Who says this is civilized?

Some workers were discussing the situation—the crisis in this country today, as well as the crisis in the world. Naturally, the big question was the war in Vietnam, but just as important to those workers was the Biafra War that has killed over a million black people. The deaths are mainly from starvation, and most of the children are small children. It has been reported that the death toll there is higher than all the deaths among all the soldiers from every country during World War II.

A worker said, "Man, when I think about all the inhuman things that are being done to the poor and oppressed people all over the world, I wonder who invented the phrase about civilized Christian democracy. How can a society that is all that "civilized" stand idly by and see millions of young children die from starvation?" Everyone stopped and stared for a while. Then one worker said, "It is because they are all black. Remember after World War II, when the European countries were pretty bad off financially, and needed help? Every hour on the radio they were yelling for people to send a donation or a Care package, and that went on for four or five years. They asked people to worry about those children dying from starvation."

The capitalists didn't really care about the starving children of Europe, either, of course. They had their own reasons for building up Europe. They were just getting ready for the next war.

BRUTALITY IN VIETNAM

The workers spoke again. "I spent two years in Vietnam, and I learned a lot after I got there. Someone mentioned poverty—there's nothing worse that happens in this world anywhere if I hope I've never see it. I worked on TV where some of the wives of these captured airmen, and the older Hand wanted to know how their husbands have been treated and what kind of care they are receiv­ ing. You never hear of anyone asking about the treat­ ment of captured Viet Cong or North Vietnamese regulars. Many are killed upon being captured, and parts of their bodies are cut off and used as souvenirs. The only ones that have half a chance are those who are willing to talk to the agent orange before they are killed by the U.S. Army." There is plenty of brutality on both sides.

A BRAINWASHED SOCIETY

A third worker said, "I was thinking how this white society has brainwashed us all these years, and always seems to come up with a puppet. When the late Dr. King was killed, there was a huge outpouring of every segment of society far outweighed the rhetoric of the speakers. Even the liberal orators said far more than they have before. Senator McCarthy, the outspoken middle class opponent of the war, never went as far in his cam­ paign as he did when he said that it would be a good idea if President Nixon were to preside over the defeat of the American forces in Vietnam. Senator Mo­ wers departed from his text to call President Thieu one of the worst rulers the world has ever seen. Both he and Senator Kennedy emphasized that talk of "demo­ cracy" in South Vietnam was sheer hypocrisy unless Thieu-Ky was replaced by a coalition government.

Neary Conaway, world famous critic, called the demonstrations the most significant expression of public opinion since the Abolitionist Movement. The CRISES IN CAPITALISM

The complete documentation of the ruling class was clearly visible when thousands gathered at the heart of American capitalism, Wall Street, where Bill Moyers, former spokesman for the Johnson administration, told them that it is high time that "all Americans" realized that the Vietnam war must be ended. This was not a change of mind on the part of one individual. This was a reflection of the fragmentation of the ruling class, a fact that had been considered by...
Montreal riots against anti-labor government

Montreal, Canada. The riot last month in Montreal showed all of Canada just how close to becoming a reality of the people of Quebec.

When the Police Brotherhood met exploding into a spontaneous strike, Montreal was left without a police force. Two centers of violence soon materialized — one organism, the other spontaneous, unorganized, and chaotic.

"SHOPPING SPREE"

The Montreal bourgeoisie were receiving their economic war with Murray-Hill Locomotive Service, which has monopoly rights at Montreal International Airport.

The. Montreal rioters, of course, saw large crowds surging down the main shopping streets, breaking windows in thousands of stores, and occupying the shops and department stores. The political aspect of this "shopping spree" could be seen in the fact that Morgans, Eatons, and Simpson's department stores were looted, but Dupuis government has shown itself far more difficult at coordinating the activities in the shop. University students also came to these assemblies to help in the struggle. The Stalinitic union, in an attempt to channel the workers' movement, called for a general strike against Montreal.

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Winchester Arms aims to crush workers and union

(Workers at the Winchester Arms factory in New Haven have been out on strike since July 16. They are living on a pittance from the union pension fund, together from welfare, food stamps and outside jobs. Winchester strategy is directed toward smashing and rolling back unionism. Obviously, both the local press and politicians have paid almost no attention to the strike. The company is going to cut down on sporting arms. I understand they are going to lay off something like 275 people before the strike is over. I feel that this is one of the reasons the company is doing it."

New Haven, Conn. — We are not going to get much of a raise out of what the company is offering, and this is one of the key issues that's holding everything up. If you ask the union, you still get nothing. If you ask the company, you still get nothing. They are going to take it all away and you've got to start all over again.

After the first week, the union told us what the company wanted to do, and we voted three to one to strike. We're going to fight for our vacation pay and we can't get it until the strike is over.

Anti-War Film Raises Fund

Over $100 was raised to support the Winchester strike fund. The film was shown during the Oct. 15 Moratorium at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. An effort to link local strikes with international efforts to end war.

People object, saying it's against American values. The movie is covered by a black and unemployed, with a family to feed.

Los Angeles, Cal. — People are quitting the plant because they feel that the speed-up is the reason we are facing on the line.

-- The company is running 46 hours a week with the maintenance department running 72 hours a week.

The men retire or quit and no one replaces them. One team has been out of the older plate job, but the quota is the same. The number of men in the inspection department is down.

Although the management on the job, different workers face intensified speed-up when the company does not run a balanced model flow. We produce a lot of models for a lot of cars on one model.

Management works on one model and then changes to another model. But when only Pontiacs come in instead of a mix, men who work on Pontiacs have a bell of a time keeping up.

Women have been hired recently and some have been laid off. They are in trouble just quitting the job and the men. It seems like the company wants to sweat them out of the plant. The company has to get some new bodies to sweat more production out.

The union has been doing nothing about the speed-up. Grievances just pile up and are thrown out at each inspection department is down.

This is the first time we have had so much turn-over in the plant, and it is happening when jobs are not easy to come by.

—Worker, shift change watch

Fleetwood

Detroit, Mich. — There is a rundown going around the plant that Department 10, cut and sew — convertible tops, seats and so on — is being hit very hard. The speed-up is the main reason, but the morale is very strong. The company tells you nothing. If you ask the union, you still get nothing.

People are wondering what to do. Some workers have asked the union to step up the work and they are quite upset. They don't feel that the department should be allowed to move like that and just roll along.

There are about 1,500 workers in this department. Management doesn't know what to do. They might be out of work and trying to find a job when the work is going to go. We don't know our future. I bought a house here; I can't just pick up and move to Ohio.

WORKERS ARE LAST TO KNOW

One of the rumors is that people with five years or more seniority will be placed here. Some of them are being transferred to Livonia, some to Trenton. Those with less than five years are being laid off.

They have some high-tech in the plant this other day, checking arm rest. They said they might start moving this job in the very near future. The company won't say anything about when or where.

The way I see it the union is becoming weaker by the year. Since I've been at Fleetwood, I've seen it go downhill. The company just runs all over you and the union is nowhere to be found.

The main thing that gets me angry is that we are always the last to know about anything, even though we are the people most affected. When is the company going to have the union give us the facts before things start going wrong in the plant? All we can do is guess about what is going to happen.

Let's call a halt to Automation and long layoffs. We need to stop the plant and get the company to sit down and talk things over.

—Worker, shift change watch

Ford Rouge

Detroit, Mich. — There has been a lot of talk about layoffs at Rouge. It is said that there will be 13,000 jobs eliminated from the Rouge complex in the near future. Jobs are being moved out to Woodhaven and other Ford plants.

The $13,000 to be laid off are all soldiers, and have been off for 25 to 28 days. Before Labor Day they sent them a "five-day notice to respond." That means that when the company offers to move the work of the 10th it may get moved in the neighborhood of a plant, or a department. The company offers to move even if the department is losing money. It means workers who want to stay in the Rouge complex views the war as coming to an end.

We committed suicide here. We didn't fight the war, we just worked on it. The company offered five percent the first year, four percent the second, and three percent the third year. In effect, a pay cut with the prestige rate of inflation.

There are a lot of ways the company is trying to divide workers. The old are divided from the young by skill. They lay off unskilled workers. Since skilled workers in the UAW have veto power over union contracts, this company can keep them out of work. They lay off women with little seniority. These workers have 16 or more years seniority in the plant. How can this happen when there are men working with six years seniority? The company is doing it because they have a lot of what they call "unskilled" workers. They don't care about the workers. The company is doing it because they have a lot of what they call "unskilled" workers. They don't care about the workers.

The company gets its answer to the grievance which is false to the union. The company can only agree to what they want.

The company's general line is that they should be represented by the men. They have no right to be represented. Why should we get representation on the basis of how many are represented? It means that if there are 16 people, they can start with new help and try to get more work out of them. The company is decentralizing in this manner, and starting in new areas, is so easy to come by. —Worker, shift change watch

Fighting Won't End

Workers know this is the beginning of a fight that will go on until the last thing is moved from Highland Park to the Toledo Machine Plant. The phase-out gets rid of the men of the war, then the Young and injured, and then the older, more senior people. They are like the young workers, who would like to get settled somewhere else, but Chrysler refuses to pay them.

They play it both ways. They lay off men with seniority and keep men who know little about the war and those who are employed until there are no more men who have more seniority. Some should be given what's going on to make maximum production cut. They are paying more than they had in the army.

We suffered badly from Automation and long layoffs under the Eisenhower Administration, which was a war. Chrysler apparently feels quite safe in killing the Chrysler workers in the posts now. We've got to organize and fight, or we'll be laid off just like the war workers were. There is money that the workers make for them to begin at once.

Norriss Thornburg tries scrapping union contract

Los Angeles, Cal. — At Norris Thornburg we have a new boss. Bob Thamm is the new man in charge. When negotiations opened, instead of negotiat­ ing from the present contract, the company pro­ ced to cut a new contract. And to them, that meant actual pay cuts and production changes.

The only thing is that they should have total control over production. Control means the right to work skilled workers five days a week. We offered five percent the first year, four percent the second and three percent the third year. In effect, a pay cut with the prestige rate of inflation.

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The one guy had 31 years seniority. He was off on a 30-day vacation, and had been off for 25 to 28 days. Before Labor Day they sent him a "five-day notice to respond." That means that the company offers to move the work of the 10th it may get moved in the neighborhood of a plant, or a department. The reason Ford is decentralizing in this manner, and starting in new areas, is so easy to come by. —Worker, shift change watch

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By John Allison

Management of the Highland Park plant vio­ lated the contract when Chrysler Corporation laid off 16 female employees out of line of sen­ iority. Most of them were black, and they were laid off to make room for younger workers in the plant. How can this happen when there are men working with six years seniority? The company is doing it because they have a lot of what they call "unskilled" workers. They are paying more than they had in the army.

We sold them out. They went to Washington to negotiate a new contract. It is said that there will be 13,000 jobs eliminated from the Rouge complex in the near future. Jobs are being moved out to Woodhaven and other Ford plants.

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The audiences were much more willing to discuss social change than Dr. King's original experience. When a few "radical" thoughts were uttered, they were well received.

Here in L. A., there was some black participation, but nothing like that of the Watts demonstration. The demonstration was one of the most peaceful in neighborhoods, of course, so nobody knows what would have happened if one had been held in Watts.

Protesting Los Angeles

Nixon, said, after his election, that workers "must continue to fight."
The miners' wives, which were the subject of a pageant article. It is beyond me how they should be given over twice the articles that dealt with concrete action by women: the miners' struggle. Many seem incapable of understanding what has happened in the U.S., and so the miners must continue to fight all their enemies effectively to build a people traumatized by the tragedy lies in what happens in their daily life.

The Root of Mankind is Man, People, and Intellectuals.

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California schools in turmoil

Fight for L.A. teacher

Los Angeles, Cal. — Students and adults, mainly Chicano, rallied on Monday, Oct. 6, at the Old Plaza off Olvera Street in the oldest part of Los Angeles, and then marched to the Los Angeles Board of Education, only a few blocks away, to demand that teacher Sal Castro be returned to Lincoln High.

Rather than openly fire this teacher who helped organize the Brown Berets and has supported the Chicano movement, the Board of Education decided to "transfer" him to his own building where he would be inaccessible to the students. Their action, of course, fooled no one.

HUNDREDS PARTICIPATE

The Board of Education was still in session when we arrived. At least a few hundred people had participated in the march from Olvera St., and many people were already there when we reached the plaza.

There were speakers and a Mariachi band, slogans in English and Spanish, and a rally looking like a handstamping and fist raising. Meanwhile, many people were trying to get into the Board meeting to protest the action. Margaret Wright, head of the Black Board of Education and one of the leading women's liberation radicals in the city, was stopped by the police and was told to come back later.

As we were marching we were talking to the Board to keep them from adjourning before we got there. She said she was glad to see how united the community was.

The original demonstrators weren't as enthusiastic about the spectacle. Many people then left the plaza, either to sit in on the Board session or to go home.

By Bernard Wendell

6000 teachers march

Los Angeles, Calif. — Instead of going to our classes at 8:00 a.m., students at the University of California, headed by Ronald Reagan, were in the process of firing her because she is a member of the Communist Party.

The Department of Philosophy which had hired her proceeded to assign teaching duties — a lecture course on Hegel's writings on Lordship and Bondage were related to Douglass' on himself as slave and his master. The Regents have backed down to allow her to teach.

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Angela Davis vs. Regents

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The speaker was Angela Davis, a young black woman philosophy instructor. The Regents of the University of California, headed by Ronald Reagan, were in the process of firing her because she is a member of the Communist Party. The Department of Philosophy which had hired her proceeded to assign teaching duties — a lecture course on Hegel's writings on Lordship and Bondage were related to Douglass' on himself as slave and his master.

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It's either new society or Naugahyde arm chair

By Chris Norvell

It used to be that a student, with the help of parents, teachers, news media, laws, etc., went to school for 12 years, and then got a job. But now, for a few more to "make something of himself" and "be better than what he grew up as." Those people who are "lost" may go deep into drop-outs or "hoods" or "fols" or other such terms.

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Detroit, Mich.—The factory I work in makes small parts for the big auto companies. The majority of the workers are women. There is no union and conditions are terrible. The only power we have is that we are women, but the women are doing much harder work. The guys drive around in little fork-lift trucks moving huge boxes—same boxes that we have to push around ourselves. We only get a five-minute break after working for five minutes, and the other half is a five-minute break in the afternoon. If you get behind, you're supposed to work an extra 30 minutes, and if you don't you get a half hour of lunch and time before lunch or quitting time.

CHARLESTON'S BLACK WORKING WOMEN

The appropriation of human actuality, its relation to the object, the appropriation of it. They kind of enjoy the fact that the foreman would say that this idea of communal women expresses the secret of the relationship of man to woman, and in this way, the direct, natural relationship between the sexes. The direct natural necessary relationship of women for their own liberation. It tells us first that women are not a class, and naturally there are going to be distortions in the various voices that arise from the movement. We look at it, etc.—in short, use it . . .

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New York, N.Y.—Women all over this country and the world are male chauvinists. We have access to all the guides and teachers that come from the male society because we've been taught it. We're kidded about our oppression.

There is a lot of feeling on the part of women that the question of women's liberation is not important, and must take the back seat to other people's liberation. Many people, women and men, would admit that women are a subject, but not a force for change, that women are a Subjekt. We see that women are the active state only by working for other people's liberation, in another movement, and that maybe somewhere, somehow, some men will get up and say, "What about women's liberation?" But women are half of the world's population. We have fought and worked for our liberation for years, but that's not the only voice of women's liberation, but that's not the only voice. This voice is new on the scene, but there are other voices that are not new at all, that very few people have spoken about, and have called themselves Welfare Rights Organizations, and believe me, this Spring in New York, when some of us got together and took into our hands the struggle of the people who work, and walked down Fifth Avenue and got their work. They kind of enjoy the fact that the foreman pays attention to them.

There is no union, or even a grievance committee, it's their policy to keep all the workers in line by the hour or by the piece. I was hired in at a hourly rate of $2.75 an hour, and they were trying to get a copy, but they wouldn't allow them out of the office. They said they had no other copies.

NO 'WORKERS' RIGHTS'

When I went in to apply for this job, they had three separate sections: the men, the women and the young people. Women were paid a lot less than men. It's a rather common thing, but I didn't know about it, and I'm proud of it. I'm a worker and I'm proud of it.

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Marx on women: excerpts from 'Private Property and Communism'

"Private property has made us so stupid and one-sided that any kind of object is ours only when we have it in our hands, and when we have it in our hands, we possess it directly—eat it, drink it, wear it, live in it, etc.—in short, use it.

"The relation of private property remains the relation of the community to the world of things. Finally, the appropriation of material things, such as land and buildings and the like, is a form of exclusive private property is counterposed to having women in common. Hence the woman becomes emancipated and common property. We might say that this idea of communal women expresses the secret of this quite vulgar and unthinking communism.

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Europeansildcats—dustmen, metal and shipyard workers

In Europe the wildcats are everywhere. Dustmen in London are demanding higher wages in West Germany, metal workers in Turin, Italy—all were out during the past month. To them could be added tens and hundreds of thousands of workers and the million workers went out in Italy.

The wildcat (or, as it is called in the trade) which began in a few of London's boroughs, soon spread to almost all of London. The collectors were asking fora raise in wages of from 8d to 6s per week. It was a protest by other low-paid manual workers—ceasepool emptiers, grave diggers, lavatory attendants, road sweepers, park keepers and welfare service drivers in certain areas of the city.

The action taken by the dustmen was neither generated nor recognized by the unions. The unions in fact were negotiating with the city authorities for the largest sum of 8s. 6d per week. This is the dustmen's contribution to the second strike in London.

In West Germany "labor discipline" is supposed to be the way of life for the German worker. But the workers in West Germany are beginning to demand that definition of themselves. An estimated 70,000 workers have participated in several major wildcat strikes in the past month.

In Italy, workers in almost all industries are in movement. Some 50,000 metal workers marched in the center of Milan. Wildcats, spontaneous stoppages, were everywhere.

In Milan, 10,000 workers protested the closing of the Pilastro plant, a metal works plant. The plant was closed as part of a campaign by major firms to combat wildcat strikes. The plant had been shut for four hours by a strike to back demands for pay raises, equal rights for women and labor union rights. After the march, Pirelli agreed to reopen.

In Napol, 3,000 steel workers blocked morning rail and highway traffic. The wildcats would have made a second strike within a week. Restaurant and bar assistants throughout the country walked out.

In Italy too, the workers found the union and management lines up together against the workers. In one case the workers chose to sit-in on their shift and no work could be done on the next shift. The union leaders then blackballed the workers from the job. The workers forced sufficient pressure to prevent this.

The full wildcats throughout Europe indicate that workers are fighting for their human rights and a better movement is still very much alive. The working men and women of Europe have not had their final word.

Freedom Notes

Japan—Thousands of leftist students demonstrated throughout Japan to protest the Vietnam war, the Japan-U.S. security treaty and Prime Minister Eisaku Sato's forthcoming visit to the United States. The demonstrations were not more "militant" forget the fact that the students are fighting for their human rights within the military.

Puerto Rico—Pro-independence students at the University of Puerto Rico burned the school's ROTC building. The burning followed the sentencing of a student, Edwin Feliciano Graful, to one year in prison for possession of dynamite and weapons.

Nigeria—Yoruba farmers in the Western region of Nigeria broke into the Ibadan prison to free petty prisoners held there. The prisoners were fighting for their human rights within the military. The prisoners joined the thousands of students already there to avoid the draft. Sweden has conscripted A.W.O.L. soldiers who have sought refuge from war.

Sweden—The underground workers are being published by G.I.s, here and abroad, expressing their opposition to the war. The G.I. Press Service, a clearing house service publishing in the G.I.s, reports a complete list of 46 such publications. They are full of stories of struggles between the military and the G.I.s who are fighting for their human rights within the military system, but their hopes for change depend, not on the system, but on the masses oppressed by it.

WHAT NEXT?

The demonstrations of Oct. 15 are but the beginning of five days of anti-war and anti-establishment demonstrations. Let us join the historic marchers in the March on Washington. The march will be in Washington Nov. 15 for two days, followed by another one in New York Dec. 15. The opposition will be still until the war has come to an end.

The objective nature of the anti-war opposition and the determination of the opposition to fight for their human rights will be shown in the peaceful and well disciplined march of the anti-war protesters. This is now a fact. The opposition is not the "radical fringe." It is trying to present as a "peace program," assures both the continuity Had growth of the anti-war opposition as well as the objective nature of the anti-war opposition.

It is not the "liberal" nature of the Vietnam Moratorium that is the cause of the opposition to the war. The anti-war movement is developing. It is NOT the failure of revolution theory to meet the challenge of the outpouring from below and not merely criticizes the one from above. The revolutionary opposition to U.S. Imperialism can unfold such a Marxist-Humanist form of liberation, there will be no holding back the forces tearing up capitalism by its roots.