EXCERPTS OF SPEECH BY CIO PRESIDENT WALTER P. REUTHER AT THE PHILIP MURRAY AWARD DINNER AT THE HOTEL SCHENLEY IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

It was a very considerable pleasure for me to accept the invitation of Chairman Joseph A. Beirne of the CIO Community Services Committee to attend this Philip Murray Award Dinner.

It is most fitting that we meet this year in Pittsburgh, the home of the beloved Philip Murray and the Headquarters of that great union, the United Steelworkers of America, to which he gave so much of his energy and intelligence and human spirit.

Philip Murray was concerned with the problems of working people, and, indeed, all Americans. He was vitally interested in the wages and working conditions of the men and women of American industry.

Equally, he was concerned with their security, the defense of their civil liberties and civil rights, with the homes in which they lived, and their health.

Thus, I know that Philip Murray, were he with us here tonight, would fully endorse this CIO Community Services Committee award to the Menninger Foundation -- and he would be the first to congratulate these two good doctors, these two great sons of a great father -- a trio who have expanded the horizons of knowledge in the field of mental health

We live in a turbulent period, and the increase in mental health an cases is/unfortunate by-product of our 20th century environment.

The doctors whom we honor here tonight with the Philip Murray

Award, have done great work in the field of the cause and cure of mental

disease. Yet, though I am only a layman in the field, I am sure they would agree with me on two fundamentals.

It is obvious that decent wage standards and security -- security on the job, security for the family, security for the entire community -- are a fundamental of good mental health.

It is equally obvious that slums breed disease -- physical disease and mental illness. As we advance in our living standards, as we promote security for the people, as we provide better homes, we make progress toward removing the conditions which lead to mental illness and deterioration.

The unions of the CIO, I am pleased to say, have a solid record of achievement in working for greater security, better living standards and better communities -- and so, indirectly, we have contributed to both the physical health and mental health of America.

Through the CIO Community Services Committee, the CIO has
done pioneer work in helping make available the resources of the community
to the individual worker for the treatment of his individual problems. In
scores of cities across America, union counsels trained by the CIO Community
Services Committee are daily carrying on a rewarding program of both
helping the community and helping the individual worker.

We in the CIO have stood strongly behind every forward-looking program to expand the facilities for treatment of mental health. It is true that medicine is too expensive for the mass of workers; and it is, perhaps, even more obvious that treatment for mental health is even farther out of

the range of the workers' pay envelope.

The psychiatrist can perform valuable services to the mentally disturbed -- but at a fee of \$20, or \$50, or \$100 an hour, he is simply not available to thousands upon thousands of people who may need psychiatric service. If we can mobilize America for the victims of infantile paralysis or heart disease, we should also be able to mobilize America for the entally serious and equally widespread treatment of mental illness.

We hail the work of the Menninger Foundation in helping develop these pathways toward adequate mental care for those citizens who are the victims of mental ill health -- but the CIO, as an organization of millions of Americans, goes beyond that scientific realm in which the Menninger brothers have given such wonderful service.

The CIO, as an organization of people, recognizes that we must constantly strive for a better world -- a world in which working people can live in peace with themselves, with their neighbors and with all the free world. Our mental illnesses are not individual. Religious prejudice, racial dogma, mass emotional hatreds, are a form of mental illness which our civilization should not tolerate and cannot afford. In helping humanities fight for a better, more peaceful world, we in the CIO are draining the swamps where flourish these throwbacks to medievalism and ignorance.

In that world for which we work, the human race will be happier; and though our civilization may become ever more complicated through the development of an expanding technology, the human race will be better adjusted, better cared for and better able to eradicate those crippling diseases of mind and body that haunt our present civilization.