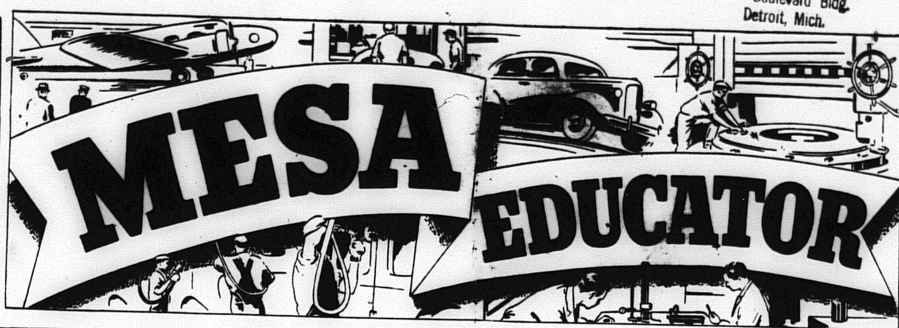


We pledge to organize and unite the workers in the automobile, metal and allied trades, in the struggle to their power in the new economic life. Our immunities are higher hours, better and the end social legislation is a must. We are industrial and political. We are the voice of all workers.

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



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Local 9A Election

DETROIT — Members of Foremen's Local 9A M.E.S.A. elected the following officials to serve during 1947:
Thomas O'Neil, President
Fred Spicer, Vice President
Charles Alloway, Recording Secretary

Grievance Committee
Charles Rousseaux
James Chear
Ray Szegonyi

Executive Board

Stanley Wardell
Jani Brandt
Jesse Bancroft
Gordon Rousseaux
Charles Ferris

Stewards—First Floor

John Larson
George Oliver

Stewards—Second Floor

Stanley Ferguson
George Steele

Stewards—Night Shift

Henry Collinson
Louis Lucas

Local 9A is composed of all the foremen employed at the Detroit plant of the Nash-Kelvinator Corporation.

New England Representative



Frank O. Edwards, National Representative of the M.E.S.A. in the New England Area, served as National Secretary of the Interstate Metal Workers Union, until that organization merged with the M.E.S.A. In his capacity as a National official of Interstate, Edwards demonstrated his ability both as a leader and as a negotiator. We have seen Frank Edwards in action, and welcome him as a devoted asset to our organization.

CIO Confab Leaves Commies In Control

Contrary to public announcements and newspaper hogwash, the Atlantic City Convention of the C. I. O. resulted in a smashing victory for the Communist Party.

Rank and file union members and the public were given to understand that the Communists would be shipped down in the show-down fight. Ever since its inception, the Congress of Industrial Organizations has been the playground of the Communists, and the hatchery for Uncle

Division President



James "Jim" Kozma, President of the Interstate Division of the M.E.S.A., is "The Little man who's always there." Kozma, one of the founders of the Interstate Copper and Brass Workers Union, which later changed its name to the Interstate Metal Workers Union, has done an admirable job of directing and building a powerful labor organization. Small in stature, but with more energy than most men twice his size, Kozma directed the I.M.W.U. in vicious but victorious struggles with employers and in competition with other organizations. When there is a job to be done, you can count on "Jim" without exception, to tackle it. Now, as President of the Division of the M.E.S.A., Kozma brings knowledge, experience and ability that will be a great asset to our organization.

Paid Holidays Enjoyed by Clark Workers

CLEVELAND — Workers at the Clark Controller Company, Cleveland, Ohio, will be paid for six holidays a year although they will not work those days. It has been agreed that the holiday pay will include any premiums and bonus that the workers would have earned had they worked.

This is another step in the Cleveland area to get in line with the M. E. S. A. policy of getting paid for the holiday instead of getting a short pay check.

Joseph's Chicks

A simple look at what happened at Atlantic City shows the Communists receiving nothing more than a mere slap on the wrist.

Phil Murray, Chief Representative of the CIO, had spread the word that he was through with spending time settling fights in the organization caused by the Communists through acting as a shield against attacks on the Com-

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Spargo Wire Workers Ask Wage Increase

ROME, N. Y. — Spargo Wire Local 6, IMWU-Division of the M.E.S.A., is another local in the Rome-Utica area that became a part of the M.E.S.A. through the merger of the two organizations, last October.

At a recent meeting of the workers in this shop, it was decided to notify the company that, "Now is the time when we want more money." Last spring, Spargo Wire workers succeeded in getting a nineteen and one half cent increase in wages. We know Spargo Wire Workers, and are confident that they are set for another wage increase. Keep your eye on Spargo Wire.

Emblem W'ks. Move for More Money

UTICA, N. Y. — A demand for an increase in wages has been placed before the management of the American Emblem Company at Utica, New York. This plant is under contract with M.E.S.A. Interstate Division Local 9.

This Local has established a record of fighting for what it goes after.

Some of the older locals in the M.E.S.A. will be glad to learn that American Emblem workers are very efficient in the art of "shutting 'em down whenever it is necessary."

The prerequisites of a third party are not yet here. Belief in a new party for the dispossessed must be preceded by a complete loss of hope in the present Republican and Democratic Parties. This mental divorce from private enterprise political parties must not be promoted by cynicism, people who, because of lack of capacity, have failed to achieve positions of leadership in either private industry or in the parties represented. It is also evident that Labor Union Officials who have spent their organizational lives supporting whatever administration was in office in return for an occasional invitation to the White House, supplemented by something infinitely more practical—appointments carrying nice little

M.E.S.A. Swamps CIO at Detrex

The M.E.S.A. has swamped the United Steel Workers Union, CIO at the two plants of the Detrex Corporation in Detroit.

At a hearing held before the N.L.R.B., the CIO failed to prove that it had even one supporter in the shop, in spite of the fact it had a check-off contract.

M.E.S.A. representatives told the Board that they were willing to go along with an election, inasmuch as we would enjoy giving the Steel Workers Union the trouncing it deserves. Forty-eight hours later the CIO notified the N.L.R.B. that it was withdrawing as bargaining agent.

Mail the Educator

Any Local desiring to have the Educator mailed directly to the home of each member, should contact the M.E.S.A. National office to make arrangements for such mailing.

at the plant. With the elimination of the CIO from cluttering up the scene, the Company was finally convinced to recognize the M.E.S.A. as the bargaining agent, without the formal procedure of an election.

Negotiations on an M.E.S.A. contract are about to get underway, and Detrex workers are prepared to fight to get a real M.E.S.A. contract in the shop.

The Shop Committee at the Detrex Main plant consists of the following Brothers: Brother James Hull, Chairman; Brothers Newby, Crawford, Knight, Opolski and Kofu, Committee members. A Solid Committee for the Detrex Solvent Plant will be elected at the next shop meeting. Keep your eyes on Detrex.

Emil Bellotti Re-elected 'El 12 Pres.

The members of Local 12 of the Interstate Division of the M.E.S.A. have re-elected Emil Bellotti to another term as President of that organization. Local 12 is under contract with the Revere Copper and Brass Company plant at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Since the amalgamation of the Interstate Union and the M.E.S.A., was accomplished last October, Brother Bellotti has taken a leading role in expanding our organization to other plants in the New England area.

Other officers elected by Local 12 include: Vice President Harold Price, Sister Lilian Bosse, re-elected Recording Secretary, Sister Carol H. Jason, Financial Secretary, Brother Edwin F. Wood Jr., re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Charles T. Gomes, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Corasiniti. President of Revere Local 1

Final election results for officials of I.M.W.U. Division of M.E.S.A., Local 1, show the following Brothers elected to serve during 1947: Elected to the office of President, Brother Gregory Corasiniti; Vice-President, Edward Yakobyszyn; Recording Secretary, Frank De Prospero; Treasurer, Leo Senus and Sgt.-at-Arms, Anthony Aquillo.

The following members

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M.E.S.A. Prepared to Fight Dictatorship

Anti-Labor Acts of Government Makes Political Action a "Must"

In order to keep the record clear, we wish to state at this time that the M. E. S. A. stands unalterably opposed to the use of injunctions in labor disputes. Ethically, morally and legally forced labor is supposed to have been outlawed in the United States. We stand ready to join with other organizations using any means that might be necessary, in the struggle against involuntary servitude.

Election of Nat'l Officers

The decision of the National Administrative Committee calling for a change in the election machinery of the M.E.S.A., and a short-term election of National Officials, will give the new Interstate Metal Workers Division an opportunity to more fully in the election.

The primary election will be by the N.A.C., and the final election will be by referendum vote of the rank and file. Nominations will be made by the Locals.

The election of National Officials who will take office July 1, 1947 and will serve for an eighteen month period is to take place under the new N.A.C. rules.

The N.A.C. decision to act as primary electors in future elections of National Officials will serve to screen candidates and to bring about a final election between capable candidates for all positions.

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M.E.S.A. President



George White, National President of the M.E.S.A., re-elected to that office, to serve a special six month term, pending the regular referendum election of National officials in July, was recently chosen by the National Educational Committee for a New Party, to become a member of the National Executive Committee of that organization.

Ever since its inception the M.E.S.A. has campaigned for independent political action on the part of labor.

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During the past few weeks, the Government has said to more than 400,000 coal miners, "You must work." This in spite of the fact, the Constitution is very definite in expressing that involuntary servitude shall not be practiced.

John L. Lewis, as President of the United Mine Workers Union, and the Union itself have been hauled before Judge Allen Goldsborough. Their crime, is refusal to purger themselves by stating something they do not believe. The Judge tells Mr. Lewis that if he will tell his miners, under oath, that their contract has not expired, in spite of the fact that the truth as far as Mr. Lewis is concerned is, that there is no contract, he will be forgiven for what has gone by.

Judge Goldsborough states that although the Federal Anti-Injunction law forbids the use of injunctions in labor disputes, the Sovereignty of the State, makes the law inoperative in this case. Judge Goldsborough is attempting to create the precedent that Government ownership or control means dictatorship. We reject this attempt as an untruth. Public ownership and democracy are tantamount.

This ruling of Judge Goldsborough appears to us as nothing less than an attempt by big business to create a final line of defense against the rise of labor.

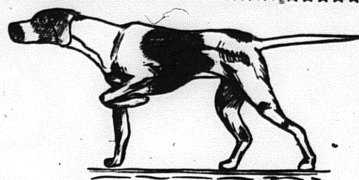
This whole case of the Government is built around a decree by King Charles of England, that the "Sovereignty of Kings, takes precedent over the laws of Parliament." We wish to point out that the good people of England saw fit to behead infamous King Charles, as their answer to his decree. As for us, we are prepared to fight.

We Regret

The Editors of the Educator regret that this edition appears on this poor grade of paper.

We have been informed that while production in the newspaper industry is at 107% of normal capacity, production, the demand for paper has so increased that the present facilities of the industry are incapable of producing a sufficiency in plain language, prosperity boom in the paper industry.

Lighter VEIN



+ BOOK REVIEW + Diary of Impatient Disappointment

New Leader

This book was written by an American reporter who came to Moscow unprejudiced. George Moorad went to the Soviet capital for the Columbia Broadcasting System. Moorad thought he might be able to teach the Soviets a thing or two about good public relations. He did not know then why his predecessor, Jim Fleming, had left Moscow. It was because he had torn up a radio script and thrown it at a censor in the Foreign Ministry.

Moorad ran the gamut from open-minded naïveté to impatient disappointment a lot faster than some other people. Perhaps it was because of his extensive experience as a foreign correspondent. He was on the China coast at the time of the Shanghai incident, roamed the Far East for five years, covered Guadalcanal, the Bismarck Sea Battle and the campaigns of the 32nd Division. When he came to Moscow, his mind was open, but also trained.

He did not know much about the Soviet Union when he crossed the border from Iran to Soviet Azerbaijan. But he learned fast, and at first hand. His book consequently contains no references to Russian history, and effort to explain the Soviet regime in relation to its Tsarist predecessors. It is a piece of straight reporting, honest, forthright and straightforward. As such, it is immensely valuable.

There remain, in this country, very many who neither see the words of the Soviet leadership, nor have fully come to recognize the typical aspects of the Stalin regime. Moorad's book is addressed to this group. The material on censorship, Soviet housing, and particularly his unimpeachable chapter, "What do Russians think?" are excellent examples of a good reporter's first-hand findings. The description of the Soviet reaction to Roosevelt's death, the genuine grief of the plain people, is particularly impressive.

There have been so many correspondents' books on Russia that much of Moorad's material is not new. But it has the freshness of the direct approach. Moorad also covered a lot of ground in occasional trips outside the Soviet Union. I have found his chapters on Romania particularly interesting, because there has been so little reliable reporting from that country. Moorad's sound reporting stands him in good stead when he writes about the Communist dominated Government of Premier Petru Groza and the dilemma members of the Allied Control Council.

His chapter on Poland is significant mostly for the detailed description of UNRRA's enormous difficulties in the face of Russian and Polish communist efforts to hide the American origin of relief supplies.

Moorad arrived in China just in time, as he writes, to see "the iron curtain clanged down on Manchuria." Although his chapter adds little to the more thoughtful accounts previously published in the daily press and in periodicals, it does contain a brief description of conditions in the Soviet-occupied Mukden which clearly reflects the atmosphere of terror.

W. L. White, in his introduction to Moorad's book, believes that the author might be denounced by the Communists as a "Trotskyist mad dog," a Petrushevskii mad dog, a Bukharin right deviationist, a guilty of infantile leftism, a Zinoviev wreck, a paid agent of the Vatican or the Grand Mufti, a partisan of Admiral Kolchak, and finally unmasked as a Browderite-opportunist." White, who recently wrote an enormously amusing article in the "Saturday Review of Literature" on his own experience at the hands of our enthusiastic Soviet apologists, also believes it possible that "the highly organized Soviet propaganda apparatus in this free country" may be turned against Moorad. He adds that Moorad will not be able to return to the Soviet Union or its satellite states.

There is no substitute for honesty. And there is no substitute for straight, clear-cut reporting. We find both in this book.

Guide for The Gullible

Review by
I. D. W. TALMADGE
New Leader

At the risk of being called a "pen bandit" like Brooks Atkinson, I must admit that Mr. Mandel has written just about the dullest book I have ever seen paid for reading. Apparently he misunderstood the Soviet's slogan about "boring from within" and decided to be plain boring, period.

His book reads like a bound volume of *Daily Workers* from 1920-1946 and is just as accurate and engrossing. And nothing "portable" about it either. This overweight tome runs to some 300,000 words and each one of them a compliment to Stalin.

If there actually is such a country as that "Soviet Union" which is described by Mr. Mandel, then it must be sheer masochism on his part to want to remain in these benighted United States. It also makes it difficult to understand why he has written thousands of Russian nationals in the D.P. camps in Europe refuse to return to the Soviet paradise.

Mr. Mandel states in the Preface that his book "is not an eyewitness account, but a documented study." It is documented with long quotations from such unimpeachable and objective sources as *Loves* and *Pravda*, editorialists, the writings of Anna Louise Strong, Ella Winter, Joseph Davies, Corliss Lamont, et al. In fact, this "documented study" is a sort of omnibus anthology of all that has ever been written by Soviet apologists.

Mr. Mandel divides his volume into six books, dealing with (a) geography, (b) history, (c) foreign policy, (d) culture, (e) economy, and (f) government structure. Here are some random quotes from his volume:

"In August, 1939, the Soviet Union, holding its title as the only power not responsible for any war that might result from appeasement, signed its pact of non-aggression with Germany."

"(Soviet) Labor... assists management to raise production, and is proud of its record in that regard. But it does not interfere with management, which it does not regard as a hostile force."

"There is no anti-strike legislation in the USSR, but there have been no authentic reports of strikes since the elimination of the last private enterprise nearly twenty years ago."

"Why is only one party permitted in the Soviet 'democratic'?" Because, the author explains, "in Russia, there are no conflicting classes. Therefore, only a single party is necessary."

"Perhaps a better title for Mr. Mandel's book would have been 'A Guide for the Gullible.'"

Please Note

In 1940 out of 37,000,000 dwelling units in the United States, 14,000,000 lacked flush toilets, 12,000,000 were without private bathtubs, 11,000,000 had no running water, and 8,000,000 no electricity. Thus, our present housing shortage is the result not so much of the war as it is of the last depression.

Stuff

Big Chief Heap Wise

Scott Nearing likes to tell the story of the Indian Chief to whom the Missionary was preaching the gospel of work.

"You must enter the shop and work," urged the missionary. "Why?"

"Well, if you work hard, you'll be promoted and your wages will be raised."

"And then?"

"Why will you be promoted and become a foreman?"

"And then?"

"Keep moving, continued the missionary, and you'll be made Superintendent."

"And then?"

"Ah," continued the missionary, "if you are successful, you will eventually have a shop of your own, and then you won't have to work."

"Me understand, replied the Redman, if me work real hard after while, me no hafta work. Me no work now.—Me think whole idea damn silly, uc."

Free Enterprise

The Republicans should be the last to criticize the miners for going out on strike. Since the miners are by tradition, individuals, they don't even have to read the strike as a Union, instead each individual miner, like a free enterprise, lays down his pick and goes home.

—Wage Earner.

You Figure It Out

In Detroit, the Dept. of Street Railways and the AFL Municipal Employees Union are engaged in arbitration of a new contract. The employer is represented by Clyde Hough, who used to be president of the local and later of the joint council, but is now employee relation counsel. The union will be represented by Rodney Baxter, an attorney who recently resigned as general counsel of the city-owned street car company.



Old Otto beamed that Tuesday morning, and why shouldn't he, was in his finishing thirty years of faithful service with the company that day?

But when Widohead told him, that in appreciation for his long years of service, the company wanted him to take three months of vacation with pay. Old Otto turned it down. "No, said Otto, I appreciate your offer, but there are two reasons why I must turn it down."

"The first reason is that it might affect your business, and the second reason is that it might not affect your business."

Carl Sandburg was shown around the MGM lot and viewed all the wonders of that great organization. He met all the glamorous stars, but went through the entire procedure without uttering a syllable. The guide, in desperation, led him to the dressing room of a freakish show girl and said, "Just think Mr. Sandburg, this girl is six feet two!"

Sandburg spoke at last. "Lincoln, he said, 'was six feet three and one half.'"

"I hope I break even," said Johnson, on his way to the track the other day. "I need the money."

"The general spread of the light of science has already laid open to every view of palpable truth that the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few bootied and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the Grace of God." —Thomas Jefferson.

"I love my wife in spite of her falsies."

Your injunction, sir, I respectfully submit, deprives the miners of these Constitutional rights, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, and freedom from involuntary servitude. The miners and I stand upon these Constitutional rights. —John L. Lewis

Creation

Tis said Divine Power created all. Earth and Planets put in place. Hills formed small, mountains tall. With life-giving air filled space. The Earth's great bowels filled With ores, gases and coal. For the good of man, a predestined plan With US& the ultimate goal.

The waters fresh and free, Prolific soil abundantly Promising substance to be To all of waiting humanity. The animals of divers size Created for food or foe— Man soon came to realize The world was full of good and woe.

For a few felt they'd been given Custody of Earth's huge key, Causing countless masses to be driven To unlock the gates of adversity: The few controlled what the many earned Reaping from the prolific soil. Grasping what the many turned As profit from their toil.

History more agreeably read If this Earth designed magnificently. Gave to all what they want of bread And to each according to his ability: And if each were to reap from his daily toil Whatever be his need, With no privileged few to despoil The labors of man and his seed.

R. R.

Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant!

Last winter Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin died. He was a mediocrity who for many years successfully filled the post of President of the Soviet Union. His success was due to two qualities (aside from his mediocrity): (1) he looked like a typical peasant, and (2) he knew how to keep his mouth shut.

According to the July 2 issue of "Truth," the organ of the All-Union Central Council of Soviet Trade Unions, the Council of Ministers had decreed that the following measures shall be taken to keep green the memory of Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin:

1. Erect monuments to Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin in Moscow, Leningrad, and Kalinin.
2. Change the names of (a) Konigsberg to Kaliningrad, and Konigsberg Province to Kalinin Province; (b) Krasnogvardeyskiy district of Leningrad to Kalinin district; (c) Krasnopokolskiy district of Moscow Province to Kalinin district; (d) Kolpinsky district of Tallinn to Kalinin district.
3. Give the name of Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin to (a) the Tallinn locomotive repair shops (where Kalinin worked); (b) the Kalinin district, which henceforth shall be known as the Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin Tallinn Locomotive Repair Shops; (c) the Altai tractor works in Rubtsovsk, which henceforth shall be known as the Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin Altai Tractor Works; (d) the machinery plant in Podolsk, in the Moscow district, which henceforth shall be known as the Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin Podolsk Machinery Plant.
4. Give the name of Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin to (a) the Higher Military Pedagogical Institute, which henceforth shall be known as the Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin Higher Military Pedagogical Institute; (b) the Second Guards Rifle Tamansky Red Banner Division of the Order of Suvorov, which shall henceforth be known as the Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin Second Guards Rifle Tamansky Red Banner Division of the Order of Suvorov.
5. Publish in 1947-8 (a) the complete works of Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin; (b) the authorized biography of Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin; (c) an artistic album depicting the life and work of Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin. (It is the duty of the Marxist-Engels-Lenin Institute to prepare the materials and to publish the works of Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin.)

6. Change the name of Vozdvizhenka Street in Moscow to Kalinin Street.

7. Establish 40 Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin scholarships of 500 rubles each, supplementary to the existing ones, for outstanding students in the following institutions: the Lomonosov State University in Moscow (10); the Timiryazev Agricultural Academy (15); the Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin State Pedagogical Institute in Kalinin (5); the Lenin Institute of Railroad Transport Engineers in Tiflis (4); the Polytechnical Institute in Tallinn (3); the Kazak State University (3).

8. Create a Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin Museum in Moscow, reflecting the life and work of Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin.

9. Instruct the Executive Committees of the Moscow and Leningrad Municipal Councils, the Executive Committees of the Moscow and Kalinin Provincial Councils and the Council of Ministers of the Georgian and Estonian Soviet Socialist Republics to set up memorial plaques on all buildings connected with the life and work of Michael Ivanovitch Kalinin.

A lovely young girl named Anne Heuser declared that no man could surprise her. But a fellow named Gibbons untied her Blue Ribbons. And now she is sadder Budweiser.

TRUTH

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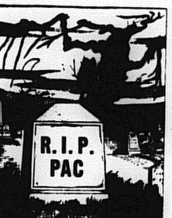
More Stuff A Word From Our Readers

The Leaden-Eyed

By VACHEL LINDSAY

Let not young souls be smothered out before They do quaint deeds and fully want their pride. It is the world's one crime its babes grow dull. Its poor are ox-like, limp and leaden eyed. Not that they starve, but starve so dreamlessly. Not that they sow, but that they seldom reap. Not that they serve, but have no gods to serve. Not that they die, but that they die like sheep.

A broken down magician was trying to land a contract for six weeks run on the vaudeville stage. "Look Charley," he told the booking agent, "I really need the dough. For ten years how my act has called for a woman in hot pants and with my luck, I've always ended up with the end that eats."



Hollywood was shocked over the marriage of old Victor Moore to a twenty two year old high stepper. "What's wrong with that?" queried Moore. "When she's 100, I'll only be 145."

One Track Mind

Bob Hope was asked what went through his mind when he got his first view of Dorothy Lamour in a sarong. "Don't remember," replied Hope. "I was too busy thinking about Dorothy."

Although not confirmed, it is rumored that the other morning President Truman was walking down the street with Robert Hannigan, National Chairman of the Democratic Party. "Bob," said the President, "I came out this morning without a cent, lend me a nickel will you? I want to call a friend."

"Here's a dime," offered Hannigan. "Call both of them."

The only word that won't heal,—a pay cut.

Ginsberg's boy Abe had gone off to Kansas City to face the world. "Papa Ginsberg, fearing that with his religious responsibilities, sent the following telegram: 'Dear Abe — Yom Kippur starts tomorrow. Immediately by return wire, came, 'Put fifty on the nose for me.'"

An English guide was showing some American soldiers from Brooklyn through an old dilapidated castle. "Now you understand," said the guide, everything in this building is as it was originally. Not a stone has been touched, not a thing has been repaired."

"Say," remarked one soldier, "why don't you go to the OPA?"

The moran story of the year is the one about the dope who bought four million 1945 calendars. "What's the idea," asked the inquisitive salesman. "Well, I agree it's a long shot, but just think if 1945 ever comes back, boy will I clean up a fortune."

Said one wire-haired terrier to another: "Heard from your beau lately?"

"Certainly have," was the reply. "Had a litter from him only yesterday."

What Price Peace

With the termination of hostilities in this latest war, the conditions today make one wonder, and the hope of millions alike skyrocketed to unknown heights. The servicemen once more allowed their thoughts to wander to those dear ones back home—fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers; to the wife and kiddies and the sweetheart waiting at home—waiting for the day to be made one. Dreaming of a little house and a car and kiddies of their own. Hoping for all the things a normal American should and could have. All the terrible noise and suffering is now going to be behind him. There lies ahead of him a new life of happiness and a small share of security.

He has made the long anxious journey back home to old neighborhood is still the same (but for a few new war plants), his neighbors look much the same—some a little older and grayer, but there the similarity ends. When he went into service, he had to sell his car for \$600.00. Today the same car (only four years older), he can buy for \$1200.00 if he has a trade-in. The home he had been looking at before he left, that sold for \$4500, he can now get for a mere \$800.00—of course it's only a few years older. His clothes he either has outgrown or no longer fit because he has lost so much weight. He can get an infantry grade for only one third more than he had to pay before he left. Of course he hasn't much choice as to color or style, and it all depends upon whether he is lucky to be able to get one size at all. Then comes the food and drinks he had been dreaming and wishing for in that far-off smelly fox hole or in the flak filled air, or perhaps the bomb marked deck—all this, too, he can get at black market prices if only his money will hold out. Yes, the servicemen sacrificed, and the civilians back home worked at their jobs, not being able to get a raise and frozen to their jobs so they couldn't get more money. Conditions were really unbearable at times, but soldiers and civilians stuck it out to the bitter end to win a good peace settlement and get the dirty job of war over. The writer recalls the song at the time of your opinion—"I hear a voice within me saying 'This is worth fighting for.' Now I ask you—was it? Workers, we are many, the few are few (capitalists and senators) let's get together, shoulder to shoulder, clear to Washington, D. C., and make those dreams and songs come true. Our real fight against profits and profit has only begun. Peter Ritchie.

Overthrow of Capitalism
Alex Boris
Cleveland, Ohio

Pit College

Have you ever been to 'Pit College'?

It's that great educational institution where the fine black soot of coal is engrained in every fibre and pore of its students and alumni;

Where the hours of darkness are as long and boundless as the seemingly endless veins of the coal itself;

Where even the sky is clouded with particles of coal, and the sun, the all powerful sun, must struggle to penetrate it;

Where the years have edged wrinkles on the faces and hands of the women who constantly fight with soap and muscle and fine black coal;

Where the years have edged wrinkles on the hearts of those who remember the anguish and sorrow when some, who went deep into the confines, did not return;

Go to 'Pit College' for a brief stay, and then pick up your daily newspaper and read the bold, black headlines. —R. R.

Time for a Repeat Performance



KNEE ACTION!

U.E.-CIO Officials Unmasked As Communist Party Stoges

From time to time the M. E. S. A. has charged that the Royal Dictators of the U. E.-CIO were merely stooges for the Communist Party, and that the U. E. in reality was not a labor organization in the true sense of the word.

Here are some pocket-size biographies of some of the party-line leaders of the U. E.

WILLIAM SENTNER, president of District 8, in the November, 1943, issue of *Fortune*, boasted of being a CP member. In 1935, Sentner was the secretary of the East St. Louis section of the CP. In 1938, he became a member of the City Committee of the CP of St. Louis.

JAMES LUSTIG, in 1931, ran for position of Alderman in the 23rd District on the CP ticket (*Daily Worker*, 11/3/31). In an article in *DW* (11/6/33) Lustig was revealed to have endorsed the CP.

JAMES MATLIES, organizational director of UE, was quoted by *DW* (11/6/33): "Only the communist Party as the working class and the interests of the working population." He has been a CP member for more than a decade.

JULIUS E. EMBACK, according to a bulletin issued by Local 475, was a member of the National Council of the American Peace Mobilization, a CP-Front organization which dissolved when Russia was attacked. Emback was an official along with Matlies and Lustig, of the Steel and Metal workers Union which was affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League organized by the CP.

RUTH YOUNG, secretary of District 4, publicly admitted being a member of the CP at the 1941 convention of the U. E.

THOMAS F. DWYER, business representative of Local 475, in 1940 ran on the Communist ticket for Congress in the Sixth Congressional District. (*Daily Worker*, 10/21/40.)

LOGAN BURKHARDT, vice-president of UE Local 601, pledged himself to help "roll up a big Communist vote," according to the *Daily Worker* (11/1/40).

HERBERT MORATIS (also known as **RICARDO ENMALE**), is at present the assistant research director on James Matlies' staff. He is a teacher at the Jefferson School, the successor to the CP Worker's School.

JAMES MACLEISH, president of District 4, admitted reluctantly at the 1941 convention of UE that he was a member of the CP.

DAVE DAVIS, business agent of Local 155, was elected to the National Committee of the CP in 1945.

SIDNEY MASON, assistant business manager of Local 475, is a member of Peter V. Cacchiione branch of the CP.

SAMUEL KANTNER, business representative of Local 475, is a member of the Brighton Club of the CP. He sponsored the testimony of Dr. V. to William Z. Foster, at Hotel Granada, Brooklyn (DW, 5/15/45).

NAT COHEN, executive

board member of Local 475, was elected to the National Committee of the CP in 1945.

ROBERT ZAGNOTA, business agent of Local 475, is a member of the Ulica Club of the 11th AD of the CP. He was a member of the Young Communist League and its successor, the American Youth for Democracy.

MERCEDES REID, business representative of Local 475, was delegate to the CP convention in July, 1945 (DW, August 8, 1945). He was a member of the "Citizens Committee to re-elect (CP) Councilmen Peter V. Cacchiione and John J. Connelley."

This is only a sampling of the tremendous number of party-liners in the U. E. Many of these Communist affiliations were revealed by the *Daily Worker* in boastful moments. Many others lead double lives as supposedly independent trade union officials and as Communist Party robots. As a result, UE workers are made to march in tune to the pipe of the Russian pied-piper.

New Leader.

Pity The Poor Tycoon!

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and lectures by his women, which explains why culture today is primarily the concern of the gentler sex, which alone in this busy age has the necessary leisure.

Dead in soul and mind to the pulsing life and modern art around him, the modern tycoon specializes in dead art, such as old masters, Etruscan, pottery, medieval chateaux, antique furniture and colonial town halls, while permitting future old masters to starve in their garret. He is more interested in price tags than inner artistic value. His chief diversions are balance sheets, stock market reports, bridge, golf, high balls and medicine ball, and sometimes but rarely a little philandering.

Toward the end of his life, the tycoon is usually possessed by a strong hankering for theology and philanthropy. The first is a matter of fire insurance, the second because he can't take it with him. He often liberally gives with dying hand what the living hand held on with grim dread. When the tycoon departs for the great unknown he often than not leaves his earthly possessions to litigation and is usually remembered by friends and relatives in such endearing terms as, "Why couldn't the old boy leave it to me?"

As a horrible example of useless, mis-spent life, we most heartily recommend the modern tycoon who devoted the only life he had to the modern tycoon to grabbing all in sight and who, having grabbed it, doesn't know how to spend it.

Stewards-Officers-Board Members

ATTENTION

A series of educational and training classes have been inaugurated to aid in making the officials of the IMWU of the M. E. S. A. more effective in their jobs.

Many officers feel that if they do a good job in setting grievances, attend shop meetings and bargaining conferences, they have carried out their responsibilities to the end.

Let's understand that if we are to do a real job for the men and women who work in the shops, we must ever be ready with new weapons with which to fight.

These classes are under the direction of Tor Cervell, M. E. S. A. National Representative, assigned to the Rome-Utica Area. Brother Cervell, along with other qualified instructors, has planned a program that should not only be interesting and enlightening, but should bring great gains to the members of the U. E. Although these meetings are arranged for the elected representatives of the organization, all interested rank-and-file members are urged to attend.

I.M.W.U.—M.E.S.A.

104 N. George St. Rome, N. Y.

Watch for the Notice of the Next Class.

It Will Be Posted in Your Plant.

An Xmas Gift For Democracy

While we here, in America, are enjoying a Merry Christmas in spite of shortages and the like, thousands of anti-Fascist in other countries will be living a "Hell" that is beyond the imagination of those who were lucky enough to avoid the direct horrors of War.

Foremost among these people are the survivors of the Spanish Republic Army, the families of those brave men and women who stood on the barricades in the bitter struggles against Fascist Franco. Men and women of all Nationalities who lived through the tortures of Concentration camps need your help.

While planning for your Merry Christmas, think of these people, and add one of these unfortunate families to your gift list.

Remember, it was these people who stood up and opposed dictatorship, even when we here at home sold scrap iron and guns to Hitler, Mussolini and Franco. They are the real defenders of freedom.

The International Solidarity Committee, has been organized to provide relief for these people. Send your contributions to the Committee in care of Phil Heller, Executive Director. The address is 308 North Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

All contributions are made up into food packages and sent direct to an anti-Fascist family. If you request, the Committee will send you the name and address of an anti-Fascist family of any nationality you name, so that you can send direct to them and develop a personal friendship with those you aid.

New England Organizing Under Way

The campaign for Unity among the democratic-progressive Unions in America got off to a good start last October through the merger of the M.E.S.A. and the Interstate Metal Workers Union, Interstate, an independent Union in the metal fabricating industry, with local branches in New England and New England, had established a record as a fighting organization that was dedicated to establishing industrial democracy. It was only natural that this organization, sooner or later would unite with the M.E.S.A.

This unity accomplished, the new union is being brought into the fold, other organizations, dedicated to the same principles. This is being achieved through organization drives in the Forest, Utica area and in New England.

The New England Drive, under the direction of Frank O. Edwards is off to a fast start and should result in several new locals coming under the banner of our organization.

Locals of the IMWU Division of the M.E.S.A. have started the ball rolling for new wage increases. It was found that in some cases, IMWU—M.E.S.A. locals were under contracts that prevented the reopening of the wage clause for several months. Local unions are themselves in such a position, are hitting it up for fringe adjustments as an interim settlement of the dispute. Such demands are off to a fast start, bonuses, paid holidays insurance premiums, such leave pay and vacation spending money are on the program for negotiations.

Interim Raise at Inshield Ptds.

An interim raise in wages has been granted by this Company to its employees, members of M.E.S.A. Local 3 and 4. There are no strings attached to the raise, leaving the workers free to go after more money when they desire. The raise was granted pending establishment of a general pattern.

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Hope the bosses know what they are doing in this compulsory work business but our opinion is "They'll be a-o-r-r-y."

CIO Confab Leaves Commies In Control

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majority of the delegates demanded action.

Final election returns revealed the following interesting results:

The CIO is governed by a Committee consisting of President Murray, nine Vice Presidents, and thirty-eight Executive Board members, one from each affiliated Union.

Of the thirty-eight, twenty-one are known Communists or Party line followers (Names given on request), and seven are known anti-Communists or fence sitters.

Of the nine Vice-Presidents, Emil Rieve of Textile is the outstanding anti-Commie; he is followed by John Green of Shipbuilding. Then comes Walter Reuther whose position is beyond definition, L. C. B. member of the Rubber Workers, is known in his own organization as "Buckpasser," he received the full backing of the Communist Party when he ran for re-election as head of the Rubber Workers. Please note, the Communists in "Buck's" Rubber Workers, receive no opposition from him at all. Finally, there is popular in Detroit for the run out powder he took when called upon to take a position against the Communies, who had completely captured the Wayne County CIO and PAC.

As the center in the CIO is Vice President Frank Rosenbloom, a Vice President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, Rosenbloom will probably become the CIO Commie just as soon as the policies of President Jacob Potofsky of the Amalgamated take precedent over those of the late Sidney Hillman.

The other three Vice Presidents include: R. J. Thomas, who can always be counted on to learn how to run efficiently, otherwise they will be taken over by a leader who needs a job.

More important than the office posts of the administrative posts of the organization, Communist Lee Pressman is, in spite of the silly resolution, still the Chief Executive Officer of the CIO. Communist Len De Caux is still Publicity Director and Editor of the CIO News.

After almost two weeks of solid striking, the M.E.S.A. won a smashing victory at the CIO manufacturing Company in Detroit.

Workers in this plant joined the M.E.S.A. and requested recognition of their Union by the CIO. The CIO, in a majority of membership in the Union had been proven by a display of membership cards, the Company denied recognition and said that it would not recognize the M.E.S.A. as bargaining agent unless an election was held among the employees.

It is our position, that there are four ways to get a contract in a plant. The Company can take the word of the Union that it represents a majority of its employees. It can agree with the Union to a cross check of Union membership cards with the Company payroll. It can recognize the Union after being ordered to do so following an election, or the workers can strike and win it by majority membership by walking up and down in front of the plant, allowing the management to count the Union members as they march to and fro.

In this case the Company agreed to a cross check. When there was no agreement, there was no alternative but to close the plant until the Company made up to the workers.

The workers are happy to announce that, time once again had its effect, and that a contract has been signed with our Union. The workers are congratulated for a job well done.

Metal Electric Grants Ten Cent Interim Raise

Toledo, O. — An interim raise of ten cents an hour has been granted to the workers employed in this shop, members of M.E.S.A. Local 4. There are no strings attached to this raise, Metal Electric workers are free to re-open wage negotiations on demand. This raise was agreed to as a temporary settlement, pending establishment of a general wage pattern.

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Organization Leadership

American labor is up against a proposition that requires clear thinking and drastic action — direct action. The thinking no less than the action will have to be done by the workers and not by the new crop of professionals who are undertaking to handle labor problems.

Labor leading has become a bigger and better profession than ever before in history. Many men are taking it up as others take up medicine or engineering. They expect to grow prosperous out of it. And, it must be admitted, any number of workers are ready, and in some cases even anxious, to place their organizational worries in the hands of this or that set of leaders.

On the surface these tentacles seem harmless enough. When people need a plumber they try to get an experienced one, and they let him do very much as he specializes. When he is on the job that is his specialty, he knows how to take the same attitude when there are unions to be organized and strikes to be managed, and settlements to be negotiated.

The cases are vastly different. The specialist in the one case is placed in charge of men, in another he is placed in a position where he directs humans who, while they learn how to obey orders, soon lose the capacity of self-direction.

The chosen leaders in the end become tyrants whom they cannot shake off without extreme difficulty. This is the lesson history teaches.

Workers as they build their organization today, must be in their determination to run it, and diligent in their efforts to learn how to run it efficiently, otherwise they will be taken over by a leader who needs a job.

Portrait of a Scab

(The following description of a scab was written many years ago by Jack London, the famous novelist. It still holds good today.)

After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad, the scorpion, he had some awful scab left with which he made a scab.

A scab is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a waterlogged brain, a combination scold, jelly, and glue. Where others have hearts, he carries a tumor of rotten principles.

When a scab comes down the street, men turn their backs and angels weep in heaven, and the Devil shuts the gates of Hell to keep him out.

No man has the right to so long as there is a pool of blood to draw his carcass in, or a rope long enough to hang his body with. Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared with a scab. For betraying his master, he had character enough to hang himself. A scab has not.

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judas Iscariot sold his Savior for thirty pieces of silver. Benedict Arnold sold his country for a promise of a commission in the British army. The modern strike breaker sells his birthright, his country, his wife, and his fellowmen for an unfilled promise from his employer, trust or corporation.

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such Plan for a treaty to outlaw the manufacture of the atom bomb to hand over the stockpile of A-Bombs, the treaty also calls for an international commission, having the authority to visit every country, to check on whether or not A-Bombs are being made. If such activity is discovered, the UN would immediately crush any such attempt to prepare for aggressive war, even if it means warring against that particular nation. An essential part of the plan is the abolition of the veto by any nation which might stand in the way of punishing an aggressor nation.

But the Russian Government doesn't approve of this, since accepting it will give the State Department no assurance about the Russian Government's moves. After this, the United States has the Bomb.

Yes, everybody wants peace. Byrd and Bevin want it, and so does Molotov. But, was General Patton right? Who will fight wars? The UN? No! The big nations will continue to wrangle to have their way, which of course will suit their vested interests. It will have to be the chemists, the biologists, the workers, and the youth who must perform their parts in this impending drama. Who will work out formulas for gases and better bombs? Who will manufacture them? Who will fight wars? Who will suffer? Byrd, Bevin, and you—all of us.

Yes, peace is wonderful, but only we can keep the peace! —S. Stein in "Why?"

Nat'l. Acme Xmas Bonus

CLEVELAND — A lump sum Christmas bonus of \$100,000 will be divided among the employees of the National Acme Company, Cleveland, Ohio, members of M.E.S.A. Local 19.

This sum was agreed upon by the Company and the Union. Disbursement of the fund will be in accord with the decision to be reached at the next Acme shop meeting. Last year's similar amount was granted by the Company and the shop meeting voted to give all employees covered by the Union an agreement a like share, including newly returned veterans.

This Christmas bonus is in addition to the regular vacation pay which is enjoyed by all members during the summer months.

National Acme workers' hereafter be paid for six holidays during the year, although they will not work those days. Christmas, 1946, will be the first holiday with pay enjoyed by Acme workers. The company negotiators argued that a day off without pay could not be enjoyed as a holiday and merely meant that the worker would have a shop to go to coming. The company agreed, hereafter, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Decoration Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day will be days off with pay in the M.E.S.A. Shop.

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Three rules in the Army... 1. If it moves salute it. 2. If it doesn't move pick it up. 3. If it's too big to pick up, paint it.