Negro and white worker in the plant were up in arms. The tension and pressure was so great, it would get rid of him. Every worker assumed this meant firing Pete Underwood. But after a week, it was reported he was transferred to another plant.

WHITE CITIZEN COUNCIL THREATS

An ex-president of the local union drew up a leaflet and circulated a petition for workers to sign demanding Underwood be replaced. Several days later, White Citizens Council of Michigan stating that if he did not lay off Pete Underwood, his home would be bombed.

The next day, the vice-president of the local union got a threatening phone call along the same lines. The caller stated that it was Underwood who it was, they were afraid to because the White Citizens Council control many radio stations throughout the country, and could ensure that no one Chrysler car could be sold in the South.

The worker added that the daily paper reported Underwood said he wouldn’t move this man from the plant, and if the police force was ever to move this man from this plant, and I do not intend to follow him to his grave.” Then he placed around with Underwood’s “right to think as he pleases, and the union never takes a position in telling the company to fire a man.”

UNION OFFICERS RELUCTANT TO ACT

While the National Negro Servicemen’s Committee has been pushing the union officers to continue to press for Underwood’s removal from the company, and asking the International Union to act, it was reported that the chairman of this meeting was another white Southerner who works at Chevrolet Gear and Axle in Detroit. He is a union member. The reporter said that some of the members at the meeting stated that the only time this man smiled or laughed was when something drastic happened to Negroes.

A Negro worker at the Chrysler plant said since the article appeared, white and Negroes were not speaking, and since President Kennedy’s death, no one speaks or says a word in the Chevrolet plant—whites were afraid to express sorrow over Kennedy’s death because of the White Citizens Council influence there.

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American Civilization on Trial

The Tragic Assassination of President Kennedy and the Urgency for Freedom Now

By Raya Dunayevskaya, Chairman National Editorial Board

The fiendish assassination of President John F. Kennedy, on November 22, took place in the state of Texas, whose oil millions have supported every reactionary clique from the old China Lobby to the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and the present founder of the John Birch Society, Robert Welch. The murder was committed in the city of Dallas, which welcomed the infamous Minn. Nhu, and his Daily Worker’s Union. The real meaning of the assassination, which has remained true to one, and only tradition, that of the slavery.

The feeling that President Kennedy had become a martyr to the very cause for which President Lincoln had achieved martyrdom nearly 100 years ago, has pervaded a nation in mourning and grief. John Fitzgerald Kennedy had decreed that the fire year, 1963, as the centenary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the great measure with which Abraham Lincoln had achieved to the conduct of the American Civil War, the millions who thought the Union would be saved, had been pushed into the jaws of the South. The assassination was the result of a “soft coup.”

The assassin, Lee H. Oswald, was one who was connected somehow with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, that minute, suddenly, the crocodile tears from the Far Right for President Kennedy began to flow. Major General, Edwin Walker, who had, the week before, flown the American flag upside down as a distress signal, because the city of Dallas had apologized to Adlai Stevenson, and when he died, had announced that he would lead a demonstration against Kennedy, now spoke of his “grief.” He then boarded a plane for Germany to tell his “grief.” He then boarded a plane for Germany to tell his “grief.”

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Sees No Clash in His Ideals of Nationalism and Socialism

New York, N.Y.—Many people wonder, "How do you reconcile the fact of being a Judean nationalist and socialist at the same time? Is this not a contradiction?"

To me, there is no conflict between those two ideals. My nationalism is derived from the Jewish prophets and the Tanah, as are other teachings of justice.

A KIND OF NATIONALIST

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French Public Works Strike

Paris, Nov., 1963—For the first time since General de Gaulle has been in power, a strike by a million workers has walked off the job together. The strike has been of almost all the employees of the "public sector" of the economy—electric power, public transportation, mail, telegraphsm and more—starting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The strike was a demonstration of the anger and frustration of the working population, which has been supported by Socialist, Communist and other trade unions together. It took place in an atmosphere of general impatience with the Gaullist regime's attitude toward workers.

De Gaulle's so-called "socialization" has meant that wages have been "frozen" while prices have risen fantastically, despite a phenomenal increase in profits. As well, jobs are even harder to come by than before.

TOWARDS UNITY

This general strike, which stopped practically everything in the country for one day, was a massive demonstration of the workers' power and an attempt to show their "grandeur." It poses many problems for the workers, however—especially for the rank-and-file strikers—first of all, the problem of unity.

Seniority is based on classification only; a worker in one classification cannot be promoted to one in another classification, new classifications and interpretations, and management get agreement from the district strikers that they would have the right to select and train for the new jobs.

"FILL-IN MEN"

Here, the union agreed to another classification that the district also agreed to be "fill-in men."

Gap Between Leaders and Ranks

The Rank-and-File Leader, by Sidney Milkis, a sociologist and University Press Services, New Haven, Conn., 1966, 68. $.

The Rank-and-File Leader is an indispensable book for students of labor relations, human relations, and sociology, giving a fresh, realistic look at the world of working people and the problems that face them in industries today.

Starting with the simple observation that unions are the products of people, the book takes a critical look at labor unions in America today and asks what its members have accomplished, what their problems are, and how best to solve them. The author has interviewed labor leaders, rank-and-filers, and recently discharged workers in every industry in America, and the result is a book that is the best explanation of labor unions to be found, anywhere.

Miners Angered by Company Trick to Try-Bek Seniority

Scots Run, W. Va.—Men working in a coal mine owned by Consolidation Coal Co. are starting to blow their stack over a trick the mine management is trying to pull. What it boils down to is seniority management is trying to pass over many workers with long seniority, and not refuse hire Negroes, and train younger workers with less seniority instead of taking over machine operating jobs.

The seeds of this present conflict go back several years, during the period when the mine was making change from using conventional machines to Automation in the mines.

As the continuous miners came into the mines, and more men were laid off.

Because miners have never had a comprehensible seniority provision in the contract, management found a hole to tunnel through by keeping many of its hands in the mine. Seniority is based on classification only; a worker in one classification cannot be promoted to one in another classification, new classifications and interpretations, and management get agreement from the district strikers that they would have the right to select and train for the new jobs.

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This worker generally receives a raise of $1.50 a day, and is not likely to be displaced. If he is, he can develop neither physically nor emotionally, because he is not responsive, if not hostile, to the wishes of the workers and the company. A great many workers are not enough. It is a step in the right direction, but it is a step in the right direction, but it is still a step in the right direction. A great many workers are still not enough. It is a step in the right direction, but it is still a step in the right direction. A great many workers are still not enough. It is a step in the right direction, but it is still a step in the right direction. A great many workers are still not enough. It is a step in the right direction, but it is still a step in the right direction. A great many workers are still not enough. It is a step in the right direction, but it is still a step in the right direction. A great many workers are still not enough. It is a step in the right direction, but it is still a step in the right direction. A great many workers are still not enough. It is a step in the right direction, but it is still a step in the right direction. A great many workers are still not enough. It is a step in the right direction, but it is still a step in the right direction.
A TRAGIC ASSASSINATION AND A DANGEROUS AFTERMATH

The shock of the assassination put me out of commis sion for several days. The reporters all crowded the same as everywhere: the atmosphere was tense. I remembered that Kennedy was shot by the right wing.

Even while this seemed not so, Kennedy's death was an ugly and dangerous matter. The people in CORE and the civil rights movement were absolutely mediating in that conviction—albeit it was the Southern porters scoffed at. By now it has been so accepted that it is almost a cliche.

There is a definite fear here among the university students that a wave of anti-left hysteria will sweep the nation. So far there are no concrete signs of it, but the danger is far from over.

We feel the enormous gravity that the assassination has to Latin America. It will certainly give the extreme Right new life here.

Reader Latin America

After I finally realized that it wasn't just some terrible joke, that the President really was dead, I was struck by a terrible feeling of shamefulness that I had ever gotten involved. But I think it was the most because my own relatives were shot down. I felt so sure that it was a big lie, that only a Southern white man who had committed this terrible crime. As it turned out, it was not; a Southern white man actually did it—but my shame for the while South is not lessened one bit.

Salesman Detroit

What worries me the most is that nobody seems concerned with the Far East. Right anymore. And yet the Asian is the part of the real and terrible danger to this country.

UAW Worker Detroit

Killing seems to have become a Southern past-time. And despite all the hopes that the terrible death of the President himself would finally put an end to it, the fear this is far from the end—already beginning, I consider it part of the direct aftermath. I think that a SNCC SCCC worker's house was riddled by bullets this week, and a bomb thrown into another SNCC worker's home.

Professional Detroit

I think the instant I heard about the assassination I started to worry whether they would try to pin it on a Negro or on a Southern white. I am trying hard to be objective because I know it's going to have by now accumulated—but it is almost impossible for me. Once you have spent any time in the South, and especially once you have spent any time in a South-
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of the limited Nuclear Test Ban 

DALLAS, THE CITY OF BLACK GOLD AND \n
Meanwhile, the police force of 3,000 in Dallas, the city of black gold and white hate where the President was killed, and the Negroes spent a cool million dollars a day, was putting on display, for the nation a sight to make it shudder and scream. It was, in the end, an ultimate in incompetence, if not outright criminal negligence.

1) In less than 48 hours after the assassination of the President, Lee Harvey Oswald, was himself murdered. This took place in numerous locations in the downtown area of the city where thousands of millions of dollars in worth of business were being conducted. Though the police had been on the alert, not once but "twice," and none but the police knew of the danger, none but the police were present at the shooting. It was a murder, they said, in front of the Dallas Courthouse. Oswald dead now, and therefore other members of his family are still in jail wondering why they were so quick to be arrested. They were, however, all in the immediate area of the Courthouse. The police had been responsible.

2) In Dallas, as in all other jurisdictions, it was impossible to get a public person so long as they have any wealth and power. Those who own, control or have any influence in the local community, are often the ones who commit the most deplorable acts.

3) In Dallas, as in all other jurisdictions, there is a limited idea of what constitutes freedom. Freedom in Dallas means that no one can be arrested without a warrant, and that no one can be questioned or searched without a warrant. Moreover, the police have a tendency to act as if they are the law enforcement officers of the city, and not the protectors of the citizens. They are often the ones who commit the most reprehensible acts.

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The Hungarian Revolution

By Eugene Walker

The seventh anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution was marked with much acknowledgment and national pride. In the press. Yet the October and November of 1956 demand a great deal of thought to unite with the practices and the Hungarian Freedom Fighters, workers and youth.

I would like to compare this period with the period of the Hungarian Revolutions. For it was out of these and other working class struggles that Marx's formulated and tested. The matching in theory by the intellectuals of this period may be a vacuum. It must be based on a theory as well as for practice.

Before returning their verdict, the jury of seven women and five men listened first to the security guard's testi­mony, described how the demonstration started. A fifteen-year-old, pre-law student, was accused of "tugging at the arm" of the guard and his hair. The jury then heard the testimony from two eye-witnesses, Mrs. Ger­ald Kayton said she saw the police run into the crowd.

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Mother of Evicted Family

Questions Justice of System

California—About the
eighty children I received for support of
my three children was discontinued. Their
father must have tired of
the children and left home and
up and ran off again. After much letter-writing, I
found out he had left the area— leaving no forwarding
address. This made it impossible for
me to pay the rent to the County
House. I was forced to
get down on my hands and
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The President's Assassination and the Urgent Need for Freedom NOW

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The Assassination

The unfortunate death of President John F. Kennedy has brought grief to millions throughout the world. As members of the veteran editorial staff of the left, we are responsible for his acts. There is no doubt that this madman owed loyalty to no one person, that his acts were collective in character. There is no question that his acts were in the interests of the common people who faced and fought ruthlessly if with agility, the enemies that we named—enemies that are, the revolutionary forces of the world. This is no accident.

The urgent need of the moment is to communicate these forces throughout the world. This is the road ahead.

The Life and Times

By PETER MALLORY

JAPAN

The Nov. 21 general elections in Japan show that the Liberal-Democratic Party—led by the Premier of Hayato Ikeda, lost 7 seats to the opposition Social Democratic Party, which has the backing of the four-million-member Japanese Trade Unions, won 144 seats, and the Socialists won 108. The Democratic Socialists won 23 seats, six of them from the Communists who have been working with them.

The issues in the election were largely domestic, and, with the Socialist vote, the result is a Liberal Democratic Party, as the result of any better conditions, the result is to the political situation largely unchanged.

CAMBODIA

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the ruler of Cambodia, recently broke precedent and refused to accept any further military or economic aid from the United States. This is the first step in giving Cambodia as a royal Prince Sihanouk's support for a seat as any great exponent of democracy, and he might even take this as an opportunity to try to overthrow him. The French government, which can "benevolence" to the arms of dictator DeGaulle, whose government has succeeded in its domination by the unification of the French people, with the Communists has little in common with either Marxists or Socialists, and he has no one people so earnestly seek.

JOELESS RETRAINING

Some have been admitted that the new jobless retraining program is not the sort of thing that it was set up to do. The Department of Labor figures, which are being re-trained must first show that they will "be fully capable of getting a better place of work than that which was found under an old bill, where the core of the labor force is not unemployed,

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The youth, older workers, Negroes and handicapped people were found to be the group that the group was more a vehicle of political impoverishment than one of loyal and legitimate opposition.

VENEZUELA

The activities of the political groups of the A.V.N. in trying to prevent a free election in Venezuela, have raised revolution among those throughout the world who desire peace.

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