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# **Partners Lose** Letters to the Editor More than \$500

Editor, Torrance Press: about the steelworkers walk-out. She may not accept this help, her eyes.

Apparently, she has not been a munism? wife of a steelworker for too long a time, or her husband has

not been working for Columbia in the period when there was union. If she believes that the steelworkers union has not done anything for its members, she is deceiving no one but herself. Not only have the wages more than doubled, but the whole community has prospered along with the workers. Only when the workers have money to spend can Torrance prosper. Columbia Steel by no stretch of

imagination can be said to spend its profits in Torrance. UNION GAINS

today I can see many things we less than would have been lost did not have before the members if the jobs were not made secure of the union made gains. These by a union contract. things we once couldn't afford. veniences that we would never You, Mrs. X, seem to know a are better provided for.

family has to go to the hospital, in America.) One of these might the bill is paid for by the insur- well have been your husband or ance union won for us. And my mine. I'd certainly want to see husband can look to the future my husband receive fair treatwith some hope of retiring on a ment and I'm sure you wish the pension also won by the union. same for yours. Columbia gave none of these PRINCIPLE FIGHT

without a strike. I don't claim to be a smart woman, but I know from hard



experience that prices go up long I'm writing this letter hoping before wage raises are asked for. Parts, located at 441 E. Carson that it will help the "disgusted So it isn't the unions that are Street, please let us know, and wife," who wrote in last week causing inflation. I too hate high we will furnish them with a key taxes, but I know someone has rather than have our locks cut," to pay for our defense program "Thoroughly disgusted wife"

but, I feel she needs it to open against Communism, or isn't the of the establishment, said in an ironic tone. concerned about world Com-

'FAT SALARIES' She also is alarmed at the "fat salaries from due dollars paid into unions." These salaries, my dear, compare in no way with the money paid by companies to find ways and means of getting more work out of your husband and mine for less pay. If , our husband is a member, he knows that the dues are not paid during strikes and that they have not increased for

years but are fixed by his vote at two dollars a month. If I recall correctly, there were but two or three strikes since this plant started and the

As I look around my house lost time from these was far has eaten." Which brings me to the pres-We have comforts and con- ent trouble our men are having. has been clipped by roving bur-

have had on the measley wages great deal too much about past that the men would be making records of workers at Columbia. were it not for their union. You make statements about two We're better off and our children innocent workers who were discharged by the company. (They When any member of the are innocent until proven guilty

I think it's a noble act of brotherhood on the part of the members of the union to sacri-

glars. **Double Session Figures Shown** Latest double-day session figures released by the Board of Education showed that 587 stu-

dents need more school housing. Shortages exist at four local schools. Double-day sessions are broken down as follows: Fern Avenue ..... 255 58 Walteria ...



### Columbia

(Continued from Page One) their tname be stricken from the petition. "That made the vote unneces-

"If anyone else wants to break sar,y," Teers explained. "We are in at the Aetna Auto and Truck united on seeing this fight Bayer located at 441 E. Carson through to the end," he said, Columbia must rehire the two workers, or we won't return to our jobs.'

Teers referred to the two Fred Buchner, one of the owners workers fired by the Company which caused the walkout three weeks ago

Buckner said that he and his While the Union insisted that partner, Roubin Blindel, lost in there would be no compromise the neighborhood of \$500 at his on the firing of the two workbusiness location, he reported, ers, U. S. Steel officials said when someone cut barbed wire that their hands were tied.

in back of his place, cut both "We can't negotiate with the the chain and locks open on the Union while the work stoppage back fence, and cut two locks exists," said Frank Burns. "Both

on the building. the walkout at Columbia and at the Pittsburgh plant are in Aetna Auto is located on a little over an acre of ground. direct violation of the provisions of the labor agreement which "We know we lost 25 radiaprovide that there be no strikes, tors and 30 to 40 batteries," work stoppages, interruption or said Buckner.

impeding of work." He said that it is difficult to Burns said that the production keep a running inventory. of 4000 tons of steel a week are "You know," said Buckner, being lost. The Pittsburgh walk-

"this business is like a woman out eliminates 1300 tons for each with ten children. You may see day the mill stands idle, he furchocolate on a child's face, but ther revealed. you don't know how much he In the meantime, Teers said

that he reveived a letter from Buckner said that this is about Union local 1440 at Pittsburgh the fourth time that his business steel mill. It said in part:

"We will give Columbia and Pittsburgh a little demonstration Tuesday morning, Jan. 22 in protest for their arbitrary action against your members. Keep your

chin up. Your local is not only fighting for themselves but for every steel local, and we know it. Rest assured, and we will back you and not just in idle talk." The letter was signed: William

L. Milano, financial secretary, local 1440, Pittsbugh, California. In the same letter Milano included a check for \$500. Previously, the Union had received a \$100 check from Tidwell's Gro-

cery Clerk's Union. "Other checks are coming in

## Captive

(Continued from Page One) if the peace talks come to a

'huh.'

this war soon.

thinks of home.

BACK HOME

"I'll bet everything looks

nice back home-all kinds of

lights and decorations. I can

just see it now, but I just

peaceful settlement. "I'm hoping that all of you spend a merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. The Chinese Volunteers are giving us a party today. The GIs are putting on a show for us tomorrow. We're getting plenty of

chow, too; so don't worry WINE TONIGHT "Oh, yes, we're getting some wine tonight, so I guess we'll have a good time. "We were shown a USSR picture the other night. The name of it was "The Fall of Berlin.' It was really good. A lot of good-looking girls in the movie, too. It made me homesick. I sure hope they settle

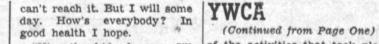
P.S. God Bless all of you. "We're also having church

services Xmas. I really thank the Chinese for letting us have '49 MERCURY that. As I'm sitting here I'm watching the rest of the guys 6 PASS. COUPE. Beautiful in my squad write. Some of Green. Radi White Walls. Radio and heater. them are writing without any trouble. Some sit and think awhile. They all got that same **OUR PRICE \$1495.00** look, sort of sad look. It's always like that when a man

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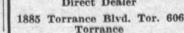
lot of new songs out? MISS MUSIC "I really miss music. I'm running out of words to write, can't think of what to say in

this letter. "What's Angel (14-year-old brother) doing? I miss him a lot. I keep thinking: What if another war should break out and he had to go fight. I just pray to God that he does not have to suffer the wounds that war brings. The destruction and death that it brings -alive one day-dead the next.

I hope he never sees this. "Love, "DANNY."

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