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There may be a nationwide Teach-In on the question: Why can we find money for wars but not for schools?

The Philadelphia public school system announces that it will close the schools a month early in May for lack of funds. In Chicago there was talk of closing for most of December, and now there is talk of a series of four-day school weeks. And there is similar talk in many other places.

Some teachers who are members of the IWW as well as of their trade unions have suggested that where such shutdowns are threatened, whether for a month or for a day each week, it would be a good idea for a progressive caucus within the teacher organizations to arrange this special sort of Teach-In. Some students will have nowhere to go except to school. Some working parents will have no other place to send their children. It would be quite a convenience to provide a Teach-In, with attendance to be voluntary, in public school buildings if these are available, otherwise in churches, YMCAs, or what have you — unless, of course, there is a strike.

The Teach-In would have to provide a special content so that those who miss it could keep up with the regular class work. The logical subject matter is the question: Why can we find money for wars but not for schools? Proponents of the Teach-In propose that classroom materials ranging from coloring books to research and debate projects in high schools be prepared. Art students could design additional coloring books, and the ramifications of this issue could easily exhaust all available class time. It could include an academic survey of what alternative sorts of economic arrangements have been proposed.

It seems so good an idea that some expect that just talking about it may spur the City Fathers to find the money to keep the schools open and thus prevent the Teach-In. Those interested are asked to write to Educational Workers Industrial Union 620, IWW, at 2440 North Lincoln, Chicago 60614.

A major reason for giving Lockheed a quarter billion to save the jobs of its workers. Now 4400 of the 9200 it laid off have been rehired. Dividing the quarter billion by 4400 comes out to \$50,700 cost to restore one man to his job. Multiply \$50,700 by the seven million looking for work but not finding it, and one comes to the conclusion that to put everyone to work Uncle Sam would have to come up with \$355,000,000,000. It would cost much less and be a big boon to shovel manufacturers to hire the idle to dig holes on Mondays and Wednesdays and fill them up again on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It would cost still less to have them stay home and admire their paychecks. The National Welfare Rights Organization demand of \$6500 a year runs to just about one eighth of the cost of the Lockheed plan for solving unemployment.

It has been said that the cave man had no money and could afford to do whatever he was able to do. Since folks invented money they have felt that they could afford to do only that portion of what they were able to do for which they had the money.

We are thus burdened with a taboo and superstition that did not bother our cave ancestors. It has offset a great deal of our technological gain. The real limit to what we can afford to do lies in the depletion of resources and pollution of environment. We can all live well making good use of what is here. This excludes full or fool employment in misuse of earth, air, fire, and water, to do useless work for useless parasites.

FREE  
LARRY  
CATANZARO!

## Wage Freeze Gypps Workers; Boon For Parasites Only ...



The August wage freeze stopped 232,000 union workers who had already negotiated increases to be paid them in September from collecting them. It stopped 253,000 workers from collecting wage increases due them in October, and 823,000 workers from collecting wage increases due them in November. It also gypped millions of teachers and others unorganized on similar promises.

It took this money out of their pockets — money in many cases already committed to time payments — and put it into the bank accounts of people who have far more than they can ever spend. That is no way to fight off a depression.

It also effectively denied all the workers the right to bargain about wages or strike for better pay.

It is silly to tie this gyp to some alleged freeze on prices and try to pretend it is "fair". Even if the freeze on prices meant something, these increases were due and did not depend on employers' raising their prices higher. One class owns America, and another class does the work. The class that owns the country had promised some of its hands payboosts and has now welched

on its promises. That is all there is to it.

Freezing dividends, interest, and the like will not make this gyp "fair". The corporations split stock two for one, and then if they pay only three quarters as big a dividend per share they are raising the dividends paid per shareholder by 50%. If that dodge is stopped, what would go as dividends goes to improve plant or swell working capital and makes shares worth more. If interest rates are frozen then us ordinary folk can expect some additional service fee or the like to rob us of the benefit, and it makes no difference to us workers how factory owners and bankers split and eat the pie we bake and hand over to them. Our fight is with this entire class that lives off our labor.

**BASIC REPLY TO WAGE FREEZE IS THIS FACT: MODERN TECHNOLOGY CAN GIVE US ALL WE WANT FOR A FEW HOURS' WORK A WEEK.**

We fall for the shell game as soon as we forget that fact, and suffer this additional gyp because the labor movement in general has forgotten it. That fact points to what we should go after. It should stop us from tolerating any deal to extend the freeze on some promise to freeze either interest or dividends.

The fat cats who put the freeze across had looked at the labor press and seen that it contained little sound union education. They had happily rubbed their hands that such scab papers as the Hearst things in Los Angeles could be struck for years and yet bought by other union members. Their newspaper cartoonists had mis-educated workers for years with silly cartoons about dogs chasing their tails to give the notion that this is the relation between wages and prices, and the union papers had only answered prices went up first.

They knew that the working class was forgetting such primary facts as that the store windows and warehouses are filled with products consisting of the free gifts of nature altered by the labor of man,

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## 'best convention'

From Portland, Oregon and Tacoma, Washington, from New York and Miami, working men and women met with others from such campus-oriented spots as Ann Arbor or Madison, Champaign or the

### SAN DIEGO C. S. CASE ROUSES WORLD CONCERN

The San Diego case charging fellow workers Gonsalves, Rico, and Calderon with criminal syndicalism has already aroused international interest. Two British movement papers have carried stories on it, expressing their own concern. One was the London anarchist journal Freedom, and the other the Socialist Leader, organ of the Independent Labour Party.

The resolution adopted by the IWW 1971 Convention on this case appears elsewhere in this issue. As it points out, any sort of prosecution under this long-dormant law is of vital concern to the labor movement. We are concerned, of course, as one of the men being tried is also a member of this union and because the San Diego Street Journal at the time the offense is supposed to have happened was being produced by members of this union. But more basically we are concerned because of the sound union reasons given in that resolution. Almost all who have been prosecuted under this Criminal Syndicalism law have been union men, and this is not surprising since syndicalism is simply French for unionism. All union-minded people have good reason to share this concern. In Washington union pressure got the Criminal Syndicalism law of that state repealed.

That trial is still scheduled this month, October, as we go to press, and faculty members of colleges in the area have expressed their concern with the civil liberties issue in the case and are closely watching it.

Pullman-Moscow area, 58 strong all told, to constitute the 31st General Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World. A couple of the delegates were retired old seasoned veterans of the class struggle, and one young member, Arthur Miller, came direct from the firing line of resistance to the Criminal Syndicalism persecution in San Diego. It was a really representative convention, the geographical origins and the numbers of its delegates testifying to the growth of the IWW and to its invasion of new areas. The convention was held in the IWW Hall at 2440 North Lincoln Avenue in Chicago, September 4 and 5.

The formal sessions were kicked off by Frank Cedervall, one of the union's great soapboxers. To many of the delegates, his was a name from history; but that remoteness was replaced by stompin' enthusiasm as he spoke of the basic truths of the IWW Preamble, the responsibility and honor of carrying the IWW red card, and the imperative need for revolutionary industrial unionism. With that, the 1971 Convention went to work.

The resolutions the Convention adopted are printed on another page. Equally or more important are steps to get us back (continued on Page 4)

## 62 B-52'S

The Air Force keeps an average of 62 B-52s aloft polluting the air over cities 24 hours a day. The average hourly cost for fuel and maintenance is \$1400. Now, children, \$1400 x 62 x 24 x 365 equals free school lunches for how many at the typical 18¢ cost per school lunch served for an average of 20 days a month only 9 months of the year? (And don't forget to convert the dollars into cents to get your decimal point right.)

"An injury to one is an injury to all" One Union One Enemy

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## Editorial

### ESTABLISHMENT DEMORALIZED

It is the same ugly picture whether you look at the massacre of prisoners and their hostages by the forces of law and order in Attica, or the murder of George Jackson in San Quentin, or the dragging series of disclosures and obstruction to justice that ties the recent Panther jury to the murder of Fred Hampton in December of 1969.

The Establishment has blood-drenched hands and a lying mouth. It lies about foreign policy. It lies about economic facts. It lies about the helpless men and women whom it brutalizes in jail. It is repeatedly caught in its lies and in its murders. In Attica it told the world the rebel prisoners had cut the throats of their hostages, but the coroner's jury found no throats cut, but all killed by gunfire, and that the prisoners had no guns. It asks the world to believe that George Jackson, with hearings and publications coming up for which he wanted to be alive and available and not in hiding, would make a hopeless dash against armed guards to escape from San Quentin. Substantially the entire Chicago area political structure got caught in the web of lies and efforts to hide the truth of the police murder of Fred Hampton.

Who believes what the Establishment says about foreign affairs or about the wars into which it lies its subject people? Juries have quit believing what prosecutors or agents tell them, so Huey Newton got a hung jury. Students have long since quit believing what the business world says about its intentions or its operations, and now the rest of the working class is beginning to doubt establishment figures, promises, or economic alibis.

Those lads the Establishment locked up for refusing to serve in its armies should be freed. Those who fled the country to keep their hands clean of blood should be allowed back. Those in jail should have a clear chance to tell their story and their grievances to the public. The mass of them locked up more for their color or their poverty than for anything they may have done should come out, with those inside for their beliefs proudly leading the parade. The teachers who have been fired for teaching unpalatable truths should be restored to their jobs. The workers who have been gyped of the increases they have won should have their money restored. Lads in the armies here or abroad should be let out with money enough to hold them until they get a job, and war profiteers should have all their assets attached to pay all such bills.

The Establishment is demoralized, and we should keep it that way. But we need to do more than keep it demoralized, or a famine-ridden world would be seeking to restore it. We need to organize those who do the world's work to do that work right, for our own collective good.

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# Reader's Soapbox

## BUY AMERICAN CRAP

"Labor to Push Campaign to Buy American." So read the headlines? Isn't "Philco" American? The three biggest American car makers have bought large shares in the Japanese auto industry. American bodies and Japanese guts. Don't Texaco and Esso ship oil in ships of Liberian and Panamanian registry? And US Steel split the world market with the German and Japanese steel makers?

The ILGWU says "19,000,000 dresses were imported this year, compared with 20,000 imported 10 years ago." "Last year foreign plants made 91% of the radios sold in the USA, 51% of the black-and-white TV sets, and 18% of the color sets — and these figures do not include the foreign production of components of TV sets assembled here. The Wall Street Journal of August 10 said "80,200 jobs were lost in electronics components production alone and another 47,300 were wiped out in plants manufacturing complete consumer electronic units" in four years.

The problem is for real, but is the AFL-CIO answer "Buy American"? Curtail world trade and eventually some American workers get laid off. Higher tariffs raise the cost of living. This summer Japanese youths, like American youths, are looking for jobs and not finding them, even though a little while ago the Japanese employing class was saying birth control had gone too far, they didn't have enough young workers to exploit. The IWW has a much more sensible proposal — that we workers all get together. Read the IWW pamphlet "World Labor Needs a Union".

Chuck Derrevere



## INFLATION

Editor:

Our glorious leader has done it again. He has frozen wages and prices. Inflation is no joke to anyone who has visited ye olde supermarket. But to make the workers pay for inflation by freezing their already inadequate wages? That's the new Nixon shaft.

Prices are not likely to stay frozen. They have a sneaking way of going up when no one is looking.

Inflation is not, as the plute papers imply, caused by the greed of the workers. It is caused by debasing the currency, by pouring more and more money into the economy to keep same from collapsing. The average working man or woman, lucky if he or she breaks even on payday, if there is a payday, is not causing inflation.

Why do we put up with all this nonsense? Why don't we workers, who perform the tasks that make society function, insist on having the final say on what goes?

Gordon L. Herman

## DEFINITIONS

**Conservative:** He wants to resist change and keep things as they are...embalm decaying matter to preserve it.

**Liberal:** A conservative with his shirt on inside out to make it look different.

**Labor politicians:** They want to replace the people in government now with their own bureaucratic clique, and leave the economic masters in control of our lives.

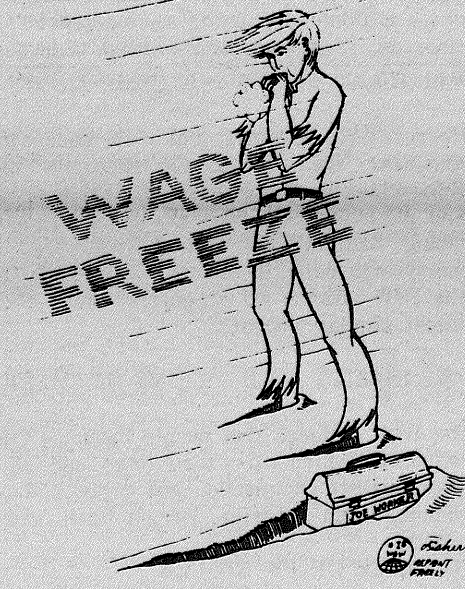
**Wobblies** want to put the whole pack out of business and make them do useful work for their living.

H. Pfaff

## ROSA PARKS REVISITED

With good reason some historians reckon the worm turned — and American history turned — the day in 1955 when Rosa Parks refused to move back in a Birmingham bus. It was December First, and it started off a 382-day bus boycott. Rosa Parks now works in Detroit as a receptionist for Representative John Conyers, and corrects a frequently misunderstood detail: "I was not sitting in the white section of the bus, but just behind the line. I refused an order to move further back to allow a white man my seat."

It's surprising what-all can happen from asserting our rights as human beings. You ought to try it some day.



# a rap with: DAVID HARRIS

(This is the second installment of excerpts from a tape made when David Harris was visiting Srafprint Co-op, an IWW unit at Mountain View, California. The first one described his intention of giving the crew of the USS Constellation in San Diego Harbor a chance to vote on whether they favor taking the vessel back to Vietnam.)

I very rarely call myself a pacifist. I don't really like the word. Most people approach the non-use of violence outside a human framework, trying to make up absolute laws, and you're supposed to make a statement: "I'm never going to hurt anybody."

I approach the question of violence as a tool. I've had people come up to my door and say: "Well, we've decided that your son is the reincarnation of the god Vishnu and we want to take him to our commune and worship him." That's not a hypothetical situation. And in that situation I told them:



"Hey, you see that gate? You either get out of that gate in the next 15 seconds or I'm going to break your jaw." And I would have.

Sure, I don't want to hurt people and everything else, but if a dude comes in and is going to take my son off I'm going to break his jaw. And I don't see that as a parallel act to engaging in war. I don't want to be part of a political position that sits back and judges rights and wrongs.... Pretty soon you start believing that you're right. The worst thing that can happen to anybody is to start believing that he or she has a corner on what's good or true. They spend all their time trying to define an ideology for themselves that ends up having no relation to people....

The IWW

I dig the IWW, and I'm a member. We started our own print shop in East Palo Alto, and we were doing resistance-type

## hypocrites & liars

Though we may be citizens of good repute in our country, we are liars and hypocrites in a national sense. Americans do not live up to the noble traditions of their forefathers. Of lofty ideals we have aplenty, but they go down into dusty oblivion as we scramble after things to satisfy our selfish needs.

Liberty was a battle cry in the American Revolution, but how much of that precious element was the black slave's share after Yorktown? Black is not yet a freedom color in our society.

We think of ourselves as being kind to our redskins when we allot them living space on reservations that are barren remnants of the forests and prairies where they roamed unhindered before the coming of the white men. Nice Christian white man — heathen savage!

Have we no wasteland suitable for occupancy by black people? We love them, it is only that we do not want to live among Negroes. The thought is offensive to our Caucasian pride.

Hypocrites and liars that we are, we could accept them if they did not carry their poverty around with dark faces. Even white poverty is not pretty, of course.

Greedy and bloodthirsty are we, too, with wars and preparations for war every

decade or so. Affluent Establishmentarians add to their fortunes wealth stained with the blood of young Americans killed on foreign battlefields.

Oh, out upon this war habit! But if fight we must, let it be in a cause that is just, like chasing out the enemy here at home. That would take some doing, but it would be worthwhile. It would be a job well done by the workers. Fight the boss, fight the system, but not our brothers in foreign lands or here at home.

After two centuries of striving, what good tidings have we for the oncoming generation of Americans?

In drugs and bottles do we seek happiness — though they render us more foolish than nature had intended us to be.

The poor are still with us, living out their appointed days in want and privation.

The rich within their Establishment still live in luxury, mistaking what they have for the happiness sought by all mankind.

J. F. McDaniels

## IF PEACE BREAKS OUT

We don't have many swords to beat into plowshares, but someone has suggested we cut the wings off bombers, put wheels on, and use them for mass transit.

printing. We wanted to be a union shop, and there was no union that we wanted to be part of except the IWW, so we found a delegate and got union cards from the IWW and a union seal for our press. That was the only union we felt comfortable joining.

As I look back to the IWW of the period 1905 to 1925 I see the kind of things that people were trying to do, and the things the IWWs were doing were the best things.... The way they described themselves and came on saying that they were going to build a new society in the shell of the old, and presented the best analysis that there was, namely that societies are participatory and the strength in society is what people in it do. Their kind of mass action is the biggest strength there is in society.... When World War I came along and everybody cleared out and headed for the hills, there was one group left who were willing to fight it, and that was the IWW. And they went down the line with it, all the way down the line: They were pulling down 20 and 30-year jail sentences.

Working Class Hero

Most people have a 1910 metaphor for what "working class" means, and the image connected with it doesn't correspond to the physical reality of present society. There are many workers today who pull down eight to ten grand a year, own at least one car, and have a mortgage on the house. Workers are not piled on top of each other in tenements much anymore; they live in suburbs, and the values and consumption habits they have are not distinctly working class and don't really distinguish them from small shopkeepers and small-time lawyers and all the way up through a part of the professions. So someone's "working class" has become very blurred.

The social structure is much more complex than that.... As industry has advanced the people who really make the operation go are skilled technicians, a very different kind of working class. Their primary resource is not their muscle.

In California 40% of the industrial output is tied in with defense work, like down at Lockheed. Most people who work down at Lockheed are very skilled. The old image that the worker is someone who lives by the muscles in his back has begun to break down.

(In future installments David Harris raps on self-management, socialism, the chance of a post-scarcity world, the mass media, hero worship, non-hierarchical institutions and other matters of present-day interest.)

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## CALL TO ACTION

Whereas: The capitalist class, through its agents Richard Nixon, the Congress of the United States, and others, is engaged in a conspiracy to deprive working people of the fruits of their labor by means of a wage freeze and other laws and regulations of doubtful validity, and

Whereas: The excuse given, namely that wage increases somehow cause inflation has been proven utterly false as shown by the fact that wage increases fall far behind price increases, and

Whereas: Inflation is actually caused by the production of war materials and other commodities that are useless or even harmful to consumers, and

Whereas: The same mismanagement of the economy by the capitalist class that causes inflation also causes unemployment, wars, and other evils inflicted upon working people, and

Whereas: All wealth by right belongs to those who produce it,

Therefore be it resolved: That the Industrial Workers of the World reject in principle all governmental limitations on wages, and

Be it further resolved: That the IWW urges all individuals and organizations to use every appropriate means up to and including the General Strike to defeat any such restriction on wages as may now or in the future exist.



## "best convention"

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on a real industrial basis. Industrial Union Organizing Committees are now being formed to co-ordinate organizing efforts in the same industry wherever these efforts may occur. A permanent network of Industrial Worker press representatives is being established to improve labor news reporting and make our official organ less dependent on what the mailman brings in. Any fellow worker anxious to participate in either of these operations should get in touch with his local delegate or General Headquarters.

The Convention paid particular attention to the Criminal Syndicalism prosecution in San Diego, not simply because "we take care of our own", but because we must tell a lot of working people that in this affair too "an injury to one is an injury to all". The Convention urged that our members and friends spread the news of this attempt to railroad these workers under a law that should have been abolished a half century ago.

To the delight of those present Frank Cedervall undertook to make an extensive speaking tour to put his very considerable oratorical gifts at the service of the One Big Union. Start hunting up places for Frank to speak this fall and winter. We expect by our next issue to be able to announce in what part of the country he will be for which months, and to give regional contact points for the making of further arrangements. Meanwhile, don't wait — notify the Chicago office. In Buffalo notify Henry Pfaff, 77 Eckert Street.

To serve the union in the coming year, the following FWs were nominated for office, listing only those who have so far not declined. For IWW General Secretary Treasurer: Bill Corbin, Carlos Cortez, and Patrick Murfin. For General Executive Board: Elmer Anderson, Pam Barnett, Jim Bumpas, Chuck Derrevere, Dick Ellington, Bill Goring, Carl Keller, Dorice McDaniels, Arthur Miller, Patrick Murfin, Henry Pfaff, Peter Suto, Ken Swinburne, Darryl Van Fleet, and M. C. Warrior. Nominations for both offices were held open for additions

from the field. The term of office begins January 1. Nominations must reach the Chicago office not later than October 20 to permit notification to those nominated to ascertain whether their names should be on a ballot going out early in November.

The IWW is the working class organized in its own interest. We keep trying to remind the working class of that fact. This 31st General Convention got beyond the reminding stage and took practical steps to put that idea into practice. The convention adjourned singing Solidarity Forever. Your scribe considers it worth mentioning that this year they not only sang all the verses and sang them louder, but most of the delegates knew the words. This is a good omen to which the IWW will do its damndest to live up this year.

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## Wobs: OPPOSE PIECE WORK; CALL for SOLIDARITY with TRADE UNION WORKERS

ON PIECE WORK

The IWW General Convention observes that piece work is so speeding up workers, especially clothing workers, as to undo gains from shorter hours. It therefore urges that piece work be resolutely opposed.

ON SOLIDARITY WITH WORKERS IN TRADE UNIONS

Not only does the IWW believe in the ultimate abolition of the wage system, it also believes equally in the daily struggle of working people for bread and human dignity with whatever tools they now have. Therefore the IWW supports the struggle in trade unions to make them stronger, more democratic, and more effective bargaining weapons. We urge:

1. Active participation of all workers in their unions.
2. A constant effort to make them and keep them democratic.
3. Reliance on economic strength rather than legislation or politicians.
4. An active fight against racial and sexual prejudice and discrimination on the job and in the unions.
5. Joint bargaining by craft unions in the same industry to secure united action against employers based on a single contract expiration date.
6. Respect for all legitimate picket lines, regardless of contract provisions or court orders to the contrary (excluding only those jurisdictional lines that do not benefit the workers).
7. A sustained campaign for a shorter work day or week.

## SUSTAINING FUND

The Convention took note that the more members the IWW gets, the more expense the Industrial Worker incurs by adding them on its mailing list; but since this is for free, the bigger its deficit grows. The Convention felt confident that it is best to continue this arrangement even if it sounds unbusinesslike, and so initiated a drive to raise \$4,000 for an Industrial Worker sustaining fund. Two older Fellow Workers (Mike Kaciban and Frank Cedervall) started it off by planking down 50 bucks apiece, Frank explaining: "I'm not trying to shame you younger fellow workers; I've worked for 50 years, and so I've got 50 bucks." Some other donations have come in since then, and if we don't list them this issue, all will be listed to start off the drive formally in the November issue.

We are very happy to get tens and fives and even singles, and like to get them from a large number of people. Other ways to support the press: Press stamps are voluntary, and their proceeds go to the Industrial Worker. A still better way is to get us some paying subscribers.

While on this pitch about money, the Convention noted that dues and initiation fees are not enough to equal basic operating expenses of the general organization and also leave little for local organizations. We do not want to raise them above their present nominal level, but we do need some additional income. Two ways were proposed: Those who are entitled to pay

ON SOLIDARITY WITH THE CAMP McCOY THREE

Whereas: The foremost tool of the bosses to oppose working people is the Military, and Whereas: The American Servicemen's Union has begun the struggle to gain rights for working-class people in the Military, and

Whereas: The State has attempted to repress these efforts at self-determination by accusing Daniel Krebs, Steve Geden, and Tom Chase of destruction of government property with potential sentences of up to thirty years,

The IWW affirms its support of these class-war victims, and urges all workers to manifest similar support.

ON SOLIDARITY WITH VICTIMS OF IMPERIALISM

The IWW believes that people cannot attain their inalienable rights until they control all situations which affect their lives, and therefore affirms its solidarity with oppressed peoples against exploitation and unjust authority everywhere, especially as evidenced in Indochina, Latin America, Bengla Desh, and Northern Ireland.

IN DEFENSE OF FW STOVER

Whereas: Fellow Worker Robert Stover is facing trial at the hands of the ruling class, Be it resolved: That the IWW extends its solidarity plus moral and financial support to him and urges all fellow workers to do likewise.

ON SOLIDARITY WITH THE LABOR MOVEMENT OF QUEBEC

Be it resolved: That the IWW declares its solidarity with the working class of Quebec in its struggle against the Canadian ruling class, and protests the repression of the Quebec Labor Movement.

## NEW PAMPHLETS

The Bay Area members have produced their introductory pamphlet answering questions about the IWW, 16 pages for a dime, and it may be ordered from either IWW, 20 Sanchez Street, San Francisco 94114, or from the Chicago office.

Our San Diego delegate, Arthur Miller, Post Office Box 1332, San Diego 92112, hopes to have soon a 24-page pamphlet about Joe Hill, probably to sell at 25¢.

## INTERNATIONAL AID

If I stop your poverty  
With a slice of bread,  
Will you promise not to hunger  
For things you've never had?

If I stop you starving  
Will you covet what I'm eating?  
If I stop you freezing  
Will you want my central heating?

I know I have a duty,  
So I'll help you all I can:  
I'll make provision for you  
In my Help-the-Dying Plan.

Cal Clothier in Socialist Leader

unemployed dues but who have a bit of spare change could help out by paying the regular dues, which are only \$1.50 a month anyway. Voluntary assessment stamps will be made available, some to finance the general organizing efforts, some to provide funds for strictly local endeavors.

## JAMES CONNOLLY

He was executed in 1916 for fighting for Irish freedom, but James Connolly had written:

"if you should remove the English Army tomorrow and hoist the green flag over Dublin Castle, unless you set about the organization of the Socialist Republic your efforts would be in vain. England would still rule you. She would rule you through her landlords, through her financiers, and through the whole army of commercial and individualist institutions she has planted in this country and watered with the tears of our mothers and the blood of our martyrs."

Irish-American Committee to Support the Rebellion in Ireland is a tiny group involved in dissemination of information throughout America on the revolutionary socialist movement in Ireland. It supports chiefly the Irish Federation of Anarchists and may be reached in care of me at Post Office Box 9885, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440.

James W. Cain

# OIL WORKER VIEWS

## Terrorism, NO — Direct Action, YES!

## Hospital Job Lousy Deal

Joseph Morris, vice president Canadian Labor Congress, told the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers convention:

"General Motors' annual budget is larger than all but five of the leading industrial nations in the world." He explained that such giants "can ride out strikes in one country and meet their international market needs from operations in another country. If we are to meet these giants at their own level, we will have to develop a truly international trade union movement."

OCAW belongs to the international that has pushed ahead furthest in this direction, preventing such multinationals from using their pawns in one country to break a strike in another in more than one instance. It adopted an extensive resolution on the problem, reading in part:

"The multinational corporations in their manipulation of money, materials, and men recognize no sovereign and salute no flag. They are in position to disregard cynically any country's national interest as they shift about their assets, their sales, their currency reserves, their tax obligations, and their extensive powers of economic influence.... World trade is manipulated trade.... Job losses caused by manipulated world trade will be most severe in nations that have relatively high wage standards."

The resolution urged that rather than rely on tariff barriers, unionists should "concentrate on improving wages, benefits, and working conditions of all working people all over the world. Improvements such as these bring the dual benefit of raising the living standards of workers in the presently low-wage countries and of eliminating incentives for the multinational companies to move their operations from high-wage to low-wage countries." The resolution went on to point to the need for "close co-operation between unions in all countries in their contract negotiations."

Circumstances in their industry have brought these unionists to adopt what is probably the most forward position yet among American trade unions on what to do about this manipulated world market. Yankee workers want them to make wage demands just to discourage industry from coming there and giving them jobs? Don't the facts in this sort of situation require that we look ahead to some kind of arrangement whereby the world's workers quit scheming how they can get some more work, and start figuring together instead these business mouthpieces, or more likely the puppets they've put up as super-radical world's work to give us all the better living national liberationists will argue that the

The following 1970 resolution was re-affirmed and ordered published:

As war, unemployment, and capitalist politics become more savage, the response of capitalism's victims becomes more determined, and on occasion downright desperate. In this situation we, revolutionary unionists, will defend in all appropriate ways anyone persecuted for fighting the common class system and class enemy. Our principle of defense remains: A victim of capitalism in the capitalist's clutches is more than ever our fellow worker, even if we take rigorous exception to his tactics.

We recognize and denounce the futility of terror or blind insurrection, and re-affirm instead the merits of direct action. Terror ultimately increases the difficulty of constructing the world anew on working-class lines. It depletes our material resources and corrupts our movement. Terror destroys the means of production and intensifies reaction. It sidetracks workers from the main line — organization, education, and job action — and makes the workers depend on an elite of specialists in pure destruction.

Direct action, on the other hand, aims at making the means of production useless to the exploiters while preserving it for the use of the workers once the bosses have been relieved of control. Striking on the job can be fun because it points up the inherent silliness of the present system. In this revolutionary situation, goldbricking is the soul of wit. Let us fight, fight to win, and with a broad grin on our faces. We can afford to do this because we know we can win — and will, if we wield the one weapon the bosses can't take away: Solidarity.



## Union Notes

ROTATING Strikes, roughly what IWW used to call "intermittent strikes", won for the machinists at Air Canada. "Short rotating strikes used for the first time helped bring the company to terms", IAM Vice President Mike Rygus explained: "First the members tied up Air Canada operations at Toronto International Airport for several days. Then they switched to Montreal for several more days, thereby avoiding any court or legislative action."

HE SAID NO to an order to dump oil and other waste into the stinking Cuyhoga, so Jones and Laughlin fired Gil Pugliese for taking ecological direct action. His union USW had him reinstated.

HEUBLEIN signed up with Farm Workers for all workers on 2,000 acres of Heublein subsidiary Vinefere Development, so the boycott on Heublein and its United Vintners subsidiary is off. The set a minimum scale of \$2.50.

La-Z-Boy Chair, struck by the United Furniture Workers at Monroe, Michigan and Florence, South Carolina, is now the most widely promoted boycott. This low wage company tried to get by with a dime boost. Organizing drives are also started at Newton, Mississippi, Neosho, Missouri, and Redlands, California.

The UW Court of Appeals has ruled that it was not a violation of the Taft-Hartley ban on secondary boycotts for Laborers' Local 859 of Fort Worth, Texas to picket independent haulers who took products of McDonald Brothers Cast Stone Company, struck by the local, to its customers, thus doing work normally done by some of the men on strike. The court ruled these independent haulers were "struck work allies" of McDonald and so legitimate to picket. This extends previous rulings. However the right to picket the customers receiving the struck material was not granted.

Some of the jobs I've had to do here at this hospital have been beyond belief. Last week I was sent up to the school of medical technology to take down four cans full of garbage. When I picked up the first one, my nose told me it had been several weeks since the last collection. Taking it down in the tiny service elevator, I could scarcely breathe. When I got downstairs and out back where I had to heft these things on my shoulders and dump them into Dempster Dumpmasters, I slipped and a sample of the contents dribbled down my chest — rotten blood full of squirming maggots!

Those lab people could have had it picked up before it got to that stage. But rather than say anything, for you get in trouble here for cussing out your betters, I made sure that I returned a good supply of maggots along with their garbage cans as a sort of hint. Since the bosses think we are all a bunch of idiots, you don't get in trouble for incompetence, and that can be a good weapon.

Two weeks ago, while cleaning out the lightwells on some apartment buildings the hospital owned (another nasty job: dog shit and rotting garbage), I took off for two minutes to get a pack of cigarettes from my car which was near there. Ten minutes after I had gotten back on the job, the foreman was down there from the garage and called me aside: What was I doing walking down the avenue a few minutes before? I told him. "Do you realize you could be fired for being off the job for 30 seconds?" he asked. "You should be more careful."

Then he told me someone had seen me and called someone high up, who had called the maintenance office, who had called my foreman in the garage and ordered him into the office: "What's this guy doing walking on the avenue when he's supposed to be working?" Then they sent him down to chew me out. "Don't ever forget it," he told me. "Every window's got an eye."

Whew! No wonder that poor bastard's so jumpy all the time. I talked to him about it later, and he admitted I'd done nothing wrong, just run afoul of a capricious and authoritarian regulation. But like so many older guys I work with, it's the same old answer: "Well, that's the way they do it here; that's just the way it is."

A friend who gets into the office saw a memo instructing all supervisors, when they fired someone or laid someone off, to be sure to write a bad letter to the unemployment people to assure that no unemployment benefit would be paid for at least the first six months. It had something about the hospital's laying off so many people that it was getting ahead of its unemployment insurance premiums.

When I first began I was told by the head of maintenance that I'd better not be late or sick too often, or I wouldn't stand "a nigger's chance of getting a raise". I thought just a minute too late, I should have asked the man what was "a nigger's chance of a raise" in his outfit. I've since found out it isn't much of a chance around here. The only black faces I see above the rank of broom pusher, with only three exceptions, are women nurses, and theirs apparently is just becoming an integrated profession.

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STUDY OF '46 STRIKE  
AT ALLIS-CHALMER

The Milwaukee Independent School, in an effort to explore the collapse of militancy in the labor movement in the post-war period, offers 120 pages of documents, interviews with those who participated in the 1946-47 strike, postage paid for a buck. A tape of interviews is also available. The material is organized into sections with introductions and questions for discussion. Order from Labor History Curriculum, Milwaukee Independent School, Metropolitan Building, 1012 North 3rd, Milwaukee 53203.



## MINORITY RESOLUTIONS

### ON SOLIDARITY WITH OPPRESSED MINORITIES

Whereas: Racism has been and still is a deadly and effective weapon in dividing working people and perpetuating their exploitation, and

Whereas: Racism and its resulting social and economic discrimination must be wiped out before the workers of the world can unite in solidarity,

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the IWW affirms its wholehearted support of all non-white workers who are struggling to liberate themselves from social and economic discrimination;
2. That the IWW shall undertake a campaign to make working people understand the viciousness of racism and discrimination.

### WOMEN'S LIBERATION

(A resolution parallel to the foregoing was adopted regarding discrimination against women.)

### ON CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM PERSECUTION

The 31st General Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World urges full support for the Los Tres de Santiago Defense Committee in its defense of fellow workers David Rico, Ricardo Gonsalves, and Carlos Calderon against charges of Criminal Syndicalism. We urge this support because:

1. The law under which they are charged is a vicious law that has been used almost exclusively to imprison unionists, many of them in years past members of our union.
2. The law and this persecution, as the ACLU has pointed out, attempts to punish mere advocacy, while people should have the right to advocate their beliefs whether these beliefs are wise or unwise.
3. Our information in this case indicates that police agents were probably used in efforts at entrapment.
4. Our information in this case indicates that the prosecution arose not out of anything the defendants did or are alleged to have done, but because they were active in improving conditions of life in the Chicano community, and attacked the local power structure in their paper with embarrassing facts.

# REPRESSION NOTES

Murders in jail and Huey Newton got a split jury. See editorial. George Jackson's mother asks United Nations to investigate his death. Angela Davis stands different chance now for change of venue.

In Tucson, members of the staff of the local anarchist paper "The Match" go to trial September 16 and 23 for protesting police brutalities last January.

Bail was reduced for Carlos Feluciano from \$175,000 to \$35,000 after large mobs of Puerto Ricans jammed the courtroom at the August 17 pre-trial hearing of this Puerto Rican independence advocate.

Committee for Democrat Election Laws (50 East Third Street, New York) asks help of lawyers and law students, as well as financial and publicity support from others, for efforts to make it easier for other than the two big parties to get on the ballots and for students to have a right to vote near the campuses where they study.

The American Civil Liberties Union has brought civil suit against Attorney General Mitchell and SACB members Opteka and others, on behalf of the IWW, the American Servicemen's Union, the Communist Party, the Socialist Workers Party, the Center for Marxist Education, the Young Socialist Alliance, and the Young Workers League to put an end to subversive listings and upset the new rule that the SACB decides who's on and who's off.

## Technological Slavery



Traumatic change has overtaken the working-class neighborhood and home. At the same time, cataclysmic Technological change has transformed the existence of the worker on the job. Technology has made the change...the change for the worse.

Corporate Capitalism is proud of its celebrated "productivity gains" of the 1960s. Corporate Capitalism calls it "productivity gains". Workers call it speedup. Preconditions for "productivity gains" were largely accomplished by the expansion of Automation and by breaking jobs into smaller and smaller functions. However: Human conditions and human relationships are the central core of the phenomenon. In fact: Psychological warfare against workers (followed by Machiavellian manipulation, followed by naked Force) enabled the assembly lines to move faster.

A great many workers have lost any sense of control over what they are doing and often have to move so fast and steadily on assembly lines or at piecework that there isn't even time to go take a shit. A great many workers have lost any sense of pride in what they are doing on the job. A great many workers have lost any sense of self-respect on the job....They have lost any sense of the dignity and integrity of human personality.

I work in one of the largest of the "progressive", "technological" factories in the metropolitan "Twin Cities". Away from the factory, exhausted, trying to rest...I can still feel my muscles twisting and turning to the terrible ritual of the work process. Away from my tools...I can still feel them in my hands (thick, swollen, sweaty). I have nightmares about the speed of the work process. Do you know what I do in the work process? I do two Things. Two Things. Day in and day out, the same two Things. What do I think about? I think about sexual beauty. I think about wild groovy music. I try (without much success) to think about creative provoking ideas. I frequently think about Revolution. I rarely think about the job. I rarely think about what I am doing in the terrible ritual of the work process.

Young working-class guys usually lack the education to grab better jobs or the money to escape a condition of chronic low-grade indebtedness. But: Corporate Capitalism prevents the "possibility of initiating Activity". Consequently: Even with money and education, working-class guys are not allowed to escape from their situation. Working-class guys live with

AGRPOS — agents provocateur hired by police to get intended victims to do the things for which the police arrest them — keep cropping up in movement cases. In the Seattle area David Sannes speaks at church forums and the like now explaining how he was hired by the FBI to get radicals to fool around with bombs. In New Jersey Father O'Rourke of the East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives insists that the recent attack on the Camden Draft Board office as fouled up by agpros. Sam Bluth, an investigator for Shirley Sutherland and Donald Freed, accused of trying to get grenades for Black Panthers, turned his information over to police who provided him with a tape recorder to get more — incidentally violating the client-attorney relationship.

Because "in the past two years teachers in Newark, New Jersey and in Kankakee, Illinois as well as hundreds of other public employees including transport, hospital, and sanitation workers have been jailed as a result of injunctions which have been issued automatically", Citizens Committee for Equal Justice for Public Employees, Post Office Box 28086, Washington, DC 20005, has been formed. It aims at putting their equal right to strike on the lawbooks.

nagging fears of Automation, layoffs at Work, injury and illness. One young worker told me recently that his "brain is disintegrating". He said he is breaking because of the speed of the work process.

Young working-class people have seen the black people in Struggle. Now: Young workers are beginning to catch on. They are learning that those who push and collectively Struggle...have the only chance of getting results.

Many young workers are confronted by terrifying problems: the fragmentation of Work, the disintegration of personality structure because of the total raw effect of the job, robotization, psychological and physical coercion. Clearly: We are moved by necessity to fight a working-class Struggle in full dimension...a human rights' Struggle.

James W. Cain

6 HOURS A DAY  
5 DAYS A WEEK

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The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people, and the few who make up the employing class have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto "A Fair Day's Wage for a Fair Day's Work", we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword "Abolition of the Wage System".

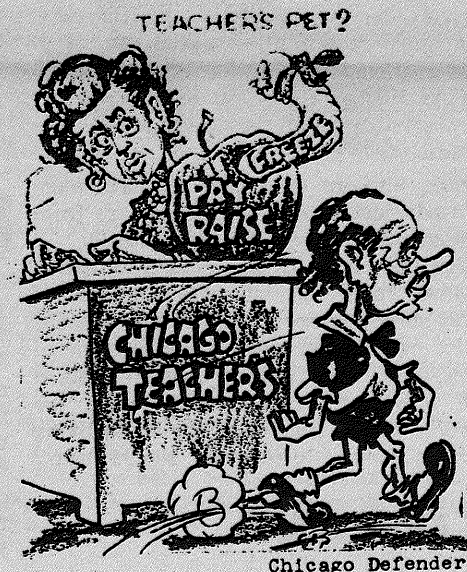
It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.



HE GROWS THE APPLES AND  
HE EATS THE CORES  
BROTHER SWENSEN MAKES  
A SILVER LINING

An old rebel girl called up to say she had been looking at TV and had watched a number of schoolteachers marching in front of the Cook County Jail protesting the imprisonment of their union president, Brother Swansen, for not calling off a strike, and singing the Wobbly "Solidarity Forever" song.

She said she was sorry the union man was in jail, but every cloud has a silver lining, and she hadn't expected on TV to see either the IWW Convention or school teachers down at the county jail singing Ralph Chaplin's grand song, and it really was a pleasure to see both.



## SONOMA COUNTY PAUPER'S OATH

In Sonoma County it is not enough to satisfy the local Establishment that their economic caste system deprives over 10% of eligible workers of jobs. In addition they strive to place the guilt for such inequity on the victims by forcing unemployed parents receiving a bare subsistence from the Welfare Department to bow their heads and COPY WORD FOR WORD a seven-line "honesty oath" as if they were naughty schoolchildren. The oath is a useless and demeaning repetition of an earlier promise signed by the recipients to notify their masters of any change in their economic status.

I refused to go along with this humiliating horseshit. It is a new low point in fascist coercion. There is a point beyond which a sane person cannot go and still retain his dignity and self-respect.

As a result my child and I were given the alternatives of being denied at once the right to live, or attending a hearing conducted by a State referee to present our case and hope the State Director of Welfare would grant us a few crumbs.

The hearing was held in Santa Rosa on August 17. I represented myself, assisted by Stefanie Guynn of POWER (the People's Organization for Welfare Rights), Bill Guynn, and another friend as witnesses. Three representatives of Sonoma County's Welfare Department also were present.

I told the referee and her tape recorder that I didn't copy the oath because I would have felt guilty if I had. (You only have to SIGN a loyalty oath.) I would have felt guilty of slavishness — the accessory of tyranny — and of encouraging government agencies to harass and humiliate even more the victims of unemployment or disability. I pointed out that the taking of an oath by the raising of one's hand was deemed by the State sufficient for the present hearing. I challenged the oath on the grounds that it was discriminatory — Did you ever hear of a grower receiving a \$500,000 gift for not planting cotton having to copy an oath in his own hand? I pointed out that the copied oath did not fit the legal requirement for "completion" of certain forms, since the oath was not a completion but a duplication of something already completed. Finally, I pointed out that ignorance of the law is ordinarily considered no excuse, so why was the oath necessary — especially when one also has to sign a legally-binding statement to the same effect?

The County contended that a local judge had the District Attorney request the oath because of a high incidence of Welfare fraud and a low incidence of convictions. Stefanie Guynn of POWER quickly attacked the fallacy in this reasoning, pointing out that in the eyes of the law a person is innocent until proven guilty, so a low incidence of convictions meant, ipso facto, a LOW incidence of fraud. The County wouldn't or couldn't produce any figures showing how fraud in Sonoma County compared to that in other counties, nor would it reveal whether the hand-copied oath was used anywhere else.

Now we are sweating it out to see if the State Welfare Director will uphold Sonoma County's primitive and repressive rote-copying harassment and humiliation.

Wouldn't it be a hell of a lot better if all these Welfare bureaucrats joined with the "recipients" they depend on for a living in turning the Welfare offices into an equalitarian, democratically-run factory producing something valuable for society — so that all could have jobs and dignity?

In the meantime I urge everyone forced onto the Welfare rolls to refuse to scrape and bow by copying childish oaths or by committing any other slavish act. Better to take what is your with heads held high from the rich usurpers!

M. Jones

PAUL STOVER

Paul Stover, chairman of the Lumber Workers IU during the 1936 Idaho strike, died recently in Seattle of cancer. He had retired from the woods and unionism and gone into business as a watchmaker, but couldn't drop his union ideas.

# FELLOW WORKERS AROUND THE WORLD

## British Labor Views EEC

### INDIA

While Upper Clydeside shipyard workers in Scotland set about their "work-in" to resist liquidation of their jobs, the Textile Labor Association at Ahmedabad, faced with a similar situation, demanded in August that National Textile Corporation immediately take over the Ahmedabad unit of the Jupiter Mills. It had been closed down as a result of a merger with mills in Bombay that resulted in transfer of the working capital to Bombay too.

This sort of demand is not so novel in India as it is in Scotland, and the National Textile Corporation is set up by the India government to act in just such instances. It takes over textile mills that fail to function and provide employment under free enterprise. This involves at least one headache: The plants it gets are the less modern plants; if they are modernized enough to become competitive, the work gets done with fewer hands, while the purpose of taking them over is to provide jobs.

This same puzzle penetrates all the extensive economic planning used in India. Plans for 1971-72 are now being modified with "new programs to increase the labor content". The decision is to retain more use of traditional technologies, and more use of facilities that already exist than to initiate new schemes that would tend to eat up the limited resources and displace men by mechanization. Such problems there and elsewhere tend hopefully to shift our thinking from "How do you provide jobs?" to "How do you use the skills and facilities we now have to get work done we want done, and then how do you arrange fair enjoyment of what we've produced?"

The conflicts between competing Leftist tendencies in West Bengal disrupt the labor movement and may account for many of the 451 murders termed "political" out of a total of 1124 murders in the first five months of this year.

### FINLAND

This summer completed the two-year effort to merge the two central labor congresses, one Social Democrat and the other largely Communist. All but two of the 30 trade or industrial federations have merged: Those in the woodworking and those in the leather and rubber industries still need to complete the process. This merger does not end competition between the two political views: The struggle for men's minds and the piecards is now inside the union instead of between unions.

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Karel Hoffman, who used to head the police forces under pro-Stalin President Novotny has now become head man of the Czech trade unions. This is part of an effort to squelch all liberalization or all denial that the Russians moved in by invitation of the local working class. But as Galileo is supposed to have said: "It still moves."

### TANZANIA

Workers in Tanzania (it used to be Tanganyika and Zanzibar) are alarmed to learn that the 357th Boston-based Civil Affairs Unit has been studying Swahili and getting ready to administer Tanzania. The African Research Group at Cambridge disclosed the fact, and the brass says sure they get ready to run things anywhere they may be called upon and have no actual designs on Tanzania. But all who have read about Vietnam get worried.

### SPAIN

Those economists who think a growing economy and production level assure well-being should go to Spain and try to earn a living at ordinary work. Spain has the fastest growing Gross National Product in the world and some of the worst living conditions. Production has doubled in the

last eight years, but according to Chicago Daily News reporter Weller in June one had to work 10 hours merely to exist, and over half the workers in Madrid hold down two jobs. He quoted the Workmen's Brotherhood of Catholic Action: "Half the workers of Madrid are crushed down to a sub-human standard of living with no other horizons in view than work, commuting, and sleep." Even though Spain has exported over a million workers as migrant labor to other European countries, it still had a quarter million unemployed. Though the State subsidizes schools, most workers find it would take 15% of their income to send their children to school, so they don't.

### INDONESIA

Over half a million workers have been slaughtered in Indonesia since 1945, on suspicion that they were tainted with communism. Close to a quarter million are now in prison camps, of whom less than 200 have ever been tried. A system of ID cards puts former prisoners and the relatives of those who have been executed at a job-hunting disadvantage, and this intimidates those who have clear cards. Half the population is under-employed, and the average per-capita income is less than \$100 per year. This is a territory richly endowed by nature, and massive capital investments have been made here from

abroad. If these resources are used for well-being, there will be well-being. It is an experience that refutes the standard thinking on how to raise living conditions.

### SWEDEN

Income policy in Sweden is shaped by annual agreement between government, employer association, and LO, the Swedish Confederation of Trade Unions. (SAC, the syndicalist union, with 24,000 members, is a forward thrust outside the LO.) This summer they shaped policy through 1973, planning these gains to be in terms of real income: a 40 ore per hour general increase for all workers this year, 25 ore next year and 30 ore in 1973. The flat increase, in contrast to the percentage increase that ordinarily widens wage gaps in American bargaining, is part of their drive toward greater economic and social equality inside the ranks of labor. But since they are planning a reduction of the normal work week from 42.5 hours to 40 hours, there will also be a 6.25 percentage increase so the cut in hours does not reduce the wage. The minimum wage is raised to 12.2 kroner this year, and 13.25 kroner by 1973. Fringe benefits are raised somewhat higher for the lower paid than for the better paid. Retirement age is gradually being lowered from age 67 to age 65, with the benefit 65% of the average annual earnings for the three best years between ages 59 and 63.

## Migrant Workers

Today's mass migration of workers — sometimes across boundaries and other times inside them — adds up on the whole to a movement from rural to industrial areas. Swedish economist Nils Kellgren makes the point clear in an article in the summer issue of the Bulletin of the International Federation of Building and Wood Workers, Geneva. He writes:

When the rural population of Nineteenth Century Europe was looking for new possibilities, it had entire continents at its disposal: the whole of America, Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. This is not the case today. Western Europe is an exception in the sense that it has accepted a great number of immigrants. The rest of the world has no room for population movements across national frontiers, and the developing countries have to provide space and opportunities for their own rapidly growing populations."

Kellgren cites these conclusions of UN economists regarding the less developed and poorer two-thirds of the world: There the urban population (living in communities of 20,000 or more) has increased from 310 million in 1960 to 693 million now, and is expected to double again by 1980. By 2000 they expect the urban population of the "Third World" to exceed that of the now developed countries by over 500 million. At the same time they note urbanization is regularly accompanied by a decline in birthrate.

(The Indian Worker notes that village ties add to the sense of being uprooted. The typical textile worker in an Indian city has come from a village to which he feels he still belongs; he may work at that mill for years, or repeatedly return there, but he does not make the city his home.)

In recent years there has been a massive migration inside Europe across national boundaries. It too boils down to a movement from rural to industrial areas. Hordes of workers have come from Southern Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Portugal, Spain, and even Algeria and Morocco to the industrially expanding area framed by London at the extreme west, Hamburg at the extreme north, Paris at the South, and the industrial Ruhr at the east. Over eight million are involved in this migration.

The countries that have consolidated their boundaries as the European Economic Community or Common Market have done much to make labor mobile within their combined areas, even to consolidating

pension and unemployed benefit provisions. So little of the supply of extra temporary workers has come from within this EEC that this migration is clearly not the result of this economic and tariff consolidation. Southern Italy suffers unemployment and exports manpower, but most migrant labor is hired from outside the EEC despite its pockets of unemployment. Capitalism will drive the most profitable bargains it can in human flesh.

In Europe outside the EEC there is considerable migration. A sixth of the Swiss population consists of immigrants. Since 1954 in the "Nordic" countries (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark) there has been a common labor market not impeded by boundaries, and less industrial areas as in Finland provide thousands of workers for Swedish industry.

All this no doubt helps build up some rational view of ourselves as part of a worldwide working class, but not nearly so much as it might. Migrant workers tend to become isolated. They come from areas of lower living standards to lush pastures, and their style of life is frowned on. Their hope is to accumulate money as rapidly as possible and build a better future in a business way for themselves back home. Kellgren points out that they send back sizeable savings that are used by banks in their homeland temporarily as capital accumulation for industrial growth. When they return home they use these bank accounts usually to open up small repair shops or small building firms, restaurants, or hotels.

The opportunity is there to build up an understanding (let's dump our bosses off our backs), but it is not used. Even so the migration always acts somewhat as a yeast cake, even as the boomer in America helped to improve working conditions and build unionism by frequent reference to something better he had seen the boys establish in his travels. The government of Turkey has expressed concern at the innovative and non-traditional ideas that its returning migrants bring back, and in Sweden last spring's uncustomary strikes were blamed on these "outside agitators".

(The American counterpart is imported Mexican labor, and the steady elimination of jobs in Southern agriculture. There is an ethnic slant: In 1948 21% of non-whites in the USA were farm workers; in 1969 only 4.2%.)

In October Britain decides whether to join the Common Market, the European Economic Community (EEC), the group of countries (France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, West Germany, and Italy) that aim at acting as an economic unit without any internal trade barriers. The Conservative Party in power pushes for entry. The more militant laborites and unions oppose this.

In either case this seems contrary to the insular Tory image and the rather internationalist tradition of British labor. Yet that is not all. The Tories have been telling the unions they are too greedy, but in their EEC pitch they contend: "In real terms average British earnings increased less than 40% between 1968 and 1969, while in the Community countries average real earnings had gone up over 75%." Labor replies that's good, but still most jobs in the EEC pay less than they do in Britain.

The London Tribune of July 30 published a long list of companies financing both the drive to swing unions in favor of entry and various indisputably anti-labor causes. It commented: "For the first time in the Labour movement we are seeing the expenditure of large sums of money in order to sway trade union and Labour Party policy toward a precise political objective, namely the terms offered by the Common Market for British entry." The pro-EEC group did win a majority vote (3,185,000 to 2,624,000) at a hot Labour Party special session held to consider the question.

The pro-Community Labor Committee for Europe used a page of the Tribune (as and ad) to urge: "All non-communist trade unions on the Continent and all the socialist parties on the continent not only support their countries' membership in the Common Market but welcome Britain's application to join." There have also been four-page ads looking like feature articles in the same labor paper advertising the economic achievements of the Soviet Union in one issue, and of East Germany in another issue. (Reflected in beautifully prepared propaganda coming into the IW office and in the exchange labor papers we receive, it seems plain far more effort than at any time since World War I is being made to shape union press opinion.)

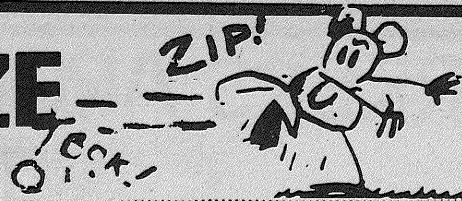
Some of the objections are bread and butter: a fear entry will raise food prices and shift jobs away from Britain. These fears are expressed by union leaders who explain they are aware that economic Balkanization is bad for living standards generally. The Rome Treaty, the basic document of the German market, forbids government subsidy of an industry and bars nationalization. Some are political. The Socialist Leader (ILP) writes: "West Germany has 460,000 men under arms and is equipped with nuclear warheads which are nominally under American control. It is significant that behind Britain's present Common Market negotiations are proposals for a joint European nuclear force in which the German Federal Republic will play a major role." Some simplify it still further: No matter how brotherly or good it sounds, if the Tories are for it, then it can't be brotherly.

Because of the politically motivated internal conflicts in the labor movements of the various EEC countries, and the existence of separate central labor bodies as Catholic, Communist, anti-Communist, in these countries entrance would probably not do much toward filling the great need for trans-boundary labor unity.



Since we always like to see items lifted from this paper credited to it (and we like to see them lifted), staff regrets that the cartoon in the September issue of loggers destroying a "pot" ecology dropped the credit line to International Woodworker where these two characters raise a laugh each issue.

# FIGHT THE FREEZE



# TEACH

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If it is lawful for Nixon to dig into the pocket of the man who was getting \$1.60 per hour and take out the 15¢ pay boost promised him, and hand that 15¢ to his boss, then why isn't it lawful to make those fat cats who got millions for not growing stuff give those millions to the guys who were getting \$1.60 or could find no job at all?

But don't expect that to happen. Don't waste your righteous anger talking about how you will vote Nixon out in 1972. The Pentagon papers must have made clear that the few who own America keep on with their uniform, consistent policies no matter what parties win or lose or what President reads the speeches they dictate for him. Their war policy has dragged America into the shame of untold atrocities, and their economic policy is its counterpart — research and industrial development, not to make life better but to fatten America's military-industrial complex, the central core of the ruling class. Did you notice that though every scientist is urging that we discourage the use of the auto, the Nixon NEP was very kind to GMC and Ford?

## WORLD PROBLEM

United Nations economists find that throughout most of the world there has been rising unemployment and rising prices. Last May 5 the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency found that in 1970 the world spent over \$270 billion on the armament, roughly equal to the total production of the two-thirds of mankind in what is called "the developing world". Vast amounts are spent on other kinds of non-productive functions, like politicians, bill collecting agencies, flights to the moon and monuments to statements, where the work done does not add to the supply of consumable goods, but the wages paid do add to the demand for these goods. This boosts prices. Multinational corporations manipulate national and international prices — and always in their own favor.

If prices had been pushed up by wages, their would be a brisk demand and no fear of depression. But layoffs are occurring everywhere. Japan has been busy, but its new crop of graduates finds no jobs. What men are fighting for in Northern Ireland isn't religion, it's jobs. In Scotland they pointed the way with a "work-in" at Upper Clyde shipyards to resist having their jobs liquidated by a merger. Unemployment and underemployment grow everywhere. This is just one item in the package of problems we, the worldwide class of workers, are faced with: bread to eat, decent schools and housing, peace, air fit to breathe and water fit to drink, freedom to speak our mind and move about, confidence that we and our children can earn a living. We will have to solve this package of problems as a package, a package that requires an understanding between organized workers the world over — an understanding of how to use our skills and the resources of the earth for our collective good. This may sound like "pie in the sky", but without it we keep the problems and gyms that only this sort of understanding can end, and meanwhile the harder we work toward such an understanding the less the boss drives in his spurs.

shaped by machinery created in exactly the same way, and yet not belonging to the class who produced all this. They knew folks were worried about the high cost of living and bamboozled into thinking "high American wages" hampered exports and encouraged imports.

They figured if they put a tight squeeze on August 15, then they could relax it a bit come November, and workers would say that feels good and trade an extension of a modified squeeze for some balderdash about freezing interest or dividends. And the opinion polls show that they banked right on the ignorance of union members about the ABCs of unionism.

Does that leave any doubt about what needs to be done about the wage freeze?

That we need to make unionists out of union members? Put union ideas in their heads, and union feeling in their hearts as well as union cards in their pockets? That we need to explain the only reason for having an outside instead of a company union is that there is a class struggle?

## IMMEDIATE ANGLES

Along with the indispensable need for union education there are some first things first. A long time ago we should all have demanded portal-to-portal pay, pay for the travel time of the average worker. We should have demanded it to give the employer a motive to do something about transportation. We should start hitting for it now and demand that it be exempt from the freeze.



Job conditions are not frozen. By going after improvements in physical conditions where we work we can ease the pain and make the boss want to defrost us as fast as possible. We can make the job a fairly pleasant place to spend seven or eight hours just by being sociable with our fellow workers.

We can steer clear of any more three year contracts.

We should press for the immediate defrosting of all whose wages are less than \$3 per hour, and certainly for all whose pay is down close to \$1.60. Those shaky rates at the bottom of the scale are the foundation on which all the higher wage structure rests. Their gutter is the gutter into which we all may fall. What could increase the morale and strength of labor better than a unified insistence that the freeze must not apply to those down at the bottom?

If wages are really frozen, how come they cut some workers' wages down to a big round nothing and lay them off? How about demanding consistency there too?

If a contract to raise wages is voided by the Government, does the contract still exist? Does it stop us from striking for improved job conditions?



## CEDERVALL TOUR

Frank Cedervall speaking tour tentatively set for Buffalo to Iowa this fall and West Coast in winter; plan east coast next year about April. Arrange for date soon and let us know. "Ablest radical union man on platform since Debs."

# UFWF; FLORIDA OBREROS WIN

A lot of hungry folk in Florida have decided they had better make themselves visible if they want to eat. For a long time life has been arranged in that tourist state so one can keep traveling all the time and see little evidence that for many it is a land of hunger and want. Already by the end of July the customary northward flow of migrant farm workers had been turned back to Florida by poor crops in the north. By mid-August the okra and squash had been picked and there was little promise of work until next winter's vegetable and sugar harvest.

Collective action among these migratory workers has been growing since last winter and they've decided to demonstrate where the tourists go and if necessary tie up construction on Interstate 95. They want funds for food and housing and reactivation of such welfare programs as Mainstream.

The present surge of collective action goes back to Pompano Labor Camp last winter. Bad weather had put an end to many orange-picking jobs. Landlords were cracking down on people who couldn't pay their rent, shutting off the electric lights and even taking off doors and hauling them away. At Pompano Labor Camp a tenant organization was formed, and with help from Jose Suarez and the Florida Rural Legal Services it brought suit against the Pompano Housing Authority, and won. It found an effective spokesman in Mrs. Rachel Veve, 22, who was scratching out a living washing windows at the time. The Department of Labor breathed a bit of life into its Mainstream program, and gave Rachel a \$175-a-week job that lasted for six weeks. Her money went into buying a car for taking sick folks to the hospital, transporting folks to pick up surplus foods and serving the movement in general.

They even managed to turn last winter's welfare work inside out. It had been planned that the hungry would earn the right to eat by prettying up golf courses and cleaning the ditches on rich folks' land.

The number of children under five in the USA dropped from 20 million in 1960 to 17 million in 1970. This happened despite the large number of child-bearing age, for the 15 to 34 group rose 29% in that decade and the 20 to 24 age group rose 52%. The production of babies declined, but not the production of teachers to teach them. That increased by 45.4% while the public school enrollment rose only 27%. They did manage to raise their previously abysmal salaries in that period by 77.9%, and perhaps this attracted a larger number to train for teaching jobs than there are jobs to go around. Now should they stimulate demand by going into baby production instead?

They won the right to work cleaning up the migratory labor camps instead and doing work in their own communities.

Out of it all grew a new union, the United Farm Workers of Florida (UFWOF). It is independent, with only "spiritual ties" to Chavez and his UFWOC, and doesn't mind taking in poor folks who are not actually farm workers. It has 2,500 members now in five counties. It does not collect dues. Jose Suarez is president and Rachel Veve is treasurer, but it has no money.

In April UFWOF scored its first victory in a general strike against tomato farmers in Immokalee. The tomato farmers had successfully canceled aid from Mainstream and unemployed programs and thought they had these hungry folk where they wanted them. They offered only \$10.40 a day and at times paid less, as much as \$3 a day less, than they promised. One night about a thousand tomato pickers got together and decided to prevent all busses from hauling pickers out the next day. They got the support of most crew leaders, and when new workers were brought in they won them to their side. They settled for a daily wage of \$14 for picking, \$15 for lugging.

There are also other signs of collective action. OMICA, "Organized Migrants in Community Action", caters to the Spanish speaking workers only, while the UFWOF caters to white, brown, and black. Various Establishment projects among these many migratory workers attest to the growing problem of jobless, hungry people.

UFWOF provides some down-to-earth instructions on the use of pesticides: Read labels first, and if you don't understand them find out exactly what the labels say. Make sure antidotes are available and that you mix poisons or fill tanks only in the open air while wearing protective clothing. Make sure there is water and soap with which to wash before you eat or smoke, and that there is a change of clothes in case your own clothes become saturated with parathion, and that safe disposal is made of all empty poison packages or cans and that you shower and change clothes when you are through.

The couple of thousand that UFWOF has organized are so poor it finds dues out of the question. It does maintain an office for clothes distribution on the Boynton Beach Road near US 441, has a phone (276-5241) and a Post Office Box 988 at Delray Beach, Florida 33444, and frankly states that it welcomes outside assistance. In English and Spanish it announces plans for the next season:

"Since we are not burros, we deserve two rest periods each day for at least 10 minutes each time. Since we are not dogs we need portable toilets in the fields. Since we are not bugs we need protection against dangerous poisons and chemicals. Since we are courageous people, we will begin to change all these things. By ourselves we can do nothing. Together we can do everything."

