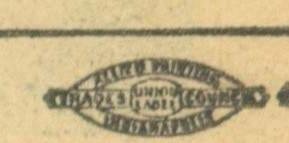
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Strike Shuts Chrysler Down; Workers Spurn Phony Offer

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Board Acts to Raise Strike Fund

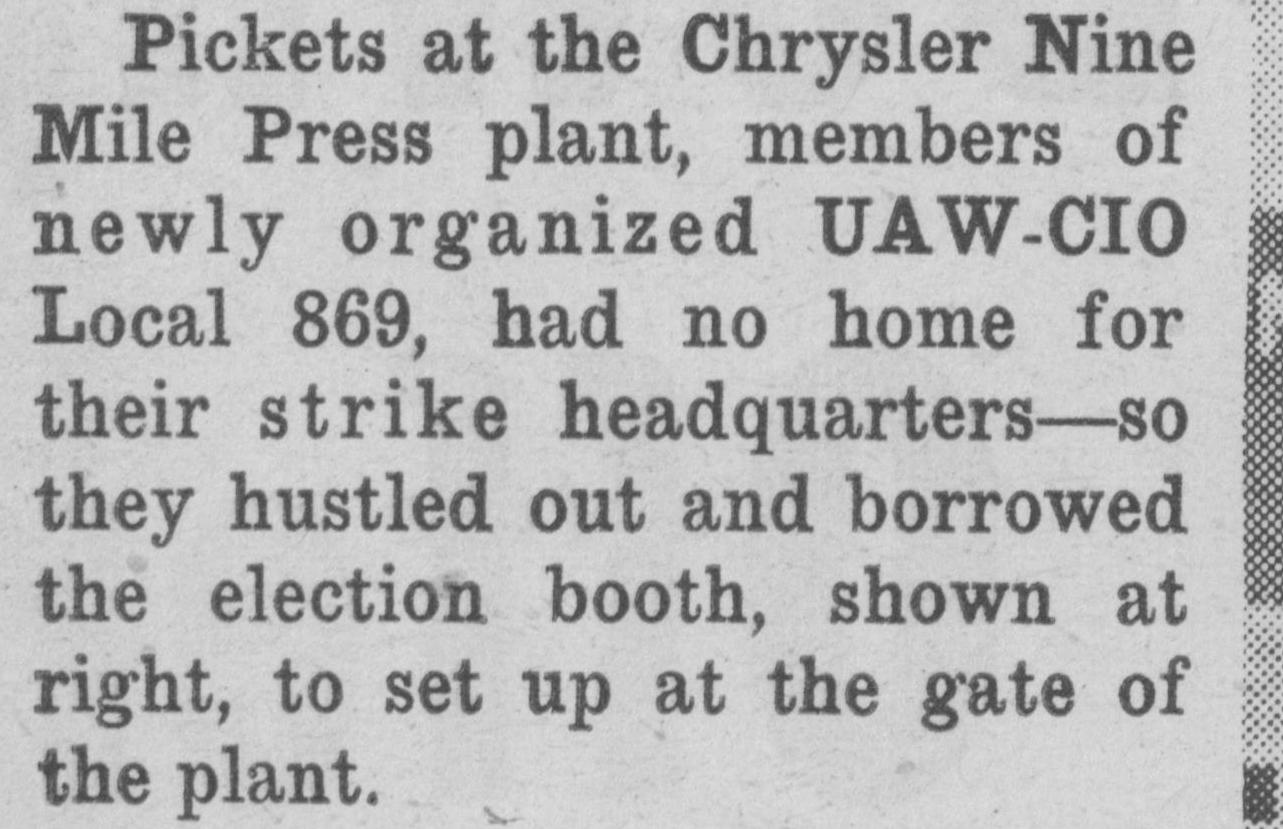
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These are Dodge Main workers, members of UAW-CIO Local 3, swarming out of the plant and filling Joseph Campau Street in Hamtramck, Michigan, a few minutes after the 10:00 a.m. strike deadline on January 25.



THE WALKOUT-10 A. M. JANUARY

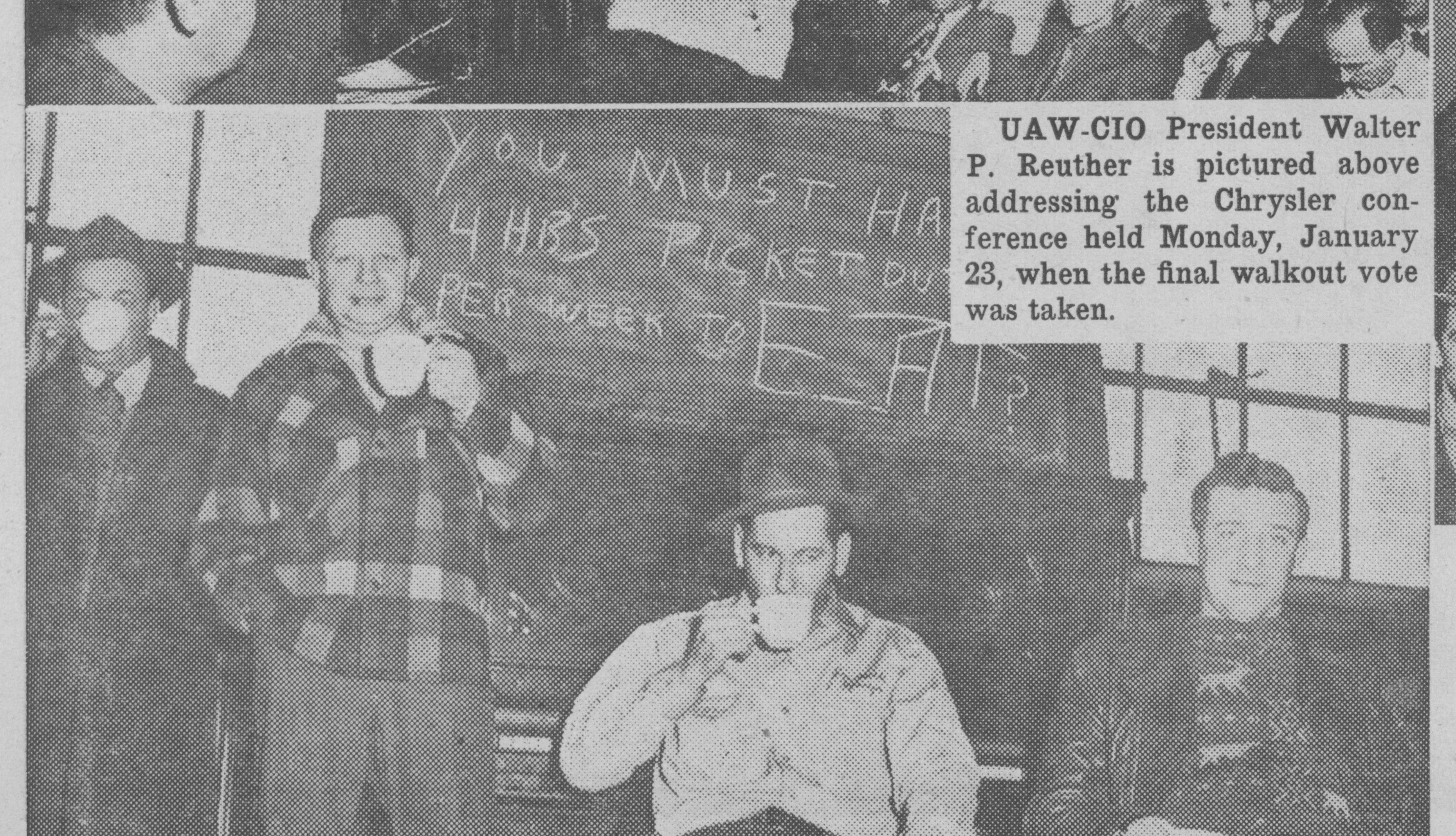




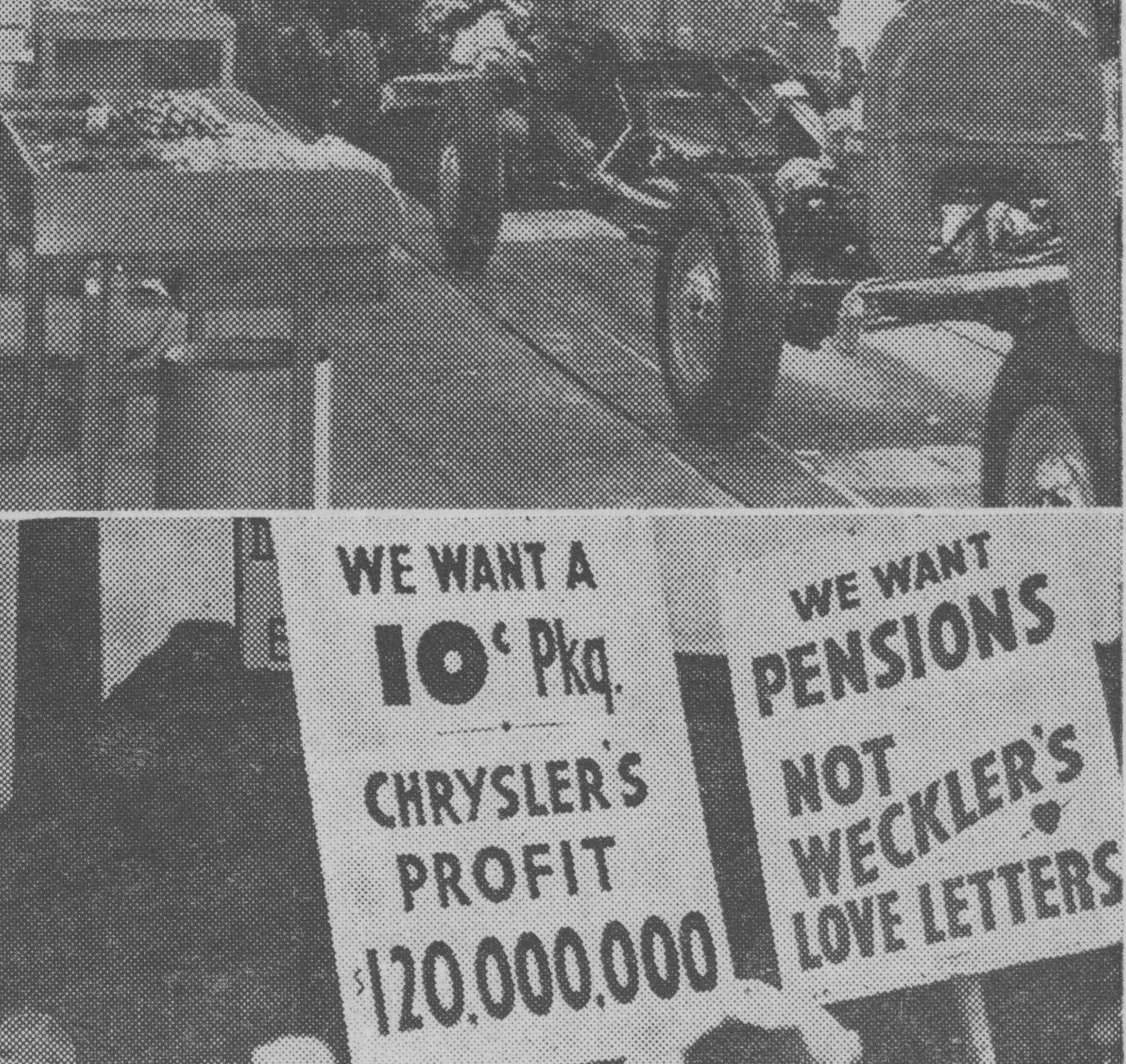
Charlotte Reed, a DeSoto spotwelder, went on strike but didn't stop working—as the picture above shows her busy peeling spuds in Local 227's kitchen.

The Plymouth assembly line was deserted of man power after the 10 a.m. deadline, as shown in the picture at the right of unfinished cars left by Local 51 members.

-Acme Photo.



THE RESERVE OF THE SECOND SECO



These Dodge Local 3 pickets above had their signs on tap to tell the story of the strike when they swarmed out of the plant on January 25 at 10:00 a.m.

The four Dodge Truck pickets at the left have obeyed the sign and are getting coffee at Local 140's kitchen. Left to right are: John Washinski, V. Colpaert, Jim Davidson and Jim Lizura.

Contract Change Demands Served On Chrysler as Strike Goes On



The UAW-CIO Chrysler Top Bargaining Committee, which started negotiations on 1949 demands almost eight months ago, is pictured here during a recess in the final bargaining session preceding the strike. Left to right, standing, are: John Kelly, International Representative; S. L. Whiting, President of Local 954; William Gerbe, Local 51 President; Walter Rood, Local 961 President; John Sterneman, Local 705 President; William Archer, Local 412 President; John Allard, Local 230 President; Robert Stine, Local 685 President; Ed Grant, Local 227 President; Ray Travnik, Local 140 President; Ed Bartlebort, Local 3 President; Fred Johnson, Local 889 President.

Seated, left to right: Cliff Addis, International Representative; Joe Hatley, Local 7 President; William Hay, International Representative; Arthur Hughes, Chrysler Dept. Assistant Director; Norman Matthews, Chrysler Dept. Director; Harold Julian, Chrysler Dept. Assistant Director; Doug Fraser, International Representative; Floyd Abston, Local 371 President; Ed Stine, Local 375 President.

Marlin-Rockwell Workers Win Funded Pension Plan

UAW-CIO has broken through to win a guaranteed pension on schedule when the UAW-CIO H. Kerrigan, Director of UAW-CIO Region 9-A.

The historic pact, featuring payment by the Marlin-Rockwell Corporation of seven cents per hour per employee for financing a funded pension plan, was negotiated by the UAW-CIO Local 197 Bargaining Committee in Plainfield, Connecticut, assisted by International Representative Merlin Bishop.

In addition to the 600 Marlin-Rockwell workers in Plainfield guaranteed pension benefits under the new agreement, another 500 workers in the corporation's Jamestown, N. Y., plant, members of UAW-CIO Local 338, will also enjoy the security provided by the pension plan.

Best features of the plan, meeting UAW-CIO specifications demanded, are as follows:

1. It is non-contributory, with mo cost to the workers covered.

2. It is based on a specific cents per hour cost calculation, fund.

actuarial soundness and assuring the payment of benefits under any and all conditions.

4. The plan is to be administered by a joint Board of Trus- for a three cents per hour contri-

sure liquidation of past service pose. credits for a period not exceeding 30 years.

hour is ample to provide the \$100 hour. 3. The financing of the pension per month pension pattern.

plan is funded, guaranteeing its The agreement further provided

Struck on Schedule

Contrary to press reports, Dodge workers in Local 844 at the San Leandro, Cal., plant hit the bricks on January 25.

created the misunderstanding. But tion and explanation on Page 6.) despite this technicality, the parts strike.

tees, with voting power shared bution by the corporation to the member to break any deadlocks. over the 21/2 cents granted by the 5. Funding of the plan will in- corporation last year for this pur-

tion granted a flat three cents per National UAW-CIO Chrysler spreads among skilled workers UAW-CIO Social Security De- hour raise, retroactive to Septemwith the corporation agreeing to partment experts, who served as ber 22, plus increases in minimum pay seven cents per hour for consultants in the negotiations, de- rates, night shift premiums, etc., each worker into the pension clared that the seven cents per amounting to about two cents per

> Total cost of the package to the corporation, including the insurance program, is estimated at close

then they won't notice the tax. "When a workman is allowed to union and the company. keep more of his pay, he is better satisfied and the nation's economy benefits. He feels well off and is wage inequities. the goods bought have an excise ferentials. tax in the price" This is how Lutz of some of these taxes, but says want income or corporation taxes explained the proposed flim-flam in that corporation taxes must be increased to make up for the loss his speech to the Federation of raised to make up the difference. of revenue. And while they clam- Women's Clubs, whose members' He also wants to close some (not or for reduced government spend- husbands are anything but "work-

Further warning that the President's proposal to raise corporation taxes may not be enacted is

As the Chrysler strike entered its third week, Chrysler workers tightened their lines and served on the corporation a series of non-economic demands for changes in the contract between the union and the corporation.

The union had earlier served notice on the corporation that if the company forced its workers to strike, a complete set of contract demands would be added to the demands for a fully funded, actuarially sound pension program and an adequate hospital-medical plan.

The strike started January 25 after the union had made every reasonable effort to settle the issue through intelligent, constructive collective bargaining across the conference table. All such proposals were rejected by the corporation whose bargaining representatives persisted in trying to palm off on the Chrysler workers a proposal that provided no hospital-medical program at all and an unsound, non-guaranteed pension program rigged with jokers that would deprive thousands of Chrysler workers of any benefits at all.

THREE-PENNY OFFER

The corporation stubbornly refused to meet the 10-cents-anhour pattern already accepted by a substantial section of industry and proposed by the President's Steel Fact-Finding Committee. The total package offered by Chrysler would come to less than three cents an hour.

The union's position was spelled out in detail in a statement February 5 by Pres. Walter P. Reuther and UAW-CIO Chrysler Director Norman Matthews. (See text on Page 7.)

FULL RESOURCES BEHIND STRIKERS

In the meantime, the full resources of the entire UAW-CIO plan in the ball bearing industry, it was announced by Charles struck the Chrysler Corporation were thrown behind the Chrysler strikers in their fight against Chrysler Corporation's effort to destroy or water down the A small Chrysler parts depot established economic pattern. As the strike moved into its third nearby, covered by a local contract week, the International Executive Board set in motion the mainstead of the national Chrysler chinery to collect the special strike assessment voted overagreement, did not strike, which whelmingly by the last International Convention. (See resolu-

> Negotiations in the dispute were resumed Saturday, Februworkers voted 53 to 22 to join the ary 4, and a second session was scheduled for February 10 as rest of the Chrysler workers on this issue of the Auto Worker went to press.

CONTRACT CANCELLED

Ordinarily the Chrysler contract, except for economic issues would not be reopenable until August, 1950. However, a clause equally by the union and the cost of a group life, health and in the contract provides that the contract automatically termicorporation, and provision for hospitalization plan. This included nates in the event of a strike. This clause left the way open for selection of an impartial Board a one-half cent per hour increase Chrysler workers to serve their contract demands on the corporation.

> Chief among these demands, On the wage item, the corpora- which were approved by the Conference at a meeting February 8, were the following:

A union shop.

An improved and strengthened grievance procedure.

Broader jurisdiction of the impartial umpire who acts as ary period for new employees final arbiter of disputes arising from the present 90 days to 30 under the contract between the

Elimination of classification iority.

Elimination of 'merit' wage and salaried workers.

Time and a half for Saturday work as such (whether more than 40 hours a week or not).

Reduction of the probation-

Promotions according to sen-

An increase in vacation pay Elimination of area wage dif- and liberalization of vacation pay eligibility rules.

MODERN TIMES

In savage tribes when skulls were thick And primal passions raged, They had a method, sure and quick, To cure the blight of age. For when a person's youth had fled And years had sapped his vim, They simply knocked him on the head And put an end to him.

But we, in this enlightened age, Are built of nobler stuff And so we look with righteous rage On deeds so harsh and rough. For when a man grows old and gray And weak and short of breath, We simply take his job away And let him starve to death.

-Edward M. Chase, Flint, Mich.

CONGRESS MOVES TO CUT TAXES; to 15 cents per hour. BUT THERE MAY BE A JOKER IN IT

WASHINGTON-Business pressure for reduction of wartime excise taxes on rail and air tickets, telephone calls, movie tickets and a variety of commodities will get action at this ses- more inclined to spend, even if sion of Congress.

The President favors reduction all) loopholes in the present in- ing, they know they are not going men." come tax.

cise taxes, and other forms of sales ing.) tax. Sales taxes hit people where SALES TAX comes a better break.

MAY BE CATCH

could be a catch in it, and probably is.

to get it. (They are the benefi- DUCK BIG BIZ TAX CIO strongly condemns these ex- ciaries of most government spend-

they hurt most. Income taxes These spokesmen for special in- furnished by his Secretary of the should be geared to ability to pay, terests will come up with a pro- Treasury, John Snyder. Appearing and give people with small in- posal for general sales taxes when before the House Ways and Means the special excise taxes have been Committee, he frankly put this reduced. A tame economist for part of the program in second NAM, Dr. Harley Lutz of Prince- place, saying Congress could take The drive against excise taxes ton University, made a speech re- it up later, but should cut the looks like good news for people cently in which he proposed that excise taxes now. with small incomes. But there income taxes be reduced and that | When this bipartisan plan to cut | "a flat-rate purchase tax" be en- excise taxes and to put the coracted to make up the lost revenue. poration increase on the shelf is While NAM, Chambers of Com- Workers will like this better, he carried out, the need for new revmerce, National City Bank and said, because it means more money enue will set the stage for the genother such "friends of the people" in their pockets—that is, they will eral sales tax program which the are now trying to get these spe- think they have more money un- big interests have been preparing cial excises cut down, they do not til they go to spend it. And maybe for a long time.

An Editorial...

Certain events that have transpired since the Chrysler strike started have brought out sharply the extent to which the commercial radio and press will go to protect the interests of big corporations.

In this space in the January United Automobile Worker, we cent developments here, which present laws, in time to avert se- would increase business confidence. described the new technique now being employed by some managements of "forced listening," by which workers are required gressional Economic Committo attend meetings and hear an outpouring of company propatee, is toward a more flexible ity from Congress he could countable ity from Congress he could coun ganda with no opportunity to raise questions, talk back or even tax and spending policy that teract a downswing with positive flexibility" in our present laws bewalk out.

opportunities which would be available to the Union to assert to busts. the public the position of the Chrysler workers in their contro- ed to the Economic Committee by would be increased almost over- meet a serious inflation or depresversy with their employer.

Two examples will serve to illustrate the point:

In the first week of the Chrysler strike, the UAW-CIO sought to purchase radio time for 15-minute programs several times a economic scholars and thinkers. week to report the position of the Union, developments in the strike and the progress of negotiations. The station which had or lower tax rates by a few perthe most desirable time available was radio station WWJ in centage points to meet changing Detroit, owned by the Detroit News.

When considerable delay developed in confirmation of the sale of the time on the part of WWJ, representatives of the LEAVES TRADITION Union's Public Relations Department got in touch with the station management. The Union representatives were informed sharp departure from tradition be- when tax increases were needed bloc will strongly oppose any legthat the delay was occasioned by difficulties in reaching the proper people in the Chrysler management to determine wheth- spending policies. But the need for get them approved. er the Corporation would purchase an equal amount of time in which to answer the Union's broadcast!

The Union spokesmen said they didn't care whether the Corporation bought time or not—we hoped it would—but we wanted confirmation of our time so it could be publicized to the Chrysler workers and the general public.

Whereupon, the assistant manager of W.W.J told the Union representatives THAT WWJ WOULDN'T SELL THE UNION TIME UNLESS THE CORPORATION BOUGHT AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF TIME!

The assistant manager was asked whether he realized that case to the public merely by the Corporation's refusal to buy time itself.

The assistant manager replied that he did realize that that was what he was saying and that was the position of WWJ.

The following day, in a letter to the Union, the manager of ment. WWJ finalized the station's position by declaring it would sell time neither to the Union nor to the Company but would provide unions has been negotiated with- by either party, are: an hour's free time each week-PROVIDED THE UNION AND out intervention or pressure by the THE CORPORATION JOINTLY ASKED FOR THE TIME lieve that this agreement can be a ganizational AND JOINTLY USED THE TIME. Here again the mere refusal major contribution toward indus- tractual relationship with an em- campaigns, it is agreed that both of the Corporation to use the time can keep the Union off the trial peace through the removal of ployer in the USA, or has been organizations will conduct themair, AND THE CORPORATION HAS ALREADY INFORM-ALLY INDICATED TO THE UNION THAT IT WILL NOT ASK FOR OR USE THE TIME.

Thus the Union is being barred from the air by the Chrysler Corporation, with the toadying cooperation of WWJ.

Here is another example: Immediately after the Chrysler tarily and without government ship applications or authorization terests of the labor movement. strike started the Detroit News proposed that the Union and intervention. the Corporation each prepare a statement of their respective ficers and members of both organpositions on the controversy to be printed side-by-side in a izations for their skill in negotiat-The Corporation, however, refused to submit a statement.

Because of the Corporation's refusal, the News failed to print so much attention from the main the Union's statement on the date agreed upon-Sunday, Jan- issues." uary 29. It was only after a week of insistence by the Union that parts of the Union statement were printed on an inside page a week later. And even then the News went to bat for the Cor- Hayes on the occasion of announcporation by going to the trouble of digging up quotes from ear- ing the no-raid agreement between lier Company statements to weave into the story.

These incidents are a violation of freedom of the press and freedom of the air. Whether the Chrysler Corporation chooses of the members of our two unions, to engage in debate with the Union is its own business. If the and for the promotion of industrial Corporation has so little faith in the merits of its own position peace and stability. It is a contrithat it does not think it wise to debate the issues, it has the privilege of refusing to debate and can continue to buy expen- we have always believed that free RAY BERNDT sive full-page ads with its practically unlimited financial re- labor can work out its intra-mural GEORGE BURT sources.

But that is no reason why the Union should be deprived of its full opportunities to state the case of the Chrysler workers to the general public.

In the case of the Detroit News, the Union has no recourse except an appeal to public opinion through the Auto Worker and whatever other channels it does have at its disposal.

BUT IN THE CASE OF WWJ, THE UNION CAN PRO-TEST TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMIS-SION—AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT IT IS DOING.

Freedom of Air and Press Seek Power for President to Act To Avert Threatened Depressions

is likely to be reflected in the rious trouble. would give the President more action that might avert serious cause as business conditions decline Now we have the reverse side of the coin—the denial of authority to fight booms and consequences. He could, for in-

Such authority was recommendits subcommittee headed by econ- night. At the same time, if he sion. omist Senator Paul Douglas (D., had authority from Congress, he The purpose of these proposals Ill.) and was strongly endorsed in hearings on the economic report by some of the country's leading cheaper for the public to buy. munition possible for maintaining

Under such a plan, the President might be given authority to raise economic conditions and to raise if economists agreed that both of likely to be enacted without strong or lower the rate of spending for these measures were necessary it pressure from labor and other such things as roads and other public works.

such flexibility has grown recently because of two factors:

- 1. A growing recognition that economists are not yet able to advance with certainty.
- policies should be keyed to eco- needed, and needed badly. nomic conditions and subject to more rapid change than normal ECONOMIST SUPPORT legislative processes permit.

could cut sales taxes on many for more flexible laws is to arm commodities and thus make them the government with all the am-Together, these measures might full employment without waiting result in enough new buying pow- for serious inflations or deflations er to counteract a deflation and to develop. These plans are in line

might take Congress months to groups which supported that legisact. Revenue bills, even those cut- lation. ting taxes, are among the slowest | Congress is not only jealous of Such authority would mark a to move through Congress. And its prerogatives, but its economy cause Congress has always kept a during the recent inflation, the islative proposals that would let very tight control over taxing and President found it impossible to the President unbalance the budg-

Congress has ever given the execu- nessmen are agreed that this is tive was in last year's housing bill, necessary, Congress is not yet conwhen it provided for changing the vinced. There are still members forecast economic conditions in rate of home construction accord- of Congress who think the most ing to economic conditions. But important thing in the world is a this alone is not enough to have balanced budget. 2. A growing recognition that much effect on the economy. Simgovernment taxing and spending ilar provisions in other laws are Harvard, told the Economic Com-

Several of the economists who for the country. But a neurosis Many economists are forecasting testified before the Economic Com- takes a long time to cure. It an economic downswing for the mittee last month, headed by Pro- would be quicker to elect new second half of this year. If it should fessor Paul J. Strayer, of Prince- Congressmen next fall.

By NATHAN ROBERTSON | develop swiftly after Congress quits | ton University, recommended such WASHINGTON (LPA)— it might be impossible to make the flexibility for the President. Stray-necessary changes in government er said government power to act One of the most important re- taxing and spending policies, under quickly in the face of depression

> recommending more flexible legislation emphasized the unreliability under our current collection sys- ance to farmers tend to increase. tem the public's buying power But it said this was not enough to

prevent widespread unemployment. with the philosophy of the full em-Under present law, however, even ployment law, but they are not

et—even to fight depressions. Al-The only flexibility of this kind though economists and many busi-

Professor Seymour Harris, of mittee such men are suffering from a public debt "neurosis" and that this neurosis was dangerous

what he was saying was actually that the Chrysler Corporation could keep the Union off the air and prevent it from stating its Announces UAW-IAM No-Raid Pact

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin last month announced cards, or cause or promote camthat two of the nation's largest labor unions, the United Auto paigns of any nature designed to Workers-CIO and the International Association of Machinists (Unaffiliated) have voluntarily concluded a no-raiding agree- both organizations are free to con-

"This pact between two great or terminated on 60 days' notice

tion to their jurisdictional prob-

Following is a statement issued jointly by UAW President Walter P. Reuther and IAM President Al the two unions: "Our organizations have joined in this voluntary agreement for the mutual benefit bution to the economic well-being of our people and of our country. CHARLES BALLARD problems without government in- DONNEL CHAPMAN tervention or interference."

The agreement was signed for MARTIN GERBER the UAW-CIO by the four top offi- PAT GREATHOUSE cers, President Walter P. Reuther, CHARLES H. KERRIGAN Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey, HARVEY KITZMAN Vice-Presidents Richard Gosser and John Livingston. Reuther and Livingston participated in the negotiations leading up to the agree-

The principal provisions of the agreement, which may be modified

disturb such relationship.

2. In any unorganized plants, duct organizational campaigns in order to enroll the workers in such unorganized plants within their union and gain recognition as the 1. Where one of the named or-collective bargaining agency. In unnecessary jurisdictional disputes. certified as the collective bargain- selves in a manner so as to be The conclusion of this agreement ing agency by the National Labor able to build up trade union loywill be a source of satisfaction to Relations Board, the other organ- alty on the part of these workers, every thoughtful citizen in our ization shall not in any way inter- and not seek to gain an organizacountry. Certainly, it is evidence fere with this relationship by hav- tional advantage by tactics and that organized labor can work out ing its officers, representatives, or methods which in the long run its own internal problems volun- members solicit or accept member- are detrimental to the over-all in-

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Dixiegops Fail to Regain Legislative Control

Congress to Give Oil Barons Go-Ahead To Grab \$10 Billion from Public Pocket

WASHINGTON-Victory is in sight for the major oil companies in their campaign to extract 10 billion dollars or more from the public, according to rumors around Washington, confirmed by oil trade journal reports.

"A lot of quiet dickering," says the Oil and Gas Journal, "is going Democrats from smearing them- The proposed face-saving amendon between the Capitol and the selves with oil. Step two is enact- ment will serve a purpose, how-White House looking to Adminis- ment of the Kerr Bill which puts ever. For the Senators who vote tration acceptance of legislation an end to federal regulation of for the bill it will provide the baexempting independent producers prices charged by oil companies for sis for pious expressions of their of national gas from Federal Pow- the gas they sell to pipelines. In- devotion to the public interest. er Commission control. Just what creased prices to pipelines will then For the general public, who in the is involved in the talks which have be passed along to the public. With long run will pay the ten billion FEPC FIRST TARGET been held so far is not known but Southern Democrats leading, this dollars the oil companies collect, Representative Eugene Cox (D., legops, Allen's speech was almost it is quite probable that if the measure passed the House as the it will stand as an omission of Ga.). Representative Leo E. Allen a word-for-word paraphrase of the President accepts the exemption | Harris Bill last session. bill he will pick up some votes for some phases of the legislative pro- NO VETO LIKELY

label pinned on this bonanza by measure will escape Presidential right to exact higher returns from House. They thought they saw and, according to a GM official, is Senator James Murray (D., Mont.) veto due to the active part which their own gas reserves as the Kerr their chance when the FEPC bill to be given to 400,000 GM employlast year. Stating that one billion Senator Kerr and his oil-state col- Bill gives to the oil companies. In was about to hit the floor under ees. dollars was the value of the swag leagues will take on behalf of vari- the 80th Congress, the two steps the new rule allowing bills ap- As revealed in previous issues of in the Teapot Dome-Elk Hills scan- ous Fair Deal measures. Which were combined in the Moore-Riz- proved by legislative committees to the AUTO WORKER, workers are dal of thirty years ago, he showed measures are involved is not yet ley Bill. But that Republican Con- reach the floor in 21 days—if the marched into "gas chamber" propthat the current operation will add, known, but Kerr is reported as gress defeated the Moore-Rizley Speaker recognizes the chairman aganda lectures run by trained conservatively ten billions to the leading the fight for the Admin- Bill. The oil interests are biparti- of the committee recommending spielers who enlarge on the smear price which the public will pay for istration's pension extension bill in san; they don't care which politi- the bill. They figured that a solid line: "Washington is peddling the present-known reserves of natural the Senate Finance Committee. gas. Big oil companies own the Another report states the Kerr ically, however, they are strongest Southern Democrats anxious to of liberalism." lion's share of those reserves.

Federal Power Commission was an eye on gas prices, and to report people live and vote the oil ticket, first step in the campaign laid out back to Congress if they rise un- and where churches and schools, publicans, seeing the test as a vote son, Ind., and La Grange, Ill., with chiefly by Democrats from oil duly. Joker in this deal is that the both public and private, meet their states. Senator Kerr (D., Okla.) oil companies' gas reserves are expenses out of oil royalties. The masterminded that operation, as- good for 20 years or more, and a political power of these little oil whose first allegiance is to oil.

OIL SMEARED

up before the event and saves the its cost to the oil companies. On from federal regulation.

bills to reach the floor in 21 days.

spread the news, if the House

should vote to surrender the dem-

ocratic rights of standing commit-

tees and individual members and

return to the irresponsible abuses

perpetrated by the Rules Commit-

"It is shocking that in this mid-

year of the Twentieth Century the

Text of the letter follows:

tee in the past."

In the letter, released a few-

mills will be waiting, ready to and action.

Reuther Aids Fight Against

DETROIT—Calling the Cox Resolution to restore the veto

power of the House Rules Committee "an attempted flight from

democracy back to dictatorship by an evil oligarchy," UAW-

CIO President Walter P. Reuther called upon House leaders of

both parties to defeat it and keep the present rule permitting

hours before the House debate be- ably recommended by standing

gan, Reuther warned members committees after thorough hearing

that "the Kremlin propaganda and committee analysis, redrafting

House should have to consider the the vitally important FEPC bill,

Cox Resolution cancelling the val- the ruling coalition in the Rules

ue of the standing committee sys- | Committee is surrounded by the

tem and depriving elected members | whitened bones of important legis-

of the House of the right to vote lation which it has killed in past

upon bills that have been favor- Congresses. Repeal of the present'

ance.

gram he has laid before Congress." Rumors and reports now circu- lar swag plan will be a bill to give since last March, waiting for a 100,000 employees of General Mo-"Ten Times Teapot Dome" is the lating here say that this gas grab the pipeline companies the same likely time to blitz it through the tors, Allis Chalmers, Swift & Co.,

Bill will be amended to tell Fed- in Democratic territory—in the oil bury FEPC in the Rules Commit- The same theme is used by Ousting of Leland Olds from the eral Power Commission to keep country where millions of little tee, would do the trick. reap billions of dollars in unearned oil companies turn it to account. profit without exposing them at Senator Kerr, himself, is an oil

"Were this anti-democratic

resolution to pass, the Rules

Committee, dominated by a cyni-

cal Dixiegop coalition, would

again dictate or veto legislation

and the rest of the membership

would operate only by its suffer-

"Although the immediate issue is

that basis, the price is already out Commission. FACE-SAVING

guilt on the part of those who (R., Ill.) and five other Dixiegops canned "chalk talk," "This Is Our vote for the bill.

cal party serves them. Geograph- Republican vote, plus the votes of drug of socialism under the label

any particular time to the charge beneficiary, but not a little one. session, unless public opinion rises price charged for this gas against when gas prices are turned loose

other long-overdue pieces of legis- publican "leader" after another and out of Congress since 1922. lation recommended by standing coaxed and threatened rank-andcommittees and likely to pass the file Republicans in vain, arguing voted for the Cox resolution in Rules Committee Veto Power House in this session if they can that only the Dixiegop majority in reach the floor for democratic de- that committee was fit to rule.

bate and vote.

"On behalf of one million members of the UAW-CIO and their families, and supporting the protests of the CIO and other democratic organizations, I urge you to vote against this attempted flight from democracy back to dictatorship by an evil oligarchy. Defeat of the Cox Resolution will strengthen faith in democracy here and among other peoples who seek to retain, regain or win the exercise of democratic rights and practices. Make no mistake about it—the Kremlin and its propaganda mills will be waiting, ready to spread the news, if the House should vote to surrender the democratic rights of standing committees and individual members and return to the irresponsible abuses perpetrated by the Rules Committee in the past. A vote against the resolution is a vote for democracy and against totalitarianism that feeds on every betrayal or evasion of democracy."

WASHINGTON—The anti-Fair Deal smear song for 1950-52, "Stop the Truman Socialistic Program," flopped here January 20, as a Dixiegop coalition failed to restore the veto power of the Rules Committee, which once could stop any legislation it chose.

The vote against the Cox Resolution, which would have of line and is just coming up for given control over legislation back to the reactionary group review before the Federal Power holding a majority of the Rules Committee, was 236 to 183.

The Republican split was deepersthan the Democrats. Sixty-four vote to make dummies of mem-Republicans, 40 per cent of the bers and their own standing com-GOP delegation, defied their lead- mittees, revolted against Minority ers to vote with 171 Democrats Leader Joe Martin and all the and one ALPer against the resolu- GOP big shots. tion. Only 98 Republicans and 85 Democrats voted for the resolution. "CHALK TALK"

on the 12-man Rules Committee Problem," that has already been Step three in the ten-billion-dol- had been holding the resolution given by forced listening to some

for or against FEPC as well as a the aid of General Motors officials.

Opening the debate for the Dix-

American Guard and American Some Southerners bit, but 64 Re- Action, recently formed in Ander-

signing tasks to other Senators slow but steady rise in price will beneficiaries is potent, and the big Here's the Group That Wanted Power

"elite" group:

Eugene Cox (D., Ga.), 69, 25 movement possible. years in Congress, enemy of civil legislation.

66, Cox's mental twin.

quieter than Cox and Smith, but tration measures. votes with them.

Congress.

campaign manager.

James W. Wadsworth (R., N. South. Y.), 72, 17 years in the House. "elder statesman."

Christian A. Herter (R., Mass.), Hoover.

Three of the other five are stead- ity system will be in order.

WASHINGTON — Republi- fast liberal fighters. They are Second step in the campaign will be taken during the current will Pleading for restoration of Dixie- 57, switched from the Labor Comgop coalition rule through the mittee in 1949 to help Sabath; rule is aimed at FEPC and many House Rules Committee, one Re- John McSweeney (D., O.), 59, in

> James J. Delaney (D., N. Y.), 48, committee, against it on the floor, explaining that he thought the Here are the members of that Rules Committee should have some control over bills to make orderly.

John E. Lyle, Jr. (D., Tex.), 39, rights bills, labor unions, social a war veteran, protege of Speaker Rayburn, swings back and forth Howard W. Smith (D., Va.), between Sabath and Cox. Voted for the Cox resolution, although he William A. Colmer (D., Miss.), votes for some Truman Adminis-

Line-up in Rules Committee Leo E. Allen (R., Ill.), 51, rank- shows results of the seniority sysing Republican member, chair- tem when linked with the poll tax. man in GOP-controlled 80th Once elected, re-election is easier because only a small minority of Clarence J. Brown (R., O.), 56, the citizens can vote, and they member of GOP Policy and Na- usually vote for the "ins" against tional Committees, Taft's 1948 the "outs" in the primaries, the only election that counts in the

Only Sabath's heartbeat stands once a Senator, considered GOP between Cox and the chairmanship of the Rules Committee.

One of these years, when liberals 54, a protege and pal of Herbert elect a working majority, outlawing of the poll tax and the senior-

Telephone Workers Ready to Pull Plug

Unless the profit-swollen Bell Telephone companies agree to ods, narrowing of geographical table. The companies knew we la arbitrate all issues in dispute, "a nation-wide strike of telephone workers seems inevitable," Joseph A. Beirne, President of the CIO Communication Workers, said early this month.

The strike will affect 100,000@workers immediately, with picket lines in front of nearly every telephone company in the country. Altogether, 300,000 members of CWA-CIO will be affected by the second phone strike in U. S. labor history. The first strike in 1947 lasted six weeks.

port during the strike.

urer Emil Mazey.

UNION WAS PATIENT

The phone monopoly "hell-bent | Patient attempts to avert the on forcing a strike" has spent "mil-strike have been made by CWA- "Yet the phone companies are lion are controlled by a few direclions of dollars to train its burly CIO ever since last May. The un- flooding the newspapers with tors, who also run U. S. Steel. supervisors as a corps of profes- ion demands a basic wage increase, phony statistics," Beirne charged. Westinghouse Electric, General sional strikebreakers," Beirne a 35-hour week to offset unemploy- "Strangely enough these statistics Electric, Metropolitan Life and the warned in calling upon CIO sup- ment created by technological presented the public through the First National Bank of New York changes, shorter apprentice peri-papers did not hit the conference City.

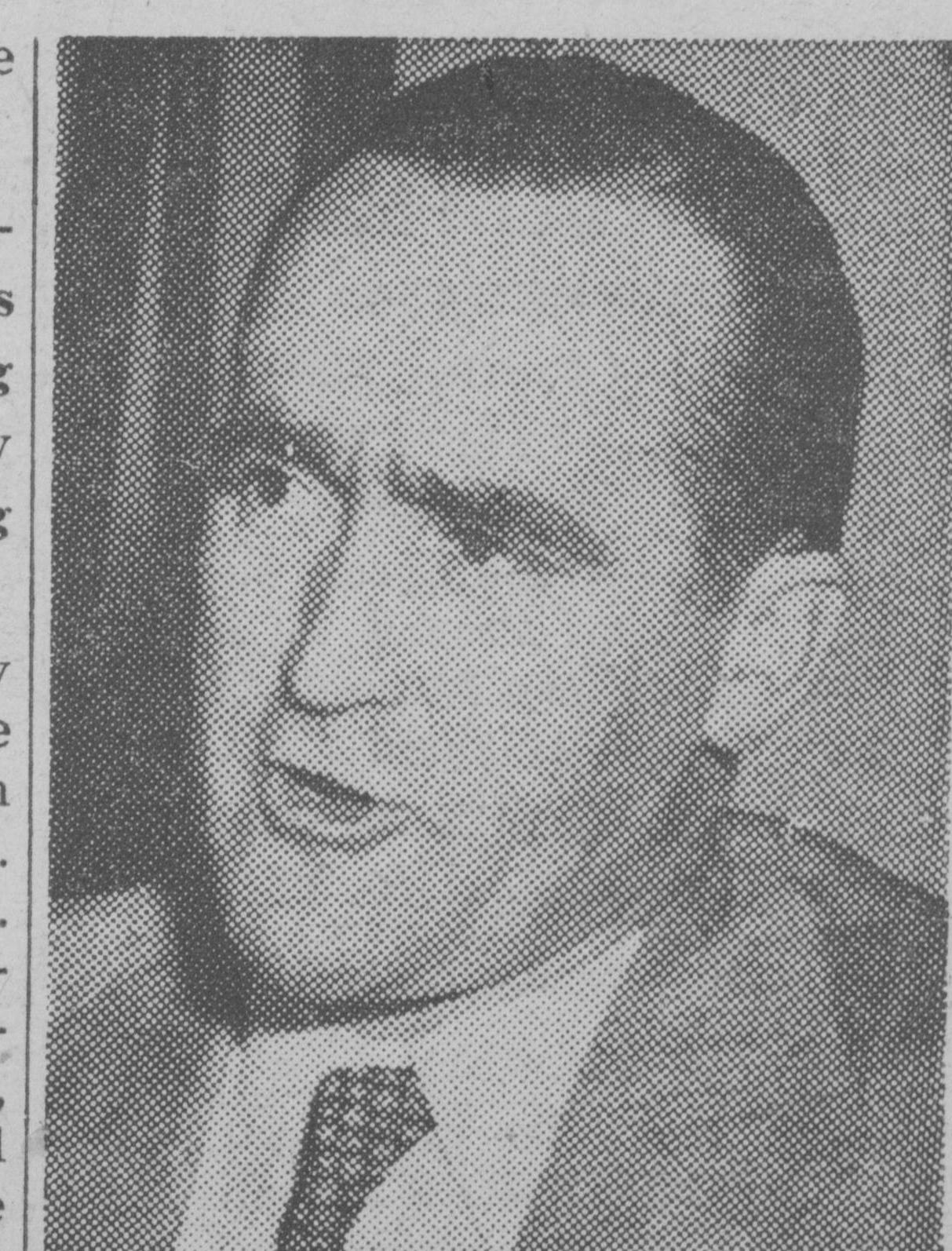
wage differentials, improved pen- could blow them apart. sion plan, better vacations and "Company refusal to let imparpaid time for voting.

far behind rates for workers in to hide and also proves that they "Burly auto workers will help other major industries. Auto worktake care of any burly strikebreak- ers earn 37 cents an hour more ers who poke their noses into than most telephone workers. UAW-CIO towns," was the com- Meanwhile, company profits are ment from UAW Secretary-Treas- the greatest ever. Its rate hikes since the end of the war have netted \$350,000,000 alone.

PHONY FIGURES

tial arbitrators decide the issues Wages for telephone workers lag proves that they have something have no justification for refusing an increase."

> Target of the strike is the greedy "octopus" -- American Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, which controls Bell Telephone systems. Of 23 million shares of A. T. & T. common stock, more than 14 mil-



CWA PRESIDENT BEIRNE



Every weekday at 1:00 p. m., hundreds of Chrysler workers in the Detroit area get together in their local union halls to hear Chrysler Report, a special WDET-FM feature on latest strike news and developments. Above, Local 140 members Warren Tewell, Herman Holbrook, Ralph Freeman, Frederick Aenis, Amelia Zaplitney, Anna Oldaker listen to President Walter P. Reuther and Chrysler Director Norman Matthews, with Guy Nunn as the commentator, on the inaugural program.

Buy Your FM Radio Now

An exceptionally good price on an FM Zenith radio has been arranged by the UAW-CIO Co-op Division and the Crown and Calvin furniture stores in Detroit.

Any union or co-op member who brings in a home discard will be given a 27 to 30 per cent discount on the major model. The Zenith FM sets have been given a preferred rating by Consumers' Union and are recommended by the UAW-CIO Radio Department.

And if you're a union member wood reporter who takes the in Cleveland, call Station WCUO humbug out of the movie capithat city.

Buy now and hear the best labor programs in the nation on WDET, the UAW-CIO power- chased at a pre-publication cash WDET-FM and WCUO-FM.

Detroit.

WCUO Schedules Baskethall

WCUO-FM continues its ex- been heralding the downfall of FM for February and March:

Carroll vs De Paul.

Friday, February 17-Baldwin beginning of the year. Wallace vs Kent University.

Carroll vs Baldwin Wallace.

Carroll-Dayton) vs Xavier.

With Danny Landau, well-known the head occasionally. Cleveland sports announcer, giving the play-by-play descriptions, the college games have won enthusiastic praise from WCOU's listener audience.

GET IT STRAIGHT ON YOUR

WDET-FM

WEEKDAYS 1:00 p. m.-Chrysler Strike. 6:30 p. m. - Labor Views the

News with Guy Nunn. 7:30 p. m.-Washington Report with Kaiser-Frazer Liberal Commentators, Marquis Childs and Joseph Harsch.

9:00 p. m.-WDET Roundtable.

SATURDAY

6:30 p. m.-Inside Detroit. SUNDAY

1:30 p. m.-Voice of Labor. Michigan CIO Council.

5:30 p. m. — UAW-CIO Education Dept.

LABOR DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED

A new International Labor Directory will be published early in Time to Chrysler March according to news announcements on the two UAW stations-WDET and WCUO.

union use, the Directory, accord- major significance to the com- sincere and supported public housing to the station announcement, is munity, Station WDET-FM sent ing on vacant land sites in outlythe "most complete and compre- the following letter on January 25 ing areas, these people would have hensive single reference volume to K. T. Keller, president, Chrysler some place to go, but with the ever compiled on the world labor Corporation, and Walter P. Reuth- killing of these projects, his plan movement and labor people."

Allan L. Swim, publicity director, CIO, says, "I feel sure that the In-William Tusher, the Holly- ternational Labor Directory will be to participate in a round-table disof real value to union officers and

President Walter P. Reuther is for information on best buys in tal's gossip mongering, is on the advisory council of the pubheard every Sunday at 6:45 on lication. The Directory can be purders with either WDET or WCUO.

FM Is Growing Governor on WDET

clusive broadcast of college basket- ought to take another look. The Governor G. Mennen Williams, of lations, Chrysler Corporation. ball games in the Cleveland area. National Association of Broadcast- Michigan, is a practical way of in- "An identical invitation is be-The following games are scheduled from the Federal Communications and shelter right in the city from the Federal Communications state services. It's a fair tax and er, president, UAW-CIO, and has Commission, reports that there is on the statute books of every been extended to him or Mr. Nor-

es and other problems of state this proposal meets with your ap- on WDET-101.9 on your FM band. In a left-handed attack on Pres- government every Wednesday eve- proval and that you will advise me Tuesday, February 28-John ident Truman's Fair Deal pro- ning at 7:45 p.m. on WDET-FM, so that we can make necessary ar- offer. Reuther replied as follows: Thursday, March 2—(Winner editorial paid a left-handed com- The Governor, with Co-Directors able to all concerned." on January 28 in Detroit.

Designed particularly for local

others throughout the world.

WDET Offers Free ing Director.

program director.

fering public service time to labor forced into other nearby overand management in disputes of crowded areas. If the Mayor were er, president, UAW-CIO:

"To better inform our listeners ing." and the community, we invite you BARBOUR ON WELFARE the current dispute between the Chrysler Corporation and the United Automobile Workers, CIO.

"This offer is in keeping with the policy of WDET, which is to make available our facilities, free of ful 52,000-watt FM station in payment price of \$15.00 during charge, for the presentation of February. Local unions in Detroit controversial issues, with equal opor Cleveland areas can place or- portunity for the expression of different points of view.

> "This invitation is extended to you, or Mr. Herman Weckler, vicepresident and general manager, Chrysler Corporation; or Mr. Rob-A corporation income tax, says ert Conder, director of Labor Re-

avail themselves of the WDET Corporation."

-The Inside Story of Detroit's Politics

You Can Hear It Now

The facts behind the actions of Detroit elected officials and policy-making commissions is being presented every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on WDET-FM as a public service broadcast of the United Automobile Workers.

Called "Inside Detroit," the program, according to Ralph Showalter of the UAW-PAC Department, "is produced in the interest of Detroit's citizens and is dedicated to the proposition that democracy thrives on knowledge and on action born out of acquaintance with facts."

ATTACK COBO HOUSING SCHEME

On the February 6 program, Orville Linck, Detroit ADA chairman and Associate Professor of English at Wayne University, charged that the housing plan of Detroit's May-Ace sports commentator for or Cobo was "slum spreading," not Station WCUO is Danny Lan-slum clearance. The basis for the dau, who is also the station's Linck attack was the action of the Detroit Common Council in dropping five public housing sites proposed by Jim Inglis, former Hous-

"Cobo's plan of turning over slum clearance to private builders means that 9,000 people now living In keeping with its policy of of- in the boulevard section will be can only be called "slum spread-

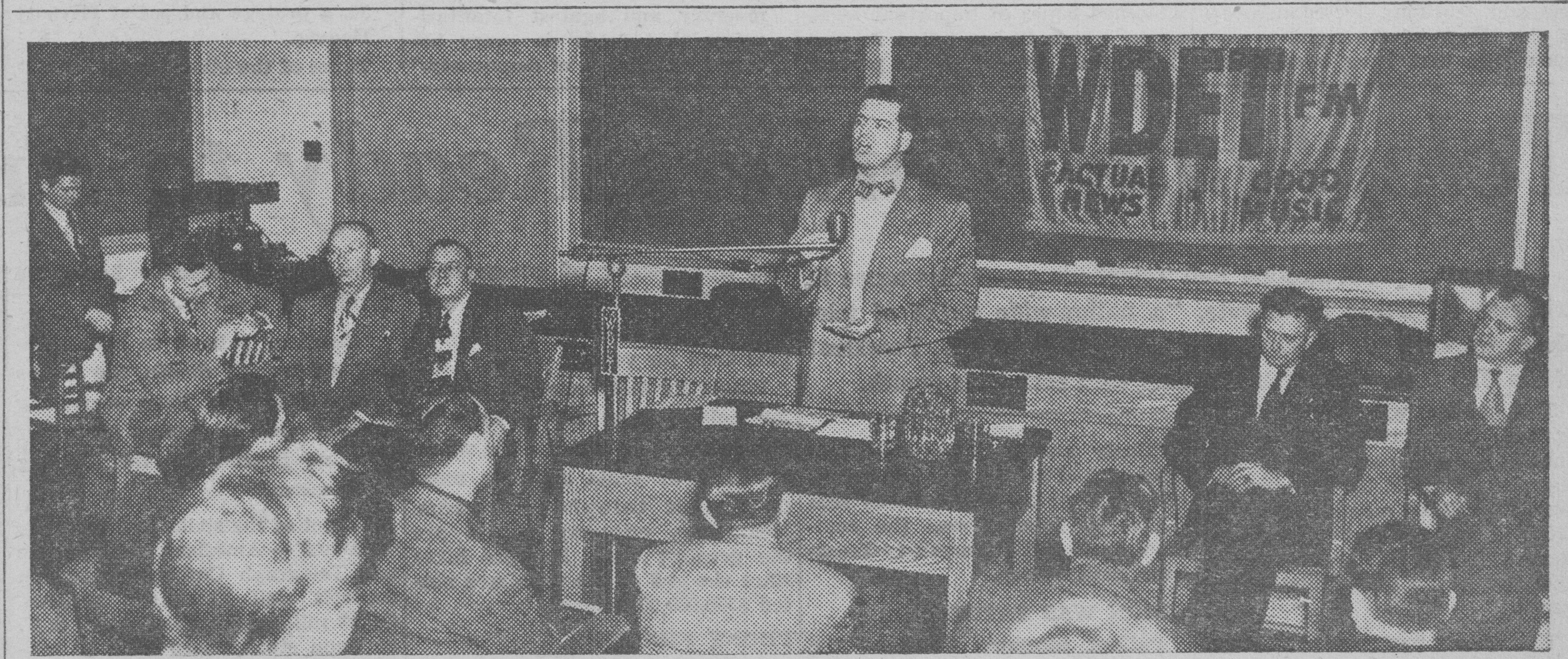
Reactionary newspapers, politicians and business interests were called to task on the February 11 program of "Inside Detroit" when Al Barbour, Wayne County CIO Secretary-Treasurer, labeled their attacks on humane welfare policies as disgraceful.

The constant pressure of these groups has resulted in hundreds of legitimate cases of need being held up while the Detroit Department of Public Welfare is forced by the City Council to re-investigate its current case load.

"The net result," asserted Barbour, "is that we have women and children going without food, cloth-

Plan to make listening to "In-Tuesday, February 14—John were 33 more FM stations on the large industrial state. man Matthews, director, Chrysler side Detroit" a regular Saturday air at the end of 1949 than at the Governor Williams discusses tax- Department, UAW-CIO. I hope evening habit. It's at 6:30 p.m.

gram, Life magazine in a recent 101.9 megacycles on the FM band. rangements that would be agree- "On behalf of the UAW-CIO and the Chrysler Department, I wish pliment to FM. Said Life: "FM Mike Lacey and Norman Matthews Ben Hoberman, manager of Sta- to notify WDET-FM of our ac-Friday, March 3-(Winner is indubitably better for the citi- and President Walter P. Reuther, tion WDET, stated to the "Auto ceptance of the station's offer of Carroll-Dayton-Xavier) vs Loy- zen-listener than standard radio— was also heard in the WDET high- Worker" that a spokesman for the public service time for discussion everybody ought to have it." Glad lights program of the Eastside Chrysler Corporation telephoned of the issues in the dispute beto know that Life hits the nail on Educational and PAC Conference that the company did not wish to tween our union and the Chrysler



Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan—pictured above speaking into a WDET microphone—was one of the featured guest speakers at the UAW-CIO Region 1 Educational and Political Action Conference held at Wayne University in Detroit on Saturday, January 28. Flanking Williams and facing camera, left to right, are: Frank Wallick, UAW-CIO staff member; Mike Lacey, Region 1 Co-Director; Norman Matthews, Region 1 Co-Director; Ed Lee, Detroit UAW-CIO Educational Representative, and Andy Biemiller, U. S. Congressman from the 5th Wisconsin District.

Senate Inquiry Hears Steel Price Increase Called Unwarranted, Indefensible by CIO

After hearing Big Steel's fancy alibis about why they f clamped new increases on the price of a ton of steel, the steel price inquiry in Washington listened to some stern talk from the CIO about the public duties of key industries.

Donald Montgomery, of the UAW-CIO, accused the steel industry of being "a private government" that "answers to no one." He said the price hike by the companies was "taxing" the auto industry \$69,000,000 a year and the farm machinery industry \$13,000,-000 by its "rash and untimely" action.

COSTS DOWN

Said Otis Brubaker, Research Director of the CIO Steelworkers: "We're tired of being a public whipping boy for this industry." The cost of making steel, he showed, has gone down since the middle of 1948. The steel industry is actually saving \$400,000,000 a year on scrap, plus \$80,000,000 more by the use of fuel oil and non-ferrous metals. The price increase, he said, was "unwarranted" and "indefensible."

The boost in steel prices reached \$8 a ton in some instances, and the United States Steel Corporation has already indicated it will cut steel output to 85 per cent of capacity. This is certain to generate more unemployment, both of the ration "an evil socialism, because CIO spokesmen agreed.

EXECS CORNERED

steel executives squirmed uneasily must submit to the arbitrary acts when questioned about the fantas- of this steel corporation are given tic profits made by the steel com- no opportunity to re-elect its manpanies during the past year. Sena- agement or to vote it out of office." of the Joint Committee on the to stockholders for its profits, but Fairless, of U. S. Steel, on how launches a series of plant shutmuch profit his company made.

"Profits aren't something you now." can push a button and say that's it." Fairless pleaded.



BIG STEEL'S FAIRLESS

EVIL

Walter P. Reuther, Don Montgom- and other savings—and still permit ery termed the U.S. Steel Corpo- lower prices for steel.



"My boss presented it to me as a re-ward for not joining the union."



UAW'S MONTGOMERY

it is socialism without a franchise. The British labor government stands for re-election on February During their appearance, the 23, but the American people who

tor Joseph O'Mahoney, chairman The corporation "may account Economic Report which conducted it will not account to them or to the price hearings, cornered Ben anyone else if its price action downs and layoffs six months from

> "The decision of United States Steel management to raise prices was a flagrant exercise of arbitrary power to extract the last drop of juice from the last orange.

> "This corporation decided to carry out a policy it has defended in the past—to get what it can while the getting is good, and to lay up reserves for the slump that followed."

Senator O'Mahoney joined Montgomery in flaying "private industrial collectivism," warning that capitalism must be responsive to the people and must accept the obligations of economic democracy.

"COST" FAKE

Big Steel, said Brubaker for the Steelworkers, has made "wholly specious attempts to deposit the unwanted child" of price increases "on the union's doorstep by crying 'pension costs.'" But as he demon-"That's what I'm afraid of," strated to the Congressional com-O'Mahoney snapped back. "You can mittee investigating steel prices, push a button and fix the profits." the actual cost of pensions, according to company figures, could be easily covered by lower cost of Speaking for UAW President materials, improved productivity,

TWO FOR ONE

"Usually the pattern has been two price increases" in steel "for every wage increase—one price increase before wages went up and one after." During the past five years, Brubaker pointed out in his 65-page case for the CIO, "it is possible to identify seven clearly defined price increases."

Montgomery called this "irresponsible" and urged the Congressional committee to see the "gravity of this situation." He suggested a price inquiry before "a major price decision by a dominant corporation which may affect the trend of production and employment in the nation for months to come." Perhaps "a public preview of the facts," which all steel corporations persist in hiding, will help with the "maintenance of full production and full employment."

STATEMENT OF THE UNION'S POSITION ON THE CHRYSLER STRIKE

If the Chrysler Corporation had actually made a proposal for a genuine, foolproof, lasting and guaranteed pension plan of \$100 a month to workers at age 65 after 25 years of service; and if the Corporation had made any reasonable offer at all on a hospital-medical plan, the Chrysler workers would not now be on strike.

The union offered to accept, and is still willing to accept, the established pattern of 10 cents an hour recommended by the President's Steel Fact-Finding Board and which is included in the contract between the UAW-CIO and the Ford Motor Company.

The union offered to accept six cents an hour to finance a sound and guaranteed pension plan, plus four cents an hour to finance a medicalhospital plan for Chrysler workers and their families.

Or—the union offered to accept any other centsper-hour combination totalling 10 cents which would provide sound and adequate pension and hospital-medical programs.

Or—the union offered to accept a flat wage increase of 10 cents an hour.

EVERY OFFER REJECTED

The company rejected every reasonable offer of the union to avert a strike—because the Chrysler Corporation was determined to force its cut-rate, unsound non-guaranteed pension plan upon the Chrysler workers. By slick propaganda, most notable by its omission of any mention of the numerous and fatal flaws in its pension "offer," the Corporation has sought to convince the Chrysler workers and the public that its pension proposal is "as good as any."

The Chrysler offer is designed to look attractive in the front display window, but the jokers in the eligibility rules hidden in the back room will deny thousands of Chrysler workers with long years of continuous service any pension benefits.

Chrysler workers who need and are entitled to security in their old age know that the Chrysler Corporation's pension offer is rigged with these jokers to deny them guaranteed pension benefits.

The three-cents-per-hour cut-rate pension offer of the Corporation won't pay for the kind of sound pension program that Chrysler workers need and deserve.

NO "CONTROL" SOUGHT

The union does not "seek control of a kitty" or pension fund, as the Corporation has charged. The Corporation had to reach far beyond the facts to find this motive for the UAW-CIO strike—and it did so wilfully and deliberately. The company executives know quite well that it is absolutely impossible, under the union's proposal, for the union to "control" pension funds. They know that the union did propose a joint Board of Administration, upon which the union and the company would be equally represented, with a mutually agreed-upon impartial chairman to cast the deciding vote in case of a deadlock. That, most certainly, is not union "control." Furthermore, approved pension plans of the kind sought by the UAW-CIO are placed under the supervision of the United States Treasury Department.

The charge of union control of a "kitty" is a deliberate smokescreen to hide Chrysler's real motives in forcing the strike upon its workers and the community.

The simple facts are that Chrysler is not willing to give its workers the economic concessions which other corporations have granted through collective bargaining. The Chrysler Corporation does not want to establish a pension program based upon an actuarially sound trust fund which alone can guarantee the payment of pension benefits.

COMPANY CONTROL

Chrysler Corporation insists upon complete company control and domination of the pension plan under which arrangement they would determine the eligibility of a worker and the amount of his pension without affording the workers, through their union, any voice.

While offering a few minor adjustments in group health and disability insurance, the Corporation has refused to offer anything to meet the cost of hospital-medical benefits.

A careful and objective analysis of the Chrysler Corporation offer will reveal numerous loopholes and serious deficiencies. Had the Corporation proposed a sound guaranteed pension plan along with hospital and medical benefits, the Chrysler workers would not now be on strike. Listed below are some of the reasons why the Chrysler proposal is unsound and unacceptable:

1. Despite the highest profits in its history, the Chrysler Corporation continues to refuse to meet the established 10 cents per hour economic pattern which has been accepted by a large section of American industry. The Chrysler Corporation just. They are confident of victory.

cannot hypnotize its workers or the public into believing that three cents will buy as much as 10 cents.

2. Chrysler's offer does not provide for the establishment of an actuarially sound trust fund. No provision is made for the setting aside of earmarked funds to guarantee payment of pension benefits.

3. Under the company's proposal, the pension contract automatically terminates at the end of five years; and if the Chrysler Corporation refuses to renew the pension agreement, any worker reaching age 65, even one day after the date of termination, and who has all the needed years of service, would not receive one penny in pension benefits.

It would be most tragic deception to lead Chrysler workers into believing that upon reaching age 65 they were to receive a pension when such benefits could be taken from them merely by the company's refusal to extend the pension agreement.

The union insists upon a guaranteed plan based upon an actuarially sound trust fund. Under this arrangement the pension program is nailed down once and for all, and the rug cannot be jerked from under Chrysler workers by an arbitrary decision on the part of the Chrysler Corporation.

4. Eligibility rules under the Corporation proposal are rigged with numerous jokers which will deprive thousands of workers with long years of continuous service of any pension benefits. This is true with respect to both past years of work and future years of work.

During negotions, the union cited an actual case where a Chrysler employee who has worked 28 continuous years for the Chrysler Corporation would, under the rigged eligibility rules, be denied any pension benefits whatever. This worker, under the company's plan, would be compelled to work 15 more years, or a total of 43 years, before he would be eligible for pension benefits. The company did not deny that this worker and thousands of others in like circumstances would be denied compensation benefits. The worker cited above, with 28 years of continuous service with the Chrysler Corporation, is denied a pension under the Chrysler proposal only because he was transferred between Highland Park, Jefferson and Plymouth plants during his 28 years of service with the Chrysler Corporation.

5. The company's proposal provides for complete company domination and control of the pension plan and would deny the workers any voice in administration of the benefits under the

6. No matter how willing, able and anxious a worker might be to continue work past age 68, Chrysler would compel his retirement regardless of his personal wishes.

7. Chrysler offers absolutely nothing for a hospital-medical care plan. It offers to "cooperate" as long as the workers pay the whole bill.

8. The company demands a five-year extension of the present agreement. The company insists that its unsound and unacceptable proposal be a part of a total collective bargaining package which would compel the Chrysler workers to mortgage their future by extending the present contract for a period of five years. Chrysler workers refuse to freeze the status quo for five years and to give away their right to seek needed improvements in grievance procedure, seniority protection, union security, to seek elimination of wage inequities and to improve other basic contract provisions.

This unheard-of, impractical and unrealistic demand for a five-year contract freeze, in and of itself, would have provoked a strike of the Chrysler workers who have a right to expect to enjoy the benefits of normal growth and improvements in collective bargaining.

Collective bargaining is not a static proposition. It must be permitted to grow and change as conditions warrant. As a living document, even the Constitution of the United States is subject to change.

The union's position is clear, constructive and practical. The Chrysler workers will not accept the unsound and deceitful offer of the Chrysler Corporation. The Chrysler workers will insist that the Chrysler Corporation meet the full cost of their economic demands in the field of pensions and hospital-medical care, as have other companies in the industry. The Chrysler workers insist that their pension plan be guaranteed by an actuarially sound trust fund and that the eligibility rules be freed of the jokers which would rob thousands of workers of their benefits.

Experience has taught the Chrysler workers that their employer, has in the past, been willing to yield to their just demands only when compelled to do so by strike action. The cause of the Chrysler workers is morally and economically

Election Ordered at IHC's Chicago West Pullman Works

CHICAGO—An NLRB election has been ordered among the approximately 2,400 workers at International Harvester's West Pullman works here for February 21, it was announced early this month by John W. Livingston, UAW Vice-President and Director of the UAW-CIO Agricultural Implement Department.

The election, sought by the&-UAW-CIO, had been held up by date to be set by the NLRB. A the intervention of three AFL majority of the FE-UE Local 101's craft unions seeking to represent 19 people. All parties finally agreed to go ahead with the election, and the 19 votes could be challenged until the NLRB makes a final determination of their status.

This will be the first of several Livingston said that elections ready to vote and only await the gersoll Steel Division here.

leadership is lined up with UAW-CIO. It was here that two of the local's trustees recently blocked a move to take over the union's funds and use them to pay back and advance per capita tax to the

major election tests in the Chicago would probably be ordered in the area. The 4,500 workers at Har- near future at the McCormick vester's tractor works here are Works and at Borg-Warner's In-



JOHN W. LIVINGSTON

Funded Pensions, Health Plan Won by Farm Implement Local

RACINE, Wis.—Massey-Harris farm implement workers, members of UAW-CIO Local 244, were voting here on ratification of what Vice-President John W. Livingston called "one of Classifications in International Uaw." the most significant pension agreements since the Ford settlement," as the AUTO WORKER went to press.

The proposed agreement was reached midnight, January 31, after extensive negotiations, and is retroactive to October 31, 1949.

Local 244 President Stephen Olsen predicted that the Massey-Harris workers would approve the proposed contract.

The contract includes the basic principles which Chrysler has refused to grant. Its features are:

The company pays four cents an hour into a health security fund, which will be jointly administered by the workers and the company.

optional.

The pension fund, too, is ad- Department.

ministered by a joint union-management board of trustees, with provision for an impartial third union and company.

for 1,600 hours of work.

Workers 50 or older who are disabled after 15 years of service will receive monthly benefits based on \$3 for each year of service, with a minimum of \$50 a month.

Participating in the final nego- the powerful UAW-CIO. tiations, in addition to the Massey-The company pays six cents Harris Local 244 Bargaining Coman hour into a pension fund. mittee, were Region 10 Director Past service credits are funded. | Harvey Kitzman, Lawrence Karl-Pensions are \$100 a month at strom, Assistant Director of the age 65 after 25 years' service. Agricultural Implement Depart- Representative Edward Schultz Retirement at age 60 to 68 is ment, and Harry Becker, Director of the UAW-CIO Social Security

Union Shop Elections Won At North American, Ryan

Vice-President John W. Livingston, Director of the UAW-CIO Aircraft Department, announced that the union was pressing negotiations of union shop contracts at two important West Coast aircraft plants following overwhelming votes for union elections in the giant Westingsecurity by workers in both plants.

The largest of the two plants was North American Aviation, Win N. Y. Vote where 11,545 workers, under con- Employees of the Rollway Bear- IUE-CIO against five for no union. tracts held by UAW-CIO Locals ing Co., Syracuse, N. Y., voted 115 This was the first Westinghouse 887 and 1037, are eligible for cov- to 83 for the UAW-CIO in an election held since the CIO conerage by the union security clauses. NLRB election, Martin Gerber, Di- vention expelled UE for its refusal In the second plant, Ryan Aircraft rector of Region 9, has announced. to divorce the Communist Party. in San Diego, 700 workers are represented by Local 506, which administers the contract.

Both Vice-President Livingston and Region 6 Director Cy O'Halloran, whose staffs worked hard together to win the big union security votes in both companies, praised the local union leaders and members for their tireless efforts to swell the vote.

"The local unions and their officers are to be congratulated for the hard-hitting and efficient campaigns which produced these results," Livingston said.

The North American vote was aided by the UAW-CIO wage settlement last October, which gained 11 cents per hour in over-all benefits and pioneered in the aircraft industry by winning complete automatic-progression in all rate ranges covered by the contract.



"Miss Reed, your union contract says you must give thirty days notice before you strike."

Bargaining rights for the work-NLRB election last month with the such local apprenticeship program One year of service is credited UAW carrying the vote, 112 to 5. There was one void vote.

> The company manufactures farm equipment and the employees had formerly been represented by an independent union until the members finally recognized their need for the support and assistance of

John Kiefer is president and Edmund O'Neil is financial secretarytreasurer of UAW's newest unit. according to Regional Director Patwere active in the pre-election campaign.

UE FRAUD FAILS: IUE WINS VOTE

UE was denied a place on the ballot because the NLRB found it had presented fraudulent authorization cards in one of the first house chain at Newark, Ohio. CIO's new International Union of Electrical Workers won the contest hands down by a vote of 52 for

Another first was scored by IUE in the General Electric empire when the CIO union trounced the UE by the score of 56 to 17 at the GE Coburg, Ontario, plant.

In another larger election at Leland Electric in Guelph, Ontario, IUE bowled over the UE by the top-heavy vote of 238 to 57.

These first polls, indicating swift and steady repudiation of UE by electrical workers loyal to the CIO, affirmed predictions of victory by CIO leaders and foretold greater defeats for UE in the bigger elections yet to come.

NLRB hearings are proceeding for elections in the bigger units of both Westinghouse and General Electric. Following the example set earlier by GE, Westinghouse notified UE on January 27 that it banquet was finished was to sit would not permit its contract to be automatically renewed beyond the March 31 expiration date.

ALLIS-CHALMERS WORKERS TO FORM UNITED FRONT

Something new has been added in UAW-CIO collective bargaining with the Allis-Chalmers Company, it was announced by Vice-President John W. Livingston, Director of the UAW-CIO Agricultural Implement Department.

Joint negotiations with the company on behalf of the A-C work- and to complete organization of ers under contracts held by five the Allis-Chalmers workers. UAW-CIO local unions will begin | The council voted to ask each ton said.

UAW-CIO

neously with all the UAW-CIO lo- thrown behind the A-C workers. improve the contracts of all locals in Pittsburgh.

in 1950—and this new procedure local union to submit to it any is bound to result in better and settlements negotiated before takmore uniform contracts, Livings- ing local action on them. It also set up a clearing house to cir-Company-wide bargaining has culate information and publicity long been a goal of Allis-Chal- among the locals. Livingston told mers workers represented by the the council that, if an authorized strike became necessary, the full Action leading to the consent of moral and financial support of the the company to bargain simulta- International Union would be

| cal unions of Allis-Chalmers work- | Locals affected are West Allis ers flowed from a lively meeting Local 248 in Wisconsin, Local 401 of the UAW's A-C Intra-Corpora- in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Local 487, tion Council. This meeting gave Gadsden, Alabama, Local 1027 in | concentrated attention to plans to | Springfield, Illinois, and Local 1036

UAW Sets Pace with New Harvester Apprentice Pact

CHICAGO—Chalk up another big and far-reaching improvement in working conditions in the agricultural implement industry—and give the credit to the UAW-CIO again.

Vice-President John W. Livingston, Director of the UAW-CIO Agricultural Implement Department, has announced the signing classifications in International Harvester plants under UAW-CIO con-

This step forward followed the pattern set earlier by UAW-CIO Local 1101, representing tool and was negotiated late in 1949.

First of its kind in the Harvester empire, the pact sets up apprenticeship standards to govern skilled trades crafts in each experience, apprentice ratio, plants," Campbell said.

rates of pay, bonus for tools, work experience, instructions, union apprenticeship committees and grievances.

The pact further provides for registration of all apprentices with the United States Bureau of Apprenticeship.

George Campbell, Assistant Director of the UAW-CIO Skilled ers at the Dunham Co. of Berea die workers in Harvester's Chicago Trades Department, and Lawrence are three members each from was gained by the UAW-CIO in an McCormick plant, where the first Karlstrom, Assistant Director of the UAW-CIO Agricultural Implement Department, led the negotiations, together with the UAW-CIO Harvester Intra-Corporation Bargaining Committee.

"This new agreement is consistindividual plant covered by a ent with the skilled trades policies UAW-CIO local union contract. of the International Union and rep-The standards and rules apply to resents a real advance for skilled such items as credit for previous tradesmen in UAW-CIO Harvester



Peruvian Pastry

In Lima, Peru, three union several hundred tarts and cookies ordered for a banquet of the city's most reactionary employers. Although the pastry got to loaded every one of the tarts | IUE-CIO. and cookies with alum, and all the employers could do after the there - looking silly and puckered up.

Brother Chief

When a union guy becomes a pastry-makers objected vainly | dollar-a-year man, that's news. In to a rush job which required | Wellston, Mo., the voters elected them to stay overtime to make | Brother Darrell Stagg. of UAW Local 25 as Marshal and Chief of Po-

Wellston adjoins St. Louis and the banquet on time, all the embraces five large industries unscheduled speech-making had to | der CIO contracts. In Wellston's be cancelled and the three work- | big Wagner Electric plant, workers ers were arrested. They had voted to leave UE to join the

> Brother Stagg headed a citizens' committee to form a police department for Wellston. In elections that followed, he was elected to head the police, a non-paying job.

Dixiegops Fail to Regain Legislative Control

Congress to Give Oil Barons Go-Ahead To Grab \$10 Billion from Public Pocket

WASHINGTON-Victory is in sight for the major oil companies in their campaign to extract 10 billion dollars or more that basis, the price is already out from the public, according to rumors around Washington, confirmed by oil trade journal reports.

"A lot of quiet dickering," says the Oil and Gas Journal, "is going Democrats from smearing them- The proposed face-saving amendon between the Capitol and the selves with oil. Step two is enact- ment will serve a purpose, how-White House looking to Adminis- ment of the Kerr Bill which puts ever. For the Senators who vote tration acceptance of legislation an end to federal regulation of for the bill it will provide the baexempting independent producers prices charged by oil companies for sis for pious expressions of their of national gas from Federal Pow- the gas they sell to pipelines. In- devotion to the public interest. er Commission control. Just what creased prices to pipelines will then For the general public, who in the is involved in the talks which have be passed along to the public. With long run will pay the ten billion FEPC FIRST TARGET been held so far is not known but Southern Democrats leading, this dollars the oil companies collect, Representative Eugene Cox (D., legops, Allen's speech was almost it is quite probable that if the measure passed the House as the it will stand as an omission of Ga.), Representative Leo E. Allen a word-for-word paraphrase of the President accepts the exemption | Harris Bill last session. bill he will pick up some votes for some phases of the legislative pro- NO VETO LIKELY gram he has laid before Congress." Rumors and reports now circu- lar swag plan will be a bill to give since last March, waiting for a 100,000 employees of General Mo-

label pinned on this bonanza by measure will escape Presidential right to exact higher returns from House. They thought they saw and, according to a GM official, is Senator James Murray (D., Mont.) veto due to the active part which their chance when the FEPC bill to be given to 400,000 GM employlast year. Stating that one billion Senator Kerr and his oil-state col- Bill gives to the oil companies. In was about to hit the floor under ees. dollars was the value of the swag leagues will take on behalf of vari- the 80th Congress, the two steps the new rule allowing bills ap- As revealed in previous issues of in the Teapot Dome-Elk Hills scan- ous Fair Deal measures. Which were combined in the Moore-Riz- proved by legislative committees to the AUTO WORKER, workers are dal of thirty years ago, he showed measures are involved is not yet ley Bill. But that Republican Con- reach the floor in 21 days—if the marched into "gas chamber" propthat the current operation will add, known, but Kerr is reported as gress defeated the Moore-Rizley Speaker recognizes the chairman aganda lectures run by trained conservatively ten billions to the leading the fight for the Admin- Bill. The oil interests are biparti- of the committee recommending spielers who enlarge on the smear price which the public will pay for istration's pension extension bill in san; they don't care which politi- the bill. They figured that a solid line: "Washington is peddling the present-known reserves of natural the Senate Finance Committee. gas. Big oil companies own the Another report states the Kerr ically, however, they are strongest Southern Democrats anxious to of liberalism." lion's share of those reserves.

Federal Power Commission was an eye on gas prices, and to report people live and vote the oil ticket, chiefly by Democrats from oil duly. Joker in this deal is that the both public and private, meet their states. Senator Kerr (D., Okla.) oil companies' gas reserves are expenses out of oil royalties. The masterminded that operation, as- good for 20 years or more, and a political power of these little oil whose first allegiance is to oil.

OIL SMEARED

up before the event and saves the its cost to the oil companies. On from federal regulation.

"Ten Times Teapot Dome" is the lating here say that this gas grab the pipeline companies the same likely time to blitz it through the tors, Allis Chalmers, Swift & Co.,

Bill will be amended to tell Fed- in Democratic territory—in the oil bury FEPC in the Rules Commit- The same theme is used by Ousting of Leland Olds from the eral Power Commission to keep country where millions of little tee, would do the trick. reap billions of dollars in unearned oil companies turn it to account. profit without exposing them at Senator Kerr, himself, is an oil any particular time to the charge beneficiary, but not a little one. session, unless public opinion rises price charged for this gas against when gas prices are turned loose

Commission. FACE-SAVING

guilt on the part of those who (R., Ill.) and five other Dixiegops canned "chalk talk," "This Is Our vote for the bill.

other long-overdue pieces of legis- publican "leader" after another and out of Congress since 1922. lation recommended by standing coaxed and threatened rank-andcommittees and likely to pass the file Republicans in vain, arguing voted for the Cox resolution in House in this session if they can that only the Dixiegop majority in reach the floor for democratic de- that committee was fit to rule. bate and vote. DETROIT—Calling the Cox Resolution to restore the veto

"On behalf of one million members of the UAW-CIO and their families, and supporting the protests of the CIO and other democratic organizations, I urge you to vote against this attempted flight from democracy back to dictatorship by an evil oligarchy. Defeat of the Cox Resolution will strengthen faith in democracy here and among other peoples who seek to retain, regain or win the exercise of democratic rights and practices. Make no mistake about it—the Kremlin and its propaganda mills will be waiting, ready to spread the news, if the House should vote to surrender the democratic rights of standing committees and individual members and return to the irresponsible abuses perpetrated by the Rules Committee in the past. A vote against the resolution is a vote for democracy and against totalitarianism that feeds on every betrayal or evasion of democracy."

WASHINGTON—The anti-Fair Deal smear song for 1950-52, | "Stop the Truman Socialistic Program," flopped here January 20, as a Dixiegop coalition failed to restore the veto power of the Rules Committee, which once could stop any legislation it chose.

The vote against the Cox Resolution, which would have of line and is just coming up for given control over legislation back to the reactionary group review before the Federal Power holding a majority of the Rules Committee, was 236 to 183.

The Republican split was deeper than the Democrats. Sixty-four vote to make dummies of mem-Republicans, 40 per cent of the bers and their own standing com-GOP delegation, defied their lead- mittees, revolted against Minority ers to vote with 171 Democrats Leader Joe Martin and all the and one ALPer against the resolu- GOP big shots. tion. Only 98 Republicans and 85 Democrats voted for the resolution. "CHALK TALK"

first step in the campaign laid out back to Congress if they rise un- and where churches and schools, publicans, seeing the test as a vote son, Ind., and La Grange, Ill., with for or against FEPC as well as a the aid of General Motors officials.

Opening the debate for the Dixon the 12-man Rules Committee Problem," that has already been Step three in the ten-billion-dol- had been holding the resolution given by forced listening to some

cal party serves them. Geograph- Republican vote, plus the votes of drug of socialism under the label

American Guard and American Some Southerners bit, but 64 Re- Action, recently formed in Ander-

signing tasks to other Senators slow but steady rise in price will beneficiaries is potent, and the big Here's the Group That Wanted Power

Second step in the campaign of price gouging. Federal regula- Already several times a million- cans used to say the GOP was Adolph J. Sabath (D., Ill.), nearly

rule is aimed at FEPC and many House Rules Committee, one Re- John McSweeney (D., O.), 59, in

"elite" group:

Eugene Cox (D., Ga.), 69, 25 movement possible. years in Congress, enemy of civil legislation.

66, Cox's mental twin.

William A. Colmer (D., Miss.), quieter than Cox and Smith, but tration measures. votes with them.

Congress.

campaign manager.

James W. Wadsworth (R., N. Y.), 72, 17 years in the House. "elder statesman."

Christian A. Herter (R., Mass.), Hoover.

Three of the other five are stead- ity system will be in order.

WASHINGTON - Republi- fast liberal fighters. They are will be taken during the current tion, if continued, would test the session, unless public opinion rises price charged for this gas against when gas prices are turned loss. Pleading for restoration of Dixie- 57, switched from the Labor Comgop coalition rule through the mittee in 1949 to help Sabath;

> James J. Delaney (D., N. Y.), 48, committee, against it on the floor, explaining that he thought the Here are the members of that Rules Committee should have some control over bills to make orderly.

John E. Lyle, Jr. (D., Tex.), 39, rights bills, labor unions, social a war veteran, protege of Speaker Rayburn, swings back and forth Howard W. Smith (D., Va.), between Sabath and Cox. Voted for the Cox resolution, although he votes for some Truman Adminis-

Line-up in Rules Committee Leo E. Allen (R., Ill.), 51, rank- shows results of the seniority sysing Republican member, chair- tem when linked with the poll tax. man in GOP-controlled 80th Once elected, re-election is easier because only a small minority of Clarence J. Brown (R., O.), 56, the citizens can vote, and they member of GOP Policy and Na- usually vote for the "ins" against tional Committees, Taft's 1948 the "outs" in the primaries, the only election that counts in the

Only Sabath's heartbeat stands once a Senator, considered GOP between Cox and the chairmanship of the Rules Committee.

One of these years, when liberals 54, a protege and pal of Herbert elect a working majority, outlawing of the poll tax and the senior-

both parties to defeat it and keep the present rule permitting bills to reach the floor in 21 days. In the letter, released a few hours before the House debate be- ably recommended by standing gan, Reuther warned members committees after thorough hearing

Reuther Aids Fight Against

Rules Committee Veto Power

power of the House Rules Committee "an attempted flight from

democracy back to dictatorship by an evil oligarchy," UAW-

CIO President Walter P. Reuther called upon House leaders of

that "the Kremlin propaganda and committee analysis, redrafting mills will be waiting, ready to and action. spread the news, if the House should vote to surrender the democratic rights of standing committees and individual members and return to the irresponsible abuses perpetrated by the Rules Commit-

Text of the letter follows:

"It is shocking that in this midyear of the Twentieth Century the

"Although the immediate issue is House should have to consider the the vitally important FEPC bill, Cox Resolution cancelling the val- the ruling coalition in the Rules ue of the standing committee sys- | Committee is surrounded by the tem and depriving elected members | whitened bones of important legisof the House of the right to vote lation which it has killed in past upon bills that have been favor- Congresses. Repeal of the present'

"Were this anti-democratic would operate only by its suffer-

resolution to pass, the Rules Committee, dominated by a cynical Dixiegop coalition, would again dictate or veto legislation and the rest of the membership tee in the past."

ance.

Telephone Workers Ready to Pull Plug

Unless the profit-swollen Bell Telephone companies agree to ods, narrowing of geographical table. The companies knew we arbitrate all issues in dispute, "a nation-wide strike of telephone workers seems inevitable," Joseph A. Beirne, President of the CIO Communication Workers, said early this month.

The strike will affect 100,000 workers immediately, with picket lines in front of nearly every telephone company in the country. Altogether, 300,000 members of CWA-CIO will be affected by the second phone strike in U.S. labor history. The first strike in 1947 lasted six weeks.

The phone monopoly "hell-bent on forcing a strike" has spent "mil-strike have been made by CWA- "Yet the phone companies are lion are controlled by a few direclions of dollars to train its burly CIO ever since last May. The un- flooding the newspapers with tors, who also run U. S. Steel, supervisors as a corps of profes- ion demands a basic wage increase, phony statistics," Beirne charged. Westinghouse Electric, General sional strikebreakers," Beirne a 35-hour week to offset unemploy- "Strangely enough these statistics Electric, Metropolitan Life and the warned in calling upon CIO sup- ment created by technological presented the public through the First National Bank of New York port during the strike.

urer Emil Mazey.

UNION WAS PATIENT

Patient attempts to avert the changes, shorter apprentice peri-papers did not hit the conference City.

wage differentials, improved pen- could blow them apart. sion plan, better vacations and "Company refusal to let imparpaid time for voting.

far behind rates for workers in "Burly auto workers will help other major industries. Auto worktake care of any burly strikebreak- ers earn 37 cents an hour more ers who poke their noses into than most telephone workers. UAW-CIO towns," was the com- Meanwhile, company profits are ment from UAW Secretary-Treas- the greatest ever. Its rate hikes since the end of the war have netted \$350,000,000 alone.

PHONY FIGURES

tial arbitrators decide the issues Wages for telephone workers lag proves that they have something to hide and also proves that they have no justification for refusing an increase."

Target of the strike is the greedy "octopus" -- American Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, which controls Bell Telephone systems. Of 23 million shares of A. T. & T. common stock, more than 14 mil-



CWA PRESIDENT BEIRNE



Every weekday at 1:00 p. m., hundreds of Chrysler workers in the Detroit area get together in their local union halls to hear Chrysler Report, a special WDET-FM feature on latest strike news and developments. Above, Local 140 members Warren Tewell, Herman Holbrook, Ralph Freeman, Frederick Aenis, Amelia Zaplitney, Anna Oldaker listen to President Walter P. Reuther and Chrysler Director Norman Matthews, with Guy Nunn as the commentator, on the inaugural program.

William Tusher, the Holly-

Detroit.

Buy Your FM Radio Now

An exceptionally good price on an FM Zenith radio has been arranged by the UAW-CIO Co-op Division and the Crown and Calvin furniture stores in Detroit.

Any union or co-op member who brings in a home discard will be given a 27 to 30 per cent discount on the major model. The Zenith FM sets have been given a preferred rating by Consumers' Union and are recommended by the UAW-CIO Radio Department.

And if you're a union member wood reporter who takes the in Cleveland, call Station WCUO humbug out of the movie capifor information on best buys in tal's gossip mongering, is on the advisory council of the pubthat city.

Buy now and hear the best labor programs in the nation on WDET, the UAW-CIO power-WDET-FM and WCUO-FM.

WCUO Schedules Baskethall

WCUO-FM continues its ex- been heralding the downfall of FM clusive broadcast of college basket- ought to take another look. The Governor G. Mennen Williams, of lations, Chrysler Corporation. The following games are scheduled for February and March:

Carroll vs De Paul.

Friday, February 17-Baldwin beginning of the year. Wallace vs Kent University.

Carroll vs Baldwin Wallace. Thursday, March 2-(Winner)

Carroll-Dayton) vs Xavier. Friday, March 3-(Winner) Carroll-Dayton-Xavier) vs Loy-

With Danny Landau, well-known the head occasionally. Cleveland sports announcer, giving the play-by-play descriptions, the college games have won enthusiastic praise from WCOU's listener audience.

GET IT STRAIGHT ON YOUR

WDET-FM WEEKDAYS

1:00 p. m.—Chrysler Strike. 6:30 p. m. - Labor Views the News with Guy Nunn.

7:30 p. m.-Washington Report with Kaiser-Frazer Liberal Commentators, Marquis Childs and Joseph Harsch.

9:00 p. m.-WDET Roundtable.

SATURDAY

6:30 p. m.-Inside Detroit. SUNDAY

1:30 p. m.-Voice of Labor. Michigan CIO Council.

5:30 p. m. — UAW-CIO Education Dept.

LABOR DIRECTORY

A new International Labor Directory will be published early in Time to Chrysler March according to news announcements on the two UAW stations-WDET and WCUO.

Designed particularly for local union use, the Directory, accordthe "most complete and comprehensive single reference volume ever compiled on the world labor movement and labor people."

CIO, says, "I feel sure that the International Labor Directory will be to participate in a round-table dis- Reactionary newspapers, politiof real value to union officers and others throughout the world. . . .'

President Walter P. Reuther is United Automobile Workers, CIO. heard every Sunday at 6:45 on lication. The Directory can be purchased at a pre-publication cash February. Local unions in Detroit or Cleveland areas can place orders with either WDET or WCUO.

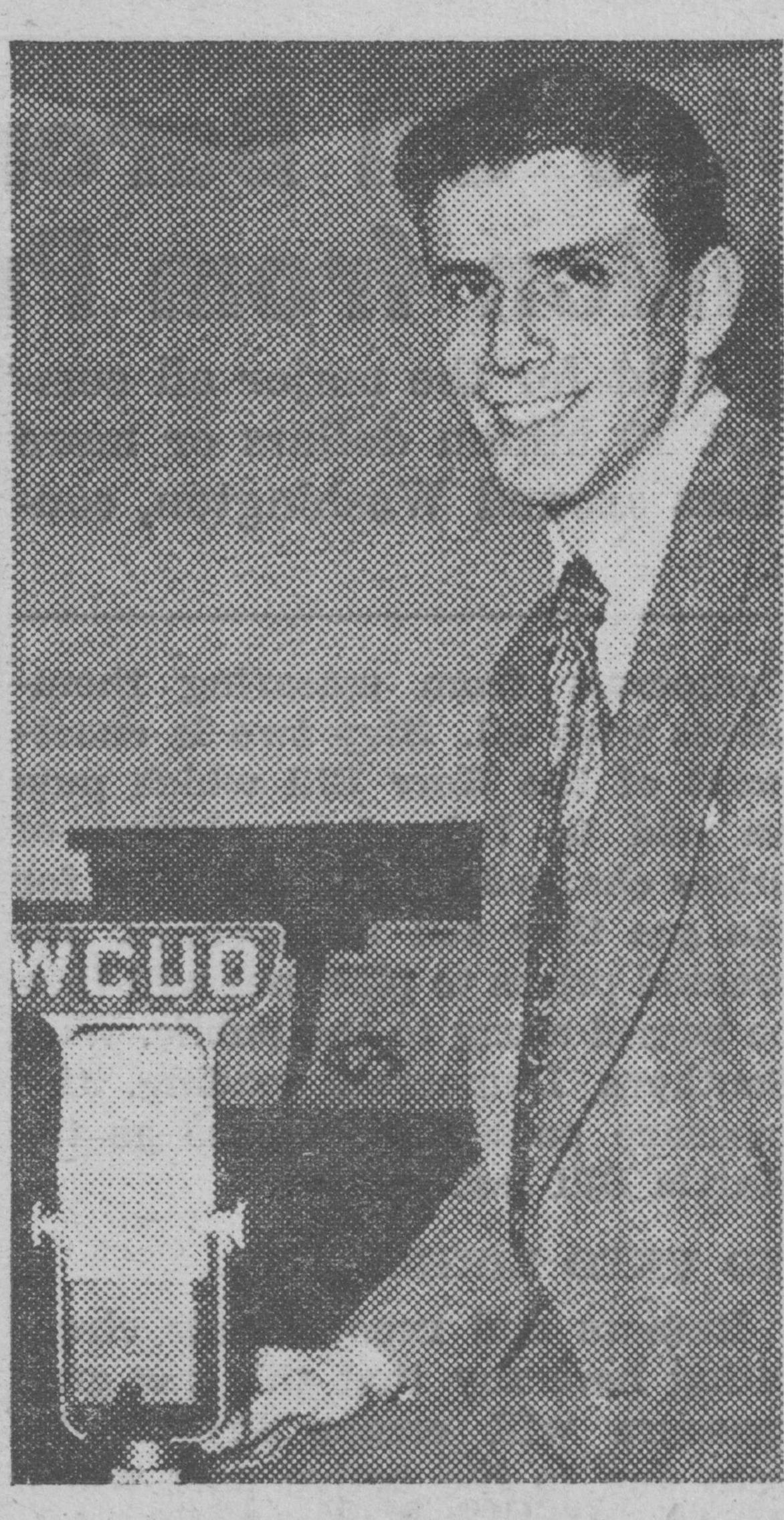
FM Is Growing Governor on WDET

from the Federal Communications state services. It's a fair tax and er, president, UAW-CIO, and has of Detroit." Commission, reports that there is on the statute books of every been extended to him or Mr. Nor-Tuesday, February 14-John were 33 more FM stations on the large industrial state.

editorial paid a left-handed com- The Governor, with Co-Directors able to all concerned." pliment to FM. Said Life: "FM Mike Lacey and Norman Matthews Ben Hoberman, manager of Sta- to notify WDET-FM of our acis indubitably better for the citi- and President Walter P. Reuther, tion WDET, stated to the "Auto ceptance of the station's offer of |zen-listener than standard radio | was also heard in the WDET high- | Worker" that a spokesman for the public service time for discussion everybody ought to have it." Glad lights program of the Eastside Chrysler Corporation felephoned of the issues in the dispute beto know that Life hits the nail on Educational and PAC Conference that the company did not wish to tween our union and the Chrysler on January 28 in Detroit.

Allan L. Swim, publicity director,

You Can Hear It Now



program director.

WDET Offers Free ing Director.

fering public service time to labor forced into other nearby overand management in disputes of crowded areas. If the Mayor were major significance to the com-sincere and supported public housing to the station announcement, is munity, Station WDET-FM sent ing on vacant land sites in outlythe following letter on January 25 ing areas, these people would have to K. T. Keller, president, Chrysler some place to go, but with the Corporation, and Walter P. Reuth-killing of these projects, his plan er, president, UAW-CIO:

> "To better inform our listeners ing." and the community, we invite you BARBOUR ON WELFARE cussion of the issues involved in the current dispute between the

"This offer is in keeping with the policy of WDET, which is to make available our facilities, free of ful 52,000-watt FM station in payment price of \$15.00 during charge, for the presentation of controversial issues, with equal opportunity for the expression of different points of view.

"This invitation is extended to you, or Mr. Herman Weckler, vicepresident and general manager, Chrysler Corporation; or Mr. Rob-A corporation income tax, says ert Conder, director of Labor Re-

es and other problems of state this proposal meets with your ap- on WDET-101.9 on your FM band. In a left-handed attack on Pres- government every Wednesday eve- proval and that you will advise me Tuesday, February 28-John ident Truman's Fair Deal pro- ning at 7:45 p.m. on WDET-FM, so that we can make necessary ar- offer. Reuther replied as follows: gram, Life magazine in a recent 101.9 megacycles on the FM band. rangements that would be agree- "On behalf of the UAW-CIO and

avail themselves of the WDET Corporation."

-The Inside Story of Detroit's Politics

The facts behind the actions of Detroit elected officials and policy-making commissions is being presented every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on WDET-FM as a public service broadcast of the United Automobile Workers.

Called "Inside Detroit," the program, according to Ralph Showalter of the UAW-PAC Department, "is produced in the interest of Detroit's citizens and is dedicated to the proposition that democracy thrives on knowledge and on action born out of acquaintance with

ATTACK COBO HOUSING SCHEME

On the February 6 program, Orville Linck, Detroit ADA chairman and Associate Professor of English at Wayne University, charged that the housing plan of Detroit's May-Ace sports commentator for or Cobo was "slum spreading," not Station WCUO is Danny Lan-slum clearance. The basis for the dau, who is also the station's Linck attack was the action of the Detroit Common Council in dropping five public housing sites proposed by Jim Inglis, former Hous-

"Cobo's plan of turning over slum clearance to private builders means that 9,000 people now living In keeping with its policy of of- in the boulevard section will be can only be called "slum spread-

cians and business interests were Chrysler Corporation and the called to task on the February 11 program of "Inside Detroit" when Al Barbour, Wayne County CIO Secretary-Treasurer, labeled their attacks on humane welfare policies as disgraceful.

> The constant pressure of these groups has resulted in hundreds of legitimate cases of need being held up while the Detroit Department of Public Welfare is forced by the City Council to re-investigate its current case load.

"The net result," asserted Barbour, "is that we have women and ball games in the Cleveland area. National Association of Broadcast- Michigan, is a practical way of in- "An identical invitation is be- children going without food, clothers, in a study of published figures creasing tax revenues for vital ing sent to Mr. Walter P. Reuth- ing and shelter 'right in the city

Plan to make listening to "Inman Matthews, director, Chrysler side Detroit" a regular Saturday air at the end of 1949 than at the Governor Williams discusses tax- Department, UAW-CIO. I hope evening habit. It's at 6:30 p.m.

the Chrysler Department, I wish



Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan—pictured above speaking into a WDET microphone—was one of the featured guest speakers at the UAW-CIO Region 1 Educational and Political Action Conference held at Wayne University in Detroit on Saturday, January 28. Flanking Williams and facing camera, left to right, are: Frank Wallick, UAW-CIO staff member; Mike Lacey, Region 1 Co-Director; Norman Matthews, Region 1 Co-Director; Ed Lee, Detroit UAW-CIO Educational Representative, and Andy Biemiller, U. S. Congressman from the 5th Wisconsin District.

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All Labor Demands Firing Of Company Stooge Denham

Robert Denham-management's errand boy under the Taft-Hartley Act—is advising employers to appeal NLRB decisions to the courts. Denham doesn't believe the Board can be relied upon. This suggestion is but the last of Denham's many high-

handed pranks aimed at labor. Robert Denham.

Labor Board its legal job of setting rules for labor relations in the Senator Hubert Humphrey, a Dennam's U.S.

CLOAK FOR SPIES

cial job of General Counsel has be- that Mr. Denham has delusions of Taft-Hartley Act for everything BOARD BLAST that's vague or prejudiced in favor labor with the help of their ver- sued a statement, part of which get away with under the Taft- Practices Commission with enforcement powers. sion of the law.

legal double talk on the grounds from decisions of the Labor Board ing dates run: that cops and the law must protect is one of the most cynical statethe corporations from the workers. ments ever made by a government ence, Biloxi, Miss.—April 1, 1949. ordinance. Commenting on the vinced economy-minded city offi-Under the Wagner Act, so Mr. attorney who is being paid to up-Denham believes, private property hold the Board's decisions in the Management, San Francisco, Cal. editorially, "We learned that volwas "abused" and "damned." But courts." today the law is impartial.

TAFT GAGS

Hit Jim Crow In Bowling

attorney-generals in New York and these states and in Cook County, Ill., calling discrimination in bowling "a public nuisance" and un- for steady use by the education committee? democratic.

Play in Bowling, formed in 1947 by tion problems? the UAW-CIO and other liberal labor groups, joined in condemning minority groups from sanctioned play."

Every labor organization in the tice, has gagged at Denham's ly accused of behaving like a country is on Denham's neck. Both clumsy swings at labor. Denham CIO President Philip Murray and thought the NLRB ought to seek the UAW-CIO Executive Board an injunction against the coal want President Truman to fire miners to end the coal dispute. This was too much for Taft, who Labor wants Denham canned for whimpered: "We never intended hair. When I refuse, nobody three simple reasons: (1) He's too to give anyone except the Presi- can do a thing about it." big for his britches; (2) he's a dent the power to make men go lackey for the companies, and (3) back to work when no contract

Under Robert Denham the spe- plies in this case. It appears to me

read: "His advice to employers to Hartley Act. This is all properly justified by clutter up the courts with appeals

In urging President Truman to over labor relations, the UAW Ex-Even Senator Taft, who prom- ecutive Board said, "If Denham's 19, 1949. ised the American people the Taft- bias and prejudice were not direct-Hartley Act was Republican jus- ed against labor, such an irrresponsible call to lawless action would New York City-January 12, 1950. have brought forth loud cries from Congress for impeachment."

Emperor Bob

In Washington, NLRB General Counsel Robert Denham complained that he was unjust-"czar," and then informed the District of Columbia Bar Association that "I could refuse to issue a complaint because I didn't like the color of a man's

Proof that Robert Denham is the come a cloak for company spies on grandeur to the point where he favorite lap dog of employers is the government payroll to whittle away the rights of labor. He and his legal cronies have searched the junction against Mr. Denham." seen by where he went to make public appearances during the past year. As hatchet-man for the Taft-Hartley Act, he has conspicuously of employers. They've twisted and Following Denham's stuffed-shirt been snubbed by labor conventions.

-October 10, 1949.

push Robert Denham from his rule ference, Berkeley, Cal. — October valueless."

Building Trades Employers' Association, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

American Trucking Association, anti-administration members of Washington, D. C. - January 30, 1950.

Above is NLRB General Counsel Robert Denham, whose outrageous conduct in his office has led to demands by the whole labor movement for his removal. strong foe of Taft-Hartley: "A strike certainly is not an unfair labor practice, as Mr. Denham imlabor practice, as Mr. Denham

After 13 months of an unworkable FEPC produced "plenty peddled it. Then they have gone pep talk to businessmen on how to speeches before ampleyers' groups of good will, but practically no jobs," Cleveland became the urging employers to make war on the UAW-CIO Executive Board is-

The City Council - prodded by ber of Commerce voted 27 to 5 to groups, ran into \$300,000. Gulf States Industrial Confer- change the city's toothless FEPC This wasteful outlay finally con-Society for the Advancement of move, the Cleveland Press said cials that only an enforceable untary FEPC, no matter how dili-Pacific Coast Management Con- gently and sincerely run, is almost

nation at the hiring gate."

plan, first pushed by the Chamber commission's orders.

Here's the way the guy's speak- labor, the NAACP and the Cham- of Commerce to appease minority

Other cities which have FEPC ordinances are Philadelphia and Minneapolis. States with strict This action was called "a tre- FEPC laws are New York, Massamendous step forward for labor chusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, in Cleveland," by Pat O'Malley, Rhode Island, New Mexico, Ore-Director of UAW Region 2 and gon and Washington. In these President of the Cleveland In- places commissions are given legal dustrial Union Council, and "will sanction to issue "cease and dedo much toward ending discrimi- sist" orders against firms guilty of discrimination, with penalties at-The cost of running a voluntary tached if they fail to comply with

The deliberations of 1,200 delegates to the Eleventh Convention of the Ohio CIO Council in Cincinnati were aired on WCUO, Ohio's first labor station last month. Firm steps to prevent the American Bowling Congress from holding its 1950 national tournament in Ohio were voted by the delegates. The convention decried the "disgraceful and unAmerican practice of ABC in closing its doors to all except white caucasians.

On the question of the Senatorial election in Ohio this year, A labor extension service is sup- gates "the only thing we have against Taft is his record, his

Legal steps to wipe out Jim Crow in bowling were started by UAW Seeks Support for Wisconsin last month. Injunctions against the American Bowling Congress were filed with the courts in

Would your membership go for institutes and short courses The National Committee for Fair run by experts on collective bargaining, labor laws and produc-

All this, and a good deal more, would be possible if two bills ABC's "discriminatory practices are passed in Congress. These bills would create a Labor Extenwhich bar Negroes, Japanese, Fili-sion Service with an annual budget of \$10,000,000. The program pinos, Hawaiians, Niseis and other would provide a variety of educational facilities, something like bowling in tournaments and league those offered farm families through the agricultural extension National PAC Director Jack Kroll told the convention deleservice.

"Tell the N.A.M., Miss Jones, that their propaganda about the coming welfare state is too much for me."

ported by CIO, AFL and other la- whole record." bor groups through the National Committee for the Extension of Labor Education, 1508-17th St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

Letters sent this month from the four top officers of UAW-CIO urged all local union Presidents and Financial Secretaries to contribute generously to the efforts of this committee for passage of S. 110 and H. R. 1380. The House version of the bill is mired down in the Labor and Education Committee, while the Senate bill has passed committee and is awaiting consideration on the floor of Con-

Fought by "the most reactionary corporations in the U. S.," a laborextension service for the labor movement would foster intelligent, progressive industrial relations in America. Farmers have enjoyed a government-sponsored education program for years, offering advice on crops and home making.

Labor advisory committees would cooperate with interested schools under the bills before Congress. People from labor and education groups would guide the program, setting up educational programs requested by local unions.







UAW-CIO officials at Civil Rights mobilization in Washington, D. C., above, seated, left to right: Raymond Berndt, Director of Region 3, UAW-CIO; William H. Oliver, Co-Director of the Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department; Martin Gerber, Director of Region 9, UAW-CIO. Standing, are: Roy Reuther, Coordinator of the UAW-CIO's PAC Department; Neal Edwards, President, Indiana State CIO Council; Caroline Davis, Director of Women's Bureau, Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department; Lillian Hatcher, International Representative, Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department, and Mr. Caldwell, Director of Indiana Lake County PAC.

Washington Hears 5,000

Five thousand Americans—all supporters of the real keystone of Americanism, Civil Rights—poured into Washington and left their political imprint firmly stamped on the nation during the Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization. Labor, church, veterans and liberal groups teamed up to visit Congressmen for three days, urging them to unlock legislative doors and vote for FEPC bills S. 1728 and H. R. 4453.

Three days after mobilization delegates had streamed home, the House of Representatives refused to restore the power of the dictation.

The House of Representatives refused as the civil rights mobilization.

Both the CIO and AFL sent strong torial Rules Committee, retaining representation. The first session in the right to send bills directly from All Souls Unitarian Church spilled committee to the floor of Congress into the street, while a throng of after 21 days instead of getting four thousand listened to Senators buried in the Rules Committee Hubert Humphrey and Wayne deep freeze - reserved for Fair Morse. Deal legislation.

STILL BLOCKED

But the road to FEPC still had a lot of boulders blocking its path. Speaker Sam Rayburn gave FEPC the first rebuff when he refused to mies were badly outnumbered by recognize Rep. John Lesinski, chair- the multitude of honest Americans nan of the House Labor and Education Committee, seeking to bring FEPC to a vote.

Hopes for FEPC now rest on the discharge petition circulated in to swell the chorus for civil rights. the House to bring the bill to the floor again and 64 Senators re- the Commies could only pout. quired for cloture to break up a filibuster when FEPC reaches the sprinkled with rank-and-filers, Reupper house.

ORDERLY BUT PERSISTENT

Washington has seldom seen so tor.

COMMIES BARRED

Communists were barred from the whole show and fumed and hollered. But this time the Comdrawn to Washington to speak up for effective civil rights. From Baltimore alone came 1,000 delegates on a 40-car "Freedom Train" Congressmen were impressed and

A 60-man UAW-CIO delegation, gional Directors and Fair Practices staff, were led by Roy Reuther, the union's Political Action Coordin :-

Reuther Testifies for MUCC Ruling Supports Union Housing Co-op Bill Position in Gar Wood Strike

housing last month.

Speaking for both the UAW-CIO and the CIO Housing Committee, which he heads, President Reuther said the Maybank amendment for cooperative housing should be passed for people | Michael F. Lacey, UAW-CIO Re- | company's abrogation of the agree-"too rich for public housing, yet too poor to afford the luxury the company had appealed a preof high cost housing in today's market."

"Families who can afford to pay between \$45.00 and \$65.00 a month' could own solid, roomy and completely-financed Referee Hyman Parker, it was homes through cooperative organizations. The Maybank amend- stated that "The employer has ment would permit labor unions and cooperatives to use government credit, amortized over a 30-year period, to construct fully-equipped homes in attractive surroundings.

Both Democrat and Republican supporters of the middle income housing measure won praise from President Reuther for understanding that housing is sorely neglected for millions of the Gar Wood workers were forced families. Real estate operators and bankers, he charged, are on strike by the arbitrary conduct interested only in federal underwriting of homebuilding loans of the company in wilfully vioif the bill gives them the right to mulct the people.

Earlier, Drayton S. Bryant, California housing expert, had accused private builders of putting up jerry-built homes for show conclusively that the firing honorable settlement," Lacey confidence of Brown and Dion on October 24 families with "no more than one child or, at the most, two chil- of Brown and Dion on October 24 dren of about the same age and the same sex." He also docu- by Gar Wood management was in cluded. mented the case against the Federal Housing Agency's hostility plementary agreement and brazen violation of a supplementary agreement ag to cooperatives by showing how the FHA rebuffed co-ops with with the aid of State Labor Medi- in negotiations on Friday, Febru-"contempt, evasion and denials."

Real estate charges that cooperative housing is "pure socialism" was dismissed as pure hokum by Reuther. Senator Sparkman, forthright chairman of the Senate's subcommittee Guara, Forced Listening on housing, showed the National Association of Real Estate Boards once seriously considered supporting cooperative hous-ing itself to ward off public low-rent housing. Hit by Libera Leader ing itself to ward off public low-rent housing.

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Two Gar Wood industries employees, report Brown and "Cracker boxes" and "glorified chicken coops" built by Lloyd J. Dion, whose discharges were among the grievances real estate speculators were publicly condemned in UAW Pres- that caused the UAW-CIO Local 250 strike of 900 Gar Wood) ident Walter P. Reuther's Senate testimony for middle income workers last November 19, were again found eligible for unemployment compensation benefits by an MUCC ruling issued February 8.

> The ruling was announced by gion 1 Co-Director, who said that vious determination of eligibility as the commission's basis for upissued November 30. In the text holding the eligibility of Brown of the decision, signed by MUCC and Dion. failed to sustain the burden of evidence that the claimants were nection with their work."

"emphasizes again the fact that lating written agreements with our the part of Gar Wood management lously wealthly Republican sounion.

"The MUCC findings on this case ators on October 18. In fact, the ary 10.

"We hope the public will note," Lacey continued, "that this develproving by a preponderance of the opment again reflects our union's efforts to be fair and reasonable discharged for misconduct in con- throughout this dispute. We have have united to support Chat offered to arbitrate—but Gar Wood "This decision," Lacey declared, has refused. On January 30, we accepted a proposed strike settlement Democratic nomination in the offered by state mediators — but 22nd Congressional District, again Gar Wood refused.

that has compelled the Local 250 membership to stick it out all ciety woman, Mrs. Frances P.

CHAT PATERSON

Labor groups in Cleveland Paterson in his race for the "It is this kind of an attitude on now represented by the fabu-

Paterson, a native of Cleveland, is a young, aggressive Liberal who Veterans' Committee (AVC). He has directed the fight for a national health insurance program as Executive Director of the Committee for the Nation's Health.

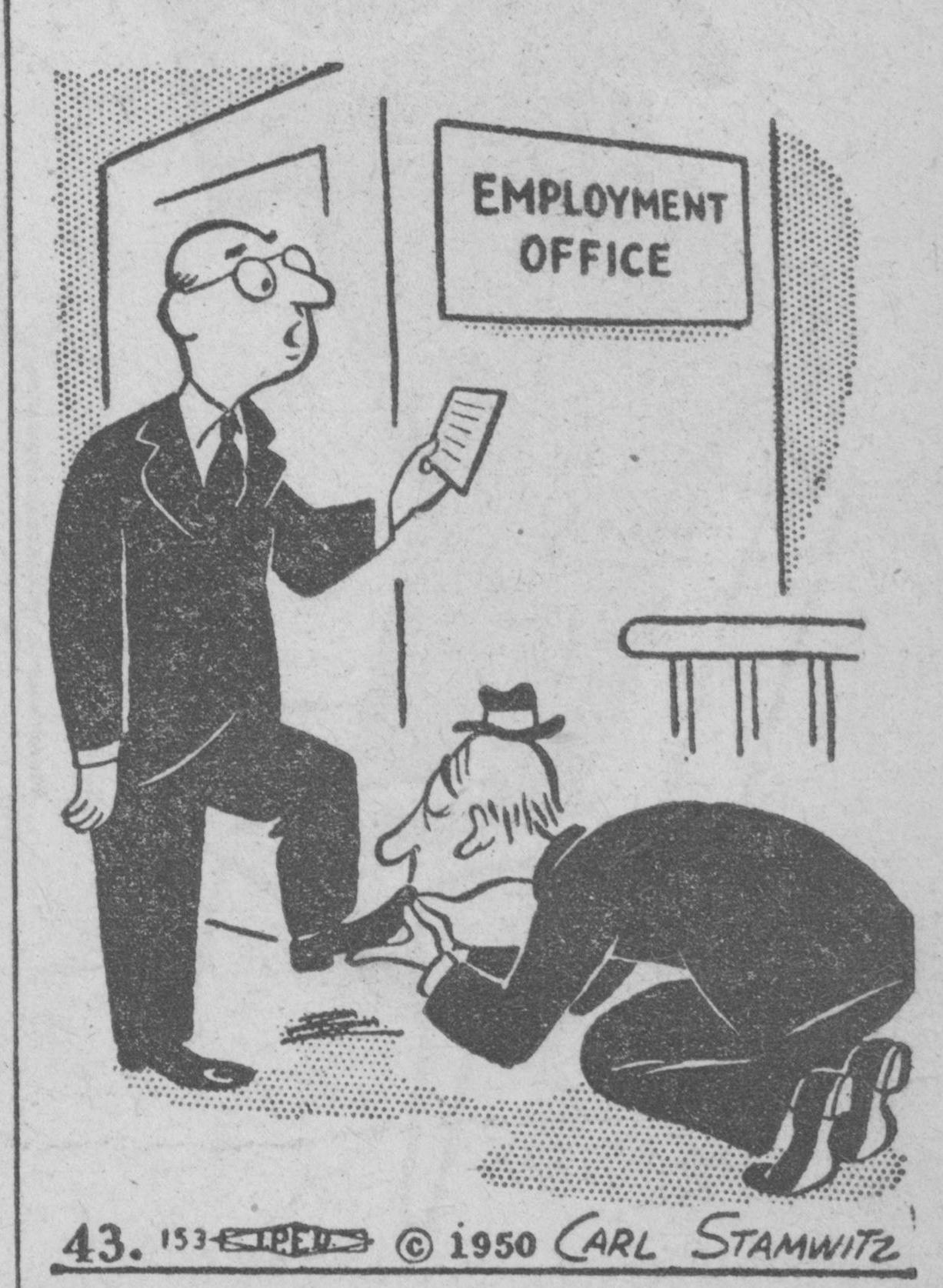
LANSING-The American Guard was branded a "noxious corruption of basic Americanism" at a Roosevelt Day speech by Charles LaFollette, national director of Americans for Democratic Action, here last month.

LaFollette also lit into the Muel-& ler Brass Company of Port Huron, man himself, LaFollette called the Mich., for collaring a "captive au-

by ADA in major cities throughout "The monopolists and their small

dience" of workers in its plant and American Guard "potential street cramming them with "trumpery fighters," recruited by "a former and falsehood" about the Fair Deal. employee of the Anderson, Ind., Roosevelt Day dinners were held Chamber of Commerce."

America on the theme "Freedom fry lickspittles," he said, "are tryof Inquiry in a Democratic Soci- ing to frighten the American peoety." UAW Education Director ple with 'ghosts on the left while Victor G. Reuther addressed ADA reactionary robber barons prepare dinners in Boston and New Haven. to ensnare and overwhelm them on A one-time Indiana Congress- the right."



"Sorry, but these people request a union man!"