Better Pie Crust

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Dangerous 'Baking Powder'

The old story about the biscuits that were heavy because the cook mistook "bug powder" for baking powder is not so ridiculous as it sounds. Many serious accidents have resulted from carelessness with insecticides used in the home and garden.

Michigan Mirror

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that if he were a GOOD farm boy, he could do it in three days!

Because no great skill was required, the auto industry sought to supply its labor needs in midwestern and southern states: Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee and the "Deep South." This migration to Michigan unfortunately did not stimulate deep roots here; much of the labor has been transient and marginal.

Another characteristic of the industry has been its periodic fluctuations of employment. New models. A change may lay off thousands. When Ford changed from the famous Model T, some 60,000 workers were idle for months.

The unskilled nature of the work, plus periodic unemployment, did not make for steady income. The N.R.A. study of wages in the auto industry shows that 45 per cent of the workers received an annual income of less than $1,000.

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Here you have a new industry, employing unskilled workers and subjecting them to periodical loss of income.

It seems inevitable that labor unrest would breed in such fertile soil. Remember 1937 and the sit-down strikes in Michigan? Here was evidence that the pendulum had swung far to the left. The United States Supreme Court declared the action to be illegal.

But it is significant to note that the C.I.O. labor movement in Michigan is less than a decade old in experience. Here also is a NEW development.

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The newness of the U.A.W.-C.I.O., in fact, is perhaps its greatest strength and also its greatest weakness.

Led by the Reuther brothers, the union has boldly demanded a straight 30 per cent increase in the worker's hour rate — or 48 hours' pay for 40 hours' work. Further than that, the union insists that the corporation's profits is a matter of proprietary interest of the workers — certainly a socialistic idea and one that fits well into the thinking of the Reuther brothers.

General Motors countered with an offer to increase the hour rate 10 per cent and to assure a 45-hour workweek. Whereas the hour rate has been $1.12 to $1.15 (according to the union) or $1.18 (according to GM), the new hour rate would be $1.26½. The take-home pay would be $57.30 (allowing for the same absenteeism at 45 hours as existed at 48 hours) compared with the union's demand for $59.80 for 40 hours' work. Allowing for absenteeism, the workers' take-home pay last June (1945) was $55.64. Thus, the GM offer would result in MORE take-home pay than the worker received during war-time.

The struggle is akin to David's combat with Goliath in that General Motors' financial position is reported by the New York Times as being at 2.2 billion dollars in total assets and 1.1 billion dollars in liquid assets, while the union's total resources if distributed to all union members would be only around $36 each.

And now for the writer's own personal interpretations.

If the union is successful in getting anything like a 30 per cent boost in wage rates, the effect will be widespread upon our national economy. Prices inevitably must be adjusted upward. Result will be inflationary.

If wages are linked to profits, then the worker must be willing to expect the formula to work both ways. When profits go down, the workers' wages must go down.

The union's weakness, as we see it, lies in its radical and irresponsible leadership. Back of the Reuther boys' thinking in the U.A.W.-C.I.O. is a desire to nationalize the automobile industry. That is, state socialism which opens the door to totalitarian government and death of the free enterprise system.

The public has much at stake in the outcome of the Michigan automobile strike.

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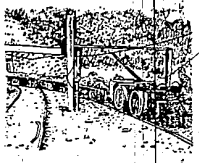

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Advice from County Agent

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Lime Deficient Areas

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