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Hundreds Speak Out Against Forced Busing:

DEMAND QUALITY AND EQUAL EDUCATION

Gronouski and the school board were confronted by angry parents and students last month. Over 300 people came out to a meeting at South Division high school to speak out against forced busing. The week before students at North Division had organized a one day boycott of school. Gronouski, the "special master" to oversee integration was a target of parents' anger. He looked like an aging slave master facing a new rebellion.

Gronouski and the school board called meetings throughout the city to try and win support for busing and McMurrin's magnet plan. They claimed they were encouraging community involvement. They got involvement all right--angry remarks and questions directed against busing.

"Who are you trying to kid with this sudden concern about integration after keeping us segregated all these years? Our kids would go to integrated schools by day and come home to segregated neighborhoods by night." "We want to see our kids get a good education. Money should be spent on improving all the schools, and not on busing kids from one crummy school to another."

Faced with this response their big show of wanting to hear what people had to say faded fast. Over and over they said, "Whether or not Blacks like it, or whites like it, this is the law of the land." Their attitude was come hell or high water, there is nothing to do but to accept it.

A Black member of the Committee to Fight Attacks on Our Schools answered this at the meeting at South Division by saying, "If my people had obeyed the law, we would still be in bondage. The rich are using busing for integration as a cover to divide workers of all nationalities and cut back on education." She got a standing ovation from the large crowd.

Gronouski tried to keep the lid on. He asked, "What do you think I'm here for, fun and games?" A woman shouted back, "No, you're here for \$50 an hour."

THE FIGHT FOR NORTH AND SOUTH

At the North and South Division meetings students and parents attacked Gronouski for his threat to stop building the new North and South schools. For twelve years working people in

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ALL OUT FOR MAY DAY

May First, International Workers Day, May Day, the proudest and most solemn holiday of the working class world wide.

In countries across the world, workers this year will be greeting our holiday with celebrations and demonstrations. The Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, is calling for celebrations to be built in cities throughout this country. Demonstrations that bring together workers from many industries, from the many daily battles our class is waging. Demonstrations that proclaim our unity against the enemies of our class. Demonstrations united around slogans that point to the aims of the growing workers' movement.

FIGHT--DON'T STARVE!

WORKERS UNITE TO LEAD THE
FIGHT AGAINST ALL OPPRESSION!

DOWN WITH THE SYSTEM OF WAGE
SLAVERY!

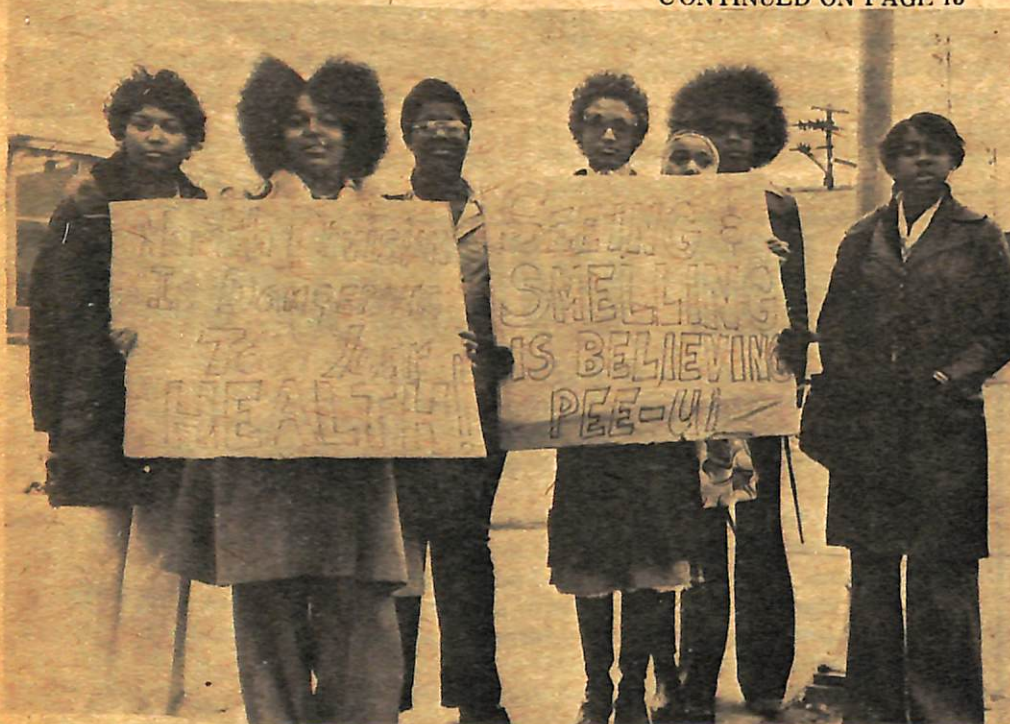
Every May Day is a day for the working class to take stock of our growing strength, to sum up where things stand in our struggle. May Day honors the

fighters who have gone before, who fought and sacrificed to advance the struggle of the working class. May Day surveys the present battlefields on which workers are locked in deadly combat with our enemy, the arrogant and decaying class of capitalists. May Day sums up the past and the present in order to point the way forward for the working class in the future.

This it does in two senses, both laying plans for the battles working men and women will face in the year to come and reaffirming the determination of the working class to destroy the parasites who bleed the workers and lord it over the great majority of people, to replace their rule with a new society, free from exploitation and oppression.

The last year has seen the capitalists attempt even more boldly and desperately to shift the burden of their economic crisis onto the masses of people. Despite all the lies we hear about "recovery", it has become more and more clear that workers and many other American people face nothing short of a battle for survival. Take jobs. Not only has unemployment been

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KIDS AT NORTH DIVISION FOUGHT ROTTEN CONDITIONS BY BOYCOTTING SCHOOL AFTER A FIRE DAMAGED THE BUILDING

We've Carried the Rich 200 Years Let's Get Them Off Our Backs!

1976-Millions walking the streets looking for jobs and still more shoved out the door while plants close down. Those still at work, worked to death, chained to the bosses' machinery. Our cities falling apart. Our schools, hospitals, and firehouses shut down. Half finished construction sites standing next to burned out tenements and the drums of another war beating louder. All this amidst lies of recovery and the fireworks of celebration.

No! This is not what we worked so hard for. No, this is not the future we want for our children. One thousand outrages slap us in the face. No, we can't live like this. And we won't.

Our class, the working class, men and women of all nationalities—we build and we produce. But their class, the capitalist class, takes it all. They own what they have never built—the mills, mines and banks. Owning all, they take all we produce. And for us, only enough to keep us alive so we can slave for them some more.

They take our hard work and twist it. We work together. They steal, each as much for himself as he can, and try to keep us apart. Everything has a price for them. Their uncontrollable drive for profit makes this whole society run like it does. Crisis after crisis, war after war, injustice upon injustice. Ten generations of profits bled out of ten generations of our lives.

Our whole history proves this. We have fought for all that is worthwhile in this country. We are not animals but that's how they would have us live. No! Not in 1776, 1876, or 1976. Our history is filled with storms of resistance, battling back and standing tall. We are

men and women. We will not be slaves. We are the backbone of the whole country, millions strong. They are a handful of murderers and slavedrivers, rotting even as they claw to grab more.

1976. These thieves call all of us to celebrate with them. National unity... all together and many happy returns. No! We shall not celebrate their rule. Despite all their sickening lies and broken-record hoopla, we have nothing in common with them. For them-200 years of plunder. For us-200 years of slavery and oppression. All they have they took from us. All we need we have wrenched from them through bitter battle. It is they and their never-satisfied thirst for profit that stand between us and our fight for a better life and a brighter future for our children.

Fellow workers! Today as before our class battles every last abuse-on picketlines and shop floors, in neighborhoods and communities and everywhere throughout society. Our fight is a just fight, our demands are just demands. In building this struggle on July 4th in Philadelphia, we will proclaim especially our demand for "Jobs or Income Now!" and our determination that, "We Won't Fight Another Rich Man's War!"

We have the strength to mobilize. We have the ability to unite all the battles, all the people, all the anger at the way we have to live. The future belongs to us. We are the only ones who can push things forward, and we are determined to break through.

Now is the time to pull it together. All our forces. All our battles. As we have always fought them we will fight

them on the day they choose to celebrate their bloodsoaked rule. We will come together, thousands strong, to expose their crimes and build our movement, on that day and for the great battles ahead.

On to Philadelphia!

We've carried the rich for 200 years,
let's get them off our backs!

The July 4 Coalition. Initiated by Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee, Revolutionary Communist

Party and Revolutionary Student Brigade.

The following proclamation has been issued by the July 4 Coalition. East and Midwest regional conferences were held in March by the Coalition in Philadelphia and Cincinnati to develop plans for a series of actions in Philadelphia at the time of the July 4, 1976 Bicentennial. Over 500 people took part in all and one is upcoming in the South. Next month the Worker will report on these meetings and further plans for the demonstration. ■



Demonstrate July 4th

BICENTENNIAL BALONEY

Word is Servomation is serving Bicentennial baloney in the machines--it's 200 years old.

At a local plant they are painting fork lifts and punch presses red, white and blue. One worker explained, yeah, they get painted once every 200 years whether they need them or not.

**QUALITY AND EQUAL EDUCATION!
NO FORCED BUSING!
BUILD NEW NORTH AND SOUTH!**

As conditions in this country rapidly fall apart, more and more cutbacks are coming down on the working class in education. Their plan of "busing for integration" is an attempt to cover these attacks and divide us. We need good schools and quality and equal education, not forced busing and cutbacks. Blacks, whites, Latins, and Native Americans have no use in fighting each other over the lousy education they offer us. Working class people and youth, of all nationalities, we must unite as one force to fight these attacks coming down from the system.

UNITE AND FIGHT ALL DIVIDE AND CONQUER SCHEMES!
FIGHT FOR QUALITY AND EQUAL EDUCATION!
BUILD NEW NORTH AND SOUTH DIVISION SCHOOLS--NO CUTBACKS!
Milwaukee Area Youth Committee
Committee to Fight Attacks on Our Schools

- You can return these petitions to: P.O. Box 08305 Milwaukee,
For more information call 442-5542 / 645-9530

DETROIT: 6100 FORD WORKERS STRIKE

On March 24th, 6100 workers at Ford's Sterling Axle plant outside Detroit walked off the job.

Negotiations around safety grievances had broken down, and the workers themselves decided it was time to walk. By taking the initiative, the auto workers hit Ford Motor Co. hard, cutting off the only source of axles to several Ford plants around the country.

The struggle jumped off in the third week of February when a foreman threw a gear housing at a worker who refused to run an unsafe machine.

The worker is on crutches and needs an operation to repair torn cartilage .

The night of the incident, workers refused to work under the harassing foreman. With 3 fellow workers killed in the past year and the shop full of other safety hazards, the auto workers were in no mood to forgive and forget. In addition to safety, they were angry about the way Ford was violating job classifications by putting ut-

ility relief men and foremen on the assembly lines.

When no action came on the workers demands against the foreman and several union officials were disciplined, a union meeting of 3 to 4 hundred demanded an immediate wildcat. International reps cooled out the action by setting up negotiations and a legal strike vote. On March 9, 3,441 workers voted to strike with only a few hundred against.

The International tried to get the workers to put their faith in negotiations, but the workers remembered a strike vote that the International sat on in '72. They took matters into their own hands. When the deadline expired on the 24th, all 6100 men and women walked out. Their unity and action prevented the International from squashing the struggle—a struggle that will make Ford pay. ■

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This paper exists to build the struggle of the working class against the capitalist system of exploitation and oppression. It puts forward the political line of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA on the major questions and struggles facing the workers.

The Worker for the Milwaukee Area and Wisconsin is one of many such papers across the country. The staffs of these papers are made up of members and supporters of the RCP, USA.

We want to be in touch with all the struggles of our class. We need and welcome your letters, articles, and any kind of contribution or criticism.

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RANK & FILE

DEMONSTRATE AT UAW CONVENTION

On March 18-20, the UAW held its Special Bargaining Convention at Cobo Hall in Detroit. This gathering of delegates from UAW locals around the country was supposed to be the final word on what goes to the bargaining table for the 850,000 workers in auto and agricultural implements industries whose contracts expire this fall. As one daily paper in Detroit put, "... (the) convention is pretty much the last round of 'spring training' for union negotiators."

But AUTO WORKERS UNITED TO FIGHT IN '76, a rank and file organization of UAW members, sees the situation differently. They organized a spirited demonstration for the first day of the convention. Although it was a working day, close to 40 UAW rank and file showed up to serve notice on the companies and the International that the rank and file is getting ready to fight in '76. While Leonard Woodcock, president of the UAW, ended his opening "militant" speech by saying how the UAW should not go to the bargaining table with a "chip on their shoulders" against the companies, rank and file workers were outside chanting, "Woodcock says give up--the rank and file say STAND UP!"

As the leaflet calling for the demonstration stated,

"The fact is--the big shots don't have this contract all sewn up. Right now a gang of scoundrels and sell-outs is in the driver's seat of our union. But their hold on us is slipping. Struggle against the '73 sellout broke out all over and the International--through fraud and intimidation--was just barely able to keep the lid on. We know that we can not count on Woodcock and Co. to represent our interests. We know that the rank and file of the UAW must take matters into its own hands. And many autoworkers are getting together, getting organized to do just that. We have formed Auto Workers United to Fight in '76 for this purpose."

The demonstration was an important step in building the contract fight--the rank and file got out its demands



"AUTO WORKERS UNITED TO FIGHT IN '76", A RANK AND FILE ORGANIZATION, HELD A PICKET LINE OUTSIDE UAW CONVENTION TO PUT THE "LEADERS" ON NOTICE THAT AUTO WORKERS WON'T ACCEPT A SELL OUT IN '76.

and point of view and it was an event where workers together came into one common fight from various different plants. Along with workers from half a dozen big three plants in the Detroit area, workers from American Motors in Kenosha, Wis., General Motors in Rochester, N.Y., and Frigidaire (GM) in Dayton, Ohio drove hundreds of miles to participate. Messages of solidarity came from autoworkers in Atlanta, New Jersey, and California.

The obvious "we mean business"

stance of the demonstration caught the attention of many delegates going into the convention. A few delegates stopped and said they agreed with what the demonstration was trying to accomplish.

The spirit of the demonstration carried through to a meeting called by the rank and file group late that morning. Workers made plans to distribute the group's brochure, '76 AUTO CONTRACTS--A TIME TO FIGHT! more broadly in the Detroit area and around the country. They unanimously decided to put out a national newsletter

that would carry news about how the contract fight is building, cover the important battles going on in various auto plants, and expose the tricks and backstabbing of the top union officials and their flunkies.

WOOD COCK SINGS SAME OLD TUNE

Meanwhile, what was expected occurred at the the Bargaining Convention--a big rubber stamp for a sell-out in '76. Woodcock made some weak references to dozens of issues facing

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AMC WORKERS AGAINST JOB SCORE VICTORY ELIMINATIONS

Ten thousand working in 1960, 4,000 in 1973, down to 2000 workers in 1976 at the American Motors Body Plant in Milwaukee. For sure they're producing less cars, but brutal speedup is the driving force behind this incredible reduction in the work force.

Recently AMC workers won an important victory against job eliminations. The company had threatened to get rid of 60-75% of the fifth floor repairmen by combining three types of repair into a single job. The repairmen had already been fighting for jobs by refusing overtime while their fellow workers were laid off.

When AMC announced plans for further eliminations, the repairmen drew

the line. Not only did the company intend to get rid of a couple dozen people, part of their plan was to weaken the seniority system. At AMC all job bid slips are turned into the union steward. According to the new posting the workers were supposed to go directly through the office.

Under pressure from the rank and file union reps called an in-shop union meeting for noon. Word flew up and down the welding and finishing lines. The lunchroom was packed. The word was, "Nobody bids on this new job. And if the company tries to put anyone on it, they'll be looking at us out on the bricks."

Massive layoffs have put auto workers in the position of having to fight an uphill battle for every job. At A. O. Smith "competition" between the bosses has meant the reduction of utility men so you can't get off the line for a bathroom break. In Kenosha, it has meant repairmen being forced to do production work.

In Milwaukee the company is constantly eliminating jobs, and now they are threatening to ship 60 more to North Carolina. In the name of their dog-eat-dog competition the autobosses are turning the assembly lines into a living hell. The only thing that keeps the speedup from killing us is

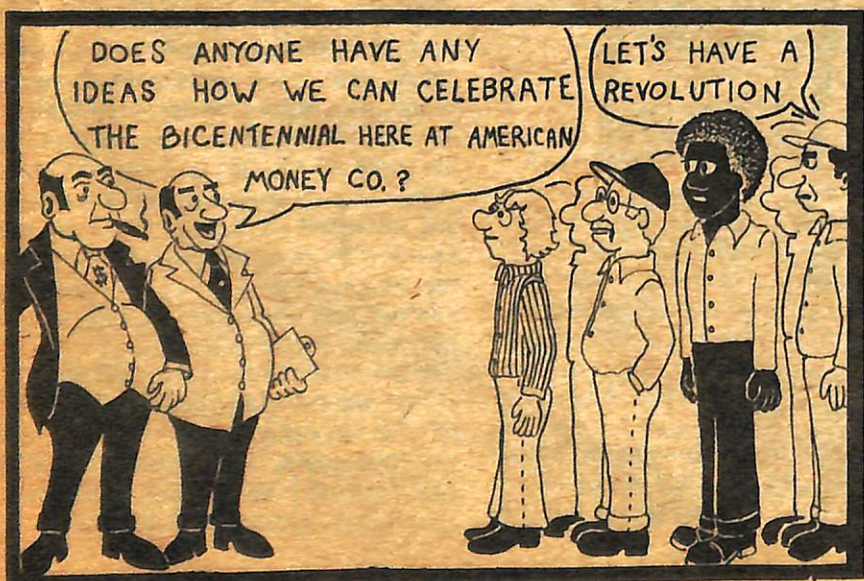
the growing resistance of the workers.

Not a single person on the fifth floor bid on the new "combination" posting. Next the company threatened to open the posting to the entire shop. Again the repairmen let it be known they were going to fight for every job.

Fearing the togetherness of the workers and being paralyzed by the thought of a work stoppage, AMC was forced to back down on these eliminations. victory against further layoffs was scored and an important lesson was brought out.

During hard times like these, the bosses pump out their propaganda that the workers--better play dead and accept whatever the companies dish out. But at all times their profits depend on our labor, even when they aren't producing to the maximum. Why else do they come running like a pack of wolves every time we threaten to stop production.

They are constantly trying to convince us that we have to sacrifice to help them stay in business. But the old expression really fits, "If you give them an inch, they'll take a mile." Autoworkers must fight for every inch of ground. It is important to build on this victory and go on to wage further battles against layoffs and for jobs, and for a decent contract in the fall. ■



MEATCUTTERS REFUSE TO PAY FOR CRISIS WHY STRIKE HAS GONE SO LONG

Fourteen months with nothing but \$50 strike benefits. That's a long time to bleed a worker's family. The strike has meant the loss of life savings, repossessed furniture, and broken homes.

Yet to this day, the meatcutter strikers refuse to give in. Every one of them had a chance to cross the picketline. But of the 750 original strikers, only about 100 have turned their backs on their brothers and sisters. The vast majority refuse to give in to the union busting Meatpackers Association.

The strikers hit back with mass pickets, boycotts, scab chasing, demonstrations, marches, and all kinds of solidarity with other workers. None of this has been enough to back the Association down.

Many people are asking why the strike has dragged on this long. To answer this question it is necessary to examine all the forces involved in the struggle.

At the heart of the strike is the basic conflict between the Meatpackers Association and the meatcutters. The meat bosses are on the attack. They are trying to cut wages and break the unions in the packing houses. Like all capitalists, they operate in a jungle of cut throat competition. It's dog-eat-dog in that jungle, and the Milwaukee packing houses want to do the eating. If they don't constantly expand and fight for a bigger share of the market they will eventually get muscled out and swallowed up.

A packing house striker was talking on the picketline about Bernie Peck, owner of one of the main houses in the Milwaukee Association. He said, "One day a few years ago, Bernie was shaking his head and complaining that Packerland up in Green Bay was underselling him and taking some of his business. A quarter of a cent per pound makes all the difference in the world. And the reason that Packerland could undersell Bernie is that it pays non-union labor."

The only way packinghouse owners like Peck can survive in this competition is to constantly attack the work-

ers, hounding them for more production, longer hours, fewer sick days, and to get every last piece of meat off the bones--all for less pay.

It's like that in every industry. Oil giants, steel bosses, the Big Three in auto and American Motors, all compete for the buck. The chaos of their competition throws the economy into crisis. All are going for broke to get more out of workers. Just to stay with their competition the Milwaukee Packers were forced to take the losses of a long strike in an effort to break the union

ment of scabs, the firing of over 200 strikers, the police brutality, all the months of striking.

There was no middle ground or compromise. It was either stand up and fight or get rolled over and starve. The meatcutters took up the fight--proud and determined.

If the small number of packinghouse bosses and the 750 members of local 248 were the only forces involved in

factions, throughout the strike, have been totally for the meat bosses. Underneath the velvet glove of neutrality is the iron fist of capitalist rule. No matter how many times they proclaim this system to be a democracy, in reality it is a dictatorship of the capitalists that will smash any challenges to its money making rule.

More and more the police and the rest of the state are showing their brutal and repressive nature. In this strike over 100 strikers have been arrested, and several face felony charges that could result in jail sentences. The NLRB time after time ignoring the just demands of the workers; police riot sticks on the picketline; the unemployment office sending scabs to the packinghouses--these are all moves by the state to curb the growing workers' struggle.

The meatcutters strike is a battle for more than just one union and 750 jobs. It is a battle for the future and a fight against today's productivity offensive by the bosses. The capitalists realize this. That's why they threw all their resources behind the Meatpackers Association.

The workers also realize the importance of the strike. The working class of Milwaukee came behind this fight stronger than it has backed any cause in 30 years. Unfortunately, the leadership of Amalgamated Meatcutters and AFL-CIO constantly held the workers back from hitting with full force. The officials of local 248 have preached a constant policy of compromise. At every turn they held out hope that the NLRB, the courts, the common council, or the elected officials would step in and give the strikers a break.

Every single time they call for faith in the system, they set up the workers for another attack. The 248 leaders prevented the strikers from really mobilizing their strength--their own unity-in-action and solidarity--with the rest of the working class.

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THE MEATCUTTERS EXPAND THEIR STRUGGLE. JOIN THE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS FIGHTING THE FOOD STAMP CUTBACKS.

Just as it was a question of survival for the packers, it was life or death for the meatcutters. They never had any choice but to fight back--their lives, their livelihood, their conditions of work were at stake.

All the attacks show that the Association was pulling hard to tighten the chains--from the 17 week lockout in 1971, the \$1.50 per hour wage cut for over 100 workers, the mass recruit-

the struggle, the strikers could have won long ago. But the meat bosses, as part of the capitalist class, were aided by the capitalist state. The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), the courts, the jails, government agencies, and the cops, are all arms of this state. All have been employed in the effort to break local 248.

These parts of the state machinery all pretend to be neutral. But these

WARRIOR DEATHS SPARK MENOMINEE STRUGGLE Abbey Trials Start April 1

The murders of John Waubanscum and Arlin Pamenet have sparked a wave of resentment and resistance on the Menominee Reservation and around the country. Hundreds marched in Madison, support meetings have been held around the state, and the unity of the Menominee has tightened up.

On the reservation the killer cop "Paddo" Fish can't ride through Neopit or Keshena without meeting the hateful stares from people along the road. Fish has waved loaded guns at crowds of people, is known to be drunk often while on the job, and has ordered random arrests of Warrior Society members. His deputies have beaten scores of arrested youths. Now in the campaign of repression of the Menominee struggle, the system has added one more tactic--murder.

The two dead warriors, John "Waubu" and Arlin were two of many on the reservation who were sick of their land and lives being manipulated in the board room of some bank or in some government office. They were two who had been part of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate takeover. With guns in hand, they had taken a bold stand for their people. For his part in the takeover, "Waubu" was one of the five warriors facing up to 90 years



SLAIN WARRIOR JOHN WAUBANSCUM LEAVING JUNEAU COUNTY COURTHOUSE A FEW MONTHS BEFORE HIS MURDER.

jail time. He would have gone on trial with the other four April 1st.

As word of the murder spread, Men-

ominee and non-Menominee people vowed that the killings would not be in vain. On the reservation this has

meant a renewed campaign to get rid of Sheriff Fish and greater unity of the majority of Menominee against the handful that control the tribal government, sawmill, and land.

The fight is not only against Fish and the tribal sellouts. Soon the reservation will be placed under the jurisdiction of the Federal government's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Under this setup Fish will still be top cop but with the backing of a BIA that condones the most vicious forms of repression against Indians, Menominee point to the many BIA-inspired killings of Indians on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota reservation as proof of this

In Madison, hundreds of people marched against the unpunished murders. In one protest, 250 people walked over 3 miles to Governor Lucey's house. They were condemning the governor for whitewashing Fish's murders. These marches in addition to the week of sit-ins in February provided an inspiration to the Menominee and directed a lot of heat toward Lucey. The governor pretends to be for the common people, yet he installed and defends a murderer to watch over the "Land of the Menominee."

When a Menominee teenager who was at the Waubanscum house at the time of the shooting came forward with his testimony, he struck a forceful blow at Fish and Lucey. The youth

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Deputies Attack Demonstration Jobs or Income, No Food Stamp Cuts

"Jobs or Income-- No Cuts in Food Stamps!" Members of the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC), striking meatcutters, and other workers brought this demand to the Welfare Office March 18. As part of the overall fight for Jobs or Income UWOC is meeting the government's plans to cut the Food Stamp Program head on. The county's answer to the protest was to unleash its watchdogs-- the deputy sheriffs who patrol the welfare building.

Both Congress and President Ford have programs for food stamp cuts. Ford wants to cut 20% of the people now getting food stamps out of the program. These 20% represent those receiving the minimum wage or slightly more, those on unemployment, strikers and part time workers.

Ford claims that because most of these people are working, they "don't need" food stamps anyway, and cutting them off the program will "save the government money." In fact, the so-called saving will go to "reverse welfare" programs for the corporations, like bailing out Lockheed, military spending, or tax loopholes. All to ease the general crisis of profits.

As one woman at the welfare building said, "I work part time because it's the only job I could find. I can't feed my family on part time wages, I need some assistance. As it is, I have to pay \$68 for \$92 worth of food stamps. Ford's trying to take food out of her kids' mouth by spreading the lie that she "doesn't need" food stamps.

Workers who are making the minimum wage of \$2.30 an hour work 40 hours a week for a salary that won't take care of a family. With the planned cuts, working for \$2.30 an hour will be even farther below poverty level.

Working people fought for programs, including the food stamp program, as something to fall back on during hard times. And when you go on strike to fight for what you need from the bosses, food stamps are necessary because you can't live on strike benefits. Ford is doing his bit for the big companies who try to bust unions when he says strikers "don't need" food stamps.

These are some of the "changes" Ford wants to make in the program: 1) Eligibility for food stamps will be based solely on the amount of money you make, regardless of how many people are in your family.

2) There will be an automatic increase of \$5 in the amount of money people pay for food stamps.

3) A Jobs Service will be set up in the welfare office. Anyone applying for food stamps who's not employed will have to visit the Jobs Service every time he needs stamps-- to "prove" he's looking for work!

4) In determining if you are eligible, they will average out your income for the last 90 days. So if you go on strike, you would have to wait until your average falls below a certain level.

UWOC answered this direct attack by calling for a picket line and rally at the Welfare Office, to protest the attack on employed and unemployed,

and to build the fight against the plans for more cutbacks.

As a speaker from UWOC finished and a striking meatcutter started to talk, the deputy sheriffs attacked the rally inside the building and arrested 4 people. The deputies had two choices: let UWOC speak out against the cutbacks, building support and showing the system for what it is, or break up the rally and further show their role as hired thugs for a desperate system.

The system loses either way. Four arrests won't put an end to people's determination to fight against attacks. That's why the deputies are there in the first place--to protect county property against the anger of the people who are told to "come back tomorrow" after waiting all day to talk to a case worker, or told their fuel money is being cut, or told to apply for county jobs at non-union wages.

As it stands now, being on welfare, unemployment, or getting food stamps is a rotten way to exist. But a lot of people are forced into the situation because the system offers no jobs, or else says "get a sweatshop job at \$2.30 an hour." With prices constantly going up, a lot of people are on assistance just to keep from completely going under.

In taking up the fight for Jobs or Income, UWOC is taking up the fight against the attacks that come down on us every day. The fight against the cuts in the Food Stamp Program is one part of this fight, and the fight against the cuts will continue.

UWOC will continue the fight for jobs and against the cuts in the Food Stamp program with "unity nights", door to door petitioning and leafletting.

For further information, call UWOC at 447-1736.



COUNTY SHERIFFS CHARGED INTO THE CROWD ARRESTING 5.

MERCY SAKES ALIVE! IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT US A... JOBS CONVOY

Job Convoys rolled through Ohio and New Jersey this past month uniting hundreds of employed and unemployed workers around the demands for Jobs or Income Now! NO CUTS IN UNEMPLOYMENT EXTENSIONS! STOP THE PLANT CLOSINGS! WE WANT JOBS!

These two demonstrations sponsored by the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC) and in New Jersey co-sponsored by the New York-Northern New Jersey United Workers Organization (UWO), expressed the determination of working people not to be lied to or shoved around.

In Ohio more than 200 unemployed workers converged on the capital, Columbus, on Friday, February 27 from Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland and other cities to demand jobs and an end to the government's plans to cut out 26 weeks of unemployment benefits. This campaign has been building since January when the Federal government announced that benefits in Ohio and 19 other states would be cut from 65 to 39 weeks because the state had juggled their statistics to show only 5% unemployment. In Ohio alone, 65,000 people on second and third extensions will be cut off without a cent on April 3.

BIG SUPPORT

This was the largest and most militant demonstration of unemployed workers in Ohio in many years. The active support given by hundreds of employed workers was a very important part of the demonstration. Donations to pay for busses and gas to Columbus, including \$80 from workers at Alcoa in Cleveland, and letters of support

came from workers all over the state.

In Columbus itself the demonstrators were cheered on by scores of workers and shoppers as they marched from the state unemployment bureau to the governor's office in the state building.

When the workers arrived at the state house they found all the doors locked and they were attacked by the state police called out to "guard" the building. The governor had earlier tried to impose a \$1000 fee for the march permit.

For the majority of people in the convoy this was their first demonstration and they were righteously angry at all the efforts to turn away their just demands. "You've been puching us around all our lives," one woman shouted, and the unemployed stood their

ground.

A speaker at the rally, a woman who had been laid off after 15 years when the RCA plant in Cincinnati closed several years ago, attacked the governor's plan to lure industry to Ohio from other states with promises of lower wages and taxes. We can't have workers competing for jobs against each other, she said, bidding wages lower and lower. She made it clear that we are always going to face this situation until we get rid of these capitalists and build a system by and for workers.

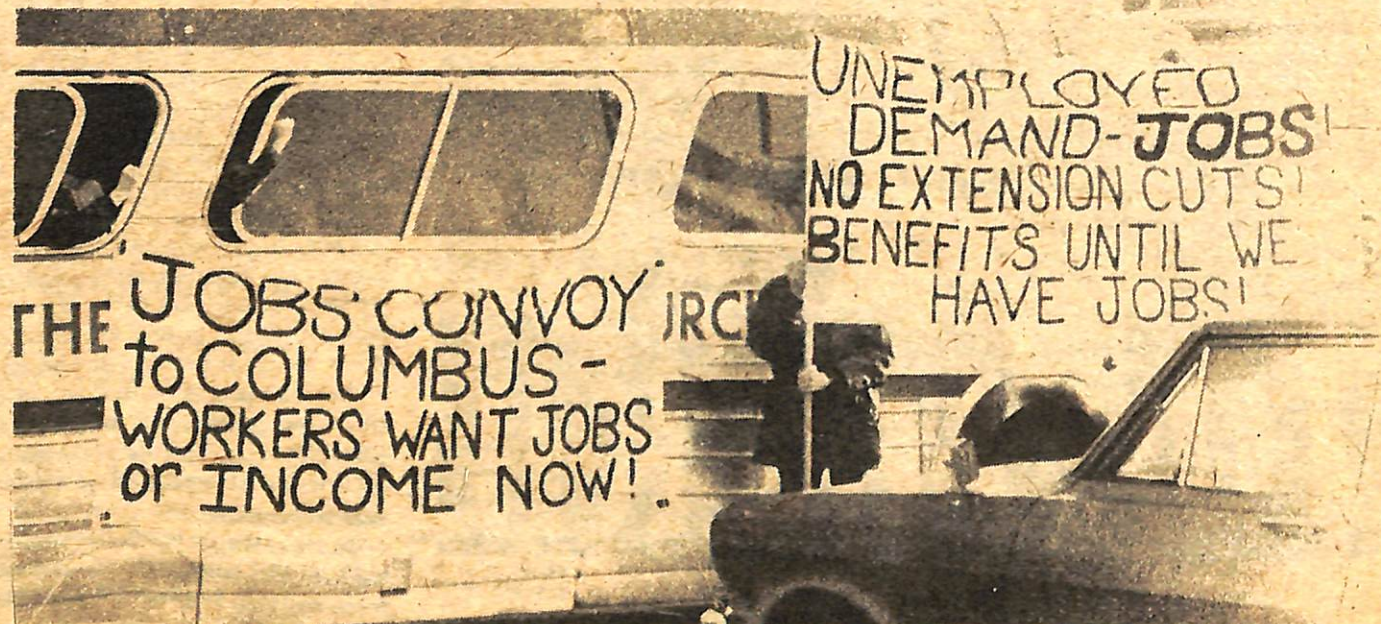
In northern New Jersey, the "Fight for Jobs" convoy was aimed mainly at the plant shut downs that are throwing thousands out into the streets. On March 6, sixty cars started out from Newark and Perth Amboy driving

through several cities to Linden, New Jersey, for a rally.

Plant after plant has been clearing out of New Jersey for years. GE in Newark is gone, Western Electric has laid off thousands and rumor of a closing continue. Now RCA in Harrison plans to shut down on July 1 and Otis Elevator has announced a layoff. Whole towns have been wrecked--thirty year men with no chance of finding work and high school students with no jobs in front of them. "We want jobs" that's what workers are saying--we don't have to live like this.

The recent rash of runaways and plant closings is a major attack, but the plan is to throw it back at the capitalists and use it as a launch-

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BUSSES AND CARLOADS OF PEOPLE CAME FROM ALL OVER OHIO TO SAY NO TO THE EXTENSION BENEFIT CUTS!

MINERS WILDCAT vs BLACK LUNG LAW

Twenty thousand miners wildcatted in southern West Virginia and Virginia for a week in early March, to demand decent benefits for miners killed or disabled by Black Lung disease, and to oppose a bill in Congress that threatens to make it even harder for miners to receive Black Lung benefits.

When the miners walked out they were continuing a battle begun many years ago to put an end to the situation in the coal fields where miners are worked for as long as they can make profit for the owners, but discarded like so much worthless rock when coal dust has cut short their lives and working years.

Like capitalists everywhere, the mine owners grow rich off the labor of workers, but when the workers are disabled or killed the bosses' only concern is to make sure that they don't have to pay anything. But miners have made it clear that they're not standing for this.

For years the mine owners and their friends in government tried to deny the fact that Black Lung disease even existed. A long fight by miners and their families that reached a high point in 1969 forced a sudden official "discovery" of the disease which miners had known about for years, and won federal laws providing for compensation to disabled miners and their widows.

BENEFIT VICTORY CUT SHORT

But no sooner had the ruling class been forced to give up this concession when they began trying to snatch it back. By using loopholes and technicalities written into the original law, the government has disqualified 95% of the miners who have filed for benefits since 1973, forcing thousands of disabled miners to continue to work. And the government has used this fact to deny benefits to widows whose husbands died while working or who lacked what the bosses consider enough medical "evidence" of their husbands' illness.

This outrageous situation has led to the growth of a new and powerful movement around Black Lung benefits in the last few years, demanding automatic benefits to all disabled miners who've worked 15 years, fairer medical standards for those with less than 15 years and payments to widows.

But instead of meeting these demands, the mine owners and their fellow capitalists have tried to take away many of the Black Lung benefits won

before. Earlier this year, the House of Representatives passed a bill that would eliminate many benefits and make the outrageous benefit denials even easier.

To smash this proposed law and fight for their real needs, working and disabled miners held mass meetings in February to step up their struggle, calling on UMW President Arnold Miller to make use of a contract provision allowing a one week legal strike against the bill. But Miller, who rode to office partly off the struggle of miners' for Black Lung benefits, has long since turned his back on the needs of the rank and file. He supported the bill and tried to sabotage the efforts of the membership to oppose it.

UMW OFFICIALS AND COAL BOSSES UNITE AGAINST WILDCAT

When miners walked out against the bill anyway on March 1, the union hacks, the courts, the press and the whole ruling class tried to stamp out the fire. Union locals were hit with injunctions and huge fines. Active strikers were threatened with jail. Miller used the radio and TV to claim that the strike was caused by a "handful of radicals" trying to "wreck" the union. He especially attacked members of the Miners Committee to Defend the Right to Strike, a rank and file organization of active miners who were part of the wildcat's leadership.

Miller became head of the union a few years ago by hitching his wagon to the tail of the miners' movement shaking the coalfields. But now that he's comfortably in office, he calls on the membership to give up their fight and follow him on a Washington merry-go-round spending their time and money tracking down Congressmen. He tells them to put their trust in Congress, when what Congress stands for is shown by the way it came up with this bill to save the mine owners a few bucks at the expense of miners' lives in the first place.

The miners' long and bitter battle for Black Lung benefits, especially in strikes like the recent wildcat, has won important victories.

The attacks from the courts and the betrayal of the union officials has put some new obstacles in the path of the miners' Black Lung fight. But the miners have pushed aside such obstacles before. As an open letter from working and disabled miners pointed out, "We will find a way to continue the battle which is far from over, for we will not be thrown on the gob pile, sick, with nothing, after the companies have used us up for their profits."



FOUNDRY WORKERS FIGHTING FOR A DECENT COST OF LIVING

FEDERAL MALLEABLE ON STRIKE

The 150 foundry workers at Federal Malleable are out on strike. The ladles are empty and the iron cold. The only sweat, for a change, is from the foremen and stockholders. The guys have been walking the bricks out on S. 72nd Street since February 2. They are determined to stay out until next December, if need be, to get a decent contract.

This is the first strike since 1948. The main demand is for a real cost of living clause. The company is only

offering a halfway escalator clause with limits on how high it can go. But there's no limit on prices and workers want a cost of living that will keep up.

There are no scabs crossing the lines. As long as the strikers keep production stopped, there will be no profits for Federal Malleable. With their unity as hard as the iron they've poured, Federal Malleable strikers are not going to settle for anything but a victory. ■

ELECTION "SHOW" DRAWS SMALL CROWD

In state after state, primary after primary, millions of people are fed up with the selling of the president. Madison Avenue, with all their well-laid schemes of radio and TV exposure, plant gate glad-handing and full-page newspaper spreads, just can't seem to sell the American people a politician.

In the 1974 elections they barely got more than a third of the people to vote. With their economic and political crisis still severe, they're worried about people taking things into their own hands and really doing something. They are dying to keep things safely locked up in their Tweedledee vs. Tweedledum election show. They want and need everyone to put on a happy face and vote, proving to the American people, the world and even themselves that everything is hunky-dory in the USA. They hope that the fallout from Watergate has ended with Nixon's departure and that the American people are going to grin and bear it.

Each candidate, of course, claims to be a knight in shining armor who will solve all the problems. Need a job? Tired of high prices? Worried about your kid's education or about crime? "Vote for me and I'll set you free." "I alone am different." So say twelve (or is it 25) politicians all at once.

Put this whole multi-million dollar operation is falling flat on its face. It is a sorry bunch the capitalists have stocked this traveling carnival with. Carter has taken an early lead among the Democrats. His main strength has been his ability to talk out of both sides of his mouth at nearly the same time. He has claimed to be in favor of busing and also in favor of a constitutional amendment against it; to be against abortion but also against an amendment against abortion.

George Wallace is running further back in the pack. Years ago, his promise to "take the briefcases away from

the pointy-headed bureaucrats and throw them in the Potomac" won him a bit of support. But all his chatter about the "little man" is wearing thin and he is becoming more exposed for the reactionary tin-horn politician and blow hard he's always been.

MEANY'S PALS —

FRIENDS OF LABOR?

"Scoop" Jackson has tried to base his campaign on a jobs program. He is also known in his home state as well as elsewhere as the Senator from Boeing, where thousands have been thrown out of work.

Then there's Hubert Humphrey, waiting in the wings for another rerun.

People are asking a lot of very basic questions these days: Do we have to live like this, with speedup and layoffs? The housing in many neighborhoods stinks and construction workers are being forced out of work, what gives? Why does food have to cost an arm and a leg? What the hell kind of system is it where people work their whole lives and have nothing to show for it?

The politicians have nothing real to offer. Take jobs. Every candidate is "for" jobs. President Ford proposes to let private industry "create" more jobs by giving them tax breaks to invest in new machines needing LESS workers.

The Democrats, for all their promises, have controlled Congress for decades, but what have they done? Democrats like to talk about the big pie in the sky like "full employment", in order to build up their own reputations as "friends of the working man" — even though it's impossible for there to be full employment under this system. And if the pressure gets too hot the Democrats will "get down to brass tacks" and propose a few job programs, all of which have amounted to wage-cutting schemes putting a few of the unemployed to work in low-paying, non-union, temporary public jobs, often replacing unionized workers whose "high

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MINERS ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES.

MAKE REX PAY!

On May 1st, the contract for 1200 steelworkers at Rexnord will expire. The workers have demanded that their needs be met. And Rexnord is in for a hell of a fight if they try to take away any of the gains won in the past.

With most guys under 3 years still on layoff, the fight against layoffs is a key battle. A leaflet put out by a rank and file committee said, "We don't accept their right to throw us out in the streets." They demanded an end to the layoffs straightout. But while guys are laid off, they need more money than the 100 dollar unemployment checks. If Rexnord wants to lay people off, let Rexnord pay them SUB pay!

In both the foundry and in Plant 10 on Oklahoma, the company has been spending money buying new machines. They say they can't afford to keep from laying people off, but they can afford new machines that will mean more production for them.

Another demand is for plantwide seniority. For years, Rexnord has used a discriminatory unit seniority system to increase their profits at the expense of the workers, particularly the Black workers who are held down in the foundry. Many workers tell of trying to transfer out of the foundry for years without success. In addition, under the present seniority system, workers do not have full seniority rights during layoffs.

In the past year, Rexnord has tried a number of harassment schemes to "control absenteeism and tardiness". In the foundry every absence is unexcused unless you have a doctor's excuse. To Rexnord it doesn't matter if your kids are sick or you're just too damn tired to make it in one day, they want everyone chained to the machines. In one section of the plant, Plant 7, workers waged a long struggle against this kind of harassment. After workers plastered stickers around the plant, wore buttons and had an informational picket line, the company downplayed the harassment for a while. But the battle isn't over yet and workers want to keep these harassment schemes out of the contract.

Like everyone else, workers at Rex have been hit by the continuing inflation. The cost of living clause they fought hard for has been some help in trying to keep up but it hasn't been enough. Workers need money, and not the small change the union officials are talking about. Rank and file workers are saying, "Hands off the Cost of Living Clause! Decent Wage Increases!"

The guys at Rexnord also are demanding a better pension plan. Too often, workers at Rexnord see death notices posted of someone who just retired a few years ago. They want a pension plan that enables workers to retire with good health and some good years ahead of them. The older workers have given their sweat, blood and the best years of their life making Rexnord rich. Now Rexnord wants them to get by with a maximum pension of 255 dollars a month. But the workers answer, "Hell, No".

Everything workers have today we have had to fight for. At Rexnord the company tried to institute mandatory overtime in 1967. Workers hit the



MINERS AWAITING WORD AFTER EXPLOSION

BLOOD ON BOSSES HANDS MINER'S GRANDSON RESPONDS

We recently heard about 26 miners being killed in a mine explosion in Kentucky. The mine was known to be hazardous because of poisonous and explosive gases.

The owners interviewed on TV said they were very sorry about the deaths. But they cried all the way to the bank. There's profit in misery and unsafe conditions. While these miners lie cold in the pit and their families grieved I'll bet these owners didn't forego their steak dinners, cocktails and such.

When I heard of the deaths, I thought of my own experiences as a small child in the coal fields of central West Virginia.

Both of my grandfathers and all of my uncles, and my father, were coal miners. My father grew up in a company town where the company owned everything, except the people's personal property (which wasn't much except the clothes on their backs.)

The people were always in hock to the company store. The miners were paid in script, which was money that could only be spent in the company store. Any real money you wanted was discounted 10%. And as most people

were constantly in debt, and had children to provide for, they usually took all their pay in script. In the mining villages the company even owned the houses that the miners lived in.

Both Grandfathers of mine were in on the organizing of the United Mine Workers under John L. Lewis. While I don't remember anything about their being "officials" or anything in the union, they took it very seriously. Everyone, from the the smallest child on up, was conscious of the union.

I mean, like as a small child I had no idea of what a senator, mayor, president, etc. was, but I knew who Lewis was and what the union was about.

They were religious people and would not be intimidated in their struggles. Like if they got in a rough place, they would think about their problem, pray on it, then do what had to be done, damn the consequences.

My mother's father started in the mines at 10 years old. He started carrying water in the pits when they had mules pulling the cars. I remember him as an old, hunched over man.

They said he was tall and handsome as a young man, but he had his back broken 3 times by falling rocks in in the mines. One time he didn't even go to the doctor, just went to bed until it healed and he came out bent over.

I remember laying awake as a child at night and hearing him cough and wheeze, struggling for breath fighting the silicosis that was later to kill him, and seeing him cough up foul colored mucus that coated his lungs. For long stretches of time, they say that he never saw the light of day except on Sunday. He had to walk 3, 5, or 6 miles to work, go down a shaft, ride a motor, then finally "duck walk" a considerable distance under low ceiling.

My father and several of my uncles died young, in their 40's, early 50's. Two of my uncles died of lung cancer. One of my uncles had a long bout of T.B.

The mines can kill you fast like the 26 in Kentucky, or slow, like my relatives. But for sure, as long as they're run by the capitalists for profit they will do just that. Our blood is on the hands of the bosses. There's a debt long overdue! ■

Elections

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wages" (!?) are being blamed for the financial crisis of the cities and states.

Despite all the fertilizer the capitalists shovel, their candidates aren't taking root like they used to. Their election fire works just won't generate enough smoke to hide all the truth. More and more, the nature of their system is showing through- to get the profits up, the capitalists must drive the workers down. And none of their elections are aimed at changing that.

This year is more than just a "bad year" for politicians. For years the ruling class has said, "If you don't like it we've got the answer. You have the power go out and vote." But millions of people just don't believe it works that way.

"People are cynical", the news commentators say, as if the people somehow don't care. People do care, don't like it, will change it and are getting to know better every day that it's our struggle and not their elections that will move things forward. When the politicians are sweating on the TV, it's not only from the television spotlights. They are making speeches standing on powderkegs. ■



IT WAS A FIGHT THAT STALLED REX ON ABSENTEE HARASSMENT SYSTEM. A FIGHT CAN BACK THEM DOWN IN THIS CONTRACT BATTLE.

bricks for 13 weeks. In 1974, workers won a 10% wage increase and their cost of living clause because the company knew guys were united and ready to walk unless their demands were met.

Rexnord will be trying to get away as cheaply as possible, even trying to take away past victories. The only

choice for Rexnord workers is to build their unity and strength, striking if necessary to win a decent contract.

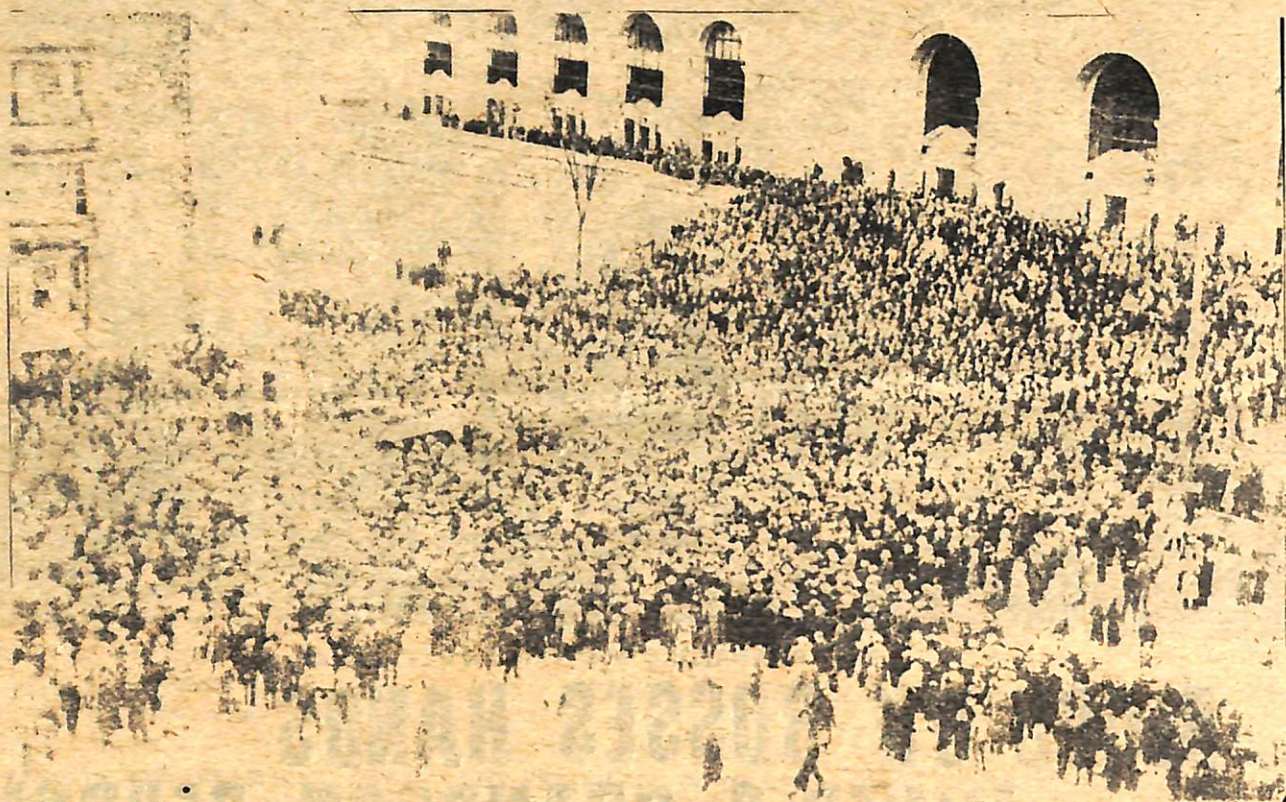
Rank and file workers have formed a committee to build the contract fight. They have drawn up the main demands: SUB pay for the unemployed, plantwide seniority, an end to the harassment schemes, a good wage increase and a better pension plan. They put out a leaflet at the plant to unite the guys around these demands.

The union bargaining committee has refused to commit themselves to any particular demands. They came up with a proposal that included almost everything possible, although it called for only a 3-5% wage increase, about 15-20¢. When pressed by the workers at the union meeting about which things they were going to fight the hardest for, the bargaining committee refused to say. They said it was a secret and they didn't want the company to find out.

Apparently the bargaining committee doesn't want the workers to know which demands they want to sell out on either.

But the workers aren't waiting for these clowns. It's going to take a fight to win and it's the workers who are going to do it! ■

MAY DAY '76 - FIGHT



THOUSANDS CAME OUT FOR MAY DAY RALLIES IN THE THIRTIES. ABOVE WORKERS GATHER OUTSIDE MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN 1934.

A History of Struggle

May Day has its roots in the struggle for the eight hour day. This historic fight raged particularly strong right here in Milwaukee 90 years ago. May Day has grown to represent the highest aspirations and the revolutionary spirit of the working class.

Tens of thousands of rank and file workers built May 1, 1886, as the day for a great national strike for the eight hour day, in spite of the opposition of national "leaders." For months and even years the coming nationwide strike was the talk of factories, taverns and streets.

At that time Chicago and Milwaukee were the center of the eight hour storm. On May Day, 1886, the streets of the two cities were burning with excitement. Poles, Finns, Germans and Russians who couldn't even speak the same language marched together for a common cause. Forty thousand struck in Chicago and 16,000 in Milwaukee. These workers were beginning to understand, "We are one class, we are strong, and we can win!"

Throughout the United States, 300,000 workers struck for the eight hour day; 185,000 won it with no loss in pay.

In Milwaukee, a mass meeting of 3,000 built for May Day. As May first approached, workers in 200 shops and factories united behind the eight hour demand. On April 29, the workers at the Plankinton Packinghouse walked off the job.

By May first, 3,000 brewers, 1,500 carpenters and other construction workers, and large numbers of bakers, cigar makers, brickyard workers, workers in slaughterhouses and laborers and others had struck. By Monday, May third, 14,000 were on strike and some bosses were beginning to give in.

The masons and bricklayers won a 20% wage increase and voluntary overtime. The Filer-Stowell foundry gave in to the eight hour demand. Best (Pabst) Brewery met the workers' wage and hour demands, but the workers refused to go back unless the company fired those scabs who had not struck.

On May fourth, a crowd gathered in the Menominee River Valley and moved along the river calling fellow

workers out of plants. Police were powerless to control the growing crowd. Another group of 1,500 workers moved on the Brandt and Co. stove works and forced it to shut down.

Still another crowd gathered at St. Stanislaus Church in the Polish district and marched to Jones Island. There sat the North Chicago Rolling Mills plant, the largest plant in the city still operating. Some of the workers met with plant officials. The bosses said that the steel workers were paid by the ton and not by the hour. The crowd was not satisfied with the report and yelled back, "Eight Hours".

Standing their ground in front of the sweatshop, workers from all over the city were making a statement to every boss, "We've been mistreated too long and we DEMAND a change."

This was not just a fight for an eight hour day or for jobs or income, but a test of strength between two antagonistic classes. A life or death struggle.

The ruling class realized the significance of the workers' challenge. Governor Rusk called up the National Guard and sent it to Bay View. On May fifth, Rusk gave the order, "Fire on them!" Six people lay dead. These working class martyrs from our own city will not be forgotten!

In Chicago similar things were happening. On May third, 6,000 workers assembled for a rally in support of workers at the McCormick Harvester factory who had been on strike for several months. Police attacked the rally, killing four workers and leaving many others seriously wounded.

The next day 1,300 workers met in Haymarket Square to protest the murders. As the rally broke up a bomb exploded in the midst of a large contingent of police. The police fired into the crowd, killing at least one and wounding dozens. From this incident eight leaders of the workers were

framed and four were eventually hung.

The ruling class used the Haymarket incident to further attack the workers' movement. Never mind that at least eleven people were murdered in two different cities on two different days--a policeman had been killed. Red baiting and heavier police repression put the workers on the defensive for a while.

It was the heroic struggles in these days immediately after May first that was to burn the memory of May Day into the consciousness of workers and oppressed people all over the world. A holiday that started right here had gone on to highlight the struggles of the international working class, and point toward our bright future.

Thirty years later, on May 1, 1917, Russian workers held a demonstration declaring their intention to overthrow the czar and put an end to World War I. Then in October, they kept their May Day promise, established the first workers' state, and set an example for all--that workers can take control of their own destiny.

Down through the years, it's been a worldwide celebration. The working class has no interest in getting hung up by national boundaries. The successes, and lessons of workers' struggles in one country are important in another country.

Whether it was the Chinese miners in the Anyuan coalfields building a revolutionary unity on May Day, 1922, or the workers of Berlin manning the barricades in May, 1929 or the freedom fighters in Spain in 1934, or the Warsaw ghetto defenders in 1943, May Day has deep meaning for all who labor.

We've a hell of a history behind us, and we'll see this fight through to the end. A fight not just against one boss or for one contract, but a fight to build the strength of the only class capable of liberating and truly utilizing the resources, productive forces, and people of the world. ■

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at the highest levels since the depression, but the capitalists are hailing this as the trend of the future.

Already their economic experts have redefined the "acceptable" level of unemployment from 3- 4% up to 5-6%. AND NOW SOME ARE SUGGESTING THE L(*)'S L%) may be the "acceptable" figure. Behind every percentage point they throw around so casually, in their rigged figures, stands a million workers in need of jobs. Most of them are driven out of previous jobs as bosses drive to cut costs and jack up profits. For the working class, the question of "accepting" unemployment does not even arise. The struggle for jobs in this country is growing in intensity everywhere, from anti-layoff struggles and the fight for every job on the shop floor, the the UWOC Jobs or Income petition, rallies and job convoys. Wherever the capitalists unleash their attacks--and the fight for jobs is one front among many--the working class has no choice but to fight back even more strongly. We won't be pushed into the dirt. We say, FIGHT, DON'T STARVE!

As the capitalist system continues to decay around the masses of people, it is not only the working class that is under attack, but the vast majority of the American people. Everywhere cutbacks in social services are the rule, as the rich try to devote the maximum possible amount of capital to increasing profits to weather the crisis.

The shape of attacks yet to come around the country can be seen in New York City, where the madness and chaos of the capitalists wild, clawing chase for profits is coming home to roost. And the only thing the bank-

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WORKERS UNITE LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST ALL OPPRESSION WITH THE SYSTEM WAGE SLAVERY

ers and all the rest seem to agree on is attacking the things we need with an axe. Their "save the city" plans for the next year alone include dumping 40,000 more city workers, seven city hospitals and more firehouses and schools to close, an end to open admissions at the City University of New York and 40,000 students dropped from the rolls. Increasingly, people are fed up with this "belt tightening" routine and standing up to it, from the sanitation workers' fight to defend their jobs, to militant mass demonstrations around cuts in hospitals, schools and firehouses.

Likewise, people are increasingly aware that the ruling class is headed for a new war, with not a year yet elapsed since their final defeat in Vietnam. This time the war threatens to be on a far vaster scale--a giant clash between the two superpowers the US and the no longer socialist USSR, to determine who will be on Soviet Union, to determine who will be top dog in the imperialist world, number one plunderer of the world's people.

Already we've seen our own rulers and the rulers of the Soviet Union square off over the right to plunder Angola.

The threat of world war and attacks on social services needed by millions of people are, like unemployment, only few among countless abuses--police attacks and murders, soaring prices, discrimination, the drug plague, the list goes on and on.

Today we fight these abuses in a thousand ways. And as these attacks expand, so must the working class expand its role in the resistance to these attacks. We are the largest class; our labor is the very source of the vast bulk of society's wealth; we have no interests in common with the bour-

geoisie who steal and live off this wealth our class creates. Because of this the working class can mobilize the broadest possible sections of the people and aim all its struggles straight at the source of these abuses. WORKERS UNITE TO LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST ALL OPPRESSION!

Every day we face the constant grinding, the legal robbery of the wealth created by our labor by the rich ownership class. This exploitation is the heart, the foundation on which all the other abuses of this capitalist system are built. Every day we see the various capitalists go hog wild trying to come up with ways to get more work from "their" workers for less money. Outright wage cuts, forced overtime, job combinations, speedup, laying off new hires before they can join the union, increased harassment, runaway threats, poverty pleas, constantly cutting piece work rates, pushing "Buy American," working management--can there be a plant in the country where the bosses haven't tried to shove through at least one gimmick like these in the name of increasing productivity?

For the capitalists, everything is profit and the only thing that matters is how to squeeze more riches for themselves out of our labor.

For the workers this system is a constant battle to survive. A struggle to provide for our families. They us workers are free. But all this comes down to is the "freedom" to slave for some boss or starve. And these days, with massive unemployment, the second "choice" stares more of us in the face.

In reality, we're enslaved by the capitalists to whom we have to sell our ability to work for enough to keep body and soul together. Generation after generation, year after year, our class

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MARCH 13 WORKERS DINNER REVIVES SPIRIT OF MAY DAY.

Kickoff Dinner, Committee Formed Builds Fight of Our Class

On to May Day! was the message of the kick-off dinner Saturday evening March 13. A couple of hundred workers and their kids came out for a buffet dinner to get this year's May Day rolling. They were there from auto plants, foundries, heavy machinery, electrical shops, the packinghouses and the unemployment lines. The night was filled with the spirit of men and women who are fighters, working class people standing up to attacks in their shops and in their neighborhoods.

Speakers hit hard at the many abuses the system brings down on working people--speedup, unemployment, forced busing and the threat of war.

A striking meatcutter, discussing the upcoming contracts in '76, broke down the lessons of the 14 month struggle in the packinghouses.

"We didn't ask to go on strike. It was crushed or strike. "Our power, he said, "is in our unity and action on the shop floor and on the picketline, not in the brief case of some union official or lawyer. Working people must wage our battles on our terms, always keeping the initiative in our hands. We need rank and file organizations like the Meatcutters Solidarity Committee to give leadership to these fights."

Other speeches called for people to go to Cincinnati to be part of a planning conference for the Bicentennial protest July 4th, where working people will rally and declare, "We've carried the rich for 200 years, Let's get them off our backs!"

An open mike brought messages of solidarity from several other Milwaukee shops. For all, the message was, "let's build for a large march on May Day".

The following day was the first meeting of the United May Day Committee,

the workers' organization that will build May Day in the shops and communities--rallying our class young and old, employed and unemployed under the banner, FIGHT, DON'T STARVE.

The founding meeting brought together workers who had experience in all kinds of struggles, from strikes and slowdowns in auto and steel, to battles against police repression, to the developing fight against forced busing, to the campaign for Jobs or Income. The new organization united behind the three slogans for this year's May Day and broke into sections to build this year's event in the different industries.

The Committee will build unity behind the May Day slogans and demands through get togethers in homes and in taverns near the plants. The United May Day Committee is making a slide show as a way to reach as many people as possible.

The United May Day Committee is bringing together workers from many different struggles into one class-wide mass organization.

There were members of Fighting Times, from American Motors, the Meatcutters Solidarity Committee and others. Everyone came from struggles and based on the strength of the struggle in different industries, the United May Day Committee will be able to build a powerful May Day that reflects the growing strength and power of our class.

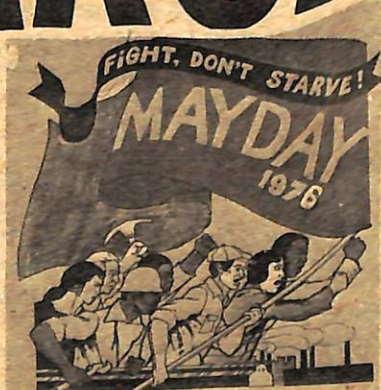
It will also strengthen our ability to wage the day to day fights against speedup, rate cuts, and harassment in our different shops.

May Day '76 is a time to rally our forces, point to the battles ahead, and strengthen our resolve to end the exploitation and oppression once and for all.

Join the United May Day Committee--
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OUT FOR MAY DAY MARCH

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GE, WESTINGHOUSE WORKERS GET READY FOR CONTRACT BATTLE

Two hundred thousand workers at General Electric and Westinghouse face a sharp struggle in the coming months. Contracts expire on June 27 (GE) and July 11 (Westinghouse) and negotiations between these electrical manufacturing giants and the unions involved are scheduled to formally begin on April 20 at GE.

After fighting a bitter 102 day strike at GE in 1969-70 and living for three years with a miserable sellout from the '73 contracts there is a lot of anger and frustration among the rank and file.

KEY DEMANDS

The demand for a substantial wage increase (including no cap on the cost of living increase), the fight to keep every job (opposition to job combinations and reclassification and opposition to contract language that gives the company the right to change job classifications after the contract), as well as the demand for decent layoff benefits are major concerns of the workers for these contracts.

Working for these companies has always been a constant battle just to keep your head above water. Wages in the electrical industry are the lowest of any of the durable goods producers (auto, steel, etc.). The wage increases won in the '73 contract amounted to 84 cents an hour over three years, while the cost of living has soared 94 cents and the cap on cost of living increases has meant an actual cut of 13 cents an hour since the last contract.

Pension benefits stink--a maximum of \$262.50 at 65. If you retire any earlier, you forfeit 2.4% for every year under age 65. Supplementary unemployment benefits (SUB) are a joke--half the regular weekly pay after unemployment compensation has run out. With heavy layoffs beginning to throw thousands out of work, in some plants people with 10 and 12 years seniority are being hit, the demand for decent unemployment benefits is seen as very important.

In addition to layoffs that are spreading like wildfire throughout the industry the bosses are intensifying job combination and elimination to force more production out of few workers and the rate of speedup is becoming a killer.

WORKERS FIGHT BACK

Despite company complaints about their profits and threats that any attempts to fight back against these rip offs will only make things worse, workers have been launching spontaneous counter attacks in plant after plant, especially around the fight against job eliminations and combinations.

At the Allentown, Penn. GE plant last month workers on day shift walked out and closed down the plant for the day when a foreman jumped a shop steward. The steward had tried to meet with a time study man who had eliminated three jobs in the department a few days before. There have been several other walkouts since then. In the course of this struggle, 30 or 40 workers have gotten together to figure out how to take up the fight and talked about the need to strengthen unity to be ready for the contract battle ahead.

When GE in Lynn, Mass., attempted to combine two jobs (machinist and material handler) recently, 6,000 workers wildcatted for six days. And in Philadelphia, workers at the GE plant passed a resolution in February declaring: "We will fight for our jobs."

But the daily struggle the workers have put up just to keep the companies



'69 GE STRIKE - WORKERS BLOCK MANAGEMENT SCABS IN SCHENECTADY, N.Y.

from rubbing their faces in the dirt don't change the fact that people have a lot of hard questions about the possibility of winning a decent contract this time around.

ROLE OF UNION HACKS

The biggest obstacles are the union leaders who supposedly represent GE and Westinghouse workers. They have been right behind the companies, warning the workers to go easy, pointing to the losses suffered in the three and a half month GE strike, in order to undercut any determination to fight. There are more than 13 unions representing workers at GE and Westinghouse. This in itself is a formidable obstacle to unified action by the rank and file. A Coordinated Bargaining Committee (CBC) composed of heads of the unions involved was set up in 1966 to do the bargaining with the companies. This was a real advance because it reduced the companies' ability to pit workers in different unions against each other and enabled them to present a unified front and set of demands.

But it's the same old sellouts who are sitting on top of the CBC, and when the bosses warn the workers to "Back off and don't fight", these hacks now chime in chorus, "OK, how far?"

But the rank and file can't afford to go any farther back. The union chiefs tried to use their usual pre-contract "grassroots" meeting to break down the discontent and rumblings against their sellout, do-nothing role. The CBC set up 15 meetings around the country on January 17th to "hear from the membership and get their demands for the negotiations."

As many workers expected, it was a big sham. The meetings were well planned stage productions aimed at trying to prove that the rank and file have a "democratic" say in the negotiations. The unions did very little to build for these meetings--as one worker shouted at a meeting, "the Christmas Party got more coverage!"--and since most workers felt it was a waste to go along with the pretense of rank and file input, there was a very poor turnout--fewer than 175 of 15,000 GE workers in northeastern New England. And of course the hacks use this to cover their own double dealing by saying that the rank and file disgust at their antics shows that there is no support for a strong contract fight.

In New England, the only bright spots in the whole show were when several

workers got up and spoke militantly about fighting GE and about their most important demands. And much to the annoyance of the union hacks, the meeting voted unanimously to demand no blackout during negotiations.

DEMANDS ARISE FROM STRUGGLE

The union officials also tried to use these meetings to bolster one of their favorite tactics: raise a thousand demands, everything from cleaner toilets to the fight to protect jobs. And every demand has equal importance (or unimportance) to them. So they are quite willing to trade away jobs for cleaner toilets.

But GE workers in Philadelphia put out a leaflet pointing out that they don't need a laundry list of demands--although what they've got coming from the company would fill a damn long list. The leaflet called for organizing

around key priorities--wages, no cost of living cap, job protection, SUB, pensions--letting the company and union leaders know that these are the demands they feel must be won to get a decent contract, organize the rank and file around these demands and let the company know they'll accept nothing less.

The only thing the bosses understand is the organized power of the rank and file, united behind a set of firm demands. The sabotage of the union bureaucrats presents real obstacles to this unity and organization. But, as in other industries in recent years, workers in electrical are starting to get together despite these obstacles and fight for demands that grow out of their day to day struggles. The upcoming contracts call for a determined fight and that fight can be in its turn a further spur to the development of the strength and organization of the workers. ■

KEY CONTRACT FIGHT LOOMS IN RUBBER

WORKERS SAY: NO REPEAT OF '73 SELLOUT

On April 20 national contracts covering 68,000 workers in the United Rubber Workers (URW) expire at Goodyear, Uniroyal, Firestone, and P. F. Goodrich. These contracts are among the first in a series of major contracts covering millions of other workers, due to expire in the coming months. The bosses and the government are worried that a strike in rubber could have a powerful effect, sparking struggle around all these contracts.

Many rubber workers are fed up, especially after suffering through three years of a disastrous 1973 contract, and sentiment for a strike is running high in many plants. Since 1973 wages for rubber workers have fallen 20% behind prices, primarily because their last contract had no Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). So rubber workers are angrily demanding a big "catchup" wage increase and COLA this time around.

COMPANIES WANT MORE

But these companies, who already got away with murder in the 1973 contract, are looking to use this contract to take away even more. They've been whining about how their profits

are way down, hit especially by the downturn in auto. Already Firestone has told its salaried personnel to be on call to work production during a strike. And Uniroyal in Los Angeles has been showing propaganda films to its workers in an attempt to convince them a strike will be useless.

This is on top of all kinds of things they've tried in the plants to cut wages and get more work out of fewer workers. For example the rubber companies have blatantly violated the contract by laying off a large number of workers and then trying to force people to work out of their job classifications. Whole plants have shut down, and some have been moved to low-wage areas. Then there's the time study men who roam the plants changing the standards on jobs.

So already going into this contract there is a growing struggle among the rank and file against these company attacks. For example, in the final inspection dept. of Goodyear plant No. 2 in Akron, Ohio the men wildcatted last summer, when the company laid off people and tried to force the remaining men to work more machines.

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WORKERS AT CERAC STRIKE FOR UNION & SAFETY

When a worker at Cerac refused to do a job until he got some protective clothing, he was fired. It didn't matter to the company that the man had just spent over 2 weeks in the hospital with blood poisoning. They didn't care if he got sick again.

Cerac, a chemical manufacturing company at 13th and St. Paul, fired the man because he spoke up for his own health and wanted profits to take a back seat.

The firing and other incidents like it were what convinced the 15 or so employees of Cerac to start passing around union cards. They knew that what happened to Carl could happen to them. The workers voted the union, AIW amalgamated local 806, in and began fighting for their first contract.

When the owner wouldn't give on their demand for a 40¢ raise, paid health, and a closed shop—they walked out.

The company offered 33¢ per hour, but said they would take away paid sick days. Fourteen newly promoted management personnel and workers from temporary agencies are turning out scab production.

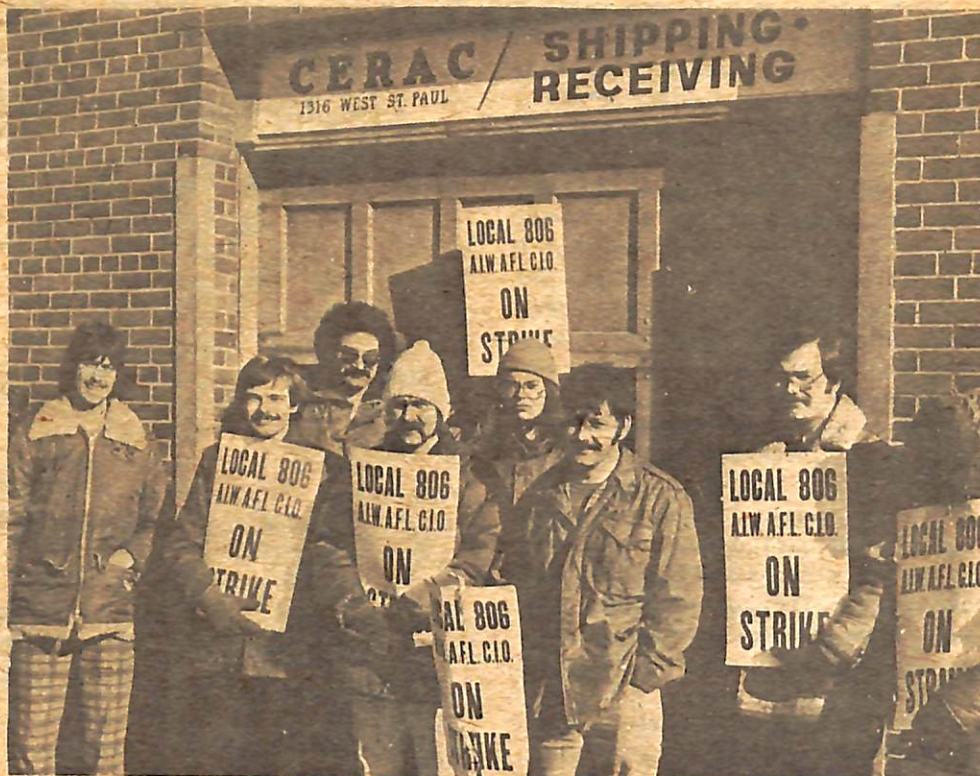
The motivation behind this strike is the demand for safe working conditions. In the dusty atmosphere inside the plant, workers are exposed to chemicals like zinc arsenide and thorium oxide. The arsenic levels in many of the workers

is too high. The slow poisoning, rashes, nose bleeds, and even possible cancer are dangers Cerac puts its workers in with little thought for their safety—only thinking of profits.

For years they have told workers thorium oxide was "safe enough to eat". Now since some studies have been released, workers must wear special suits and only handle this radioactive compound in a special room.

Cerac is just one of many companies that profit off of poisoning its workers. Pacific Resins up on Mill Road was finally closed down a couple of years ago. In Columbus, Ohio, Borden's workers were passing out from a nerve disease caused by vinyl chloride. In Virginia, a company's reckless discharge of a chemical called kepone, poisoned fishing waters, lobster beds, and infected many local residents. At Aldrich Chemical just down the street from Cerac, a young woman was victim to an accident caused by company neglect. She wasn't properly instructed in packaging a dangerous substance. And in West Virginia it was methane gas and the coal bosses drive for profit that sent 26 miners to an early grave. All over its the same, to the bosses our lives are nothing.

Workers at Cerac are taking things into their own hands. They're literally fighting for their lives. ■



FIGHTING FOR THEIR FIRST CONTRACT—AND THEIR LIVES

WASH POST STRIKE OVER

The Washington Post strike is over. After 5 months on strike, 220 striking pressmen have been locked out, their jobs lost to scab replacements.

The strike was broken when mailers and photoengravers approved new contracts and returned to their jobs. Other workers at the Post who had been honoring the picket lines of the workers have also gone back.

During this strike the workers showed great determination and initiative. However, the lack of a rank and file committee to give leadership and develop a fighting strategy kept the full initiative of the workers down.

The top union officials, while calling support actions, turned the strike from the workers' greatest strength—stopping production altogether—keeping the scabs out by any means.

In Feb., pressmen held a sit-in at AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington DC to protest lack of support. George Meany was nowhere to be found. The response of the "top leadership" was to call the police to arrest the strikers.

The next day the AFL-CIO was

deluged with calls from working people throughout the city protesting this action and the lack of support for the Post strike.

The Post workers put themselves on the line against job eliminations and union busting, and other workers knew that the outcome at the Post would weigh in their own battles.

This was seen in a rally of support by 3000 workers, a boycott of the Post by 100,000 people, and the bitter response to the arrest of pressmen in George Meany's palace. This growing understanding and support were high on the list of gains made by the working class during this strike.

One pressman put the strike in perspective back in October. "This ain't just the Post. Every working man I've talked to says the same stuff is coming down where they work. The miners, bus drivers, the KC Star, Miami Herald—we've gotta stick together. And I'll tell you one thing. If things keep going the way they are in this country we're gonna need a revolution with the working man coming out on top." ■

MEATCUTTERS

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The strikers took initiative throughout the strike and several times there were highpoints of rank and file activity and solidarity. But without a solid rank and file leadership to consistently guide the struggle directed against the companies and the government, the union officials always took back control and diverted the struggle down some new dead end street.

Above the sellouts in local leadership are the heads of the International. These guys are actually members of the capitalist class by virtue of their high salaries and the fringe benefits of being "friends" with the capitalists. As capitalists, they have no interest in seeing the workers movement grow into a powerful force. They tolerate strikes because if they didn't, the rank and file would get rid of them and strike anyway.

But they hate to see any money drained from their precious strike fund. In the present strike the International leadership of the Amalgamated has made frequent threats to cut back on strike benefits. In fact, starting the week of March 31, strike benefits are being cut by \$20.

The International has openly refused to cooperate in keeping scab meat out of the unionized packinghouses, es-

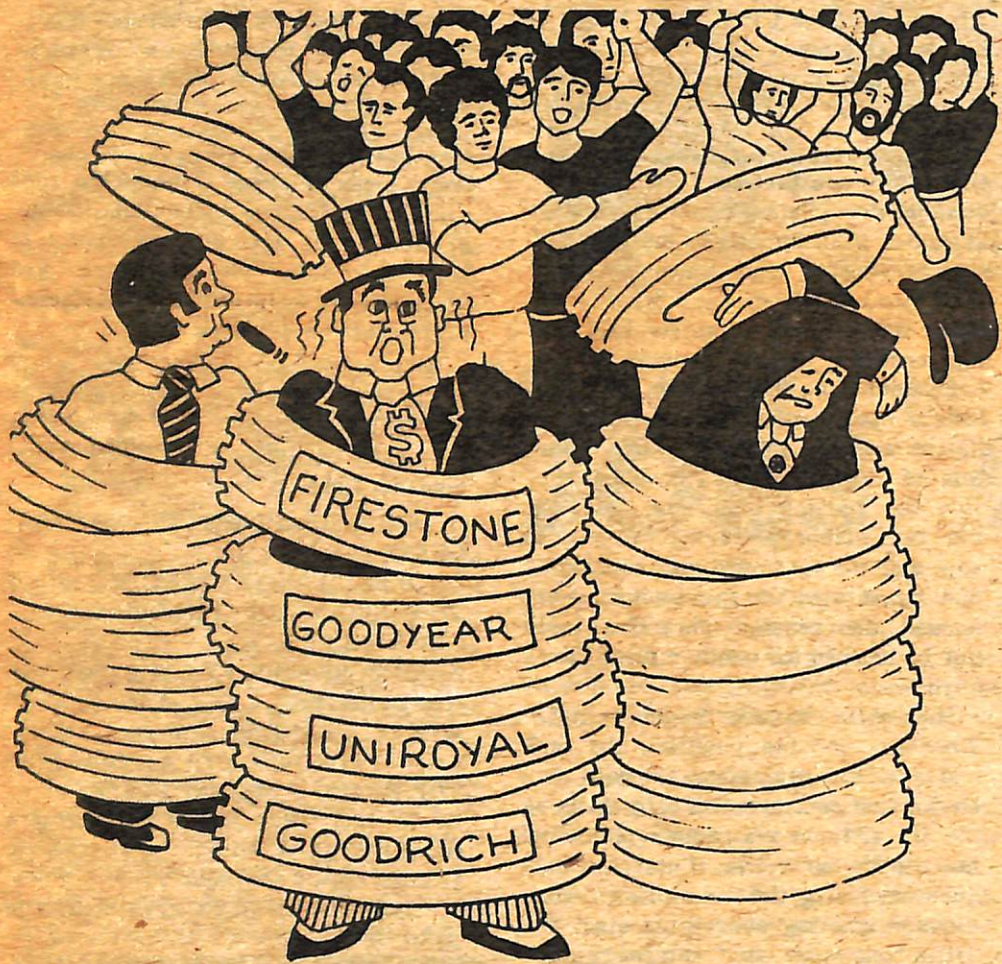
pecially in Chicago where a big percentage goes. Mobilizing the rank and file would upset the cozy relationship they have with the various meat bosses.

The combination of a desperate drive for profits by the Association, their reliance on the state machinery of the whole capitalist class, and a union leadership that sabotaged the struggle, has the strike in a relatively weak position. But the strikers are still united and determined. They say, "You can't beat a man as long as he's still fighting. And we aren't ever going to give up."

A vote will be held in April to determine if local 248 will still represent the Milwaukee boning houses. If the strikers win the vote and the challenges it will be a boost to the struggle. But even if the scabs vote local 248 out, the struggle will continue as the meatcutters work to reorganize the industry.

The 14 months on strike has been a hell of an education in how the system works and how to fight it. Nobody can take this unity and understanding away from the workers.

The meatcutters didn't ask to go on strike. It was fight or be crushed. As the capitalist crisis intensifies more and more workers will be faced with the same choice. Like the meatcutters, the working class must unite in saying, "Fight, Don't Starve!" ■



RUBBER

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URW PRESIDENT UNDER FIRE

That's the lineup going into the contract negotiations. One thing this has meant is tremendous pressure on the International union to deliver when the contract expires. The president of the URW, Peter Bommarito, is already under fire for selling out so bad in '73 and trying to strangle the struggle since. He's got such a bad reputation that he couldn't even win an election in his home local as a voting delegate to the 1975 URW convention. Under this pressure he's putting up a militant front and may be forced to call a national strike.

But despite all Bommarito's talk, he's kept his union members completely in the dark about negotiations. And the International has made no concrete preparations for a strike, making it obvious that even if they are forced to call a strike, it will only be for the purpose of letting the rank and file "blow off steam". All this is very similar to the way Bommarito sold out the 1973 contract.

GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR STRUGGLE

The upcoming contract provides rubber workers with a good opportunity to take another step in advancing their struggle against both the companies and their partners, the International union leadership. No matter what Bommarito tries to pull, one thing is certain—there is bound to be a lot of rank and file struggle, including the possibility of local if not nationwide strikes. Rubber workers have an opportunity to win some important battles this time around and build up their strength for future struggles.

All this could shake things up good. With contracts due to expire in auto, electrical, construction, garment and other industries the companies and top officials of other unions are working together to keep the lid on the struggle. Rubber workers could lead the way in helping torpedo these plans.

HEIN WERNER STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

After almost a half year of striking, workers at the Hein Werner plant in Waukesha went back to work without a victory. They went out with a strong determination to fight and win. It was their third strike in recent years. They stood together throughout the winter, manning the picketlines 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For four months, they kept scabs out and crippled the company's profits. Every strike shows that without our labor, the bosses' machines stand still and are worthless.

The guys had gone out demanding an end to the piecework system. They weren't buying the line that piecework is to the workers' advantage. They had worked hard on piecework only to see the rates cut and be told to work even harder. They told the bosses, "We won't work like dogs to make you rich, give us day work, not your piecework schemes."

This stand by the workers upset Hein Werner's policy of rate-cutting. The company was trying to have the workers pay for the profits crisis Hein Werner faces. But the workers said, "HELL NO."

For four months, the strikers had the upper hand, as long as they had production stopped. But in late January, Hein Werner started bringing in scabs. After workers began following the scabs home and "convincing" them not to come back, the company ran to their friend, the court. They got an injunction limiting the number of pickets.

The bosses threw out a challenge



HEIN WERNER WORKERS STRUCK FOR SIX MONTHS--AND ARE CONTINUING THE FIGHT ON THE SHOP FLOOR.

but the union leaders failed to meet it. With the scabs and the injunction, Hein Werner had upped the ante. The union officials didn't understand that it's got to be an all out fight to win. The workers wanted to stop the scabs. But the union leaders never developed a program to lead the rank and file in defeating the new attack. At this point, the strikers lost the initiative.

After these new attacks, the company made its "final offer" in late January. The offer was that over half the workers would receive pay cuts. The strikers told Hein Werner to "sit on

it" and rejected the offer ten to one. The company was forced to make a better offer two weeks later. But the strikers rejected this offer, too, 140-50.

The workers demanded four changes in the offer: 1. No pay cuts; 2. No discipline for anyone; 3. Medical insurance from Blue Cross-Blue Shield instead of a different company; 4. Right to file grievances on company time.

The company then agreed to the demand for Blue Cross-Blue Shield and a limited amount of time for each committeeman to spend on union business. Although 90 workers were still sched-

uled for pay cuts and five guys would be suspended for five days because of picketline "misconduct", this offer was accepted.

A good number of guys wanted to stay out but for the majority it seemed the strike had gone as far as it could. After the initiative had been lost to the company and because there was no clear leadership pointing the way forward, most guys voted to return to work. The company had the scabs, cops and courts on their side and were threatening to use even more scabs and leave the strikers on the streets. So the workers accepted the offer, to save their jobs and the union.

Under the new contract, the company is retiming all the jobs, under the pretense of "improving" the bad rates. But they're really trying to cut away even more at the few good jobs. But the guys who manned the picketline for almost six months aren't just going to roll over and let Hein Werner put down more lousy rates.

Hein Werner is already trying to ignore the contract. The new contract calls for an 11:30 quitting time for second shift. The company is trying to force people to work until midnight. But many guys have simply punched out at 11:30.

The workers at Hein Werner didn't win this strike. But there remains one fact the bosses won't forget. Without the workers, they couldn't do anything. The owners of Hein Werner won't be smiling for long because workers there aren't through with their fight yet. ■

UAW CONVENTION

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autoworkers. He singled out "job security" as the key issue in '76. To thousands of UAW members, jobs is the burning question. Even with production up, 50,000 jobs have been permanently eliminated through speedup, job combinations, and overtime. Woodcock chose not to speak of these issues--instead, his program for job security turned out to be plans to spend millions to lobby Congress in support of a jobs bill written up by Hubert Humphrey and a song and dance about how the UAW has to put its muscle behind getting "good" democrats into office in November.

Along with this were statements by Woodcock about the importance of the "nation's economic recovery", and how the UAW is a responsible union that won't spill the apple cart as the auto giants recover. Of course, this recovery is a profit recovery--coming out of autoworkers backs and Woodcock's concern over this matter only shows more clearly that behind all the vague resolutions passed at the convention--the International is determined to not push for anything substantial.

One of these vague resolutions was around "shorter work time". While the International made a lot of references to how a "shorter work time" plan would create jobs, when pinned down to specifics, their shorter work time is a 30 minute credit for every week of perfect attendance--a thinly concealed absentee control program already in the UAW agricultural implements contracts. This plan in actual fact has eliminated jobs, not created any--cutting down on the manpower used for absentee replacements purposes.

A few convention delegates did try to jam Woodcock on the real issues facing the rank and file--like jobs, speedup, seniority rights, wages and

overtime. In fact the outrage of the rank and file throughout the auto industry against the overtime being forced in plants where workers are on layoff is what forced through one of the only concrete resolutions--a bargaining demand against such overtime.

But some of the biggest noisemakers at the convention itself in "opposition" to Woodcock were some local leaders who have made a career out of talking militant around contract time. Later they gave in to the International during contract ratification and during the next three years, they do the faithful bidding of the companies and the International by refusing to lift a finger to support the rank and file in its day to day struggle with the companies. Heading up this group is Frank Runnels, president of local 22, Cadillac Main, Detroit. One of their biggest bandwagons is the "shorter work week" (36 for 40).

Their short work week is supposed to be the cure-all for unemployment--but most of these local officials don't do or even say anything about fighting the killing speedup and ending mandatory overtime that exists. So their short work week, if it got into the contract by itself, would only mean more work in less time, without creating any more jobs--and would probably be an excuse for no substantial wage increase to boot. But most of this short work week talk is only talk--a smokescreen and a hoax instead of fighting the layoffs and other real attacks hitting autoworkers. In fact, Runnels was quoted at the convention saying that anything less than 40 hours would be an advance. In other words, behind all his militant talk, he's paving the way for Woodcock's short work time absentee control plan.

But Runnels and his friends can't stake their careers only on transparent gimmicks many of the rank and

file easily see through. For that reason, they've jumped on the bandwagon around a real demand of the rank and file--a pension with a cost of living escalator. Woodcock put down this demand at the convention. He said that the cost of such a demand on the companies was "prohibitive." "We do have a special problem created by inflation and we must try for a solution of that (retirees') problem outside the pension plan," he said. He did not elaborate further except to say that the UAW and the companies had some kind of sacred agreement around the pension plan that could not be touched for another three years anyhow.

But while Runnels might criticize Woodcock for his position, the rank and file can remember Runnels' behavior last contract. His baby then was the 30 and out retirement plan. And he jumped on it like it was the only question facing the autoworkers, consciously ignoring everything else. His little "one issue only" campaign only aided the companies in concealing the trunkload they took away from the workers in "exchange" for 30 and out--like a continuation of mandatory overtime, no substantial wage increase, the elimination of job rights for tradesmen and other classifications and a wage cut for probationary employees!

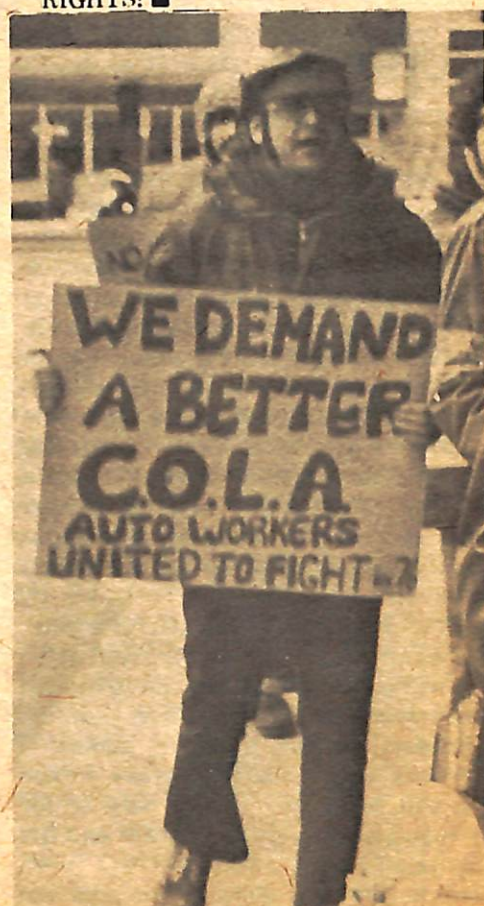
But the rank and file has learned plenty since the '73 contract fight. No Woodcocks or even Runnels types will have an easy time with their games this contract. The rank and file is not about to settle for the pro-company bull that came out of the convention and they are not about to let their lives and livelihoods be "traded away" for some hollow victories. As '76 Contracts--A Time to Fight states:

"Layoffs, speedup, worsening conditions and deteriorating standards of living--this is the reality of what autoworkers face and the situation is serious. AUTOWORKERS UNITED TO FIGHT IN '76 feels the contract time is no time to bow down to these attacks nor is it a time to get our hopes wound up in some gimmicks that

don't mean a damn thing in the real world. The '76 contracts (both national and local) are an opportunity to beat back these vicious attacks and tear away the handcuffs the union leadership puts on our struggle!"

The following are the key points of the demands which AUTOWORKERS UNITED TO FIGHT IN '76 sees as the main battlelines of the '76 auto contract fight:

1. FULL SUB BENEFITS--NO CUT--OFFS!
2. DEFEND AND EXTEND OUR RIGHT TO STRIKE OVER SPEEDUP AND ALL GRIEVANCES!
3. NO MORE FORCED OVERTIME AND NO OVERTIME IN ANY PLANTS WHERE WORKERS ARE ON LAYOFF!
4. AN IMPROVED COLA AND ACROSS THE BOARD WAGE INCREASE!
5. 30 AND OUT MUST BE MADE A REALITY BY HAVING FULL COST OF LIVING ON PENSIONS!
6. IMPROVED SENIORITY AND JOB RIGHTS! ■



STEELWORKER ELECTIONS RANK AND FILE DEMAND FIGHTING PROGRAM

Steelworker locals all across the country are holding elections this month for all local unions. The new term of office will go to 1979. How should we view these elections and how can we use them as part of the fight against the companies?

Right now most of us don't have much use for our union leadership from the bloated toads like I.W. Abel who run the International to many of our grievance and shop stewards. Like a guy in basic steel put it, "My grievances? How about Monty Hall and Let's Make A Deal?"

In the past 3 years since the last elections, steelworkers have fought the companies tooth and nail just to stay even with inflation. We struck at Bueyrus-Erie, Pressed Steel Tank, Nordberg and wildcatted at Crucible Steel against company attacks, but the Monty Halls dealt us down the river.

And when it came to supporting other workers like the Meatcutters

strike, the local leadership dragged their feet using feeble excuses like "We can't do anything till the District authorizes it. District 32 didn't get around to authorizing it till the Meat cutters had been out a year."

There's a lot of cynicism and frustration and doubt as to what we can do about changing our union leadership from Abel on down the miserable line. At some locals the sell outs in office aren't saying too much for fear of putting their foots in their mouths one time too often and losing their chance to ride on backs for three more years. Many of the challengers are the kind who talk tough every three years then crawl back into the woodwork. In too many locals the only differences between the candidates is who will sell out the fastest.

But our union wasn't built by these labor hacks on the first place. It was built by the struggle and sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of steelworkers,



some who even died so steelworkers would have a union that could be a powerful too in fighting the bosses. And what we need today is a fighting program that will mobilize the rank and file to fight the companies on the one hand and expose and throw out the labor hacks on the other. The rank and file should support any candidate who will come forward with this program and then when he is elected—make damn sure he sticks to it.

The struggle and anger of the rank and file in steel has reached the boiling point. No matter who gets in this month, the workers are not waiting for a "saviour" and will continue to fight with or without the sellouts. Our struggle with the companies demands that we raise hell in the unions, make them fighting organizations of the workers around our demands, get rid of the sellouts by mobilizing workers around a fighting program and get some good leadership for our struggles.

MAY DAY

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has to fight to make them give us back even the barest necessities from the great wealth they've stolen from us. And today, when we need all we can produce, we see factories lying idle and neighborhoods crumbling while millions of us able to work are kept unemployed.

But despite how they try to drum into our heads that "that's how it is," things don't have to be this way and we'll never be satisfied living like this. They need us, we don't need them. **DOWN WITH THE SYSTEM OF WAGE SLAVERY!**

Under these three slogans, the Revolutionary Communist Party is joining with other groups and individuals to sponsor May Day celebrations around the country. May Day will be observed in more cities, with more participants around the country and a stronger fighting spirit than it has been here for over two decades.

In every case, the heart of the celebrations will be tying in the present struggles of the workers—including sharp struggles in every locality around jobs, cutbacks, the war danger and increased exploitation, as well as on other battlefronts—to the overall tasks and direction of the workers' movement nationwide.

In laying out the tasks the working class faces in building its struggle during the year to come, the May Day celebrations will include a call from those attending to build the July 4 demonstration in Philadelphia under the slogan, "We've carried the rich for 200 years. Let's get them off our backs!" Like May Day, the Philadelphia action will make a big contribution to building the workers' movement as a powerful revolutionary social force.

The fight of the working class against all that holds us down—for a new day for all mankind. This is what May Day is all about. Just like the world shakes loose from the slush and ice of winter for the buds and blossoms of spring, and from the almighty hawk to a warm spring breeze; there's something growing in the minds and hearts of working men and women that will free us from the grip of this backward system of wage slavery and bring about a new system and a new day. It is the mission of the hard working people to break the chains of capitalism and rebuild the world on the basis of freedom and socialism.

MENOMINEE

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was an eyewitness and his testimony goes directly against that of the police. He risked physical and legal retaliation, because of loyalty to—and support from the people.

He said that at the time of the shootings, when Fish and his carloads of deputies approached Waubanasum's house, both he and Pamanet had no gun, yet Pamanet was gunned down and left to die. As for Waubanasum, the witness said that, though he had a gun on him, he never fired it. The last thing that Waubanasum said was "don't shoot." And later, after Waubanasum was shot and put in the deputies' car, two more shots were fired. This was backed up by the coroners report which found 2 gunshot wounds other than the shotgun wound.

The teenager's testimony fits together with the words of Waubanasum's wife who was also on the scene. She also heard the 2 shots as the police car was driving away.

Lucey continues to disregard the damaging testimony. His allegiance is to the resort, banking, and political interests and the capitalist class as a whole, all of which stands to lose if the Menominee people take control of their future. The fight goes on to remove Sheriff Fish and free the Menominee Warrior 4! ■

EDUCATION

these communities have fought to get these schools built. Gronouski thinks he can't save the administration money and get construction stopped with a snap of his fingers. But people aren't going to let this happen.

A week before the meetings students at North Division had boycotted the school after a fire damaged the building. McMurrin and the school board did not want to spend money fixing up the building and told the kids it was safe enough to use. The next day part of the third floor ceiling fell in. And these are the people who say they are so concerned with the well being of our children and with giving Blacks equality!

Now McMurrin is suggesting the students from North be bused this summer and that the school be totally or partially shut down next year. At a school board meeting to discuss the question 75 students from North showed up. They made their feelings clear: "We will not be used as guinea pigs for your forced busing. Keep the old North open until the new one is built." If the school administration can find money to pay Gronouski \$50 an hour, they can find money to fix up North Division until the new school is built.

BILINGUAL PROGRAMS THREATENED

Gronouski's plan could mean cutbacks in bilingual programs. Gronouski says that Judge Reynolds' order means the integration of Blacks and non-Blacks. This means a school like Allen Field, which has almost 50% minority students who are Chicano or Indian, but only 3% Black students, is segregated. At Allen Field and South Division, and other schools on the south side, working people have fought for and won bilingual programs and Indian language classes. These programs could be eliminated due to busing because the school administration will claim there are too few Spanish speaking or Indian students at any one school.

ATTACKS ON WORKERS' UNITY

The school board and bosses they serve are telling Blacks that it is the white workers who have had it good all these years, and that whites have to start sharing their "privileges." They say busing is something that will "benefit" Blacks. But most Blacks don't support any forced busing plan, and

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few turned out at the north side meetings to welcome the so-called equality the government claims: busing will cause.

From the other side of their mouths, the school board members are telling whites that they are against busing and that Blacks are trying to take over their schools. The news media misquoted and sensationalized what parents said to make the south siders who spoke at the school meetings look like a bunch of racists whose only concern was to attack Black children who crossed the viaduct. All this is to get Blacks and whites fighting each other and take the heat off the ruling class.

Most workers know that the schools throughout the city are crummy, and that north side schools are generally worse. Groups like the NAACP have tried to play on this, saying that busing will mean Black students would get a litter bigger piece of the pie. But with cutbacks coming down in education and all the social services no one is going to get a bigger peice of a shrinking pie. The heart of the fight against discrimination and for better education isn't fighting over what facilities, staff and equipment goes to what school. It is making sure that children of all nationalities get an equal and good education. Blacks, whites and other minorities joining together to fight for a good education can make gains for the whole working class.

Gronouski showed his total arrogance when he commented to the press that these meetings would let people blow off some steam before they resigned themselves to forced busing. But working people don't want forced busing, cutbacks, or attempts to divide our unity.

A good education can provide our children with the tools they need to make a better future for this society. Schools have always been an issue parents and students have fought around.

A group of workers of all nationalities have formed a Committee to Fight Attacks on Our Schools. This Committee has organized a petition drive against forced busing, divide and conquer schemes and for the construction of the new North and South Division schools. This Committee is also planning actions for May fourth, the day the school board says it will announce its integration plans.

For more information, call 442-5542 or 645-9530. ■



"SPECIAL MASTER" GRONOUSKI LOOKS MORE LIKE AN AGING SLAVE MASTER FACING A NEW REBELLION AS ANGRY PARENTS CONFRONT HIM AT "COMMUNITY" MEETINGS.

JOBS CONVOY

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ing pad to spread the fight throughout the working class. The campaign is being taken out broadly among all working people in every industry, in the unemployment centers, communities and union halls. Further plans include plant gate rallies and public meetings in the towns hard hit by the closings.

A speaker at the New Jersey rally said it best in taking on all this phony recovery talk: "There is only one thing getting better, that's our ability to fight." ■

El UWOC la Organización de Obreros Unidos repartieron 20,000 volantes para organizar la caravana, y en ciudad tras ciudad obreros quienes las leían se pusieron muy entusiasmados.

"Ya tenemos que hacer algo" era el sentimiento común. Muchos obreros vinieron a la caravana sólo porque habían visto el volante. Sesenta carros comenzaron desde Newark y Perth Amboy y pasaron por varias otras ciudades hasta linden para una manifestación. A lo largo de la ruta mucha gente saludaron la caravana. Sabían que la caravana iba a pasar por los volantes anteriores.

Ya es hora de luchar. Es hora de desarrollar nuestras fuerzas, los obreros desempleados y los empleados, para luchar por cada trabajo. Esto fue

el mensaje llevado por el UWOC y la Organización de Obreros Unidos en la manifestación. Como dijo un obrero, "Nosotros obreros siempre tenemos que escuchar a lo que dicen los politiqueros. Pero esta caravana representa un gran esfuerzo por la gente obrera para hacerles escuchar a lo que nosotros estamos diciendo."

Desde años se han estado cerrando plantas en New Jersey. Ya falta la GE en Newark. La Western Electric ha despidos a millares, y se dice que va cerrar totalmente. La RCA en Harrison tiene planificado cerrar el 1 de julio. La Otis Elevators han anunciado que va despidir a 600 obreros. Ciudades enteras han sido afectuadas--hombres con 30 años de senioria dejados sin ni la posibilidad de encontrar trabajo, y estudiantes de secundario

sin esperanza de encontrarlo. "Queremos trabajos"--esto es lo que están diciendo los obreros. No tenemos que vivir así.

Los oradores a la manifestación lo hicieron destacar: la lucha por trabajos es una lucha de toda la gente trabajadora. Obreros de las industria de acero y auto vinieron al microfono y hablaron de la Lucha contra el apresuramiento y el sobretiempo forzado como parte de la campana por trabajos. Un portavoz del UWOC denunció la amenaza del gobierno de acabar con los beneficios de desempleo y forzar a la gente aceptar trabajos al sueldo mínimo, mientras los patronos tratan de usar el desempleo para rebajar sueldos y mantenernos divididos. La consigna de UWOC lo dice claro: "Empleados/De-

empleados---Misma Crisis, Misma Lucha."

La onda de cierres de planta y plantas fugativas es un ataque serio, pero vamos a echarla en la cara de los capitalistas y usarla para difundir la lucha a través de la clase obrera. La campaña está siendo llevada ampliamente a toda la gente obrera en toda industria, en las oficinas de desempleo y las salas de unión. Ya se proyectan concentraciones a las entradas de fábricas y mítines públicos en ciudades aplastadas por los cierres.

Un orador a la manifestación en New Jersey desmentió la habladería de "recuperación": "Nos dicen que las cosas se van mejorando. Pero hay una cosa sola que se va mejorando--nuestra capacidad de luchar." ■

NO REDUCCION EN SELLOS PARA ALIMENTOS

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gunos obreros sobrevivan a sueldo mínimo. Con las reducciones proyectados, el trabajar por \$2.30 la hora hundirá a uno todavía más bajo el nivel de pobreza.

La clase obrera luchó por programas incluyendo el programa de sellos para alimentos-para lograr un respaldo en tiempos de dificultad. Y cuando uno se declara en huelga para luchar por lo que uno necesita porque uno no puede vivir con los beneficios recibidos durante una huelga. Ford está del lado de las grandes compañías que están tratando de aplastar las uniones cuando dice que los huelguistas "no necesitan" sellos para alimentos.

La UWOC contesó este ataque directo pidiendo la formación de una línea

de piquetes y una manifestación ante la Oficina de Beneficiencia Pública, para empleados como desempleados, y planear la lucha contra las reducciones adicionales proyectadas.

En el momento que un orador de la UWOC acabó de hablar y un carnicero en huelga comenzó a hablar, los asistentes del alguacil atacaron y detuvieron a cuatro manifestantes. Los asistentes del alguacil tenían dos opciones: dejar que la UWOC hablara contra las reducciones, fomentando apoyo y exponiendo al sistema, o desbaratar la manifestación y así demostrar que esbirros a sueldo, pagados por un sistema despiadado.

A la larga, tanto los asistentes del

alguacil como el sistema perderán. Cuatro detenciones no pondrán fin a la determinación del pueblo de luchar contra estos ataques. Esa es la razón por la cual los asistentes del alguacil estaban ahí para empezar--para proteger la propiedad del condado contra

la furia del pueblo a quien se le dice "regresa mañana" después de esperar todo el día para hablar con un representante; o se le dice que el pago de combustibles ha sido cancelado; o se le dice que acepte trabajo en el condado a un sueldo inferior al indicado por la unión.

Como está la situación ahora el estar bajo beneficiencia pública, desempleado, o bajo el programa de sellos para alimentos es una forma degra-

dante de vivir. Pero muchas personas están forzadas a vivir así porque el sistema no les ofrece empleos, o de lo contrario les dice que trabajen como esclavos a \$2.30 por hora. Con los precios de todo aumentando continuamente como están, muchos están recibiendo beneficiencia pública para evitar la catástrofe.

Dirigiendo la lucha en pos de Empleos o Pagos, la UWOC está dando frente a los ataques que se nos hacen a diario. La lucha contra la reducción del Programa de Sellos para Alimentos es parte de estos ataques, y la lucha contra estas reducciones seguirá.

Para comunicarse con la UWOC, llame al 447-1736. ■

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tra los despidos y para guardar cada trabajo en las fábricas hasta la petición por trabajos o ingresos del UWOC (Comite Organizador de Obreros Desempleados), las manifestaciones y las Caravanas por Trabajos. Dondequiera los capitalistas están atacando; los obreros no tienen otra salida menos que luchar aún más, y la lucha por trabajos es uno de los frentes de esa batalla. No vamos a dejarnos ser pisoteados. Decimos, LUCHEN NO PA'EN HAMBRE!

Mientras el sistema capitalista va pudriendo por todos lados, se encuentra bajo ataque no solamente la clase obrera sino también la gran mayoría de la gente americana. A través del país las rebajas de servicios sociales llegan a ser más y más salvaje tanto que los ricos están tratando de amasar la máxima cantidad de capital posible para superar la crisis actual.

La forma de ataques venideros ya se ve en Nueva York, donde la locura y el caos de la busca por ganancias capitalista está llegando a su resultado inevitable. Los banqueros y demás tipos ricos están de acuerdo sólo en atacar a lo que necesitamos con un hacha. El plan capitalista para "salvar la ciudad" en el próximo año incluye despidir a 40,000 más obreros municipales, cerrar siete más hospitales municipales y aún más escuelas y estaciones de bomberos, terminar el programa de entrada libre a la universidad municipal y botar a 40,000 estudiantes.

Más y más gente se ven hartos de estas rebajas y están luchando, incluso, por ejemplo, los obreros de sanidad por sus trabajos y las manifestaciones militantes y de masa contra los cierres de hospitales, escuelas y estaciones de bomberos.

También más y más gente se está poniendo más y más consiente de que la clase dominante va moviendo hacia una nueva guerra, apenas un año después de su derrota final en Vietnam. Esta vez la guerra sería mucho más amplia--un choque

tremendo entre las dos superpotencias, los EE. UU. y la Unión Soviética (la que ya no es socialista) para decidir cuál será el chupasangre principal de la sangre de los pueblos del mundo. Ya hemos visto nuestros dominantes y los de la Unión Soviética peleando entre sí mismos para determinar cuál iba a agarrar y saquear a Angola.

La amenaza de guerra mundial, los ataques a los servicios sociales necesarios a millones de gente y el desempleo son ultrajes insoportables además de los ataques y matanzas policíacos, los crecientes precios de medicinas y todo lo demás. Mientras más montan esos ataques, más tiene la clase obrera que aumentar su rol en la resistencia a esos. Somos la clase más grande en la sociedad. Nuestra labor es la misma fuente de casi toda de la riqueza de la sociedad, y no tenemos ningún interés en común con la burguesía, la que vive del robo de la riqueza producida por el trabajo de nuestra clase. Por eso, la clase obrera puede movilizar a las más amplias capas del pueblo y dirigir todas sus luchas directamente al enemigo, la fuente de todos esos abusos. OBREROS UNANSE PARA LLEVAR LA LUCHA CONTRA TODA OPRESION!

Cada día enfrentamos el robo legal de la riqueza que hemos creado con nuestro trabajo por la clase rica de dueños. Esta explotación llega al mismo corazón, el cimiento encima del cual están edificadas todas los otros males del sistema capitalista. Cada día vemos los varios capitalistas andando como locos para tratar de exprimir aún más trabajo de sus obreros por mucho menos dinero. Rebajas de paga abiertas, sobretiempo forzado, combinaciones de trabajos, amenazas de cierre de planta, la excusa de la "pobreza" por parte de las compañías, aumentos en las cuotas de producción, la campana de "Compre Productos Americanos," trabajo por los capacitados, no hay una sola factoría en todo el país donde no ha ocurrido al menos uno de estos esquemas en nombre

de "aumentar la productividad"?

Para las capitalistas lo único que les importa es la ganancia y cómo exprimir aún más riqueza de nuestro trabajo.

Para los obreros este sistema significa una batalla constante para sobrevivir y dar de comer a nuestras familias. Nos dicen que estamos "libres". Pero quiere decir eso que tenemos la "libertad" de trabajar como esclavos para ellos? Y hoy en día, debido al desempleo masivo, hasta esta "elección" no existe para mucha gente.

En realidad, estamos esclavizados por los capitalistas quienes tenemos que vender nuestra capacidad de trabajar para mantenernos vivos. Generación tras generación, año tras año nuestra clase tiene que luchar para hacerles devolver a nosotros hasta lo más mínimo de la gran riqueza que ellos han robado de nuestro trabajo.

Y hoy, cuando necesitamos todo lo que podamos producir, vemos factorías fuera de uso y barrios en ruinas, mientras millones de nosotros estamos mantenidos desocupados aunque estamos listos para trabajar.

Pero a pesar de cómo tratan de convendernos de que "así es la vida." No estaremos satisfechos mientras así sigan las cosas. Somos necesarios para ellos, para ellos no son necesarios para nosotros. Decimos, ABAJO CON EL SISTEMA DE ESCLAVITUD ASALARIADA!

Con estas tres consignas el Partido Revolucionario se está uniendo con otros grupos e individuos para llevar a cabo celebraciones de Primero de Mayo alrededor del país. Se celebrará en más ciudades con más participación y carácter más proletario que en el pasado en este país desde hace 20 años.

En el fondo de esas celebraciones está el vínculo entre las luchas actuales de los obreros, incluso las luchas en cada área tocante a trabajos, rebajas, el peligro de guerra y la explotación aumentada y otros

frentes de batalla, y las tareas y metas generales del movimiento obrero a través del país.

Al plantear las tareas las que la clase obrera en cara el año, las celebraciones del Primero de Mayo incluirán una llamada a los asistentes para que participen en llevar a cabo la manifestación del 4 de julio en Filadelfia con la consigna, "Hemos cargado a los ricos por 200 años- ya no aguantamos más!" Semejante al Primero de Mayo, la acción en Filadelfia hará una gran contribución al desarrollo del movimiento obrero como una fuerza social revolucionaria y poderosa.

¡Prepárenos para el Primero de Mayo con la actitud expreso el gran líder revolucionario de la clase obrera, Frederico Engels en la ocasión del primer Primero de Mayo mundial en 1890: "Hoy, mientras escribo estas palabras, el proletariado de Europa y America están pasando revista de sus fuerzas de combate, movilizadas por la primera vez como un solo ejército bajo una bandera única..."! ■

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Trabajos O Ingresos Ahora!

Durante el mes pasado caravanas de carros rodaron a través de Ohio y New Jersey. Cientos de obreros empleados y desempleados se unieron para demandar TRABAJOS O INGRESOS AHORA! ALTO A LOS CORTES DE EXTENSIONES EN BENEFICIOS DE DESEMPLEO! ALTO A LOS CIERRES DE PLANTAS! QUEREMOS TRABAJOS!

A pesar de las mentiras de la supuesta "recuperación económica" y las promesas de "volver a trabajar a America", en realidad millones de gente se encuentran sin trabajos y cada mes mas factorias se van cerrando. Esas mentiras y promesas están siendo usadas para echar la culpa a los desempleados por no tener trabajos, y para hacer rebajas masivas en los beneficios de desempleo.

Las dos acciones, auspiciadas por el Comité Organizador de Obreros Desempleados (UWOC) y en New Jersey también por la Organización de Obreros Unidos, dieron a saber la determinación de la gente obrera a no dejarnos ser pisoteados ni engañados.

En Ohio, en el 27 de febrero 200 obreros convergieron al capital de estado, Columbus, desde Dayton, Cincinnati, y otras ciudades para demandar trabajos y aplastar el plan del gobernador de acabar con 26 semanas de beneficios. Esa campana se desarrollaba desde enero cuando el gobierno federal anunció que los beneficios iban a ser rebajados desde 65 semanas a 39 semanas en Ohio y 19 otros estados, pues que estos estados habían menejado sus estadísticas para que indicaran una tasa de desempleo de sólo 5%. En solo Ohio, 65,000

personas ahora recibiendo las segundas y terceras extensiones serán dejados sin ingresos después del 3 de abril.

Millares de obreros empleados y desempleados han tomado activamente en esta lucha, firmando la petición del UWOC por Trabajos O Ingresos, asistiendo a mitines y manifestaciones, repartiendo volantes a sus amigos y compañeros de trabajo. Mucha gente participaron en la caravana después de recibir volantes de UWOC a las oficinas de desempleo a través del estado.

La caravana fue la manifestación mas grande y militante de obreros desempleados en Ohio en años recientes. Muy importante en llevar a cabo esta acción fue el respaldo activo de cientos de obreros empleados. Cartas de apoyo y contribuciones para pagar los gastos de las guaguas y la gasolina a Columbus vinieron de obreros de todas partes del estado, incluso un donativo de \$80 de obreros a la planta de Alcoa en Cleveland.

MARCHA EN COLUMBUS

Al llegar a Columbus, los manifestantes marcaron de la agencia de desempleo a la oficina del gobernador en el edificio estatal. Obreros y otra gente yendo de compras gritaron su apoyo a la marcha.

Pero las puertas del edificio estatal fueron cerradas, y la policía supuestamente guardándolo atacaron a los obreros. Anteriormente, el gobernador había tratado de cobrar \$1000 para permitir la marcha.

Era la primera manifestación en que habían participado la mayoría de la



EN OHIO—OBREROS EMPLEADOS Y DESEMPLEADOS MARCHEN PARA TRABAJOS O INGRESOS AHORA!

gente en la caravana. Al ver estos esfuerzos para rechazar sus justas demandas sus justas demandas se hicieron muy enojados. "Ustedes nos han pisoteado toda la vida," gritó una mujer, y los obreros desempleados se mantuvieron firmes.

Una de los oradores a la manifestación, una mujer despidió después de 15 años cuando la planta de RCA se cerró ya hace unos años, atacó el plan del gobernador para atraer industria a Ohio de otros estados con promesas de sueldos e impuestos bajos. Los obreros no pueden competir entre si mismos, dijo ella, pues así se empujarían los sueldos pa'bajo. Lo

hizo claro que vamos a enfrentar esta situación siempre hasta que nos desahagamos de los capitolistas y construyamos un sistema por y para los obreros.

En las guaguas y los carros regresando a casa la gente pensaron que habían hecho claro su punto. Ahora están planificando llevar a cabo más manifestaciones contra los cortes de beneficios en varias ciudades el 27 de marzo.

La caravana de carros "Lucha por Trabajos" a través de Nueva Jersey norteno el 6 de marzo se enfoco en la onda de cierres de plantas ya botando a millares de gente a la calle.

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Hemos Cargado a los Ricos por 200 Anos- Ya No Aguantamos Mas!

La siguiente proclamación ha sido promulgado por la Coalición 4 de Julio. En marzo la Coalición llevará a cabo conferencias regionales en el Este y Medioeste, en Filadelfia y Cincinnati, para desarrollar los planes para una serie de acciones el 4 de julio en Filadelfia durante del Bicentenario.

1976-millones de gente buscando trabajo, y aún más botados a la calle con cada cierre de fábrica. Los todavía trabajando están agotados hasta morir, encadenados a la maquinaria de los patrones. Nuestra ciudades se están hundiendo. Están cerrados hospitales, escuelas y estaciones de bomberos. Edificios construidos a medias quedan al lado de caseríos arruinados. Mas y más se tocan los tambores de guerra otra vez. Toda esto entre mentiras de la "recuperación" económica y los fuegos artificiales de celebración.

No! No es para eso por lo que hemos trabajado tan duro. Eso no es el futuro que queremos para nuestros hijos. Enfrentamos mil abusos. No podemos y no vamos a vivir así.

Nuestra clase, la clase obrera, hombres y mujeres de toda nacionalidad, producimos y construimos todo. Pero ellos, la clase capitalista, nos quitan todo. Son dueños de lo que nunca han hecho--las fábricas, minas y bancos. Siendo dueños de todo, se aduenan de todo lo que producimos, dejandonos tener sólo lo necesario para vivir y seguir trabajando más como esclavos para ellos.

Nos roban del fruto de nuestro trabajo y lo previerten. Cada uno de ellos roba todo a su alcance, y tratan de mantenernos seperados a nosotros. Su empuje irrefrenable para ganancias es la causa de como malogra toda la sociedad. Crisis tras crisis, guerra tras guerra, injusticia tras injusticia. Diez generaciones de ganancias exprimidas de diez generaciones de nuestras vidas.

Toda nuestra historia es prueba de esto. Hemos luchado por todo lo bueno que existe en este país. No somos animales, pero así quieren que vivamos. Nunca! Ni en el 1776, el 1876 ni el 1976. Nuestra historia está llena de tempestades de resistencia, en que nos levantamos y nos matuvimos firmes. Somos hombres y mujeres--nunca seremos esclavos. Somos el espinazo de todo el país, con la fuerza de millones. Ellos son un puñado de asesinos y capataces de esclavos, pudiendose aun mientras pelean para coger más.

1976...estos ladrones llaman a todos para celebrar con ellos. Unidad nacional? Nunca. Todos unidos y felices? Nunca. No vamos a celebrar su dominio. A pesar de sus mentiras repugnantes y su fanfarronada interminable, no tenemos nada en común con ellos. Para ellos--200 años de saqueo. Para nosotros--200 años de esclavitud opresión. Todo que tienen nos han quitado a nosotros. Todo lo que necesitamos lo hemos arrancado a ellos con lucha agria. Ellos y su sed insaciable por ganancias son lo que le cierra el paso a nuestra lucha por una vida mejor y un futuro más brillante para nuestros hijos.



Compañeros obreros! Hoy día como antes nuestra clase está luchando contra todo abuso--en las líneas de piquete y en los sitios de trabajo, en las comunidades y en todas partes a través de la sociedad. Nuestra lucha es justa, y nuestras demandas son justas. Avanzando esa lucha el 4 de julio en Filadelfia, proclamaremos especialmente nuestra demanda por "Trabajos O Ingresos Ahora!" y nuestra determinación que "No vamos a pelear en otra guerra por los ricos!"

Tenemos la fuerza para movilizarlos. Tenemos la capacidad de unir todas las batallas, toda la gente, todo el coraje acerca de como estamos forzados a vivir. El futuro es nuestro. Somos la única fuerza que puede llevar las cosas para adelante, y estamos resueltos a romper las cade-

nas.

Ya es hora de juntar todas nuestras fuerzas, de unir todas nuestras batallas. Como siempre hemos luchado contra ellos, vamos a luchar en el día que han elegido para celebrar su dominio sanginario. Nos juntaremos millares de nosotros, para exponer sus crímenes y desarrollar nuestro movimiento, en aquel día y para las grandes batallas que vienen.

ADELANTE A FILADELFIA!
HEMOS CARGADO A LOS RICOS POR 200 AÑOS--YA NO AQUANTAMOS MAS

La Coalición 4 de Julio. Iniciada por Veteranos de Vietnam Contra la Guerra Comité Organizador de Obreros Desempleados, Partido Comunista Revolucionario, y la Brigada Revolucionaria Estudiantil.

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EMPLEOS O PAGOS, NO REDUCCION EN SELLOS PARA ALIMENTOS

"Empleos o pagos--! No reducción de sellos de alimentos!" Miembros del Comité Organizador de Obreros Desempleados (UWOC), carniceros en huelga, y otros trabajadores trajeron esta demanda ante las oficinas de Beneficiencia Pública el 18 de marzo. Como parte de la lucha general en pos de Empleos o Pagos, la UWOC se está oponiendo directamente a la reducción del Programa de Sellos para Alimentos. El condado respondió soltando sus esbirros--los asistentes del alguacil, cuyo trabajo es patrullar el edificio de beneficiencia pública.

Ambos el Congreso y el Presidente Ford han formulado programas para reducir el programa de sellos para alimentos. Ford quiere eliminar al 20% de las personas que actualmente están recibiendo sellos. Este 20% representa a los obreros empleados a sueldo mínimo--aquellos que reciben un salario un poco más alto que los que están sin empleo, en huelga, o trabajan parte de tiempo nada más.

Ford señala que como están trabajando, "no necesitan" sellos, de todas formas y su exclusión le "ahorraría dinero al gobierno". De hecho, este

llamado ahorro sería destinado a mantener a compañías y corporaciones que necesitan subsidios para seguir funcionando. Este es el tipo de "beneficiencia a la inversa" que le facilitó millones de dólares a la Lockheed para evitar que fracasara.

Como dijo una señora en el edificio de beneficiencia, "Trabajo a parte de tiempo nada más porque es el único trabajo que pude encontrar. No puedo dar de comer a mi familia parte de sueldo--necesito alguna ayuda. A pesar de todo no recibo nada gratis--tengo que pagar \$68 para conseguir \$92 de sellos para alimentos."

Ford está tratando de quitarle la comida de la boca de sus hijos cuando dice que "no necesita" sellos para alimentos.

Los obreros que están recibiendo el sueldo mínimo de \$2.40 por hora, trabajan 40 horas por semana para ganar un salario que no cubre las necesidades de una familia. Los sellos para alimentos actualmente ayudan a mantener a esas compañías que pagan sueldos tan bajos, permitiendo que al-

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Acudan Todos A La 1º De Mayo

El Primero de Mayo es una de las celebraciones más orgullosas y solemnes de la clase obrera mundial.

A través del mundo este año como siempre, obreros saludarán nuestro día de fiesta con celebraciones y manifestaciones. El Partido Comunista Revolucionario de EE. UU. pide celebraciones en ciudades a través del país--manifestaciones que junten obreros de muchas industrias, de las muchas batallas que nuestra clase está dando. Manifestaciones proclamando nuestra unidad contra los enemigos de nuestra clase. Manifestaciones unidas por consignas apuntando las metas del creciente movimiento obrero.

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En el Primero de Mayo resumamos cómo están las cosas y hagamos inventario de nuestra fuerza creciente. El Primero de Mayo honra a los luchadores del pasado, los que lucharon se y sacrificaron para avanzar la lucha de la clase obrera. Examine a los frentes de batalla actuales donde los obreros están peleando contra nuestro enemigo, la clase capitalista decadente y arrogante. El Primero de Mayo resume el pasado y el presente para apuntar el camino adelante para nuestra clase en el futuro. Hace esto planificando para las batallas que en-

frentan la gente obrera en el año venidero y dando a saber la determinación de nuestra clase a los parásitos que chupan la sangre de los obreros y pisotean a la gran mayoría de gente, y reemplazar su dominio con una nueva sociedad libre de explotación y opresión.

Durante el año pasado los capitalistas se han puesto aún más abiertos y desesperados para cargar el peso de su crisis económica sobre las masas a pesar de las mentiras sobre la "Recuperación económica," se ha hecho más claro que nunca que los obreros y muchos otros americanos confrontan una batalla para sobrevivir. Por ejemplo, el desempleo está al nivel más alto desde la Depresión y los capitalistas ya dicen que así seguirá en el futuro.

Ya sus economistas han re-definido lo que dicen es el nivel "aceptable" del desempleo de 3%-4% hasta 5%-6% y ahora algunos están diciendo que en los 1980s el nivel "aceptable" será quizás 10%. Detrás de cada punto de porcentaje en sus estadísticas manejadas queda un millón de obreros sin trabajo, la mayoría bostados de sus trabajos mientras los patrones tratan de rebajar sus gastos y alzar sus ganancias. El desempleo la batalla en este país va creciendo en todas partes desde las luchas con-

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