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## WORKER'S JOURNAL

### No Difference to Negroes And Workers By CHARLES DENBY

This has been a joking and laughing week among workers, about the presidential election.

One worker said, "Those politicians that lost will go and lick their wounds for the next four years."

Another worker said, "I have voted Democratic all my life, but when I saw that Democratic Convention in Chicago, I knew I was through with them. I am sick of those Southerners in the Democratic Party."

He further stated, "I was glad Ike won by such a margin. It shows the Democrats, Reuther and these Negro party leaders that they do not have the vote of the American Negroes—locked in their pockets."

The Detroit Free Press said that only a small percentage of Negroes left the Democrats and went Republican. This worker said, "That may be true on a state level in the Northern states. But no one can tell me that Ike won by a nine-million vote margin and it was all white votes that made this margin."

#### A NEW FORCE IN NATIONAL POLITICS

"No. It was the majority of Negroes throughout this country voting for Ike that made this wide margin."

Not that Ike, or the Republican Party, is going to make any changes in the legal justice for Negroes. But we can stand to see the same thing happen that has happened in this union: elimination of opposition and putting a few Negro Uncle Toms in top position to keep the others in line.

"The Democratic Party will never weld back its pieces as long as the Southerners and the Negroes are in that Party together."

"The expert analysts can claim Ike's victory was because of the Middle-East war. They can say women put him there hoping for a continued peace. This may have its merits, but when they reported that Montgomery, Alabama, went Republican for the first time in history, you can rest assured the Negroes there voted Republican, and throughout the South."

#### POLITICIANS EXPOSED

Never in history were the politicians so openly exposed to the Negroes and the Nation as a whole. The Republicans had to have Negroes calling the signal and carrying the ball in exposing the Democratic South. No one can do it better down there.

As one Negro said, "When I mentioned Lincoln to a Democrat, the Democrat said, 'Man, Lincoln has been dead too long.' Then he mentioned Roosevelt to me and I said, 'Roosevelt is dead, too, and he will be dead as long as Lincoln, so do not mention him to me.'"

One worker said he voted but he is not excited about the election one way or the other. He told a joke he once heard.

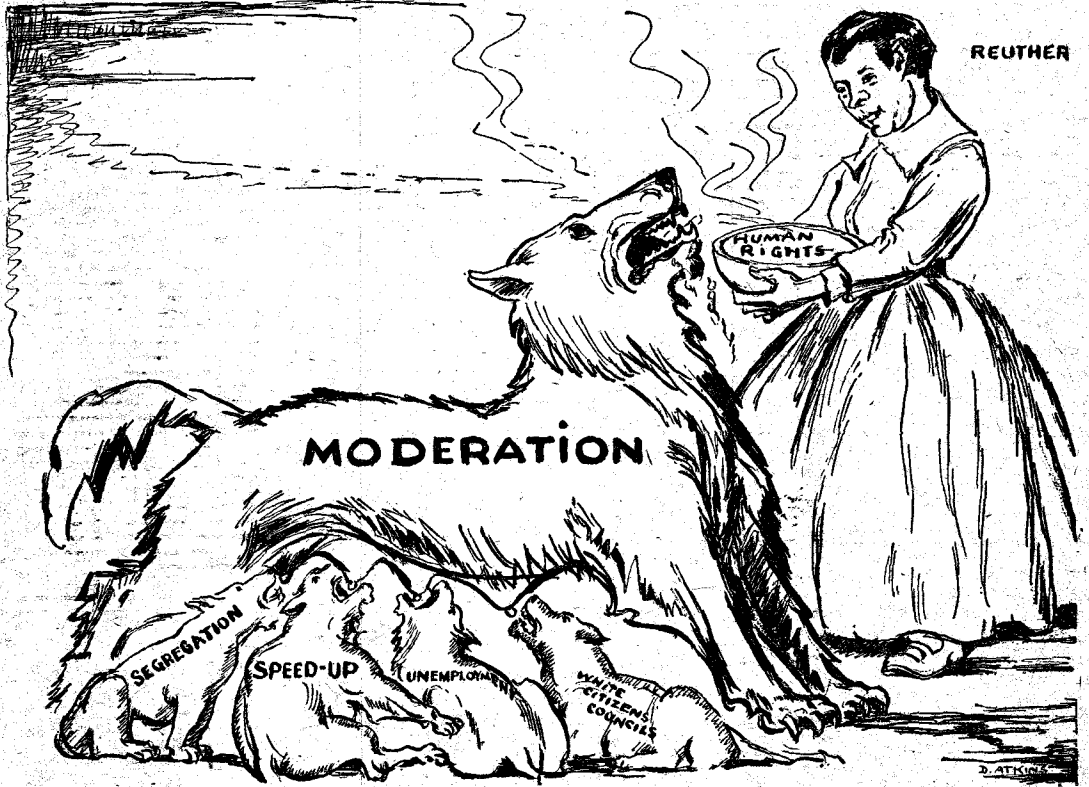
#### TWO IN ONE

Two men were walking through a cemetery. On one of the tombstones, they read, "Here lies the body of Rufus Jones, a politician, an honest man." One said to the other, "I did not know they would bury two men in one grave."

The other said, "It's only one there."

The first one said, "The sign reads 'Rufus Jones, a politician.' That I can see. But when it says, 'An Honest Man,' it has to be another one. No politician ever was and never will be honest."

Those that ran and got elected are politicians. Those that ran and lost are politicians. Why get excited or worried over who won and who lost? It will not make any difference to Negroes and the working people.



## "Moderation" Is a Trap

### LOOKING BACK AT ELECTIONS AS WORLD CRISIS MOUNTS

The results of the American election are no great surprise to anyone who has been following the recent campaign. The policies of "moderation" and compromise endorsed by the presidential candidate of the Democratic Party proved to be a total failure.

Obviously there wasn't room enough in "the middle of the road" for two candidates, especially when one of them had the advantage of appearing on the eve of the election to

state, "There will be no United States involvement in these hostilities."

#### THREAT OF WAR

Thus have the American people dramatically expressed their anti-war feelings. They are on the alert

for any double talk that will effect their future on the question of the war.

In the last few weeks of the campaign, the threat that this country might become involved in war was very real.

When a rumor spread through a Detroit shop that the war had started, a number of the girls on the production line broke down and cried. All were deeply disturbed. None thought it unlikely or fantastic that war could break out at any moment, or that they would be involved in it.

There is no doubt that the promises of Eisenhower to "keep us out of war" had a great effect on the popular vote he received. Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt both were elected under similar circumstances and lived to see involvement in World War I and II.

#### MODERATION & COMPROMISE

It has been quite clear from the moment when, at their midnight session, the Democrats adopted their policy of moderation and compromise on the question of the civil rights of Negroes, and nominated Stevenson, that neither the candidate nor the program could win. Even Harry Truman told them that. It represented a poor compromise with the most reactionary elements of the South, on

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## Freedom Fighters Electrify World

The Freedom Fighters of Hungary embrace all layers of the population: workers, youth and women; the old and the very young.

They are united behind a common cause—to get rid of their Soviet oppressors or to die in the attempt.

Children, from 12 to 16 years of age, were seen with rifles and tommy-guns slung over their shoulders, and hand grenades in their pockets.

They destroyed Soviet tanks by diverting the attention of the gunners to the rooftops, then dashing in under the elevated guns to throw gasoline over the tank and set it afire.

Others led the tanks down narrow streets where they were am-

bushed and unable to turn around.

One 13-year old veteran of this kind of fighting was asked where they learned to do these things, she said, "All of us kids were trained in the party."

When the people felt the first flush of victory and full freedom, they began to relax. They were not prepared for the Soviet counter-revolution that struck with brutality and in heavy force. But, even caught off balance as they were, they fought for over 20 days, using their bare hands where necessary against the tanks.

Although the anger and the resistance may again be driven underground, it will not perish until it is victorious.

## Safety Talk Is Cheap When You Got to Get More Coal . . . Even if It Kills You

### You're No Good Dead to Anybody

OSAGE, W.Va. — There is this guy that works on my section who will do anything the boss tells him to do. I can't figure out what makes a guy act that way.

I've known plenty of guys like that in the past. And I've seen plenty of them go. Some of them were carried out.

#### HURTING OTHERS

The guy knows that as soon as the company has no use for him he's going to be left out on that hard road. Yet he will do these things. They're not safe for him. Worse than that, he's hurting the other men.

If he just kills himself or makes it rough for himself, it would be different. But he makes it bad for everyone else doing the same job he is, and for others besides.

We've all tried to tell him about it. He just says that he has to look out for his job. He says no one else will look out for it if he doesn't.

#### KILLING HIMSELF

With what this means to him, it just doesn't make sense. It means that he feels he has to do anything that he is told to do. It means that the boss is going to keep expecting more out of him until it reaches the point where he is going to get killed.

#### WHAT GOOD IS IT?

What good is his job—or all of the jobs in the world—to him and his wife and family if he is dead? The way I see it, I think too much of my wife and kids to take any chances that might hurt them. And if I'm dead, I know they'll be hurting.

## "Maybe Co. Figures It's Cheap to Get a Man . . . We Don't Feel That Way About Our Sons"

PURSGLOVE, W.Va. — At a safety meeting, the federal director in charge of the course was telling about a fatality that happened to a buggy-runner.

The man was inexperienced. He was working under conditions which would be difficult for an experienced buggy operator. As a result, two men died. The buggy operator and the loading-machine operator were both crushed against a rib by the buggy.

#### QUESTION & ANSWER

The director said, "I wonder why such a thing

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — The Consolidation Coal Company is in the process of holding safety courses at its various mines. These courses have been held before and have been generally well attended.

The purpose of the course is to make the men more "safety conscious," in an attempt to cut down on the number of fatalities and lost time accidents. The aim of the course is something no one can criticize. The results are something else again.

#### DRAMATIC MOVIES

The general pattern of the course is to have a discussion about circumstances which have currently led to the death of miners. The situation which produced the fatality are described and discussed. There is a free exchange of opinion on what might have been done to prevent the fatalities.

After the discussion, a movie is shown. The movies are up to date. They deal with modern mining methods and illustrate dramatically the deaths of various men.

The movies are based upon actual cases where men have died or have been critically injured. There is no question but that the movies have a great impact on the men watching them. Not only are they witnessing fatal accidents on film; but they all have seen, or been involved, in similar situations.

can happen? Here we had a man on a piece of machinery that is big and required knowledge and experience to operate.

"Would any of you men take your son in your car and tell him 'This is the switch; here is the gas feed; this is the brake; this is the steering wheel and here are the gears. Now get in and take it for a run! Yet, that is about what happened here. Why do things like this happen?'"

#### MINERS & SONS

One of the men spoke

## CONSOL HOLDS SAFETY COURSES CONTINUES UNSAFE PRACTICES

### COMPANIES NOT WHITEWASHED

Another aspect which meets with the approval of the miners is that there is no attempt to lay all the blame on the men, as previous courses tried to do.

In many cases, the accidents would not have occurred if the company had taken responsible measures to correct dangerous conditions when they were pointed out to them.

By the same token, neither would they have happened had the men refused to work under those conditions.

As is so often the case, you can get away with working under bad conditions—sometimes. This can lead to unsafe practices which eventually catch up with you. It only takes once. Too often, the first chance is also the last.

#### TALK & PRACTICE

The men say the safety courses are good. But, they say, safe practices are better.

What good is it to talk safety at a safety meeting when the practices remain the same at work?

Many men refused to take the course. They say, "What's the use? I can take the course. I've taken them before. You go there and talk safety. Then you go into the mine and the boss knows only one thing—you got to get more coal. They don't care how you get it, so long as you get it."

"A safety record doesn't keep a boss' job, his production record does."

up. "Maybe," he said, "it's because the company figures that it's a lot cheaper to get another man. We don't feel that way about our sons."

There was a stunned silence. Not because the men did not know it was true, but because the truth of it was so much of a shock that no one thought it would be said.

That one statement summed up, more than anything else, the why of so many deaths in the coal mines.

### NEGRO READER WRITES:

## White Supremacy South Tense With Anti-Negro, Anti-Jewish and Anti-Northern Pressure

I wrote my relatives in Alabama telling them I planned to spend the Christmas holidays with them. Knowing I like to go hunting, they wrote back that I should buy my ammunition here, for the white store owners in Alabama are not selling shot-gun shells to Negroes.

Some Jewish pawnshops are supposed to be slipping shells to Negroes. The whites claim the Negroes bought enough ammunition during the Autherine Lucy incident to have enough guns and ammunition to last them several seasons, and they accuse

the Jews of selling it to them.

Another Negro had planned on going home for Christmas, but he said he is afraid the tension and situation is too hot there. The Negroes are determined to stand their ground and something is going to burst wide open any day.

When it does, all Negroes from up North, with a Northern state license, plate, will be used by the Southern whites as scapegoats, as the ones who started it.

—A Detroiter from Montgomery, Ala.

## That's No Way to Treat a Man After 15 Years of Hard Work

On our right-of-way crew there is a guy named Henry. He is about 35 years old, and he fought on New Guinea in World War II. He is usually a very quiet and hard-working guy. He can accomplish more in clearing a right-of-way than two other men can ordinarily do.

I used to think that he was quiet because he didn't have anything to say, but now I think that he is thinking most of the time and that's why he doesn't say much. He had plenty to say one day.

#### STORM

We were clearing a right-of-way that we couldn't drive our truck over. At dinner time we noticed that there was a terrific storm coming. Henry suggested that we either quit work right then, or go back to the truck and start on another part that we could get closer to in the truck.

The boss didn't think this was a very good idea, as we had started to cut down a large oak and couldn't leave it halfcut in the right-of-way.

Although we couldn't get our large truck there, we did have a small jeep truck that would have given shelter to three men. That was as many as could work at cutting the tree down, anyway. If the three couldn't get it cut clear down, we could all come back after the storm and pull it down with the rope.

But no, we all had to stay there.

#### THOROUGHLY SOAKED

After we had gotten thoroughly soaked, and the cold rain showed no signs of letting up, Henry suggested that we go back to the truck and dry out until it quit. The boss said, O.K., but he was staying to finish cutting the tree. Four of us went back to the truck.

After a while we saw the boss coming over the hill.

You could tell by the way he walked that he was mad. He usually walked in a slow, lumbering manner, but now he had that "Boy-am-I-going-to-tell-them-off" gait in his walk.

It seems that he had a meeting on the hill and he and the other bosses had decided that we had done something wrong.

#### SEE THE BOSS

He took us back to the line shop and had us fill in our time. He talked about having us in to see the big boss in the morning.

I never got to talk with the big boss, but Henry had to go in for a little lecture.

He had a lot to say that one day, but he hasn't said much lately, though he says more than he did before this happened.

I think he has crawled back into his shell to think. One thing I think is bothering him is whether this is the kind of respect due after 15 years of hard work for a company.

—"In the Woods"

## Did We Win Right To Negotiate Line-Speed? GM Worker Asks After Recent Strike in L. A.

LOS ANGELES — It is hard to tell the full results of the recent strike at General Motors until the line gets into full swing. But we see that there is now some settlement of grievances in the first steps.

The rumor is that some of the benefits we got as a result of the strike, are helpful to workers in other Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac assembly plants throughout the country. At least so Mr. James, the International UAW representative tells us.

### LINE-SPEED

One of these benefits is on line-speed—there are to be so many men per number of cars per hour—al-

## NO FOREMAN'S JOB FOR ME, SAYS MAN WHO WANTS FRIENDS

LOS ANGELES — I am not patting myself on the back but I'm writing you this article about an experience I had that might be interesting to read.

First, I might tell you that I worked in a very small industry in L.A. It consists of about 200 men.

My story goes back 12 years. I started working in this industry and got to know almost everyone in it. I learned every angle of my work.

### FOREMAN'S JOB

About three years ago I was offered a foreman's job that I refused. My boss couldn't understand why I would turn down the extra money.

This is what I told him. "These men you want me to push have been my friends for almost ten years. I want to keep their friendship more than I want the extra money. I know how other foremen, who had once been one of us, had to push the men and soon they weren't one of us. I want to keep working with my friends."

### ALWAYS A WORKER

I have always been a worker and that is what I intend to be in the future. No foreman's job for me, now or ever.

My boss offered me ridiculous wages. I thought it was a dirty trick. I know he just wanted to break me down and make me lose my friends, so he could have the last word. And maybe fire me after he had his laugh.

—Leonard  
A worker

though the company does not want to call it a negotiated line-speed.

I wish we could hear from workers in other Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac plants throughout the country as to their experience with attempts to control line-speed.

The men kind of feel that the company now knows it can't get away with stepping on our toes the way they did before the strike.

### SETTLED TOO FAST

If the strike had lasted two more days, the union would have had to pay out strike benefits. As a result, the International settled the strike too quickly.

They did not even ask for the holiday pay we missed although we could have got that easily. The company was real desperate to get the men back to work as this was the only plant in the country to fall back in schedule during the changeover period.

—GM Production Worker

## No One Knows What Was Won, Housewife Says

LOS ANGELES — As a result of the recent General Motors strike, one of the grievances that the union supposedly won in the conference room was that foremen were not to work on the line any longer.

Not two weeks after the strike the foremen were back doing exactly what they had done before.

It seems to me the company has ceased having respect for the union.

### WHAT WAS WON

It took my husband, a General Motors worker, two weeks to get a copy of the agreement. None of the workers he knows seemed to know exactly what was won in the strike.

The union, for all their fine sounding words, doesn't do much answering to the rank and file worker any more.

—Housewife

### STOP FUMBLING

It is time for union officials to stop fumbling and juggling with health plans. At present no person should accept a medical contract where he has no free choice of physician, and where the doctor is not directly responsible to him.

If private insurance medical coverages, like the Blue Cross, are inadequate in their benefits to either patient or doctor (and many are) it is up to members of the union to see that their organizations obtain insurance that meets the need realistically and honestly. They should not be satisfied with a shiny but poor substitute.

## Reader Views Boycott's End

Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that bus segregation laws in Montgomery, Alabama are unconstitutional, the NAACP is heaving a sigh of relief and preparing to give up the boycott.

Even Rev. King, the so-called leader of the boycott, is urging the Negroes of Montgomery to ride the buses again, for he says that all persons of "goodwill will accept the decision in good faith and will seek to comply with the final law of the land."

It will be a cold day in hell when the white South shows any "goodwill" toward Negroes unless it has to, and as for complying with the law of the land, the South has shown its defiance over and over again.

In fact, Alabama's Senator Lister Hill is saying that "every lawful means to set aside the ruling" should be used. He does not seem to grasp the hideous paradox in this remark. This is some pretty double-talk for a Senator who is sworn to uphold the Constitution which says that the Supreme Court defines just what "lawful means" are.

It would be something of a tragedy if the Negroes of Montgomery were to be taken in by their own leaders, and if their tremendous gains in independent cooperation were sacrificed to a vague idea of "goodwill."

Better they should listen to "their" Senator Hill, for then they will know what they are up against.

This ruling will grow dusty on the shelves, like the other liberal "civil rights" laws, unless the Negro people themselves take their rights into their own hands.

—Housewife  
Detroit

## Way of the World

By Ethel Dunbar

Well, well. President Eisenhower and Nixon have won their victory and left poor Stevenson behind.

But most of Stevenson's fellow-Democrats have been left in the government so that will give President Eisenhower a convenient excuse not to fulfill some of his promises that he made while he was campaigning — especially the promises for freedom for all the people and civil rights to the Negro people.

### TIRED OF PRESSURE

The Democrats' candidate should have learned a lesson by now, how people would like to be treated. Everybody seems to be tired of so much pressure that they have against each other.

When the bus company wrote Eisenhower and asked him to let them make the Negro ride the buses so the company won't go broke, he answered them by saying that you can't make anyone ride the bus if they don't want to ride it.

The people of Montgomery voted Republican because they wanted to let the white South know that we are tired of their low-down ways against us.

### DOWN SOUTH

In the South, the Negroes today have learned that if they keep on letting white people run over them they will never get their freedom.

So they are getting out on their own and making a way for themselves, and they made a way so that they could vote for themselves.

### UP NORTH

They are doing more than the Negroes up North are doing about breaking down restaurants, for instance, so they can eat any place they want to.

Negroes in the North will have to start doing something about freedom in the Northern cities so it won't be so hard in the South for the Negro.

So let us fight for freedom.

## The Working Day

By Angela Terrano

"Russia declares war on England." That rumor swept through my department on Election Day.

You could actually feel the near-hysteria enclosing every one. First, silence, then some voices.

We didn't find out it wasn't true until about half an hour later. But in a sense it was true. It just hadn't had the flame put to it yet. For days everyone had been expecting World War III to break out so that no one questioned the rumor.

At a moment like that you seem to relive your whole life in a matter of seconds. In those seconds, a million thoughts pass on what you wanted in life; things you planned on doing; your family; hydrogen bombs; army; death. I caught myself. It couldn't just end in death.

### THE MORNING AFTER

Since the morning after elections, the layoffs began and are taking place. All these days that we have been worrying about war, we've been kidding and joking. We've been saying, "What's the difference! We'll either die by radiation or we'll starve to death. And Lordy, those days ahead in purgatory!"

### REPEATING ISN'T BELIEVING

When you work in a factory you get a lot of views on world events. Many repeat the propoganda that comes over radio and TV waves and newspapers from the State Department.

But repeating something and believing it are two different things.

Looking at the recent headlines which called the English and French troops "Allies," my friend was stunned. In World War II, the Allied Forces were on "the side of righteousness." They were "good guys." Now, my friend said, "How can they call them the 'Allies?' They're the invasion force!"

### CAN'T END THAT WAY

It couldn't end in death for all of us! In reality, they can blow this earth to Kingdom come with their bombs. But in every human being who has no big money interest, or power interest in canals, lands, bombs and the like — the people who work and make all the wealth in the world — in them stirs the passion to end all this madness that capitalistic economy brings about, and build a better world.

**EDITORIALS**

**Refuge . . . With Strings Attached**

The impotence of the United Nations has never been seen more clearly than at this moment when thousands of Hungarians are determined to fight to the death for a new way of life rather than submit. The UN has never been anything but a talking shop and it never will be, no matter how many lives are lost.

What it has added now, to this brilliant record of doing nothing, is to give John Cabot Lodge a platform to make him appear as a friend of the Freedom Fighters.

The doubletalk reached a climax in the generous offer from the White House to admit five thousand Hungarian refugees. The joker is in small print: . . . providing they can pass the dehumanized restrictions of the McCarran-Walter Act.

For a Hungarian refugee to pass the requirements of this act, he would have had to live on a different planet altogether:

- (1) Certainly one that was not behind the Iron Curtain.
- (2) One that has not been engaged in revolution.
- (3) He should preferably be Protestant with an inclination to white supremacy.
- (4) It would be better if he were generally anti-labor.

Small wonder that the American offer of refuge is limited to five thousand of the ten million who have, in the main, proclaimed with inspiring determination that they will fight to the death—as indeed they are doing.

By comparison, one might add that a minimum of 12 thousand Hungarians are now reported dead, fallen in the revolt. By further comparison one might add, that tiny Austria alone has already admitted a reported 20 thousand refugees, with more streaming across the border daily.

As if the picayune offer of five thousand isn't insult enough—and less than a drop in the ocean—this offer of asylum is coupled with the request that the American people privately give alms for those "poor unfortunates," who, it is assumed, will become "more fortunate" if they are admitted as refugees.

When it is a question of public resources being given away for private profit, there is no end to the official generosity. But when it is a question of giving public haven to private people who have dared to assault the totalitarian might of Russia—then niggling charity is the method.

Who says this is a give-away administration?

**The Burden of Production**

Every day, the new automation set-up at Chrysler is showing ever more clearly the horrid face of modern factory production.

The work, we are told, isn't any harder physically, but the life and situation in the plant has created such pressure, tension and strain that never was before.

As one Chrysler worker on a moving line told us:

"The line never stops running. They're 'gutting' us. You got to be there when the whistle blows and you got to be there when it stops. You're just there. It's a prison discipline."

Another worker, on a stationary line, said, "The contradiction in the shop is terrible. I'm afraid to work myself out of a job, so I goof. And that puts me under more strain than if I do more work, but how long will that last? If the foreman gets more work for me and I don't work myself out of this job, I don't know how much harder he's going to push me.

"The way it is, if all you had to do was just be in that plant for hours, the strain would still get you and you'd feel beat at the end of the day."

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**Readers'**

**AUTOMATION**

I went down to the local hall and there were one or two thousand workers there protesting about not being called back, when thousands of others were called back with less seniority.

There were women there with 1942 seniority, no jobs, and drawn all their compensation, while guys are working with 1950 seniority, six and seven days, nine and ten hours.

We ought to have 30 hours work at 40 hours pay. The union just couldn't answer these people.

Local 212 Member  
Detroit.

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They had two gas welders working on a piece of strip timed to 87 an hour. The two guys just couldn't do it. They were way below. So they put a third man on the job and the three of them still can't make production.

Chrysler Worker  
Detroit

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The majority of the operations now are temporary—a re-work of something that didn't work out right.

They time these temporary operations so high that nobody can do them.

The steward says, "Don't worry about time. It's not official that this type of job is going to go through the model. You can't fight about anything called temporary, it's not a "legal" grievance.

But from past experience you know that hundreds of jobs were called temporary but went right through the model.

Chrysler Body  
Detroit

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We didn't get a darn thing from the last contract. I've been out five or six months. I'm drawing top compensation because I have six kids. \$42 a week. That makes my supplemental compensation come to only \$7 a week. As big a family as I have, what can I do with \$49 a week? And that's about to run out too.

Chrysler Worker  
Detroit

A crane operator was fired for refusing to do riggers work and also for refusing to work six and seven days. He was reinstated on probation for two or three months.

The union says he has to work six and seven days, ten hours a day. The company is holding him responsible if any other crane operator refuses to do the same.

If another crane operator decides "to hell with it," this guy is out for good. Between the union and the company they've got him both ways.

Chrysler Tool & Die  
Detroit

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**LEADERS & RANKS**

The paper certainly tells the truth about the Unions. The Unions seem today to be more for the company than for anything else.

I work in dry-cleaning. We're another group under that District 50 of the UMW down here. Generally the girls who do the dry-cleaning are allowed to bring their own clothes in. When they do the work themselves, it's supposed to be free. But our company was charging us half-price on all the cleaning we did for ourselves.

We called the Union in on it, and all they said was that it was between us and the company, it wasn't anything for them to settle.

There were seven of us at the place. We got together and decided that if it was between us and the company, we couldn't see what we were paying Union dues for. So we just told them not to check another penny off of us. And we haven't paid any more Union dues to them since.

The Unions sure don't do what they were originally set up to do. They speak for the company now, instead of for us.

New Reader  
West Virginia

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**AFTER THE ELECTION**

I wonder if we'll see or hear from Reuther again before the next four years after the way

his Democratic candidate was defeated for president.

Ford—Highland  
Detroit

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As soon as the election returns were in, one hundred people were fired in my department. The rumor is that by the New Year, nearly one half of the girls will be fired.

Woman Worker  
Detroit

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At the University, the so-called socialists who went all out for Stevenson are now gloomily forecasting an atomic war as a result of "General" Eisenhower's unchecked foreign policy.

But one student was elated. On his way to class he shouted to me: "Back to normalcy! I can be a radical again!"

He didn't have to tell me why he was elated. He must have known that the Democratic Party, would gladly take from him—as it tries to take from millions of workers—a deep dissatisfaction with the status quo and deep desire to build a better world. But it would offer nothing in return but bigger and complexer plans that cannot give workers what they want: self-determination.

—a Non-Voter  
Detroit

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**THIS WHITE WORLD**

I know we have to work harder for what we get and there is a lot of prejudice in, this world, North and South. I only know my husband has a skilled trade and because he is a Negro, he can't advance.

Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Housewife,

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Most people don't get into a fight for idealistic reasons. They get into it when they have to, when they get pushed into it.

Those people in Montgomery had to fight back at segregation. I don't get alarmed because the people here don't seem too concerned about what's going on there. I think it's perfectly natural that people don't let themselves get involved in something like this

# Views

until it affects them personally. But it will, because the laws the Southern states are using against the Negroes are anti-labor laws and will probably soon be used against labor.

As I said, no white Northern worker will go into this struggle for idealistic reasons, no matter how sympathetic he feels, until it begins to affect him.

Construction Worker  
Los Angeles

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This incident happened when I was walking my daughter home from kindergarten. Some nine or ten year old boys were coming out of the school and they were yelling at each other "Yankee!" and "Confederate!"

It seemed that they were on separate teams for some contest and the names of the sides were the Yankees and the Confederates. Some were white boys, some were Negro, but the names didn't correspond.

I thought to myself—is this the way they teach history now? So that Negro children grow up not knowing how their ancestors fought for freedom against the white South? So that all children, white and Negro, come to think that the Civil War was just a game of two teams, like the X's and Y's?

At least when I was in school, we were taught that the Civil War was fought to free the slaves. That is certainly not the whole story, but at least I learned that it was a war and not a game. It is as Angela Terrano wrote (Oct. 30), "They hide the real history of the common people."

Housewife & Mother  
Detroit

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## WAR & PEACE

The government acts so firm about telling the Russians what to do in Hungary. But they can't even tell the white governors and leaders what to do in the South in relation to civil rights for Negroes, no matter what the Supreme Court rules.

Chrysler Worker  
Detroit

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The most heartbreaking scene I've seen anywhere, I saw on TV last night. They showed some Hungarian children, five or six years old, crossing the border into Austria. They were all alone. No parents accompanied them. They had tags around their necks which read: "Please take care of our little ones. We are staying behind to fight to the death."

Housewife  
Chicago

I'm all for the Hungarian uprising if the workers and students are the ones carrying the revolt. But if it's the Catholics, I don't like them any better than the Communists.

Auto Worker  
Detroit

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Israel, acting under admitted provocations, chose this particular moment of world crises to invade Egypt.

England and France, who were seeking an excuse for months to dispose of Nasser, attack for days with their planes and invasion forces.

Whatever illusions, whatever confidence any one might have held, for whatever reason, is now destroyed beyond any reasonable doubt.

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I understand that that best-known of French existentialists, Jean-Paul Sartre, has flipped again. At long last, after years of approving everything Russian—including the forced labor camps—he announces to the world his complete break with Communism because of the Hungarian events.

—Now that he has given such stout-hearted aid to the Hungarian revolt, I wonder how long it will be before he lines up with the League for Cultural Freedom to lecture us on the blessings of Western democracy.

Intellectual  
New York

## Notes from a Diary

# TWO WORLDS

### Death, Freedom & the Disintegration of Communism

Death and starvation stalked the streets of Hungary as the rebel radio sent out its last S O S' "We are quiet. Not afraid. Send the news to the world."

The news to the world about five days of freedom revealed more than courageous fighting.

It showed that you cannot kill the idea of freedom. That idea does not float in heaven. People live by that idea.

Overnight the one-party system disintegrated and various political parties reappeared along with small newspapers and radio stations.

Peasants and soldiers united with city workers—spearheaded by the incredible youth who braved Russian tanks.

Hundreds of local and district organizations, from the Hungarian Revolutionary Youth Party to old parties, including both Smallholders and Social Democrats appeared.

So total was the wrath of the people against Russian Communism, that the Hungarian Communist Party tried to appear in a new guise. The temporary puppet leader, Janos Kadar, reorganized it as the "Socialist Workers Party," but no one took that seriously. Indeed it was the same old communism which, while promising withdrawal of the Russian troops and a different way of living, was conspiring to bring back the Russian tanks and troops in force.

The first news to the world was about five days of freedom from Russian tyranny, and from Hungarian communist barbaric 10,000-man secret police. And now, the news is that the wrath of a people is being stifled by a force of 4,500 Soviet tanks, crack paratroops, MVD storm guards and a quarter of a million Russian infantry!

The massacre of the daring young Freedom Fighters has not, at this moment, crushed the revolt.

After a full week of fighting, the uranium mines have been blown up. The workers are still out on general strike and there is neither transport nor production. The Hungarian people are choosing death rather than accept Russian totalitarianism.

### BOTH SIDES ON "THE OTHER SIDE"

Ever since the Russian counter-revolution moved in, the radio on this side of the Iron Curtain has been no better than the one on the other side.

First, they have taken the Russians' word for it that the revolution has been totally crushed.

Then, they announced that there evidently was "sporadic" fighting but, while the continued resistance was brave it was "pitiful."

And now, the whole pack of journalists, led by "the pundit" Walter Lippman—under the pretense of being for "maintaining the peace"—favor the Tito and Gomulka type of Communism rather than the independent, "useless," dying of the Hungarian revolutionaries.

While doing nothing, the Western Big Power leaders are all busily horning in on the deeds of the courageous fighters to glamorize themselves with the blood of the Freedom Fighters.

While the Hungarians are dying by the thousands and asking for action, not for words—everyone, from President Eisenhower through Tito of Yugoslavia, (not to speak of Portugal, which is hardly known for its "democracy"), is big on words and zero on action.

No wonder "the West" cannot possibly become a polarizing force for those who want a totally new way of life and control of production.

### THEY WILL NOT DISAPPEAR

The revolutionary forces now unloosed cannot be overcome by sheer force. They may be forced underground but they will not disappear. Nor will their impact be exhausted within the national boundaries of Hungary.

Already, in Western Europe, we see the beginning of the disintegration of the mass Communist Parties. Ever since the end of World War II, the West European people—veering sharply against the private capitalism that they knew and hated because it had brought them two world wars in one lifetime—had turned to Russian Communism, literally by the millions.

They now see Russian Communism as but another name for state capitalism. They are tearing up their Communist Party membership cards by the thousands. (See "Our Life and Times," p. 8.) The question is: Where will they go now that they see both poles of world capital—United States and Russia—striving for world domination? I will take up this question in my next column. For now, we must stress that this tearing up of the C.P. membership cards stands on a par with the Hungarian revolution itself in showing a road to freedom out of the totalitarian stranglehold.—R. D.



—Wide-World Photo

**FREEDOM FIGHTERS BUILD BARRICADES IN BUDAPEST . . .** This picture was taken on Sunday, Nov. 4. The Hungarian Revolt was nine days old at the time. It was before the brutal counter-revolution by the Russians. Since then the Hungarian workers have been fighting back with a general strike and courage that sets an example to the world.

# YOUTH

## Thinking It Out

By Robert Ellery

At the end of World War II, I was in my early teens. I remember being approached on the street to sign a petition to get Jackie Robinson in the major leagues. I signed it.

Afterwards, the petitioner identified himself as a member of a Communist youth club and asked would I come to meetings. I wasn't interested.

### "MONSTER" RALLIES

He went on to tell me of the great percentage of the world that was going Communist and pointed out that the smart thing to do was to climb on the band wagon. He showed me pictures of some of the Communist youth "monster" rallies. They looked impressive enough.

No one seemed more impressed with this kind of thing than the most "advance guard" of the intellectuals. They, and many radicals, saw the thousands marching and singing in stadiums and either rushed to join up or moaned and groaned that the Communists now controlled the minds of hundreds of thousands of the new generation.

### FREEDOM STRUGGLE

There were a pitiful few who weren't either in one or the other group, because neither major group have confidence in the workers ability to think for themselves. Nor have they any realization that the struggle for freedom will continue unceasingly until relations in the factory are totally changed.

### Why Do Movies Exaggerate So About Teenagers? Youth Asks

LOS ANGELES—Lately they have been coming out with a lot of pictures about teenagers and juvenile delinquency.

Everytime I see a new picture come out, like "Hot Rod Girl," or "Crime in the Streets," it makes my blood boil. Not only because these pictures are exaggerated to the point of being ridiculous, but because they are only true of a small percentage of teenagers. They give the impression that all teenagers are juvenile delinquents.

### INFLUENCE TEENAGERS?

The worst part is they influence teenagers themselves. The actors in the movies who portray rough kids in leather jackets become teenage idols.

For those well-meaning skeptics, the 1953 revolt in the Vorkuta prison camp was merely heroic. The East Berlin riots of June 17, 1953 was a valiant and disorganized protest.

Militarily speaking, every writer today reports that the Hungarian rebels are all but completely crushed. Russian soldiers are under orders to kill without trial any one suspected of taking part in the revolt.

The Hungarian revolution may be lost for the moment, but the struggle did infinitely more than kill off the secret police and make martyrs of revolutionaries.

### RESISTANCE POSSIBLE

It was a demonstration that resistance to a modern totalitarian state is possible. Some Russian troops were won over. The "indoctrinated," "militarized" youth—for whose "democratic" souls the sob-sisters wept—were the staunchest fighters for freedom.

The Hungarian people have realized that they can't expect help from the "Western Democracies." As one American correspondent said, it is unfortunate to be a Russian in Budapest, but the situation for Westerners is getting increasingly uncomfortable.

### YOUTH INSPIRE WORLD

As a result of the Hungarian revolt, thousands of Austrian Communists have torn up their party cards. The French Communist party headquarters was set afire. But more important, the Hungarian youth have inspired a whole world.

I know because I have two brothers, besides seeing the kids around me. These pictures also put new ideas into their heads. Proof of this is, some years ago "Life" magazine came out with an article about teenagers who play "chicken" with cars. Before the article was printed there had been only two cases of this. After the article there were two cases a week.

If just one article can do this, it's evident what influence these pictures must have on teenagers.

And they also earn us disrespect and distrust from the adults. They even make our own parents wonder about us.

—Teenager

### Educating Kids Is More Important Than Building Freeways

LOS ANGELES—I was going from Puente to L.A. a few days ago and we were on one of those super Freeways. I realized it must cost millions of dollars to construct these freeways and I wondered, how is it that the State can afford to build Freeways, for millions of dollars, when I have to go half day sessions to school because there aren't enough buildings to hold all the students.

I am taking a college preparatory course and going to school from 7:30 to 12:00, which gives me about a half-hour for each class. I am also taking five subjects where I need seven. Most of my friends are going to summer school to remedy this, but it's pretty hard to go to school 11 months of the year.

### TEACHERS' PAY

Another question is the controversy on whether or not to raise the salaries of teachers.

Funny we don't read or hear anything on whether or not to build Freeways or put in drain pipes throughout the city, they just do it.

True, these are very necessary things, but no more so than proper education.

It seems to me that educating the kids who are going to be tomorrow's nation is the most important thing we have to do.

—Student

LOS ANGELES.—I have nothing against the way they teach, but partiality is shown towards the child who is backward. The average child is the one benefited most by the present system, but not the advanced child.

My child is advanced, but isn't learning as much as she is capable of learning.

A friend of mine said that when she moved she would make sure that she found a school where the kids were learning something and not where they were just putting in time.

### EDUCATION IMPORTANT

I feel that my child's education is a very important thing and I hope that my children will get as much as they can because it's so important for their future.

Education is a way of life. A high school education is not enough to make your way, especially for a boy. I'd like for them to have it, but I wouldn't force an education on them.

—Housewife

## THIS INHUMAN WORLD

"The alienation of labor is almost complete. The mechanics of the assembly line, the routine of the office, the ritual of buying and selling are freed from any connection with human potentialities.

"Work relations have become to a great extent relations between persons as exchangeable objects of scientific management and efficiency experts.

"To be sure, the still prevailing competitiveness requires a certain degree of individuality and spontaneity; but these features have become just as superficial and illusory as the competitiveness to which they belong.

### INDIVIDUALITY IN NAME ONLY

"Individuality is literally in name only, in the specific representation of types (such as vamp, housewife, Ondine, he-man, career woman, struggling young couple), just as competition tends to be reduced to prearranged varieties in the production of gadgets, wrappings, flavors, colors, and so on.

"Beneath this illusory surface, the whole work-world and its recreation have become a system of animate and inanimate things — all equally subject to administration.

"The human existence in this world is mere stuff, matter, material, which does not have the principle of its movement in itself. This state of ossification also affects the instincts, their inhibitions and modifications. . . . Consciousness, increasingly less burdened by autonomy, tends to be reduced to the task of regulating the co-ordination of the individual with the whole."

(Quoted from "Eros and Civilization", by Herbert Marcuse; Beacon Press, Boston, \$3.95.)

### Despite FEP Commission

#### Job-Bias Continues

#### Negro Worker Charges

DETROIT—During the recent campaign much credit was taken by the Democrats and the Labor Leaders for the enactment of a state Fair Employment Practices Commission.

#### ONE EMPTY YEAR

It has been in operation for a year now. Its first annual report show that it had over 150 cases filed before it. It arrested and fined no one. Ninety per cent of the cases were "dropped" or dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence. The sum total of its activity resulted in ap-

proximately six Negroes being either upgraded or given new jobs.

#### NOTHING TO DO

It works this way. When a definite case is filed before the Commission, an investigator is sent to the offending employer to "persuade him" and make him see the error of his ways. If he persists in his unfair practices, and he usually does, then there is nothing they can do about it.

Discrimination against Negroes still exists, and flourishes in Michigan.

—Negro Worker

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## You Get Plenty of Ideas How to Do It Better, Working Woman Says, But You're Not Supposed to Think... They Only Pay You to Work

WEST VIRGINIA—I remember when I got my job in the shirt factory. It was piece work and I was making \$12 a day. In those days that was really something.

Then they started all that time-study business, cutting here and there, and before long I wasn't making any more than \$6 a day. That was the base rate they had to pay you.

I started to figure it out. The way it was working, it really wasn't worth going to work all week for what you ended up with.

There was lunch money to come out of your pay, and paying for your ride, and even our meals at home cost more than they did when I wasn't working. I had to make quick meals when I'd come home, in-

stead of the soups and stews and things that are less expensive but take more time.

### NO CHALLENGE

But it wasn't only that. There was nothing that was a "challenge" working in the factory. I don't mean the job was "simple." It takes a good bit of skill to run a sewing machine. But you couldn't feel that you were creating anything.

I remember when they first brought in one of those "efficiency experts" from New York. They had put in some new machines, and they'd go around and ask the girls to try them out and tell them what they thought.

You know, anybody who works on something all day has plenty of ideas about

how it should be done, or how to do things better. At first, I'd tell them my ideas. Sometimes they'd try them out. They finally stopped even asking for your opinions. It was pretty clear that they were paying you to work and not to think.

### "SUGGESTION BOX"

Today they have more of those "suggestion boxes" than ever before. But most people figure it isn't worth giving them your ideas. They never give you the credit for it. Some manager or floor superintendent gets the credit.

And then some ideas you wouldn't give them because it would only mean they'd be cutting some people out of a job.

I can still remember the day this efficiency man asked me how I felt about my job. I wasn't going to lie to him. It was just a "job" to me.

I told him I felt I always did my best and gave the job what it was worth, but it sure wasn't anything special.

He seemed a little surprised and asked me what I'd really like to do.

### LIKES DESIGNING

I told him I'd always been interesting in designing, and what I'd really like would be for them just to give me some of those bolts of material and let me go to work on them and design and make what I pleased. He gave me a look that made me think he thought I was trying to step out of my class.

### COOKING

After I left that job, I worked for a while cooking for some women's group when they had their luncheons. I really enjoyed that pretty much. I like cooking, and the woman in charge used to go over the menu and ask for my ideas.

When I'd tell her about some special dish I'd like to make she'd let me go ahead and plan what I wanted. If I made something special, I'd wait to see how they liked it—and it made you feel sort of good to hear their comments.

I can just see anybody complimenting you in the shirt factory for sewing a button on in an "original" way!

—Working Woman

## A DOCTOR SPEAKS

BY M.D.

### WHAT KIND OF MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN?

More and more, unions are offering their members various types of health and medical plans. Either they set up their own medical centers which operate like clinics or they function through one of the insurance companies like Blue Cross.

Unquestionably, meeting the cost of illness is often a hardship to the average worker, but let us not be blind to certain facts which determine the nature of the medical care that is to be obtained through any particular medical plan.

### NO CAN OF BEANS

There are people who look on the buying of medical care in much the same way they purchase a can of beans. Food may sometimes be bought at a saving in certain stores, especially the big supermarket chains. Such organizations, having large capital, can sell the same can for less and serenade you with pleasant music and scenery while you shop. It is, however, a serious mistake to place the care of illness on the same shelf with the beans.

We are living in a time of larger and larger factories and stores for producing and distributing more economically; and even physicians practicing in groups can benefit. However, it is becoming ever clearer that our magnificent industry is not operating for the growth and development of the human being but merely uses him.

### ASSEMBLY-LINE MEDICINE

For a long time, the majority of American physicians have remained free from factory regimentation. In spite of bonuses and other inducements, few make a career of military medicine. Most physicians also have a dislike for the impersonal and mechanical nature of industrial medicine.

Workers treated for injuries feel the different attitude and work of the company and insurance doctor, as compared to their own doctor.

Within various group medical organizations, the individual physician also can not function in freedom, yet through economic necessity some doctors join such groups.

Undoubtedly, the average doctor is concerned with his own livelihood in opposing such organizations, but there is also something else. The physicians' intimate contact with human problems has made many of them realize how impossible it is to separate the physical from the mental part of man. A superficial view of a person's ailment; a desire to get rid of him quickly—to side step trouble instead of meeting it, may lead to serious error. That is why some physicians are antagonistic to assembly line type of medicine. In this, consciously or unconsciously, the physician is seeing the necessity for considering the living humanity in the individual.

### ILLNESS IS UNPREDICTABLE

Human illness is like nothing else in this world. It is unpredictable and will not act according to plan. To meet it adequately, a physician must have a deep interest in his patient and above all else, a feeling of personal responsibility to the sick individual.

The various health plans I have known, have serious defects. They are corporations employing physicians, whose basic responsibility is to the organization and to their employer. This is the fundamental fault. The patient often has nothing to say as to who will be his doctor. He may see one doctor one time and another the second. The availability of specialist consultation, or the ease of getting X-Rays, or the inexpensiveness of the prescribed medicine does not make up for this basic defect.

### THE FEE IS THE OBSTACLE

Recently, I read a discussion of profits in connection with the practice of medicine. Someone complained that, "It's practically un-American to be against financial success."

It is not the absence of profits that is un-American but the absence of human values.

I believe that the obstacle which the fee creates between the doctor and patient is actually harmful to good medical care and must be done away with. The physician should be well paid for his labor, but it must be by the community as a whole—whatever name we call the method. This can take place without the regimentation of either doctor or patient. There is an urgent need for a fundamental change in obtaining medical care.

## A Woman's Viewpoint

If I can't meet my bills, I try to meet part of them. Even if its only a dollar down on it, I pay it. My credit stays good that way, and I know that if I really need something, I can always get it.

### WHAT'S LEFT

The first thing I do each pay day is figure out what I have to pay. What's left I can spend. And if there's nothing left, I just do without.

You have to have a steady income to do that, of course, even if it's not big. But I never figure on what I don't know I'll have.

I work as a waitress. We get a small regular income each month. The rest of our income is made up in tips. I never count on the "tips" for my bills. I only plan on the regular amount and I don't make any bills that I can't pay out of that. The tips I use for the "extra" spending I do. You have to do it that way when you're responsible for supporting yourself and three kids.

### WOMEN MANAGE BETTER

Women seem to be able to handle money so much better than men do. My husband used to make good money when he worked. He'd get a paycheck as high as \$80 to \$90 a week, and he could still come home on payday without a penny in his pocket.

He didn't seem to have any responsibility toward us. It never bothered him whether we had enough to eat in the house or not. Or whether the bills were paid or not.

I'll never forget the day they repossessed our furniture. They came and took everything. I was washing clothes in our new washing machine. They made me take them out of the washer and they even took that. That was the end for me!

I just couldn't be that way. When I worked, on payday I'd pay what we owed. And I still do.

### HOW TO "RECONVERT"

I've always been able to get a kick out of making things do, or figuring out how to make something new out of what I have.

I never throw away old materials. I just "reconvert" them to something else. I have some old printed feed sacks that have been four things so far—right now they're bathroom curtains. It gives me a kick to see what I can do with what I have.

That way, I've been able to get the things I've really wanted. I got myself a refrigerator. Now I'm determined to get a sewing machine. I'll get it, too.

I may not have as much as some other women I know. I don't buy my children's clothes at an exclusive shop when I can get them good things at a bargain store. I don't have a closet-full of clothes for myself; I have what I need.

While I may not have as much to "show" as some others I know, it means more to me to know that everything I do have is paid for.

—Working Mother

### "Moderation" Is A Trap

(Continued from Page 1)

the basis of a program acceptable to the white South.

The great "liberals" in the party and the labor leaders like Walter Reuther, who went along with the compromise, pulled a noose around their own necks and the necks of the Negroes and the labor movement.

The vote for Eisenhower was at the same time a vote against the Republican Party, which lost control of both the Senate and Congress.

#### BITTER FRUIT

The so-called victory of the Democratic Party exposes the cynical opportunism of the Negro leaders and the labor leaders.

In the Senate, all questions of civil rights must pass through the hands of its Negro-hating chairman, Eastland of Mississippi.

Finances go through Chairman Byrd of Virginia. Labor and Public Welfare go through Lister Hill of Alabama.

In Congress, the Committee on Education and Labor is in the hands of that reactionary segregationist, Barden, of South Carolina.

The elimination of Jim Crow in the District of Columbia is in the hands of McMillan of South Carolina.

Had Stevenson won the election these same men would still have been in command of these vital committees. They would still have held the right to block any change or any proposed legislation.

We have carried articles that showed the basic indifference of the working people to both parties.

Nowhere does the reason emerge as clearly as in the South. In Alabama, for example, there are 1,747,000 people of voting age. Only 424,306 of them voted. Mississippi has 1,181,000 adults and cast only 182,000 votes, about ten per cent of the population.

The large majority of Negroes in these states are not permitted to vote and they constitute the majority of the population.

No Southerner has been a true representative of the population since the end of the Reconstruction period in 1876.

#### STRANGE BED-FELLOWS

The labor leadership devoted all its efforts to tie the labor vote to the Democratic Party. Elements among the "talented tenth" of the Negroes tried to shift the Negro vote to the Republicans. Both ended in failure.

It is true that about ten per cent of the Negro vote shifted to the Republicans, but so did the vote of the

most reactionary white Southerners.

Among the Negroes there was no illusion that they would find their civil rights in the Republican camp. They voted against the white Southern Democrats. Labor, too, had no illusions that the victory of Southern Democrats would help them.

#### NOTHING CHANGED

Not a single fundamental problem has been solved by the election. On the contrary, every question—the threat of war; unemployment; civil rights; the national welfare — all stand today on the same plane of crisis in which they were the day before the nominating conventions.

Eisenhower himself gives some indication of what we can expect. On the question of unemployment he says, "I shall call again for financial and technical aid to areas suffering from local unemployment."

His last call had no results; why should we expect more from the next call?

### News & Letters Committees

(In this column we report on the experiences of NEWS & LETTERS committees in different parts of the country. The information is taken from letters written by various committee members in which they tell of the impact the paper has in their shops and communities, and of the people who come to editing meetings to work with, and join, the committees.)

As more people are becoming acquainted with News & Letters and seeing the need this workers' paper fills, our circulation is beginning to grow.

In one week alone, since the last issue appeared, we have received a minimum daily average of four new subscriptions or requests for sample copies. These have come from all over; some direct by mail, and some because of the efforts of the editing committees.

The following experiences of the West Virginia committee are an example:

"We have just revisited the neighborhood where we introduced the paper for the first time last week. We had decided to spend an hour and a half talking to the people, but it was two and a half hours instead, before we left the hill."

"A lot of people were out, but the people we found at home gave us a very fine reception. We spent a lot of time talking with those we found at home."

"Two bought subscriptions and three definitely promised to subscribe next time. Two women in partic-

# Our Life and Times

By PETER MALLORY

**ITALY**

The Italian Communist Party is suffering a deep crisis as the result of the Hungarian events. This column reported previous dissension in the last issue.

In an effort to stem the tide of defections, the Communist Federation in Mantova, an industrial section of Lombardy, issued a leaflet calling the intervention of Soviet troops in Hungary "incomprehensible." It spoke of the crimes and unpardonable errors committed there.

The local Communist boss, Senator Secchia, rushed in and found the city plastered with posters attacking the Italian Communist leadership.

In the province of Rovigo alone, over 3,000 party cards had been

turned in. The C.P. is beginning to fall to pieces through the blows struck by the Hungarian people.

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In Dovadloa, in Forli province, the Communist Party called a meeting to explain the Hungarian events. Not a single person showed up for the meeting.

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**VIENNA**

In a mass demonstration, over 5,000 Communist Party members marched to the Communist headquarters and tore up their membership cards, burning them in a pile in the street.

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**ROUND-UP**

To underestimate the impact that world events of the past few weeks have had on the minds and imaginations of the workers, is to betray an insensitivity beyond imagination.

Merely recite the sequence of the horrible events: the brutal counter-revolution against the Hungarian Revolution; the threefold action in Egypt by Israel, England and France: the preoccupation of America with its election; the inability of either candidate to offer anything of a serious nature that would assist the solution of either of these international crises; the bankruptcy of the United Nations in the face of these crises.

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Russia, who had been forcibly driven out of Hungary by an angry people, driven by conditions that forced them to chose between life and death, forced the situation to a point where the entire population supported the revolt against their communist rulers.

Having, for the first time in modern history, successfully disposed of a communist regime with its secret police backed by the Russian occupying force, these Hungarian revolutionary forces sought to consolidate their victory with the establishment of their own government.

The ruthless victory of force of arms that the Russians may win with all their armament, cannot erase the achievements of the Hungarian fighters.

The Russians would never have dared to have done this if it had not been for the vacillation of the American government, and the preoccupation of the French and the English governments with their own invasion of Egypt. Without the financial and military assistance of the United States neither of these governments would have been able to move.

The United Nations jumped into a heated debate, the total substance of which was, that they deplored these acts, and would seek measures to end them, but they lacked both the fundamental power and the authority to enforce their high sounding resolutions.

Unfortunately we have not been able to hear the voice of the people of Egypt, how they feel under the force of "democratic" bombs. We have heard the voice of the Hungarian workers, they cry, "We appeal for your help, the time is short, you know the facts. . . . Our troops are already engaged in fighting. . . . The people are jumping at the tanks, throwing in hand grenades and closing the drivers windows, Help, Help, S.O.S." There was more, a great deal more, people fighting for their freedom, giving freely of their lives are not prone to participate in midnight debates.

Yet, that is what the United Nations did.

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The so called "Great Powers" stand in the eyes of the peoples of the world today, stripped of any confidence that might be held about them. The United Nations stands naked, impotent, abandoned by any person who has witnessed its impotent behavior.

The workers of every country have learned a harsh and bitter lesson. When it comes to making a choice between the governments on either side of the Iron Curtain, they find there is no choice. Neither stand ready to help them in their time of need, their promises are not worth the paper they are printed upon, they can trust only themselves and the future lies only in their own hands and through their own efforts.