

Militant Fund At 50% Mark But Still Lags

By George Lavan

\$1,379 was received by the Militant's 30th Anniversary Fund during the seven-day span ending Nov. 11. This puts our scoreboard at the half-way mark to the \$18,000 goal. But this still represents a lag in schedule of 14% or 12 1/2 days. (See Scoreboard, page 2.)

Along with a payment from Newark, which since the beginning has occupied an on-or-ahead of schedule place on our scoreboard, comes a note from local fund director J. Skivar: "We had an election social last Saturday night... it was very successful. We had a few people more than usual and we made a few dollars. One dollar admission included fried chicken, garlic bread, salad and coffee. We plan to have a Militant social in a few weeks..." Supporters of the Militant in Newark not only know how to pay like clockwork, but from the menu submitted have learned how to beat the high-cost-of-living. Militant readers in that area take note.

From St. Louis, which this week tops the scoreboard, comes a payment and letter saying: "We had an excellent meeting on Nov. 3 regarding regroupment and had a good attendance." Attending were people associated with the SWP, CP and Social-Democrats. Plans

were laid for a follow-up meeting.

As advertisements in this paper have announced, Los Angeles has its Militant Anniversary celebration Nov. 15. Also being planned in L.A. is a bazaar — date still to be announced. In New York, too, there is a great bustle and lugging-in of things for a forthcoming, super-duper bargain bazaar.

A gratifying number of contributions from individual readers has begun to come in from such diverse places as Baltimore, Bangor, Maine, and Ottawa, Canada (\$10 plus a note: "Good luck. I wish this could be more"). For those who are collectors of interesting place names here are a few of the towns so far heard from: Tomahawk, Wisconsin; Vashon, Washington; Saugerties, N.Y.; Anaheim, Cal.; Granite Falls, Minnesota; Greensburgh, Penna.; Avondale, Georgia; Lloydminister, Alberta, Canada; Bellingham, Washington; Irwin, Penna.; Corning, N.Y.; Whittier, Cal.; Plentywood, Montana.

Depression, Anti-Union Offensive Trounce GOP

How Ohio Scab Bill Was Swamped

By Jean Simon CLEVELAND, Nov. 11—Don't underestimate the workers!

That was the major lesson of the Ohio election for the industrialists, the capitalist party politicians — and the labor bureaucrats.

Faced with a clear-cut class issue, a proposal to write the union-busting "right-to-work" amendment into the state constitution, Ohio workers closed ranks. They organized and led an independent political crusade that defeated the measure by a margin of almost a million votes.

COMPARE THE MARGINS

Nobody but the workers can claim credit for the victory. The Democratic "landslide" was an incidental effect, not a cause of the defeat of RTW. Final election returns from the state's 12,960 polling places showed:

Right-to-Work Amendment (Issue No. 2):

Table with 2 columns: Option, Count. No: 2,007,291; Yes: 1,080,266; Margin: 927,025. Governor: DiSalle (D): 1,887,926; O'Neill (R): 1,427,469; Margin: 460,457. U.S. Senator: Young (D): 1,669,022; Bricker (R): 1,504,197; Margin: 164,825.

Anthony J. Disantis, labor editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the paper that spearheaded the drive of the "right-to-work" business interests, wrote in the Nov. 6 issue:

"Ohio voters rejected the 'right-to-work' proposal by the biggest margin ever recorded on an issue on the ballot in the state's history." He pointed out that the vote for the measure was only 35% of the total cast and that "RTW carried only 18 of the state's 88 counties, all agricultural, and then only by slim margins." In industrial centers the measure "was swamped under a virtual tidal wave of votes churned up against the issue by organized labor and its friends."

IT WAS DIFFERENT THIS TIME

In the course of the campaign labor was constantly needed by RTW advocates like the Plain Dealer editors with its two outstanding political defeats in recent years: its campaigns to beat Sen. Taft in 1950 and to expand the state unemployment insurance program by a referendum vote in 1955.

Political "experts" failed, however, to note the differences between those campaigns and the one just concluded. The campaign against Taft offered no alternative but a vote for Democrats, whom the workers do not trust either. The 1955 campaign was conducted by a

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All Youngstown Labor Rallied Against 'Right-to-Work' Bill

By Moses Peterson

YOUNGSTOWN — Ohio was the decisive battleground for "Right-to-Work" legislation. Ohio is the second industrial state in the U.S. In cities like Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Columbus, Dayton, Akron, Canton and Youngstown there lies a truly massive industrial complex. Despite the great social weight of the industrial working class in Ohio, the political representation in the state has been reactionary. Consequently, the "Right-to-Work" supporters entered the Ohio battle supremely confident.

They had in back of them six months of anti-union agitation conducted by the McClellan Committee. After six months of corruption charges in screaming headlines, the employer forces felt that the brainwashing job was complete — to them the enthusiastic response of their

own number plus the constant drum beating by the press, radio and television had the appearance of a real mass movement. But they did not reckon with the effects of the depression — or at any rate, they incorrectly gauged them. The 1957-58 depression has in some way touched every working-class family in Ohio. Who did the workers blame for their troubles? The corporations or the unions? The outcome of the "Right-to-Work" fight would clearly provide the answer.

POLITICAL CLASS BATTLE

However, long before election day, the hatred toward Ohio's governor O'Neill, the GOP and the corporations began to make itself felt. As a result the sensitive political machines of the Catholic Church and of the Democratic Party aligned themselves with the workers and against "Right to Work." These outfits wanted not only to re-

tain their influence in the labor movement but to avoid a political class struggle. But as the working people lined up solidly against RTW, such a struggle could not be avoided.

Here, in the steel city of Youngstown, active trade-unions found their fellow workers deeply stirred by the "Right-to-Work" issue. Unemployed workers in angry outbursts pledged to vote "No." They added that they wanted to get off the compensation lines — a clear warning that they expected the unions to fight the depression.

Pensioners turned out in big numbers. At one precinct, an aged Negro woman hobbled painfully into the booth, clutching the union literature and loudly stating, "I want to vote No, that's all, just vote No." Even school children were affected and showed up in school (Continued on Page 4)

But Democrats Won't Meet Workers' Needs

By Myra Tanner Weiss

The American labor movement won an important victory in the Nov. 4 national elections when it smashed Big Business attempts to pass anti-labor legislation under the guise of "right-to-work" propositions in five out of six states.

At the same time the Republican party suffered a serious defeat. Its losses exceeded most Republican fears. Almost all the Republicans whose names had been associated most closely with the witch hunt and hostility to labor were dumped into political limbo, including Presidential aspirant, Senate Republican leader, William Knowland.

In 1956 the Republican Party won the presidency with a majority of nine million. Within two years it was discarded like an old, smelly shoe. Four million unemployed, virtually ignored by the Republicans, plus anti-labor provocations ended six years of Republican power.

'Simply Disintegrated'

The Democrats will control the next Congress with a majority of 62-34 in the Senate and a majority of 281-153 in the House of Representatives. In addition Republicans were left with only 15 governors after reducing the Democrats to close to that number in 1952.

As the Wall Street Journal editors put it, Nov. 6, "There's no use in mincing words. The Republican party has simply disintegrated and the wreckage is strewn across three thousand miles of countryside."

The voters who went to the polls last week expressed clearly what they don't want. They don't want recessions and job insecurity. They don't want anti-labor laws. The Democratic Party's victory in large part was a manifestation of this protest vote.

New York apparently resisted the national trend. In actuality, however, it underlined the fact that issues, more than parties, were at stake. Long before Nov. 4 it was clear that billionaire Nelson Rockefeller, Republican candidate for governor, was challenging the Democrats on their own ground—with a concerted drive for support from labor. He out-New-Dealed the Democrats in his promises for better times ahead. He denounced the "right-to-work" propositions, promised stronger rent controls, more health protection, a fight against a subway fare increase, for "traveling" pensions, etc. Democratic Governor Averell Harriman could only stand on his miserable record.

A Disgusted Republican

A writer for the Wall Street Journal, Nov. 6, reported that Rockefeller had gone so far "to the left," that one disgusted New York Republican said, "I went into the voting booth and there was nothing on the ballot but three socialists—I voted for the one who was running on the Socialist ticket."

Election returns in the last decade have demonstrated clearly that the American voter is restless, shifting from one of the two capitalist parties to the other in a frustrating attempt to make his feelings known. In 1948 the Democrats won. But in 1952, with the Korean war raging, the voters put the Republicans in office. Two years later (Continued on Page 2)



Kutcher Urges Parole For Winston and Green

A hearing on the applications for parole of Henry Winston and Gilbert Green, the last remaining Smith Act prisoners, was scheduled for Nov. 13. Numerous defenders of civil liberties have urged the parole board to act favorably on the applications of these two imprisoned Communist Party leaders.

Among those is James Kutcher, the legless veteran who successfully fought a ten-year battle against the witch hunters because of his avowed membership in the Socialist Workers Party. Kutcher recently addressed the following letter to the U.S. Board of Pardoners in Washington, D.C.:

"I write to urge your favorable action on the applications for parole of Henry Winston, imprisoned in the federal penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana, and Gilbert Green, imprisoned in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

"The cases of these two men are of great concern to all who are conscious of the need to defend America's seriously imperiled civil liberties. Though it is officially maintained that there are no political prisoners in the United States, world opinion — embracing that of most Americans familiar with the history of the case, including, I may add, myself — regard Winston and Green as political prisoners pure and simple.

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Unions Register Gains in NLRB Elections

Workers have been voting for union representation in greater numbers than at any time in the last three years according to a recent government report. (N.Y. Times, Nov. 10.) Unions were favored in 68% of the elections conducted by the NLRB in the third quarter of this year. This is the biggest percentage of union victories since 1955, and reverses a three-year trend.

In 805 out of 1,192 elections held from July to September 1958 unions won the majority vote. 587 of these were unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO and 218 were independent. In 387 elections the majority voted for no union. A total of 78,039 workers voted for unions in that quarter.

In the same period a total of 2,840 unfair labor charges were filed, 75% more than in the same quarter of 1957.

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London Strikers Fight New Boss Attack

By Farrell Dobbs

A bitter strike struggle going on at the Shell Mex building site in London forecasts a nationwide employer offensive against British labor. Union militants, alert to the danger, are organizing a national rank-and-file conference to discuss defensive measures.

Both events are sowing panic among labor bureaucrats who have forgotten how to fight the bosses, just as they have largely forgotten what life is like for workers on the job.

The Shell Mex strikers are led by their job stewards. Arrayed against them are the McAlpine construction monopoly, police, capitalist newspapers and right-wing union officials.

FIGHT VICTIMIZATIONS

Over a month ago McAlpine fired all 1,250 building trades workers on the Shell Mex site to weed out "troublemakers." This brutal act brought to a head a systematic policy of victimizing trade unionists. It was against this policy that the

stewards had been fighting. When top union officials gave no sign of acting in defense of the workers the stewards took the lead in picketing the job.

McAlpine's next action showed the "troublemakers" in question to be stewards. A rehiring policy was announced but reinstatement was refused to stewards on the site before the mass firing took place.

The strike continued and mounted police were called in to clear a path for scabs. Strikers resisting the attack on their picket lines were arrested. Some face the threat of jail terms.

In this situation top officials of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers ordered the strikers to "maintain and defend union agreements" — by scabbing on themselves.

The union's executive council said "... there is no dispute at the Shell Mex house site said "... there is no dispute members for employment."

ULTIMATUM

Accusing the strikers of "usurping the functions of the

trade union movement," the council issued an ultimatum: "Any attempt to create conditions of dispute and maintain pickets are entirely unofficial and unauthorized and the executive council is determined to take disciplinary action with those members who have and are taking part in such unofficial activities."

For supporting the "unofficial" strike the union's South East London district committee was suspended. Expulsion threats face members who refuse to repudiate the stewards leading the strike.

Smear headlines in the capitalist press egg on the union bureaucrats and smear the rank-and-file strikers: "Wildcat Strikes Plot," "Shop Stewards Begin War On Industry."

"New Revolutionaries Plan To Grab Power From Union Leaders," "ATTACK ON NEWSLETTER"

The capitalist press urges other union officials to follow the Building Trade Workers

executives in disciplining the ranks. Proscription of class-struggle fighters from the Labor Party is suggested. This thrust is aimed at The Newsletter, a socialist weekly edited by Peter Fryer who broke with the Communist Party during the Hungarian repressions.

The "wildcat strikes plot" is alleged to be "the first big move by a group of Trotskyists — mostly ex-Communists still committed to revolutionary activities — to test their growing power over rank-and-file workers."

An editorial reply in The Newsletter states: "The [Shell Mex] workers themselves decided to struggle without interference or advice from The Newsletter. Once they took that decision, we deemed it our duty to help them in their fight... and have given space to the stewards to state their case in our columns in their own way."

"When workers resist," the editorial adds, "it is usual to howl 'trouble makers.' The

Newsletter happens to be the current scapegoat."

Opening The Newsletter's columns to rank-and-file unionists appears to have been welcomed by the British labor movement at other than official levels. Many workers are writing about their grievances, discussing issues of labor policy and helping to distribute this paper which they have some reason to feel is their own.

A Scottish worker reports employer attacks on working conditions, "including such questions as tea breaks," as speedup pressures increase.

DEATH OF A CONSTRUCTION WORKER

From Kent comes the story of a steel erector who "slithered 60 feet to his death." When his fellow unionists stopped work after the tragedy they were denounced as "irresponsible." To this a worker replied, "Impudent bastards."

A local union of miners announces they look forward to "a mighty roar of disapproval" (Continued on Page 2)

How "Worker" Views the N.Y. Election Returns

By Harry Ring

According to the post-election editorial comment in the Nov. 8 Worker, it looks as though the Communist Party was left holding the bag with its New York gubernatorial choice, Averell Harriman.

The Worker complains that the AFL-CIO failed to mount an active campaign for Harriman; he was "knifed" by the DeSapio machine; Dorothy Schiff, publisher of the N.Y. Post, yanked the rug from under him with a last-minute withdrawal of her paper's endorsement; and finally, on election eve, A. A. Berle of the Liberal Party declared it would be "no tragedy" whichever way the election went.

It was "this stupidity and downright doublecross on the Democratic side," says the Worker, coupled with Rockefeller's strategem of running as a "liberal," that cost Harriman the election. And, it adds, "the division in the people's movement of N.Y. was made worse by the appearance of a newly-formed Independent Socialist Party that separated a sizable section of the left and influenced many away from the labor-liberal movement as a whole."

DIFFERENT TUNE
This post-mortem on Harriman's defeat has little relation to what the Worker said prior to November 4. Then the big argument advanced by the CP leaders for refusing to support the ISP was that the Rockefeller-Harriman contest represented a struggle between the forces of monopoly and a "broad peoples" movement led by a labor-liberal coalition. In view of this claimed lineup, they argued, it was necessary to get into the Harriman "people's" camp in order to influence it on "issues."

The Worker also insisted that, to present a socialist ticket in opposition to Harriman and Rockefeller would bring down the wrath of the ranks of labor and the Negro people who were depicted as concerned above all else with defeating Rockefeller.

What did the CP accomplish in the campaign? Its declared central objective was to inject the issues of jobs, peace and rights into the campaign. Since it campaigned in support of the Labor-Liberal coalition behind Harriman, it must be assumed that its efforts were directed toward influencing these forces to make a fight on the issues. The total absence of such a stand by either the AFL-CIO or Liberal Party would indicate the CP did not affect the campaign an iota in this direction. (Nor can it be claimed that it advanced socialist education. A large measure of its energies was spent in declaiming that socialism was not an "issue" in the campaign and that candidates standing on a socialist program were doing a disservice to labor.)

Even the Worker is hard-pressed to find anything positive in the CP's election role in New York. The best its Nov. 8 editorial can say is: "Where the Communists did have a candidate, like Benjamin J. Davis in Harlem, or where they found ways to influence issues, the quality of the general campaign was higher."

A REAL ACHIEVEMENT
The results of the ISP campaign, on the other hand, are positive and visible. Its voice was the only one heard throughout the state on the issues of jobs, peace and rights. The appearance of its candidates on a score of radio and TV programs brought these issues into the homes of several million people. Well over 200,000 pieces of literature devoted to these issues were mailed out or distributed.

Equally important, while presenting an immediate, practical program on the major issues, the ISP also brought the message of socialism to more people than have been reached in this state in decades. As a result, its vote, while modest, was the largest cast for a socialist ticket in New York since the 1930's.

Finally, the ISP campaign united a significant section of the radical movement in action — an accomplishment that will help promote socialist unity nationally. The CP leaders, in contrast, succeeded only in isolating themselves from the advanced, active left-wing forces that grouped around the ISP. The balance sheet of the election is clearly on the side of united, independent socialist political action.

Calendar of Events

- NEW YORK**
The Militant Labor Forum announces a lecture by Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein on "POETRY AND POLITICS — The Romantic Revolution in Literature — The French Revolution and the Romantic Writers." Sunday, Nov. 23, 8 P.M. 116 University Place. Contrib.—\$1. Refreshments.
- Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein announces two short pre-holiday courses.
- MONDAYS, 8-10 P.M.**
Shakespeare's Political Themes Nov. 17: Authority & Responsibility. Nov. 24: Tudor "absolutism by consent." Dec. 1: Free Trade & Human Equality. Dec. 8: Dictatorship & Treason.
- TUESDAYS, 8-10 P.M.**
Five Generations of Youth in Revolt
Nov. 18: Bohemian Rebellion in Chicago & Greenwich Village before 1914.
Nov. 25: The "lost generation" after World War I.
Dec. 2: Art for criticism's sake — our academic "new critics and writers."
Dec. 9: The Beat Generation, The Angry Young Men & Existentialism. \$1.50 single lecture. \$4.00 series of four.
- CHICAGO**
Thanksgiving Banquet and Militant 30th Anniversary Celebration. Dinner at 6 P.M., Sat., Nov. 22, 777 W. Adams St. Contrib.—\$2.00. Write for reservations or phone DE 2-9736.

Unemployment and the Nov. 4 Vote

By Daniel Roberts
The depression was the principal factor in the Democratic electoral tide on Nov. 4. Most analysts are agreed about that. The 1953-54 recession brought the first swing back from the Republicans' 1952 victory. The depression of 1957-58 brought a Democratic landslide.

One TV commentator I heard explained the huge Democratic plurality this year as follows: The working people were angry over unemployment, he said, after having acquired the habit of full employment over a number of years. This is accurate, I think. The prolonged boom permitted many working people to acquire a few comforts of life — home, automobile, and appliances — by going into debt. Payments were based on steady employment often including more than one member of the family working and including overtime. The workers' standard of life was thus geared to steady work with little margin to spare. Unemployment quickly brought foreclosure or repossession (or the threat of it), wiping out the gains of previous years.

THE TOTAL PICTURE
The number of people affected by the depression was far greater than would be indicated by the five-and-a-half million peak unemployment officially admitted. Even if a more accurate estimate of seven million unemployed is used, this still does not tell the whole story. Last spring the U.S. Census Bureau said that "Our projection indicates unemployment will average 5,000,000 [throughout 1958] but that will mean 20,000,000 seeking jobs at one time or another and getting sharp income cuts through no fault of their own."

On Aug. 12, Peter Edson, a nationally syndicated writer, reported that "There have been from 13 to 15 million Americans unemployed part time during the last ten months. About 11 million of them have been unemployed five weeks or more."

The Michigan University Center last summer revealed that one in four families suffered heavy economic loss through unemployment or shortened work hours from mid-1957 through mid-1958.

Those working people not themselves hit by the depression saw relatives, friends or neighbors go under. Hopes for marriage were blighted. The crime rate increased, involving people who never had a police record before and who acted out of economic desperation. The racial minorities were severely afflicted by loss of jobs.

Unemployment compensation averaged \$31 nationally per week. An untold number of jobless exhausted their benefits. About one third of the unemployed were ineligible for compensation at any time and were forced on public assistance. Unemployed rehiring lagged behind the recovery, and unemployment remains heavy to this day.

All this fed the anger of the working people against the Republican Administration. But there was one more crucial factor. The working people, in my opinion, do not accept unemployment any longer as inevitable. They resent it most deeply because they believe the government can prevent it. They believe furthermore that it is the responsibility of the government to guarantee full employment. The source of this belief is the record of government intervention in economic affairs ("statism") that began with the New Deal and is most prominently associated in the workers' minds with the Democratic Party.

VOTE IS MANDATE
The Republican Administration — the Big Business administration in the eyes of most working people — was blamed for callousness in the face of popular misery. It was denounced as unwilling to spend or otherwise act on behalf of the people's welfare. Working people voted for the Democrats with a mandate that they do something about jobs. In the case of Nelson Rockefeller in New York, many workers voted for him because his demagoguery had impressed them with the idea that he would respond to the needs of the working man.

There is profound truth as well as illusion in the conviction of the American workers that the government can eliminate depression. Socialists must relate themselves to both the truth and the illusion. What is correct is that society can, through the workings of government, assure economic security and well-being. But it requires a socialist government

— a workers' government — to bring it about. It may happen, of course, that in coming months new government spending of a few billion dollars (not necessarily all on armaments, either) will accelerate the economic recovery trend. This would strengthen the popular illusion that the solution can be found within the two-party system.

CRISIS TENDENCIES
But capitalist economy is depression prone and beyond control of Democrats and Republicans alike. Neither party can surmount by its manipulation of government, the deep crisis tendencies lodged in the system.

Depression will thus victimize the working class again, perhaps even before the recovery reaches the former boom peaks. In the 1954 recession and in this election the American workers showed how swiftly they will respond to any manifestation of social instability. As yet they have confined themselves to a search for reforms rather than for an alternative to capitalism. Under new economic shocks, the Democrats will be put to the test and will be found wanting. The workers will then seek for solutions in a socialist direction.

They will challenge the capitalist system as a whole, including both capitalist parties. A similar shift can be expected to take place if either party turns to huge increases in arms spending (breeding runaway inflation and staggering tax loads) and to international adventures.

The first step in bringing about the transformation in mass thinking in America is for socialists to be sharply differentiated from the Democratic and Republican parties and free from any ties whatever with them. The immediate task of socialists, I believe, is to patiently explain the need for independent working-class political action. As they did in the 1958 elections, they should agitate for such immediate anti-depression measures as the 30-hour week at 40 hours pay. Beyond that they should popularize the need for a workers and farmers government and for public ownership of the means of production and a planned economy.

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Detroit was one of the first cities in the country to be hit by the slump. Long lines were forming in Unemployment Compensation Offices as shown above over a year ago. Despite some re-hiring by the auto plants nearly 20% of Detroit's workers are still unemployed.

...London Strike Battle

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from the coalfields against a stingy wage offer.

Protest is made against constitutional machinery set up by union officials to "prevent working class action." Warnings are raised that if the workers do not find a way to fight back now, the employers, made bold by rising unemployment, will "chop us down section by section."

From Glasgow a worker writes, "Let us revive the Clyde shop stewards' movement in the spirit in which it operated during and after the first world war, when it struck fear into the employers and won many concessions — including the first rent control legislation."

Summing up the meaning of recent labor disputes in Britain, a Newsletter editorial sees three facts standing out: "The employers and their government have an overall strategy, designed to smash job organization in a period of growing unemployment so that they can hire and fire at will; 'The union leaders are either incapable of fighting, unwilling to fight, or hand in glove with the employers in their efforts to 'clip the wings of the shop stewards'; 'The workers need a strong, vigorous and effective rank-and-file movement so that the full power of the working class can be exerted in support of each section that comes under attack.'"

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Acting on these premises The Newsletter is sponsoring a national industrial rank-and-file conference in London on November 16. Worker delegates are invited from every industry to "build united action between industrial workers to resist and defeat the employers' attack."

The Communist Party is not supporting the action. But the

sponsors say they expect many CP members to attend on their own initiative.

Announcement of the conference brought a second ultimatum from the Building Trade Workers executive council: "... any member associated with the calling of, or attending, the conference, or distributing, selling, or taking into any branch room unofficial propaganda sheets and publicity material, shall be liable to expulsion from membership in the union." Other union bureaucrats are urged by the capitalist press to take similar action.

Replying to attacks misrepresenting the conference aims, Brian Behan, a building trades striker and member of The Newsletter editorial board, wrote: "We are not going to discuss the setting-up of any kind of independent, breakaway bodies. We are for militants remaining within the established trade union organizations and fighting to see that the trade unions carry out the job they were founded for: the defense of members' conditions."

URGES VISITORS
An editorial adds: "We invite branches whose unions have proscribed the Conference to send visitors, so that they can see for themselves that the Conference is no 'wildcat' affair, but a gathering of workers seriously concerned to find a constructive solution to their problems at a time when unemployment is growing by 30,000 a month."

American labor will also do well to watch the work of the British conference. Close parallels exist between the rank-and-file movements in the two countries. If anything, the British workers are somewhat ahead in the fight for union democracy and an effective union policy. The American workers can learn important lessons from them.



House Speaker Sam Rayburn (right), and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson are shown celebrating their 1956 election victory with Mrs. Johnson. Liberal Democrats in the new Congress are preparing to accept the leadership of these two Southern Conservatives.

...Attacks on Labor Beat GOP

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The Democrats won again—thanks to the recession of 1954. In 1956 Eisenhower was re-elected overwhelmingly, but simultaneously checked with another Democratic Congress. The Democratic sweep last week made Eisenhower the first president in U.S. history to get an oppositional congress in three consecutive elections.

On top of the political unrest, caused by the recession, inflation and a continued threat of war, Big Business aggravated the crisis faced by the Republican Party by pressing its long and carefully prepared plans for anti-labor laws. The McClellan committee's investigations into corruption in the labor movement were designed primarily to create an atmosphere hostile to labor and conducive to passage of restrictive legislation. Big Business hoped with this publicity and an expensive professional campaign to gather the votes necessary to pass "right-to-work" propositions in industrial states.

The Republican party, in addition to championing the "right-to-work" laws, also attempted to label their Democratic opposition "socialist." No less an authority than the President of the United States expressed the views that Democrats were dominated by "radicals" and their victory would start the country "down the road to socialism."

What Big Business Fears

Of course this charge was ridiculous. Yet it was based on a certain tortured logic. The Democrats are programmatically almost identical to the Republicans. But they depend for their mass support on a coalition with the labor bureaucracy. Big Business fears the participation of the organized labor movement in politics. The industrialists sense, with keen class consciousness, that one of these days, they will face the power of a labor movement no longer subordinated to the Democratic machine but acting as an independent class force. This prospect explains their charge of "socialist menace."

Yet it was these same industrialists who provoked the labor bureaucrats into a most significant political campaign. By pushing for anti-labor laws in the industrial states, the quiescent giant was awakened. The union officialdom justifiably dared not leave the task of defeating "right-to-work" propositions to the Democrats. The unions themselves were impelled as never before into the fight as the surest means of winning.

The labor movement had to appeal beyond partisan political lines to all the voters. Union men and women were given a chance to prove what could be done in a political struggle by organized labor. Their confidence will be many times stronger because of the victory they won.

While the Democrats were beneficiaries of this campaign to defend labor's rights, they will give labor short weight in return for the votes they got. As Samuel Lubell, the keen analyst of voting trends, pointed out in the N.Y. World Telegram, Nov. 6, "Particularly in some parts of the farm belt and traditional GOP areas like Maine and Vermont, the Republican party seems weaker today than

Next Week:

A roundup of the 1958 socialist vote. The meaning of the 1958 socialist election campaigns. Tasks and perspectives for the socialist movement in light of the elections.

it ever has been. And yet, paradoxically, the hold of the Democratic party also seems less stable than was the appeal of the New Deal—and therefore more susceptible of quick overturn."

The crisis of capitalism has made it impossible for either party to meet the demands of the American workers. What the majority of voters want is full employment, an end to inflation, and an end to the fear of war.

But capitalism cannot provide both peace and full employment. Capitalism has managed to maintain an expanding economy, with only occasional economic breakdown, by means of war and preparations for war. But this answer to the economic crisis of capitalism puts pressure on the workers in a different way. It squeezes living standards with inflation and taxes. And eventually it also fails to provide job security despite mounting budgets.

The charge of "socialism" in this election played the role it did in anticipation of the struggle to come. For socialism is the only means of achieving both peace and full employment.

The political unrest that was manifest Nov. 4 can only grow into the workers, the Negroes, small farmers and others find the means to fight for their own political interests. The workers cannot express their real needs except in distorted form in the old two-party system because it is actually one party—one party of Big Business with its Democratic face traditionally appealing to the workers for support and its Republican face traditionally seeking to ignore the workers. The collapse of the Republican party in this election only demonstrates how outmoded its old style is.

Labor Makes Demands

In addition the independent political strength of labor was demonstrated despite its general burial under Democratic victories. The labor bureaucrats felt it and followed their victory with renewed demands for enforcement of the Full Employment Act, and revision of the Taft-Hartley Act—demands that fell on deaf ears in the last Democratic-controlled Congress.

But the working people who have been frustrated in their desire for both peace and security, will not long be satisfied with begging for favors; nor will they be intimidated with charges of "socialism." Pressure for independent political action with labor's own party, its own candidates and its own program for solving the domestic and international crisis will increase. The collapse of the Republican party merely foreshadows the collapse of the Democrats. It also foreshadows the emergence of a labor party and mass political struggles for socialism.

FUND SCOREBOARD

| City | Quota | Paid | Percent |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| St. Louis | \$ 80 | \$ 70 | 88 |
| Chicago | 1,000 | 716 | 72 |
| Newark | 285 | 190 | 72 |
| Buffalo | 1,500 | 1,050 | 70 |
| Boston | 450 | 300 | 67 |
| Milwaukee | 250 | 155 | 62 |
| San Diego | 300 | 180 | 60 |
| Twin Cities | 1,742 | 1,006 | 58 |
| Allentown | 112 | 60 | 54 |
| New York | 4,500 | 2,230 | 50 |
| Youngstown | 300 | 150 | 50 |
| Detroit | 600 | 284 | 47 |
| Cleveland | 750 | 340 | 45 |
| Connecticut | 300 | 105 | 35 |
| Los Angeles | 4,800 | 1,529 | 33 |
| Philadelphia | 528 | 162 | 31 |
| Seattle | 550 | 136 | 25 |
| Oakland | 300 | 65 | 22 |
| San Francisco | 440 | 90 | 20 |
| Denver | 50 | — | — |
| Pittsburgh | 10 | — | — |
| South | 200 | — | — |
| General | — | 244 | — |
| Total through Nov. 11 | \$18,827 | \$9,062 | 50 |

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Written in 1924, this is a Marxist classic. It deals with the attitude of the working class and its party to art and artists after conquest of state power.
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By Ethel Bloch

Maurice Ruddick and six of his work-mates were entombed for eight and a half days in the Cumberland mine in Nova Scotia. Trapped in the total darkness and dampness, a mile beneath the earth's surface, Mr. Ruddick, a remarkable man, lifted the spirits of his companions by singing throughout the whole ordeal, in spite of parched lips and swollen tongue. For 17 years he has been known to the miners as a singing man, for each day as he was lowered into the darkness and again at the end of the day's work his song could be heard.

Bruce West, a reporter for the Toronto Globe and Mail, says of Ruddick, "Talking to him it was impossible to imagine that he had suffered so much. There is always a temptation to attribute extra heroic qualities to people who have borne so much, but Mr. Ruddick appears to be a truly remarkable man. It is easy to understand how his strong spirit must have brought extra strength to the men who shared his peril."

The world rejoiced when Ruddick and his fellow miners were dramatically rescued, after being given up for dead. It is at times like these — when a catastrophe strikes and there are days of painful suspense and then, as in this case, a triumphant rescue — that the whole human race is drawn together and united with

the families of those directly involved. We all waited with Mrs. Ruddick and her twelve children; we all dreaded the day when the body of her husband would be brought to the surface; and then we all rejoiced with them when he was brought forth alive.

But even at this moment of human brotherhood the perverted brain of the segregationist cannot forget racism. Governor Griffin of Georgia, sent an invitation to the rescued miners and their families to come and recuperate at a Georgia resort. He then discovered that Ruddick is a Negro and promptly informed him that though the invitation still held, Ruddick would have to be segregated from his fellow workers.

The response of the other miners was what you would expect. "If he's good enough to work with us he's good enough to go on holidays. . . . If he can't go we won't go," said Herbert Pepperdine who went through the ordeal with Ruddick. Finally, so that all could go, Ruddick agreed to Griffin's Jim-Crow terms.

These men grew up together, went to school together and risked death together. And once again it is proven that it's a natural way for Negroes and whites to live. Their reaction to Griffin is a tribute to them and exposed to the world the diseased minds of the Dixiecrats.

Dodge Plant Workers Refuse To Pass Jobless Picket Line

DETROIT, Nov. 10.—Workers scheduled for overtime Saturday at the Dodge plant in Hamtramck refused to cross a picket line set up by their fellow workers who had been laid off. As a result the factory did not operate. The demonstration was called to protest compulsory overtime for some while others are laid off completely.

The turnout of the unemployed members of Dodge Local 3, UAW, for the demonstration was impressive. The action was decided on the previous night by a meeting of about 250. Yet, with no means of communication aside from word-of-mouth, 400 showed up for the picket line at 5:30 A.M. The turnout was even more significant in view of the widely circulated company threat to fire any worker, unemployed or employed, participating in such a demonstration.

SOLIDARITY

The handful who had entered the plant and were sent out by supervision were greeted with hoots and catcalls by those who refused to cross the line. No action could better demonstrate the class solidarity and basic human warmth between the 8,500 local members now back at work and the 9,500 still jobless after months despite seniority of as much as 12 years.

A delegation of the unem-

ployed, including Edith Fox, secretary of Dodge Local 3 Unemployed Committee, is slated to appear before a meeting tomorrow of Chrysler local union presidents at Solidarity House. The delegation favors establishing unemployed committees in all Chrysler locals to provide the basis for united action by all Dodge-Chrysler employees.

The problem of overtime for some in the teeth of unemployment for others is not confined to the Chrysler workers. Both Ford and General Motors announced this week that they would go on daily and Saturday overtime. Yet, according to state figures, 230,000, or 15% of the Detroit work force is jobless. This figure is understated, because it does not include the thousands who have exhausted their unemployment benefits.

The company preference for overtime rather than calling unemployed back is based on straight money saving. Those who would be called back would be certain to be laid off again and this would mean added Supplementary Unemployment Benefit costs for the corporations. The present setup also means a saving on unemployment compensation for them.

The jobless figures indicate that while such actions as the Dodge overtime demonstration are good, the fight against un-

employment must become broader in aim and scope. It is estimated that the Chrysler Corporation, which employed 140,000 nationally in 1955, is now at the 70,000 level and is unlikely to go above 90,000 even if the firm has a good year.

At Ford, there are now about 106,000 employed as compared to 134,000 at the start of the '58 models. GM is employing 25,000 less than last fall. Of the state's current total of 420,000 laid off, 150,000 are considered permanently jobless. The cause is generally recognized as a combination of speed-up, automation and a shrinking market for high-priced cars.

Delegates to the Ford Local 600 General Council meeting today presented a variety of proposals for action. These included a demand for a special UAW convention to act on the problem. Pressure on successful labor-endorsed Congressional candidates for legislation was also proposed. They would be asked to push laws providing for a 30-hour week with no reduction in pay as well as legislation banning compulsory overtime.

The need for action before the 1961 contract expiration was underscored by the report that the Dearborn Engine plant of the Ford River Rouge complex is about to start another layoff.

Worker's Bookshelf

AMERICAN LABOR STRUG- GLES, by Samuel Yellen. 398 p. Paper. \$1.95.

For those unacquainted with American labor history this is an excellent book to begin with. Union members should read it to learn how unionism was built in America, and socialists will find it not only a storehouse of information but also an invaluable tool.

THE IWW, The Great Anticipation, by James P. Cannon. 44 p. Pioneer Pocket Library No. 4. 25 cents.

A participant in its early struggles, Cannon says: "The founders of the IWW were indubitably the original inspirers and prime movers of the modern industrial unions in the mass production industries. . . . The CIO movement at its present stage of development is only a small down payment on the demands presented to the future by the pioneers who assembled at the 1905 Convention to start the IWW on its way."

OUT OF THE DEPTHS, by Barron Z.eshoer. 372 p. Cloth. \$3.00 plus 15 cents postage.

An absorbing and detailed account of the events leading up to the Ludlow Massacre which shocked the world before World War I. The class struggle in its most naked form is shown here as is the relationship of the Rockefeller to their coal miner employees in Colorado.

NEGROES ON THE MARCH, by Daniel Guerin. 192 p. Cloth \$2.00. Paper \$1.50.

Based on years of research and first-hand observation of the American scene and translated from the French edition, this book has been revised by the author to cover recent events. The connection between the Negro struggle for equality and the workers' struggle for a better life is clearly shown.

EUGENE V. DEBS, The Socialist Movement of his Time — Its Meaning for Today, by James P. Cannon. 40 p. Pioneer Pocket Library No. 5. 25 cents.

A centennial tribute to an outstanding and beloved American figure in whom was combined the pioneering efforts to build both the union and socialist movements in the United

States. Cannon appraises his contributions and examines Debs' concept of the "all-inclusive" socialist party.

MARXISM IN THE UNITED STATES, by Leon Trotsky. 44 p. 35 cents.

A close observer of American social and political developments, Trotsky wrote this important work as the introduction to the book, "Living Thoughts of Karl Marx."

THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY — WHAT IT IS — WHAT IT STANDS FOR. New revised edition. By Joseph Hansen. 54 pages, 25c.

Discusses what socialism is and how the Socialist Workers Party believes it will be achieved; explains differences between the SWP and other radical parties; tells about the democratic structure of the SWP and the rights, privileges and duties of members.

IF AMERICA SHOULD GO COMMUNIST, by Leon Trotsky. 22 p. Pioneer Pocket Library No. 7. 25 cents.

Capitalism vs. socialism has been heatedly debated ever since the Soviet Union came into existence. In this article Trotsky raises the major points of difference, as well as similarity, between the coming American revolution and its Russian predecessor of October 1917. It was originally published by Liberty Magazine in 1935.

AMERICA'S ROAD TO SOCIALISM, by James P. Cannon. 79 p. 35 cents.

In an informal way, Cannon discusses Eisenhower, capitalist and socialist prospects in America, and closes with an inspiring picture of "What Socialist America Will Look Like."

... How Scab Law Was Swamped in Ohio

N. Carolina Racists Jail Boys—8, 9

Racism can reduce human beings to the level of beasts. This fact emerges with stark clarity out of the ugly story from Monroe, North Carolina. The Nov. 10 New York Post reported that two Negro children in that town—Hanover Thompson, 9, and Fuzzy Simpson, 8—have been given indeterminate sentences in a reformatory on charges of "molesting a white female." The basis of the charge was that a small white playmate had kissed one of the boys.

Robert Williams, head of the Monroe NAACP, told the Post that the two youngsters were taken into custody by six carloads of cops "after the little girl's father had gone there with a shotgun and threatened to kill them and their parents." The boys were held in jail for six days without charges and then sentenced to the reformatory after a hearing called on ten-minute notice in which the boys and their mothers were without counsel. Needless to say, there is no report of any action taken against the white "man" and his friends who threatened the two children and their parents and who terrorized the town's entire Negro community.

As if to underscore the nature of racist justice, in the same court house where the boys were sentenced, a white man was freed on low bail Nov. 10 after beating a pregnant Negro woman almost unconscious in an attempt to rape her. The judge is considering a motion to free him permanently of RTW as one of the "results" of the "Democratic landslide." The editors reasserted their confidence that "compul-

(Continued from Page 1) divided labor movement, with the CIO taking the lead and the AFL giving only token support, and that only at the end of the campaign.

The victorious campaign to defeat RTW, on the other hand, was conducted under the clear-cut leadership of labor—united in its own independent political agency, United Organized Labor of Ohio, completely separated from the Democratic and Republican parties.

The workers did not depend on "friends" in the Democratic or Republican parties in the fight to defend their union-won conditions; nor did they depend on the labor bureaucracy for leadership. Thousands of rank and file volunteers worked with any section of the labor leadership that could be prodded into action. They distributed literature, organized debates, voted contributions to UOLO from union funds and took up voluntary collections.

HOW THEY CAMPAIGNED

They went to the unemployed at the unemployment compensation offices and offset demagogic attempts of the bosses to pit jobless workers against the unions. They went to the farmers and demonstrated how agricultural income is dependent on the standard of living won by organized labor. They went to Negro workers and pointed out that RTW was being pushed by the same elements who oppose fair employment practices legislation.

The result of labor's genuinely "grass-roots" campaign was, as Disantis put it, that the "margin by which RTW was defeated was totally unexpected by labor union officials."

Reactions to the workers' defeat of RTW varied from right to left. The unregenerate Plain Dealer in its Nov. 5 editorial, "The Landslide," interpreted the defeat of RTW as one of the "results" of the "Democratic landslide." The editors reasserted their confidence that "compul-

Woman Worker Victimized



Scabs make no distinction between men and women when crashing a picket line. Here Mrs. Dottie Wilson is being carried from the strike scene after being knocked down by a strikebreaker's car at the Long Island plant of Republic Aviation Corp. in March, 1956.

sory membership in labor union will be outlawed in Ohio." But they admitted that "it is evident from yesterday's balloting that if this issue is to succeed, the initiative for it will have to come from the workers themselves, rather than from business organizations which have been hostile to labor unions in the past."

'ZOWIE!' IS RIGHT

The Cleveland News, evening paper of the same publisher, carried an editorial titled "Right-to-Work — Zowie!" It conceded an overwhelming defeat, and noted:

(1) "... it's clear that when a purely agricultural county votes down the work reform amendment, the small town and farm citizens felt less scared about labor and unions than about the high-powered campaign for amendment."

(2) "There are no signs that union members revolted against their leadership in this election. Members of unions plainly pre-

fer their union conditions to a defeat for unions."

(3) Defeat by residential suburbs showed that they "feel there is a certain way of life in organization of labor unions as they have developed — and they didn't want that way changed."

But the News concluded with the hope that "the landslide result of this first Ohio election on such an issue will not tempt leaders of organized labor to foolishness or arrogance in future behavior."

This expression of fear of the power demonstrated by the workers was also expressed by the Cleveland Press, which had opposed Issue No. 2. This typical "liberal friend of labor" (in the worst sense), editorialized:

FORGIVE AND FORGET

"The only risk in this overwhelming result is that a few labor leaders may find in it an excuse for a much tougher approach."

Response of the class-collaborationist old-line labor leadership was a statement by Executive Secretary William Finegan of the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor urging "all of the affiliates to put aside any animosity engendered during the recent campaign and bend every effort toward resuming normal industrial relations."

Trying to go back to business unionism as usual, he said that the campaign of "villification of labor and its leadership" came from a small portion of management and that resentments should not be permitted to reflect against individuals or companies with which unions have co-operated in the past.

In a joint statement with President Patrick J. O'Malley of the Cleveland AFL-CIO, he said: "We hope this will end the battle. We hope the bitterness will die quickly, and that organized labor may once again devote itself to the welfare of its members and the best interests of the entire state."

PROJECT LABOR PARTY

But on Nov. 9 a panel of three trade unionists discussed their views of the November election at a meeting of the Cleveland Forum for Political Education. The Plain Dealer reported:

"United Organized Labor of Ohio, created to fight the 'right-to-work' law, could grow into a labor party, it was suggested yesterday at a tri-state panel meeting in Unitarian Hall . . ."

SECOND JOBS

Over 73% of the teachers in Los Angeles are working after school to make ends meet, according to a survey by Teachers Local 1021. The kind of work ranged from ditch digging for men, to night teaching, sales and service. Only 8% said they would do the extra work if their salaries were adequate. Take-home pay for 25% of the teachers was \$3660 a year, while most took home \$4582.

... Labor In Youngstown

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FARMERS DIVIDED

In the week before the election, union activists, who had been somewhat pessimistic, sensed the swing behind the labor movement. One veteran union political announced the week before the election that workers were as united on this issue as it would ever be possible to expect and forecast a margin of victory of half a million. Other observers reported the farmers in Central and Western Ohio badly split on the issue. The division was along economic lines and reflected the growing number of wage workers among farm families.

As the first returns came in from a few industrial cities, it became certain that the question was simply one of how big the majority vote was going to be against the "Right-to-Work" measure. Workers' districts all over the city ran 3 to 1 and 4 to 1, and some predominantly Negro wards gave such figures as 4,700 No to 600 Yes.

Although the state-wide ratio was 2 to 1, the press in its first reports tried to scale down the margin of the workers' victory and warned the unions that they had no mandate to start throwing their weight around.

Inside the steel mills, there was a strangely subdued bunch of foremen and superintendents on Wednesday. The election of an almost solid national and state Democratic ticket seemed almost incidental and anti-climactic.

There was a feeling of solid satisfaction among the workers plus the desire to push the Democrats for some economic action — first and foremost the release of the SUB funds to the unemployed. This push will continue and may force the union leadership to make demands on the Democrats which the latter cannot grant. Rather than solidifying the Labor-Democratic Party alliance, the result of the vote may lead to a growing rupture.

One question was settled decisively. The ability of the labor movement to take political leadership and swing the urban middle class and the farmers behind it was convincingly demonstrated. This is the hope of the future.

'Should Young Mothers Work?'

By Joyce Cowley

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Woman's "God-appointed sphere," in the home or on the assembly line, is usually determined by the available labor supply. During a labor shortage, as in the last war and all previous wars, it was her patriotic duty to work in a factory even if no nurseries were provided and the kids wandered the streets. When post-war layoffs came, suddenly the same women were accused of denying their feminine role, driving men out of jobs, neglecting their children, creating juvenile delinquency and emasculating American men. Since senators, journalists, police officials and ministers have little real influence on what women do, women have continued to work in ever greater numbers. Wars accelerated but did not initiate a trend which began about 1890. Today, there are 22 million women in the labor force working on any given day. This means there are about 29 million women who work in the course of a year. More than half are married, seven million are mothers.

Dr. Billy Graham: "God instituted the marriage relationship and the family relationship before the school and before the government and before any other institution." Senator Lausche: "A woman should be proud to say, 'I am a housewife. I am the backbone of America.'" But the mothers are concerned with day-to-day problems: Mrs. Ernest Lee: "If I didn't work to pay the rent, we would have to live in one of these overcrowded cramped places where there are gangs and no safe place for the kids to play."

Dr. Doris Bartuska, specialist in cancer research and mother of four: "But my problem — the problem of the professionally trained woman — can't be answered so simply. There has been a great deal of investment in my training as a doctor, my family has put a lot in, teachers have made a lot of effort, people are counting on me." Mrs. Roy Davis: "If I didn't work, my husband would have to have two jobs. Isn't a father-at-home important too?"

PREJUDICE

As in most discussions about working women, the so-called authorities are hampered by preconceived ideas and prejudices. For instance, there is a general assumption that this is something new, that until quite recently women did not work. But women have always worked and men have rarely raised any objections. Pioneer women were never criticized for spinning and weaving, making butter or soap. Heavy farm labor, even an occasional fight with the Indians, was not considered inconsistent with their feminine role. They were not accused of

mystical and romantic and seem strangely unrelated to actual situations that women face. But half a dozen mothers, three of them working and three "at home," introduce a refreshingly practical point of view.

Here is what some of the "experts" have to say: Mrs. Scott-Maxwell, lay analyst: "The women who have worked before marriage — the women who have been educated so that the masculine impulse has been developed — these are the women whose masculine side makes them restless and bored in their homes."

Dr. Ernest Lee: "If I didn't work to pay the rent, we would have to live in one of these overcrowded cramped places where there are gangs and no safe place for the kids to play."

Dr. Doris Bartuska, specialist in cancer research and mother of four: "But my problem — the problem of the professionally trained woman — can't be answered so simply. There has been a great deal of investment in my training as a doctor, my family has put a lot in, teachers have made a lot of effort, people are counting on me."

Mrs. Roy Davis: "If I didn't work, my husband would have to have two jobs. Isn't a father-at-home important too?"

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About 95% of early factory workers in this country were women. They labored six days a week, twelve to fourteen hours a day. No one warned them against "developing their masculine side." They were praised for their industry and thrift. Of course, at that time there was an acute shortage of male labor.

In the past when large numbers of women left their own homes to labor in the homes of wealthy women, no one insisted they should care for their own families first. Wealthy women have never been considered less feminine because they hired someone else to look after the children, cook, wash dishes and mop floors.

WOMEN PROFESSIONALS

The real difficulty arose when some women got professional or technical training and began to make money. Not as much as a man with similar training, but enough to challenge the economic dominance of men in the home. Working, in itself, will not change women's status — making money will.

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GIVE THEM SOME HELP

In any event, the reality is that seven million mothers are working and no matter who says they are wrong, most of them will continue working. Instead of criticism, why not give them some help? A lot would be done to relieve the tension and fatigue of trying to handle two jobs if every apartment house included child-care centers, housecleaning services, laundry service, centralized kitchens which sent appetizing hot food up to the apartments — and this would give mothers more time for their children, too.

I don't really expect the industrialists and bankers who control capitalist society to subsidize such expensive and unprofitable housekeeping services, which would have no purpose except to make life easier for women, which means it would be easier for their husbands and children, too. But this is what we should ask for. These are the kind of services that a socialist society will create, because the men and women who build socialism will not be interested in profits but in answering human needs.

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