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Michigan Minors

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In the September strikes is expressed by Henry Ford II, executive vice-president of the Ford Motor company. He said recently: "They talk about 66,000,000 jobs. How can there be that many jobs when the worker quits before re-conversion gets under way? Perhaps the labor unions have no responsibilities — or refuse to accept them. The fact about strikes now, however, is that the average worker fails to realize the consequences of the strike. It not only cuts his own throat, strikes are now a serious impediment to the re-conversion effort."

The strike situation is a paradox to the demand of the U.A.W.-C.I.O. for full employment by private enterprise or full employment by government subsidy and deficit financing.

Victor G. Reuther, official of the U.A.W., served notice on Michigan newspaper editors at Ann Arbor, nearly one year ago, that he was willing to scrap the system which has given Americans the highest living standards on earth if private enterprise failed to create 60,000,000 jobs after the war.

Just as the government footed the bill during the war, so the government should make possible

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a continuance of war prosperity during the peace-time.
This, in brief, is the viewpoint of R. J. Thomas, president of the U.A.W.-C.I.O. who recently advocated that the government pay a bonus of \$1,000 to each war worker at the time of severance from employment.
Some U.A.W.-C.I.O. union leaders are campaigning for an outright federal subsidy covering peace-time wages. Each worker then would receive 48 hours' pay for 30 hours' work. The economic payoff for 18 hours of unproductive time and hence that the workers themselves would ultimately have to help foot the bill, if governmental bankruptcy was to be averted, had apparently not occurred to the labor leaders.

Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, in his Labor Day address, cautioned organized labor to execute greater responsibility for the public good or risk restrictive action by the federal government. A quotation: "We cannot have full employment unless we have full production of goods and services. And we cannot have full production unless we have full consumption. And we cannot have any of these — full employment, full production, and full consumption — if our productive machine is stalled by the government's policy of full employment here."

Detroit's labor relations today are just that — "chaotic." Irresponsible labor leadership, such as that of Mr. Thomas, is one of the deplorable handicaps in the path of full employment here.

Update at Cassopolis, the county seat of Cass county, is a country newspaper editor who recently observed his 57th anniversary.

of service to his community.
William H. Berkey is his name. "Bill," as he is called by everyone, possesses typical Yankee traits of old-fashioned sanity, candor and integrity. When he writes an editorial, he calls 'em just as he sees 'em. Recalling Mr. Thomas' demand for the \$1,000 war workers' bonus, Editor Berkey presented the following comment in his newspaper:
"These labor leaders (C.I.O.) say that the war workers did a 'superlative' job of turning out war equipment and therefore are entitled to a bonus of \$1,000 each, and that the money could be paid from the unexpended balance of funds that were appropriated for war with Japan."

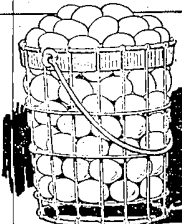
"Let's examine this a bit. Every one of these war workers received extra pay during the war effort, with time and one-half for overtime and double pay for Sundays and holidays; and, while we hate to say it, the whole country was full of stories of wasted time in the war plants."

"But, granting that every one of them did a full and honest day's work every day, what claim have they as against the millions of soldiers and sailors who fought, and suffered on the firing lines, or on the ships, or in the air? These people who stayed at home, worked in warm factories on comfortable jobs and enjoyed comfort of home were made better off financially by the war. The people of America will not stand for their looting the public treasuries now that the war is over."

To which a lot of weary Michigan taxpayers, just as patriotic as any ex-war worker, will add a fervent "Amen!"

The road to federal subsidies is also the road to state capitalism and its inevitable consequence: totalitarian government.

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Historical Note
Marching in pursuit of retreating Prussian soldiers in 1806 the French were received with open arms by the Germans. The people even turned their own wounded out of doors to make room for their French guests. On October 26, the French General Davout reached Berlin. The inhabitants, headed by their mayor, came out to meet him. Berlin newspapers lavished adulation on the victors and abuse on the beaten army. Two days later Murat's cavalry overtook the remnant of Prince Bluchner's army near Prenzlau north of Berlin and the Prince was induced to accept unconditional surrender.

Cake Make-up
One of the popular beauty aids is cake make-up. Properly applied, this cosmetic gives the skin a soft, powdery surface and covers minor blemishes. Like any other type of make-up, this kind should be applied only to a clean skin. A thorough face-wash with a good lather should always precede its use, and follow its removal. Rinse off the soap and dry the face thoroughly before putting on the make-up. Girls with very dry skin will get more desirable results if the make-up is applied over a cream or liquid powder base.

Mocking Bird
"The mocking bird is one of the most highly developed singers and has one of the broadest repertoires," said National Audubon Official Bert Hartwell of Miami, Fla. To be sure, the Audubon official admitted, the mocking bird isn't above lifting a few trills from his feathered neighbors, but he scrambles the lot, interpolates a generous portion of strictly original cadenzas and weaves them into a distinctive song all his own. "You can mistake it for the song of any other bird," Hartwell said.

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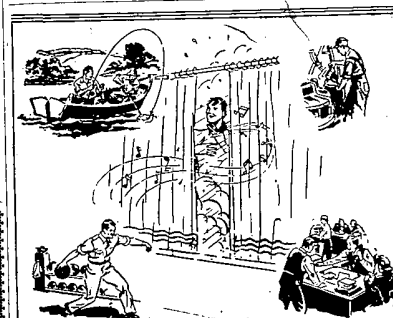


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We are conducting market and rural-opinion surveys, so that we can more exactly meet the wants of telephone users. We are studying special features designed

to make telephone service more valuable.

This indicates the way we are resuming our rural construction and improvement program. The program began long before the war. In 1940 we incorporated into it a rural construction plan suggested by the Michigan Rural Communications Committee, a group of agricultural leaders. But the entire program had to be curtailed because of wartime shortages.

Its resumption is an important part of Michigan Bell's 5-year, \$120,000,000 post-war expansion and improvement program. Of course, it will take time, for much telephone construction is slow, painstaking hand work.

However, we will work constantly toward our goal of providing the best possible rural service, to the largest number of people, at the lowest possible cost.

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