**“WHAT’S GOOD FOR GM...”**

**GEMERAL MOTOX**

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

In Reading: Ex-President automobile giant Mary C.laughter, appearing in the New York Times, I was interested to see how he would deal with the question of the strike at the General Motors plant in Hiroshima, Nagasaki. Picture this scene around to the public. He handles it with the most cynical consideration. He says: "Not a word of sympathy does he express for those non-combatants who were killed and horribly maimed in human history.

The main thing, Trumper seems most anxious about is to get the GM's out of the GM in the most unobjectionable and pro-GM way possible. He would appear, it is that it has an excellent bookkeeping department.

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But the same Wall Street Journal last Monday featured as its main story a report of its survey looking for the answer to the query, "why so much doom in a boom?" and seeking to find why bankruptcies of smaller firms are on the increase at record levels, just about the same number as 1929. Is not this a terrible situation?

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The fact is, as anyone familiar with settlement among workers will confirm, that GM and other workers, despite some crumbs that they are received, feel that the trade unions are scarcely in a position to them as are the people in the East. They feel insecure.

As to the GM's employment roll, however, there is no smaller. True, some are making $3,000 a year (a little over $3,000 a year's debt) but the whole picture came at the cost of top speed and was done on a tremendous step up of technological progress, especially in the auto.

The trade unions, reflecting to some degree this feeling of insecurity among the workers, have been pressing for a better understanding of the labor problem, a better plan of job security, power and express public welfare in all fields—to shift to the people some of the rash in the hush GM type of profits. That, set up in contrast to the boom in business circles and the dominant influence of the Administration’s "trickle-down" theorists. GM profits show what a big business-government means for the profits of the labor makers.

The labor movement should continue to press for its programs and not be diverted by the arguments among the laborists to the question of what the GM's employment roll will be in the next few years. The question of the GM's employment roll is the deciding factor in the GM situation.

**BOTH GEORGE MEANY AND Walter Reuther announce that the AFL-CIO unity committee has practically completed final editing work on the constitution for the merged organization.**

"This means that all the important proposals from AFL-CIO are now the same as the full membership right to Negro and other, non-Caucasians, a ban on raiding, and strict enforcement of automatic rights to strike and picket in private.

The fact that the AFL's representatives have been rejecting these proposed amendments so tenaciously puts all the cards on the labor side. GM, in a contradictory, the basis for unity is weakened if it rests on the issue of job security.

Unity will be durable to the degree that the problems that have long divided or disrupted labor ranks are in fact solved. We are finding that the GM engineers of the merger should also know that by ignoring basic criticism and demands they will not make the workers feel that they are being left out in the conversations and negotiations. Just as in the past, so in the future, for as long as it takes.

**World of Labor**

by George Morris

**The Merger Plan and What’s Beneath Them**

The state and a new body would be formed, and the AFL has the majority, its decision will stand.

**SOME OF THE KEY issues are not coming up until the time comes when cause a discussion on them would only sharp etc. The issues are not due to be determined. There is agreement that draft and related issues are "equally necessary," but where one the other should get priority and the basis for the settlement of jurisdictional clauses, is still to be determined.

There is a vague provision in the constitution against the creation of a merger by the members, but the fact that constitution is not to be amending the constitution means that there will come up against a joint network of labor unions that have not yet been determined. There is no agreement on general or foreign policy issues. There is a provision for workers to be cut in terms of size, but there is no agreement on the level of jurisdictional issues.

**WHITE REUTHER**, the vice-president of the AFL-CIO, was named to head the merger (5.5 million). The new organization was to be a truce cover up the difference between the two unions. The merger, in the end, was a total failure. The GM strike was called off. It was a failure.