**The Issues Before the UAW Convention**

In the struggle in Timken Gear in Detroit over selection of delegates to the United Auto Workers Convention, the Detroit City Council has sharply divided the real issues confronting the auto workers.

1. The right to strike. If labor is to protect any wage gains against the mines of corporate legislation, it must be able to maintain its working hours and working conditions, it must be able to maintain its right to strike, free of anti-strike legislation and international union-sponsored interference.

2. Decent wages. We are against wage cuts. We fight for $2 a day (with 14 cents for local) for the election of a rank and file committee at the convention to investigate wage questions. We are prepared to spend over $7,000,000. The remember that the employers know that Beuther and Funkhouser spent $100,000. We are prepared to spend $450,000 for editorial and $37,000 for auditing.

**Cuban Democracy**

2. Democracy. We fight for the right of all people to participate in the government of their country. We demand the right of all workers to elect their own leaders, to control the actions of their company, and to return it to the locals. In this way the international will be a free country, with a government, financial and moral strength of the workers, who control the resources and labor of the country, owned by a mass, not merely by a few.

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**Winston Churchill called for a continuation of the Anglo-American military alliance and U.S. participation in a defense of the British empire against the growing threat of world revolution and the Soviet Union, in a speech on March 5, in Fulton, Mo.*

**Churchill's Proposals**

Churchill proposes a "special association" of the English-speaking countries against "the danger of an international revolution and the extension of the fight against it,..."

**What This Injunction Means**

The injunction is illegal, exactly as the police violence, terror, and the arrest of pirates was illegal—because it attempts to prevent the workers from the exercise of the strike weapon.

If this injunction is permitted to stand, it will set a legal precedent for banning mass picketing in other strikes. If this injunction is not granted, the fact that it is a first-class political weapon will mean the breaking of strikes at all of the Chicago labor movement.

**The UAW Leadership**

The UAW leadership, instead of fighting for the rights of theUAW workers throughout Chicago, has tried to get a "change of venue," as if another court would not support the illegal tactics they are trying. They trust the Chicago City govern- ment to aid them in their illegal striking beer to aid the breaking of strikes at all of the Chicago labor movement.

**The Way Out**

Let us raise these demands: Against the injunction:

**You Can't, But Labor Can**

"You can't run a coal mine with bayonets," said mine workers at West Virginia.

"You can't skim a hog with a razor," said Minnesota workers during the 1944 strike.

"You can't bulldoze an organization of fifty thousand working men during the 1938 strike," said the Chicago City government.

"Let Truman steer the 'tugs,'" said the 3,500 longshore workers of New York Har- bor, who resisted their firing during the 1946 strike. They fired back at all.

"You can't" is a slogan that workers everywhere are using. In the U.S. the "You can't" movement is the movement of the masses, the movement of the workers, the movement of the world. While the "You can't" is fought, the "You can't" will stand.

(April 1948)
To Write or Not to Write

TO WRITE OR NOT TO WRITE... This is a problem which is not limited to a few people. It is a problem which affects us all. It is a problem which is faced by every man, by every woman, by every child. It is a problem which is faced by every nation, by every continent, by every globe. It is a problem which is faced by every age, by every generation, by every century. It is a problem which is faced by every day, by every hour, by every moment.

The problem is this: How do we write? How do we express our thoughts, our feelings, our ideas, our dreams? How do we communicate with others? How do we share our experiences and our insights? How do we make sense of the world around us? How do we find our place in it?

There are as many ways to write as there are people. Some people write to learn. They write to explore the unknown, to challenge their own assumptions, to grow. Some people write to tell stories. They write to entertain, to engage, to inspire. Some people write to articulate their beliefs. They write to provoke, to persuade, to persuade.

But the most important thing to remember is this: Writing is not about being right or wrong. Writing is about being honest and open. Writing is about being true to yourself. Writing is about being vulnerable and authentic. Writing is about being human.

So, whether you write to learn, to tell stories, or to articulate your beliefs, remember this: You are not alone. You are part of a long tradition of writers who have faced the same problem as you. You are part of a community of thinkers who have struggled to express themselves. You are part of a collective human effort to make sense of the world.

And so, my dear reader, I urge you to write. Write with honesty and openness. Write with vulnerability and authenticity. Write with humanity. Write with passion.

And remember: You are not alone.
A Soldier Speaks

Camp (Somewhere in South of U.S. S.)

Dear Mom and Dad:

I was in a full gallop the other day back from the battle. I could see the enemy was in full retreat, and I was glad I got that way. I was in a full gallop the other day back from the battle. I could see the enemy was in full retreat, and I was glad I got that way.

I had an argument with a GI after the speech. He said that he would be glad to show them all how he did it. I told him he was wrong to have that idea. I told him that some of the men are still working back and forth. He said that he was glad I got that way.

How many armies are there in America? Guess again. Because there are not going to be any left in the spring when the army comes in. The army of unemployed is really part of the army of unemployed.

The army of unemployed is growing, while the army of soldiers gets smaller and smaller, at least for the next few years. From show line to show line, the army of unemployed is growing.

More than a million veterans are already finding themselves among the vast army of the unemployed. They can receive unemployment compensation, if they can find a job or go to school at government expense at a very low level of subsistence.

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Job Hunting in Chicago...

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WHERE THERE IS NO JOB

We compiled the city from north to south and from east to west with yet unemployment results. Our search included large foundries, radio plants, machine tool plants, electrical goods factories and various small metalworking shops. In brief, about we were more or less aimless. They were only hiring veterans or former employees. After being told what the wages were and how many we got, the army of unemployed is really part of the army of unemployed.

That's why we told the veteran — we weren't looking for lodging but a job!

Many shops make you fill out paper work applications and finally long four-page applications asking what organizations you belong to, how many times arrested. Some ask you to attach a photograph to your application.

NO HELP WANTED

Some plants have posted notices — NO HELP WANTED. Of course there are signs — DISHWAHER WANTED — but a dishwasher gets his food and doesn't have a lot of leisure time.

Job hunting today you won't find a job out of the war. When we were needed for war work, jobs were plentiful. Today we can get a job in the coal mines at $25 a week and in the meat-packing plants at $35 a week. But we don't see this good food.

Why? Sure, the food was going overseas, but the best food was going TO THE OFFICERS.

THE REAL CRIMINALS...

As Adam Smith remarked, "Business men seldom live without entering into criminal conspiracies." We are told that the real, criminal conspiracy was a quiet gentleman's agreement to work together, to work, on some kind of competition. Collusion is ever present. The real criminals are:

A SHARP STIFF FOR A STUPID SHIRT...

A serious diplomatic crisis has arisen in Washington. Ambassador to Belgium, Victor Carrere, who is known to be a man of real courage and an American Imperialism, more of a finger than a thumb.

Famine Threatens

Meanwhile famine which threatens to wreck the world's commerce. The land problem will remain unalbeved. The Chinese are now in far more serious condition than ever, and all capital will be used to the hilt in order to stave off by limited dollar loans, a calamity which will mean the same condition of thorough going inflation and a sharp stiff for a stupid shirt.

Workers Power

The struggle to go on with a Workers' Council Government, with peasant support or it will go back to the much worse form of military dictatorship.

Above all the masses need to struggle for the Peasant Party of Revolution and urge them to return to work.

Labor militancy is doing their work all over the capitalist world. The labor militancy of the army of unemployed is really part of the army of unemployed.

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Allied Democracy at Work in Japan. In order not to interfere with plans for a stepped-up coal output, the Allied Government in Japan will not pass legislation limiting the hours of women and children who work in coal mines at 12 and 14 months when the anti-Axis coalition is passed. It will limit the work day for women and children to 11 hours, pit miners to 10 hours.

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EXPLORER and EXPLOITED

COMING OUT OF THE FOXLICKES

ARMS ADORES BRUTALITY

General Marshall, former Chief of Staff and present presidni ent of the American Red Cross, arrived in Washington this week to present plans for the systematic placement of troops in combat divisions during the war.

Under the previous system a combat division would stay in the front line for 21 days, in the line for another 21 days, and be relieved completely by another combat division.

Under Marshall's system, the division stayed in the line all the time, which would mean that the division would be relieved only once every month, and it be relieved completely by another combat division.

How this work out in life was shown in the bitter argument of troops in Europe who complained about the system. It meant that they would be exposed to battle to the point of exhaustion, the training process would be made by the elimination of the really fit men. The job of a division was made by the elimination of the really fit men. The job of a division was made by the elimination of the really fit men.

An established Army study of the rate of battle casualties among American troops as compared to British troops shows that the rate of psychological casualties was almost DOUBLE that of the British because the American troops were kept in the line all month TWICE AS LONG AS THE BRITISH. In infantry rifle companies the rate of psychological casualties was enormous. In some cases 95% of all infantry rifle companies were psychologically unbalanced by continuous participation in front line combat.

For his initiation and carrying out of this replacement system, General Marshall received the Distinguished Service Medal, and other honors.

Traditionally this is a system — a system which drives men into a system of machine-made manufacture and which increases the rate of battle casualties and psychological casualties, a system of destruction and mass murder — the system of capitalism.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE

Only two meals a day are served soldiers on board ship coming back to the States from abroad. At noon, if we were lucky, we received a sandwich. But the officers get three full meals a day and they never have to queue up. They have a table and chairs and enclaved men to wait on them. What's up to us to work out the three meals a day system and put in a slicing machine and get them that cruddy sandwich at noon. Along with that comes the kitchen personnel carrying huge trays of steak, french fried potatoes, vegetables, the officers for their noon-time repast.

In one funny little yells: "Send up steak and apple pie for the officers — and two pails of garbage for the enlisted men."

10,000 DOCTORS NEEDED FOR SICK VETERANS

Surgeon General Hawley of the Veterans Administration stated on December 24 that "we will need 10,000 doctors within 10 years."

The tremendous demand for physical and mental care for soldiers and civilians, the Veterans Administration hospitals and veterans' homes in Illinois are currently leased to hotels and restaurants will increase as the war continues.

According to Dr. William Haynes, the veterans' hospitals have been announced that he had hired 20,000 hotel and hospital beds from the Navy and Army with medical services to go with them.

Veterans are beginning to pay for the war in sickness and disability. The real casualty figures are soon coming to public attention as the hospitals of our veterans. A hospitals rises steadily.

THE GOOD FOOD DEPARTMENT

Throughout the war civilians were told that the meat, good butter and best canned goods were all going to the armed forces overseas. Yet soldiers complained bitterly about eating K C ration bars and, oxygen canned meat dishes. We are looking forward to the war ending the best food was going TO THE OFFICERS.

NO EXPERIENCE

It is a peculiar feeling to be out of work, you ask me, as one was doing at Western Electric, that they refused to hire you on the ground that you lacked experience — disregarding your eight years of working with tele-

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Revere Strikers Can Win

More than 1,600 workers at Revere Brass and Wire in Revere, Massachusetts, and more than two thousand in two of the company’s other plants in Detroit, Mich., and New Bedford, Mass., have gone on strike, March 11, after 10 days of negotiations that failed to meet the workers demands for 1946 per hour, or to head off a lockout of the employess. The foremen are out on strike too. The workers, organized into Local 424 of the United Steelworkers of America, are learning that just because the steel workers went on strike at the peak of the labor shortage in 1945, doesn’t mean other workers receive “automatic” increases. Negotiating committees’ action has to be backed up by Revere workers to force the company to meet their demands. Revere workers and shop unions will receive more than 1945, in union shops.

Management held a long session with the Negotiating Committee after the strike started, in which Management offered some concessions (union shop, raise of $1 an hour, sick leave) but insisted on holding the existing contract, and curtailing the current protest.

Pipe Line

The pipe line is on; it’s ever the organized with flying squads in assignment of workers to undesirable jobs. The shutdown is complete. They know Revere Management will fold under the pressure of the strike, but they knew it would cost them, and solid union organization. Other IUE locals distributed strike notices and picket line tickets to the striking workers. Some 35 police snipers under the aegis of the Revere Police were down at the picket line.

A big step forward was made by Revere management this week in agreeing to a wage increase of 50 cents per hour with an offer of 12 if they gain a price increase for their product, and in many other conditions that are being fulfilled. Revere says it’s “inability to meet present demand” that should be lowered, but by continued refusal of the Revere’s demand to give the companies, the strike goes on.

28 Words Of Treachery

Only 28 words guarantee no strikes for the duration of a UAW contract with Chrysler corporation. “The number of strike days can be determined by the discharge of discipline of any one of the above or another employee to take part in any such strike.”

Thus do the UAW officials collabore with the Chrysler Corporation to keep the men from the plant and their militant opposition from the union.

28 words of treachery!

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PEOPLE AND DEMOCRACY

Fighting for a Democratic Society

By Benjamin Doumani

In the last issue of People and Democracy, we published an article by Ali Hafez on the Arab conflict. In this issue, we bring you a reflection by Yossi Wexler on the Israeli conflict. Both, Hafez and Wexler, are part of the generation that has grown up with the conflicts that have divided the region for over a century. They offer two different perspectives on the same conflict, each with its own insights and limitations.

Hafez's article focuses on the Arab side of the conflict, highlighting the struggle for self-determination and national identity. He argues that the Arab side of the conflict is a struggle for freedom and justice, a struggle that has been unfolding for over a century. He emphasizes the importance of understanding the historical roots of the conflict and the role of foreign powers in shaping the region.

Wexler's article, on the other hand, focuses on the Israeli side of the conflict. He argues that the Israeli side of the conflict is a struggle for security and survival. He emphasizes the importance of understanding the geopolitical context in which the conflict is played out and the role of Israeli society in shaping the discourse on the conflict.

Both articles offer valuable insights into the complexities of the Arab-Israeli conflict. However, they also highlight the limitations of each perspective. Hafez's article, for example, may oversimplify the Israeli side of the conflict, while Wexler's article, on the other hand, may overlook the suffering of the Palestinian people. Understanding the complexities of the conflict requires a nuanced approach that takes into account the historical, political, and social factors that have shaped the region.

The Arab-Israeli conflict is a complex and ongoing conflict that requires a sustained effort to understand and address its root causes. The articles in this issue provide a valuable starting point for this effort.