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THE DEMAND GROWS LOUDER JOBS NOW!

Outside, 30 angry workers and members of the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC) chanted "Unemployment's Not Our Fault, We Demand Jobs, Not Just Talk". Inside a congressional sub-committee was going on. Present was every politician, union hack and poverty pimp. They were talking about the unemployment situation and the passage of the Reuss-Hawkins Bill. This was the scene at the Federal Building on October 13th.

The Reuss-Hawkins Bill will supposedly implement the Full Employment Act of 1948 by creating public service jobs. This Act says that anything over 3% unemployment is unacceptable. To the working class, any unemployment is unacceptable!

As the election year draws near, every politician crawls out of the woodwork with miraculous solutions and promises to solve all our problems. Then after getting elected, they crawl right back in again with nothing changed. Well, we don't need their good-time promises! Promises don't feed our kids and talk doesn't pay our bills.

When UWOC tried to get on the speakers list that day, we were refused! But we are the workers. We live with unemployment and the threat of it everyday. We had heard enough and it was their turn to listen for a change.

"Hey, this is enough! We've been listening to you guys talk about what a sad situation being unemployed is. Well, we know the situation. We face it everyday. We want to know what you're going to do to change it!" We held the floor for 15 minutes while other workers spoke out. There was nothing they could do to silence the

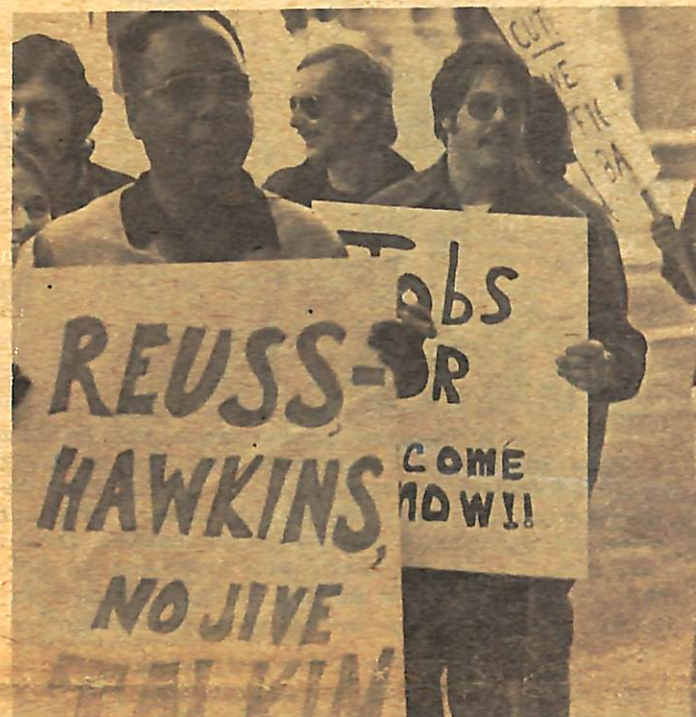
voices of the workers, they had tried so hard to keep from speaking.

The fight for Jobs or Income is growing everyday and UWOC is spreading across the country to help organize and lead the fight. We produce the cars and we can't buy one. We build homes and get thrown out of our own. We have made the country rich through our labor. When we are willing and able to work, we can't find jobs.

These \$2 an hour public service jobs can't feed our families. They create nothing of real value. Nothing that people really need for a decent life. People who know how to build homes and hospitals should be doing that. But capitalism is not based on what people need, it's based on profit.

Already, the Welfare Dept. is putting recipients into Public Works Programs. The workers are paid \$2 an hour. They work alongside union workers who make over \$3.50 an hour. The capitalists get the jobs done at lower wages. This brings down the wages of union workers and other workers are forced to take jobs which can't possibly support their families.

We need and want to care for our families. And we demand to have what we need to live! We demand decent jobs at union wages. But if this system can't give us that, we demand enough unemployment insurance to cover the cost of living during all periods of unemployment. We are standing together as a class. The class which has created all the wealth in this country, the working class. And through our struggles, we have seen that there is only one thing the bosses are afraid of--



the strength and determination we have as a united working class. And as one worker said, "You may think this is only a small group here, but you better listen 'cause this is only the beginning!" ■

MEATCUTTERS RALLY SHOWS STRENGTH OF WORKING CLASS

As Meatcutters began setting up the picketlines for the October 24th solidarity rally, scab cars were lining up to get out of the valley. The owners of Peck Packing gave up to 2½ hours of production to let their scabs out early. The Peck bosses were so scared of the workers rally, they didn't even wait for the scabs official escorts, the Milwaukee Police Department.

With workers streaming into the valley, a handful of cops tried unsuccessfully to watch the gates at Peck and Northern Packing at the same time. The first scab who tried to get his car out of the Northern lot ran into nine months worth of strikers anger. The result: two busted windows in his Charger and a beating that this scab really deserved.

A few minutes later, two or three vans loaded with cops came around the corner off the 16th St. Viaduct with sirens screaming. They came dressed for riot duty, with their badges removed, and swinging their sticks like batters in the on-deck-circle.

These goons pushed the workers back and let the rest of the scabs get out. As the last few strikebreakers left the valley that Friday, they knew they had come within an inch of catching a double dose of working class justice.

From then on, the rally grew in size. Workers from plants and unions all over the city came down to show solidarity with the strikers nine month long fight against wage cutting and union busting. The double line of marchers grew until it stretched two long blocks. Workers were there from Babcock-Wilcox, Hein-Werner, A.O. Smith, teachers, firefighters, and people from dozens of other places. Three hundred meat-

cutters, from every struck packing house made up the backbone of the rally.

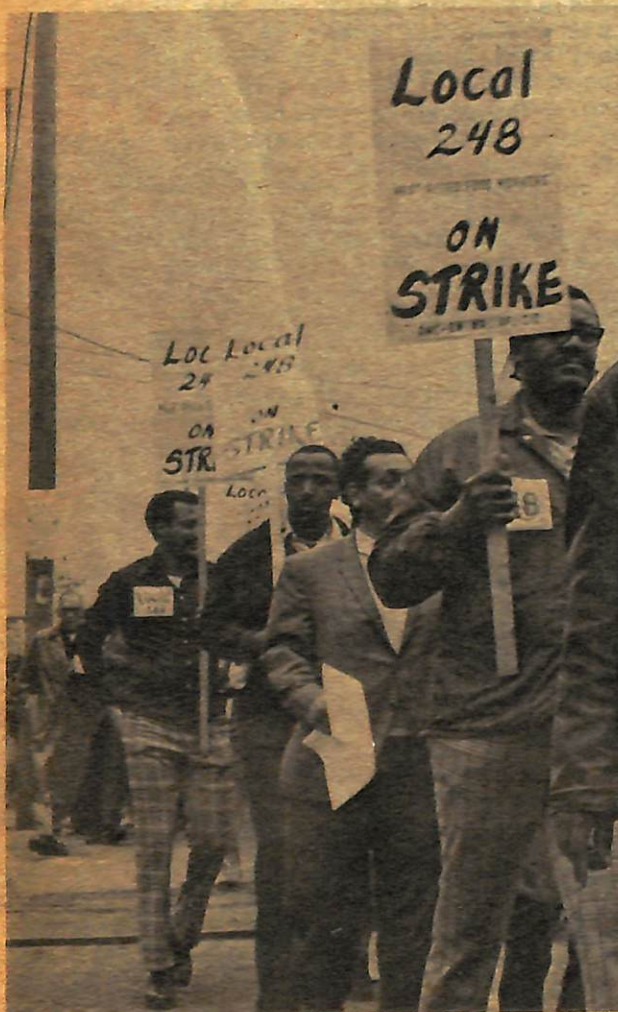
October 24th was a good show of working class strength and solidarity. In building the day, Meatcutters took union leaflets, posters and a special supplement to the Worker widely to workers throughout the city. For a short time, the picket lines belonged to the rank and file. It was good to see a few scabs pay for their strike-breaking ways.

But with 700 jobs, the future of local 248, and with this key workers battle all hanging in the balance, there was need for more than one big rally and a couple of broken windows.

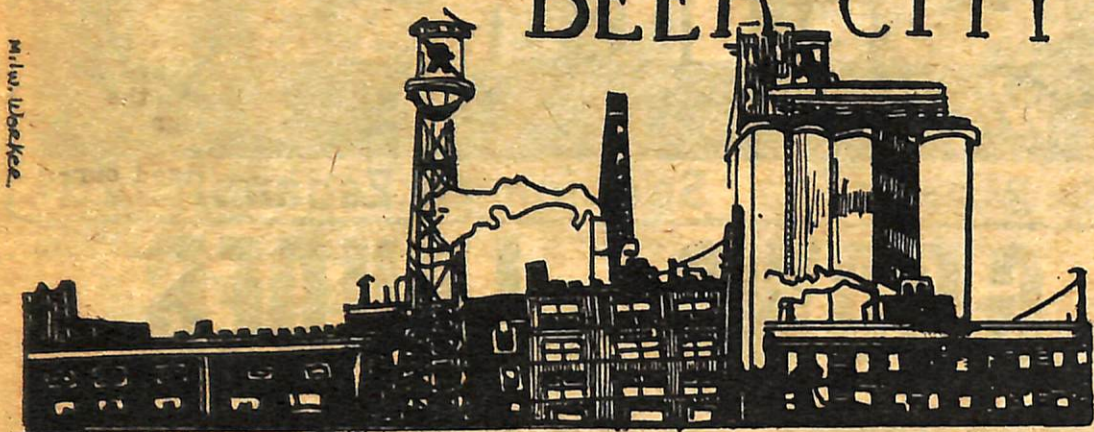
The Labor Council and the Local 248 leadership boasted that they could bring out a crowd of 10,000. But they did little to make their predictions real. In most plants, the announcements never even made it to the union bulletin boards. And when rank and file Meatcutters, handed out a free strike supplement of the Worker at big plants like Allis Chalmers and Allen Bradley, they found that the Labor Council and local union leaders were not really mobilizing for the rally.

The rally was set up to look big and militant, but with no possibility of dealing with the scabs. The Labor Council and the 248 leadership had learned a lesson from the June 4th "Rally-in-the Valley". There 200 cops almost lost control of the crowd and scabs narrowly escaped in one piece. This time the organizers set the march for 3 pm at the union hall--a good 45 minutes walk from the Peck picket line. By this original plan, the marchers would arrive in the valley around 4:00--allowing Peck

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WHAT'S BREWING IN BEER CITY



SCAB 1



SCAB 2

While Milwaukee cops were still getting ready for their duty in the valley (taking off their badges and putting on riot gear)...

Striking meatcutters did their duty to this scab. When he stepped out of his car to get a better look at a shattered window he got a bird's eye view of strikers' fists. He retreated into the parking lot only to be coaxed out again by a striker, who promised to hold the rest back. When he tried to get back in his car again, he got jumped on a second time. And the striker who promised him protection---was the first one to let him have it again.■

This year's award for long suffering and patience goes out to Milwaukee Sheriff's Department's Capt. Robert Bialk. "Mad Dog", as Bob Bialk is fondly called within the department, persevered for ten long months in his efforts to convict two members of the Committee to Fight Police Repression.

Last December 20th, when the committee tried to get in to see the Medical Examiner about scheduling an inquest into the police killings of John Starks and Mary Pendleton, "Mad Dog" was there. With his classic words, "Take some in," Captain Bialk ordered 15 deputies to get into their "sweep formation" and throw the demonstrators down the icy steps of the Safety Building.

If some of his men did use a little excessive force on the committee members, yes, that was excusable. After all, what is more sacred than the steps of the Safety Building? And what were these people demonstrating about? There's no such thing as police repression.

Over the ten months, Mad Dog tried pressing loitering charges against the ten who were arrested that day. But some camera men from one of the TV stations doctored film to make it look like police brutality against the protesters.

He tried to get a John Doe, but someone in the DA's office didn't like the idea. Finally he succeeded in getting two of the ten to trial in October.

But as earnest as Captain Bialk and his band of innocent looking deputies acted, old "Mad Dog" and his prosecuting DA pal couldn't get a conviction. The two were found innocent.

Hats off to "Mad Dog" His patience was beautiful. But we suggest that next time he bark up another tree.■

"Mike, we think you have finally found your rightful place with our company. You've served Briggs and Stratton well and your years of dedication did not go unnoticed. We especially appreciate the fine work you have done for us in the field of labor relations and handling grievances."

With these words, Briggs and Stratton promoted Mike Dunphy to foreman. Two days earlier Mike, a former grievance rep, lost an election for president of Allied Industrial Workers Local 232.

We hear next time he's going to run for president of the International in hopes of becoming president of Briggs.■

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EDITORIAL

Nazis

Friend of the Rich
Enemy of the
Working Class

Recently in Milwaukee, the media has bent over backwards to give publicity to a handful of Nazis- or the "National Socialist White People's Party". Anytime the Nazis-ten strong-show up anywhere with their hate literature, or paint swastikas on stop signs, buildings and Jewish synagogues, they make the six o'clock news.

Throughout history and today, the Nazis front off as "socialists" and fighters for the working man. But their main slogan of White Power goes directly against the grain of the working class which is made up of many nationalities.

Their program of racism and anti-semitism is aimed at dividing the people. They try to direct people's anger over this rotten system anywhere but at the real enemy--the rich capitalists who live by ripping us off.

In Germany, Hitler was financed by the bankers and industrialists. Once in power, he attacked the working class by outlawing their unions, setting up forced labor camps, stripping away all rights and mass murders of Jews, Poles and Gypsies.

In this country during the 30's, rich businessmen like Harnischfeger and Grede backed the Bund-the Nazi organization in the US. They knew that the Nazi ideas among the people would help keep us divided, making it harder to build unions and fight for what was ours.

Today, the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), along with the working class, stands as sworn enemy of the Nazis. We call for the unity of all nationalities in opposing this rotten system and fighting for a better world.

Recently Milwaukee City Attorney Brennan spoke before 900 people at a Jewish Synagogue supporting of an ordinance that would ban literature that "portrays depravity, criminality or lack of virtue of a class of citizens..."

But the point is that there is one class that is criminal--the rich bankers and industrialists who live off the wealth created by us. It isn't politicians' laws that will stop the Nazis. Especially when the law, while supposed to be directed at this small group, can be used against people who are fighting the system. The law is an easy cover for increased political repression.

School Board Director Anthony Busalachi has already used this "Nazi scare" to call for a new course in the public schools. It would "identify the evils" of all radical ideas--both on the right and the left. Mr. Busalachi, the Nazis and the Communists are as different as night and day. One supports all that is dark about the capitalists and their system. The other is calling for a bright future and a new system controlled by the working class.

The people, not laws or school books, will deal with the Nazis. Students at Bay View and South Division beat up Nazis when they showed up at these schools. Public opposition threw them out of the State Fair. People threw rocks at their sound truck and Polish war veterans chased them off Mitchell Street.

As the workers' struggle grows, the Nazis will be swept away for good, along with the capitalists they serve--as people fight for socialism, the rule of the working class.■

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ATTACKS MOUNT IN AUTO IT'S TIME TO UNITE

A new round of attacks on auto workers has begun. Production is being pushed back up to the levels before the big layoffs. The companies are calling back as few workers as possible. Instead they are trying to get out the cars through grinding speed up and harassment.

At American Motors in Kenosha, this has meant speed up and increased harassment of seniority workers and intimidation of the new hires. On the final assembly line at the Main Plant, hardly a day goes by without some write-ups for missing one or two of the over 550 cars per shift. A floater in the tire pit was given a five page write up for not tightening a couple of lug nuts on one car. In this same pit five out of six guys have been written up in the last couple weeks. Then, for one week at the end of October, 3,100 second shift workers were laid off so the company could "reduce its inventory."

Here in Milwaukee, American Motors has reached new levels of harassment and intimidation to enforce their speed up. On the 5th floor, the most recent increase in line speed didn't mean any call backs of laid off workers. All the extra sweat was forced out of those already there. And for the first time ever some workers have been fired for fighting the standards.

When A.O. Smith started making sub-frames for AMC's Pacers, the company put a new rate on the job. This meant a \$45 a week pay cut. And on some Smith welding lines, where guys used to make out and quit a half hour

tense. Chrysler is steadily losing money. Ford, GM and American Motors are pushing their small cars to compete with imports and make a dent overseas. With the hard times, economy cars are what the people are buying.

GM thinks they can increase their share of the auto market from 52% to 60% by introducing the Chevette. But everybody else has the same idea---the Volkswagen Rabbit, the Pacer, and all the rest. American Motors didn't have as big layoffs as the others because they were so heavy into these small cars. But now everybody else is getting on the band wagon.

The company that makes the greatest per cent of profit will be able to attract investment money to change over to small cars. Retooling for the Chevette cost GM \$4 billion. American Motors bought a lot of new equipment for the Pacer---like the Gilman machines which spot weld the bodies together at one work station. A.O. Smith spent millions on new presses to replace the old hydraulic ones.

As they all race to modernize and expand, they come down harder on the workers. Machines eliminate a lot of jobs and make production faster, but they have to be paid for. In fact modernization pushes the rate of profit down. It is the workers who grind out the production and profits. Speed up is the capitalists'

months are far from over. The companies will stop at nothing in their scramble for profits. They have no choice but to try and tighten the chains even tighter around our wrists.

Many times we have organized ourselves against them. Every major auto plant in the area has been on strike in the past two years. Just last



IT'S TIME FOR US TO FIGHT.



KENOSHA AMC WORKERS WILDCATTED IN APRIL, 1973 OVER SPEEDUP.

before shift change, they are now being forced to work up to the last ten minutes.

At Chrysler's "Dodge Main" in Detroit, seven thousand workers now turn out 120 cars an hour. Last September, it took 10,000 to do that number.

At Briggs and Stratton, the problems are much the same as auto. Almost two thousand workers were never called back. They have lost seniority rights and the company is telling many who call in that they have been fired. The reasons---missing a few days work, a bad foreman's report, etc.

In the shop, harassment is on the rise as foremen threaten to write up people who stretch their breaks a little or quit a couple minutes early. The push to get more production, has resulted in more bad stock in many departments, especially on the carburetor lines where a clean mounting hole can mean the difference between making out or not.

The auto companies are in a desperate situation. Competition for a shrinking market is getting more in-

attempt to get the same kind of profits out of the workers still on the job.

So where's the union leadership now? Any way you slice it, they are right in the back pocket of the management. They say there is nothing we can do, that we have to go along with whatever the companies demand. They are stripping us of the great organized strength that our unions represent.

For example, at Briggs and Stratton just before layoffs last year the company started scheduling a lot of overtime. This was right after the workers had won voluntary overtime as part of their four week strike. Instead of organizing the strength of the 8,000 Briggs workers to fight layoffs by refusing overtime, the union leadership said that the overtime was important "to help the company save orders." Within two months, 1,500 workers were laid off.

Fellow workers, the growing attacks we have seen in the past few

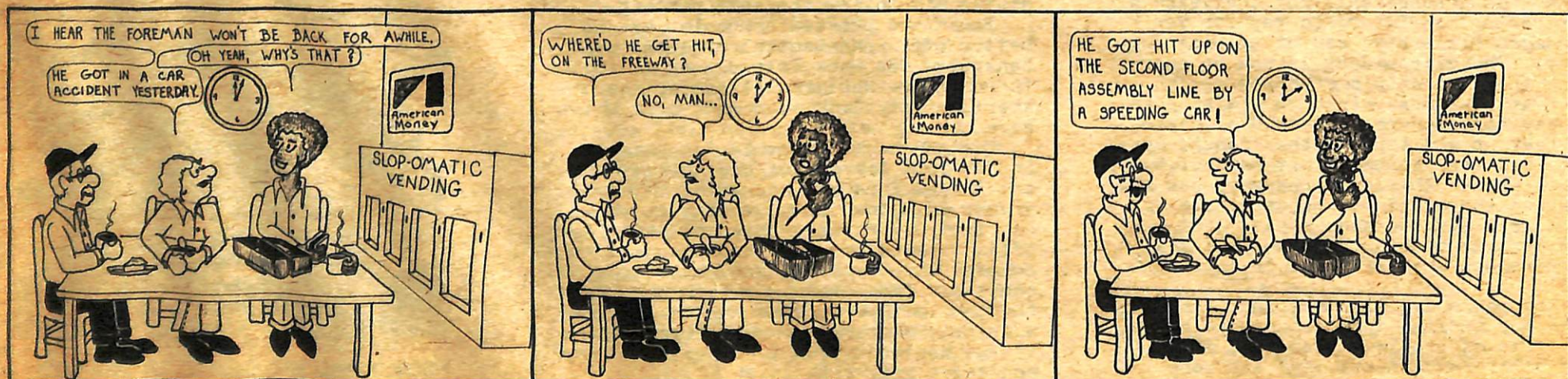
week, workers at the Ford plant in Mawah, New Jersey, won major concessions against company attacks. Their threat to wildcat was enough to scare the hell out of the company. They agreed to fire the plant manager, end job eliminations, drop all disciplinary actions taken since June 1st, and gave the workers the right to strike on 72 hours notice without the approval of the International!

Workers at American Motors have years of experience fighting speed-up and tightening standards. Now at the Milwaukee body plant, anger is growing because every time a speed up is scheduled, the union leaders disappear to some conference. This fall after Labor Day, the anger almost turned into a wildcat as word spread from the paint line to trim to the 5th floor. The leaders were forced to back up a paint line worker who the company was trying to fire.

Too many times the companies aided by top union leaders have been able to take back what we have won. Like after the strike at Smith, the company agreed to settle over 1200 backlogged grievances within 60 days with a federal mediator. They weren't dealt with for over 6 months, with many being denied through trade offs.

It's clear. We workers must organize ourselves to take matters into our own hands, and keep them there! We must defend ourselves against company attacks and out of these battles build an organized movement that can take the offensive against these blood-suckers and their front men who have held us down for so long. Part of this fight is to win back the unions.

Our potential is great, over 35,000 auto workers in Milwaukee and Southeastern Wisconsin alone. We know from bitter experience that the present top union officials cannot be relied on to turn this strength into a reality. It's up to us, the rank and file to organize and carry the fight through to the end.■



HEIN WERNER WORKERS BUILD STRIKE

The Hein Werner strike in Waukesha is now in its second month. With each day the company loses more production and the workers remain strong. The company is trying to keep their head above water, increasing their profits by cutting wages and the workers aren't buying it. The picket line stands strong--around the clock, 7 days a week, and the workers are determined to see the strike through.

Since the strike began, a few trucks go in and out each day. One semi brought in only 30 pieces of round stock. Production is as good as nothing. The only work is being done by foremen and office personnel. The biggest joke on the picket line is the thought of the foremen trying to make out on the rates. So workers are not losing any sleep over the amount of production, though the company is. And, if Hein Werner tries bringing in scabs, the workers are ready to deal with it.

Workers are demanding a doubling of the present \$7.50 pension rate and an end to the piecework system. Tired of rate cutting and lousy rates, they want a day work shop with a day rate they can live on. The union's proposal is for wages to be based on present average piecework earnings. The company's insulting offer is to pay only base rate, a cut of \$2-3 an hour for most people.

Hein Werner produces hydraulic jacks and backhoes used in construction. With competition from bigger companies, Hein Werner has been hurting the last few years. Their way out of this has been to keep the wages down. Wages are below

the level of other workers in their industry and the incentive rates are so bad that people have to break their backs to make out, if at all.

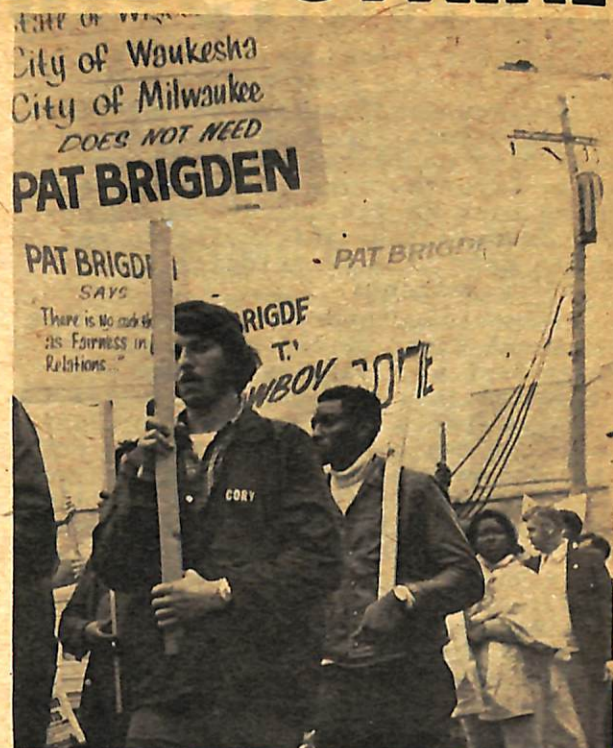
The negotiator for Hein Werner is Pat Brigden. Brigden has herded scabs and gotten injunctions against picket lines in the Harley Davidson, Masterlock and the Meatcutters' strikes. He is trying to make a career as the Number One strikebreaker for the bosses. Ten Hein Werner strikers came down to Milwaukee to picket Pat Brigden at a hearing at City Hall.

The Hein Werner workers know they aren't alone in their fight. They look to the 10 month old meatcutter strike, as an example. Twenty workers came down to join the support rally for the meatcutters on October 24th (see front page for Meatcutter article).

Workers at Hein Werner support the meatcutters because they are in a common battle. A big victory for the meatcutters will aid the Hein Werner strike and the entire workers struggle. Bosses around the city saw the rally of 1000 workers and it sent shivers down their spines as they pictured 1000's of workers picketing outside their gates.

The day of the meatcutters rally, Hein Werner agreed to sit down again for a negotiating meeting. The union negotiating committee all wore meatcutter support buttons for that meeting. And Pat Brigden, the scab lawyer, was a lot quieter at that meeting than at the first one.

Hein Werner has failed to give any ground at the bargaining table. Their second offer was worse than their first.



FIGHTING WAGE CUTS WITH WORKERS' UNITY, HEIN WERNER STRIKERS JOIN MEATCUTTERS RALLY

The company also is making outrageous proposals such as, freedom to schedule shifts from day to day. The company is intent on forcing more work out of the workers.

Hein Werner workers have had to strike two times in a row. The company attacks the workers in order to stay in competition. And the workers have no choice but to stand up and fight back. They aren't going to let the company force a wage cut on them. The Hein Werner workers are out to win!

3000 RALLY TO FREE CARTER & ARTIS

Over 3,000 people rallied to demand freedom for Hurricane Carter and John Artis on October 7. Carter and Artis have been in prison for 9 years on a frame-up. As supporters marched thru Trenton, N.J. they chanted, "The people will rise like a hurricane, Free Carter and Artis".

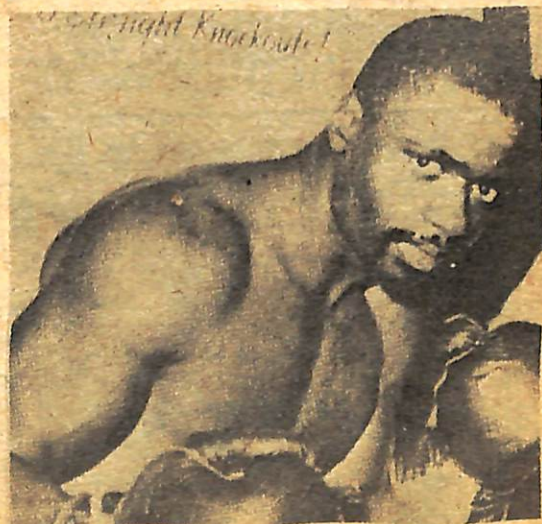
Hurricane Carter, a well known boxer, was active in the civil rights movement in the early 60s, fighting against discrimination and police repression. Carter and Artis were framed with the murder of 3 whites in a bar holdup.

Last year, the 2 chief 'witnesses' both admitted they had been pressured by police to make up a story that would convict Carter and Artis for life sentences in prison.

A defense committee has been formed involving people from all walks of life. Petitions are being circulated to the working class in plants and communities in the New York-New Jersey area.

A broad movement has grown out of the fight to free Carter and Artis and the bosses and their hacks are scrambling to drop this hot potato. On September 29, Gov. Byrne of New Jersey asked for a study of Carter's case, clearly setting the stage for a pardon.

The fight to free Carter and Artis is spreading and growing closer to victory. Carter and Artis were railroaded into prison as a warning to everyone not to struggle. The tide is turning. The ruling class tried to scare us but who's scared now?



BOXER HURRICANE CARTER IN THE 60'S



HEIN WERNER STRIKERS HAVE STOPPED PRODUCTION, HITTING THE COMPANY WHERE IT HURTS

NYC CRISIS - WORKERS WON'T PAY

"New York About to Collapse"--"Ford Demands Balanced Budget, More Cutbacks." For weeks newspapers have been screaming these headlines. Politicians talk about the excessive wage demands by the unions, and high welfare costs. But the papers never tell how the capitalists have ripped off big cities like New York for billions over the years.

Everytime a city builds something, it is financed by a bond. It's like the city applying for a loan from the banks.

In New York, the banks are still collecting on the bonds issued to pay for streets built 100 years ago. New York's Third Avenue elevated train, which once brought workers by the thousands to the sweat shops, was torn down a generation ago. But the banks have gotten their money three times over and are still collecting.

For years, the rich have profited from this arrangement. But the years of mortgaging the future to pay for yesterday's bills have caught up with the city. The city's debt is now so enormous that the city's revenues can't keep up. The money from bus fares goes to pay bank interest instead of paying to keep up and improve the transit system. New York is being hit hardest because it has the least industry and the biggest budget of the major cities. Factories and businesses have left New York to escape the taxes and the workers, who are left have to foot the bill.

The banks are also not just content with any profit, they demand the highest rate of profit. Right now, there are other investments that are more

profitable than financing New York.

The ruling class has one plan for people in New York--sacrifice. Wage cuts and layoffs for city workers and cutbacks in schools, hospitals, welfare and garbage collection have already begun.

If the city does go bankrupt, the attack would be even sharper. Thousands of small businessmen who do business with the city would be crippled or crushed. The city would declare all union contracts null and void, opening the door for massive layoffs and wage cuts. All this shows the vicious attempts by the ruling class to make the people pay and pay, so that the capitalist system can survive.

Ford says the problem was mismanagement, that the mayors let the debt get too high. Ford's a fine one to talk; how many billions of dollars is the federal government in debt? The federal government, other cities and states all follow the same pattern.

Banks and private companies are no better off. Penn Central Railroad went bankrupt. The Rock Island Road is about to go under. Here in Milwaukee, the American City Bank just went over the edge.

But the bosses formula for recovery in New York leaves out one thing. Workers in New York are not going to be ground into the dirt. Sanitation workers in New York wildcatted to stop layoffs. Workers now are threatening a general strike. Everytime Mayor Beame shows his face, he's met with boos from the people. New Yorkers and the entire working class are answering very clearly--we won't pay for their crisis, they won't get away with it.

Meatcutters Rally

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to work his scabs almost all day and get away scot free.

The rank and file complained loud and long about this plan. They forced a change in plans and they reported to the valley. That was what forced Peck to send his scabs home right after lunch.

After nine months, with scabs in all the plants, and with such a timid leadership, can the Meatcutters win? Despite all the obstacles, they have something very important going for them---unity and determination. Two to three hundred Meatcutters walk the picket lines every day. This solid core is determined not to let the union get busted--no matter how long it takes. Some have twenty, thirty, and even forty years in the packing industry. Others have only a few months seniority. All nationalities are united in the fight. These men and women have made up their minds to fight it out.

The Association was proposing big wage cuts for "general production" workers by re-classifying more jobs into a low paying labor grade, the "allied rate". They are not offering a decent raise or cost-of-living for any of the packinghouse workers. Over the nine months of the strike, they have jacked up their demands. They now want to take the seniority of all the strikers and only rehire the ones they want back. Forty-five active strikers have received termination papers for "misconduct." To these attacks, the Meatcutters have said "No way!" and stood strong in their strike.



OCTOBER 24th WAS A GOOD SHOW OF WORKING CLASS STRENGTH AND SOLIDARITY. IT FELT GOOD TO SEE A FEW SCABS PAY FOR THEIR STRIKEBREAKING WAYS.

ing meat to Chicago every day. These and many other drivers have called Teamster Local 200 to see if they have to cross the lines. Local 200's treacherous leadership says that the strike is not sanctioned.

Special contributions from many locals, large regular donations from unions at places like Patrick Cudahy and Oscar Mayer, and the formation of "buck-a-month" clubs--all help to build the struggle.

The mass picketing, the harassment of the Associations strikebreakers and the mobilization of more and more workers all help tighten up the picket lines and boost the struggle. The Friday following the October 24th rally, the Meatcutters called a rally at the Wisconsin Packing Plant at 2nd and Oregon. They knew the city-wide rally was only a high point in the

fight--not an end in itself. They showed the same fighting spirit that has kept the strike strong so long. The Meatcutters say, "It's a strike that will go down in history and we ain't going to let the future down."

Workers make everything run and when the working class is organized, can shake the rich and their system to its foundations. This fighting unity is needed to force the Meatpackers Association back to the bargaining table. And if the union leaders can do no more than put on a show of mobilizing this great potential, then sooner or later they too will get rolled over by the workers movement. For now we must organize and build this movement to win the Meatcutters strike and the many battles ahead.■



RAILROAD WORKERS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT

The Meatpacker's Association does not have this kind of unity. They live by the capitalist law of "dog-eat-dog". In fact, the Association which started out with nine packing houses is now down to seven. Two of the houses, Northern and United went out of business in May and were taken over by Peck as a result of the strike.

The other small houses in the Association are bound by a legal agreement to stay in the strike till it ends. And they are suffering losses they may never recover from.

Meanwhile, Peck and Wisconsin Packing companies, the two biggest in the Association are both looking over their shoulders at their competitors. Pack-erland in Green Bay, the biggest packer east of the Mississippi, is trucking tons of meat to Chicago every day. Recently they announced plans to consolidate their two plants in a new facility near Green Bay.

Peck and Wisconsin are fighting for elbow room in a capitalist jungle where the only law is "expand or die." They are taking a big risk. If they don't get their regular help back and settle the strike they may lose even more ground to their bigger competitors.

Right now other Meatcutters in several meat and sausage plants in Milwaukee with different locals as well as a number of packing houses in Chicago are working on scab meat. On their own, these workers have resisted, calling in sick at one place and wild-cattling at another. But leaders of the Amalgamated Meatcutters have failed to build on this initiative.

Also teamster drivers from L-C-L and S & W trucking companies are driv-

WORKERS UNITE !

Join the Meatcutters Buck-A-Month Club

At AO Smith a letter of support for the Meatcutters was passed along the line. With every signature came a \$1 contribution for the strikers. Pressed Steel workers who 5 months ago had been wearing buttons demanding a good contract for themselves, are now wearing buttons that read "Victory to the Meatcutters, buck-a-month." These newly formed buck-a-month clubs are part of a growing movement among Milwaukee workers to stand with the striking meatcutters.

The response of many steelworkers, auto workers, and others who have joined the clubs has been, "Sure, I'll give a buck every month. This affects all of us. We're all workers." Or as one older worker recounted, "I remember when our union used to support other strikers. We would all bring can goods to the gate on a certain day and fill boxes to go to the strikers."

Activists in the clubs have taken motions to union meetings to increase their donations. At one shop a car caravan was organized to join almost 1000 workers in a mass solidarity picket line on Oct. 24. It is this kind of actions that the bosses fear. That's why a general foreman cornered a union steward and asked why he was wearing a support button. He knew that the dozens of buttons being worn on the shop floor were meant as a message to every capitalist, not just the Meatpackers Association.

Suggestions on how to build the clubs and increase support for the Meatcutters have come from many factories. One club was planning to make up membership cards. But someone suggested "Why not make up cards for the whole city. This isn't just our thing."

At a Meatcutters Solidarity Committee meeting activists from buck-a-month clubs around the city got together, and among other things, made up city-wide membership cards. The idea is to spread support for the Meatcutters strike and the buck-a-month clubs to as many factories in Milwaukee as possible.

This is what the capitalists fear most of all-- 1000 of us joining the Meatcutters picket lines in the valley, 60,000 of us marching on Washington, DC demanding jobs; thousands more of us from coast to coast who actively supported the Farah strikers in their successful strike in 1974. Our strength is in numbers, and the working class numbers in the millions. Let the bosses worry when they see we are behind the Meatcutters, we are standing together to say that we won't be slaves.

Today the meatcutters are on the front lines fighting against the attacks that all workers face. The buck-a-month clubs should be formed in as many Milwaukee factories as possible. Anyone wanting buttons or membership cards to get a club going or to join should contact The Worker at 442-5542.■

WORKERS CELEBRATE THE FOUNDING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY



A MEMBER OF THE PARTY SPOKE ABOUT THE TASKS FACING THE WORKERS' MOVEMENT.

October 19th marked the celebration of the victories of the working class including the founding of the Revolutionary Communist Party. After over twenty years, the working class once again has its own Party.

Workers greeted the main speech by a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party with a standing ovation. The Party spokesman emphasized the tasks facing the Party and the workers movement, especially the tremendous fight-back of the working class against the capitalists who profit from our labor in the factories, mines and fields.

The over 125 people responded enthusiastically to a worker who told of how in the 30's and 40's the old Communist Party members at Allis Chalmers, Press Steel Tank and American Motors helped organize and build the unions into fighting organizations. She told of how the old Communist Party took up the battle against discrimination and unemployment.

Then in the 1950's the Communist Party sold out and in effect declared that those of us who make the country run could not run the country. It stopped leading the battles of the working class. To the millions of workers who had fought side by side with the Party and followed its leadership and joined its ranks, this was a bitter betrayal.

The dinner was prepared by workers who welcomed the forming of a new Party. The many different kinds of foods--German, Mexican, Italian, soul food, etc.--showed that workers of all nationalities saw the Revolutionary Communist Party as their Party, the Party of the working class.

The dinner program was one of many such events held in almost every major industrial city, like Detroit, Cincinnati, Chicago and New York. The Revolutionary Communist Party is a nationwide party for one working class. The various programs featured dinners, speeches, slide shows, skits and songs of struggle.

It was truly a celebration of the struggle and victories of the working class. The miners' struggles, the bitter battle of the Meatcutters and most of all at this event, the founding of a new Party.

The Revolutionary Communist Party has a battle plan, a programme. This battle plan comes from summing up the victories and defeats of the working class.

The founding of the Party comes in a month rich in the history of working class struggle. October is the month that workers and peasants in Russia and China made revolution. It is out of this tradition and experience that the Party and its programme has been formed.

The programme takes the general lessons of the world wide working class and applies them to struggles of workers in this country. From our experience we are learning to unite the ranks of the working class. For example, the programme sums up our experience in the trade unions and how to remake them into fighting organizations.

The battle before us is great. With a party to help focus, sum up and concentrate our blows against the enemy, our future is bright. Celebrate the victories of the working class and founding of the Revolutionary Communist Party!

WE BUILT THIS NEW PARTY, NOT TO ELECT A FEW NEW LEADERS WHO TURN ON US AS SOON AS THEY GET INTO OFFICE. NOT A PARTY THAT CLAIMS TO BE FOR THE BOSSES AND THE WORKERS, MEANING FOR THE BOSSES TO STAY RICH AND POWERFUL AND THE WORKERS TO STAY POOR AND OPPRESSED. THIS PARTY GREW OUT OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE WORKING CLASS, AND IS A PARTY OF STRUGGLE. IT IS A PARTY OF THE WAGE SLAVE, A TOOL FOR OUR LIBERATION.

THE PARTY MUST BASE ITSELF ON THESE STRUGGLES THAT THE WORKERS ARE NOW WAGING. KEY BATTLES LIKE THE MEATCUTTERS STRIKE, THE FIGHT AGAINST WAGE CUTS, THE MINERS WILDCAT LAST MONTH, THE FIGHT FOR JOBS. FOR IT IS IN THESE STRUGGLES THAT OUR CLASS IS REALIZING ITS POTENTIAL POWER TODAY AS THE REVOLUTIONARY CLASS...

WE ARE TOLD THAT THIS IS THE WAY THINGS NATURALLY ARE. WELL MANY YEARS AGO THE SLAVE MASTERS TOLD THE SLAVES THAT SLAVERY WAS NATURAL. ANYONE WHO TOLD YOU THAT TODAY WOULD BE CONSIDERED A FOOL. WELL, THERE AIN'T NOTHING NATURAL ABOUT WAGE SLAVERY AND THE WORKING CLASS ISN'T GOING TO NATURALLY ACCEPT IT...

AND WHILE WE CELEBRATE OUR ADVANCES TODAY THE GREATEST CELEBRATION IS STILL TO COME--WHEN WE OVERTHROW THE HANDFUL OF PARASITES WHO LORD AND RULE OVER US AND ESTABLISH OUR RULE--SOCIALISM--THE RULE OF THE WORKING CLASS...

IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER WE STRUGGLE, BUT WHETHER OUR STRUGGLE WILL ADVANCE TO A NEW PERIOD OF HUMAN HISTORY WHEN MEN ARE NO LONGER EXTENSIONS OF MACHINES, BUT WE CONTROL MACHINES FOR THE INTERESTS OF MANKIND. WHERE FOR THE FIRST TIME WE ARE NOT TREATED LIKE SO MANY BEASTS OF BURDEN, TO BE USED AND ABUSED. BUT AS MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE STOOD UP AND MARCHED INTO THE FUTURE. MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT THEY WORK WITH THEIR HANDS AND NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME CONSCIOUSLY AND COLLECTIVELY PLAN THE FUTURE OF OUR LIVES AND THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY.

Excerpts from speech of
Revolutionary Communist Party

VETERAN FIGHTER GREETSTHE NEW PARTY

I'm glad to be here tonight to greet the founding of the new Party. Living with parents who were involved with the old Party, and seeing much of what they worked for fall apart in the last 20 years, it is wonderful to see all of you coming back to fight as the working class.

As I was coming up there were a lot of issues that the people were involved in and my sister and I could see why my parents joined the Communist Party and my sister became a member of the Young Communist League. The people were dissatisfied so they became determined and strong in their fight. The unions in those days were for the working class and had their men participating in strikes. The men stuck together. They didn't let their leaders down because they knew that the leaders fought for the men, not for the company. Many of these leaders were members of the Party.

In the 20 years since the Party sold out many things that the working class had fought for were taken back by the bosses. The Communists were thrown out of the unions and the unions were taken over by the companies.

Pressed Steel Tank was about the highest paid company. Not because the company was nice, but because the men, some of whom were communists, stuck together. But as the years passed and the Party stopped fighting, they had to take lower wages and pension cuts because there wasn't anyone to lead and organize the fight. I think everyone working at Pressed Steel Tank knows what I mean by the way that their leaders sold them out on the pension plan during the strike this year. Still the men are fighting back.

When there was a real Party, and they had strikes, masses of people stuck together and scabs weren't allowed over

their picket lines. Allis Chalmers was led by Communists. My mother, at that time, was the secretary. There were thousands of people out to help support the strike. I was 12 years old at that time and remember the police throwing tear gas bombs to disperse the people. This proved that people were interested in the other man's fight.

I know the meatcutters are fighting a bitter battle. But if all of us try to help in one way or another, the companies will be forced to come to an agreement. When Allis went out with the Party leading the workers, thousands came out to join the fight. Seventieth street was filled. You couldn't see the street for the people. We must do the same for the meatcutters. Unity is strength and if we unite in struggle, the company will have to recognize the workers who are fighting for their daily bread.

May Day parades brought out all races of people. Placards showing the 9 Black boys called the Scotsboro Boys were carried by the workers letting people know that the workers would fight for equality and that there wasn't any discrimination among the members of the Party who were Black and white. Liberty Hall was the meeting place for dancing and drinking among members which wasn't approved by Police Chief Polzin because of the mixing of the races at that time.

The Party took up the battles for unemployment, welfare, social security and veterans benefits. It fought evictions and organized the unions.

Whenever the workers needed help, the Party was there to help. When we lost this Party, the working class lost its best friend. Now the people have organized a new Party, called the Revolutionary Communist Party, that's going to learn from the people and help them once again. Victory to the Working Class!



INLAND WORKERS DEFEND JOBS

"What the hell do you think you're doing," an Inland worker shouted, "calling in people from outside our department when you've taken away our jobs."

In one shipping department, a dozen men were transferred out because of slow work. This meant a cut in pay. The next week, when a job did open up, the company called in people from another department. On the first break the shipping foreman found himself surrounded by angry workers who flooded in the doors and crowded up to the shipping window. The foreman got raked over the coals by the men.

At first, he tried to blame someone else. But the guys refused to hear it. "If you can't do anything about it, then get the man who can!" After a few minutes of this, the foreman gave in and promised to "talk to his boss."

The next day the same thing happened and the guys were back in at first break, on the foreman's case. This time he ran a line about how the contract said he could call in whoever he

wanted.

"Bull," the men said, "Contract or no contract, these are our jobs. You call us in first!" For the men, the contract is no sacred book that the company can use to screw people. The foreman gave in and for the last month has stuck to workers' demand. After the protest, two shippers were called back to fill jobs in their department.

This struggle is part of Inland workers' fight against increased harassment, firings and overtime, and a part of the fight for jobs. Inland is laying off and planning on the biggest cutback in years.

The workers know the slowdown is going to get worse, because, for one thing, Inland built a plant in Cullman, Alabama that does the same work as their Calumet Rd. plant. Since then, almost no orders come from the southern states. Since Inland makes building materials, orders from the south are what kept the plant going during the winter.

The company also moved about 30 jobs

from Burnham St. to Lima, Ohio. Both of these moves were for cheaper labor. Rumors are now circulating about more machinery moving out.

The biggest question facing all workers now is, "What can we do about it?" The Inland shippers gave the answer by their actions: "Fight every attack!" This was done by rank and file workers on the spot.

The workers took the fight to the union meeting. The union is an important weapon for the workers in the fight against the company. This union, like most, has to be won back from the sellouts. The union heads were forced to agree to demand that the company stop scheduling overtime.

Workers can't always rely on the union heads to take action however. That's why the Angry Boilermakers, a fighting group in the union, is circulating stickers that have gone up in different parts of the plant saying "STOP THE OVERTIME, FIGHT THE LAYOFFS!"

Another form of the workers' resistance was shown last month in the department that makes rain gutters and downspouts, when workers fought stepped up harassment by wearing buttons that demanded an end to the harassment and by slowing down production.

These attacks by the employers are hitting working people all over in similar ways. Inland workers, like working people everywhere, are going to hit back every way they can. ■

WORKERS PICKET AFL-CIO WHO SPEAKS FOR THE CONVENTION WORKERS?



From October 2-8, the AFL-CIO top brass held their annual national convention in San Francisco - instead of, as usual, sunny Miami Beach. But they didn't escape the heat. As usual, they put themselves forward as the spokesman for the 'working man', and the capitalist newspapers, TV and radio obliged them by beaming this nonsense from coast to coast.

A number of workers' organizations came together to challenge this, calling for a demonstration October 3, outside the place where the AFL-CIO brass were meeting, to put forward the real demands of the working class. To build for the demonstration, thousands of leaflets were passed out inside the plants in northern California with word spreading all over the west.

The leaflet clearly put forward the demands of the class against the bosses, demands that the AFL-CIO big shots were clearly not making and fighting for--Fight the bosses' wage cuts, speed-up and layoffs; Jobs or Income; No more sellout contracts; and the right to strike. This leaflet received a tremendous response, "Right on" "These parasites don't speak for us" and "The demands are right, just what we need"...

Several hundred workers turned out for the demonstration. The main speaker was from the May 1 Workers Organization, an organization of rank and file fighters from different industries around the Bay Area, who said, "And what about the dressed up gentlemen inside, or so-called labor leaders? What are they doing besides drawing their fat salaries? They tell us to take it easy, don't rock the boat. Don't do anything drastic. Just let us handle everything. Then they go and play golf with the bosses and do nothing. And when we tell them to go to hell, they do everything they can to sabotage and destroy the fight. Who the hell's side are they on? In this fight there is no middle ground. You're on one side or the other. Ours or the bosses!"

"We are the rank and file in the unions!" the demonstrators and their organizations proclaimed, as one after another spoke to the real demands and needs of workers. A common sentiment was: "We're here today because for millions of workers, conditions are intolerable. We face the crisis of their capitalist system and their attacks on us. They put us out of work in the millions, threaten more layoffs, cut our income by wage cuts and rising living costs, overload and speed us up, endanger our very lives on our jobs - as they squeeze harder to get their companies to pay off profits."

"But the real voice of labor is the working class. Our unions belong to us. We built them. We are the unions and without us these pie-cards are nothing! We take leadership from those who really represent us. We fight that our unions will serve our needs. Not the needs of the bosses. Not to keep us from fighting. We built them for that purpose. These misleaders will not stand in our way and run interference for the bosses."

The Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC) reported that UWOC organizations are growing nationwide. The UWOC speaker said, "Is there a need for this fight to grow?" and pointed out that unemployment is faced by millions more as layoffs increase. "And with all their talk in general about unemployment, what Meany and his like actually do is to advise the bosses: 'go ahead, make it work, just do better and try harder.'"

"By raising a phony issue like 'Buy America' and 'protectionism,' this pretends to say something about workers' unemployment. But they know full well that the companies take their business anywhere - anywhere at all - for the cheapest labor. And no matter what words they use, the companies and the bosses aren't able to - and certainly won't - do differently. They can't! They're in business only for that profit."

"Workers know that if we want to

make them produce jobs - or income and not let them get away with putting their crisis on us, the only way we can do this is to fight them every inch of the way. Employed/Unemployed, all of us in our unions or out of work must unite. It's the same crisis, same fight. But do these phony misleaders ever come to us and say 'fight'? We workers are enraged and despite these phonies, we won't take their crisis on our backs. We won't be without. We are organizing for Jobs or Income, now! We mean to get them!"

Along with this exploitation there is oppression and we have the same enemy. It's our unity and strength that's going to beat them. The demonstrators said: "Black, Raza, Asian, white - our class, one fight!"

A rank and file auto worker from On the Line and an Employed/Unemployed Committee of a UAW local, recounted the struggles they've waged trying to make the union leadership take up the demands of the rank and file. The workers are now in the process, the demonstration was told, of battling double-loaded jobs, speed-up, forced overtime, and layoffs - and the UAW rank and file, employed and unemployed, are uniting in this battle.

Postal workers from Uprising and the Committee for a Good Contract told how the International unions had sold out their demands in the recent contract struggle. As they were speaking, Filbey, American Postal Workers president, walked out of the hall, to a loud chorus of jeers and sneers from the demonstrators. The postal speaker ran down that postal workers would not allow these sell-outs to continue, and they were damned angry. With all other workers they said: no more sell-out contracts!

Electronics workers, mainly women, raised the need to organize the electronics industry and all unorganized workers, a fight which the Electronics Workers Organizing Committee which spoke at the rally, is taking up.

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KRAFT WORKERS FIGHT THE "BIG CHEESE" AND WIN!

After 6 months of battling the company, courts, scabs and cops, Kraft workers in Pennsylvania won a union and a pay raise from a company that has kept 89% of their workers non-union.

Kraft workers won this long strike by standing their ground against every company attack and uniting with other workers in the Delaware and Lehigh Valleys. When the strike began, workers kept the plant shut tight, refusing to let scabs in. Naturally the company ran to its partner, the courts, to get injunctions against mass picketing.

Kraft workers won the strike by refusing to roll over dead just because the court sent a piece of paper saying no mass picketing. When the company ran an ad in the newspaper begging workers to come back and scab and promising police protection, they got a real taste of the workers anger and power. As one Bethlehem Steel worker said, "Kraft is declaring war on every worker in the area."

Workers met this declaration of war head on. They declared, "Shut it down tight! No one in, nothing out!"

The next morning there were 400 strong on the picket line. The strikers were joined by workers from General Electric and other plants and by members of the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee and the Revolutionary Communist Party. With 2x2's in hand, the strikers backed off the sheriffs and scabs. Only 1 scab made it through with several of her car windows broken. When she got home, she found the word SCAB painted on her house in big red letters.

Again Kraft got an injunction from the courts saying strikers and supporters were not allowed on Snowdrift Rd. This meant no one except scabs could go within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the plant.

2 days later over 150 strikers and

supporters broke the injunction and marched down Snowdrift Rd. The UAW leadership and lawyers begged them to turn around, but the strikers didn't stop until they reached the plant gate. Several were arrested.

Forced from the plant, the strikers, now almost 300 strong, marched to the State Police Barracks where the scabs were being protected. Before all the scabs were moved out, many got a taste of working class justice as cars were kicked and one scab was hit by a rock. Sixteen more workers were arrested.

Kraft workers had organized the support of other workers in the area. Early in the strike they spread the word to boycott Kraft products. They gave the boycott some real punch by putting Boycott Kraft stickers on displays in the grocery stores and opening mayonnaise jars so they would spoil and couldn't be sold.

Workers from other plants contributed thousands of dollars to the strikers. Kraft workers in Palmyra, Pennsylvania shut down their plant for a day in solidarity and 1500 Bethlehem Steel workers signed up to picket. This working class solidarity helped to win the strike.

Kraft was forced to give in and recognize the union. In the course of the struggle, 45 active workers were fired and not every demand was won. Every struggle has its risks. To get something, Kraft workers had to sacrifice a lot. But there was no choice. It was either fight or keep losing ground.

Kraft workers won this battle against the giant monopoly by organizing themselves and other workers to take direct and militant action against the company and its buddies like the courts and cops. Through the struggle, Kraft workers won their union and scored a victory for the whole working class. ■



KRAFT STRIKERS SEND SCABS HOME--FOR GOOD!

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

4000 TEXACO WORKERS WILDCAT

Texaco workers in Port Arthur, Texas held a three day wildcat strike in early October. For the past few months, since a 2 month strike ended, Texaco has been harassing people every day. A lot of people were fired, and the "security" guards were all over the plant, trying to make the factory into a prison.

Things reached a head when four guards stopped a truck driver and demanded to search him and his truck. He asked if they had a warrant. They didn't and he refused to be searched. So the guards pulled him from his truck, hit him until he had a concussion, and arrested him. Then the company slapped him with a 5 day suspension.

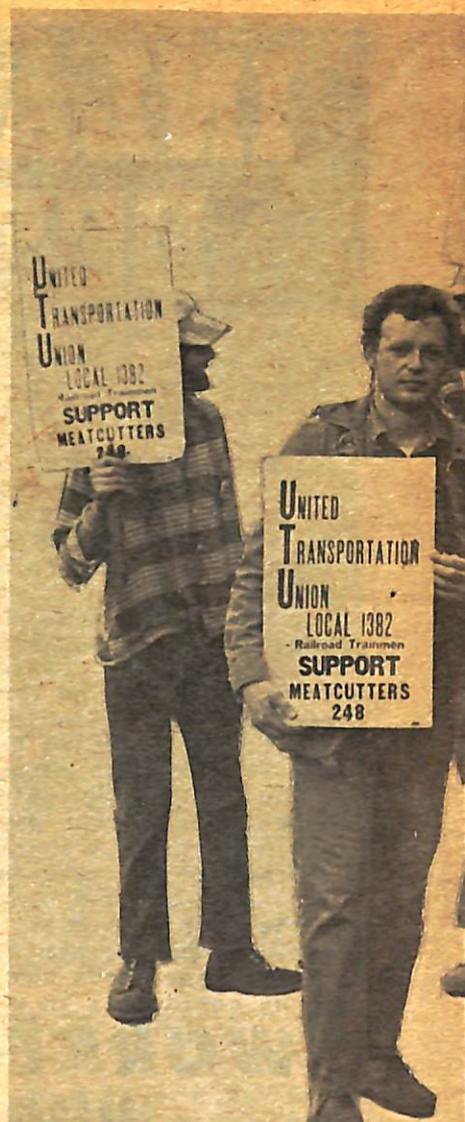
When the workers heard about this, they were furious. Picket lines were

set up, and soon 4,000 workers were outside; the strike was on! The strikers had two demands; fire the four guards, and 5 days pay for the suspended truck driver.

The union leadership took a "hands off" approach to the strike. But the workers organized themselves. Pickets and relief pickets were set up at all plant entrances. They all carried home made signs--"On Strike Against Texaco, Pull the Blues" and "Stop the Beatings".

The workers at Texaco went back Monday, October 6, while the union and company negotiated the demands. And the strikers added one more demand--no company retaliation against the wildcatters or else out they go again.

Judging from the recent struggles in Port Arthur, Texas, these workers mean what they say. ■



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WORKERS DEMONSTRATE OUTSIDE A



"We have no choice but to fight these attacks!"

American workers are up against a series of attacks on our wages, benefits, unions, working conditions, and standard of living. In response, we have struck hundreds of major factories in the past few years. In 1974 alone, there were 5,900 strikes. We have resisted in the shop with slow downs, wildcats, grievances, petitions, and other kinds of job actions. The fight to get back control of our unions has picked up.

The more militant the fight and the more it breaks out of the hold of the traitors in the top union offices, the more vicious and desperate the employers become. They are throwing more and more of their state machinery against our fight---injunctions, cops, and courts.

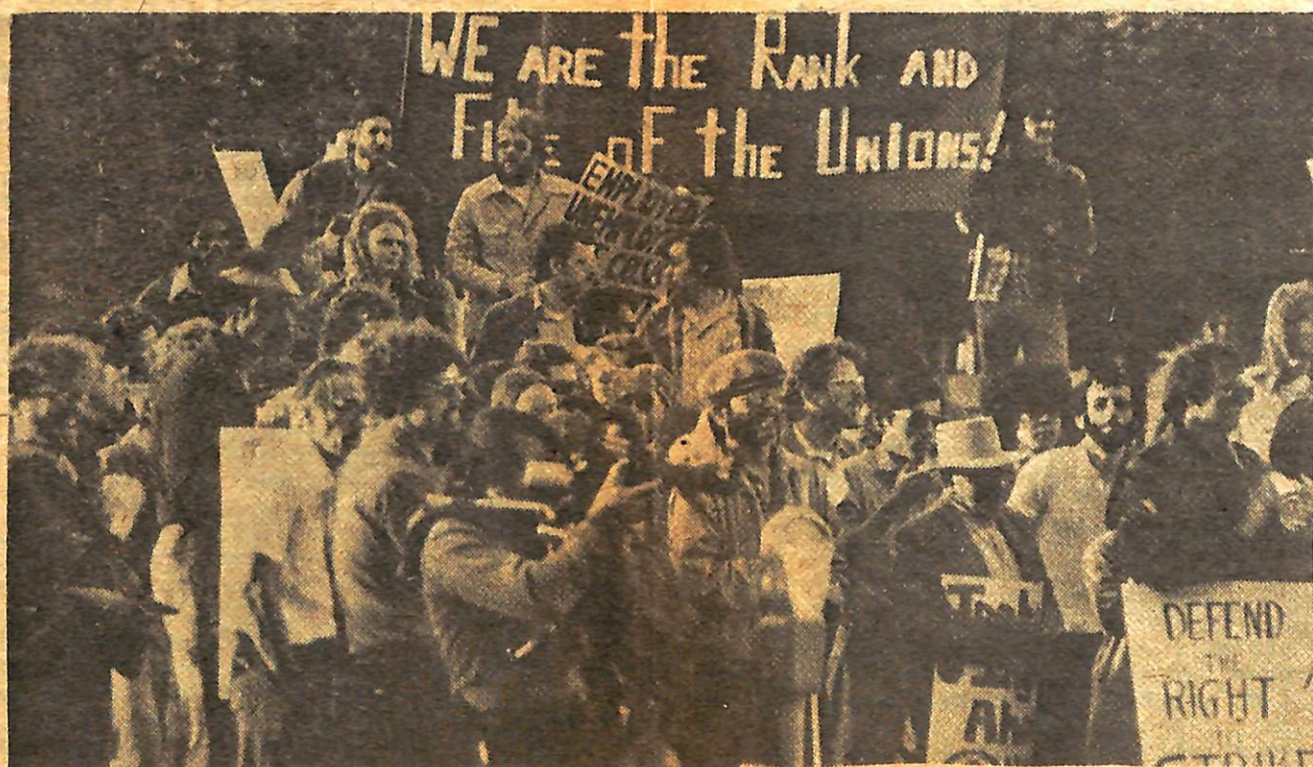
As workers we have no choice but to fight back. The capitalists are coming down on the workers to get out of their crisis of profits. But we can not and will not be driven into the dirt!

Without our labor, the machines are only so much useless scrap. When we strike and struggle, we are demanding to not be treated as slaves, but to be treated as human beings.

These fights give the workers directly involved a sense of the strength of our class. And they inspire all workers who hear of the sacrifices, the gains, and the lessons.

As we take on these all-important struggles, it is easier to see the face of the enemy and understand his workings. The problems that come up in the day to day fights and events throughout society and the world begin to all fit together. It becomes clear that the monopoly capitalists are trying to run everything for their own private profit---against the millions of working people and everybody else who is just trying to have a good life.

In uniting our ranks to defend hard won gains, we can build the workers movement into a mighty force fighting to win as much as possible in the struggles of today and learning more and more how to win all the battles of the future. ■



WORKERS DEMONSTRATE OUTSIDE AFL-CIO CONVENTION OCTOBER 3rd



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A MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY FROM THE COALFIELDS

The whole history of the work- ing class of people shows the com- panies seek only profit--more and more profits--and that the working people have had to fight them for every gain we ever made. We dig and clean the coal and make bil- lions for them, yet, we must fight them for safety and decent work- ing conditions, higher wages, and job security. We must even fight them for the very air we breathe. They constantly tear up the contract when it suits them, and they con- stantly try to weaken our union.

Between us and what we need to live on, and them with their drive to make more profits is only our or- ganized power. As working people our strongest weapon is the strike. That is why the month long strike against the injunctions and for the right to strike is so important and that is why it scared the companies so bad.

The demands of the strike were just. Miners came out from Alabama to Pennsylvania, from West Virginia to Illinois, and stayed out because, like other workers, we hate the in- junctions and know without our pow- er to strike we have nothing. The companies attacked the demands ev- ery way they could. We demanded they re-open the contract. "It's not legal", they cried! "We bought a contract and expect it to be en- forced."

Almost to a man miners support- ed this strike, but by the end of the 4th week it became clear we, the rank and file, were not in a position to see it through to vic- tory. It was necessary to call off the strike, pull back, re-group and

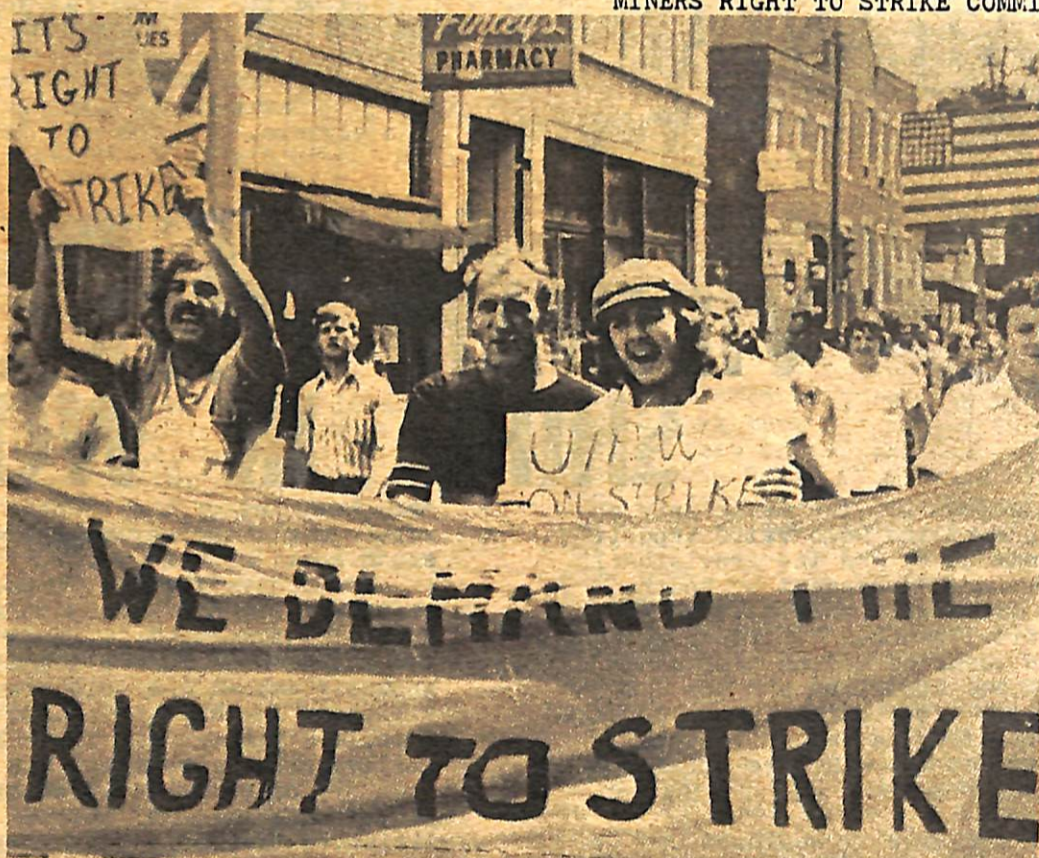
continue to organize and build the struggle.

A week after the strike, Arnold Miller, president of the Miners union, issued a 10 point program. The International Union officers can now bring to trial brothers who led strikes and kick them out of the union. There are threats to suspend districts and local autonomy--the very victories that the rank and file reform movement won when it put Arnold Miller into office 3 years ago. We are not about to sit back and let them take back these victor- ies that took years of struggle to win. Here in the coalfields, we the rank and file don't yet control the union, but neither does Arnold Mil- ler or Tony Boyle, before him, con- trol us!

The support for the strike from working people across the country has been overwhelming. Messages of solidarity came in from every sec- tion of the country. Many workers told of struggles they were waging against firings, speed-up, job rights, and for the right to strike.

Contributions taken up at plant gates and those sent by individuals made possible the printing of thou- sands of leaflets which spread and built the strike. The money has al- so gone to pay for legal defense and court fines as well as for relief for strikers families. These mess- ages and contributions were not only inspiring and a tremendous help to us but also testified to the growing strength and unity of workers all over the country.

THE MINERS COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE RIGHT TO STRIKE and MINERS RIGHT TO STRIKE COMMITTEE ■



PICKET LINE MURDER SPURS CHICAGO STRIKERS ON

On Sept. 9, Dave Watson, a striker at Capital Packaging in Mel- rose Park, Illinois, was run down by a scab truck. The scab driver came speeding out of the plant driveway into the picketers. Ten days later this union brother was dead.

The scab driver was doing the dirty work for Capital Packaging. Capital Packaging was responsible for this murder, but the cops and courts covered for the company. Police gave the truck driver a tic- ket for failure to yield the right of way, and this scab was off free after paying a \$25 bond. That is what the life of a worker is worth to the capitalists. This is a mur- der the workers will never forgive or forget!

The company thought this would scare the workers back into the shop. But when the company present- ed another crummy contract offer they found out the murder of a fel- low worker had made the strikers

ready to fight even harder. As sec- ret ballots were handed out at the union meeting, one guy held his NO vote high for all to see. Then more workers did the same. They voted down the contract 85-8, and made it clear they were going to keep fight- ing.

Dave Watson was killed fight- ing against the company for a decent wage and working conditions. His striking brothers and sisters have stood strong for 14 weeks to win their demands. They have stood up to injunctions, evictions, and scabs. They are organizing every day on the picket line to keep their strike go- ing strong, and they are starting a boycott of goods made by the company.

With the support of other work- ers in Chicago, who are furious at the murder of a fellow worker and at the company's refusal to meet the workers demands, Capital strikers are determined to win. ■

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FIGHT UNION BUSTING

MILWAUKEE

Laborers and other construction workers in Milwaukee beat back an attempt to open up non-union construction sites last month. Contractors tried to pour the concrete for a building at Appleton and Capitol-- but both days over 30 pickets cut them short. Teamster drivers refused to cross the picket line to deliver building materials, so nothing on the site moved.

The fight to defend the union wage scale in construction is raging across the country. The contractors are on an offensive. 10,000 construction workers in New York marched for union jobs at union wages, brushing aside police attempts to stop them. In rural Michigan construction workers fought for 7 months to shut down a non-union job.

Behind the company offensive against the union in Wisconsin, Michigan, and other places is an association of contractors calling itself ABC. They are organized specifically to destroy the building trades unions and drive construction workers into the dirt.

Some parts of Wisconsin, like the Fox River Valley, are loaded with non-union sites. The picket at Appleton and Capitol halted the first attempt by ABC to move into Milwaukee.

The picket line stopped the contractors drive for now-- but they will be back. There are large numbers of non-union construction workers as well as high unemployment in the construction industry. The companies try to use this to divide and weaken the workers fight. This points to the need for a determined drive to unionize more construction workers and to build the fight of all workers for jobs.

ATLANTA

On September 30, construction in Atlanta, Ga. stopped cold as the building trades union walked off the job in a



AROUND THE COUNTRY, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE DEFENDING THEMSELVES AGAINST UNION BUSTING ATTACKS.

one day protest strike against government union-busting. Five thousand workers poured through downtown Atlanta demonstrating for union jobs at union wages. Office workers, bus drivers, and other working people waved and cheered as the march passed.

The workers went out over the deal around Atlanta's new \$600 million rapid transit system which will provide the majority of construction jobs in coming years. The Metropolitan Area Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) has announced it intends to pay less than half union scale!

To do this, MARTA is attempting to use the Davis-Bacon Wage Act against the workers. This federal law, passed in the 1930's as a concession to the

struggle of the working class during the depression, says any job using federal money must pay the "prevailing wage" in the area-- which usually means union scale. Since almost half of all construction jobs get some federal money, this has helped construction workers protect their jobs.

Now MARTA says that the transit project is the same as highway construction, which in Georgia is almost entirely unorganized. So "prevailing wage" is next to nothing!

The union-busting attack in Atlanta is no surprise-- it's just a new twist on similar attacks from the government and private contractors all over the country, which construction workers have met everywhere with strikes, wildcats, rallies and marches. ■

VETOES ISOLATE US GOV'T IN UNITED NATIONS VIETNAM LIBERATION MARKS SHIFT IN WORLD POWER

On August 11, the membership applications of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (PRG) were submitted to the UN Security Council. Thirteen nations voted in favor of adding them as UN members, one abstained and the U.S. vetoed it. After suffering a thorough and humiliating defeat in Vietnam, the rulers of the U.S. are still trying to cause trouble and cut their losses.

The U.S. said it wouldn't use its veto if, and only if, the UN would accept, along with the DRV and PRG, the south Korean regime of Pak Jung Hi--a government propped up by open terror and backed by the U.S. as a military outpost in Asia and a haven for the U.S. imperialist investment. "A very reasonable policy," echoed the TV and newspaper columnists. But

the countries of the UN have made it very clear that they do not want south Korea as a member.

But, says the U.S. ambassador, the U.S. will not submit to a "tyranny of the majority". "Don't let the Third World push old Uncle Sam around," echoed the columnists. What a picture the Eric Severaids and David Brinkleys paint! Old Uncle Sam, like Gulliver, being besieged and pinned down by hordes of devilish little people. To the U.S. rulers, this position of theirs is reasonable--to steal and murder in order to snatch up everything in the world they can, and then to complain bitterly about "tyranny" when the people rise up and take things back from them.

For years, the UN had been under the thumb of the U.S. imperialists, who used it as a convenient cover to sever Korea in two, setting up the

puppet south Korean regime; to crush anti-imperialist struggle in the Congo; and in general to play the role of "peacekeeper", the world cop who tries to keep the working masses from beating up on their oppressors, including, of course, the U.S. imperialists themselves..

But the world has changed, and along with this, so has the UN. These great changes, the growing struggle of the working class and masses of people worldwide against the international capitalist robbers, has been inspired in large part by the successful struggles of the Vietnamese people. This, the U.S. says is "unreasonable." Then it must be "reasonable" for U.S. imperialism to rain bombs on Vietnam, to send 500,000 GIs there to try to shore up that part of the U.S. empire, and "unreasonable" of the Vietnamese people to resist--and even more "unreasonable" of them to win!

But this song of woe the U.S. rulers are singing seems to be falling on deaf ears. On Sept. 19, the UN General Assembly, the body that all the members sit on, voted 123-0 with the U.S. abstaining, to return the DRV and PRG membership applications to the Security Council to be considered again. At the same time, the General Assembly refused to even consider an application by the puppet south Korean regime. On Sept. 30 the U.S. cast its veto again.

Eventually the DRV and PRG will get their UN seats, and the U.S. rulers will have isolated themselves even further. They're not going to find any buyers for their story of being "poor, picked on Uncle Sam"--especially from the people the U.S. ruling class has been ripping off for years, including the masses of working people right here in the U.S. ■



THE VIETNAMESE ARE BUSY REPAIRING WAR DAMAGE AND REBUILDING THEIR COUNTRY.

Patty, Squeaky & Mrs. Moore The Media-made Revolutionaries

Recently, quite a series of events has been paraded across the papers and on TV.

First, on Sept. 5, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a member of the "Manson Family," attempts to assassinate President Ford, but there is no bullet in the gun's chamber.

Then, on Sept. 18, Patricia "Tania" Hearst, a member of the Hearst family and heiress to its millions, and 3 other members of the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) are captured by the FBI. The press starts making a big deal out of the adventures and antics of Patty Hearst both before and after her arrest.

A few days later, on Sept. 22, Sara "Sally" Moore, an informer for the FBI and "close friend" of the San Francisco Police Dept., attempts to assassinate President Ford and fails.

Since September, the stories of these events have, of course, continued to be publicized and built up. There have been spectacular feature articles, and there has been an unending stream of comments by politicians and other upper class authorities.

USEFUL TO RULERS

Why the big buildup? It's certainly more than just a way to sell newspapers. It's more that this series of events is useful enough to the rich class of rulers that, if the didn't stage large parts of it, they sure have been playing it for all it's worth.

While Ford, the rest of the politicians, and the big capitalists they represent have earned the hatred of large sections of the American people for all they have come to stand for, they realize that the working people have no use for this bunch of stupid acts and the well-off "alienated" types who are involved in them, and view the whole scene with a healthy amount of disgust. So they've done their best to use this to take some of the heat off themselves and to further their attacks on those they really fear and hate--the workers of this country and their growing struggles, organizations and revolutionary understanding.

They are moving both openly and indirectly on this. Once again they've stepped up their demands for gun control, control over the masses of ordinary people who own them. And they are taking advantage of the situation to push the need to beef up their army of scabby spies, stool pigeons, and snoopers that fell into such disrepute during their Watergate fiasco. And along with all of this, they are demanding the strengthening of the various armed police forces, the FBI and all the rest.

Right alongside this immediate attack, there has also been a real barrage of propaganda from the ruling class press about what revolution and revolutionaries are all about. And needless to say, they've been telling us that it's all about weird kooks and spoiled well-to-do types, totally alien to the people.

From the ruling class' point of view, it makes good sense; when the struggle of the workers is growing because there is no choice by the way they force us to live, when in the course of this people are questioning what the hell kind of system this is and does it have to be this way, when

still small but growing numbers of workers are organizing to build revolutionary struggle against the system, why not toss a little sand into the eyes of the masses and try to confuse the picture of what revolution is all about?

WHAT THEY REALLY FEAR

They never tell the truth about the things they really fear. That's why around the country they both hid and lied about the recent strike of 80,000 miners. That's why the truth about the year and a half long strike of the Farah workers in Texas, and about the workers around the country who took up that battle as their own, was hardly to be found in their papers.

Neither was the fact that revolutionary communists have been involved in building these struggles, and in spreading the understanding that the strength and determination shown in these battles pointed to the day when workers would rid themselves of the exploiter they were fighting. All this they wrote about only in their journals like Business Week or Fortune.

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ADVENTURE STORIES ABOUT THE THREE "REVOLUTIONARIES" ARE USED BY THE RULING CLASS TO CONFUSE PEOPLE.

All Across Europe Thousands Protest Repression in Spain

On Sept. 27 the Franco government executed five men accused of killing police. The men were convicted in military trials and taken out and shot without even the pretense of justice. With this ruthless act the Spanish regime tried to throw terror into the people, and show its determination not to give an inch to the struggle against the government which is coming to a boil.

But this only set people against the government more than ever. Strikes and demonstrations against the death sentences rocked the country throughout September. After the executions, hundreds of thousands of workers across the country closed the factories, mills mines and shipyards, defying police gunfire to march and demonstrate, drawing in students, housewives, small store-owners, peasants and many others in a huge wave of protest even greater than before.

These actions inspired demonstrations of solidarity all over Europe. In The Netherlands and West Germany millions of workers held a two minute work stoppage. Greek workers stopped for 10 minutes. In Italy, Britain and Scandinavia workers refused to handle Spanish ships and planes and cut off telephone and telegraph communications. Huge demonstrations took place in Paris, Rome, Frankfurt and elsewhere, as workers and others in these countries in many cases battled the police who tried to stop them.

This international working class solidarity was so strong that over a dozen governments were forced to temporarily withdraw their ambassadors from Spain in protest against the executions. The U.S. government, however, responded by agreeing on Oct 8 to supply Spain with another \$750 million worth of arms. This is on top of \$3.2 billion already given to Franco, in return for U.S. bases in Spain and to prop up the Franco regime which has kept wages extremely

low and created huge profits for GE, Ford and other U.S. companies.

The Spanish workers movement, which has a long and militant tradition, has grown tremendously in the last year. Despite the repression, the illegality of unions and so on, the workers are increasingly fighting as a single, united class. For instance, when miners in the northern town of Pamplona sat down in February to demand an end to layoffs, workers all over the city struck and closed the town in support.

Since then there have been general strikes in several cities and regions, organized by illegal workers organizations (called workers' commissions), to fight for higher wages and against layoffs and speed-up and all the other effects of the capitalist crisis facing workers around the world.

At the same time, these strikes and demonstrations have put forward demands which unite other sections of the people in the fight against the repression of the Franco regime, and for elementary democratic rights such as for the

Basque people, an oppressed nationality in the northern, more industrialized part of Spain who are forbidden even to use their own language.

Franco came into power in 1939, when after a fierce three year civil war he overthrew the Spanish Republic to "stop communism." In this he was backed by Spanish monopolists and the armed forces of Hitler and Mussolini, while other major capitalist countries, including the U.S., pretended to be "neutral," blockading Spain to keep the Spanish people from getting arms. Nevertheless over 50,000 volunteers from all over the world, including about 3,000 Americans, most of them workers, fought side by side with the Spanish people against Franco.

But even with the nearly two decades of open terror, the Spanish regime has never been able to put an end to the workers movement, which is now surging forward once again despite difficult conditions. And once again workers in other countries are standing in class solidarity with the Spanish working class.■



Demonstrations in Frankfurt, Germany (left) and Paris, France (right) were only two of the many European cities where thousands protested the Fascist Franco dictatorship in Spain.

ACME WORKERS GO BACK, FIGHT CONTINUES



WORKERS AT ACME GALVANIZING STRUCK A HARD BLOW IN THEIR RECENT STRIKE.

The workers at Acme Galvanizing are back to work after a month long strike. Though the contract was accepted 44-29, many workers feel they could have wrung more out of the boss, Weiss.

The members of UAW Local 1092 see the wage increases and cost of living clause in the new contract as real gains won through hard struggle. But the cap on no more than 25% a year on the cost of living, the three year rather than one year contract, the lack of an increase in vacation, no sick days, no dental plan and no eye in-

surance, fell short of what many workers thought they could have won.

The strike hit Acme bosses hard. It was the first strike in 56 years. Four weeks of no production when business was just picking up really had Weiss screaming.

The unity and determination of the strikers at the start of the strike was strong. The vote to go out was unanimous, and 75 workers held a rally the first day. There was almost 100% attendance at weekly meetings and everyone picketed. The rank and file really

were active and had the initiative.

But workers pointed to a number of roadblocks that got in the way of the strike. Most union leadership discouraged workers from stopping trucks crossing the picket line.

Workers were hit with a barrage of letters from the company filled with lies and threats. At the same time, the rank and file were kept in the dark about the progress of negotiations by the union leadership. Strikers began to have second thoughts.

The workers were angry at the role of the UAW International and its representative, Kirby, who headed the negotiating. He not only didn't fight at the negotiations, but sometimes didn't even raise issues the workers had considered important, like increases in vacation and sick days. Not once was he seen on the picket line.

Finally, he pushed the company's line and told strikers to accept the contract, saying "It's the best you can do" and "You've got your foot in the door for three years from now." When the strikers saw the International wasn't backing them up, that the rank and file had lost the initiative and the bills began to pile up, their determination to fight to the end weakened.

The workers feel the most important lesson of the strike is the importance of rank and file action and initiative, not only to strike hard blows at the company but to protect against sabotage by International hacks like Kirby.

The fight continues at Acme. Plant wide seniority was won in the contract but the company is trying to take back this gain by refusing anything but department-wide postings. The workers are fighting back. The bosses are changing the wording of the contract and it's still not signed.

Weiss and company are scared. When their production stopped for a month Acme got a taste of workers strength and unity. And the workers are still dishing it out.■

NO "ENERGY CRISIS" IN CHINA THE WORKERS RUN THE OILFIELDS

Trains loaded with oil, a newly opened pipeline to Peking, engines rumbling under towering derricks--the scene is one of activity and success at China's Taching Oilfield. Here teams of workers braved bitter cold and primitive machinery to build a first-rate oilfield in less than three years. The workers built Taching to solve China's oil shortage. They did it because they run China, a socialist country where production is based on the needs of the people.

Fifteen years ago Taching was a vast grassland. At that time China's Communist Party encouraged the people to organize a campaign to carry out oil prospecting in the Taching area. The workers responded to the oil shortage in the tens of thousands. They poured in from hundreds of factories, other oilfields, mines, colleges and schools, and army units all over China. They displayed the revolutionary spirit of fearing no hardship and not "giving in" to labels imperialists had put on China. One of these labels said "China is poor in oil."

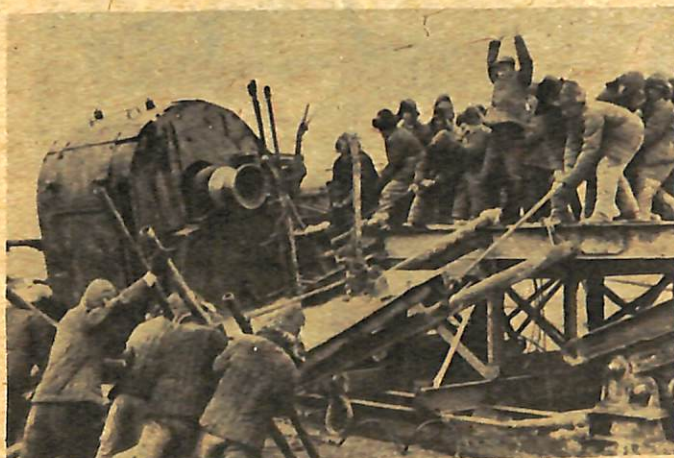
The Chinese workers knew that there were two ways to solve the oil problem. One way would be to give in to the Soviet Union, which had been supplying the country with oil but had cutback its exports to China drastically in 1960. Older workers who remembered what it was like to live in a China dominated by foreign powers before the 1949 revolution spoke against this "solution." The Soviet Union, which had been a socialist country, was by 1960 another imperialist power, and its "aid," including its oil, had strings attached. The workers knew that relying on the Soviet Union for oil would jeopardize socialism in China. The workers chose the only real solution--they put into practice the theory of self-reliance and developed Taching, making China self-sufficient in oil.

Today, the Communist Party in China looks to Taching as a model for industry. When workers throughout China say, "In industry, learn from Taching," they are referring not only to the revolu-

tionary spirit that built Taching, but to the revolutionary spirit that continues to develop the oilfield. Taching is 2½ times larger now than it was in 1965. Both crude oil output and refining have doubled. A huge oil refinery plant, built in 1973, is constantly updated. Modern equipment, designed and built by workers, has increased productivity by 73%.

Taching is home for its workers. It is both a big oilfield and a big farm. Around the derricks and wells are large patches of farmland cultivated by the workers and their families. They have built their own houses and run their own factories to produce the things they need. In Taching, workers run the schools, grain shops, post offices, repair shops, flour mills, tractor stations, weather stations, barber shops, health clinics and kindergartens.

The accomplishments of Taching show what it means to work collectively and to work for the benefit of the people in a socialist society. And, as one Taching worker said, "Our achievements indicate only what we have done, not what we are doing, and even less of what we shall do in the future."■



SHORT OF HOISTING EQUIPMENT, TACHING WORKERS MOVED RIGS WITH MUSCLE AND CRUDE TOOLS

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Other organizations attending were Warehouse Victory, bus drivers from Draggin' the Line, steel workers and many others.

RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT

Resolutions of support were received and read to the crowd. Garment workers, fighting for a good contract in Seattle, sent on their story and their support. Steel workers from Seattle and Los Angeles sent their greetings, with a visiting steel worker running down how they were taking on the company in an on-going struggle against layoffs and making some progress.

Ninety-one aluminum workers from Los Angeles signed a statement of solidarity, passed from hand to hand inside the plant, and a good number were at a phone booth to call it in to the demonstration, which greeted it loud and long. The workers told of the murderous point system that forced overtime - and killed a fellow worker. The aluminum workers in Los Angeles looked to the San Francisco demonstration as a part of their fight. Other workers spoke about the crisis conditions that are killing many workers.

As the main speaker said, "For those tens of thousands who are injured and killed every year on the job, we demand safe working conditions. And more. We demand that the right to strike against intolerable conditions be written into contracts. But even if it isn't, we will take that right."

A bus driver sort of summed things up: "When we workers get together, we're going to shake the very foundation of this country. There's no power on earth strong enough to stop us."■



MARCHERS ON VETERANS DAY CHANTED, "END ALL CUTBACKS", "WE WON'T FIGHT ANOTHER RICH MAN'S WAR"

Vets Win Cutback Fight

Ted Striet is one Vietnam vet out of thousands who returned from the war with a disability. He works at American Motors as a steamfitter. The shrapnel wounds he received in combat have been a constant reminder that he fought in a rich man's war.

Ted's disability was to be cut 50% along with thousands of vets who are faced with similar massive cutbacks in disability payments. Meanwhile, the VA is "talking up" a measly 10% increase for other disabled vets. Ted contacted the local VVAW/WSO chapter to help fight his cutback and to join the war on the VA to end all cutbacks. We mobilized vets to stop the VA's attempts to cut Ted's disability. In fact, we forced them to increase his disability payments from 40 to 50%! Instead of a cutback we won an increase. In the process, we also won the right for all vets to have an open hearing instead of the usual closed door shaft session.

From N.Y. to L.A., vets have been joining VVAW/WSO to fight disability cutbacks and other attempts by the government to make us pay for their problems. We've found that the only way we're going to win is by sticking together and fighting for what's ours. So we've hit the VA with mass picket lines, packed disability hearings like Ted's, and have refused to listen to any "It's

not our fault" jive from the top VA hacks.

The millionaires who control this country continue to disguise the VA as a "service institution" for vets. But in reality, it gives vets the run around while denying them "promised" benefits. Vets, like our working class brothers and sisters, fought hard for everything we ever got, such as unemployment insurance and the right to strike. We can never turn our backs on the VA or the bosses because they will constantly try to steal back these hard fought victories.

On Veterans Day, 50 vets and fellow workers held a spirited march as part of a nationwide action that was called by VVAW/WSO. We showed the bosses that we refuse to accept the VA's cutbacks and the treatment given to vets today and that we'll be damned if we'll be used to fight their rich man's wars again, like the Mid-East.

VVAW/WSO will continue the fight to end all cutbacks by taking up key individual cases of veterans while putting on the heat to end all disability cutbacks! The Milwaukee chapter is now kicking off a petition campaign at schools, neighborhoods and plants throughout the city to continue this battle. As one vet put it, "We're going to fight these bums tooth and nail."

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where the capitalists are writing to each other about what to watch out for.

But when it comes to Fromme, Moore, or Hearst, they write endless pages of "inside scoops on the revolution" to spread confusion and to divert hatred away from themselves.

They really have to stretch it to call "Squeaky" Fromme a "revolutionary": "I tried to kill Ford," they quote her as saying, "to save the trees." Then they make a big deal about some supposed assassination list of corporation heads and an "International Court of Retribution," all of which are part of the fantasy world of some drug-ravaged brains.

Alongside "Squeaky" and her pals, the ruling class is parading around their stories about the so-called "convert to Marxism," Sally Moore--a bored suburbanite turned police informer who was on the FBI payroll when she took a shot at the President and missed. And the day after this informer's attempted "assassination," Chicago Mayor Richard Daley goes before the TV cameras to announce that all this proves the need for more infiltrators and informers. The commentators and the rest of the politicians and rich types, of course, nod approvingly.

MODERN DAY MAID MARIAN

As for Patty Hearst, the capitalist press can try to portray her as a revolutionary, but in reality she is more like a modern day maid Marian who flees her family's castle to join Robin Hood and his merry men in Sherwood Forest in order to steal from the rich and give to the poor. It is true, of course, that anything

she may have done seems downright admirable compared to the crimes of her newspaper tycoon father. But in spite of her noble ideals, in the final analysis she's been acting like a spoiled bourgeois kid who finds playing with a gun and "going underground" a titillating substitute for holidaying in Europe.

Although Patty left her family, she brought along with her to her underground life a lot of their bourgeois ideas toward the millions of working people in this country. In fact, her whole idea of "revolution" had the masses playing the role of spectators and grateful beneficiaries of the SLA's heroic acts, occasional pawns to their exploits or even obstacles to their guerrilla life.

But while Patty Hearst and her friends were running back and forth across the country, it was the workers of this country who were really taking on the capitalist rulers, against their layoffs, speed-ups--against all kinds of intolerable conditions and threats of worse.

It is the struggle of the millions of workers that is the real revolutionary force in the country, and it is the millions of workers who will eventually take up arms to overthrow the capitalists and end capitalism. Because Patty Hearst looked down on the struggle of the masses, refused to join it, learn from it, and build it towards its revolutionary goal, she has ended up a romantic story for her father's newspapers, but far from a revolutionary.

Hearst...Moore...Fromme---all these add up to a pretty freaky idea of revolution, one that is remote, alien or downright sick to the masses of working people. No wonder the ruling

Fond du Lac GIDDINGS & LEWIS WORKERS STRIKE

Over 700 workers are on strike in Fond du Lac against the Giddings & Lewis Machine Tool Co. They went on strike Oct. 1 to win a decent incentive system. The company called in an outside consulting firm to revise the current system. Their contract proposal was an insult, offering only more hard work for less money. For some workers it would mean a loss of over \$2,000 a year. Just like other companies, G&L wants to insure their profits. But the workers are saying, "No way!"

This is the first time G&L workers have gone on strike. The strike vote was clear--only 43 people voted against going out. In the months before the strike, some rates were cut in half. About 100 workers got laid off. With the contract proposal on top of all that, the workers hit the bricks.

Giddings & Lewis is a big company with plants around the country and the world. A few years ago they shut down Gisholt, their plant in Madison and moved it to South Korea. G&L is one of 2 main employers in Fond du Lac; the other is Mercury Marine. Mercury Marine workers went on strike recently to fight lousy rates on a new engine line. They went back, to a rotten settlement. The workers at G&L want to stick together and not let this happen to them.

Because so many people in Fond du Lac work at G&L, or have relatives and friends working there, the strike is having a big effect in the community. Radio talk shows get a lot of calls about the strike, some against but most supporting the strike. Letters in the local newspaper also show people's support, and have given a lot of information about the strike's issues. Almost everywhere you go, people are talking about the strike. Store owners and individuals are giving free coffee, bread, sweet rolls and apples to the strikers. One local merchant gave the union a real bargain on raincoats when they bought them for picketers.

The strikers at G&L are still going strong. There's picketting 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Even the guys who got laid off are picketing. Along with support from other working people in Fond du Lac, the strikers are determined to stick together to win. Victory to the Giddings & Lewis strike!



"TANIA" HAS SERVED THE RICH TO CONFUSE THE WORKING CLASS ABOUT REVOLUTION

class has built them up and used them to spread confusion and provide a cover for the masses of people.

The ruling class is not particularly afraid of maniacal mystics like Fromme, bored middle class suburbanite informers like Moore, or romantic heiresses like Patty Hearst. It is the working class that the ruling class really fears and whose growing movement it tries to suppress. But it's the working class and the masses in their millions--armed with revolutionary understanding and revolutionary organization--who the ruling class can't stop. ■

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cesitaba más que una gran manifestación y un par de ventanas rotas.

El Concejo Laboral y el liderato de la Local 248 se jactaban de que podrían proveer 10,000 manifestantes, pero hicieron poco por cumplir con sus pronósticos. En la mayor parte de las plantas, nunca se hizo ningún anuncio. Y cuando los carniceros de rango y fila distribuyeron un suplemento gratis del The Worker en las grandes plantas como Allis Chalmers y Allen Bradley, se encontraron dicales locales no se estaban movilizando para la manifestación.

La manifestación se organizó para aparentar grande y militante, pero sin ningún recurso para resolver el problema de los esquiroleros. El Concejo Laboral y el liderato de la 248 habían aprendido su lección en la "Manifestación del Valle" del 4 de junio. Ahí 200 policías casi pierden el control sobre la multitud y los esquiroleros con suerte se salvaron. Esta vez los organizadores fijaron la manifestación para las 3PM en el salón de la unión a mas de 45 minutos de las líneas de piquetes de Peck. Con este plan los manifestantes llegarían al valle a eso de las 4, permitiendo a Peck el uso de los esquiroleros por casi todo el día antes de tener que fugarse sin ninguna interferencia.

Los obreros de rango y fila se quejaron en alto y largo de este plan. Forzaron un cambio en los planes y se presentaron en el valle. Esto fue lo que forzó que Peck enviara a sus esquiroleros a casa después de la comida.

Después de nueve meses, con esquiroleros en todas las plantas y con un liderato tan tímido, ¿podrán vencer los carniceros? A pesar de todos los obstáculos, tienen algo muy importante que les favorece - unidad y determinación. De dos a trescientos carniceros caminan la línea de piquetes todos los días. Esta base sólida está decidida a no dejar que destruyan la unión, no importa cuanto se tarde. Algunos llevan veinte, treinta, y hasta cuarenta años en la industria empacadora. Otros no tienen sino unos meses de antigüedad. Todas las nacionalidades están unidas

en esta lucha. Esos hombres y mujeres están dispuestos a luchar hasta el fin.

La Asociación propuso grandes reducciones de sueldo para obreros de "producción general" reclasificando empleos a un grado labor inferior, llamado "escala aliada". No ofrecen un decente aumento por el aumento en el costo del nivel de vida para ningún obrero de las empacadoras. A través de los nueve meses de huelga, han seguido aumentando sus demandas. Ahora quieren ignorar la antigüedad de todas los huelguistas y emplear sólo a aquellos que ellos quieran. Cuarenta y cinco huelguistas activos han recibido sus noticias de despido por razones de conducta indebida. Contra estos ataques, los carniceros han cantestado, "De ninguna forma," y se han mantenido firmes en su huelga.

La Asociación de Empacadores no tiene esta clase de unidad. Viven bajo su ley capitalista de "perro-come-perro." Lo que es más, la Asociación, la cual empezó con nueve empacadoras, no le quedan sino siete. Desde éstas, Northern y United quebraron en mayo y Peck se apoderó de ellas como consecuencia de la huelga.

Otras empacadoras menores de la Asociación están obligadas legalmente a mantenerse en huelga hasta el fin. Y están sufriendo pérdidas de las cuales quizás se recuperen.

De mientras, los compañías Peck y Wisconsin Packing, los dos mayores de la Asociación, se están aprovechando de sus competidores. Packerland en Green Bay, la mayor empacadora al este del Mississippi, esta emrando toneladas de carne a Chicago todos los días. Recientemente anunció planes de consolidar sus dos plantas en un nuevo local cerca de Green Bay.

La Peck y Wisconsin están luchando por aventajarse en la selva capitalista, donde el lema es "extenderse o morirse." Se están arriesgando. Si no resuelven la huelga y empiezan a producir, se exponen a perder más terreno ante sus competidores.

En este momento, carniceros en varias empacadoras de carne y salchichas en Milwaukee con distintas locales, así como varias empacadoras de Chicago estan trabajando con carne de esquiroleros. Por su propia cuenta, estos trabajadores han resistido - llamando enfermos en un lugar y declarándose en huelga en el otro. Pero los líderes de Carniceros Unidos no se han

aprovechado de la situación.

También, camioneros sindicalizados de las compañías U-C-L y S & W han estado transportando carne a Chicago a diario. Estos y muchos otros camioneros han estado llamando a la Local de Transporte 200 para ver si tienen que cruzar las líneas. El liderato traicionero de la Local 200 dice que la huelga no ha sido aprobada.

Contribuciones especiales de muchas locales, grandes donaciones regulares por parte de uniones en lugares como Patrick Cudahy y Oscar Mayer, y la formación de clubes "un-dólar-al-mes" han ayudado en la lucha.

Manifestaciones en masa, estorbo de los esquiroleros de la Asociación, y la movilización de más y más obreros ha ayudado a fortalecer las líneas de piquetes y enardecer la lucha. El viernes después de la manifestación del 24 de octubre, los carniceros pidieron una manifestación ante la Wisconsin Packing plant en la calle 2 y Oregon. Sabían que la manifestación que abarcaba toda la ciudad no era sino el punto culminante de la lucha--no el propio fin. Mostraron el mismo espíritu que ha mantenido a la huelga por tanto tiempo.

Los obreros son los que permiten que todo funcione, y cuando la clase obrera está organizada, puede sacudir a los ricos y a su sistema hasta sus fundaciones. Esta amplia unidad es necesaria para obligar a la Asociación de Empacadoras a que regrese a las negociaciones. Si los líderes sindicales sólo hacen gesto de actuar este gran potencial de poderío, entonces ellos también se arriesgan a ser aplastados por el movimiento obrero tarde o temprano. Pero por ahora debemos organizar y desarrollar este movimiento para vencer en esta huelga de carniceros y en las muchas futuras batallas.■

Espana

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de la crisis capitlaista enfrentando a obreros por el mundo entero.

A la vez, estas huelgas y manifestaciones han llevando demandas uniendo a otros sectores de la gente en la lucha contra la represión del regimen franquista y en pro de los derechos democráticos elementales como los del pueblo vasco, una nacionalidad minoría oprimida en la parte noroeste y más industrializada de España, prohibido de hasta usar se propia lengua.

Franco llegó a poder en 1939, derrocando a la República Española para "acabar con el comunismo" después de una fiera guerra civil de tres años. Fue respaldado por monopolistas españoles y las fuerzas armadas de Hitler y Mussolini, mientras los otros países capitalistas mayores, incluso los EE.UU., pretendía ser "neutrales," en bloqueando a España para prevenir que el pueblo español recibiera armas. Sin embargo, más que 50,000 voluntarios de todo el mundo, incluso acerca de 3000 americanos, por lo más obreros combatieron codo a codo con la gente española contra Franco.

A pesar de 36 años de terror abierto el regimen franquista nunca ha podido acabar con el movimiento obrero, ya despegando otra vez en condiciones bien difíciles. Y otra vez se van obreros de muchos otros países en solidaridad de clase con la clase obrera de España.■



"ES UNA HUELGA QUE ESTARA EN LOS ARCHIVOS DE LA HISTORIA Y NO QUEREMOS DECEPCIONAR AL FUTURO!"

Hearst

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Y dan tremenda importancia a una supuesta lista de jefes de corporaciones destinados a ser matados y una llamada "Corte Internacional de Retribución," todo parte del mundo fantástico de unas mentas destruidas por drogas.

Conjunto con "Squeaky" y su pandilla la clase dominante está promulgando artículos sobre Sally Moore, supuestamente "convertida al Marxismo," una tipa de suburbio aburrida y informante por la FBI, quien estaba en la paga de la FBI cuando tiró al Presidente y le erró. El día después del "atentado" de este informante, el alcalde de Chicago Richard Daley se fue a la prensa para decir que los sucesos fueron prueba de la necesidad de más informantes y espías. Por supuesto los comentaristas y el resto de los politiqueros y gente rica estaban de acuerdo.

DONCELLA MARIAN MODERNA

En cuanto a Patty Hearst, la prensa capitalista la está presentando como "revolucionaria," pero de verdad es más como la Doncella Marian de la cuenta, quien huyó del castillo de su familia para juntarse con Robin Hood

y sus hombres en la selva y robar a los ricos para darles a los pobres. Se está enterado que lo que haya hecho ella es casi admirable en comparación con los crimines de su rico padre. Pero a pesar de sus ideas nobles, al fondo ha actuado como una niña mimada burguesa a quien les gusta jugar con un fusil en "la clandestinidad" en vez de irse de vacación a Europa.

Aunque Patty se partió de su familia, todavía trayó consigo a "la clandestinidad" mucho de sus ideas burguesas sobre los millones de gente obrera en este país. De veras, según su idea de "la revolución," las masas sólo desempeñan el papel de espectadores y recipientes agradecidos de los actos heroicos del SLA, peones nomás frente a las hazañas de SLA, o hasta obstáculos a los guerrilleros.

Pero mientras Patty Hearst y sus amigos corrían de costa a costa, eran los obreros de este país los quienes realmente estaban peleando con los capitalistas, en contra de sus despidos, apresuramiento y todo tipo de condiciones inaguantables y las amenazas de aún peores.

Es la lucha de millones de obreros que es la verdadera fuerza revolucionaria en este país, y son los millones de obreros los que inevitablemente

van a armarse para derrocar a los capitalistas y aplastar al capitalismo. Pues que Patty Hearst les desprecia a las masas y sus luchas, rechazando juntarse con estas y aprender de ellas y desarrollarlas hacia su meta revolucionaria, ella ha llegado a ser una historia romántica en los diarios de su padre, pero muy lejos de ser revolucionaria.

Hearst...Moore...Fromme...se lleva a uno a una idea muy monstruosa respecto a que es la revolución, bien lejana, extraña o loca a la gente obrera. No es extraño, pues, que la clase dominante ha hecho mucho de ellas y las han utilizado para sembrar confusión y servir como una cubierta para sus propios ataques reales a la gente.

No les da mucho miedo a la clase dominante los místicos locos como Fromme, los informantes aburridos de suburbia y la clase media como Moore, o las herederas románticas como Patty Hearst. Es la clase obrera la que les echa miedo, y es el movimiento obrero creciente que al fondo es el tiro verdadero de sus ataques. Pero es la clase obrera y las masas en sus millones, armadas con entendimiento y organización revolucionaria, la fuerza que la clase dominante no puede parar.■

EL GOBIERNO DE LOS EE. UU. VETA INGRESO DE VIETNAM EN LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

Las aplicaciones de la República Democrática de Vietnam y el Gobierno Provisional Revolucionario de Sud Vietnam para ser miembros de las Naciones Unidas fueron sometidas al Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU de 11 de agosto. Trece naciones votaron en favor, una se abstuvo, y los Estados Unidos lo puso el veto a los pedidos. A pesar de llevar una derrota aplastante después de 20 años de guerra en Vietnam, los gobernantes de EE.UU. todavía están tratando de pegar a Vietnam y recobrar algo.

Los EE.UU. decía que votaría en favor de las dos partes de Vietnam sólo si la ONU aceptaría como miembro el gobierno de Corea del sur encabezado por Pak Jung Hi, un régimen respaldado por el terror abierto y sostenido por los EE.UU. Como una avanzada militar en Asia y un refugio para la inversión americana. "Una política justa," pronuncia el embajador americano a la ONU. "Una política bien justa," repitían los periodistas de los diarios y la TV. Pero los países de la ONU lo pusieron a entender bien que no querían que Corea del sur llegue a ser miembro.

Los EE.UU. no va a someterse a "la tiranía de la mayoría," respondió el embajador de EE.UU. "El Tercer Mundo no puede intimidar al Tío Sam," repitieron los comentaristas. Que pintura pintan! Pobrecito Tío Sam, como Gulliver en la cuenta, cercado por montones de "gente chica" diabólica! Claro que a los imperialistas de EE.UU. lo que plantean es una política sumamente justa. Les conviene robar y matar para agarrar todo que pueda del mundo, y cuando la gente se levantan y les restan algo a ellos, se quejan mucho sobre la "tiranía."

Desde años los imperialistas de EE.UU. han dominado a la ONU. Ellos lo han aprovechado de la ONU para ayudarles dividir a Corea, estableciendo un gobierno títere en el sur; para asaltar a la lucha anti-imperialista en el Congo; y para desempeñar el papel de "guardia de la paz," el polizón mundial impidiendo que la gente trabajadora les aplaste a sus opresores,

"Patty, Squeaky y Sra. Moore" TITERES DE LA AGENCIAS NOTICIERAS

Había recién una serie de sucesos extraordinarios aparecidos en los diarios y la televisión.

Primero, el 5 de septiembre, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, miembro de la llamada "familia Manson", atenta contra el Presidente, pero falta una bala en la cámara de su pistola.

Después, el 18 de septiembre, Patricia "Tania" Hearst, miembro de la familia Hearst y heredera a sus millones, cae en las manos de la FBI, junto con tres otros del SLA. Ya antes, y después de su captura, la prensa empieza a dar mucha importancia a todas las detalles de sus aventuras.

Unos días más tarde, el 22 de septiembre, Sara "Sally" Moore, informante



PATTY HEARST ES UNA MUCHACHA MALCRIADA QUE ENCUENTRA EL JUGAR A REVOLUCIONARIA MAS EMOCIONANTE QUE EL PASAR UNAS VACACIONES EN EUROPA.



MANIFESTACION EN MASA EN SAIGON.- LOS CARTELES DICEN: "NADA VALE MAS QUE LA LIBERTAD Y LA INDEPENDENCIA."

incluso, por supuesto, los imperialistas de EE.UU. mismos.

Pero ya el mundo ha cambiado, y así la ONU también ha cambiado. Estos tremendos cambios, las luchas crecientes de la clase obrera y las masas de gente por todo el mundo contra los ladrones capitalistas internacionales, han sido alentados mucho por las exitosas luchas del pueblo vietnamita. Eso, según los EE.UU., es "injusto." Pues, debía ser "justo" cuando el imperialismo de EE.UU. tiraban bombas por Vietnam, cuando ellos les enviaron 500,000 hombres para ser soldados en Vietnam, todo para mantenerlo como parte del imperio americano, y debía ser muy "injusto" cuando el pueblo vietnamita se defendía. Y más "injusto" todavía pues que el pueblo vietnamita ha vencido!

Pero esa pintura les gusta a muy pocos. El 29 de septiembre la Asamblea General de la ONU, en que caben todos los miembros de la ONU, voto 123 a 0, con la abstención de los EE.UU., por volver de nuevo las aplicaciones de los dos Vietnam al Consejo de Seguridad para considerarlas otra vez. Además, la Asamblea General rechazó hasta considerar la aplicación del gobierno títere de Corea del sur. En el 30 de septiembre los EE.UU. otra vez puso el veto.

Tarde o temprano los dos Vietnam llegaran a ser miembros de la ONU. Los EE.UU. se aislara aun más. Nadie va a aceptar su cuenta de "pobrecito, agredido Tío Sam," sobre todo la gente robada desde años por la clase dominante de EE.UU., incluso las masas de gente obrera americana.

por la FBI y "amiga" del departamento policíaco de San Francisco, trata de asesinar a Presidente Ford, y también fracasa.

Desde septiembre han seguido las noticias respecto a los incidentes, muchas muy espectaculares y todas en primer plano, conjunto con páginas interminables de comentarios por politiqueros y otros "expertos" de clase alta.

ÚTILES A LOS GOBERNANTES

¿Porque tanta ostentación? Ciertamente que no es solamente para vender más periódicos. Pues, esta serie de sucesos les conviene tanto la clase rica dominante que si ellos mismos no la han arreglado, de todo caso están tratando de aprovecharse de esa.

Aunque Ford y el resto de los politiqueros y los grandes capitalistas a quienes representan se ven odiados por gran parte de la gente americana, debido a lo que ellos han llegado a representar, sin embargo se dan cuenta que la gente obrera también no quieren nada que ver con esas acciones escabridas y los tipos enajenados acomeados implicados. A la mayoría de la gente el lío entero huele mal. La clase dominante se han aprovechado de esto para quitar el fuego de ellos mismos y echarlo a otra parte, facilitando mas sus ataques contra los de quienes realmente tienen miedo y a quienes realmente odian--los obreros de este país y sus luchas, organizaciones y entendimiento revolucionarios y crecientes.

En eso están moviendo en dos frentes. Están escalando otra vez sus demandas por el control de armas, o sea el control sobre la gente ordinaria a quienes pertenecen. Y están usando la situación para justificar y aumentar su ejército de espías, informantes y seplones ya de mala fama después de lo Watergate. Y a la vez, están ampliando sus varias fuerzas policíacas armadas como la FBI y todo el resto.

Y conjunto con este ataque inmediato, había también mentones de propa-

ganda de la clase dominante acerca de que es supuestamente la revolución y como son los revolucionarios. Nos han contado que los revolucionarios son unos tipos raros y minados, bien aparte de la clase. Desde su punto de vista hace sentido; cuando ya crece la lucha obrera porque no tenemos otra salida debido a como estamos forzados a vivir, cuando en el curso de esta lucha la gente se van preguntándose a quien sirve este sistema, cuando obreros en números ahora pocos pero crecientes se están organizando para desarrollar la lucha revolucionaria contra el sistema, pues, a la clase rica les conviene tratar de echar arena a los ojos de la gente, de echar confusión respecto a que quiere decir el idea de revolución.

DE QUIEN REALMENTE TIENEN MIEDO

Nunca dicen la verdad sobre lo que realmente. Por eso ocultaban la verdad y hasta mentaban sobre la huelga recién de 80,000 mineros. Por eso casi no apareció en sus diarios la verdad sobre la huelga de un año y medio de los obreros de Parah en Tejas, y sobre los obreros a través del país quienes la resbaldaban, desarrollando la batalla como una de la clase entera.

Tampoco se dio a entender los diarios que había comunistas revolucionarios adelantando esas luchas y propagando el entendimiento de que la fuerza y determinación mostrada en esas batallas apunta al día cuando la clase obrera va a deshacerse de sus explotadores en contra de quienes han estado peleando. Todo eso apareció solamente en sus periódicos como Business Week y Fortune, en que escriben para ellos mismos.

Pero en cuanto a Fromme, Moore y Hearst, escriben cantadas enormes de relatos acerca de "la historia secreta de la revolución" para difundir confusión y desviar el odio de la gente.

Tienen que exagerar mucho para presentar a "Squeaky" Fromme como "revolucionaria." Traté de ajusticiar a Ford," dijo ella, "para slavar los árboles,"

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La Manifestacion de Carniceros Demuestra el Poderio de la Clase Obrera

A medida que los carniceros comenzaban a organizar las líneas de piquetes, los carros de los esquirols empezaron a alinearse para salirse del valle. Los propietarios de Peck Packing cedieron dos horas y media de producción para que sus esquirols se pudieran salir temprano. Los dueños de Peck le temían tanto a la manifestación de obreros que ni siquiera esperaron a la escolta oficial provída por el Departamento de Policía de Milwaukee.

Cuando los obreros empezaron a extenderse por el valle, un grupo menor de policías intentaron en vano de vigilar simultáneamente los portones de Peck y Northern Packing. El primer esquirol en intentar sacar su carro del estacionamiento de Northern se encontró con nueve meses de odio acumulado por parte de los huelguistas. El resultado: dos ventanas rotas en su Charger y la paliza que este esquirol se merecía.

Unos minutos después, dos o tres camiones cargados de policías aparecieron rondando el viaducto de la calle 16, con sirenas a toda marcha. Vinieron equipados contra toda clase de disturbio, sin chapas, y pegando con sus porras como jugadores de beisbol.

Estos idiotas comenzaron a abrirle paso a los esquirols. Cuando el último enemigo de la huelga se salió del valle ese viernes, supo que estuvo a punto de cobrar una doble dosis de justicia por parte de la clase obrera.

Desde entonces, la manifestación cobró auge. Obreros de otras plantas y uniones de toda la ciudad se unieron a la lucha de nueve meses en contra la reducción de sueldos y la destruc-



CENTENARES MANIFESTARON EL 24 DE OCTUBRE EN APOYO A LA HUELGA DE CARNICEROS.

ción de uniones. La línea en doble de manifestantes creció hasta alcanzar dos cuadras. Había obreros de Babcock Wilcox, Hein Werner, AO Smith, maestros de escuela, bomberos, y personas de muchos otros lugares. Trescientos carniceros de todas las empacadoras en huelga componían la base de la huelga.

El 24 de octubre fue un éxito para la causa de la fortaleza y solidaridad de la clase obrera. Por un rato, las

líneas de piquetes le pertenecieron a los obreros de fila y rango. Fue una satisfacción ver a los esquirols pagar por sus intentos de quebrantar la huelga. Los carniceros llevaron volantes y carteles y un suplemento especial al *The Worker* para que se circularan extensivamente por toda la ciudad.

Pero con 700 empleos y el futuro de la Local 248 en duda, así como la lucha decisiva de los obreros, se ne-

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MILES PROTESTAN REPRESION ESPANOLA A TRAVES DE TODA EUROPA

La dictadura de España está llegando al fin de sus días, si muere o no Franco, ya muy enfermo.

El 27 de septiembre el gobierno de Franco ajustició a cinco hombres acusados de matar a policías. Los hombres fueron condenados en juicios militares y fusilados sin hasta la pretensión de justicia. Con este acto despiadado el gobierno español trataba de echar miedo a la gente, y mostrar su determinación de no ceder una sola pulga frente a la lucha contra el gobierno que ya está a punto de estallar.

Pero, como resultado la gente se puso más en contra del gobierno que nunca. Había huelgas y manifestaciones a través del país por todo el mes de septiembre en contra de las condenas de muerte. Después de las ejecuciones, cientos de miles de obreros se fueron a la huelga, cerrando las factorías, fundaciones, minas y astilleros, desafiando a la balas policíacas para marchar y manifestar, incitando a los estudiantes, amas de casa, pequeños comerciantes, campesinos y muchos otros en una tremenda ola de protesta más grande que nunca.

Estas acciones inspiró manifestaciones de solidaridad por toda Europa. En Holanda y Alemania Occidental millones de obreros pararon trabajo por dos minutos. Obreros griegos pararon por 10 minutos. En Italia, Bretaña y Escandinavia obreros rechazaron dejar pasar a barcos y aviones españoles y cortaron las comunicaciones de teléfono y telegrafo. Había concentraciones muy grande en París, Rome, Frankfurt y otros ciudades, y en muchos casos

los obreros y otra gente de esos países se enfrentaron a la policía que trataba de detenerlos.

La solidaridad internacional de la clase llegó a ser tan fuerte que los gobiernos de 12 países fueron forzados a retirar a sus embajadores de España temporalmente en protesta contra las ejecuciones. Sin embargo, en el 8 de octubre el gobierno de EE.UU. firmó un acuerdo prometiendo abastecer a España con \$750 millones de armas. Ya los EE.UU. ha dado a Franco \$3.2 billones en cambio por los bases militares de EE.UU. en España, y para respaldar al gobierno de Franco pues que este ha mantenido bien bajos los sueldos, proveyendo las condiciones para ganancias tremendas a compañías americanas como GE y Ford.

El movimiento obrero español, con



MANIFESTANTES (DE IZQUIERDAS) EN FRANKFORT Y (DE DERECHAS) Y PARIS PROTESTAN LAS EJECUCIONES.



una tradición larga y militante, ha crecido mucho en el año pasado. A pesar de la represión, la ilegalidad de los sindicatos, y otras dificultades, los obreros se ven luchando más y más como una sola clase unida. Por ejemplo, cuando mineros en la ciudad nortena de Pamplona ocupó una mina en el febrero pasado para demandar el regreso de mineros despidos, obreros de fábricas por toda la ciudad se fueron a la huelga en solidaridad y se paró toda actividad en el área.

Desde entonces había huelgas generales en varias ciudades y regiones, organizadas por organizaciones obreras ilegales (las llamadas comisiones obreras), para luchar por mejores sueldos y contra los despidos, apresuramiento y todo los otros efectos

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