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MATTHEW M. METTLER describes the events and motivations that led workers in the farm equipment industry in the Quad Cities in the 1950s to abandon their militant, left-led union for more conservative mainstream unions. He argues that the move did not necessarily represent a rejection of the core ideals of left-led unionism but is better understood as a difficult but pragmatic attempt to preserve those ideals.

CLYDE BROWN AND GAYLE K. PLUTA BROWN tell what happened when, after the Twenty-sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect in 1971, 18- to 20-year-olds voted for the first time in the three Iowa cities — Ames, Cedar Falls, and Iowa City — that are home to the state's public universities. They analyze the factors that contributed to students' varying degrees of success in the three towns in securing the election of student candidates or candidates they supported.

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A massive picket line from a strike against International Harvester parades through a downtown area in the Quad Cities in 1952. For more on labor conflicts involving farm equipment workers in the Quad Cities during the Cold War, see Matthew Mettler's article in this issue. Photo from State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City.

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