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That the conversion of automobile plants to war use is proceeding at a faster rate than predicted. That the average weekly wage was \$44.92 in January, compared with California's \$40.37 and New York's \$35.75.

And yet labor unrest continues. And why? The CIO demands an extra dollar daily from General Motors Corp., alleging huge profits from war contracts.

The corporation proposes that con-

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tract negotiations be opened to the public through the newspapers, inasmuch as public money is involved. How labor unrest is being fanned may be illustrated by the following: Revelation of war profiteering by certain manufacturers. Case: Jack & Heintz, Inc., Cleveland airplane parts company, gave out \$600,000 in bonuses in 1941. The boss "earned" \$145,845; his secretary received \$39,356.

World War I produced many millionaires. Workers remember this. So do farmers. (The Nye congressional committee (1934) reported that "the record of the present shipbuilding companies during the (World) war, wherever examined, was close to being disgraceful. Huge bonuses were paid to officers. Profits were concealed as rentals." The American Legion also made a clamor about "taking profits out of war.")

While the Cleveland case of 1941 is an exception rather than the rule, it provides labor organizers with much-needed ammunition for wage negotiations. Farmer see justification in higher prices for farm commodities. The cycle of effects is long.

While Michigan workers may be better off than those elsewhere, as the cold statistics prove, yet political capital continues to be made that labor is not getting its just dues. Governor Van Wagener spoke at a labor conference arranged by the state department of labor and industry. Listen to these criticisms of Michigan labor laws.

"Michigan ranks 26th among all states in liberality of workmen's compensation payments. For an industrial state, that is a disgrace." "We have a 90-day limit on medical case (for workmen's compensation). That is extremely unjust."

"Indefensible discrimination" is being seen by the governor in the state's occupational defense diseases which "now denies compensation for certain types of occupational disease." Legis. initiative changes are needed, Van Wagener said.

"Michigan is one of the few states in which, according to a recent opinion of our state attorney general, women can legally be worked 40 hours a day. . . . We are the only industrial state in which women can be worked 54 hours a week. . . . We failed in the last legislative session to get a wage-hour law for the state, so the women of Michigan still lack the protection that most other states give women."

Child labor ("exploitation of minors") received this charge from the governor: "Our child-labor law is 33 years old. It is almost impossible to enforce today."

By coincidence, the governor's address was given on the identical day Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general, delivered at Washington his amazing indictment of unions. "Never had a New Deal official of high rank accused organized labor of the following: Exploitation of farmers, undemocratic procedure to control union elections, impeding transportation, making it "impossible" to get mass production of housing, forcing businessmen to employ useless labor, restricting "efficient use of men and machines."

The Jackson Citizen-Patriot editorially observes: "The charges which Thurman Arnold makes against organized labor are basically true as every man knows. They do no by any means apply to all unions or all union men; but the abuses which he names are not uncommon."

While Congress can require corporations to reimburse the government any excess profits paid to them, Congress cannot reclaim lost hours or war material — airplanes, tanks, etc. — that were never made. If labor limits production of war material, General MacArthur and thousands of Michigan soldiers and sailors will have less fighting arms with which to protect their own lives, let alone our lives.

Because a majority of Michigan's workers (in industries and on farms) are not members of unions, Arnold's indictments added only more fuel to an already hotly burning fire. The governor's charges did not lessen labor's unrest. Nor did the revelation of war profits make the Michigan worker, blessed with higher wages and higher benefit payments than any other workers in these U.S.A. inclined to work harder and to produce more tanks, cannons, and airplanes.

Further, 1942 is a campaign year, and that means inevitable bidding by politicians at Washington and at Lansing for pressure group votes.

Charlevoix Co's Third Registration (Continued from front page)

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