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STEWARD SYSTEM FORFEITED BY UNION

A worker said that our local union has fallen from the height of the Sputnik to the deepest part of the sea. He said that the last contract/Local 212 U.A.W.-C.I.O. got, every production worker knew he was sold out but he didn't know to what extent. Since it was signed, these past months have shown us through bitter experience what we have lost.

The Steward System, which was the heart of the union and the only thing a worker could look to in the shop, is completely wrecked. In the past four or five year workers have been so disgusted with the Stewards they would tell them they hoped to see the day when they would be put back to work. They said this about the Local officers and the International officers too. But they wanted to be the ones to do it—not the company or the Union leaders. When they do it, it is in order to make workers just cogs in the machines to work them to the point where they can not say a word to anyone about it.

UNION GIVES UP STEWARD SYSTEM

One worker said, "When we had a union even when workers were in the same department, but separated by walls, if there was more than 15 within those walls they could elect a chief steward. Any time you were separated by floors you elected a steward. Even Emil Mazey once said that the only way to keep a strong local union is to maintain a big strong Steward System.

In this last contract these same people worked out an agreement with the company that the Stewards would be elected by division. The company has the power to say what is a division. A few weeks ago some workers finally got the meaning of this. The chief steward was elected in the Inspection department. He was told his division covered the length of the plant which is about a mile long, and the six stories in the plant. In addition, he would have to work four hours a day and have only the other four to cover the grievances. He told the union to go to hell, that it would take him a week to get around to all those inspectors if he didn't have to work at all. Practically every worker that has any militancy left, when he is approached and asked to run for Chief Steward, now says no. They don't want any part of it. Workers are saying that the Union officers knew this when they signed the contract. They knew no sensible person would accept the job. In that way they can get their company stooges to be the Stewards.

Another worker said that he was reading in one of the dailies where it referred to the Dodge Local President as 'that union boss.' He said that is exactly what they are. Bosses are all the same. They combine together in every thing, especially when it comes to exploiting the working people.

"... SWEAT AND BLOOD"

This is the month in which our five dollars will be deducted from our pay check for the new dues increase. They sent us a special edition of *Solidarity* with the headline about how the new dues structure will forge tools for a better tomorrow. The sub head read "Cost of Membership in U.A.W. Still World's Best Investment." As if this is not enough to make a production worker scream, the entire paper tries to tell you how democratic they were in arriving at the decision, that 90% voted for it. 90% of hand picked delegates. We all know how democratic these bosses—or any bosses—are. There are millions of workers that will never receive one red cent of this so-called good investment. The only thing for them is the sweat and blood they have to pour in these Automation machines.

It seems as if they are trying to say that workers should be glad that their dues are raised. They talk about all the gains they have made for workers through fringe benefits, etc. Why don't they speak of all they have taken from workers and handed over to the company for these fringe benefits. A few months ago they took away half of our rest period. They gave 3 minutes of our 6 minute rest period on the hour to the company. After being forced to call a meeting to take a vote on it—and only 2 out of 500 workers voted for the 3 minutes—they said they would go back and bargain with the company for the 6 minutes. After a month and a half they called another meeting at which the International Rep. spoke for 2 solid hours. Again it was voted down by the workers. As of today, 3 months later, not one worker has heard a word about it and we are only getting 3 minutes on the hour.

Now they are combining from one to seven departments into what they call a division. We are to have one Chief Steward to a division. Yes, this dues collecting agency we call a union has indeed fallen.

UNION QUIET ON SLAVE CONDITIONS

They have done nothing about the miserable speed-up on the lines. A worker from the Jefferson plant, a member of Local

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Of War and Peace

KHRUSHCHEV, EISENHOWER AND DE GAULLE APPROACH THE SUMMIT

Nikita Khrushchev's recent address to the Supreme Soviet on "peaceful co-existence" bore every mark of old-fashioned sabre-rattling in which the only thing new was the barbarity of the threat to wipe any "enemy" country or countries "off the face of the earth."



The Way to Peace?

"MORE RUBBLE FOR A RUBLE"

Khrushchev continued to assure his monolithic ruling body that the 17 billion rubles which would be saved as a result of the proposed cut of 1,200,000 men from the armed forces would "not reduce the firepower of our armed forces... The weapon we have today in the hatching stage is even more... formidable (than the H-bomb). It is a fantastic weapon."

So fantastic is the age in which we live, that Khrushchev no sooner said this than one American scientist suggested it might mean that the Russians could send H-bombs to outer space, and, with a signal from earth, be able at any time to set it off to any target!

A missile salvo as one road to world dominance is certainly not excluded in the calculations of this totalitarian tyrant. He certainly out-Dullesed Dulles with his view of bargaining "from a position of strength." Being, however, a master of talking from both sides of his mouth, Khrushchev, in this speech, also proposed both a cut in the armed forces and the production of conventional weapons, not to mention "the good life" for the Russians. Whomever this fooled, it didn't fool the Russian people.

THE BIG STICK—AND THE LITTLE CARROT

Once before, in Stalin's day, there was a quick demobilization of the army. The shortage of labor in industry, the war destruction, and the post-war unrest left Stalin's grandiose Plans without a labor force to execute them. There promptly followed, therefore, a general amnesty for all "labor offenses," and, to provide the type of counterweight to labor's demands that is provided by the unemployed, the rapid demobilization of soldiers.

More recently, the shortage of labor could be seen in the fact that no small part of the sudden reorganization in education was due to that shortage.

Presently, the proposal for a cut of 1,200,000 is connected both with the shortage of labor in industry and the unrest in agriculture.

Khrushchev let the cat out of the bag when he told his bureaucratic cohorts that "there was no room for the callousness and negligence which officials and managers have displayed toward newcomers entering the former virgin land projects in Siberia."

This, then, is where many of the soon-to-be demobilized soldiers will be headed for. And what about the rich life in the cities? "In spite of this (low harvest)," Khrushchev said, coming down to the realities of Russian life instead of boasting

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TWO WORLDS

The Roots of Anti-Semitism

By Raya Dunayevskaya

NOT COLOGNE, GERMANY, BUT DETROIT, USA

The most fantastic of all the current anti-Semitic acts occurred, not in Cologne, Germany, but in Detroit, USA. The self-styled teen-age "fuehrer" of the group that smeared swastikas on synagogues is the son of a teacher at the University of Detroit.

This instructor in the ways of democracy had the gall to say that he "didn't know" that playing with Nazi uniforms and insignia would have any worse effect on his son than playing at being cowboy, especially since he had told him that "the enemy now was the hammer and sickle."

The so-called "minister of war" in that American Nazi group is the son of a policeman.

This group of juvenile delinquents—who were not sent to a house of correction, but given back to the custody of their parents—was originally organized fully 4 years ago by the older brother of the "fuehrer," who has since become a guardian of democracy where he is stationed—in Germany.

The Army issued a statement that it would "immediately" investigate whether the soldier had any connection with the Cologne outrage. At the same time the press displayed such tender feelings in the whole matter that not only were the names of the teenagers not revealed, but neither were those of the parents or the soldier.

That this contrasts sharply with the practice followed when a Negro moves into a white neighborhood is made the more blatant by the fact that all this has occurred in a neighborhood adjoining the one that two years ago saw adult hooligan attacks on Mrs. Watkins' home. Behind every so-called juvenile delinquent stands a respectable adult with all the prejudices of decadent capitalist society.

ON BOTH SIDES OF THE IRON CURTAIN

Lest we forget that the Allies no sooner won the war than they began to staff their administrations with former Nazis, let me say that the Army would do better than investigate that single Detroit soldier if it looked at its own top brass. I refer not only to the American Army, but to the four occupying powers, including Russia.

Where, a decade after the Allied victory, "the loser" Nazi General Spiedel can become the head of NATO, on the other side of the Iron Curtain the Jews have gone through everything from the purges of Stalin's era to the era of Khrushchev which permits publications that rival the infamous forged 'Protocols of Zion.'

(See articles entitled "Behind the Screen of Zionism," in *Sovremenniy Vostok*, Nov. and Dec. 1957, and "The Priests of the God Jehovah," in the *Prikarpatska Pravda*, Sept. 24, 1958. These are translated, and others of like nature summarized, in the Sept. 14, 1959 issue of *The New Leader*.)

The fact that Khrushchev took quick advantage of the present reappearance of anti-Semitism in Adenauer Germany to point to a recurrence of Nazism, and ask for "no confidence" in West Germany, is pure and cheap politics. Not that Adenauer can be absolved of responsibility, but he is not alone. All the occupying powers in Germany, including Russia, are responsible

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AUTOMATION MACHINE NOT FAST ENOUGH CO. ATTEMPTS TO SPEED-UP MANKILLER

DETROIT—In the last issue I told you how the company is trying to get a job every 9 seconds out of the machine I work on. I'd like to tell you a little story about this machine.

The company says that a job every 9 seconds, is the speed they were sold on when they bought this machine. At this speed one welder was working right behind the machine re-welding the defective spots.

The company was going to pieces. They said this was extra cost. Whenever they cut the speed of the machine down the welds would come out perfectly. **EAGER TIME STUDY MAN**

They even have a time study man timing the machine. He would turn the dial back up to 9 seconds and the welds would begin breaking again. It looked like they called for every engineer in the plant, including the head engineer. After a heated argument he told them that he has the knowledge to repair anything that breaks down on the machine but if the welds do not hold when the machine works at 9 seconds speed they had better call the man that sold them the machine.

After a few days he was flown in and met at the airport and brought back to the plant in a long, black limousine. With

Loss of Job Used As Club

RIVER ROUGE.—The strike may be over, but that doesn't mean the men are not worrying. They're plenty worried—about their jobs.

Nobody is safe, even guys with good seniority are doing things they wouldn't do before.

I know on my job, there is just so much work that a man can do, and you can't let them keep pushing work on you, because they never know when to stop.

But my two buddies, and both have real good seniority, are so scared that they might lose their jobs they'll go along with almost anything the boss tells them.

Just the other night the boss had four work orders for us, and they kept telling me that we'd have to do them all, when all we should have had was one work order to do.

It so happened that I was in a position to decide what we would get done, and we sure didn't do them all. I told them they didn't know what they were letting themselves in for if they tried to keep up with the work orders. We'd just be killing ourselves.

Its easy for a boss to write out the orders, but you're the one who is on the short end of that deal. You're the one who has to do it.

It just doesn't make sense to knock yourself out. If a lay-off comes and you're one of them, you're going to go regardless. The only thing you get for knocking yourself out is old before your time.

—Steelworker

his brief case and blue prints he was brought directly into the plant and to this machine.

After going over the machine for a ½ hour he told them the machine is working perfectly. The time study man turned it up to 9 seconds and the welds began to break. The machine company man turned it back down and said that is where it is supposed to be set at. There was another heated argument and the plant manager was called. He asked the man why wouldn't the welds hold at the speed of 9 seconds. The man told him that was too fast.

The plant manager told him that the company bought the

machine on the basis that it would weld a perfect job every 9 seconds. The man told him that he didn't sell it to him but he could tell him what that was, just plain sales talk. He told them they make and sell cars and they know their dealers sell them on the basis of sales talk. Some sell cars on the basis that it can go 150 miles an hour. You know if you run it at that speed something is going wrong with it. You can run a car at the normal rate of speed for a long time. It's the same with the machine.

How do they expect a human being to put out their 'quality control' by speeding them up so, when they can't make the machines work at that speed?

FORD WORKERS POINT FINGER AT UNION LEADERSHIP, WHITE CITIZEN COUNCIL

Detroit—If any true trade unionist read the article in the Detroit Times of January 20th by Jack Crellin, it should have been enough to make his blood boil. The headline of the article was "Racial Row Splits Ford Local." the prejudiced way in which it was written should force every Negro member of the U.A.W. to know where these officials and so called labor columnists stand.

A FAVOR FOR HUBBARD

A Ford worker said that the Ford local is not split along racial lines among the rank and file workers in the shop but it is split between the Negroes and the whites who are in the leadership of the union.

Mayor Hubbard of Dearborn went to the President of the Ford local and asked for use of the local hall for a political rally. When this came up for vote at the General Council, Horace Sheffield objected and so did many other Negroes. To see how quickly the International union came to the aid of Stellato and Hubbard is amazing.

Hubbard has always made his

Conditions of Work in Steel Worsened

River Rouge—Insofar as we are concerned, nothing has been changed. We wanted to have something done about the conditions of work, but they are still the same, if not worse.

The way I see it, the McLouth steel workers are right in what they did. They wanted to make sure their grievances were settled before they went back to work.

We should have known what the agreements were before we went back to work.

We still have plenty of grievances that have to be settled, and more are piling up.

The thing of it is, that nobody really knows what is in the contract. I know I don't know what is in it, and when I go to ask the steward something, he doesn't know about it either. You just can't do anything in a situation like that.

position clear. When the Montgomery bus boycott was in effect he went there and wrote some of the most derogatory remarks about the Negro people that was ever printed in a daily paper. He boasted to those Southerners that a Negro cannot live in Dearborn and will never as long as he is mayor.

One can believe the trouble started as Stellato said, when Sheffield, who is on the International staff and who was a member of the Reuther caucus, nominated a Negro, at the last U.A.W. convention, for the executive board, in opposition to the Reutherite caucus. No Negro member has ever served on the executive board.

Sheffield is also the vice president of the Trade Union Leadership Council.

This is a Negro organization that does not admit white members. Now they say this is against U.A.W. policies. The fact that they have many all white groups inside the U.A.W. and that they have had all Negro groups that did not allow whites in before, that were sanctioned by the U.A.W. so long as they supported Reuther and got votes for his caucus and so long as they kept the Negro workers in line, does not make them hesitate.

THE WHITE CITIZEN COUNCIL AT WORK

An article in a Negro paper said that whites and Negro workers have organized in the shop and sent a resolution declaring that the trouble is the work of an agent of the White Citizen Council, an enemy of the Negro people and labor. It also stated that as far back as 1955 an official organizer of the White Citizen Council moved North from Alabama and boldly set up shop in Dearborn with the blessings of Mayor Hubbard. It pointed out that today for the first time in many years Local 600 stands without a Negro representative among the top officers.

NEGRO WORKERS BUILT LOCAL

The Negroes are keeping whites out of their organization because they don't want these so-called liberal leaders to come in and wreck it. The union officials want this organization to bust up but they are quite willing to help a man like Hubbard. As one worker said, "Mayor Hubbard is a Democrat and Democrats can do no wrong. Stellato lives in Mayor Hubbard's district. When he runs for Congress he will have to have Hubbard's support. He certainly, if even Hubbard does not, knows the contributions that Negro workers have made to the building of the Ford Local and that they nor any other workers are not going to see it go down the drain."

—Negro Auto Worker

NEGRO WORKERS KEPT FROM UP-GRADING N COPPER BY COMPANY AND UNION

San Francisco—I bid on a better job, and a white man bid on it too. They're supposed to let you know if you got the job within 48 hours, but I never heard anything about it. So I asked at the office, and they said that I had the job, but that they just hadn't gotten around to calling me over on the job so that I could learn to operate it, but that they would soon.

A couple of days later I was told that I was wanted in the office right a way. I didn't know what it was all about, especially since all the big shots

and the president of the union were all sitting around the table and they had left an empty chair for me. The big shots started to explain to me about the machine—how many thousands of dollars it had cost and how much it would cost the company if it broke.

After they finished talking I asked them if the man who was running the machine had just started running the thing without being trained first, and if they thought I'd just walk up to a new machine and start operating it without knowing anything about it too. Then I told the union president that I thought he was supposed to see to the man with the most seniority getting the jobs he bids for. He answered that that was what he was there for and that the job was mine if I wanted it. He said that the meeting was just to let me know how expensive the machine was. I got disgusted then and told them that they could take the job and give it to anyone they wanted because I didn't want it, and I walked out.

I figure that if I'd taken the job, they'd have done something to make me quit completely.

Where Is News of African Miners?

Detroit—When the news flashed round the world that 437 coal miners had been trapped by a cave-in in Coalbrook, South Africa, a couple of weeks ago, I thought that since it was one of the worst modern mine disasters that there would be daily reports on the attempts made to rescue the men.

Certainly there have been continuous reports of mine disasters in various countries which had not involved nearly as many men as were trapped here. But after the first announcement of the disaster, the daily press carried hardly any mention of what was being done. As a matter of fact, more than a week went by before I was able to find anything more on it in the papers.

This was a two paragraph article saying that tungsten drill bits had been ordered from a firm in Texas to be used to get to the trapped men—only to find when they arrived in Africa that they were too big for the drills.

THE NEXT THING I saw, about a week later, was that a hole had been drilled down to the mine level, that the mine appeared flooded, and hope for any survivors was given up.

I kept wondering about this almost complete lack of news about these men and their families, and as the days went by and there was no further news, the horrible thought struck me: to the capitalist controlled daily press here, the lives of 431 African miners was

not something worth reporting.

I was talking with a friend of mine about the situation and expressed my views. He said:

"Yeah, it sure seems strange. Even a trapped cat is given coverage by newspapers. And these are men. With the technical know-how, just transportation, and machines we have, when something like this happens top priority should be given to men and equipment to get them right there to help."

"If we did just that one thing in this case, it would have done more for this country in the eyes of people throughout the world than all the billions of dollars we've sent overseas."

—Ex-Miner from W. Va

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7, said that the speed-up and intimidation is so great that many workers actually believe that the foremen are going crazy. On the job he works he said the pieces come to him so fast that if you cough or sneeze you will miss the next job.

"In my department," he said, "a spark fell into the glove of one of the welders. To get it out he shook the glove off his hand. The foreman reprimanded him for missing a weld. After they all explained to him what happened, he still said that it must not happen again."

The worker said, "We are paying five dollars a month to the union now and are working harder than slaves in the shop. All the gains we have made through fringe benefits have been taken back by the company with the help of the union, and we have to let those bosses of the union take more money out of our pocket. One of these days, we are going to be forced to organize this union all over again."

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ETU Election Shows How Bureaucrats Seize Control

SCOTLAND—The British Trade Unions have become the happy hunting ground for the worst kind of sectarians, religious and political. The C. P. controlled Electrical Trade Union has had the spotlight turned on by the accusation that election results are falsified. The leaders have undoubtedly run away from the charge. E.T.U. is, in many respects, no different from some of the other unions.

We are concerned here about the candidates that are put forward. The Communist Party is well organized and sees to it that all the members work for the Party candidate.

The recent election for the presidency of the Amalgamated Engineering Union saw two candidates in the final ballot. They were Carron, the Roman Catholic, and Birch, the C. P. candidate. The election of a full-time official in the Glasgow District of the same union ended with Sheriff, the C. P. member, and Maley, the Roman Catholic, in the final ballot.

The election of the General Secretary of the Electrical Trade Union has ended with Haxell, the C. P. candidate, and Byrne, the Roman Catholic candidate in the final ballot. This has happened with Foundry Workers' Union and with other unions.

The real purpose of the trade unions is lost sight of in this sordid scramble for positions by the rival factions. Neither of the factions represent the interests of the mass of the trade union members. The members are almost powerless against the organized factions. They vote Catholic to keep the Communist out, or they vote Communist to keep the Catholic out.

It can be tackled by the members insisting on the struggle being waged on immediate issues. If they aim at coordinating the various struggles and so turn attention to more serious issues than the winning of positions, they will build a movement more powerful than all the factions put together. Struggle will destroy the intrigues. There is no other way.

Wildcats (British Species)

By G. HAYES
National Society of Painters
South London

It has become fashionable in certain circles, Fleet Street and Transport House, to refer to industrial action as "Wildcat." No longer shall we hear of "Unofficial Stoppages," or "Unruly Elements"; the term "Wildcat" has become the order of the day.

The wildcat, referred to in more august surroundings as "Felis Silvestris," is an animal that stalks by slow gliding movements and finally charges with great speed. The huntsmen should beware for history has proved that the working class will stand so much and no more. We shall never be trapped so long as we choose to be "Wildcats" and not tame kitties.

Recently, I overheard the following conversation between a Wildcat and a tame puss:

The Wildcat, half-starved and wondering where tomorrow's meals were coming

Can ETU Rebels Break the Grip of Communists?

By VICTOR NERO

LONDON — The Electrical Trades Union has been in the newspaper headlines for the past 18 months. The issues have been accusations of Communist interference in the Union's affairs, lavish spending by Communist officials of the members' funds, and ballot rigging by the Communists to assure their continuing in office.

To add to the Communists' problems, there has been, from within the Union, a serious challenge for control of the Union. The Communist Party administration of the E.T.U. has been severely shaken and consequently Ballot Rigging has become more and more an essential feature of their organization.

Frank Foulkes, the E.T.U. General President, and possibly the most popular of the Union's many Communist leaders, very narrowly "defeated" William Blairford, a Scottish ex-Communist. It is generally accepted by all, bar Communist members of the Union, that without vote rigging the Union would have Blairford for President today.

It has been reported in the press that several E.T.U. Branch Secretaries have received members' return ballot papers even before members have had time to receive their papers from the Secretary.

There is much confusion in the ranks of the E.T.U., and it is difficult to formulate values in the present inter-Union struggle. To counter the effi-

cient if corrupt Communist organization in the E.T.U., it is generally accepted that under the leadership of Jock Byrne and Leslie Cannon there has been a mobilization of all opposing forces from left to right. (Cannon was the Union's chief Education Officer who was sacked by Haxell after publicly disagreeing with the butchery of the Hungarian workers and resigning from the Communist Party.)

The E.T.U. Rank and File has always been in the forefront of workers struggles, handicapped recently by the shackles of Communist domination that allows no rights to opposition whatsoever.

from, looked at the well-fed tame puss, and asked, "You seem to be doing alright for yourself. How come?"

"You could be as well-fed as I, all you have to do is follow my example," answered puss.

"And what may that be?" asked Wildcat.

"Why, guard one of the masters' houses from thieves, and thereby protect his property, and he will feed you with scraps from his table."

Wildcat pondered this, and thought to himself, "Hmmm—it seems alright," and then he saw 'a collar around pussy's neck. "Why are you wearing a collar?" he asked.

"So that I shan't wander away during the day, and to make sure I lose no sleep, thereby keeping fit to carry out my duty during the night."

"In that case," answered Wildcat, "you may keep the job to yourself. As for me, I shall keep my liberty, for I have no desire to live in chains."

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Scottish Workers Face Lay-Offs As Shipyards, Mines Expect Slump

GLASGOW — Nothing stopped the Scottish workers from visiting one another and celebrating the New Year. Auld Lang Syne was sung, much whiskey was consumed, and many resolutions were made. Now and then, during the celebrations, some remarks were made regarding the prospects in the coming year. The workers know better than the hack writers of the Beaverbrook press, their position in industry.

Mr. George Middleton, Secretary of the Scottish Trades Union Congress, told the Sunday Express, "I think the prospects for 1960 more favourable than they were a year ago." He said that progress had been made in the fight for a balanced economy. He has been involved in a fight between Wales and Scotland for a share from new ventures in the steel and motor car industries.

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Some facts have been made known regarding the shipbuilding industry on which tens of thousands of Scottish workers depend. Commenting on the situation, The Glasgow Herald says, "Shipbuilders will enter the New Year fearing that conditions in their industry may become worse before they get better."

"Nothing in what 1959 has held for them suggests definitely that the world slump in freights has at last reached bottom. New building dropped by a tenth, tonnage laid up kept growing. In many coun-

tries labour relations deteriorated. Now a mood of qualified pessimism seems the best spirit in which to go forward."

The National Institute of economic and Social Research, in a report, says that in regard to industrial capacity and output the position in Scotland is "worse than average." Referring to the firms interviewed, the report said, "Their output had declined in the past year and the signs point to a further decline."

The National Institute predicts that output in the car industry will rise by 10 to 15 per cent, but there will be a decline in most other industries. The makers of products going into ships and mines are badly hit, says the report. Makers of specialized heavy machinery, except for steel mills, still show large excess capacities.

The outlook is black on Clydeside where most of the 23 shipyards are slowing down. It is contended that because of intense competition, new orders from Norway will render lower profits. This may account for the drive which has been going on against the shop stewards in recent months. The aim will be to put "a heavier burden on the workers. The demand for skilled workers is already dropping."

It is certain that a considerable number of workers will be paid off in two shipyards in the Govan area of Glasgow. Recently, some joiners were paid off in one of these yards, and some platers in the other. That was only the beginning.

Trade union leaders like Mr. Middleton will soon be forced to face up to the real situation. He was at one time a prominent member of the C.P. but he is now with the right wing.

New Factories Act

Shop stewards especially should note that the bulk of the provisions of the Factories Act (1959) came into effect from the beginning of December. A group of other provisions in the Act operate as from February 1st.

The date when the remaining sections of the Act become effective has not yet been fixed. But it would do no harm for all workers concerned with safety to become familiar with the new Act. If they don't, the boss won't.

Ask him to show you the Memorandum that is being sent out by the Ministry of Labour, which briefly outlines the main changes in factory law.

Marx studied British factory law in the Reference Room of the British Museum. He praised the work of the factory inspectors. Mention that bit; emphasize the last two words.

—"Nobby" Clark

THEY'VE NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD—

"In target areas although it may not be possible to save the fabric nor the employees if still at work, much can be done by previous planning to save the business of the Company."

—CIVIL DEFENCE TODAY (Section on Industry by Brigadier G. R. Williams). Quoted by FBU Sec. at the TUC.

Readers' Views

If Marxism and Freedom does nothing else than bring up to date the 'Comrades' and their 'Socialism' it will have served its purpose. What other party has ever been so exposed, even from its own ranks . . . but so thick are their skins that facts cannot penetrate them. It would appear that the Labour Party will go the same way. It is now suggested that nationalization beat it. This is a product of "Socialism in Our Time"; . . . they proceeded to run capitalism better than the Tories. Yet this is the party the Communists tell the workers to vote for!

Gas Board Worker
London

The Labour Party is "Right" because all "Lefts" and militants are out of it. Thus we should all get in, and also aim to get the "Daily Herald" into a real workers' paper—which could be done. After all, despite all their differences, big business never swerves from its one loyalty—the Tory party.

Close East London Worker
England

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It does not matter where one goes today, everywhere is different. Houses go—and banks, building societies, and car parks raise their heads. Leicester is terrible. More destruction by our Labour council than by Hitler during the war. Old people are being put out and transferred right

outside the City where there are few or no shops and not even a Post Office to draw their pension . . . I don't know what the young people have to face in the future, far or near; but it is in the hands of the workers to decide that.

Veteran Socialist
Leicester

(For More Readers' Views See Page 4)

Action Wanted — Not Sympathy

LONDON—The six members of the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War (see News & Letters, Jan., 1960, p. 3 & 8) remain in prison. The Secretary of the new Committee, Ian Dixon, in a message to News & Letters, adds:

"The Committee cannot associate itself with the several protests at the arrest of our previous Committee. Our aim is not to solicit sympathy for our colleagues in prison. Our duty to them is to make known to the best of our ability the reasons why they and others are willing to invite arrest by breaking the law. The justness or otherwise of the Act of 1361 A.D., under which the Committee were imprisoned, is an interesting civil liberties issue, but as such it is not the immediate concern of the present Committee which does not want its main message obscured by other issues. Many thanks for your interest and support."

EDITORIAL

The Tragedy of France

3,000 wilful fascists, who dwindled to 400 during 7 days of threats of armed revolt, succeeded in holding 45 million Frenchmen by their collective throat.

PLOTS AND COUNTER-PLOTS

On the 6th day, if we are to believe the bourgeois press, De Gaulle made so electrifying a speech that he (1) saved France "without bloodshed"; (2) reasserted his complete authority over the French Army, without whose complicity the Algerian fascists could never have held out; and (3) remained true to his "principle of self-determination" for the 9 million Arabs in Algeria.

This fable is both hollow and mythical. It fails to explain why, under the circumstances, De Gaulle took 6 days before he made that "speech of destiny," after which it still took two more days before the plotters' barricades came down. The fact remains that one of the chief leaders of the putsch, M. Ortiz, together with his lieutenants, escaped from under the averted eyes of the cordon of paratroopers and Foreign Legionnaires. The other leader, M. Lagailarde, was given nearly military honors when he left the barricades.

LET US NOT FORGET that when De Gaulle first heard of the colon demonstration, which resulted in 24 killed and 136 wounded, he gave orders to General Challe, his military chief in Algeria, to put down the putsch "during the night." That was Sunday, January 24. Far from obeying the order, General Challe, as well as Delegate General Delouvrier, gave ground before the colons who proceeded to rip up the streets and build barricades. After two more days of stalemate, these great generals panicked and left Algiers for a more secluded spot.

A second look at De Gaulle's 6 days of hesitation, and the Army's two additional days of procrastination, will do more than dispel the fable of his speech of destiny. It will show that his counter-plots are on a par with plots by the Army and the white colonists.

He found that the plot extended directly into his Cabinet. Although they did not participate in the anti-De Gaulle demonstrations, they were one with the aim of the plotters to keep Algeria "French," that is to say, continue the French enslavement of 9 million Arabs.

De Gaulle asked for dictatorial powers for his Cabinet rather than for himself because he owes his continuing power to them.

The crucial fact, of course, is that De Gaulle owes his power precisely to this fascist Army-political corps, and he depends on them to restore the "grandeur" of France. Before he decided to make his TV speech calling for obedience to the state power, he sent General Ely to strike a bargain with the Army brass.

The "magical" effect of the speech was due to De Gaulle's promise that the Army would remain in Algeria to supervise any referendum on self-determination.

THIS is the Army whose methods of torture rival those of the Nazis; the Army that has carried on a ruthless struggle against the Arabs for 5 long years. It is the Army that is so violently opposed to self-determination. This is the same officer corps which did not execute a single plotter, but continued to torture and execute Arab revolutionaries.

By the 9th day, when the barricades finally came down, the tragi-comedy became a farce. The martial ardor of the conspirators cooled so quickly that a mere 127 of them volunteered for a token 6-month hitch in the Army while the other rioters went back to the saloons to resume their plotting.

THE SPEECH & THE ACTIONS

Any view that it was De Gaulle's scorn against the plotters that brought the Army officers to obey their Commander-in-Chief flies in face of the reality that it was the Commander-in-Chief who capitulated to the Army's aim of keeping Algeria enslaved. The speech tells you as much. While it thunders against "liars and conspirators," it assures them that "France and De Gaulle" will not "surrender Algeria to the rebellion." The "rebellion" referred to is not the conspiracy to get De Gaulle into line, but the revolt of the Arabs against French imperialist rule, the struggle for national independence on the part of 9 million Arabs, the overwhelming majority of the population of Algeria.

THE ACTIONS that followed the speech show unmistakably that De Gaulle's victory was, in fact, a victory for the Army brass. Take the "mop-up operations" for which De Gaulle requested dictatorial powers. For a Soustelle who was fired, not only does a Debre remain, but War Minister Guillaumat was "punished" by being kicked upstairs to become head of the Atomic Energy Project.

The very man who did nothing against the fascist plotters because he is a fascist himself is now entrusted with the A-bomb. This is a direct threat, not only to Africa, but to the whole world.

Of course there were some arrests of "Rightists." But when the Generals remain on the loose, who can console himself that a Lagailarde is in jail? On top of it all, De Gaulle is now busy breaking Algeria into new political units. He hopes thereby not to have to face 9 million Arabs, but a series of religious and "ethnic" groups from Moslem to Berber, from Jew to Frenchman, with the fascistic military commanders in charge of keeping "order" in each of these allegedly semi-autonomous communities.

This Gaullic version of Britain's 1921 partition of Ireland makes the Black-and-Tans appear as veritable angels.

THE PROLETARIAN TRAGEDY

THE REAL TRAGEDY of France took place on the streets of Paris. The two so-called workers' parties, Communists and Socialists, which even now control the majority of the French proletarians in trade unions, called for defense of De Gaulle. Worse yet, they asked the workers to demonstrate for De Gaulle on their own time—lunch hour—so as not to disturb capitalist production.

De Gaulle, whose power, aim, and visions of grandeur rest on quite a different class than the proletariat, rewarded this loyalty by asking that dictatorial powers be given to the very Cabinet whose majority were Lagailarde's co-conspirators in the May 13th coup that brought the French Republic down. Even now, some of them hail this fascist anti-Semite as "a patriot."

General De Gaulle chose to disregard the very existence of the workers' general strike because it was so overpowering—involving 12 million—that the alternative to ruling with fascist plotters manifested itself.

The Communist and Socialist leadership, on the other hand, is in a conspiracy with De Gaulle to minimize that mass power. Nothing so exposes the crisis in ideology as this crisis in organization. The betrayal of the proletariat by their own organizations is now complete.

It is precisely the totality of the crisis in Communist-Socialist politics that will free the proletariat from the stranglehold of these organizations. The French proletariat, so full of revolutionary traditions, will yet make its mark on contemporary history.

(See article from Paris, France . . . Page 7)

Readers'

THE BRITISH PAGE

About 20 of the guys were reading the last issue in the lunch room after your distribution at our plant. They all seemed to be studying the British Page, and I overheard them talking about how conditions over there were just like our own. One worker said, "That's what I've been telling you all along. It isn't just one place. The whole world has to be reorganized."

Chrysler Worker
Detroit

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The British page is terrific not just because it exists, but also because of the content. There are two things I would like to see there: 1) some reports on Automation in Britain, what it is like to work on it, if there is enough to be able to get such a report; 2) an analysis of planning in Great Britain—how it is not socialism, but rather a new form of exploitation. This should be very concrete, though.

Intellectual
New England

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The British page is breathtaking. I simply can't put it down. I have read every line three times over. I would like to shake hands with the one who wrote the British Editorial.

Committee Member
Los Angeles

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I don't like the name of the British page. There's a Stalinist paper of similar name, and a right wing Trade Unionist paper of exactly the same name, and the syndicalists have just brought out a "World Labour News"—I've told them I don't like it either. There's also a "Labour's Voice," a "Northern Labour Voice," a "British Labour Voice," a "Labour News Bulletin," a "Workers' News Bulletin," and several others. I'd sooner it had the same name as the American part—there's nothing against "News & Letters. . ."

Americanized spelling is a definite mistake on the British Page. It's only used by the "radical intelligentsia." It isn't in fact, over here, a simplification, since it doesn't conform to any British accent whether it be Cockney, or high fallutin Oxford accent. For an English page, either have traditional English or Scots spelling, or, if they're recording someone who speaks with any dialect, spell it as he says it. But no one is going to be impressed by English written as American.

L. O.
London

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The January issue arrived yesterday and it looks marvelous! It is marvelous. The British Page is exciting—just to see it physically there, with its "7s. 6d twelve issues" and

its two addresses, London and Glasgow. I think this is really tremendous.

Committee Member
Massachusetts

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When I first heard the paper was going to have a British page I was excited because I felt it would be a real bond between us and Europe. Now that I've actually seen it in print I feel that Europe is so close we can almost reach out and shake each other's hands.

High School Student
Detroit

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I like the idea of a British Page in News & Letters. For over a year now I have eagerly read the paper because of its first class coverage of what workers themselves are thinking and doing, as well as Raya Dunayevskaya's "Two Worlds" column, and the columns written by workers.

We have no paper like it over here, yet. Perhaps the Page will help us get such a paper of our own. Its basic ideas are not only unique but very sound.

My own A.E.U. Journal is bulky, but generally it publishes no letters. It is all what the leadership wants the members to read. "Tribune" prints a couple of pages of readers letters each week, but reading them one gets the idea they are written entirely by people who are ambitious for their party, and this shuts out their observation of life in the works (if they are not all clerks and commercial struggle" in production never shows through.

If the British Page shows the identity of interests between the American workers and the British workers, it will do a good job. It will give us the benefit of the unrivalled experience of the workers in the American News & Letters Committees. So far, there is nothing to match it among the small parties and groups here, who don't want to know about the workers, really; they just want us to join and frog their literature.

I will certainly come to your Discussions, and write for the Page as often as I can. I shall be glad of the opportunity!

Regular Reader
East London

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STAGNATION OF THE U.S. ECONOMY

Not being well versed in economics, I was quite surprised at the "Two Worlds" column on "Stagnation of the U. S. Economy" in your January issue. I knew that the "soaring sixties" bore too much resemblance to Hoover's "two chickens in every pot,"

but still I couldn't conceive that the richest country in the world was standing still.

But today, I received the whopping big 124 page supplement to the New York Times, "A Review of Nation's Economic Trends." And sure enough, I found out that the rate of growth in America is not only below that of Russia, but "in 1958 it was minus 2.3 percent."

Congratulations for scooping the New York Times!

Engineer
Ann Arbor

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I do not understand how Raya Dunayevskaya in the "Two Worlds" column can write that "the inequality between rich and poor countries is actually increasing," if the American rate of growth is decreasing.

Teacher
Massachusetts

Editor's Note: It is not only Raya Dunayevskaya, but all economists who now admit that the richer the advanced countries get, the poorer the underdeveloped become. What the "Two Worlds" column did was to show that this absolute difference between rich and poor land is not any proof that the technologically advanced country is progressing ever onward. In the case of America, the rate of economic development suffers such setbacks during recessions that "boom period" no longer means any advance at all, when you take into consideration the growth in population in the country. "Two Worlds" showed that in 1958 it actually declined. As a matter of fact, even where the rate of growth was large, as in Russia, it still did not manifest itself in any betterment of the large masses of Russian people. Capital, private or state, on the upgrade or standing still, never allows for any substantial change in the relations of capital to labor.

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In the auto plant where I work we are now working 10 hours a day, 6 days a week, and the older men—those who need their rest the most—are working 7 days. Yes, it's nice in 1960 for Ike and us—but so was '59, if you don't talk about me not working 6 months.

It puzzles me, as I was at the Unemployed Demonstration in Washington while Ike was out of town when we were there. All I can say is for the truth, read "News and Letters." The way you describe the working day in auto is right.

Auto Worker
Detroit

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UNEMPLOYMENT . . . AND OVERTIME

The Unemployed March on Washington seems like it took place ten years ago. But it hasn't even been a year yet. It seems fantastic that in such a short time, they've been able to get away without even mentioning again all the great things the politicians (like Lyndon Johnson for example) got up and made big speeches about.

Nobody I know ever even found what happened to that 13 week extension of unemployment benefits they promised. A few guys got it maybe, but most of them, like me, went down when their regular

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Views

compensation ran out and found out they weren't eligible—for this, that or the other reason—after all. It was just one more hypocrisy to add to all the rest they handed us.

Marcher
Detroit

My husband had a chance to work overtime Saturday, and he went even though he still had the 'flu' because he's been off work so long he couldn't afford not to. It seems crazy. They're working almost everyone around here overtime now—but it comes after they've been out in the streets so long, and have gotten so weak that they just can't take those longer hours. They're out to kill us off one way or the other, I guess.

New Reader
Detroit

THE NEGRO & HISTORY

There was an article I read by a British economist in some obscure publication, and even he took up the case of the lynching of Mack Parker. To me it showed very pointedly just how much the Negro question is an international one today.

Committee Member
Detroit

The Detroit Times carried a headline on the front page recently about "the fact that there are now 500,000 Negroes in Detroit. I don't think they put it there to do us any good. But it shows that we are a force to be contended with.

Auto Worker
Detroit

Negro History Week is significant to me. They have tried to take something away from it by converting it to Brotherhood Week instead, so as not to emphasize the Negro's own specific history and role. But if you study history at all you cannot fail to see how closely tied to the history of the Negro people is the history of America itself.

The history of the struggle for freedom shows one thing to me. You have to fight to gain freedom. Then you have to fight to hold it. I think it will be a continual battle from now to the end of time. You can't have freedom any other way.

Negro Worker
Detroit

The fact that there are 500,000 Negroes now living in Detroit—or fully 1/4 of the city's population—points up what a force they are, or can be. In the coming elections they must represent a frightening force to the white reactionaries.

The reactionaries have been hard at work in this country, writing all sorts of books on the South and giving their point of view. I was dismayed to find the shelves of the public library so overweighed with books like that—and so few to counter-balance them giving views favorable to the Negroes. Perhaps it is just that the reactionaries are working harder to produce such literature—but whether it is intentional or not, the library shelves today are load-

ed with anti-Negro books which an innocent reader just going in to pick out "something" on the subject will probably wind up with.

Young Worker
Detroit

ANTI-SEMITISM

When I think of all of today's problems, anti-Semitism, union busting, or the Negro problem, I think that you can't give a solution to just one. You have to go to what kind of society we live in that produces all these hate groups. Because when you deal with atrocities, you must deal with the basic atrocity which occurs to a working person every day in the shop. Everything else flows from that.

Committee Member
Los Angeles

I can't forget that the first anti-Semitic demonstration in Cologne started with a little tiny group of "only" 16,000 members. That exposes the whole thing to me. Pretty well organized for a bunch of "hoodlums."

Worker
Los Angeles

YOUTH AND R.O.T.C.

The two youth articles are excellent again. The anti-R.O.T.C. campaign seems widespread. We have heard of it around here in New England. At the U. of Mass. the student government voted to express their disapproval of the disclaimer affidavit that is required of students getting scholarships from the federal government. All have to swear that they have not belonged to any subversive organizations. As a matter of fact, most of the highly-rated colleges have refused to enter the program at all because of this requirement. Other student groups are writing to Senator Kennedy to protest. A colonel of the R.O.T.C. at U. of Mass., wrote a letter to the school paper accusing the student government of being influenced by Communists because they had taken this action. He got a lot of hot rejoinders and a few attacks on R.O.T.C. thrown in.

Ex-teacher
New England

AFTER THE STEEL STRIKE

We've been getting a lot of overtime since the strike is over, but you can bet that the company will cut down on that the next couple of weeks. That's when our vacation pay is computed from, and you know they're going to keep that down.

Steelworker
River Rouge

There was a guy I worked with at Great Lakes for many years. He worked a double shift, like a lot of men are doing, went home, and just keeled over from a heart attack. And he wasn't even 50 years old. There are three guys I've heard about this month who have died like that.

Steel Worker
Great Lakes

We're working at peak production now at Great Lakes, but that won't go on very long. The way I see it, the steel mills produce so much steel they don't have the

market for what they can put out. So I think we're going to be seeing about eight months work a year, and the company operating the other four months with only skeleton crews. It won't be much different from the auto workers.

Steelworker
River Rouge

AUTOMATION

I don't work directly on an automated line, but the parts I work with are made by automation. In automation the human can't stop the line unless a machine breaks down, even if you lose a hand trying to keep up. Where I work, they call it 100% efficiency, which means they can utilize the total energies of a man for as long as they want. They have you time-studied for every second. I can't stop to get a drink of water. They took 1.4 seconds off me, I was working 61.4 seconds a minute. This isn't automation yet, but it is slave labor.

Production Worker
Los Angeles

There are two automated lines in the cold mill, and the company is putting in a third. With each one, 32 men were knocked out of a job. I know men who have transferred out of there, and they will never get back. The way things are now, you never know what will happen.

Steelworker
Ecorse

As an English teacher, I'm always attracted to creative style as evidence of creative thinking. Ethel Dunbar's writing has long affected me like poetry, and now the new correspondent from Morgantown writes eloquently of the miners who "hang up their caps and lamps in the lamp house."

Few pieces of writing have exposed the indignities of unemployment so movingly as the passage on "Distress Area." It was far superior to any part of a long narrative about the continuous miner in the Nation. Though that narrative was written by a professional novelist, and though it showed vividly the workers' hostility to Automation, it lacked the personal power of our Morgantown correspondent.

Professor
Massachusetts

PROGRESS

I don't honestly see too much difference between myself and my grandmother—who was a slave—and hurried home to eat and fell in bed at the end of the day, so she'd be able to get up to work the next day the same way all over again. At the end of my day at work I hurry home to eat and fall in bed to get up and go to work the next day again too. Where's the abolition of slavery in that set-up? Man may have made progress since then—mechanical progress—but he hasn't made any progress for the humanity of man that I can see yet.

Nurse
Detroit

TWO WORLDS

THE ROOTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

(Continued from Page 1)

for the re-establishment of the Krupp empire which nourished and sustained Nazism, and is now doing its own type of flirtation with Russian orders for "peaceful" goods.

CLASS AND RACE

It matters not which of the capitalist powers won, and which lost, the minority problem remains the open sore. This is due not only to the fact that the ruling class needs a "scapegoat" for their crime of never being able to solve a single fundamental problem, in war or in peace. Nor is it due only to the fact that the perpetuation of exploitation follows the old maxim of divide and rule. Basic as these two factors are, they are not the whole truth.

Under the open sore of the persecution of a minority is hidden the greater truth of exploitation—that the exploiters, not the exploited, are the minority. Within this greater truth will be found the answer as to why a specific scapegoat is chosen at a particular time at each separate stage of capitalism's development.

THERE ARE REASONS why the discrimination against a certain race suddenly bursts forth into the lynching of an individual Negro. There are reasons why discrimination against another race takes the form, in late 19th century France, of a single wronged individual as happened in the military conspiracy against Dreyfus, whereas in another country, like Tsarist Russia, it took the form of anti-Jewish pogroms. Whatever the match that started the conflagration, it seemed never to have reached the fantastic proportions of the extermination of a whole race. Yet the barbarous insanity of our times—the extermination of 6 million Jews in Nazi Germany—provoked no such unanimous outcry of horror as the single Dreyfus case. Why?

The Depression, which sounded the collapse of the economic system of capitalism, brought to the fore the flowering of the new element that came to life when the imperialist tentacles of monopoly capitalism reached for the spoliation of a whole continent with its belief in the "Superior Race."

Those who wish to forget that at the root of present-day apartheid South Africa was the "civilizing mission" of the white race—which meant, in fact, such horrors as the extermination of the Hottentot tribes by the Boers, of Leopold II's reduction of 20 to 40 million peaceful Congolese to 8 million—are the ones who took the extermination of the Jews in Germany "in stride"—until the Nazi search for "lebensraum" meant a challenge to their own area of exploitation.

AT THE ROOT: CAPITALISM

What the recent anti-Semitic outbreaks show is that it is impossible to destroy Nazism, the most bestial expression of capitalism, where its root, capitalism itself, flourishes. When imperialism first revealed the truth of exploitation—that it is the majority, not the "minority," that is persecuted; when it further took on the additive of color, the "white man's burden" still seemed to be outside of the "civilized, advanced country." But by the time monopoly capitalism was transformed into the totalitarian state form in Germany, it was clear enough that it meant enslavement at home. Simultaneously with the destruction of the Jews went the destruction of the labor movement, reaching its climax in the Nazi concentration camps with their crematories. Lest an Adenauer be permitted to forget his silence at the extermination of a race at the time it happened; lest an Eisenhower forget his impunity which put Nazi officers at head of a rearmad Germany; lest a Khrushchev be permitted to parade as a staunch lover of freedom and peace and protector of Jews,* let the historic record show:

(1) that all of them and their ilk helped Nazism, and in fact the Nazi-Soviet Pact gave the green light to the unleashing of World War II; (2) all of them and their ilk helped capitalism re-establish itself when Germany lost; and (3) presently all of them march, though not in unison, but rather at opposite poles, toward the same goal—preparations for a nuclear World War III which might spell the end of civilization altogether.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

Long before the maturing of the state capitalist world in which we now live, Lenin watched the appearance of bureaucracy in the workers' state and warned of "returning backwards to capitalism." His warning—that unless production and the state were run by the population "to a man," state capitalism would overtake Russia—fell on as deaf ears as his last fight against Stalin's rudeness toward minority groups.

He wrote prophetically: "Scratch some Bolsheviks and you will find Great Russian chauvinists . . . I am declaring war on Great Russian chauvinism . . . the same Russian apparatus, which was borrowed from Tsarism and only barely annointed with the Soviet chrism."

It remains the most telling commentary not only of present-day Russia but of the whole state capitalist world in which we now live.

In contrast to genuine Marxists, liberals have never been able to face the fact of the class nature of oppression of minorities, whether that took the individual form of the Dreyfus affair or the outright fascism of our day. When fascism first came to Italy in the 1920s, they said it could never happen in an "advanced" country; the backwardness of Italy was supposed to have produced fascism. When it came to the most technologically advanced European land—Germany—it became a question of "Prussian militarism." When the "non-military" countries by force of arms destroyed Nazi Germany, and neo-Nazism now reappears not only under "democratic" tutelage there, but is spreading to other countries, including America, then we are supposed to blame "juvenile delinquents."

The truth is, however, that the one feature that is truly new is the mass youth demonstrations against fascism, especially in West Germany. The preponderance of youth in these demonstrations shows now deeply-rooted is anti-Fascism among the youth, although they had not suffered the physical tortures and crimes and barbarism of the Nazis. It is the present capitalist world which is constantly recreating the conditions for fascism that they are rebelling against.

Far from being rebels without a cause, the youth of today are rejecting this world they never made, and searching for new beginnings of a truly human world.

* The Russian Communist bureaucracy is so unbiased a "protector" of Jews that the Greater Russian Encyclopedia fails to note the Jewish origin of Karl Marx. At the same time The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union which replaces Stalin's Short Course on the same subject in present teachings, shows more liberties with the truth on Jewish Marxists than even Stalin did. For example, it fails to include the Jewish Bund as an organization that prepared the first Marxist Congress. Perhaps Khrushchev considers all this "subtle." It certainly isn't the only untruth, or even a large one, compared to the fact that History has been rewritten.

YOUTH

Thinking It Out

By Robert Ellery

... FOR A KEY CHAIN AND 20 BUCKS"

As soon as the steel strike was over last month Roger Blough, spokesman for the owners, declared, as bosses always do after a contract settlement, that it was the duty of the workers to produce still more efficiently if the inflationary rise is to be halted and if the companies are to be able to compete for foreign steel markets.

President Eisenhower has echoed the same sentiments, saying that only harder work by the workers to produce more steel cheaper will enable the steel corporations to not raise their prices 'in the immediate future.'

"BIG HEARTED"

After months of strike, companies invariably send out letters to the employers explaining that the company has been able to grant the requests of the employees only if the employees understand they will have to go along with the company and put out more effort.

Imagine how infuriated the captains of industry would be if after a labor settlement was reached the union directed a letter to the employers, intoning the employees have acquiesced to the companies demands only with the understanding that the company will constantly seek new ways to improve the health, wealth and safety of the employees.

It would seem that all should be against inefficiency and waste in production.

The Steel Industry proclaimed in the recent 116 day strike that what it sought in changing the local working conditions clause was greater efficiency in production. The steelworkers on the other hand saw in it a move to reduce the work force and speed up the remaining workers.

WHAT ABOUT AUTO?

Like Steel the Auto Industry has, in the interest of greater efficiency, introduced automation into the shops. It is reported that the auto industry expects to produce 120,000 more cars and trucks in the first quarter of 1960 than it did in its previous peak in 1955, and do it with 136,000 fewer men. The Auto industry hasn't lowered any prices either.

In practice greater efficiency is what puts workers out of work. It seems irrational for socially conscious human beings to be champions of inefficiency and waste. But within the context of capitalist production it is the only way to preserve humanity. Many of the "progressive" companies recognize that the man on the line develops ideas and notions about production that never occur to the engineer in the office and encourage suggestions.

THEY KNOW THE SCORE

One corporation in Detroit sent a letter to employees promising a key chain to everyone who submitted an idea and cash awards to those whose suggestions were adopted. The day the letter was received the locker rooms were full of talk about jobs that could be eliminated. One worker changing clothes said, "I could tell them in two minutes how to eliminate my job, but I'd be crazy to for a key chain and 20 bucks."

Another shop I know of worked two shifts of men. In one department the men on the second shift designed some

jigs and fixtures without the knowledge of supervision, to make it easier for the men to put out a job. The men on the first shift saw the invention and promptly destroyed it. The two shifts got into a fight over the jigs. The second shift said they weren't putting out any more work than the first shift, that the jigs just gave them more time to relax in the wash room. The first shift said if the company found the jigs the job time would be cut 1/3 and a few guys would be out on the street.

The second shift said they wouldn't let the foreman find the jigs but they were finally convinced that the jigs should remain in the scrap barrel. For the last 2 years a dozen men on two shifts working in this corner of the department have known how to increase efficiency but they are sworn to secrecy.

THE SOUTH, U.S.A.

Negro students have begun a protest movement to end segregation in the "dime stores" lunch counters. During the past 2 weeks demonstrations have occurred in various cities in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Florida. Police arrested 41 Negro students at Cameron Village, N.C. under an old trespass law.

The tactic developed by the student movement has been to sit peacefully at the counter without getting food. They continue to sit there and tie up business. The dime stores retaliate by closing down the lunch counters.

White students from Duke University have been helping out in the demonstrations, joining the Negro students in their sit-down strike

Democracy in the southern part of the United States is something that is widely advocated for the Russians, but is not practiced where American Citizens of color are concerned.

UNIVERSITY DROPS STUDENT WITH "WRONG" POLITICS

LOS ANGELES. — Recently at the university I attend a student was arrested for passing out a leaflet in which the student explained why he was putting it out. He said that he had formerly been a law student at the university and had been dropped from the university for allegedly failing his courses.

However, he stated that he was not allowed to see his final examinations. When he asked to see them he was told that they had been burned. The student, however, felt that this was not the reason that he had been dropped. He felt that he had been dropped because his political views were different from those of one of the deans of the school. He said that he had argued both in class and privately with the deans which the dean put forth. The dean had warned him that unless he changed his attitude he would be dropped from the university.

After he was dropped the student took the case to the courts. However, the case was thrown out because the court said that they had no authority to rule on the case.

I would like to know three things. Why should a student be dropped from a university for having political ideas different from those of his dean? Why doesn't a student have some right to an appeal in a case such as this? Thirdly, I would like to know why the student was arrested for passing out the leaflet? Certainly in a democracy, especially at a university, one should have the right to voice his opinions freely.

—College Student

NEWS NOTES:

A call for a boycott of South African goods has been in effect for a number of months now.

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The United States has invested 400 million dollars in Apartheid South Africa. This is more than the U.S. has invested in the rest of the African countries combined.

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Russia has signed a trade agreement with Apartheid South Africa to sell them Russian diamonds.

The Working Day

By Angela Terrano

HOW SHOULD MAN WORK?

A newspaper is not the place for one to recall past events I know, but I couldn't help thinking of something that happened in the first electronics shop I had worked in.

It was just after a strike that they hired some new girls. Two weeks later there was an actual riot in the plant and another strike. The riot itself was started by goons the company had hired to intimidate the workers. The day after the riot the company had Pinkerton men (a rose by any other name . . .) with billy clubs in their hands standing at the head of each line. I don't know how it struck us at the time or if we paid little attention to it since the workers had decided not to work until the others were let out of jail. We sat in the plant a good 5 hours before the boss got a court order to get us out, but for those few hours the spirit of a couple of hundred strikers prevailed.

PLANNERS AND MORE PLANNERS

This might be a little wild but it made me think how the "intellectual planners" constantly beat down on working people with their plans. I am sure only some time study or efficiency expert could dream up the plan of 5 men being able to stop 200 women.

It strikes me, after a number of years have passed since that incident, that I have seen "planners," "leaders," or what ever you care to call them, able to think themselves into anything they want to do. If a few people are hurt along the way, what the heck, it's for a greater "cause." They always have some fancy words or some kind of rationalization for what they do, even when they are considering blowing up the planet.

Some get angry that workers do not see the future "possibilities" of Automation.

IS THE HUMAN BODY A MACHINE?

Why is it assumed that

Automation will be the way workers will want to work under a new society? Just consider the Automation machines that the workers despise today that are under Capitalist control? In most cases they are not even the ultimate in Automation—the completely Automated factory with no workers at all, which is also the capitalist dream—but just machines, that have been described in the pages of News & Letters and in Worker's Journal quite vividly, in which the human body has to become an active part of the machine's operation. The human body was not made for such operations but the machine demands that that body work in motion, back and forth, left and right, bend down, stand up, get out of the way, back to work—that the body work in complete unison with every move of that machine. That kind of machine, whether you do 200 jobs an hour or 100 jobs an hour in a new society, will not lighten work for man or beast—If the machine is slowed down excessively—ask any worker—this is as tiring as speed-up and, mind you, just as boring.

That is why I was so impressed by what Marx had written on Machinery. Because the red thread that ran through it all was not only how horrid capitalist exploitation was—but to what low point man's labor had descended that instead of developing him it only made him part of a machine.

At least that is the way I read his attacks on those who think there is some abstract animal like a machine "as such," instead of seeing that the very science of the machine should be part of the human being's acquired talents. If man could really work with both brain and hand and absorb the science, then mind and body would not be separated from each other like some surreal paintings I've seen.

ANTI-SEMITISM 1960

HITLER'S GHOST NEVER DIED

Los Angeles — After many years of silence, the world was shocked at a revival of anti-Jewish outbreaks in several parts of the world. They took the form of desecration of synagogues, swastika smears, threatening notes and the like. Although seemingly crackpot in some aspects, all were reminiscent of the original outbreaks in Germany in the thirties.

An important question comes to mind. Is this the work of resurgent Nazi organizations or a few sick minds? It is interesting to note that Jewish organizations are themselves in disagreement on the matter. Some view the situation with alarm while others take the attitude that these are pranksters and cranks.

In view of recent events and the well remembered horrors of Germany, what must the position of the Jews be today? There are but two choices. One, the road of martyrdom, too often followed in the past with dire results. The other, a strong, organized effort at combating the Nazis at the very start.

By exposing them through news media, by using pressure and forceful means where other

methods fail, the Jewish people themselves can become a strong deterrent against a new uprising. The apathy among all people toward minority problems has encouraged a new fascist blight to fester and take root again.

It would be interesting to hear the opinions of some of the young Jewish generation now coming into their own. It is inconceivable that in the short space of time since millions were slaughtered on the altar of fascism, no voice, nor group comes forth strongly without mincing words and deeds to curb this new threat.

There must be a counter-attack on our parts. We Jews can no longer wait benignly for others to take up the cudgels on our behalf. Most of the leaders of our people, like those of the Negro and other minority groups remain ineffectual in the face of trouble. They prefer to whitewash the situation in hopes of maintaining the status quo.

Only pressure from the rank and file can force a movement toward combating Nazism wherever it appears. The question is—will it be done?

—Long Time Reader.

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Way of the World

By Ethel Dunbar

THE DESTRUCTION OF NEGRO HISTORY

The first week in February is supposed to be Negro History week in America. Negro leaders in the North have combined it with what they call brotherhood week. It seems to me the purpose for this is to show that what is more important is for the Negro to say that what we need is to be brothers towards each other, so the whites can have the right to say they should hold leadership in Negro organizations. To me this has destroyed Negro History. It is to destroy especially what the Negroes did prior to and during the Civil War period and the many historical achievements by individuals, groups, and masses of Negroes since the Civil War. It's purpose is to destroy the role of such true leaders as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman as individuals and Nat Turner, Denmark Vessie leading masses in a fight for freedom.

WHITES WANT SOCIAL CLIMBER

A Negro man told me he had a clipping from a newspaper written by a white Southern senator or congressman in which he says that he is not afraid of Negro leadership in the trade unions or in the N.A.A.C.P. or in the Urban League or any other Negro organization with the exception of one and that is Elijah Muhammad, the Muslim leader. This Southerner wrote that this man teaches only Negro history and Negro origin and that their hate for whites is so deep they "actually" believe they are superior to the white people. Police records show that these Muslim are not afraid of any white man. I believe that any Negro organization that will not let the white man come in to take it over or to control its members the whites will say the same thing about it.

A Negro man was telling my

husband that he is a member of the Trade Union Leadership Council. He said they do not accept "whites or Communists." They are making a little noise about segregation in the unions. Now the U.A.W. executive board is threatening them telling them to disband. This man said to my husband, "They have a Jewish Labor Council in the U.A.W., which is okay and they have a Catholic labor council, that is okay too and they have other all white committees and councils, but when it comes to an all Negro organization then it is a crime." The American white only wants the kind of Negro leaders that are looking for social status rather than more rights for the Negro people.

FREE TO LYNCH AGAIN

The Grand Jury in Mississippi has freed all the whites in the Mack Parker lynch case. They say they cannot find any Federal violation in the case. The state Grand Jury says the same thing. So it is no crime for white men to lynch a Negro in Mississippi.

Roy Wilkins, the N.A.A.C.P. leader, can only beg the Attorney General in Washington to publish the 23 white suspects names. I feel this is a crime.

Three Negro teenagers were found guilty two weeks ago by an all white jury, for fighting with a white gang and then the police. After being arrested they were beaten and kicked by the police force. The papers said that many of the Negroes in court broke down and cried when the lawyer said the boys committed no crime, the only crime they committed is being born black.

But this is Negro History Week being turned into Brotherhood Week.

A NURSE SPEAKS OUT

"Nursing . . . Losing Its Human Touch"

DETROIT—The factory worker thinks his is the only job that leaves one in a state of fear, anxiety and tension, not excluding physical fatigue. Let me inform you, my dear working brother, professional nursing too is fast falling into the policies of stuffed shirts in positions of authority, who seek to fill our working hours with loathsome tasks and procedures.

The rapid development of medical and social sciences have added many additional difficult procedures for which the nurse has studied long and hard to master. Nursing is a wonderful profession and fundamentally well organized.

My greatest concern is that nursing is fast losing its primary function. It is becoming buried beneath abstractions and losing its human touch by too many pre-occupations.

The coffee breaks and lunch period are just one long tiring topic—the nurse, the non professional, "class," supervisory pressure, Dr.'s orders and constant changing of method, absolutely unrelated to nursing.

I have been a nurse since 1937. I will never be or ever hope to be any other than the servant of humanity. I've seen long strides in medical progress, but our hospitals of today are defeating themselves as institutions for the relief and health of bodies and souls. Discrimination and "class" is too prevalent. Pain, sickness and a desire for health has no leveler, such as race, creed, color or social position. Why is such the case with our personnel? 90% of nurses feel the same way. Some have given up the cause and gone to other fields. We as nurses work hard and sometimes from 7 to 10 days before having a day off.

What has happened to the team of professional and non professional harmony, all pulling together for the cause and for the interest of the patient?

Every nurse, I do believe, would like to see an upward trend in humanitarianism as the god of this great work of relationship and understanding and stay in the hospitals and medical fields.

—Subscriber

LONDON

Six members of the British Direct Action Committee against Nuclear War were arrested and given jail sentences of 2 months for demonstrating at the ballistic missile base at Harrington. The group has made several attempts to enter the base and set up a camp within the grounds as a measure of protest against Nuclear War.

Other members of the group, entering French territory from Ghana to protest the French atom tests were arrested at the border. Before the arrest they were warmly greeted at the Ghana border town of Bwaku by the Chief and the whole town turned out for them.

A. J. Muste is acting as co-ordinator for the project. Other protests have been held in New York at the U.N. and in London at the French Embassy.

A DOCTOR SPEAKS

By M.D.

YOUTH AND CREATIVE LIVES

One often hears the statement that the world is for the youth—for the coming generation. Yet little is done to permit youth to take this world and make it theirs. Much of the efforts of adults is directed toward making the youth fall into existing grooves; to mold them in their image. It is this very process of adjustment which often prevents a creative life.

THE BRAIN FILES AWAY PAST EVENTS

The early years in one's life count most heavily for the future. The mind of the young is extremely receptive and retentive. A neuro-surgeon, having exposed the brain of a conscious adult under local anaesthesia, was able to touch various parts of the brain with a mild electric current and produce speech and emotions in the patient exactly as he had experienced these many years before. It appears that buried in the microscopic recesses of the brain, and unknown to the individual are tape-like recordings of all past events. It is this information that unconsciously influences all our actions and thoughts and gives direction to our life.

One surgeon recently wrote of the lack of creativity among surgeons. It's a fact that many contributions directly pertinent to surgery have been made by non-surgeons. One reason given for this is that the environment provided by surgical training emphasizes the mastery of technical procedures. The pursuit of investigative problems and the stimulation of creative endeavor is almost impossible because of this as well as the need to become financially independent as quickly as possible. Unorthodoxy is not favored by senior surgeons.

THE HABIT OF CREATIVE THINKING

Physiologists and psychol-

ogists have reported a strong correlation between age and creativity. The peak of creativity in the field of medicine is between 35-39 years of age. It is much earlier in other sciences—such as physics and mathematics, and still earlier in the arts. Psychologists have shown that the ability to think critically develops very rapidly in the teens; reaches a peak during the twenties and then gradually declines. Almost all persons who do creative work later in life, were creative when young.

The habit of creative thinking needs to be established as early as possible. Young high school students if given the opportunity can amaze with their free imaginative and probing comments, and by their ability to handle concepts and learn complicated techniques. However the search and enthusiasm of the young is often smothered by the information gathering emphasis in our schools.

But to make better use of our creative years, we need more than a new quality to school education. The whole environment in which organized society now functions lacks human values. A man is merely an object to be used; his work a commodity to be exploited. It seems as if he were born to serve industry. There is a broken and blocked relationship of the individual to the world. What goes on in school is a reflection of this. There remains only a technical communication which brings a sense of isolation and alienation. Fruition of the whole person is blocked and creativity made extremely difficult. The images brought by our senses into the brain early in life and there filed carefully away, remain to deform us to the day of our death.

AUTHORITY IS RE-ESTABLISHED, BUT THE WAR CONTINUES

From special issue of POUVOIR OUVRIER (Workers' Power) January 1960, Paris, France

De Gaulle has spoken. The crisis opened by the insurrection in Algiers, by the hesitations of the Army, on one part of the very same Government, is on the way to a solution. Willy-nilly, the authority of the state will be re-established.

But the war in Algeria will continue . . .

French imperialism has lost, successively, Indo-China, Tunisia, Morocco. The irresistible power of the exploited masses in Asia and in Africa, during 15 years, has compelled the great capitalist powers, little by little, to grant political independence to their ancient colonies. But, in Algeria, imperialism clung on.

Conscious of the dangers that a prolongation of this situation created for French capitalism . . . De Gaulle, supported by a large section of Big Capital, has attempted to orient toward a compromise, a solution of a certain type of "association" within France and an autonomous Algerian state. This solution would allow the French bourgeoisie to conserve its economic position in all essentials, including the oil of Sahara . . . The political announcement

of self-determination on September 16th was the first step in this direction . . .

The war has continued. The repression has continued. Also the atrocities; also the barbarism.

Self-determination is no more than a word, a word that depends entirely on the one who has given it. If De Gaulle has spoken of self-determination, it is because, after 5 years, the Algerian people have resisted the army of 500,000 soldiers. In a free election, the massive vote of the Algerians would, without a doubt, be for independence . . .

The telegrams and the petitions are flowing into the Elysee. From the Aurore (Conservative) to the Humanite (Communist) everyone approves De Gaulle. The central trade unions are also part of the miserable farce of national disengagement for one hour in order to manifest the adherence of the workers to the Chief of State . . .

The organizations which pretend to represent the working class have long since abandoned the fight.

Discussion Article

". . . Workers' Movement an International One"

I am writing to let you know how pleased we are with the new British Page, which arrived just as we were holding a meeting to discuss its distribution. You may be sure that all copies will be put into circulation where they will do the most good. I myself can distribute 50 copies so there is no fear of any being left lying on the shelf. I am confident that we will soon be taking 1,000 copies.

The trouble is that there are so many people about who are waiting for something ready-made for them to join, but don't want to do the spade work necessary to start things going. We have not been idle since Raya left, for we are now meeting regularly in both East Ham and Hackney; 1,000 copies of one leaflet are already in course of production and several others are planned; and we are also working on an East London Bulletin, which will be directed mainly at Fords and the Docks.

In your editorial you say that it is a first step to a paper of our own. It is only my own opinion, but I feel it is much better to develop the paper as an international one rather than to have 2 to 3 separate national ones. A British edition of Marxism and Freedom, yes, by all means—but 2 or 3 sepa-

rate papers, no. The workers' movement is an international one, it always has been and always will be; and within the English speaking world it is even more important to have workers' unity. The new British Page will not only help us to start something new, it will also help the British and the American workers to understand just how much they have in common. And if to that you can add a Canadian, an Australian and even a South African committee, the paper will take on an even greater appeal, not only to the British workers, but to the American workers, too. This is something a purely national paper can never achieve. At first some of the fellows may look upon it as a foreign paper, but as it takes on an even more international appearance this will pass.

One last thing, watch the last week in April. This is when the London County Council Elections take place, and I think it is a safe bet that Labour who have held it for 25 years are going to get kicked out, and if so, it may even turn out to be the final breaking up of the L. P. That will open up new horizons for us, over here.

Committee Member
London

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**KHRUSHCHEV, EISENHOWER,
DE GAULLE APPROACH THE SUMMIT**

(Continued from Page 1)
of Russian rocketry, "the government has purchased enough to meet the needs of the population . . ."

**YOUTH AND
ROCK 'N ROLL**

More than bread is needed to keep the loyalty of the youth. The elite ideology constantly thrown at them backfires so much that the Central Committee Resolution, published on the eve of the convening of the Supreme Soviet on January 14, admitted: "Some groups of the population are altogether outside everyday ideological and political influence." And of course they blame "remnants of the past in the consciousness of the Soviet people."

How far "past" these attitudes go can be seen from the fact that teenagers have "produced and sold rock 'n roll records on exposed X-ray film." The Russian press compliments the police for smashing this teenage "black market."

Just as the unrest among the Russian people and the shortage of labor were behind the quick demobilization of the army in Stalin's day, so it is behind the present demobilization. Far from being a step in disarmament, it is a step in the arming of the state against labor in general, and the youth in particular.

**THE EISENHOWER
ADMINISTRATION**

Peculiarly enough, neither the internal tensions in Russia, nor the rocket throwing, got as much play in the bourgeois press as did the disarmament talk. Needless to say, this was not due to the fact that, where Khrushchev didn't fool the Russian people, he did fool the Eisenhower Administration.

No; the truth is that the class struggle in America is not hidden in undefined internal tensions, but is out in the open, and so is the people's deep desire for peace. The American Administration therefore feels that it must be part of the Russian disarmament conspiracy and play at peace as the summit meeting approaches.

Just as strike-breaking and globe-trotting have merged into the office of the presidency, so have disarmament talk and rocket-throwing been merged in the person of the First Secretary of the Russian Communist Party. The annihilating power of any missile salvo has compelled a stalemate between the two nuclear powers fighting for world control.

**ANTI-SEMITISM &
WORLD CRISIS**

But a stalemate can solve nothing. There is no guarantee of peace in it. The lunatic fringe is the first to bring that fact to surface precisely because its madness reveals what is deeply imbedded in the normalcy of capitalist contradictions. The recent anti-Semitic outbreaks have once again revealed that not a single fundamental problem has been solved by the war, and therefore will once again produce war.

While the Adenauer Government can by no means be absolved of the crime, these outbreaks have been worldwide, and did not exclude Khrushchev's Russia any more than Stalin's Russia was excluded from the Four Power occupation of Germany. (See "The Root of Anti-Semitism," page 1.)

Short of a reconstruction of society on totally new beginnings—beginning with the workers taking matters in their own hands at the point of pro-

duction—the world crisis is insoluble. Nothing shows this more clearly than the attitude of both Eisenhower and Khrushchev to DeGaulle France.

Here is a second-rate power belatedly searching for "grandeur," and both decisive world powers let the poseur get away with it, despite the fact that De Gaulle France is playing the role of imbalance that Germany played in both World Wars. The difference now, as contrasted to the other World Wars when a division of the world between four Big Powers was involved, is that France is reaching for "glory" by attempting to force an entrance into the restricted Nuclear Club where only two powers are fighting for world dominance.

DeGAULLE FRANCE

On the eve of De Gaulle's coming to power, France achieved a technological revolution which allowed big capital to win over petty capital. The rate of growth in France, as in all Western Europe—and in contrast to the stagnation in the American economy (despite or because of its absolute accumulated wealth)—compares to the Russian rate of growth.

This, however, is true only in the metropolis, and not in Algeria which weights the metropolis down. Therefore, DeGaulle—who came to power via the extreme rightists in Algeria, but maintains his power because of so-called "leftists"—has done his eloquent best to project "self-determination" "in the spirit of the times." The fact that his actions in continuing the war against the Arab Revolt belie his grandiloquent phrases does not stop either Khrushchev or Eisenhower from lining up behind De Gaulle. Khrushchev, moreover, ordered the French Communist Party to call off its support of the nationalist struggle in Algeria.

De Gaulle then proceeded to lecture "the West" that the way to win the world struggle for the minds of men is to launch a joint program of aid to the "two-thirds of humanity" in under-developed countries which still lives "in misery." None more, it might be added, than in the French empire of Afro-Asia.

It was not "the spirit of the times" that moved De Gaulle. It was the Afro-Asian revolutions, after the end of World War II, that toppled the French empire.

Glory-hunting De Gaulle imagines that where the French Empire failed to hold its colonies, the new French "Community" will maintain its hold on Africa. But he holds shaky power between the plots and counter-plots, as was revealed most clearly in the recent fascist putsch in Algeria. (See Editorial, "The Tragedy of France," Page 4.)

HALF TRUTH AND BIG LIE

The plots thicken not because France is "that way," but because the state of the world is that way. We live in the period of the half-truth or the Big Lie.

The ones who perpetuate the Big Lie most are Khrushchev and Eisenhower. Exposed as De Gaulle France became during the latest colons' putsch in Algeria, Khrushchev and Eisenhower each rushed to assure De Gaulle they back him: Khrushchev because he hopes De Gaulle's search for glory will do what he, Khrushchev, has not succeeded in doing—undermine NATO; and Eisenhower because he is perfectly willing to let De Gaulle have his way—so long as he, Eisen-

KENYA

The Kenya Constitutional Conference which opened in London to decide the future fate of Kenya, did so without the presence of the 14 member African delegation headed by Tom Mboya. Although the delegation was present in London, they refused to attend the sessions without the presence of Peter Mbiyu Koinange as advisor.

Koinange, who lives in London, has been accused by the British of being "connected with" the Mau Mau revolt which started 7 years ago. Actually during that entire period Koinange had been kept in London where he had come as the delegate from the Kenya African Union to present the case of his people. His father, the Chief, was thrown into a concentration camp. Which African leader had not experienced that benevolence of British rule? In any case the "Emergency" (read: British terror) is over and the Macmillan Government is making a show of democracy and yet they are trying to impose their will on who represents whom. This, in the face of the fact that these 14 African delegates represent 6,171,000, while the Kenya delegation representing the 66,400 Europeans have no less than 13 uncontested members representing them.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since this has been written, a compromise on seating has been worked out, but in order to really understand the struggle for freedom in Kenya, everyone should read the moving work of this delegate the British are so anxious to exclude. The book by Mbiyu Koinange is called "THE PEOPLE OF KENYA SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES." It can be ordered through NEWS & LETTERS, 8751 Grand River, Detroit 4, Mich., for only 25c.

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CAMEROON

A new African nation was born on Jan. 1, 1960. The former French Cameroon Territory became independent under Amadou Ahidjo as Premier. The United Nations arranged to relinquish control of the territory and picked the present leadership, which is unpopular with the Africans.

The Union of Cameroon People, which was outlawed in 1955 took to the hills at that time and has carried on war against the French ever since. On the day before independence 30 were killed in the fighting. They demand free and independent

elections, denied to them by the French and the United Nations.

The U.N. vote for independence under conditions unfavorable to the freed people, which was opposed by many Afro-Asian nations who support the Union of Cameroon People, has only meant that the struggle is first now beginning in the Cameroons itself, with the cards heavily stacked against the people.

Eisenhower approaches the summit by way of Cape Canaveral to check on U.S. missile power. This is his very first visit there.

Our Life and Times

By PETER MALLORY

SAHARA BLAST

Despite the repeated protests of various groups throughout the world, France has set off an atomic blast in the Sahara Desert. The spewing forth of radioactive material upon the African countryside is the calling card of Charles De Gaulle, now an active member of the "Atomic Club."

In Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah first organized country-wide demonstrations against the blast and then, when it had taken place, froze all of the assets of France until it could be determined how much damage had been done in Ghana.

Throughout the world, in London, Italy, and in Detroit various groups have led demonstrations against the blast, which is but the first of a series to be set off. The French government, more anxious to achieve recognition as a world power than for the safety of its inhabitants, ignored the protests and arrested those who sought to enter the region of the tests.

AMERICAN LABOR

The inroads of Automation are making themselves felt by the American workers. Employment figures for the 5 major auto producers indicate that while 149,000 cars more than in 1955 are being produced, it is being done with 136,000 fewer production workers. Many of those working were putting in up to 10 hours a week on overtime a few weeks ago.

At the Ford Motor Co., 1,000 skilled workers were on strike. They claim that high seniority workers are being replaced by machine repair men and welders.

In Local 413 U.A.W., the workers were forced to vote for a 10% wage cut, plus freezing of the cost of living differential. The company, Lloyd Manufacturing

Adenauer talks big against "hooligans" who deface synagogues, but he has yet to fire a single important Nazi from his government post. He considers his anti-Russian stand as sufficient credentials to entitle him to get nuclear war-heads from an Eisenhower.

WHICH WAY OUT

The only way out of this mad march to war is not via summit talk of peace, which is only another way to prepare for war. The only way out is the march to freedom, whether on the part of the African people riding themselves of ages-old imperialism; or on the part of the West Berlin youth marching against recurrent Nazism; or on the part of workers the world over who are demanding an entirely new way of life, beginning at the point of production.

Co. of Menominee, claims it needs the cut to compete.

In the coal industry coal is being produced with 25% of the number of workers required 10 years ago.

The American worker at the start of 1960 owes \$1 for every \$9 of his take home pay, a total of 39 billion—an amount 8 times as great as it was at the end of W.W. II.

These facts, plus many others are a clear indication that while the American economy might seem to be booming along, the boom does not reach the workers, whose lot depends on harder work and buying the necessities of life on the installment plan.

EGYPT

The building of the High Aswan Dam has begun under a Russian contract. The decision to give the Russians the second stage of the power and irrigation contract gave Khrushchev a tremendous propaganda weapon in African affairs.

The blundering political policies of Eisenhower and Dulles are blamed by Anthony Eden for the entire Egyptian Suez mess in his forthcoming book. Beginning with the refusal of Dulles to help finance the High Aswan Dam on July 19, 1956, after he had previously promised to provide financial aid for the project, relations between Egypt and the West worsened until the climax of the Suez War.

The Russians, taking advantage of blundering diplomacy, stepped into the breach and have provided Egypt with loans which now total \$639 million. Building the dam provides entry for hundreds of Russians into Africa, where the completion of the dam will provide a monument to Russian engineering for all the emerging free African nations to observe.

In appearance the Africans see the nations of the West lined up to keep Africa in colonial status, while Russia appears as a nation ready to make loans and assist the struggle for African freedom.

That the loans will hang like a club over their heads for years to come and that the brutal consequences of accepting outside aid will lead to political domination, are not as apparent.

hower, can have France in which to fight Russia.

Each is playing for time. But time is not forever. A weapon invented is a weapon used, as was shown when America dropped the A-bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The fact that a more terrible weapon—the H-bomb—is now in the possession of both Russia and America does not mean it will not be put to use. Khrushchev has spoken of even more fantastic weapons, and has sent Mikoyan to Cuba, close to America's shores, to do more rocket-rattling.

So long as capitalism exists, whether in private competitive form, as in America, or state-planned form, as in Russia, so long will there be war. Whoever thinks otherwise should re-

member those who disregarded Hitler's rantings because they were sheer madness.

While they talk of peace, they prepare for war. Khrushchev chose to call a conference of the Warsaw Pact nations, as well as other Communist satellites, to get a blank check for the summit. Significantly, he stressed his undisputed leadership over them when he signed the joint communique as "Chairman of the Russian Communist Party," a title that has not been used since Lenin's death.

Eisenhower approaches the summit by way of Cape Canaveral to check on U.S. missile power. This is his very first visit there.

De Gaulle prepares for the summit by an early explosion of the A-bomb in the Sahara.