

Let liars fear, let
shrink,
Let traitors turn away,
Whatever we have dared
to think
That dare we also say
—James Russel Lovell



We pledge ourselves to organize and unite the workers in the automobile, metal and allied industries, in the struggle to increase their power in the national economic life. Our immediate objectives are higher wages, shorter hours, better working conditions and the enactment of adequate social legislation. Our ultimate objective is the complete industrial and political freedom of all workers.

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INFLATION IS HERE NOW

Living Costs Soar — Standards Fall

To M.E.S.A. Members at the Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co.

Dear Members:

We understand that once more the opposition union is attempting to invade our ranks. Not that they can do anything for you except cause annoyance, as, if they had any good ideas for bearing workers, they would have put them in contracts with the Federal Mogul and Bohn Aluminum Companies, in Detroit.

Don't let them fool you with a lot of grandiose promises—just take a look for yourselves at the plants they control in Cleveland.

Reisinger is well known as a Communist Party member or, at least, a faithful fellow traveler, and we guess you don't want that kind of monkey representing you.

Sometime when they are peddling their papers at the plant gates, ask them why they can't go out and organize the unorganized without bothering workers who are working under better contract terms than they can get for their present members. Ask them how come they can't organize Thompson Products.

The M. E. S. A. states flatly, and is willing to debate the question with any member of the opposition, that the Cleveland Graphite Bronze contract is far and away the best in the bearing industry—superior in wages, vacation with pay, veteran's provisions, seniority, and straight decent shop conditions.

Perhaps, Reisinger would like to debate the question. Say when!

New Local Officials have just been elected and also new elections for your Shop Committee are now complete and these men and women are entitled to your undivided support.

We understand that "Judas" Bosco waited for the election returns and, when he found he had been ousted by the vote of his co-workers, this miserable traitor ran crying his eyes out to the C. I. O. who gave him a crying towel and promised him a great big office of his own and two stream-lined secretaries if only he would rat on the M. E. S. A.

Silly Bosco fell for their nonsense, hook, line, and sinker, and the M. E. S. A.'s opinion of this transaction is, "Good riddance to bad rubbish." It is probable that he is now low enough to meet the standards of the Communist-ridden C. I. O., in Cleveland.

Your Shop Committee has a lot of work to do now that the voting is over. The question of a return to salary basis for set-up men is one of the first problems.

The wage question is settled for the time being unless prices sky-rocket because of the lessening of price control by the O. P. A.

Incentive rates are always under discussion but your Shop Committee keeps a close watch to see that your interests are not put in jeopardy.

We appeal, both to those who supported the winners and those who supported the losers, to give your new officials and committeemen a fair break to show what they can do.

If they don't measure up to their jobs, you know what to do at the next election.

Local No. 5 members have had a tough time but they will come through and see that their Local is made equal to the best in the M. E. S. A.

Yours fraternally,

NATIONAL OFFICE

International Solidarity

If you have wondered what has happened to the original opponents of fascism in Spain, in Austria, in Germany and Greece, the International Solidarity Committee has the answer.

It is a shocking story of hunger and want and sickness that should reach at the heart of every decent union member in the United States.

The International Solidarity Committee is organized to bring aid to those who stood their ground against all forms of dictatorship during the darkest hours. If ever there were a people to whom the world was indebted, it is these heroic anti-fascists who today reach out their hands to you, their fellow unionists in America.

The offices of the International Solidarity Committee are at Room 516, 303 Fourth Avenue, New York City. Phil Heller is the Executive Director. If you will communicate with the Committee they will send you the name and address of a needy anti-fascist family of Spanish, or Austrian or French or German or Italian or Greek or whatever nationality you might request. You can then personally correspond with the family, developing a warm friendship. Don't make the mistake that others have made. File your claim, not more than 24 hours after layoff. It is your money, claim it while you can.

File for Vote At Spicer Co.

The M.E.S.A. has filed a petition for an N.L.R.B. election at the Spicer Manufacturing Company, Toledo, Ohio.

This should come as welcome news to the thousands of M.E.S.A. members and good unionists in the CIO who remember the story of the Spicer Strike.

The M.E.S.A. had been on strike against the Spicer management for some time. Homer Martin, then President of the U.A.W., rallied his cohorts in Toledo in an infamous anti-union strike breaking meeting. (An instructions from Martin, but with the assistance of a number of stooges who still hold positions of authority in the U.A.W., plans under contract with the CIO were closed down and, in mass, the dumbfounded workers were paraded to the Spicer plant to smash the M.E.S.A. picket lines.

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Attention It Is Your Compensation

We have had called to our attention several cases in which members of our Union have found difficulty, and in some cases have been disqualified from collecting their benefits under the unemployment compensation law.

While in some cases the difficulty has arisen because of some action on the part of the Compensation Commission, or the employer, there are innumerable cases in which the complete fault lies with the worker. This is usually due to a failure to follow the required procedure.

It is essential, if you are to get your full benefits, especially during the second year of claim, that you file your claim on the day of layoff, but in no case, more than twenty-four hours after layoff.

This action is a "MUST" if you are eventually to get credit for all periods. Do not wait until tomorrow or next week before making a claim. It is not charity, if you are in cases in which workers have been disqualified, under the Michigan Law, from collecting for their second 20 week claim period, because they waited for two or three days before filing their claim.

Unemployment compensation is money that belongs to you, it is not charity. If you do not file your claim at the proper time, you may be giving some of your money away. Don't make the mistake that others have made. File your claim, not more than 24 hours after layoff. It is your money, claim it while you can.

The Great Conspiracy A National Disgrace

For some time, the M.E.S.A. has sat back and gathered evidence in the biggest fraud perpetrated against the American People, under the name of, "the law."

We speak without hesitation of the National Labor Relations Board. This body was founded for the expressed purpose, to protect individuals from discrimination by anti-labor bosses, to investigate and outlaw Company influenced organizations, to provide a machinery through which a labor organization could prove its majority membership, to eliminate jurisdictional disputes, and to prevent interference by companies in the workers pursuit of a bargaining agent of their own choosing.

It has now come to pass, that this body has so prostituted itself, that today it functions as a recruiting and servicing agency for the CIO. We have found that whenever a Union not affiliated with the CIO attempts to use the

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If You Are Not A Member Now Is The Time To Join!

During the past six months, the pinch on workers' pocket books makes the need for union membership clearer than ever before. During the past thirteen years the M.E.S.A. has been carrying on a steady fight to improve the working conditions and raise the wages of the tens of thousands of workers covered by its agreement.

Today, while these workers suffer from the pangs of inflation, they do enjoy wage rates that are from twenty to thirty percent ahead of what is paid in unorganized shops and in plants under contract with other organizations. This advantage, along with more favorable working conditions, are the reasons M.E.S.A. members are ready to fight in defense of their Union.

These accomplishments

All Detroit Labor Fights Inflation

M.E.S.A., C.I.O., A.F. of L. and Railroad Brotherhoods marched side by side in a gigantic anti-inflation demonstration held at Detroit, July 16.

More than sixty organizations rallied their forces in what was the largest gathering of people determined to fight for a common economic cause.

For the first time all labor organizations agreed to lay differences and to join forces against their organizational and personal enemies. For more than three hours, tens of thousands of workers stood under a sweltering sun, determined to let it be known that they were prepared to put up a fight in defense of their living standard.

Matthew Smith, National Secretary of the M.E.S.A., told the gathering that in view of who and what had been elected to Congress, layoff, "The jig is up."

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G. E. Workers Join M.E.S.A.

The M.E.S.A. has filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board for an election at the new plant of the General Electric Corp., at Tiffin, Ohio.

We now learn that the U.E.-CIO has notified the Board of its bargaining interests, and is struggling hard to sign up one or two members so that they can get on the ballot. We want to make it clear that we strongly favor having them in the election; there is nothing we like better than defeating the U.E.-CIO.

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It is tired of living on promises in the M.E.S.A. While we agree that the M. E. S. A. doesn't get the newspaper publicity that other organizations receive, we have always been of the opinion that workers join unions to get higher wages, better working conditions and job protection. As far as we are concerned, newspaper publicity for power seeking politicians is not a requisite of a labor union.

If you are interested in high wages and job security, if you want no part of dictation either from the Boss or from a phony union, we invite you to join the M.E.S.A. You can contact our office in your community, or communicate with our National office: 217 Boulevard Building, Detroit 2, Michigan, telephone, MAdison 4506-4593.

Toledo Locals Fight High Living Costs

Workers from scores of Toledo Plants, left their jobs on Tuesday, July 16, to participate in a jointly sponsored M.E.S.A.-CIO anti-inflation rally.

Carl Fox, M.E.S.A. National Representative in the Toledo area represented our organization on the speakers stand. He was introduced by Richard Gosser, UAW Regional Director in Toledo.

M.E.S.A. members from Auto-Lite, Packard, Etna Machine, Baker Brothers, Great Lakes Stamping, Crescent Engineering, Peerless Gear, Willys Overland and other plants, joined forces with thousands of workers from CIO shops, in what was a thrilling demonstration of united labor action.

While we appreciate the full value of such demonstrations, it is our opinion we must recognize that the very fact private profit takes precedent

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OPA Acts With Indecent Haste

Serves As Protector Of Manufacturers Profits

While it may not be a popular opinion to express, it is about time we stopped talking about inflation, and recognized that inflation is here. Anyone who has recently shopped for the family groceries knows full well, that in order to fill two shopping bags, a ten dollar grocery order must include three boxes of corn flakes and a peck of potatoes. The lid is off as far as prices are concerned, and the O.P.A., established to hold prices down, is going a long way in out-raising the price raisers in raising prices.

Within a few hours after being revised by Congress and the President, this anti-price raising body announced that price increases over and above what had been the retail selling price on the open market while O.P.A. had been non-existent.

It appears to us that what the O.P.A. is saying, is, "Look, Mr. Business Man, if you will only allow us to continue in existence, we'll allow price raises even greater than you would dare apply in a free market. Look, Mr. Business Man, you've got us all wrong, we're not trying to hold your prices down, what we intend to do is to fix your prices so that you will be assured of a reasonable profit. What could be sweeter than the pleasures of the profit system, without any of the risk of loss."

The indecent haste with which the O.P.A. has been raising prices is a living example of what little value that body plays in holding down the cost of living. We don't blame the boys on the O.P.A. pay roll for using every angle in order to perpetuate their jobs, what we do object to, is the pretense that the unions were prominent for their cooperation with the Boss, but the U.E. outdid them all, by even advocating wage cuts in order to get out more production.

We can remember shortly before the war ended, all kinds of stories about conversion within ninety days. Private industry has chosen to withhold its products and

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Infamous Record of U. E. Reveals Communist Control

From time to time we hear reports of turmoil in the U.E.-CIO. Any report on developments in that organization deserves special note and comment, simply because it comes from the U.E.-CIO. If there has ever been an organization that specializes in doing flip-flops, it is that outfit. It has developed an outstanding record of doing challengeable record of doing what any legitimate labor organization would never do.

We can remember back when Comrade Joe Stalin was making love to Adolph Hitler, remember, that was before Adolph invaded the Soviet Union. Adolph and Joe were trying to outdo each other in ravishing the cities and plains of Poland. Well about that time the U.E.-CIO was spending all its time calling Roosevelt a church hill and everybody else a bunch of "warmongers." The war it itself was a?

war and something the membership of the U.E. would have no part of. National officials of the outfit were prominent in lining up with the German-American Bund in their denunciation of everything but Joe and Adolph. Now this story isn't just hearsay, the record shows this to be a fact.

Then came the invasion of

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Pin-Point Bombing

Perhaps it has been said elsewhere but even at the risk of inadvertent plagiarism we should like to analyze the effect of the atomic bomb on Labor's programs.

Most obvious, of course, is the possible effect upon collectivist theory, as perhaps while we are debating the necessities of production and distribution, atomic energy may eliminate work as we know it and thus make redundant the question of who does this work.

However, this extension of nuclear power to industrial purposes belongs to the future but the atomic bomb as a fantastic weapon of destruction compels revision of many pet theories of the radical movement.

Often in the still night and way along until the dawn have we argued as to the necessity or not of changing this acquisitive society by force. The bromides such as "the Capitalist class will never relinquish their power except by force" or, to freely quote Karl Marx, "Force is the midwife of revolution," were trotted out and did good service against the protests of the pacific intellectuals who insisted that mental change must precede political change and that when sufficient people were converted to Socialism, then, the Capitalists, seeing the futility of further struggle, would peacefully accept the new order and not organize counter-revolutions.

In the nineteenth century and the early part of the twentieth, when force as a pre-requisite of revolution was discussed, the nature of the force visualized by the disputants consisted of the weapons of war then in existence. Rifles to be used on both sides were the implements of revolt and repression of revolt. The machine-guns were usually ignored as an unpleasant subject as everyone knew the difficulty that insurgents would have to obtain these rather out-moded life extinguishers.

The Atomic Bomb has turned civil war into mass suicide. All the dreams of marching on Washington and declaring a "detachment of the Proletariat" and the ghoulish hopes of the ultra-militant that the guillotine will be put to work again in the discarded name of the People must pass into the limbo of discarded policies. One little atomic bomb in the hands of the prevailing government will dissipate any idea of a "putsch" and may even put any existing government in a position of ignoring the results of a democratic election. A man with an Atomic Bomb doesn't have to notice elections and, perhaps, the first thing that went up in smoke in Mexico was the democratic contrivance known as the ballot-box.

When political action becomes difficult it is usual to call for direct labor union intervention but with the new King Atom on his throne, the occupation of plants by strikers becomes absurd. Syndicalism's only possible weapon is control of the manufacture of these bombs but even this consolation is short-lived as the man with a finished bomb could destroy all the unfinished weapons and the people working on them.

Only insiders in the Labor movement can understand just what revisions the bomb calls for in revolutionary theory. The irony of the situation is that the much maligned pacifist now is the only one with a philosophy that will stand up if given universal acceptance and the only alternative to acceptance appears to be self-destruction.

We are told that the United Nations Organization eventually will have to control the bomb but to picture all nations pooling their atomic research results and agreeing not to pursue the subject further (at least as far as bombs are concerned) is too naive for us to accept and, frankly, we are scared that the bomb not only perpetuates the class already in power in the respective nations but, also, perpetuates the class control of the United Nations Organization. If Franco, in Spain, has a bomb, only another bomb can dislodge him and the same goes for Stalin and Attlee and, possibly, Truman or, at least, the forces they represent. It is all very well to talk of outlawing the use of the Atomic Bomb but this implies the outlawing of all war and as Capitalism is nothing but the imposition by force of an economy that gives the major awards to non-workers and a meager existence to workers, then our competitive economy must be transformed into a voluntary association of people working for their mutual benefit. Does anyone believe that this is what U.N.O. has in mind? Nonsense!

Democracy cannot live in a world where some have access to Atomic Bombs and others do not, and if both sides have the bombs and use them, then the story of the Kilkenny cats comes true.

Hello! Earth, it was nice knowing you.

Reuther's Curious Policies

President Reuther of the U.A.W.-C.I.O. has for months been advocating a "hold the price line" policy with freedom for upward wage adjustments to be taken from the logic of industry. This is an old and well tried theory and logical in that it assumes that the workers, in relationship to what they produce, do not receive enough purchasing power. During the U.A.W.-General Motors long drawn out negotiations, the theme of a wage increase with no increase in the price of automobiles was the persistent theme-song of Reuther and his co-negotiators.

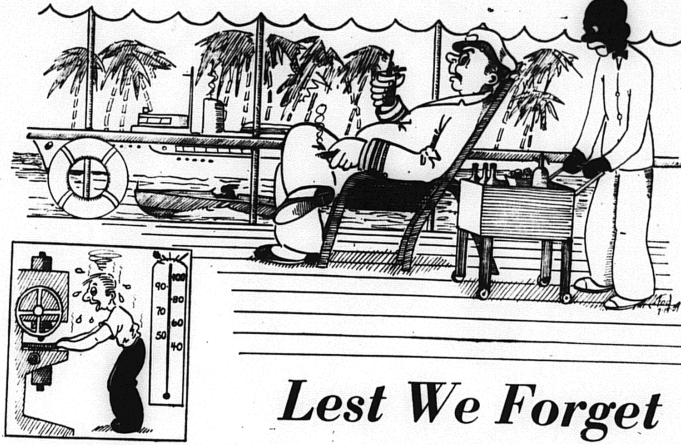
However, surprisingly enough, the same Reuther now says he is troubled about production in the auto industry and suggests a conference with top flight auto executives to arrange methods of stepping up the flow of automobiles from the factories.

Now this is our trouble. If the boys in the G.M. are re-ceiving the 15% an hour increase and doing less work than before the raise in pay, isn't this just what we want? If Walter wanted a lift in purchasing power for the production of less articles? If not, just what does he want? Is the U.A.W. policy to produce more autos for more money or less money or just more autos for the same wage rates?

Will someone tell us where they stand?

Increased production brought about by engineering improvements will continue but the production of pre-junior things caused by intense fear of the loss of one's job, is now impossible, and Reuther should not pretend he can get it back without reneging on union protection.

Maybe the requested conference is just a back door method of arranging management meetings demanded by Philip Murray but up to now ignored by President Truman. It



'THE LONG RUN'

Judah Drob, who regularly writes "The Long Run" column for the Educator is away on vacation. Charles Padlock, National Secretary of the Socialist Party of Michigan has been invited to express his views in the column during Drob's absence.

By Charles Padlock

A year ago I would have said that the No. 1 job every militant trade unionist should be doing was selling other workers the idea that we must have a new political party for the common man before we can even tackle the basic problems of this atomized age.

But a year of close contact with union men (of all denominations) convinces me that they are already quite aware that the two capitalist parties are not for them. They are so fed up with the political shenanigans of the two pro-employer parties that they stay away from the voting places in droves.

If anything was needed to The true heroes of these clutch this realization it was the dis- graceful and revolting spectacle of these old party hacks scrambling madly to outdo each other as they scuttled OPA, threw open the flood gates of inflation, and rubbed their fat bellies while the common people were being washed away by the blasting stream of skyrocketing prices.

Standing Among the Ruins Working people have had enough of the capitalist party. But what the hell is the alternative? We have no party of our own that can stand up and trade blow for blow with the old line politicians. We feel our political hopes to FDR and when he died so did our hopes.

We are just standing among the ruins, envying the people in Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, for example, where they had sense enough years ago to turn their backs on the present type of politician and to build their own political party.

But there is no excuse for being a pessimist. Where there's a will there's a way. And there never has been more of a will to build an independent political party than there is today. Furthermore, the raw materials for such a movement are all here.

Plenty of Raw Material The American labor movement now includes more than 14,000,000 workers, whose families make up more than one-third of the nation's population. That is by far the largest free-labor movement anywhere in the world.

On the farm front we have the National Farmers Union, and some state sections of the Farm Bureau and the Grange that are just as progressive. Between the three they speak for upwards of 2,000,000 farm families.

Then there's the cooperative movement. Growing quietly but steadily, it now includes several million Americans, all of them believers in social ownership and most of them looking for a political way out just as intently as any worker or farmer.

It was several years ago that Fortune magazine discovered that 30% of all Americans are ready for a "new party." The magazine have known it, but the things they wanted, including more public ownership and a moderate kind of democratic socialism, were far beyond what even old party "progressives" would support.

Add these all up and allow for duplications and you will find that well over half the people in our nation are ready to move. They don't need proof that we must have a people's party. They have already reached that conclusion for themselves.

It Can Be Done What they do need is evidence that it can be done. What is holding them back is the feeling that politics are inevitably corrupt and venal; that you can't trust anybody in a political job; that the capitalist parties are so powerful that the common people can't hope to defeat them. They know what they want, but they have no confidence that they themselves, and their fellow Americans, can build a political party that will be able to achieve it.

There is only one way to overcome this cynicism and political apathy. It is to start building a people's movement, right where you are and right now. You can be sure that no full-fledged national farm-labor party will arise overnight. Successful movements are built that way.

They go through the same slow, painful, difficult organizational stages that are part of the building of a union, a farm organization or a co-op.

That is how we must build our political movement. Soon we can expect a nationwide movement and our new party will have become a reality. But it won't be a reality until we have the paper its constitution is written on it rank-and-file union men, farmers, co-op members, etc., etc., etc., haven't this done with their own neighbors, shopmates and fellow workers.

Meantime every union man can help. Since April there has been a National Educational Committee for a New Party. You can get in touch with it by writing c/o A. Philip Randolph, 217 W. 125th St., New York 27. This committee can only do a real educational job if it has active sub-committees in every city. Is there such a committee in your city?

You can also get this committee's statement of program and policy. Circulate it in your local union and get it discussed and acted upon by the entire membership. In December there will be a delegated national conference, at which a final statement of program will be adopted and some kind of permanent "new party" organization set up. Your union should be represented.

Economic Consequences The end of a war always brings a spate of reports describing the economic consequences thereof. Although the wars may differ, the results turn out the same.

The concentration of control by the major monopolies of American industry has intensified tremendously. No major new companies or group of companies emerged from the war. The corporations which had the great- est resources and the greatest capital were called upon to produce the war orders placed by the government.

As a result, they increased their cash, their corporate net worth, their profits and their power. Despite the fact that a fuss was made over small business — the Senate set up a Special Small Business Committee — small enterprises were pushed to the wall, while they continued to open for business they proceeded to close just as rapidly.

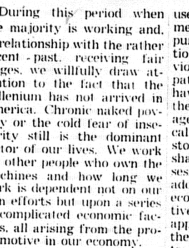
According to the Senate Special Committee on Small Business, some 2 per cent of the manufacturing firms of the country had over 60 per cent of the employees. To this can be contrasted some recent figures on the balance sheets, which point out that the richest 10 per cent of the people own 60 per cent of the bonds and the money in banks, accounts, etc., while the great- est 40 per cent own only 1 per cent. (And the largest amount controlled by any one in the latter group was \$200,000.)

The war, as the great- foreseen, accelerated a trend toward such concentration as few other countries are likely to match. A few more monopolies, of the type of Standard Oil, General Electric, U. S. Steel can take the turn on the direction of America's economic future.

Things, as we have seen, are being done, or, at least, to decide the fate of workers who are completely dependent on the wages of these major concerns.

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Lest We Forget



During this period when the majority is working and in relationship with the rather recent — past — working, wages, we willfully draw attention to the fact that the millennium has not arrived in America. The child naked poverty or the dominant factor of our lives. We work for other people who own the machines and how long we work is dependent not on our own efforts but upon a series of complicated economic factors, all arising from the profit motive in our economy.

Even the employer is mystified by what he calls "the market" for his products. In a vague way he knows that his employees and other companies are also his customers but if you pursue this thought farther and point out his responsibility of sustaining his customers' purchasing power, then he shies off muttering about being entitled to a fair return for his investment. When it is pointed out any return made just for the

use of money, eventually means his customers cannot purchase his capacity production then the employer grows violent in the extreme. You patiently point out that you have no idea of withdrawing the financial income of management but only the so-called returns of usury as all stockholders are just loan sharks. Because of the possessing groups' refusal to adopt a moral attitude in the economic sense or, alternatively, because of the workers' apparent inability to make the interest receivers conform to decent codes of conduct, we have staggering and amazing results.

The compound interest payments on loans (delicately called earnings) pyramids to gigantic heights, that for long periods the workers are unable to buy more than a fraction of the commodities put on the market, with the inevi-

table result of widespread unemployment.

Don't forget all this is because of the loan payments we make when the same money should be spent on the amenities of existence and so create a constant demand for more goods and consequent unemployment. Being tolerant of these traffickers in loans (coupon-clippers) has more far reaching effects than just mass unemployment with its attendant misery and poverty.

The loan interest payments (company earnings) extracted from the workers with the tacit consent of the said workers means that the best houses built by the workers must be owned by the people having the purchasing power, the loan companies (investors), if you please. The worker makes a decision as to whether he wants a nice comfortable house with suitable equip-

ment, or whether he should keep up the payments on his loans or, if you like it better, pass over dividends to his employer — up to now the worker has decided that loan payments come first.

Naturally, this business of keeping up payments on these loans puts the worker in the position of always having, when work is down, to keep body and soul together and considerably less when unemployed, gives the employer the feeling that he is entitled to his interest checks by something akin to "divine right."

Workers seriously respect the opinions of the loan sharks, not just their views on loans, but upon all kinds of diverse domestic and international problems. The usurers not only make us keep them in affluence but apparently we workers appreciate the opportunity, providing them with everything, heart desires. We provide them with the finest houses, the most artistic clothes, the ample leisure to enjoy these things and to top it all we applaud them for giving us a beating.

It's a strange, strange world.

The bitter class struggle still goes on with unabating fury and all that is happening now is an attempt by one side and then the other to use the Congress of the United States in giving its opponents a licking. When Labor Unions are strong enough to extract wage hikes from the employers even to the extent of endangering the payment of so-called "fair returns" on invested capital, then the employers through their various agencies clamor for government protection from the unscrupulous labor leaders who are probably on the payroll of Joe Stalin.

When the circumstances change so where the bosses claim the price of many manufactured goods without any corresponding lift in wage rates then the labor unions insist upon immediate intervention by the White House with the underlying threat that if this aid is not given then, at the next election, Labor will be found in favor of throwing the rascals out.

This economic tug of war is inescapable and must continue until our acquisitive economy is changed to one where the social needs of the people are paramount. In the meantime, Hell will continue pouring.

As a matter of plain encroachment on managerial preserves it would be more sensible to make all price commodities subject to collective bargaining but when labor unions are able to enforce this, private control of industry will be ready to pass out of the picture. Obviously, the large portion of the purchas-

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Annihilation or Abundance

We have split the atom; we must unite the world.

Disaster has caught up with mankind, overtaking us as we attempted to move slowly toward progress. Now we must act quickly or all our earthly hopes will be wiped out forever in one vast cataclysm. By a strange paradox, the complicated discoveries of the scientific laboratory have reduced our problem to the simple, elementary choice of life or death. For men who refuse to share the new resources of atomic energy will share a common doom.

The atomic bomb, coupled with the rocket principle and jet propulsion, can raze our planet and erase all life.

Have we built the great temple of mankind on a sacrifice to the gods of chaos? Or can we pluck the greatest triumph of the human race from the most dangerous nettle this man has ever seized? The question is as dramatic and as simple as that.

When science smashed the atom it discovered for the first time the principle of annihilation. At the same time, by the very same principle, science has made it possible to transform nature into the servant of man, giving him food infinitely beyond the capacity of the human appetite.

Everything far more abundant than he can wear, homes all to fill our streets with pleasures. We face a world of potential superlatives.

Annihilation or abundance? The choice is his. It was a solemn day when the news came that atomic fission had reduced Hiroshima to vapors and that the atomic bomb had left a trail of the 80,000 dead. Even the prospect that atomic energy was now in our hands for service to civilization could not overshadow the awful horror that was the first evidence of the new scientific triumph.

At such a moment indecision is itself a choice. To do nothing is to invite the disaster. To prevent the most colossal tragedy in the history of the universe requires affirmative action, a conscious exploration of what may lie ahead and the timely initiation of measures to forestall

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The New OPA

A new O.P.A. Bill has been signed and continues protection of the workers against sky-rocketing rents and for this we are truly thankful. The rest of the Bill is indeterminate and of doubtful value.

Labor union men should not ween too much about the abolition of Government control over most commodity prices as it is evident that, under a so-called free economy, Government supervision of the cost of living must include Government control of wages.

Not that the establishment of appropriate wage rates by the Government is bad in itself, but is absurd under a system of private ownership where wages are presumably a negotiable item between employees and employers.

We refuse to believe that labor unions by demanding the retention of the O.P.A. price control functions intend to place wages outside of their collective bargaining jurisdiction and merely accept Government determined rates of pay.

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May Makes Hay Every Day

Andrew Jackson May is a Congressman whose name has appeared in the headlines more than once, in case you've forgotten. Congressman May is the author of the May War Mobilization Bill.

May openly advocated smashing labor unions, conscripting strikers and shooting union leaders. Whenever there has been a piece of anti-labor legislation, you could always count on May to be one of its most raving proponents. In all of his rantings, Congressman May was always supported by reactionary daily press.

Now the tables are turned, and the same newspapers that so freely gave to spread Congressman May's anti-labor program, are turning on their heels with blasts that should contribute to the end of Congressman May.

As Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee May used his office to put the heat on the War Department whenever one of his friends wanted a nice juicy contract, or whenever he wanted a nice juicy kickback.

Today, the Senate Military Committee exposed Congressman May along with other Washington phonies, as a war profiteer and grafter who has the blood of thousands of American boys on his hands.

Now this isn't the first time that Andy May has been implicated in a fraud against the Government. Back in 1934 under the Civil Works Administration, 14 of Andy's political henchmen, including his brother-in-law and his cousin, were sent to prison for diversion of Government funds. Congressman May was the counsel for the defense, in spite of the fact no member of Congress is privileged to take a case against the Government. Now here is the interesting part of the story.

Just as some damaging evidence was being revealed, the Court House mysteriously burned down and destroyed

the evidence.

Options now in the hands of these corporations will give them plant values equal to one half of all the manufacturing plants and equipment in operation in the United States in 1939.

But to make matters even worse, these corporations are completely controlled by the Morgan, Rockefeller, Mellon and DuPont interests and by a small group of Roosevelt's favorite bankers.

As a result of the options that these groups hold, it now is evident that the war developed a situation in which these groups will completely dominate the economy of the nation.

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Lighter VEIN

+ BOOK REVIEW + The First Freedom

By Morris L. Ernst
New Leader

"IDENTICAL pots and pans," Mr. Ernst says, "is one thing; stamping out unvaried ideas has quite a different impact on our way of life." Anyone still interested in saving American democracy cannot afford to ignore a book which proves that monopolistic control of press, radio, and movies is wiping out our freedom of speech.

"In more than 1,200 cities there is only one newspaper. There are only 117 cities in this vast land where there is more than one newspaper ownership." In 1909 there were 2,000 newspapers with a circulation of more than 24,000,000. By 1940 there were 602 less, and the number continues to diminish while circulation grows. "Concentration of power in newspaper circulation, if nationwide, is totalitarianism—no matter who the publisher may be. Further decimation of the press is one of the foremost problems facing our fight against totalitarianism."

Chain ownership, mergers, syndicates, three news cartels, the U.P. ISS, and that great protagonist of international press speech, the Associated Press, have helped rub out most of the business and ideological competition in the newspaper field. AP, it happens, "successfully kept Hearst's competing agency, and from readers in the U.S. Alcoa never closed the markets more successfully."

The advertisers "only thirty-nine" account for nearly one-half the total expense for national advertising in the newspapers. It must be admitted that The First Freedom, in relation to the present dangers and to the progress that we have failed to achieve, is no more cheerful a report than The Basic Check. As for the future, air deliveries promise to wipe out small local news, station via radio and advertisements may supply the coup de grace.

Not are conditions and prospects any more heartening in radio where "730 of the 900 stations have been gathered into four networks which run the industry." Before the war two of them controlled "95 percent of all the total station wattage . . . throughout the country in the most valuable listening hours"; that is, in the evening. These two, by dominating the National Association of Broadcasters, were able to "shrink off other networks."

The harmony has been replaced by the newspapers' blending with many radio stations, thus smoothing away the discords of that diversity of opinion which democracy needs for survival. Back in 1939, 40 percent of the Blue Network was newspaper-owned. In 1944 towards the only radio station is associated with the only newspaper ownership, and the proportion of such ownership is increasing.

The four networks are dependent on the advertisers of whom eleven in 1940 accounted for 50 percent of the total network revenue. "So we can believe Niles Trueman, President of NBC, when he assures Congress that business controls radio and its programs. And we can understand why soap operas continue to lather the mind while health and educational programs are kicked around and off the air by increasing advertising competition."

As for the movies, behind their glamorous banality, their glittering mediocrity, there is the dictatorship of the producers who, through outright theatre ownership, domination of almost all distribution and production, "have the power to regulate the amount, content, and character of the films that reach the public." The only thoughts, ideas, and opinions to 70,000,000 persons a week via the screen are those acceptable to this handful of men. . . . Ars gratia mammon.

From all this and a lot more about the unholy trinity, Mr. Ernst concludes: "Either we go toward dictatorship of the mind or we enter the crusade for freedom from economic restraint on the minds and habits of our people." To combat this concentration of power, inevitable when economic forces are laissez-faire, he wants no TVA of the mind, but let me get under the reform to allow for free

Spirited Plea

President Daniel L. Marsh of Boston University recently blamed heart drinking on the part of diplomats for turning recent international conferences into "lost week-ends."—News item.

DO diplomats quarrel and pettishly bicker? The cause is quite clear: just a bit too much liquor. Does the conference close in a hell of a muddle? Well, alcohol's certain the brain to befuddle.

Is the course of the world just a trifle unsteady? Look out for the poison that's pleasant but heady. Is mankind fast moving toward Armageddon? Please note what some noses are getting red on.

With statesmen becoming extremely irrational And much going badly in things international Where nations, at odds, grow aloof and autonomous, We're asking your help, Alcoholics Anonymous!

—Richard Armour

HENRY DUBB ON ECONOMICS



What I see is, that if Socialism comes to this country, there will be no capitalists and therefore no wages for us.

Remember?

Do you remember way back to 1933 when there was so much hullabaloo because Hitler had put across a law that where a strike constituted a strike against the government, the strikers would be indicted as traitors and the strike leaders jailed?

The First Freedom is too numbing and repetitious, not well organized. But minor defects do not detract from the essential values of the work, its honesty, eloquence, factuality and clarity, and a well-founded thesis which makes one of the most important books of our time.

"Conservatives" who are resigned to monopolistic control of the mind, so-called liberals or liberals who wink at totalitarian Gleichschaltung in one other country and its satellites, may be reminded by this book that truth will not prevail without the unfettered competition of ideas. Professed liberals cannot justifiably remain complacently static before Mr. Ernst's well-aided and convincing facts and figures. "Violent revolution is not the only path to dictatorship . . . the cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy."

Vet's Dreams Are Kaput

Hundreds of thousands of G.I.'s dreamed of going into business for themselves—with the aid of a loan under the G. I. Bill of Rights. In California alone, according to a story in the Wall Street Journal, December 24, 75,000 applied at the banks only to learn that it is true—what they say about the banker's glass eye, that is. Of the 75,000 would-be independent entrepreneurs, 184 have received loan guarantees and the applications of 14 others are pending.

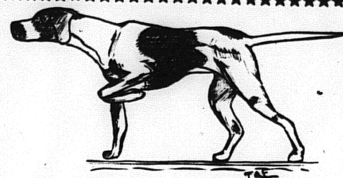
Night and Day

By Paul Salem

With the black night I creep upon you
In a blanket of smokefog I rise
From the stench of the river And seep into your ear.
In the starless gloom I am a heavy shroud
Surrounding all that may have been bright.
In smothering clouds I envelop you.
I blind you I stuff you. I am Propaganda.

But I come with the dawn and The red rising sun.
Shadows and blackness flee before me.
Into dank, dark dungeons I penetrate.
Everything I touch is bathed in mellow
Refreshing light.
In your sun-drenched body
The newer, fresher blood courses madly.
With your increasing strength you strain
Upward, and reach for more.
I too, am Propaganda.

—Metal Worker



If you think that you can control prices without evenully controlling the component parts of the finished product, you have a false conception of what you are getting into. Price control must ultimately lead to wage control, which automatically means the end of collective bargaining.

Reuther's Prayer

Lord, God of Hosts, to whom we pray,
Give us this day our O.P.A.
And, O Lord, if thou hast time,
Let Taft be cut down in his prime.
We could spare Thomas. Addes too
And all the rest of that damn crew.
Make Wilson meet at my behest.
Tell Ford to answer my request.
If they refuse, give them the ague
Or any other kind of plague.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Except those that spout from the C.I.O.

The Bunkum Times

Published by
Col. Wm. Patterson McCorny

Vol. K No. Z

I see right in The Bunkum Times
It says in column one:
The U.S.A. and Canada
Will guard the Midnight Sun

They're gonna save the Northern Pole
From atom bombs no doubt—
From what they are defending it
I cannot quite make out.

This last I cannot guarantee
I hear by word of mouth
The penquins there are organized
And plan on heading South.

I see right in The Bunkum Times
On the Editorial Page:
The trouble with the work-ing man
He wants a living wage.

It says in ten foot type
LET'S HAVE A UNION
MASSACRE
THE TIME IS GETTING RIPE.

Republicans and Democrats
Have made United Front
To see if corporation law
Can pull this clever stunt.

I see right in The Bunkum Times
The Wobblies aim to sign 'em up
Among our factory crew.

Good citizens of Bunkum Town
We cannot stand for that.
Why it's anarchistic anarchy
Hey, Sheriff, grab your hat!

They're just a bunch of work-ing stiffs
They're blood ain't even blue:
We've got the D.A.R. with US
And the W.C.T.U.

I see right in The Bunkum Times
On the Editorial Page:
The trouble with the work-ing man
He wants a living wage.

And if that isn't bad enough
He joins a real I.U.
Where he still demands a liv-ing wage
BUT WANTS THE FAC-TORY TOO!—
—Chif.
—Industrial Worker

Troubled About Production

The President of the U.A.W.-C.I.O. made the week-end headlines (maybe that is all the statement was expected to do) with a troubled request for a meeting with the auto barons, Wilson, Ford, Koller, et. al., for the purpose of increasing the production of automobiles.

Our Walter is worried that perhaps his constituents are receiving too much money for the work performed and 'tis said that when insomnia threatens our Walter instead of counting sheep, i.e., U.A.W. members, he now counts automobiles but, evidently, he can't count enough.

We cannot recall off hand a more altruistic gesture than Walter holding out the hand of friendship to the harassed automobile big-shots. It is our hope this new found affection of the U.A.W. does not turn out to be unrequited love, but that like bread upon the waters it will be returned a hundred fold.

When Walter has one plan too many and even his faithful stooges cannot digest it, causing factions among to develop in the ranks of his union, we hope, trust and pray that Walter receives something after this pattern from his new found buddies, the Moguls of the Autos:—

Dearest Walter,

Although, with your usual self-effacing modesty, you are trying to keep your troubles away from the white glare of publicity, nevertheless, we are now so close to you spiritually that we sense you are in trouble with your recalcitrant subjects and would wish to be the first with offers of sympathy. The whole resources of our plans are at your disposal. Are any presumptions enough to dream of aspiring to your exalted job? Just name them and they're fired.

Do you require any strong-arm squads or stool pigeons? The LaFollette Committee will give you testimonials as to our ability in this direction. Walter, anything we have is yours.

Thanking you for restoring our production, we are,

Yours,

Ford, Wilson, Mason,
Koller, et. al.

Frankly, we don't expect events to go this way but Walter will eventually fall down on one of his headline-hunt-ing stunts.

Coal and Earl

Richard Armour

The Earl Fitzwilliam, proprietor of Westworth, one of England's best-known estates, traveled from Yorkshire to Downing Street today to try to persuade Prime Minister Atlee to stop Emanuel Shinnell, Minister of Fuel and Power, from digging up the Earl's front yard to get at coal lying just beneath the surface.

EMANUEL SHINNELL, dark and sinister, Of Fuel and Power the King's own Minister, Will not stop short of his desperate goal. He swears that he must and he will have coal.

The Earl Fitzwilliam, however, flatly Says no to Shinnell and even to Atlee: "Dig coal, if you must, either soft or hard. But not, by God, in my own front yard!"

What next is to happen, and next, we wonder? Will Shinnell tear the Earl's lawn asunder. Or Earl Fitzwilliam, of landed gentry, Deny the Fuel and Power chap entry?

Will Home's staunch defender (Fitzwilliam) come through, Or industry's agent (E. Shinnell) say who? The end we know not, for our source doesn't hint it. If fit, though, for print, the Times may yet print it.

—The New Leader



Inflation

The Spanish anti-fascist weekly, La Botella, organ of the P.O.U.M., published in Paris, has printed a comparison between prices and wages now being paid in Barcelona. According to report of Spanish workers who have just come from Franco-land, skilled machinists in one of the plants in Barcelona recently struck to protest their wages of 15 to 16 pesetas a day. Unskilled workers are getting 12 pesetas a day. 2 lbs. of bread . . . 20 pesetas 2 lbs. of sugar . . . 40 pesetas 2 lbs. of potatoes . . . 10 pesetas 1 lb. of vegetables . . . 24 pesetas 2 lbs. of flour . . . 16 pesetas

Curiouser and Curiouser

Have you noticed that those who find the most "dignity" in labor and who dilate on the blessings of a job well done are usually people who eat their bread in the sweat of other people's brow? Well, here's something else to notice. You'll always find that the people who deplore idleness and who affect apprehension over alleged "misuse" of leisure by the workers, are people who have the most of it. As, for example, the class represented by Dr. Edmund E. Day, president of Cornell University. Said Dr. Day to a graduating class recent: "This idea of a shorter and shorter work week seems to raise all sorts of far-reaching social questions. Certainly, until we can give more convincing proof that we know how to use our leisure wisely, the whole practice of limiting output (or profits) seems to me of doubtful social wisdom. It would!

Pursuit of Happiness
According to Marcus Aurelius, "The true worth of a man is measured by the objects he pursues." Now what were you gals saying about wolves.

A Word From Our Readers

"What a (k)night"

IT MAY be that Editor Knight of the Free Press never heard that Gannett hired that ex-convict enemy agent to run his "Committee." Maybe Knight does not recognize Fascism when it comes to his office, money in hand, to buy full-page ads. Usually Fascist groups are called KNIGHTS of something or other.

Quite likely Gannett, Burke, Knight and the NAM think the citizens of Detroit, known German agents, graduated from Federal prisons, to tell them what to write to their Congressmen. Even if we DID need it, the stuff ought to be honestly, captioned and identified. If this AD had been headed, "Confessions of a Fascist," "Adviser of an Enemy Agent," or "America needs Fascism - This is IT!" I would not criticize Knight for taking the money from this guy who spent German money to control American papers during the war.

I think agent Rumely and Klucki Shurt have enough influence in Washington right now. If they want any messages sent to my representatives there, let them sign their own names to them - their names are well known to both Congress and the FBI.

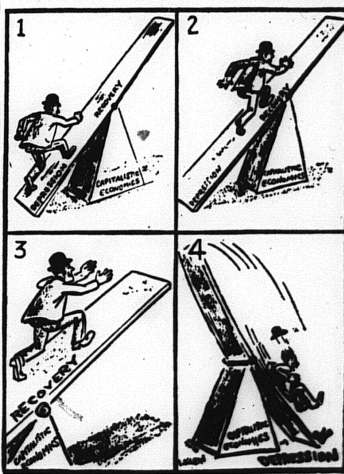
Knight of the Free Press owns the Akron, Ohio, paper which faked up the lie about the crew of a ship refusing to unload cargo at Guadalcanal, and sick and wounded being compelled to do it. Even the lousy Detroit NEWS refused to take the ad of the "Committee." Since The Free Press consistently upholds the Klucki and Black Legion faction of the Michigan and Detroit city administrations, he naturally gets preferential treatment from the Nazi, Fascist, Colored Shirt distributors of enemy money in the United States. WHAT A (K) knight!

Frank B. Tuttle

TIME

Long, grasping fingers of Time.
Reaching, clutching, holding.
Never ceasing, never stopping
Ever moving—moving—
Merciless: compressing
In their boundless grip.
On their endless flight
Hours golden, seconds flickering.
Like a white-sailed ship
On oblivion bent
In the black eternity of night.
The hours, seconds, moments spent
Engulfed by the long grasping fingers of Time.

Rosina Raymond



HOW CAPITALISM WORKS

J. Klein in "Commonsense"

The Case Of The Missing T-Bones

T-bone steaks start down the production line as part of a prime cut, a little to the rear of center of the back. Prime beef leaves its home on the range several months before it gets to the slaughter, spending the intervening time in rich living as the property of some corn-belt farmer whose aim is to transform working-class looking steers into sleek, fat animals of high palatability through the medium of rich diets.

We all know how certain Congressmen get to looking after several months of banqueting, even when their intellectual consumption and output has the dietary qualities of boiled savast.

Meat is more than just food. It is the productive, social effort of many people. It is baby calf plus grazing land, hay, oats, railroad freight, corn, interest, taxes and a host of other factors including much hard work for the benefit of the unemployed, that balance and most hamburger is

OPA Acts With Indecent Haste

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thereby maintain a scant supply. All during the war labor sat back and waited until domestic production was renewed. Today, inflation is so operative, that Joe Worker cannot possibly buy the automobile, refrigerator, house and clothing that he needs. The fact of the matter is, the average worker has all he can manage in paying for the bare necessities of life.

Talking about preventing inflation is mere wishful thinking. It is about time we faced the fact that inflation is with us, and that as much as industry, backed up by the O.P.A., gives no sign of reducing prices, the only answer to the problem is an increase in wages. When we might enjoy shouting, "Let's hold prices down," we are prepared to recognize that labor has not been successful in that anti-inflation fight; that prices have gone up and are going higher; that the wage increases of last spring have been obliterated by higher prices; and that the average worker is far worse off than he was a year ago. With this factual recognition there can be but one conclusion — we're in a fix. What are we waiting for?

Toledo Fights Inflation

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over human lives, that food and clothing and shelter can be withheld from the public until a greater profit is assured, is a condemnation of the entire economy.

Demonstrating against inflation may bring relief from the immediate situation, but it does not provide a cure for the disease. Instead of arguing how much profit Mr. Big should make, what we want to know is, what is there to justify any personal profit at a cost of human exploitation and human lives.

Now that labor has demonstrated, it can unite against a common enemy; its efforts and energies must be utilized in building a powerful labor political party. Once labor has built its weapon to fight for decent legislation and a political front, just as it has built its weapon, the union, to fight on the industrial front, economic security will be within reach. We have shown our ability to demonstrate, it is about time we forged our weapon to fight.

N.A.C. Meets At Toledo

The National Administrative Committee of the M.E.S.A. (N.A.C.) will meet its quarterly meeting at Toledo, starting Sunday, August 11.

At this meeting rank and file delegates will set the policy for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America for the next three months period. Paid officials, while permitted to attend the meeting, will not be allowed to make any motions or vote on any matters.

James Maxton Mourned by World Labor

James Maxton, one of the world's foremost fighters for Socialism, died last week in Scotland at the age of 61. Maxton, fiery leader of the British Independent Labor Party, had an unchallengeable record of speaking up in behalf of labor, and of pulling no punches in his never tiring struggle for industrial democracy.

He was elected as a representative in Parliament from Glasgow in 1922, and served that body until his death. He was long known as a vigorous fighter against any form of imperialism and war, and went to jail during World War I as a conscientious objector.

Maxton's opposition to imperialism was not just for some other country's imperialism, he openly fought the retention of the British Empire as such. At the time of the King, Edward-Wallis Simpson affair, he introduced a motion in Commons to proclaim his country a republic, and to divide the Empire into its component parts.

James Maxton was loved by all labor for he was the one representative in Parliament whose position never wavered. James Maxton was the official voice of Tommy Worker in all Great Britain, and his death is an irreparable loss to the labor and socialist movement throughout the world.

A couple of years ago, an Anniversary Banquet was put on by the M.E.S.A. Detroit Locals and, while about 800 attended the festivities, Cleveland Locals have always felt they could have done the job better.

To prove this contention, the Cleveland Local bigwigs are quietly arranging the anniversary banquet to be put on by any labor union in the City of Cleveland.

The details are, as yet, a dark secret but make tentative inquiries from your Shop Stewards for reservations. There is not a hotel with a dining room big enough to take care of the members who will want to participate in the "high-lights."

Both the meat and the situation will be tough at best, and it is hard to guess at the degree of chaos that will follow with the long-horned bull of inflation running loose among the yearlings.

Reprinted from the "FE NEWS"

Attention

Any M.E.S.A. local that wants the Educator mailed to its homes of its members should get in touch with the Publicity Office, 317 Boulevard Building. The N.A.C. has ruled that any local request for this service can have the paper mailed by making special arrangements.

Other workers who are working, are kept in contact with the Union, but those who have left our shops are kept up to date on M.E.S.A. activities.

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Every General Motors Worker knows how the U.E. sold out to the company during the big strike last spring. Reuther, even General Electric worker knows that even at the big C.E. plant at Schenectady, N.Y., the best wages have been able to get a starting rate for production workers and machine operators of 68 cents an hour. Every Westinghouse worker knows that after a long drawn out strike the U.E. had a settlement that actually brings them less income than they had before they struck.

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A six page single spaced explanation was released by the OPA which disclosed the basis upon which the increase was computed. This is a document that deserves special study by all Union officials and rank and file members alike, for it is a case of something new has been added.

The methods employed by the OPA in determining the cost of your coal is something to be feared, but nothing ever approached before. The new method of computation includes an allowance for cost incurred by the coal companies because of the six week coal strike.

Now let us assume that Government agencies adopt the policy of treating industry as a whole with the same formula. It will simply mean that there will be no basis for collective bargaining except on the company's terms. If the company's Boss will be in a position to sit back and refuse to negotiate as they did in the coal strike with the idea that eventually the workers will be starved into submission and the Government Price Fixing Agency will add the cost of the long drawn out strike to the new price of the product.

Up till now in Auto, Steel, Oil and the Electrical industries, management has depended on tax refunds to pay for the cost of the strike. Now the cost is thrown directly upon the shoulders of the consumer. It is a case of the Government taking the attitude of openly guaranteeing the profits of private industry.

Don't be angry now Old Fellow, this is just another case of Mr. Big being taken care of. Struggle on, Joe Worker was dumb enough to send to Washington.

Economic Consequences

every major decision made by the government is posted on the needs and desires of these monopolies, which constitute the heart of capitalism. The abdication of control of prices is due almost completely to non-recovery units which to operate. That these terms—high prices and high profits—be a rental impoverishment of the great majority of the country's workers was no concern of theirs; their profit system came first and would be secured regardless of results.

It is just the latter that is in doubt. It has been said that the prelude to the downfall of a ruling class is speeding in proportion to its advance. It looks as if America's ruling class is about to reach that limit.

The air was the only thing left in the world that was free—and even that was corrupted so that we suffered from lung trouble without knowing it and what was the result? The politicians could find no way to make us pay for breathing, so grudgingly, they allowed us to fill our lungs with diluted carbon monoxide without paying taxes for the privilege. Every thing else was taxed up to its greatest possible "revenue-turn."

A new breed of vermin had come to plague the world. It was known as a "Scoundrel Worker" and was of two varieties. One variety was the snopper and his function was to pry into the private life of a poor man so that there was nothing left sacred in man's integrity.

We have made the charge knowing full well, the implications involved. We are prepared to back our charge with glaring facts.

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By F. J. Read

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The Educator presents for your consideration, a series of articles by Patrick J. Read, formerly, Editor of the "Industrial Worker," official organ of the Industrial Workers of the World (I.W.W.) and one time, writer. Read, in his own words, tells what he would like to see, if his beloved I.W.W. were in control of the Government for ten years.

These articles are unexpurgated. The Editors of the Educator make no attempt to censor or comment on any of our readers' weighty comments. The columns of the Educator are open for such unexpurgated comment.

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