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COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY of U.S.N.A. FROM THE SHOP FLOOR

In the past few months Cadillac has been going full time in production. This has meant on an average of nine hours every weekday and frequently on some Saturdays. In a way this would on the surface seem like a godsend since unemployment is so high in this area. The general sentiment is that you'd better get it while you can because you don't know what will come up next. Well those of us who have been here for a while know that this is a general pattern for Cadillac, but lets just stop a minute and examine what repercussions this has for the workers at Cadillac.

In particular Dept 1008 section 3 where there is a female foreman by the name of Cathy Hamby. Over the last few months she has whipped through this department like a tornado leaving in her path many write-ups against workers, the firing of two workers, where at least one is still out and a general feeling in the department that she's out to take Cadillac by storm. This is the way she's going to prove that she can handle her job.

On the surface it would have the appearance of being one bad foreman out of the lot who is just "oversupervising". Well the workers in 1008 see it differently, they know that it is not just the foreman that was involved but the general foreman too, John Stringer who was behind the dirty work that was going on in this department.

Individual struggle by way of the grievance procedure and even by way of individual workers was not effective enough. By doing it this way management knew they would never have to worry about it and they could unleash Cathy to prey on anyone she chose.

But the workers fought back in the best way they possibly could on a united basis. A petition was taken resulting in twenty-three signatures out of about 33 people in the department asking for her removal. Well "right on" everybody said we finally got some unity.

But what followed after that event is a sad commentary. The workers received everything from "promises" that everything will work itself out to "well theres nothing we can really do about a petition whether it had 99% of the people sign it. In fact it was really fighting for. It seems like they shook hands on an agreement to cool it off.

The nucleus of the CLP wishes to point out the objective conditions which gave rise to the situation and point out some valuable lessons that can be drawn.

While we live under the system of capitalism certain rules must be laid down to maintain it, that means getting by any means necessary. Cadillac being an industrial plant is bound under the same economic rules. Profits must increase and principally at Cadillac this is done by raising the price of the cars and for us longer hours to work and speed-up. But after awhile even the increase of exploitation of the workers on a small scale has to have some kickbacks, this is principally done in rebellion to the exploitation. That is why they need foreman like Cathy to stand between the capitalist and the workers, to act as lieutenants to keep the army of workers in line.

The one lesson we as workers must learn is that the days have past when we can rely on the union apparatus to defend us, (the grievance procedure actually disarms us). Because the crisis in the economy all of the load is being put on our backs and at Cadillac this means being written up and fired to maintain high profits.

We need a new fight apparatus to represent us not only on economic struggles but politically to guide the path upon which we must follow, to alleviate our misery. This apparatus does exist, the nucleus of the Communist Labor Party is struggling to guide the individual struggles into one united blow. We welcome all those who want to struggle on the smallest level to join us and join our party.

KEEP ANGOLA FREE

On November 11 the MPLA formed a new government, the Democratic Peoples Republic of Angola. The people of Angola have been fighting to control the political, economic and social life of their own country. While this is nothing new in the history of world events it becomes particularly important when taken in context with the economic crises most of the world is facing.

Because of the crisis particularly the United States is faced with, unemployment, whole cities on the brink of financial collapse etc. The capitalist must find some outlet to get rid of the products they produce and also must maintain the market they have established in other "underdeveloped" countries. That is why they can not stand to see the former colony of Angola lost from the Portuguese and therefore lost from the grips also of US NA imperialism.

The moves they have been making whether they are open or concealed, testify to the fact that they are trying to overthrow the Angolan government. Already the Ford administration has admittedly spent \$50 million to maintain its CIA activities and are actively recruiting trained mercenaries to "maintain the peace" in Angola.

Although Angola is free and independent, the country finds itself trying to fight a reversal of their revolution backed by the USNA. Two phoney groups have popped up claiming to represent the interest of the Angolan peoples. These phoney groups represent the USA and the USNA (the Union of South Africa and the United States of North America). The USNA is not interested in safeguard of the Angolan people, but realize that Angola like many countries in Africa is super-rich in natural resources. They range from coffee beans to gold mines to oil wells.

South Africa openly employs mercenaries to fight the newly formed Angolan government. It is re-

ported that 250,000 troops from South Africa alone are in Angola. The USNA government has joined hands in a bloody marriage with the government of South Africa.

Ford and Kissinger talk about troop reduction and world peace while the Green Berets and the CIA military advisors attempt to kill the democratic leaders of Angola. On Dec. 19, the Senate voted to end the USNA involvement in Angola by 54 to 22 and end the financing of two puppet groups that are taking up arms against the People's Republic of Angola. On the other hand Ford's administration backed by the capitalists are trying to get an additional 60 million dollars.

We firmly oppose and will fight against the unjust war that is being organized against the Angolan freedom fighters.

The government of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Angola is the legitimate government of the Angolan peoples.

Not only must congress withdraw all military aid from Angola but each and every worker must demand an end to US interference in Angola. Send a telegram or postcard to Congress demanding an end to ANY US interference in Angola.

For more information contact the WORKERS COMMITTEE for a FREE ANGOLA - 12024 LINWOOD, DETROIT, MICH. 48206.

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JEFFERSON OPEN!



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Is JEFFERSON CLOSING?

Jefferson is again the first plant in the city to cut production through a week long layoff. And the rumors that the plant will close are stronger than ever. Last year no one thought unemployment would get as bad as it is, this year everyone knows it will get worse!

~ D.U.C. in Action ~

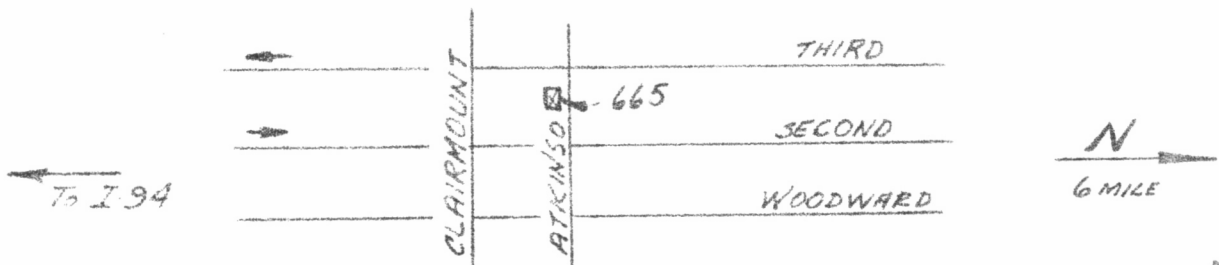
The Detroit Unemployed Council was formed last year as a result of the fight to keep Jefferson open. After many struggles including participating in the City Council Open Hearing on Unemployment and the UAW Rally in Washington D.C. we have grown stronger. We have actively fought against evictions, including physically stopping them. We have struggled at unemployment offices and welfare offices to get the benefits due workers. We are active in the struggle for busing and equal and quality education for workers' children of ALL nationalities. We are currently writing amendments to the unemployment compensation laws and welfare laws that will remove the anti-working class sections of these laws. We are steadfastly struggling for Jobs With Peace. And we are still out here struggling to KEEP JEFFERSON OPEN!

~ TRIBUTE to JEFFERSON WORKERS ~

This Saturday night, October 25, 1975, the Detroit Unemployed Council is holding a fundraiser party. The theme of this party is KEEP JEFFERSON OPEN. All Jefferson workers will be admitted free. This party is as much a tribute to the workers at Jefferson as it is to raise funds so the council can continue its work. Last year the workers at Jefferson led the struggle against unemployment. This year the workers in this city look to the Jefferson workers to do the same.

You are invited to the 'Keep Jefferson Open' fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 25, 1975.

AT: 665 Atkinson (Between Second & Third)
9 p.m. till ?



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EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

DISTRICT 4
(9170)

A THREE YEAR TERM FOR STEWARDS AND COMMITTEEMEN?

At last month's Executive Board and General Membership meetings, a motion was approved to put the question of a three year term for stewards and committeement back before the general membership of Local 140 at the February meeting. While the three year term was voted down last year, it is being brought up again because of a procedural error. Much of the Local leadership is supporting the three year term on the basis that the Local union is not in a good financial position and that the Local elections are costing too much money.

I cannot support a three year term for stewards and committeemen. Elections are the basis for democracy and rank and file participation in the UAW. Election time provides the opportunity for the most lively discussion and debate on the issues that face the rank and file. The election of chief stewards and committeemen daily affects every working member of the union. Three years is simply too long to wait for that kind of debate over the issues and situation that face us on the shop floor.

While it is possible to recall a steward or committeeman who isn't doing his job, this is quite difficult and leads to bitterness and namecalling. Just the opposite of the kind of discussion and debate that a good election campaign should allow.

The financial question is important. But shortchanging the membership on elections is not the place to save money. I think we could find other places to save the Union's money--like Conventions in Detroit (instead of California) for example. Since the last election (May 1975) cost so much money, the Local Union needs to look into cheaper but effective ways of holding these elections. But we need to keep the 2 year term of office . for stewards and committeemen.

Brothers and sisters of District 4, this is a very important issue for Local 140. I urge everyone to come to the February General Membership meeting and make your feelings and your vote count. The Meeting is 10 A.M.--Sunday--February 8 at the Local 140 Hall, 23345 Pinewood (one block west of Mound and one block north of 9 mile).

JOHN SOLLENBERGER
Executive Board - District 4
January 30, 1976
(labor donated)

REGION "7" BOARD MEETING NOV. 24 - 7:30 P.M. DENBY H. SCHOOL

Last Thursday night an unlawful School Board meeting was held at Denby High-school. It was held by Region 7 Board member, Mrs. Carmen Roberts and Central Board member, Mr. O'Neil. This meeting was a sham and a front to further Mrs. Roberts' hate group, M.A.D. (Mother's Alert Detroit). Mrs. Carmen Roberts, Region 7 School Board member, used the term "nigger" in her speech at this meeting and Mr. O'Neil talked about the Latino people like they were dogs. We cannot allow these chauvinist attacks on Negro and Latino people by so-called leaders to go unchallenged!

We the parents of children at Hosmer school, belong to Region 7. The decisions, policies and attitudes that come out of Region 7 directly affect our children at Hosmer school - but we can affect these decisions if we get involved.

Carmen Roberts must be removed from her position on Region 7 School Board because of her attacks on Negro people which can only hurt our children at Hosmer school. We must demand:

- 1) Public apology to our Negro and Latino citizens from Mrs. Roberts and Mr. O'Neil.
- 2) Public censure of these two members of the school board.
- 3) Prosecution by the Board of Education for the unlawful use of school property by the above mentioned Board members.

Come to the next Region 7 School Board meeting on November 24th, at Denby High (Kelly Rd. and McNichols) at 7:30 pm. As parents we can protect our children only if we know what our so-called leaders are doing - find out for yourself, come to the Region 7 School Board meeting!

P.S. If you need a ride call 822-6329. A group of Hosmer parents have already planned to attend this meeting.

CONCERNED PARENTS OF HOSMER SCHOOL



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Speech given at a special Reg. 6 Bd. Mtg. at Farwell,]-]9-'76
for Reg. 6 Make It Work Committee by Connie Ehrbar

Good Evening.

As we approach January 26th two things are in most parents' minds: 1) the safety of their children, and 2) the quality of the education the children will receive. Our committee has had these same concerns from our formation.

There has been a general assumption that the schools on the east of our region are superior to those on the west of our region. The general cry from the east side has been, "We don't want to give up what we've got." The general impression on the predominately Black west side is that, "We don't have to have our children sitting next to Whites to learn." Combined with this has been the over-all fear of the unknown.

Well, on January 26th the buses will roll and they will roll because of the long fight in this country by the minorities for equality. In]896 the Supreme Court took the position that separate could be equal. History proved otherwise, and in]954 the Supreme Court ruled that "...in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." For those of you who say "So what? Let them stay that way," or those of you who are afraid to put the children through this, remember the Supreme Court also said "it is doubtful if any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education."

We all want quality education for our children. Keeping quality education from national minorities can never insure quality education for the majority. The quality of education is going down for all children. When was the last time that physical education was available daily? Do you know that if a child does not get to use his or her body enough that it interferes with reading?

None of us will have quality education unless all of us do. Let me cite this piece of history because this is where it all started. Before the civil war there were slaves in the south and wage-earning workers in the north. The civil war was fought for many reasons, one of them being moral conviction. But it was also true that the workers in the north lived in impoverished conditions, often with seasonal jobs, and no matter how hard they tried they could not raise their wages as long as there was slavery in the south. It took both Blacks and Whites to win the civil war. In a sense we still are fighting the civil war, because equality has not been achieved for all peoples.

It will take both Blacks and Whites to get quality education for all children. It will take both Blacks and Whites to demand funding for that education. It will take everyone to get bilingual, multi-ethnic, and vocational instruction. Still parents cry "They can't even read when they graduate." Our work is cut out for us.

We hear the argument that if the money were spent on education instead of buses, we would all have good education. The cost of the buses is 2% of the budget--less than the rate of inflation. Saving the cost of the buses would not give everyone a better education.

The bus ride itself is nothing new. 52% of students are now bused in this country. There has been busing in this city prior to this because of overcrowding. The bus is merely a vehicle to aid in a temporary means of integration. The bus will be there for your children to ride, but if you prefer, take your child to school yourself or form a car pool or drive along behind the bus.

It needs to be mentioned that there are forces out there--MAD in particular--who do not all agree with nonviolence. We would be fooling ourselves if we were to ignore that the possibility of violence does exist. We each have to decide what we will do about it. You can volunteer to be at pick-up points. You can be at your local school to welcome the children. You can go to the receiving school to see about their safety. You can volunteer to work with the police chaplain corp in crisis situations. You can walk your children to school. You can help man the rumour control phones. It is important that parents take part to insure the children's safety.

Our committee is very willing to help see that you are able to participate. We also will come to neighborhood, church, or block clubs to speak. We have copies of the busing routes and can explain how they affect you. We have other literature as well with us tonight that we can give out. [20 Years After Brown: The Shadows of the Past, Your Child and Busing, Five Communities: Their Search for Equal Education] If you would like someone from our committee to speak, see us tonight or call us at 366-2517.

We are an ongoing committee. We were not formed just for the busing. We are very concerned with the quality of education and this will be our main focus as soon as we have helped insure peaceful integration. We are not funded but we do have other resources we can call upon. If you need our help, please call 366-2517.

Anyone who is planning to go out with the children on the 26th, 27th, etc, I would encourage you to attend a forum Sunday the 25th at St. Ritas, 1000 E. State Fair. It will be discussed at this forum what and how we can concretely do to keep this peaceful. Again that will be at St. Rita's gym, E State Fair and I 75, Sunday 4-6.

Together We Can Make It Work!

LONG LIVE THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE

The struggle for Angola with its huge material and human resources is fast becoming a focal point of world contradictions. Coached by USNA imperialism, the Portuguese pulled out of Angola in such a manner that the question of who and what would control the state apparatus could only be resolved by arms.

ONLY ONE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN ANGOLA

The so-called Angolan civil war between three "national liberation" forces is in fact a struggle between only two forces. On the one hand, are the combined forces of imperialist aggression dominated by the USNA and USA; on the other hand, is the only national liberation movement of progressive, popular forces which support MPLA.

WHO IS THE MPLA?

The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) was formed in December of 1956 to struggle against colonialism. In 1961, after the Portuguese massacred 3000 Angolans, armed struggle for independence was launched. Throughout the 14 year period of armed struggle MPLA was the only organization that consistently implemented a program which most genuinely represented the Angolan people and their national aspirations for complete political and economic independence. Through literacy campaigns, medical clinics, Centers of Revolutionary Instruction, people plantations, "people stores", and the building of mass organizations of Angolan workers, Angolan women, and Angolan youth and children the basis of Angolan self-reliance has been cemented.

The war lasted until the downfall of the Portuguese dictatorship in April, 1974. By November 11, 1975 MPLA took control of the organs of state of the People's Republic of Angola. The MPLA is the only organization of Angolan people who are continuing the struggle to consolidate Angola's complete independence barring the way to neocolonialism. Already, the MPLA government of the People's Republic of Angola has been recognized by over 40 nations.

INTERESTS OF IMPERIALISM

The USNA is the dominant imperialist force in Angola because of the interests of internationalized finance capital. Through such institutions as the World Bank, the Inter-American Capital Corporation, the Export-Import Bank and Chase Manhattan Bank, the international bourgeoisie has exerted control over Angola and Portugal. In addition, as of 1970, over 25 USNA companies were active in Angola. Some examples are: Allis-Chalmers of Wisconsin, America Cyanamid Co., Union Carbide, General Electric, Caterpillar Tractor, National Cash Register, Pfizer & Co., Gulf Oil, Texaco, Mobil Oil, General Tire and Rubber, ITT. Behind all these companies also, are banks.

Regionally, South Africa is one of key USNA aid recipients which wants to establish a neo-colonial state in order to prevent an Anti-South African front of MPLA, SWAPO (South West African People's Organization), the revolutionary government of Mozambique and the South African liberation movement.

WHO IS THE F.N.L.A AND U.N.I.T.A.?

In addition to aid to South Africa, the USNA has also funded Angolan "nationalist" groupings whose principle reason for existence is to oppose the MPLA. For example, Holden Roberto (head of FNLA, Front for the National Liberation of Angola) has been widely identified as a longtime CIA frontman in Angola. Jonas Savimbi (head of UNITA, National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) was originally a minister in Roberto's group until 1966 when he split, with the prodding of the Portuguese fascists, to form UNITA. Marcael Catano, fascist successor to the Salazar regime in Portugal, said in his book, Depoimento (Brazil, 1974) that "pacification" in Angola was carried out by a Portuguese commander who "even came to an agreement with UNITA which, under Jonas Savimbi's leadership, operated there and was in opposition to the MPLA."

Neither group has developed real ties with the Angolan masses and neither has organized among the Angolan working class, as the MPLA has. Both rely solely on tribal basis. Both wage a propaganda war designed to exclude any reference to the USNA and South African aid which they receive, and they continually use the "Soviet scare" to slander the MPLA and the Angolan people.

THE "SOVIET SCARE"

The USNA bourgeoisie, using their time-worn ploy to justify their intervention into other countries, raises the "red danger" from the Soviet Union and Cuba. In this they are aided by the Teng revisionist group in the People's Republic of China which is using "anti-Sovietism" to distract the Chinese people from their bourgeois policies. The MPLA government has pledged itself to nonalignment in international affairs and has made it clear that like its comrades-in-arms countries of Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau (which also received Soviet aid) it is not about to become a "puppet" of the Soviet Union. Moreover, it is the stand taken by the masses of Angolan people and their organizations which will determine whether the country pursues an independent course. The direction of Angola cannot be imposed from without, as the Ford-Teng "Soviet scare" would have us believe. We must remember that the "Soviet scare" is part of the traditional imperialist propaganda of national chauvinism, and anti-communism, that the oppressed people's and nations are incapable of understanding world conditions and making decisions (and revolution) in their own best interests.

JOBS WITH PEACE

To crush the revolution of the Angolan people the USNA bourgeoisie has already sent \$50 million directly and \$20 million indirectly (through Zaire) to the reactionary anti-MPLA forces in Angola. Ford is now proposing to send \$7 million more. That \$77 million could have been spent here to provide much needed jobs and social services. We are faced daily with continued unemployment, skyrocketing prices, rising taxes, tuition hikes, and police attacks in the bourgeoisie drive to "cut back" our standard of living. We must strongly oppose any type of USNA aid to the reactionary forces in Angola and demand that the government provide decent jobs for every worker at the expense of the military budget and military aid. The overwhelming demand of the USNA working class and progressive people is for jobs with peace. Therefore, the C.L.P. (Communist Labor Party of the United States of North America) calls for all progressive forces to demand:

The USNA recognize the People's Republic of Angola led by the MPLA.

A Total End to all Covert and Overt Aide by the USNA government to **reactionary forces**.

Jobs for Every Worker at the Expense of the Military Budget.

For further information contact the C.L.P. at 868-9214, 12024 Linwood Ave.

OPEN LETTER to REGION 7 PARENTS



At an open meeting of M.A.D. (MOTHERS ALERT DETROIT) on January 8th, certain statements and attitudes were expressed that can have a devastating affect on our community in particular and Detroit in general.

At this meeting it was clear that there is a split in M.A.D.'s organization. Some members, although against busing, are also against violence. The other section, which includes most of M.A.D.'s leadership, talked about taking to the streets with guns, and openly advocated violence.

Violence can not bring about equal or quality education but it can turn Detroit into another Boston.

Carmen Roberts, head of M.A.D. made a statement to watch your neighbors and see who is sending their kids to school. This type of intimidation can only pit us against each other. Not all of us can afford private tutors or to send our children to private schools as Mrs. Roberts has done.

Let's join together in opposition to violence and in favor of our children. Go to school with your kids, don't let any child be harassed. Get involved in our children's future.

MAKE IT WORK COMMITTEE - REGION 7
(MIW)

Come to a:

Workshop on Peaceful Integration

St. Rita's GYM 1000 E STATE FAIR (NEAR I-75)

Sunday - January 25th - 4 PM