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120,000 COAL MINERS STRIKE

Nationwide Strike a Major Showdown

Government Threatens to Call Up Troops

Tension is mounting in the coalfields of this country as 120,000 miners, members of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), prepare to face a key test of strength with the coal operators.

The battle won't be easy and the miners know it. Lined up against them is the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA), which includes in its ranks some of the biggest monopolies in the country (U.S. Steel, for example). The BCOA and their paid hatchet writers are boasting loud and long that the union is in a very weak position; that less than 50% of the coal mined in the U.S. is now done by UMWA members; that the companies have record stockpiles of coal.

The BCOA and every business magazine in the country has declared that the principal obstacle to their profit making is an "unstable workforce" and "labor unrest". The owners are demanding nothing less than the total surrender of the miners. The high and mighty owners say the miners must stop resisting and settle for their "responsible" (sell out) union leadership, or go with no union at all.

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MILWAUKEE
Labor press
AFL CIO

For the third time in three weeks, the Milwaukee Labor Press has devoted substantive space to attacking The Worker newspaper in its pages. Raising the age-old bosses' tactic of red-baiting (calling an organization communist to discredit its programs and activities) the nation's largest labor paper has recently been informing its readers of its newest discovery—The Worker is a communist newspaper.

Despite the implications of the Labor Press that they're discovering unknown facts, anyone who has ever read it knows that The Worker stands 100% with the struggle of the working class against the bosses. The Worker says right on page two that it is a communist paper. It says those who create all the wealth of society and make the country run, should also run the country.

In fact, it is the Labor Press that is actually deceiving the people by claiming to represent labor. The closest this paper and the top AFL-CIO officials who run it ever get to labor is when they labor for the bosses in selling out working people.

In the pages of The Worker newspaper we cover the fight of working

In fact, the editors of the Labor Press do worse than nothing to help organize our struggle. They push programs and policies such as supporting job bills that provide no jobs; or voting for this politician or that one that get us wasting our time and energy in activities that never end up helping our class' cause.

Even the union paper they took most of their quotes from at A.O. Smith is run by top officials who were proven to have tampered with this last union office elections. But have the labor editors of the Labor Press exposed this corruption and misuse of union funds? Not a single word is heard.

Today, as in the past, working people are under severe attacks. The need for us to unite our ranks of all nationalities, employed and unemployed, has never been greater.

While many people do not see the need for socialist revolution today, all of us, communists and non-communists, face these attacks and we must unite to fight them. The editors of the Labor Press do not believe this. They find more in common with the bosses than in fighting the real attacks coming down on workers.



RED BAITING SERIES IN THE LABOR PRESS OPENED THE DOOR FOR ANOTHER BRAND OF SCUM. ABOVE, NAZIS PICKET THE WORKER.

people for union jobs at union wages and against cuts in unemployment compensation; the fight against the police terror in our neighborhoods; and the fight against discrimination. We also try to expose the different maneuvers the ruling class is hatching to try to drive us down and sell us out like the myth that imports are the cause of the loss of jobs in this country, rather than the bosses' ruthless drive for profits.

In our pages we try to deal with real issues and concerns of working people from the latest union busting attempts to the struggle of the people in South Africa, to the increasing danger of war between the rulers of the U.S. and their cohorts in the U.S.S.R.

We understand that all of the problems we face in this country flow from the fact that political and economic power lies in the hands of a few people—the bankers and businessmen who own the land, machinery, factories; and control the courts schools and police. It is this owning class' ruthless drive for profit, part and parcel of the capitalist system, that causes plants to shut down, and schools and cities to fall apart, and even wars to develop. This is why even as The Worker joins in the struggles of today, it points to the need to overthrow the existing unjust profit system of capitalism and replace it with socialism, the rule of the working class.

The editors of the Labor Press end their most recent article asking "Who handles the grievances of the workers in Russia?"

From what we know, the workers in Russia and the rest of Eastern Europe face similar conditions to ours and must fight these attacks in the same way we do here. They go on strike just as workers here do because they also live under a capitalist system which treats them like so much machinery.

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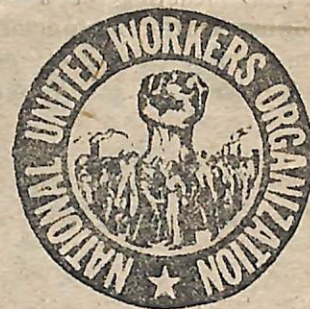
Miss Lil Is Scabbing, Too

When Miss Lillian flew to visit the Carter family's ancestral home in Ireland last month, the airline she flew on was staffed by scabs. After she'd arrived in Dublin and crossed the picket lines getting off the plane, striking stewardesses there told the press that perhaps she hadn't known what she was doing when she got on the plane, but that they expected her to take another airline back.

Miss Lillian flatly refused. She said she'd fly home on the airline she'd come on, strike or no. "I don't worry about picket lines and things like that," the President's mother explained. "I don't know a thing about it. We don't even have unions in Plains. It's great."

Fight Carter's Unemployment Offensive

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Stop All Attacks on the Benefit
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March On Washington

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Lyons Killers Go Free

Two months ago, on September 30, Roger Lyons was murdered at the Bus Stop Tavern on Milwaukee's Northwest side. His murderers still walk the street—they are still on the Milwaukee police force.

A coroner's inquest has come and gone. Their decision was that Lyons died as a result of unlawful conduct by unknown persons. If the case wasn't so serious and if the men and women on the jury weren't aware that they were covering up the murder, these people would be deserving of the "Dunces of the Year" award. They say they couldn't decide if Lyons died as the result of a pushing and shoving scuffle earlier in the evening or as the result of a police roust and beating that left him in a pool of his own blood on a paddy wagon floor.

During the inquest DA McCann put on an act that he was looking for justice. He intensely questioned witnesses, including the cops who were in the Bus Stop. After the jury's "decision" came down he added his two cents to the coverup and whitewash of the murder. He said the death of Roger Lyons "will go down as an unsolved murder." During the inquest, witnesses one after another said the cops came into the Bus Stop with clubs ready. During the questioning of the police the cops claimed only two, Patrolman Victor Venus and Patrolman Henn, had clubs out.

Lt. Dean Collins, the cop in charge the night Lyons was murdered, played his "Serpico-type" cop role to the hilt. He testified that he entered the tavern with only a walkie-talkie in his hand. He claimed he told Venus "That's enough Vic" after Venus had hit Lyons "on the legs" several times.

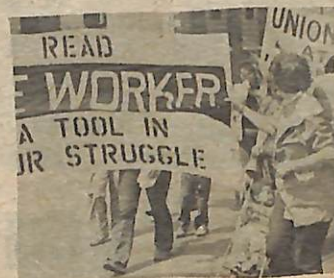
Since the death the Milwaukee Police Department has harassed and attempted to intimidate Lyon's family. Two sisters of Lyons' and their husband and fiancée were stopped during his funeral procession for not wearing helmets while riding motorcycles. A member of the family has had an unmarked police car sit across the street from their home with the headlights shining through the living room windows.

With the inquest over, Roger Lyons' family is faced with obstacles to getting justice. Going to higher courts is expensive and full of delays. DA McCann could not even make it look like the system can work. The cops and their actions are heavily protected by the system of courts, inquests, officials and coverup.

The Lyons case was a bitter lesson that people have to get organized to fight police repression like this murder in the future. As one person deeply involved in getting justice for Roger Lyons said, "We're doing this so that maybe it won't happen again. We need an organization that can do something about the way the police treat people."

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Women & Children Turn Back Scabs

Anaconda Strike Still Strong

The first snow of the year fell on the picket line at Anaconda-American Brass in Kenosha. For the strikers and their families, it was a bleak reminder that a rough Christmas season was ahead. But it would be a cold day in hell before they would give up without a fight.

For over 2 months, the Brass workers in Kenosha and 6 other cities have been on strike against sharp attacks on their wages and benefits. Before the strike began, Anaconda got court injunctions in several cities to prevent picketing of a "free gate" allowing contractors to enter the plants. (Management personnel, secretaries, probationary workers and scabs imported from other Anaconda plants have been crossing the lines regularly.) When the local Steelworker (USWA) leadership failed to organize any actions to stop the scabs, the rank and file made some plans of their own.

The week of November 7 started with a mass picket on Monday morning--nailed tires, bumper jumpin' and raw eggs for the scabs. The company spent most of the day running back and forth to the tire store, so that the scabs would be sure to come back on Tuesday. Strikers talked one driver into leaving his rig parked in the driveway of the "free gate" closing it down.

The victory spurred the strikers' enthusiasm, and a call went out to the strikers' wives and children as well as members of the National United Workers Organization who work at other plants for mass picketting. Thursday morning, the management personnel scabs were greeted with more than the usual barrage of flying objects and verbal abuse. When it came time for the "free gate" to



AT ANACONDA BRASS IN KENOSHA THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF THE STRIKERS SHOW WHAT THEY THINK OF THE SO CALLED "FREE GATE" RESERVED FOR THE SUB-CONTRACTORS.

open, it was the women's turn. Spirits were high, as wives and children assembled behind the union hall. Carrying homemade picket signs and chanting, they took their places fighting for the strikers' jobs.

Just as expected, a little after 7, the contractors started to show up. A couple of trucks passed right on by, not wanting to test the women's brigade.

After a few minutes, two pickups pulled up to the gate and the women wouldn't budge. Grade school kids stood at the front bumpers, defying the scabs to run them down.

The first driver jumped out of his truck, obviously shaken and scared. He faced the angry crowd, at first demanding to cross the line. But when he realized that his keys and blueprints had disappeared into the crowd, and

that the picketers wouldn't take no for an answer, he beat a hasty retreat, saying "Give me back my keys and I'll leave." As he pulled away, the company goons came out and locked the gate. A victory roar went up from the strikers, who were watching their families from across the street. The women and children had shut down the "free gate" halting construction and proving that Anaconda could be stopped.

The militant actions on the picket lines in Kenosha are only a part of the battle they are waging. Auto workers at American Motors are taking up plant gate collections to raise money for the strikers at Christmas, and to build support for the strike. At the last UAW union meeting, the union promised to donate \$1000 to the strike.

Steelworkers in Milwaukee, members of the NUWO, are taking news of

the strike into other steel plants, spreading the word of the strong stand of the Anaconda strikers. And strike bulletins have gone out at all of the striking Anaconda plants, letting the strikers know that the strike is gaining strength.

The events at Anaconda are being repeated in scores of steel plants across the country. The steel bosses are locked in deadly competition among themselves. To keep the highest rate of profit, they try to take it out of the backs and paychecks of the workers. For strikers at Anaconda, it's fight or be crushed.

The battle line between the company and the strikers becomes clearer as the organization and militancy of the strikers continues to grow. The bosses and scabs are getting worried, as the workers show their might. ■



6000 Iranian students and supporters demonstrated in Washington on November 15 and 16, denouncing the Shah for his crimes against the Iranian people and Carter for the role of the U.S. government in backing the Shah. The Shah, with the help of SAVAK the Iranian Gestapo, tried to put together a demonstration of pro-Shah forces. He offered a little incentive—free round-trip plane fare, free hotel accommodations and a minimum of \$100 spending cash to Iranians and even Americans who would participate in his rally. In spite of the bribes, the Shah's secret police only mobilized a couple of thousand, most of who were SAVAK men and 700 Iranian soldiers.

The anti-Shah demonstrators routed

the agents and soldiers, and beat off police attacks to continue their protests.

Meanwhile, in solidarity with these actions, there were two days of demonstrations in Iran itself. In the capitol city of Tehran, thousands of students, workers and others marched despite police attacks which left more than 45 dead! In response to this massacre, the main bazaar and commercial district were shut down in protest and workers went on strike at several plants.

In short, the Shah came to the U.S. to strengthen his image and get more arms from Jimmy Carter. He left with the military hardware but also with his fascist dictatorship more exposed to the people of the world. ■

Iranian Students Give Shah Hell

After the fierce demonstration against the Shah of Iran in Washington D.C. The Worker interviewed an active member of the Iranian Students Association to get the inside story on why the demonstration was held and what the situation is in Iran today. What follows is only a part of the interview. Readers of The Worker who want to learn more about the situation and the struggle in Iran can write for the ISA's newsletter, Resistance, PO Box A 3575, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

Q. Why did thousands of Iranian students converge on Washington, D.C. to protest the Shah's visit?

A. We saw it as our responsibility to tell the American people about the situation in Iran and to explain what the U.S. government was doing. The visit was part of an effort to whitewash the Shah's reputation as a dictator and murderer. This effort began some time ago when the Shah's wife, Farah Diba, came to the U.S. to receive several awards for her "humanitarianism."

When Carter is asked about why the U.S. is so close to a country like Iran where there are no human rights, he can only say "no comment." So the Shah's visit was preceded by the token release of some political prisoners and the redecoration of some of the torture chambers, so Carter could embrace him "as someone moving in the right direction."

Q. What other purpose did the visit serve?

A. The Shah also wanted to arrange to buy more arms. This is in contradiction

with Carter's campaign promise to make the U.S. a bread basket instead of an arms dealer.

One thing that he has offered in exchange which has been kept from the American people is a deal where the U.S. can dump radioactive plutonium wastes from its reactors in Iran. This is in an area where earthquakes are common and if any of these wastes escape it could affect the Iranian people for more than 2500 years.

Q. What are the conditions of the Iranian people? Is it true that things are better now, that there is more money from oil sales?

A. If the American people want to know how the living conditions in Iran are getting better, they just have to look at their own! In both countries they are getting worse. The Iranian economy which is dominated by U.S. corporations is in a shambles.

For example, there is an agricultural crisis because U.S.-produced foods are sold at rates under what the Iranian peasants can sell them. They are incapable of competing. So the peasants go bankrupt and are driven to leave the land, and Iran, which used to export products like tea and rice now imports them.

In addition, the repressive nature of the regime and the rapid growth of struggle among the people has resulted in a situation of extreme political repression that along with the economic situation is unbearable for the people. The Shah cannot afford to allow even

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SADAT'S SELLOUT WON'T BRING PEACE

Anwar Sadat's recent visit to Israel was a betrayal of the people and nations of the Middle East and first and foremost of the Palestinian people, whose rights and just struggle Sadat had repeatedly pledged himself to uphold. In fact, at the very same time Sadat was angling for his invitation in an interview with Walter Cronkite, the bodies of over 100 men, women and children were being dug out of the rubble of villages and Palestinian refugee camps in Southern Lebanon which had been subjected to bomb and rocket attacks by Israeli planes.

CAN'T BRING PEACE AND JUSTICE

Sadat's deeds were matched only by his shameful words. The Zionist state of Israel is built on land stolen from the Palestinian people by force or arms, beginning with the very creation of Israel when hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were driven from their homeland. Today, in addition, Israel occupies and is settling land taken from Egypt, Jordan and Syria in 1967. Yet Sadat told the Israeli parliament, "We really and truly welcome you to live along with us in peace and security." How can Sadat's claim that he went to Israel to win peace and justice be anything but hypocrisy, since these goals can only be accomplished by an end to the Zionist state and the creation of a single, secular (non-religious) state in Palestine controlled by the masses of people of all nationalities and faiths?

Sadat's move was in large part a grandstand play designed to strengthen his own role in future Mideast negotiations. It was also aimed for home consumption. Egypt is in economic chaos with the people desperately poor and increasingly discontented. Sadat hopes that his "world statesman" image and a false "peace" with perhaps a few small concessions the Israelis may toss him will help him keep the lid on at home. The widespread antagonism it has aroused not only among the masses but the rulers of other Arab nations suggests that it may well turn out to be a nail in his coffin.

U.S. STAKE

One other reason for this step was service to U.S. imperialism, which has a huge stake in the continuation of Mideast peace talks (aimed at a settlement burying Palestine once and for all) as the best way to preserve Israel as its staunchest outpost while extending its influence and control over the Arab countries and their vast oil resources. Sadat showed his stand when Cronkite asked him how he could get an invitation from Israeli Premier Begin and Sadat answered, "Why not through our mutual friend, the Americans?" Jimmy Carter added an interesting footnote during the Shah's visit when he mentioned that Sadat calls him on the phone almost daily!

Both Sadat and Begin pushed for the convening of a Geneva conference on the Mideast, a conference in which Palest-



EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT (RIGHT) MEETS WITH ZIONIST BEGIN AND MILITARIST MOSHE DAYAN. SADAT WENT TO THE ISRAELI CAPITAL TO SELLOUT HIS OWN PEOPLE, OTHER MIDEAST NATIONS AND THE PALESTINIANS.

inian interests will be given short shift as they have already been largely bartered away in the preliminary wheeling and dealing. The rulers of the Soviet Union, who have been trying to score some cheap points in the Arab world by denouncing Sadat's visit, have been very careful not to say anything to jeopardize Geneva. They, just as much as the U.S., want such a conference where the superpowers can throw their weight around in efforts to strengthen their control over the nations of the

area.

But a superpower-dominated Geneva conference, like Sadat's treacherous capitulation in Israel, will not and can not bring peace to the Middle East. The masses of people there are determined to struggle not only until the land stolen by Israel in the 1967 war is returned but until the Palestinian people win their fight to regain their homeland, and until revolutionary victory over all forces of reaction. ■

HARD HIT FARMERS VOW STRIKE

U.S. farmers are on the move. Beginning in Colorado, where banks expect 30% of the state's farms to go bankrupt this year alone, the American Agriculture Movement (AAM) has grown and spread to nearly every state in the union. This movement was highlighted late in November when 20,000 farmers and family members demonstrated in Plains, Ga., driving through town on 10,000 tractors. Similar large demonstrations were held the same day in other parts of the country.

The AAM is calling for farmers to strike beginning December 14. Farmers are being called upon not to sell crops already planted or harvested and not to produce any more until they begin getting a better price for their product.

CRISIS IN AGRICULTURE

Farmers, who are small businessmen, are in the midst of a massive crisis. They are caught in a gigantic scissors, with the high costs of machinery, fertilizer, seed, land, etc., forming one blade and low prices (often lower than production costs) farmers receive for their produce forming the other blade. The whole scissors is the monopoly capitalists, with the farm equipment monopolies like John Deere, IH, Allis-Chalmers, big seed and fertilizer companies on the one side and gigantic grain and produce buying conglomerates, like Cargill and Continental, Libby's and Del Monte, along with the large supermarket chains, controlling the market on the other.

And since farmers are small businessmen, they are forced to compete and therefore keep up with developments and advances in agriculture, borrowing capital for expansion. Bankruptcies on farms have been high ever since World War 2, as some farmers couldn't come up with the capital to invest in new and bigger machinery necessary to compete. One farmer in the Plains demonstration put a sign on his tractor reading, "I work 18 hours a day for this labor saving device."

They went under and their more successful neighbors got bigger, by renting more land - from the banks or farmers "lucky" enough to save their land during bankruptcy - and farming larger and larger acreages.

This continuous necessity of expansion also squeezes farmers as the price of new machinery suffers inflation at a higher rate than the goods it helps to grow. As if this was not enough, farmers in most states still face a yearly battle with nature when flood or drought may destroy the better part of a year's work.

While the average family farmer may farm 1000 acres or more, and have over a quarter million dollars worth of machinery, he often lives on less in a year than an auto worker - even when pulling a forty-hour week in some small factory during off-season.

Recently, this squeeze has become sharper. In the Rocky Mountain states, where the AAM first took hold, some one of every four farms is expected

to go bankrupt this year. The price of agricultural commodities is not expected to meet both the costs of production or the loan repayment requirements of many farmers.

The AAM is demanding 100% parity, roughly the same situation that existed in 1973. The formula for arriving at parity is complicated but it boils down to this: 100% parity means that the price the farmer receives for his crops equals the cost of production plus a decent standard of living for the farmer and his family. The current parity ratio is 64%. Very simply, farmers want higher prices for their products.

That 1973 was a good year for farmers show some of the problems in their demand. 1973 was a bad year for consumers, and especially lower-paid working people, as inflation in food prices went into double digits. A leader of the AAM expected that if farmers' demands are met, it would mean "no more" than a 17% rise in the average consumers' food bill. (AAM

is calling for a 50% rise in prices paid to farmers, but since farmers get the smallest share of the food dollar, less than shipping, canning or marketing this will not have a proportionate effect on prices.)

In the words of an AAM leader, farmers are going out of business, this trend must be stopped and "we're expecting the American people to pay the bill."

The American Agriculture Movement is a very loose-knit outfit. While the words of the AAM leader quoted above do not necessarily reflect the views of every militant farmer it does point up a serious weakness in the farmers' proposed strike. Farmers are laboring people, most of whom struggle very hard to get by and get screwed badly by the monopolies. At the same time, they are businessmen, who often see their own interests opposed to the masses of workers, who will suffer the most from a big rise in food costs.

The working class has great sympathy for the problems of this hard working section of the American people and supports any and all of their efforts to fight back against the monopolies who are driving them into the dirt daily. But the attempt to make "the American people pay the bill" cuts the other way. It is reaching into the pockets of the working people and lets the monopolies off scot free. Not only can't working people foot the bill, they are sure to fight like hell to make sure they won't.

The upsurge of the nation's farmers is to be welcomed. The interests of workers and farmers, in opposition to those who make great wealth off the working people, should be drawn tighter, not divided over who should pay, workers or farmers. The spearhead of the farmers' struggle must be directed especially against the extortion of interest and foreclosures by the banks, against the high prices charged farmers for equipment, as well as against the grain speculators and the food processors. The demand that the government come to the aid of small farmers threatened with bankruptcy should also be supported. Make the monopolies pay must be the watchword during the current crisis in agriculture. ■



ON NOVEMBER 25, ABOUT 4,000 TRACTORS WERE PARKED IN A FIELD IN PLAINS, GEORGIA, AS FARMERS HELD A "TRACTORCADE" TO PROTEST LOW FARM PRICES. A SIMILAR RALLY WAS HELD IN KANSAS.

New Humphrey-Hawkins Bill : Worse Than Nothing

In mid-November the Congress and the Carter administration reached a compromise on the Humphrey-Hawkins "Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act." This compromise clears the way for the bill's passage next year, although there is still some opposition from some of the capitalists.

The bill has been changed since it was first proposed last year. Specific proposals for jobs or spending have been axed entirely. What remains is a bag of promises: for "full employment," "balanced growth," "price stability," apple pie, motherhood etc. etc. It's a lot of smoke but no fire—absolutely no one will get a job out of the damn thing.

In fact, the chopped and channeled Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act is nothing more than a retread of the 1946 Federal Full Employment Act with one major difference. In 1946 full employment was defined, logically enough, as 0% unemployment. In 1977 full employment is defined as 4% unemployment. This, in a way, sums up the stunning progress the capitalists have made in three decades of their war on unemployment.

A big question around the Humphrey-Hawkins bill remains; Since the current version is so empty, why are the labor kingpins from George Meany on down whooping it up in favor of the bill?

THE BILL'S PROVISIONS

Leaving aside all talk of "right to a job" or moves towards more centralized government planning in the economy, the current Humphrey-



THE HUMPHREY HAWKINS BILL PROMISES FULL EMPLOYMENT, PRICE STABILITY, & PIE IN THE SKY. NO ONE WILL GET A SINGLE JOB OUT OF IT.

Hawkins bill boils down to this:

—Twin goals of 3% adult unemployment (over 20 years old) and 4% unemployment overall by 1983 while maintaining "reasonable price stability." (What "reasonable" is going to be is anybody's guess.)

—To this end the President must set short- and medium-term goals for employment, unemployment, production, real income and productivity and include such programs to meet these goals in the federal budget (for the Congress to pass or not pass as the mood hits them).

—The Federal Reserve Board must tell Congress what its plans are for the coming year and how they will

mesh with the President's plans.

Finally, in addition to all this jawing the bill gives the President the "flexibility" to throw the whole thing out the window and start over or just forget it "if necessity requires."

LABOR LEADERS SUPPORT

The big time labor contractors in the AFL-CIO and other unions, like the UAW, are hailing the Humphrey-Hawkins bill as just about the greatest thing since sliced bread.

The labor leaders have two goals in mind. First, they are trying to sidetrack the rank and file's demands to take action against unemployment, with a load of bull.

Secondly, and most importantly, the labor hacks' program to "fight" unemployment ties the rank and file to the tails of "labor's friends" in Congress, the tired old reactionary political strategy the AFL-CIO has been pushing for decades. Workers must, they say, rely on the AFL-CIO's politicking—behind doors conferences, arm wringing, fancy dinners, vote getting, and cloak room maneuvering—none of which is supposed to concern average workers and is best left to their "betters" in the uppercrust of the labor officialdom.

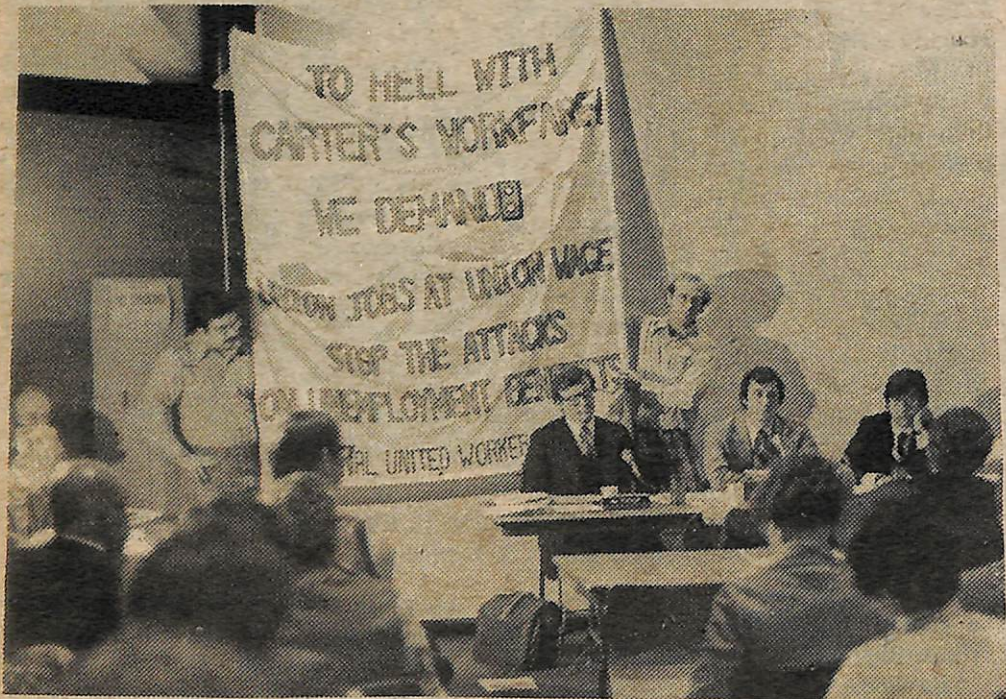
WAGE-CUTTING JOBS PROGRAM

Furthermore, Carter has already made clear what the nature will be of any "jobs programs" he might come up with. Far from being a blessing bestowed on the workers from above, his "workfare" and other schemes are aimed at forcing workers into starvation pay jobs and using that to drive down wages overall.

Humphrey-Hawkins is a big sham. It will probably be passed, an empty bill full of hot air, as a fitting monument to the career of Senator Humphrey, "labor's biggest friend" on Capitol Hill. George Meany & Co. will try to persuade the workers that with Humphrey-Hawkins everything is cool and the labor movement is on the case: Don't worry about unemployment.

But with still well over ten million able-bodied workers in America looking for work, all these hacks and Carter have shown is that the workers must battle them back, too, to propel the struggle around unemployment forward.

Minnesota Public Hearing Government Pushes "Workfare"



WORKERS CONFRONT CONGRESSIONAL HACKS DEMANDING UNION JOBS AND NO CUTS IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

When a congressional sub-committee tried to hold hearings in Minneapolis on Carter's "workfare" proposal,

members of Welfare Rights and unemployed workers organizations from Wisconsin and Minnesota came out to

make their views heard. Although there was almost no advance publicity the hearing was packed.

Throughout the day speaker after speaker made it clear that they were not about to accept the slave wages, paltry subsistence or dead-end future offered by Carter's "Better Jobs and Income" plan.

One woman presently on welfare put it: "Whether you call it welfare or workfare, it still amounts to living without dignity in poverty. That's no answer for my future or my children's."

A speaker from the National United Workers Organization, a worker in a paper mill, who has been working 7 days a week for 5 months, put in sharp focus what people had been saying in different ways all day. HR 9030 is the government's attempt to solve the economic crisis of big business by attacking all working people, employed and unemployed, welfare and others. As an employed worker, he hit hard for the fighting slogan, "Employed, Unemployed, Same Crisis, Same Fight!"

As he spoke a wall-to-wall roll of petitions was stretched across the

floor. So much support was received for this stand that two of the congressmen decided it would be wise if they signed the petition, which goes straight up against the bill they were pushing.

HR 9030 would cut out 700,000 federally funded CETA jobs averaging \$7800 a year and substitute 1.4 million minimum wage jobs averaging \$4800 a year. Food stamps would be eliminated. Anybody on welfare except for unmarried mothers with children under 7 years old would have to take these jobs. If they refused, they would get thrown off welfare and thrown to the wolves.

This bill would create a pool of minimum wage workers, some replacing laid off union workers. It would accomplish what the bosses always dream of—lower wages in general for the whole working class. This was the case during the great depression of the '30s when, with 18 million out of work, wages fell 45%.

At noon a coalition of groups picketed in front of the building in

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County Exec. O'Donnell: Modern Day Plantation Boss

Milwaukee County Executive O'Donnell has been making quite a name for himself. Jimmy Carter, the New York Times and other newspapers across the country fell all over themselves praising Milwaukee County's "pay for work" program as a model for Carter's workfare proposals. "Pay for work" forces people on welfare into \$2/hr. county jobs often replacing laid off union workers. But AFSCME, the union representing most county workers, and the workers in the project themselves, put up so much opposition that plans to expand the program from over 600 to twice that number had to be shelved.

While the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC) and others continued raising hell about "pay for work", O'Donnell went on TV snarling "If we made this program too soft they'd never have to find other jobs."

Not satisfied with this attack, O'Donnell and the other big shots running the county came up with another scheme called "learn to earn". In this program unemployed workers, many with years of seniority under their belts, are "trained" in how to fill out job applications.

Over a third of the people in "learn to earn" have chosen to drop out and

lose all general assistance rather than stay in this worthless program. Many of those that are left (1/4 of those in the program) are placed in "sheltered workshops" by the Jewish Vocational Service. These workshops were originally meant for the mentally retarded and handicapped. Many of the workers placed in these remedial workshops will have a hard time finding regular jobs if they use these sheltered workshops as a reference.

O'Donnell's latest maneuver is to get a \$25 million grant from the federal government to put several thousand high school students to work. Half of them

would work at government created jobs and half would work for private companies like MacDonald's. The federal government would foot the bill, paying the minimum wage.

All these schemes have two sides. On the one hand the county faces a budget crisis. O'Donnell is doing the dirty work of slashing social services. By phasing people out of county programs like general assistance and into federally funded programs like "learn to earn" he hopes to save the county money.

On the other hand O'Donnell and the other big shots hope to funnel thousands

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Miners Face Tough Battle, Sellout Leaders

COAL STRIKE - A TEST OF STRENGTH

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Naturally, the miners have something different to say. They have held their own in the past few years by waging a fierce and protracted fight holding high the example of militant struggle to workers throughout the country. Time and time again miners have picked up the weapon of the wildcat

strike—not only in thousands of strikes against individual companies, but in massive battles involving tens of thousands. Miners are not about to give up this weapon, and are demanding the right to strike be included in the contract.

Iron Ore Strikers Gain Momentum

On Sunday, Nov. 6, more than 2000 striking iron ore miners marched through the streets of Virginia, Minnesota—a mining town on the Mesabi Iron Ore Range. For a week before the march, they had criss-crossed the mining towns in sound trucks, broadcasting plans for the rally and calling on miners to join in the march.

Their strike against the steel corporations, more than 100 days long, has already won major victories. The last strike in basic steel, other than local disputes, was in 1959. Since then, the sellout USWA (United Steelworkers of America) leadership had agreed to the bosses' no-strike ENA. The iron ore miners went out in spite of the bosses' claim that they were in violation of the ENA.

The 16,000 iron ore miners went out on August 1 against mines and plants controlled by the steel corporations. Although they are covered by the same Basic Steel Agreement as the USWA members in the steel mills, the miners make 65¢ to 85¢ an hour less due to differences in incentive pay. Their main demands are for pay parity with Basic Steel and around safety conditions and harassment.

The issues of health and safety are especially sharp in the ore processing plants, where the workers often get silicosis (grey lung). There are now over 1200 unresolved grievances pending against the companies, and the miners are tired of being treated like dirt.

Lloyd McBride, president of the USWA, was there for the march. But instead of lending support to the strikers, he personally delivered a sellout agreement he had just negotiated with the companies. When McBride presented his proposal, miners backed him down saying, "We started this strike, and we'll be the ones who decide when to end it." Other miners also spoke out for continuing the strike, reminding McBride that they were striking in spite of his sellout no-strike deal. McBride was the only one in the

hall who didn't cheer when one miner said, "We must win this battle, or the right to strike will never again be an effective weapon."

The miners have built support for the strike by taking up plant gate collections at steel mills in the Chicago-Gary area. In leaflets passed out at steel mills, they told the truth

about the imports question: "Companies complain about steel imports but fail to mention iron ore imports that they are using to try and break this strike." The bosses' concern has nothing to do with jobs for workers, but solely with their profits.

Late in November, some of the locals in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan ratified new agreements that include incentive pay—an issue the steel bosses said they would never negotiate. Most of the miners in Minnesota, including U.S. Steel's giant Min-Tac mine, are still out, holding strong to their demand for parity with basic steel.

The miners have called another mass march and rally on Dec. 17. Support for the miners in the Twin Cities area has pushed the Minneapolis St. Paul labor council to organize for this march. Twin Cities workers will be contributing money to go toward donations of food to be distributed at the pre-Christmas rally. Labor leaders have said that the food will be purchased from the financially hurt merchants on the iron range, some of whom have agitated for a return to work.

The strength of the iron ore miners is due to the strong organization and determination of the rank and file. At a time when mills and plants are closing down; a time when the steel companies have put out a call to workers to line up behind them and fight against imports, the iron ore miners are showing through their example the only real alternative open to working people—not to collaborate with or surrender to the capitalists, but to fight tooth and nail for what we need. ■

The latest round prior to this contract expiration was the massive six week strike against cutbacks in health insurance. Miners treasure their health cards won only after generations of struggle. But the companies try to use the health of the miners and their families as a bargaining chip in their move to put down resistance. With the strikes hurting coal production, the owners say that there are no funds to pay for health care and pensions. They say flat out that a strike will mean no pension payments come January. Miners are demanding that all the cuts that went through in the summer be restored and they be guaranteed—in other words, that they no longer be tied to coal production.

In addition to these two key demands, the Miners Right to Strike Committee, which has been at the center of the

organized struggle of the rank and file, has raised four other demands: equalize and raise pensions; for a safety program that the rank and file can enforce; a hefty wage increase; and for strong job rights (aimed at protecting seniority, against harassment and so on).

SELLOUT LEADERS

While the rank and file and the Right to Strike Committee are preparing for a bitter showdown with the bosses, the top leadership of the UMWA is desperate to save their own skins at the expense of the rank and file miner. Arnold Miller, the president, has been forced to pay lip service to the demand of the miner for the right to strike but is trying to render it meaningless by calling for a "limited right to strike." He has even suggested

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Kentucky Miners Battle for a Union



"HELL, NO, THIS WON'T BREAK THE STRIKE," SAID MINER WILLIAM KING AFTER HE WAS BEATEN BY KENTUCKY STATE TROOPERS AT THE BLUE DIAMOND MINE NEAR STEARNS.

"The men decided it was time to make a stand, because we can't run every time Blue Diamond tries something. They knew they would be jailed and there would be a battle, but they couldn't run. I don't care if they get every trooper in the state of Kentucky and the whole National Guard, I'll be there fighting if I can at all." This kind of determination has kept 130 miners on strike for a United Mineworkers (UMWA) contract for 17 months against the Blue Diamond coal company.

Blue Diamond owns many small non-union mines in eastern Kentucky, including the Scotia Mine where 26 miners were killed in an explosion two years ago. The same murderous conditions exist at the Justus Mine in Stearns, Kentucky. The miners struck unanimously in July, 1976. The main issue—safety. The miners demanded a union safety committee with power to shut down the mine over safety conditions. Blue Diamond refuses to negotiate.

Blue Diamond hired forty gun thugs to "guard" the mine in the fall of '76. They toted automatic weapons, firing at the strikers on the

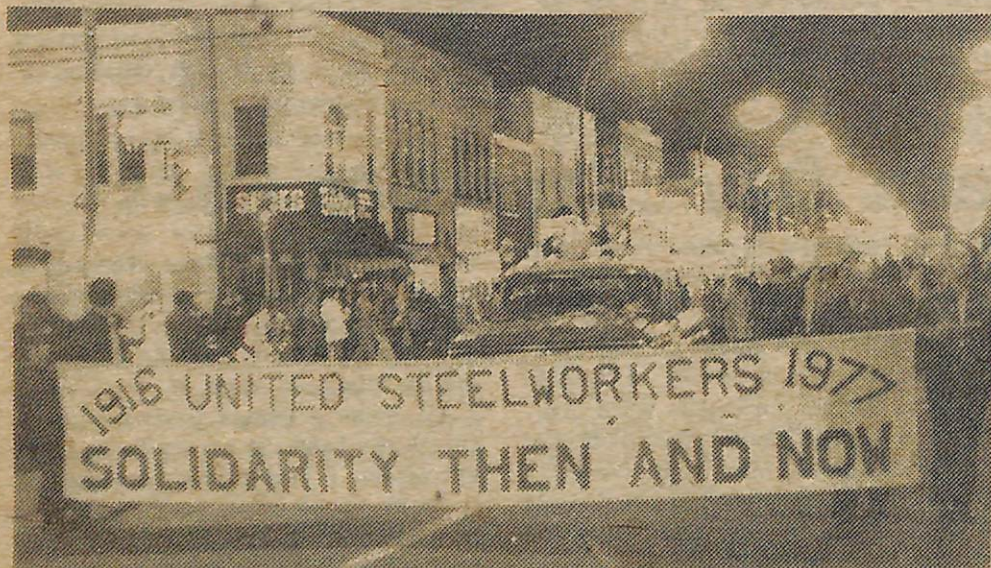
picket line, injuring one. The miners also took up arms, dug a slit trench and over the course of the strike gun battles broke out, especially over this last summer. A number of gun thugs were shot.

In August, the Circuit Court brought down an injunction to "limit violence." The miners were allowed only 10 pickets, the company was "limited" to 28 guards.

On October 15 one scab was escorted into the mine by state troopers and on the next day two more were herded in. The strikers heard rumors that Blue Diamond planned to bring in still more scabs. After this, all the strikers turned out in the early morning hours to make a stand. Most asked their wives to stay away, but as one wife stated "If I knew it, I couldn't stand it. First there was one woman, then three, then ten, then twenty-five."

In the afternoon over 100 state troopers appeared and waded into the picket

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IRON ORE MINERS, 2000 STRONG, FOLLOW SAME ROUTE AS 1916 MARCH. IN THAT YEAR, THEY SHUT DOWN THE MINES WHEN COMPANY GOONS KILLED TWO ORGANIZERS.

VICTORY! M&I STOPS KRUGERRAND SALES

The people won a victory! Three weeks ago, Marshall & Ilsley Bank announced it was no longer selling the Krugerrand. The Krugerrand, a gold coin mined in South Africa, is vital to keeping the sinking ship of apartheid afloat. With foreign investments falling off, the Krugerrand is providing the necessary foreign exchange the South African government needs for its imports, including all the heavy military equipment needed to enforce its brutal rule.

For eight months people in Milwaukee have been battling M&I, the second largest bank in the state, about the sale of the Krugerrand. But according to M&I Vice-President, Fritz Ruf, none of the protests had anything to do with the change in the bank's policy. Well, what happened then? Did M&I simply have a change of heart?

Over the past several months, a movement grew among the people of Milwaukee. The African Liberation Support Committee picketed M&I at their main office on N. Water St., Wisconsin's own little version of Wall Street. They demanded meetings with bank officials. Several churches, organizations and individuals closed their accounts at M&I. And thousands of people signed petitions demanding the Common Council censure M&I and all other banks dealing in the Krugerrand.

In the course of the campaign, the ALSC was able to unite with some Black newspaper reporters, helping to publicize the situation in South Africa and the fight against the Krugerrand.

Meanwhile, in South Africa, a storm was raging. There was a new upsurge of demonstrations in Soweto. Then the racist government murdered Steve Biko leader of the black consciousness movement. The South African Minister of Justice who was responsible for Biko's torture and murder was Jimmy Kruger. The Krugerrand is named after his family, one of the wealthiest in Africa. In the wake of the subsequent rebellions, the government unleashed a new wave of repression. Black newspapers and organizations were banned and many black leaders arrested. People throughout the world were outraged. Vorster's South African regime was sinking fast.

It was these events in South Africa combined with the struggle of people here in Milwaukee that forced the passage of a resolution in the Common Council condemning not only the apartheid governments in South Africa, but banks and businesses in Milwaukee dealing in the Krugerrand. This was a blow to M&I and the rest of Milwaukee's ruling class which stands behind the racist South African regime.

But the battle wasn't over. The city of Milwaukee has \$11 million in M&I. With the force of the newly passed Common Council resolution behind them, the ALSC began gearing up for the next target: withdrawal of the city's \$11 million from M&I.

The heat was on. Could M&I risk the bad publicity and possible loss of the city's funds? Apparently not. And so the decision came down—M&I would drop the sale of the Krugerrand. ■



400 MARCHED IN CHICAGO ON DEC. 3 AGAINST THE KRUGERRAND COIN. CARSON PIRIE SCOTT A MAJOR CHICAGO DEPT. STORE WAS FORCED TO STOP SALES OF THE COIN.

ANDY YOUNG - FRIEND OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE?

On a single day recently Andy Young cast 3 vetoes in the U.N. Security Council against an economic sanction of South Africa. An embarrassed Young tried to cover his rear end by claiming that he was concerned that an economic boycott would cause hardship for South African blacks, but his act was too ridiculous to be taken seriously.

Andrew Young's services have also been well appreciated by Ian Smith, head of the Rhodesian white settler regime. In an interview with a Chicago TV correspondent, Smith declared that he and Andy Young understand each other and that he hopes and has requested that Ambassador Young and the U.S. "will play even more of a role in Rhodesia."



Andrew Young's claim to be the great friend of the African people is wearing very very thin indeed. ■

Support Grows for African Liberation



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The support for the struggle of the people of southern Africa among the American people is growing stronger and more organized. In many cities across the country the African Liberation Support Committee has stepped up its activities and attracted new forces. In Chicago, for example, around 100 people attended a forum after initial leafletting was done. Other forces, particularly students have been active as well. In the picture above, students from Madison and Milwaukee picket the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents meeting in Madison on November 11. Students demanded the Board drop its investments in companies doing business in southern Africa. They were met with mace and muscle when they tried to enter the Regents' meeting. In Oregon, the State University's Board was successfully pressured into dumping over \$3 million worth of investments. Smith College in Massachusetts also dumped their southern African investments. And in New York City, the flagship stations of the three major TV networks—WNBC, WABC, and WCBC—have all agreed to stop carrying Krugerrand commercials.

Smith Attacks Zimbabwe Struggle

On November 24, 1977 Ian Smith, Prime Minister of the white settler government of Rhodesia (the nation is increasingly known by its African name, Zimbabwe) made a startling announcement. He stated that his regime had spoken with black leaders and that in order to negotiate a solution to the country's problems he was willing to concede that any new government would be formed on the basis of "one man, one vote." With black Zimbabweans outnumbering the white settlers 24 to 1, Smith and the rulers of Rhodesia had long resisted this step.

On the surface, it would seem like Smith's announcement signals the opening of a whole new era in Zimbabwe, the beginning of an orderly transition to a government of majority rule, which will represent the masses of the country's people. The situation is much more complex, however. First of all, Smith has made statements before about "majority rule" and the like, only in hopes of stopping opposition to his regime while continuing white minority rule.

On the very day of this announcement, Rhodesian planes staged a raid deep into Mozambique, killing at least 80 people in a guerrilla transit camp. Most of the people killed were women and children. Journalists at the scene reported a mass grave of school children killed

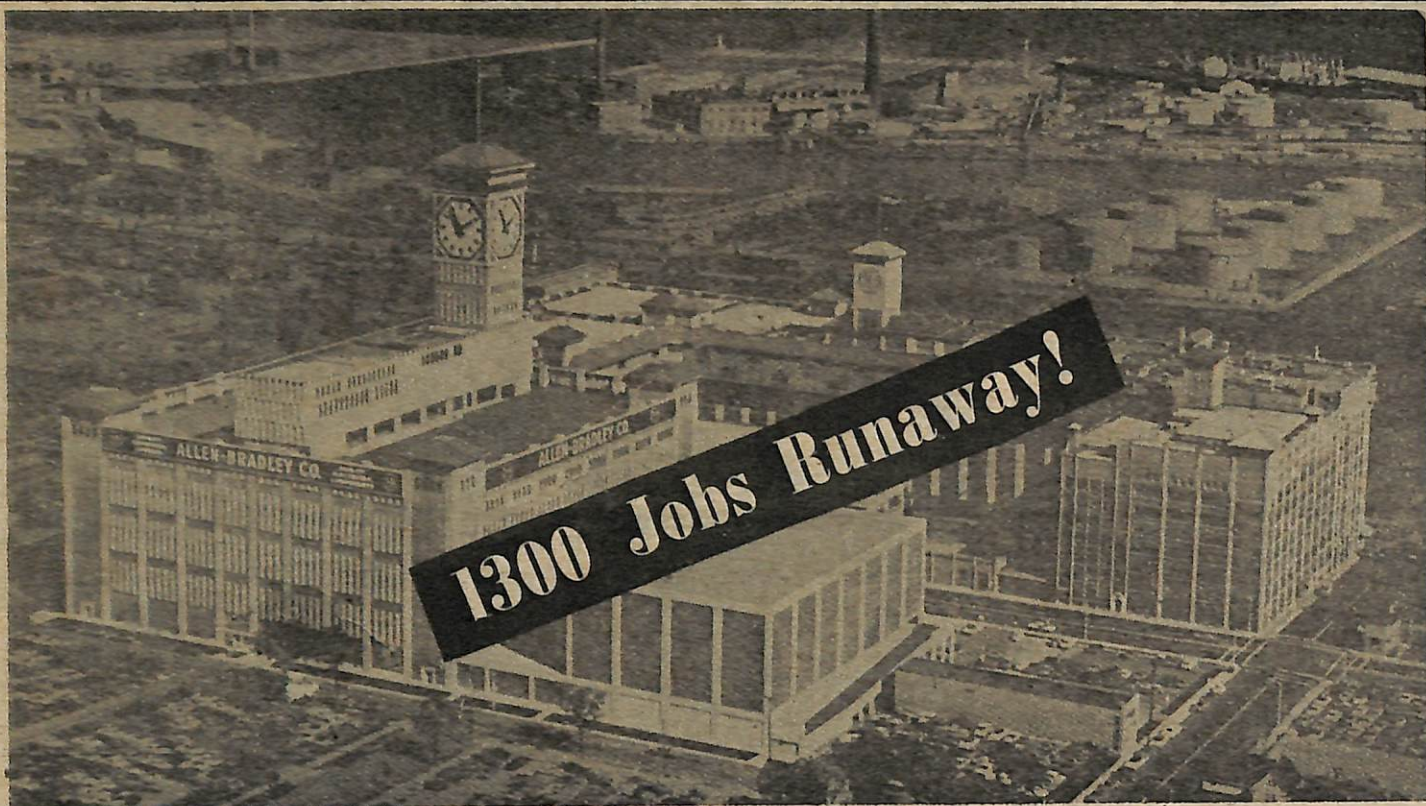
while attending class. Smith's tactics—hitting hard at the guerrilla forces with one hand while offering concessions to his hand-picked "black leaders" with the other—are clearly designed to counter the growing influence of the liberation forces.

There is no question about the fact that Smith's actions show the desperation of the white settler regime he heads. On the other hand, the "black leaders" with whom he plans to negotiate are tribal chiefs and religious figures who he pompously declares are "based inside the country"—that is they have been living in the country for some time now with the government's approval.

These men were chosen because Smith and the capitalists of Britain and the United States, who have been watching the situation in Zimbabwe with great alarm, think that they will maintain the situation as close to the present status quo as it is realistic to expect. These men are slated to become the rulers of a country that will be formally politically independent and formally under majority rule, but in which the masses are still robbed and oppressed by a handful on top, a handful which will now include some black as well as white exploiters, and which

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Workers Unity the Only



Driven By Competition For Profits

Allen Bradley Heads For Texas With 1300 More Jobs

When Allen-Bradley ships 1200 to 1300 jobs to Texas over the next few years, they'll be taking a lot of meat and potatoes off a lot of dinner tables in Milwaukee. They will be taking \$16 million in workers paychecks out of the local economy each year. And combined with similar runaways of other local corporations, Allen Bradley will be changing the industrial landscape and the social setting of Milwaukee.

Allen Bradley has tried to build an image as a philanthropic, civic-minded "nice company to work for." But these words have a hollow ring for the over 500 who were laid off for over a year in 1975 and are now facing another layoff which may be for good. The rest of the workers face massive bumping and pay cuts. In a Milwaukee Journal ad in 1970, Allen Bradley boasted that their "largest four sided clock in the world" is a "symbol of our company's permanence on the Milwaukee scene. We're a family of 7000 perfectionists, and we like it here in

Milwaukee." This statement is an insult to the hundreds of unemployed who get turned away at Allen Bradley. It's more likely that the clock was built so that everybody would come to work on time.

Following the runaway announcement, Allen Bradley officials said that there would be no layoffs—that the runaway would be absorbed by retirements, and employee turnover. These are the same dirty lies they threw out before the ferrite department moved out and hundreds were laid off. Now they even have some departments working overtime and they are hiring to get back orders out. But as soon as they are ready to move, the layoffs will come. All their big talk about concern for the employees and "no layoffs" is a hype job to keep the lid on the anger building up in the shop and protect their image.

Since the day Allen Bradley began in a small Southside machine shop in 1909, their only concern has been the

capitalist single-minded drive for greater profits. Over the years they raked in untold millions. They took the best years of thousands of Milwaukeeans and deposited them in their corporate bank account. They used whatever methods were necessary—piece work and automation, tight bargaining and attacks on the union, lower pay for women, and discrimination against minorities. They grew steadily from 1937 to 1970 till they had built up their plant on South First Street to over 3.5 million square feet. They branched out setting up plants in England, France, Germany, Mexico and Brazil—all the time swearing their foreign expansion would not affect Milwaukee jobs.

By the 70's Allen Bradley was feeling the effects of the deepening capitalist economic crisis. In the industrial controls division, growth slowed down as the expansion of industry slackened. In the newer and more intensely competitive electronics industry, the profit squeeze means massive relocation to non-union areas of the world.

This profits crisis called for even more drastic measures by AB, to rip more from the labor of the working class. They began escalating their not so slow process of moving jobs out of Milwaukee.

First the resistor and potentiometer departments. Then they shipped the ferrite department to Juarez, Mexico where wages are less than a dollar an hour. In 1973 Allen Bradley had 5400 production workers. Now there are only 4100. Today the electronics department on the 7th and 8th floors of Allen Bradley's complex is slated for San Antonio and El Paso, Texas.

The move to Texas is an intensification of Allen Bradley's history of anti-unionism and discrimination. In Milwaukee they stand 100% against a closed union shop. In Texas there are almost no unions in the minimum wage electronics plants. Throughout AB's years in Milwaukee, the workers have time after time fought to build their union and win the closed shop. They threatened a walkoff in '64 when the company was trying to restrict the

activity of the stewards. They struck in '67 and '70 with the closed shop as one of their demands. The strike of '70 lasted 76 days, cost 11 arrests and one striker was knifed by a scab.

Now Allen Bradley will also have to deal with the Texas working class—which has waged some heavy battles—like the two year Farah strike.

One of the trademarks of AB's rip off career in Milwaukee was their blatant discrimination against minorities. In the late '60s, of 6880 employees only 6 were Black. The situation was much the same for Latinos. Picketing, protests and other struggle, including a resolution by UE Local 1111, against the hiring bias forced AB to open some jobs to minorities. Now they are moving to Texas and Mexico, where they will take advantage of the discrimination and low pay for Mexican and Mexican-American workers.

In justifying their move, I.A. Rader, president of Allen Bradley explained it very well. "Eventually a manufacturer in our position is left with two choices—go where costs permit you to compete effectively or go out of business." This is the dog-eat-dog logic of the capitalist system.

But for a working man, it's a logic that makes no real sense. If there's work to be done and people who have been doing it all their lives, why shouldn't that work be available? For the unemployed in Milwaukee or Texas, why shouldn't there be work for them, too? But none of the "common sense" of the man on the street can come true under capitalism where each corporation contends for maximum profits. Allen Bradley is not lying about the profit squeeze especially in electronics where everybody from Texas Instruments to General Electric is racing to set up shop in the non union areas. AB has to follow suit.

We are the Allen-Bradley family...and we like it here.

Just look for our famous tower and you will know where we work. All of Allen-Bradley's U.S. manufacturing facilities are located right here in metropolitan Milwaukee, in the shadow of our tower. But that beacon is more than the home of the world's largest four-sided clock to us. More important, it's a symbol of our company's permanence on the Milwaukee scene, and its commitment to our great city and the American way of life. A symbol of Allen-Bradley's major contributions to Milwaukee, ranging from substantial financial support of worthy community causes... to the environment that permits us to serve our city in many ways as individuals. A symbol of our Quality in the American Tradition. And our company's belief in the rights and dignity of the individual.

We're a family of almost 7000 perfectionists, and we like it here... at Allen-Bradley, and in Milwaukee.

ALLEN-BRADLEY

Industrial Controls Electronic Components Magnetic Materials Architectural Ceramics Sonic Filters

As long as capitalism is around, runaways will never stop. But neither will the workers' fight for every job and against every attack. The resistance of the workers is the only force that puts any limits for the capitalists' restless profit drive.

At this time the strength of the working class can not stop the runaway of the 1300 Allen Bradley jobs. But the battles to come will be against unemployment benefit cuts, seniority violations, job combinations and attacks on the contract. Also the battle will continue to organize in the South and Southwest. And Allen Bradley will no longer be able to brag about its community concern because they have further exposed their true nature. ■



ALLEN-BRADLEY WORKERS HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF DEFENDING THEIR UNION AND FIGHTING THE COMPANY, LIKE THIS DEMONSTRATION IN 1974.

Way To Fight Runaways

Labor Reform Bill

What We Can Expect From Congress

The runaway movement is wrecking the lives and futures of thousands of workers and their families. Plant shutdowns and layoffs are speeding up the decline of Northern cities like Milwaukee. With each worker that gets thrown out on the streets, the question becomes more urgent: How can we fight this? The top leaders of the AFL-CIO are quick to put forward their legislative strategy as the answer. They promote backroom conferences with politicians and lobbyists as the way forward. With these methods they hope to kill off any rank and file activity.

The AFL-CIO strategy centers on the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment

ties that companies use to avoid recognizing unions. If they bargain this way, there won't be any bill left.

Passage of this law, the union leaders insist, is key to organizing the hundreds of thousands of unorganized workers in the South and elsewhere.

The struggle to organize the J.P. Stevens empire is often used as an example why labor law reform is so important. It's true that the labor laws are stacked against workers getting organized. But the real lesson of the J.P. Stevens organizing drive is the need to base that struggle on the rank and file. When union organizers for the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers conducted sign up drives, they

after all the build-up, the Burke Hartke Bill was killed.

Time and again, the union bigshots try to stifle the workers' struggle and channel it into legalistic deadends. Sometimes the laws they push are even worse than meaningless hot air. They often contain provisions that are directly against workers' interests.

In 1974 John Schmidt, head of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO joined with Governor Lucey to get the Machinery and Equipment Exemption passed. This multi-million dollar bonanza for big business was supposed to improve Wisconsin's business climate and prevent runaways. Allen-Bradley saved \$3 million a year because they were

The top leadership of the international unions promote a reliance on the capitalist system and its politicians because they are totally caught up in this system. They cannot allow workers to mobilize and fight in their own interests because a worker's interests are against the interests of the capitalists.

The road forward for the working class is to rely on its own efforts and battle the attacks by the capitalists on every front. There is no way to stop runaways or any other form of attacks as long as capitalism exists. Capital always seeks the greatest amount of profit. But in order to break the most vicious attacks and win as much as possible workers have to unite and take action in their own interests.

In organizing the South this means basing the fight on the unorganized workers—not the courts or Congress. In fighting a runaway it means uniting the workers in the plant to oppose it, expose it, and resist it in whatever way possible. And if it's not possible to stop the runaway, to fight for severance pay, unemployment, benefits and union jobs at union wages. Only by workers uniting to take action will any real victories be won. This includes in the courts and the legislature.

In the course of these battles workers can begin to see more clearly the face of the enemy, his ceaseless drive for profit and the working of his system. As workers unite in struggle—employed and unemployed, North and South, union and non-union, Black and white, American and foreign—they can see that workers are a class. As the struggle grows it will become clearer that workers have nothing to gain by competing and everything to gain by uniting for the common good of all. It's by fighting class against class that workers can best defend themselves and prepare to get rid of the system that has caused so much hardship. ■



WORKERS AT J. P. STEVENS--WHERE 44,000 THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH ARE UNORGANIZED--ARE ORGANIZING TO WIN A UNION.

Bill and the Labor Reform Bill. The Humphrey Hawkins is the most meaningless piece of legislation to come along in years. It is pure political rhetoric with no provisions for jobs at all. (See page 5).

The Labor Reform Bill is another proposed law that could end up as a meaningless jumble of empty promises and token reforms. The proposal is an attempt to respond to the blatant violation of the labor laws by companies trying to break unions and union organizing drives. Union busting companies like J.P. Stevens regularly avoid compliance with NLRB decisions because the fine is cheaper than any union contract would be. They use legal delays and lengthy appeals to gain time to step up intimidation, favoritism, or create whatever condition they think will swing the tide against unionization. These tactics along with pro-company rulings by the NLRB have helped reduce the percentage of U.S. workers in unions from 35% in 1945 to less than 25% today.

The bill is supposed to speed up the decision-making process of the National Labor Relations Board and to stiffen penalties assessed against companies that violate or disregard the labor laws. The union leaders and politicians and the White House have already bargained away two significant parts of the original bill.

One portion that has already been dropped would have repealed clause 14B of the Taft-Hartley Act. This clause allows states to have "right-to-work" laws. The other deleted provision would have recognized a union as soon as 55% of the workers sign authorization cards. The only provisions that have not been bargained away yet deal with some of the delays and small penal-

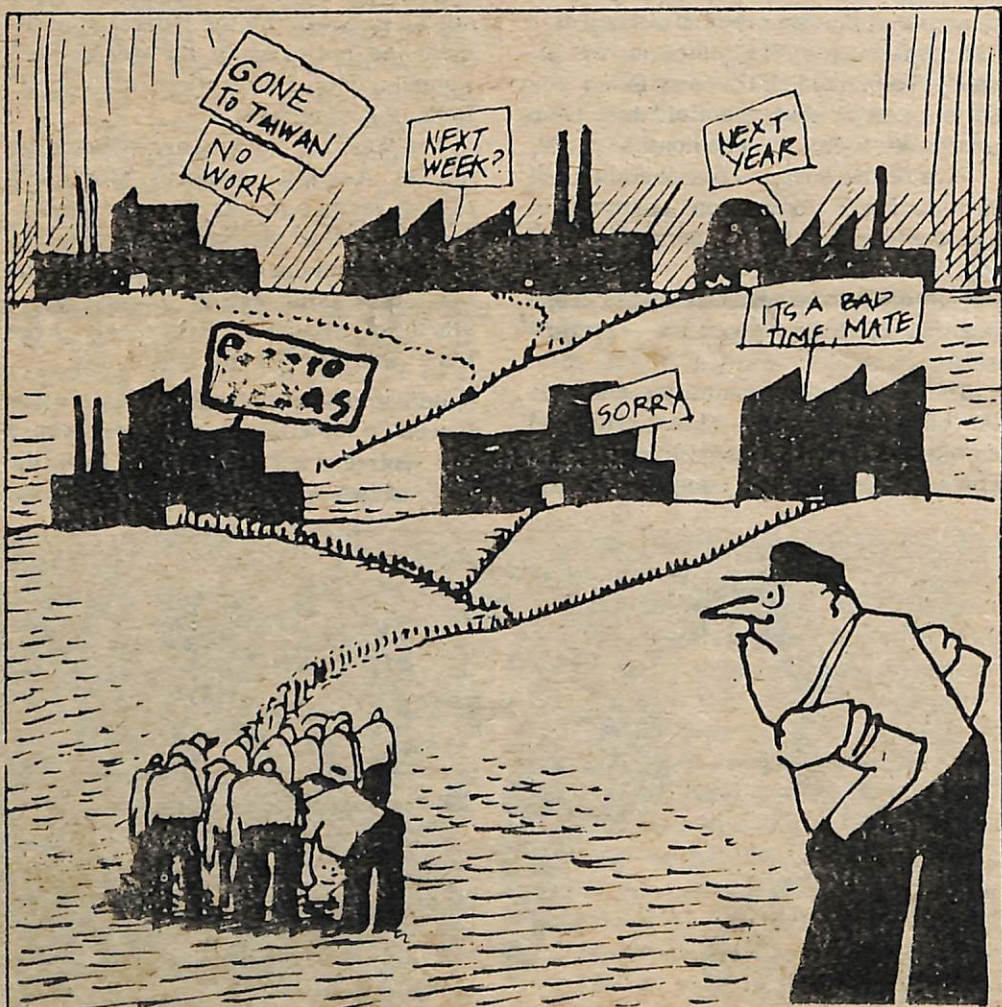
won majorities at 11 plants. In other plants workers have stuck their necks out to expose the dictatorial and slave-like conditions in the Stevens mills—the disabling injuries, racial discrimination, the almost non-existent pension, the cotton dust hazard, and the constant atmosphere of intimidation. Literally hundreds have been fired or taken pay cuts because they dared to talk union.

In many of the plants the workers have built their own forms of organization. On November 20th, 1500 Stevens workers from 40 plants came out for an organizing rally in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The reason the ACTWU has not succeeded in unionizing the 44,000 J.P. Stevens workers in 85 plants is because they have pushed reliance on the courts and a bureaucratic AFL-CIO boycott.

The boycott has been long on publicity but short on struggle. Some union leaders have taken a few turns on the boycott lines at a few department stores. But they have not placed their reliance on the workers themselves. In fact they have announced that they will stop pushing for representation elections because of company scare tactics. Instead they are waiting on a court ruling which they hope will give them bargaining rights whenever they gain a majority of signatures. This reliance on the courts instead of the workers goes hand in hand with seeing labor law reform as the key to unionization of the South.

The AFL-CIO's last big "job-saving piece of legislation" was the Burke Hartke Bill, which was supposed to punish companies that took jobs overseas. The labor bigshots promoted this as a key political issue at a time when many workers were getting hurt by the international runaway. In the end,

no longer required to pay any taxes on their machines. Did it keep them from running away? No. It gave them more cash to finance the building of new plants. And tax breaks for business have eroded the tax base of the cities, resulting in a decline in education and a heavier tax burden on the homeowner.



«Candygate» exposed in Kenosha UAW

Daum Asks for International Takeover

Local 72 at American Motors has had its own Watergate. Only this one was a «Candy Gate». The scandal broke when union members found out that local president Ralph Daum has been paying \$9000 a year to a character named Smoluka for candy that could have been bought elsewhere for \$5000. The business address Smoluka has been using was found to be a vacant lot in Chicago.

The whole scandal sounds like an

everyday run of the mill piece of union corruption—a payoff to a friend; a little grease to keep Ralph Daum's machine running smoothly; something to be quietly brushed under the rug.

But this one was different. The whole local hates Daum so much that everybody united against him. Even the rest of the executive board, for their own reason, were opposing him.

Fifteen minutes after the November membership meeting began, Daum

could see that things were going to be hot. He knew several of his opponents were gunning for him around the candy scandal. Daum banged the gavel three times to end the meeting and told his self-appointed sergeant-at-arms to clear the hall. But dozens of rank and file members called out for everyone to stay seated and to continue the meeting. As Daum stomped

out, he looked back to see that only 14 of the more than 200 members were following him.

The next Monday Daum sent a mailgram to the International asking that Local 72 be placed under administration. His reason? «Concern for the health and safety of the members and out of fear of an outbreak of fight-

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Stop the Split-up of Allis - Chalmers Local 248

Over seven hundred Allis Chalmers workers came out to the December membership meeting of UAW Local 248 to see about stopping the threatened break-up of their union. When the company merged with Siemens of West Germany they announced that they are seeking a separate contract in the Siemens-Allis electrical division.

Talk in the shop and at union meetings made it clear that the workers weren't about to let the company break up the unity that thousands had fought to defend over the years. The 248 leadership sensed that the people were determined. They put up a motion that a strike authorization vote be held on January 7th. The membership unanimously passed it, knowing that the only thing the company listens to is their power to shut production down. The strike was the way they stopped takeover proposals last spring. The rank and file will now have to fight to make sure that the 350 members in the Hawley shop are not cut loose from the union through negotiation and compromise.

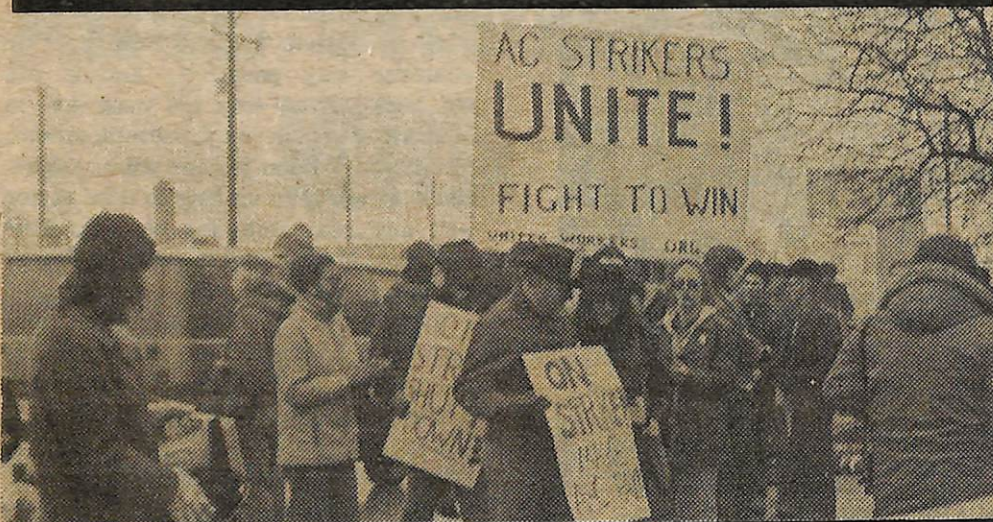
Allis-Chalmers is using a unique offense to pull out of the economic crisis and put the weight of it on the workers. They are combining the usual runaway, takeover and union busting moves with a merger movement. They

are forming joint ventures with European capital to form new corporations.

In the past five years they have merged with Fiat of Italy to form Fiat-Allis in the construction machinery division; with Voith of Germany in the paper machinery division; with Kraftwerke Union of West Germany in turbines; and with Siemens in electrical. They are using these mergers to try and split up the Allis-Chalmers Council, a joint bargaining unit of the UAW locals representing AC workers. The Fiat-Allis merger broke 3500 workers in Springfield and Deerfield, Illinois away from this bargaining group.

They have also been sending hundreds of jobs down south. The union has attempted to organize some of these plants. But there the company uses the threat to move back north. The company recently defeated organizing drives in Jackson, Mississippi and Wichita Falls, Texas.

The road forward is to fight Allis Chalmers on every front. Workers in the north aren't going to wait for the unions to win elections in the South or for labor reform legislation to do the job for them. In the next few months the battle at the West Allis plant will be to «stop the split-up of Local 248!» ■



FROM 1947 TO 1977, ALLIS-CHALMERS WORKERS HAVE LEARNED THROUGH EXPERIENCE THAT STRUGGLE IS THE ROAD TO VICTORY.

Four Elections Voided

Menominee Sellouts Still in Office

The struggle on the Menominee reservation is at a new stage. The people are fighting stalling tactics by the old restoration government, which is trying to delay the election of a new tribal legislature. The election has already been held 4 times with no results, except that the field has been narrowed from 40 candidates to 20.

Five of the seven active members of the current restoration government are running for the 11 member tribal legislature. But eight of the top nine vote getters have been candidates in opposition to this restoration dictatorship.

The restoration committee controls the election process. This faction had a big role in writing the election rules, which are so complicated and

confusing that each time a vote is held they have been able to declare it invalid on some technicality.

When the Restoration Committee was set up in power by the federal government the majority of the Menominees wanted a democratic «General Council» form of government.

The Warrior Society armed takeover of the Alexian Brothers Monastery of two years ago was the most powerful response to the half-baked fake restoration that the government was pushing. This bold action touched off a storm of struggle. Everybody in the tribe was forced to take sides.

Before it was through the restoration forces resorted to a wave of violence and police repression that took the lives of two Warrior Society members.

The people's unity forced Ada Deer, then head of the Restoration Committee, to resign, and it forced the police to curb the brutality.

The resistance won jobs programs and the expansion of plans for a new clinic. Most of all, the Menominee forged a stronger unity and greater understanding of the system than ever.

But still the restoration committee is trying to keep a grip on the tribe. They are bought-and-paid-for agents of outside government and business interests.

They live high on the hog, giving jobs to relatives and friends, using government funds to fix up homes of friends while those who need help the most are often put on the bottom of the list. Tribal members report case

after case of favoritism, mis-use of funds, censorship of the tribal paper and undemocratic, high-handed methods.

During the height of the most recent election, a Restoration Committee inspired lawsuit alleged that the Warrior Society, the Menominee People's Committee, and two other organizations had squandered \$100,000. The suit claims that Tom Laughlin, the actor, had donated the money to renovate the Alexian novitiate in 1975.

In fact, the money was never donated because the Alexian religious order backed down on its promise to sell the old mansion to the Menominee tribe. «The whole suit,» said a tribal elder, «was a political smear. That's the only way they can keep power.» ■



RESTORATION COMMITTEE OFFICIAL TRIES TO DEFEND SELLOUT POLICIES TO A CROWD OF TRIBAL MEMBERS

Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade

Youth, Students Form New Organization

On November 19 and 20 a new organization was born in the small university town of Champaign, Illinois - the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, the youth group of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. More than 600 young men and women plus several dozen observers registered and took part in the convention, despite the fact that it had been postponed and moved several times after authorities had banned it from the Kent State campus and Ohio generally.

They came from the neighborhoods of more than fifteen cities and from almost 70 campuses from New England to Hawaii. Most had been members of the Revolutionary Student Brigade or of one of the local Youth in Action and other youth groups. Others had recently come forward and been working with these organizations in such battles as Kent State and the Wall Street demonstration for jobs for youth this summer. For some, advance organizing for the convention itself had been their first contact. But over the weekend something new and greater than the sum of its parts was created - a national communist organization with its roots in the most important struggles of youth and students today.



ON THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 19, OVER 600 YOUTHS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY ENTHUSIASTICALLY UNDERTOOK THE HISTORIC STEP OF CREATING A NATIONAL YOUNG COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION.

SOLIDARITY SPEECHES

The convention heard speeches from people who had been active as youth in great organizations and battles of the past, like the Young Communist League of the 1930s, SDS and the anti-Vietnam and student upsurge of the late 1960s, and the civil rights and Black liberation

movements. It heard "testimonials" delivered by fighters from different battles around the country - Kent and Wall Street; the anti-eviction battle around the International Hotel in San Francisco; Hawaii, the "island paradise" where the capitalist system operates just like on the mainland; the anti-Klan battle in Ohio; California

students who seized buildings last spring in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa; and a leader of the Iranian Students Association, fresh from their historic demonstration in Washington, D.C.

The convention was organized around the slogan, "The future is ours, if we dare to take it!" This slogan pointed to two of the important questions which were answered by the convention and which the parents of many young people will be asking as well - why have a special organization for youth and why should it be a communist organization?

LIFE WITH A PURPOSE

Youth today face particular problems as they enter society, related to but not the same as those their folks face. Some even get a lot of attention in the media, like a phenomenal unemployment rate and the laughable pay rates at what jobs do exist, a decaying educational system, widespread drug and alcohol abuse, and so on. All these contribute to an even broader contradiction, the fact that the imperialist system cannot offer young people a life with a purpose. All it holds for the

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Traitor to the Working Class Spanish "Communist" Scabs on New Haven Strike

Santiago Carrillo, head of the revisionist Communist Party of Spain, graphically exposed to workers at Yale University recently where he and his party stand in regard to labor. When he stopped at Yale, workers there were in the second month of a hard fought strike. Exhibiting all of the solidarity of a slug, this so-called "communist" crossed their picket line, undaunted by the shouts of "scab!" Then later, while trying to cover over his slimy trail, he proceeded to slander American workers by claiming they had "done nothing to promote democracy in Spain" and said, "The American workers are rightist because they tried to deny me, a communist, the right to speak."

AMERICAN WORKERS FOUGHT IN SPAIN

In the first place, Carrillo knows that thousands of American workers volunteered and fought in the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s against the fascists. These U.S. workers, volunteering to fight in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which was organized by the then revolutionary Communist Party, USA, endured some of the highest casualties of the fighting, with some 1200 out of 3000 who laid down their lives in Spain in the fight against Franco.



SCAB CARRILLO (LEFT), WITH THE ITALIAN SELLOUT, BERLINGUER

As for Carrillo's claims to being a communist, his actions at Yale speak for themselves. Despite what anyone calls themselves, no real communist would ever have crossed that picket line. But Carrillo is no communist. Like the now revisionist Communist Party, USA, and the social-imperialist rulers of the USSR, their conception of socialism has nothing to do with working class rule and stands opposed to this struggle. The aim of their policies is to set themselves up as the new exploiters of their countries on top of the workers, or in the case of the USSR, the continuation and intensification of this rule and its expansion around the world.

Carrillo, together with the like-minded "communist" parties in France and Italy, call themselves Eurocommunists and claim independence from the revisionists in Moscow with whom they bicker. But their politics are basically the same.

The leaders of the Kremlin and most of the so-called "communist" parties long ago abandoned the fight for working class revolution. They claimed that it is no longer necessary to mount an all-out struggle against the present rulers of their countries. Somehow the capitalist would stop exploiting the workers and classes would disappear gradually and peacefully. Real communists call this "revisionism" because it guts the revolutionary heart out of Marxism-Leninism while pretending to uphold it.

REVISIONISM

The "Eurocommunists" are only acting in accordance with the logic of revisionism. They are on their knees before the ruling classes of their countries, begging to be included in the governments, appealing to the capital-

ists in the U.S. for acceptance, and attacking the struggles of the masses of workers as a gesture of good faith.

Carrillo's self-serving efforts in Spain have even led him to grovel before the right wing Popular Alliance for support. Similarly, the Communist Party of Italy, which has made the most inroads into taking over the

present reins of government, have participated in efforts to hold down workers' wages and even called out police in cities they control to break up demonstrations.

SAME FAMILY OF SNAKES

While the revisionists in the USSR have in turn criticized this new breed of revisionism, this amounts to criticizing your own offspring for the mis-

takes you yourself have taught them. Beginning with Khrushchev in the 1950s it was the Soviets themselves who opened up this can of worms by doing away with the necessity of the armed rule of workers and by preaching of "a peaceful transition to socialism." Carrillo's actions, like those at Yale, show that when it comes to taking a stand for the working class and revolution, he and other revisionists like him stand 100% against it. ■

"Bloody Ludlow" Miner Cuts Song of Workers' Struggle

One Spark Music has published a country and Western (C&W) single and it is excellent in every way that counts! The song is "Bloody Ludlow", written and sung by O.V. Hirsch, a West Virginia coal miner.

All we've got to say is, "Merle Haggard, eat your heart out!"

Like Merle Haggard, Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton and Johnny Cash owe their popularity not only to their great voices, but to the content of some of their songs, like "Coal Miner's Daughter", "Coat of Many Colors," "Folsom Prison Blues," and "Oney," all songs about working and poor people, proud of what they are, not ashamed. In fact, there has never been a great C&W singer who hasn't done at least one song like this, except maybe Hank Williams.

But O.V. Hirsch, with "Bloody Ludlow," shows them all up. The reason is simple. The song is about workers fighting back and winning. It stands with the working class 100% and doesn't dilly-dally around.

There have been over 10 mine wars in the last 100 years history of this country, and one of the fiercest of them all was at Ludlow, Colorado on April 20, 1914, Easter Sunday. On that day a tent colony of evicted striking miners, members of the United Mine



O.V. HIRSCH

Workers of America, and their wives and their children, were murdered, massacred, at the hands of J.D. Rockefeller the First's gun thugs and his state militia. A monument erected by the Ludlow miners is still maintained today.

The song is a ballad, a tribute to these working class heroes. There is no self-pity in the song, and no begging the master for better treatment. The song says that the workers, the survivors of the massacre, were undaunted. It says that they got themselves guns and fought back. It says that J.D. Rockefeller was a coward, a

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rich bastard, with fancy clothes and fair hands and that his wealth and power were based on the exploitation of the miners. It says he not only owned the mines and land, but ran the government of Colorado as well. And it says that no matter what he threw at the miners, theirs was the final victory. Over 60 years later, there is a song that says, "We'll remember Bloody Ludlow as a miners' victory 'cause they fought back."

O.V. Hirsch sings his song with all the feeling, the anger, determination and working class optimism that the subject deserves. His distinct style is like nothing else in C&W music,

yet it is firmly based on this form that was developed as he says, "by working people just plunkin' around." The music was developed to communicate the meaning of the song, and likewise with his style of singing. And the synthesis is a simple and straightforward and yet very profound, meaningful style.

It is an example of working class culture that stands as an exposure of the insipid character of even the best of current music on the airwaves, Merle and company included. It is a song that is an inspiration to fight against oppression.

As such, it couldn't have been released at a better time! Following closely on the heels of the 10-11

week strike by 80,000 coal miners last summer against cutbacks in medical benefits, negotiations are on between the UMWA and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, with the contract expiring December 6, and a showdown brewing.

During the last contract, Loretta Lynn, much loved by miners for her song "Coal Miner's Daughter", put out a reactionary anti-coal miner song, "They Don't Make Men Like My Daddy Anymore." The message was that in the old days the men worked hard and were happy being poor and now they want too much. This was a direct attack on the struggle, and enraged coal miners. The capitalists of West Virginia are already all over the TV trying to create public opinion against the coal miners. and even played a jingle, "Keep West Virginia Working" at a University of

West Virginia football game recently. "Bloody Ludlow" stands in opposition to this message and creates public opinion in favor of the miners. ■

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great majority is a life of slaving to make some capitalist rich - if they're lucky enough to find and hold a job - or for a more fortunate and smaller group some meaningless white collar job, perhaps as a paper pusher or a professional, who is needed to keep the system running.

This contradiction runs smack up against the characteristics of youth - their boldness, their innovativeness, their hatred of hypocrisy, their desire to change the world. Just as the issues faced by youth call for special forms of organization to fight around them, so too, do these qualities. The Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade will help channel this rebellious spirit and

mobilize youth to fight back against the attacks coming down on them and against the ruling class which launches those attacks.

But this in itself is not enough. There is only one way that such an organization can provide young people with an opportunity to fight for the bright future they aspire to build. This is by being an organization which openly proclaims that it is not only fighting the wealthy parasites who sit atop this country but fighting to overthrow them and replace their decadent rule with socialism, the rule of the working class, where the laboring millions struggle together to transform all of society. In short, a communist organization.

Similarly, as a communist organization, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade will stand with the

working class, aiding them and learning from them in their struggles against the ruling class and its system. Youth alone cannot bring about revolution, as the powerful upsurge of the late '60s showed, but young people are an invaluable source of energy, strength, and daring for the most revolutionary force in society, the working class.

With the close of its convention, the newly formed Brigade has big tasks in front of it, organizing among students and young people on the campuses and neighborhoods of this country. At the convention, preliminary plans were laid for such campaigns as the fight for jobs for youth, against the Bakke suit which seeks to destroy minority enrollment programs in the schools, and in support of the fight for freedom in Southern Africa.

In the coming years, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade will play an increasingly vital and active role in the struggle of the American people. The best sons and daughters of the working class, joined by youth from other sections of the people, will stand side by side with their parents in the great battles to come. ■

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line, busting pickets and beating people. Seventy-nine strikers were arrested for breaking the injunction. Three women were injured and 22 arrested when they tried to block police cars from getting through.

Afterwards the courts came through for Blue Diamond with kangaroo justice. Eleven men were sent to jail for six months and 68 more are under bond. Any further "offense" and these men will be thrown in jail, too.

In spite of this, the strike continues strong. Blue Diamond is losing big money but to them it is an investment towards keeping Kentucky mines non-union. The miners are fighting, in their words, not only to avenge the injustices of the past, "but mostly for the future so our kids won't have to face this."

The National United Workers Organization is building support for the Stearns strike in conjunction with its overall campaign to support the miners in this year's crucial contract battle. A rally of 50 people was held recently in Louisville, Ky. by the Stearns Strike Support Committee.

Many of these miners are on strike for the first time in their lives. Speaking to NUWO members in Louisville, they said, "We thought it was our own private fight but now we know that the working people are behind us. We working men, coal men, factory men, everyone, are going to have to fight together, Blacks, Puerto Ricans, all of us. This is 130 men and their wives fighting against the state, the government. They say it can't be done but we're doing it."

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Minneapolis where the hearing was being held. The rally united people from the National United Workers Organization of Minneapolis and St. Paul, UWOC from Milwaukee, and welfare groups from several cities in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The speakers united on waging an all-out battle among all sections of the working people against this bill.

The fight against Carter's workfare plan will be a big focus of the demonstration in Washington, D.C., when Carter gives his State of the Union Address in January. ■

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working past the contract expiration!

On bended knees, Miller tries to convince the BCOA that his plan will best be able to subdue the rank and file. But the coal owners, blinded by their own arrogance and greed, think their own program for ending wildcats is better than the weak-kneed Miller's hand in cooling the rank and file by telling them "do it my way or the UMWA will be busted out altogether." Miller has also joined with the coal companies and the capitalist press in stirring up a new wave of red-bait-

ing, aimed at trying to discredit the Miners Right to Strike Committee in the eyes of the rank and file

STAKES ARE HIGH

The miners are up against not only their immediate employers but the whole capitalist class as well. The federal government has made clear that they see drastically increasing coal production as a way out of their "energy crisis" and like the coal owners, are demanding a "stable workforce." They would like to crush the miners struggle precisely because it has been so much in the forefront of the working class. The government has called in Miller and the BCOA for a chat, and you can bet they didn't do it to defend the

interests of the rank and file. The BCOA even managed to pull off their own half time stunt at a coalfield football game, having a high school band play the coal companies' jingle "Keep West Virginia Working Together."

The stakes are high and all indications are that it will be a tough, long strike. The men who risk their lives every day to rip coal out of the ground have shown that they can stand firm in the face of a force even more dangerous than the mines themselves; the bloodsuckers that own them. Workers everywhere have a stake in this fight and a duty to render every possible support to our brothers on the firing line. ■

Wall Street paper speculates on troubled Meatcutter union

The November 1, issue of the Wall Street Journal ran a lengthy article on the Amalgamated Meatcutters. The official daily tip sheet of the biggest capitalists noted that the union is under attack from all sides-automation, union-busting, raids by the Teamsters, corruption, and divisions within the union.

The article reeled off fact after fact that shows the weakening of the Amalgamated:

*membership is down 25,000 from a few years ago, due largely to boxed beef production and automation. Box beef production is the breaking down of a carcass in the packinghouses to 90 lb. sections which need only minimal work to be ready for the supermarket shelves.

*the Teamsters have been recognized in several large Western packinghouses. They have signed dirt-cheap contracts as much as two dollars an hour less than the Amalgamated master agreement.

*no progress is reported in the IBP strike. A combination of all-out resistance by IBP, the world's largest beef outfit, NLRB and federal court rulings, and a do-nothing union leadership have stifled this struggle.

*the top leadership is closely associated with gangsters inside and outside the Teamsters union. In 1974 3 New York City union officials were convicted for tax evasion stemming from bribery schemes that opened New York up to boxed beef.

*nepotism and corruption are widespread in the union. The union chairman of the board, Pat Gorman, is paid \$75,000 a year salary plus liberal expenses. In addition his wife rakes in \$25,000 a year as the union's full-time interior decorator. In earlier years she made as much as \$125,000 a year as an independent decorating contractor for the union.

All of this adds up to a juicy article sounding very sympathetic to the cause of butchers & packinghouse workers.

But rather than pose any directions forward the Wall St. Journal ends by speculating that the Meatcutters union will be split in two. The butchers being taken over by the Retail Clerks union and the packinghouse workers by the Teamsters. In fact the Wall St. Journal was telling all the investors on Wall Street, "They're weak, Go after 'em."

They never mention or take into account the needs and demands of the 550,000 members of AMC & BW, the

struggle for unity of butchers & packinghouse workers, their resistance to union busting, or the potential power that we got a glimpse of during the 15 month long Milwaukee meatcutters strike. ■



When Frank Cimino (right) was made a V.P. of the union, ties were tightened with the teamsters. From Cleveland, Cimino has four relatives working for the Teamsters there. Cleveland Teamsters are headed by Jackie Presser, a \$200,000/hr. holder of various union posts. Presser inherited his jobs from his "semi-retired" father, William. The elder Presser was convicted of extortion from Teamster employees. "I grew up with Jackie Presser," Cimino says. ■

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The only difference is that the rulers in Eastern Europe and Russia call themselves socialists. But facts are facts. Even the Milwaukee Journal recently ran an article saying that Russia wasn't socialist. The factories there are run to make a profit for the small handful who run the country and the trade union leaders there as here are only lackies on the gravy train.

That's why there were riots in Poland in '75 and why there's been an outbreak of strikes in different parts of Russia this year.

The real question the Labor Press should be asking is: who's representing workers' grievances here in the U.S.A.? Most grievances workers here file end up in the waste basket. And going to a union meeting is like asking to be ruled out of order. To more and more working people today it's clear that the only way we can build our strength is by relying on large numbers and forging strong unity.

The Labor Press is attacking The Worker now to cover its own ass. With more attacks coming down from the system, working people are getting more and more angry. The Labor

Press, instead of dealing with the real issues and organizing people to fight, is serving the bosses by raising the specter of communism sweeping over the city. All of this is designed to take the heat off themselves and their sell-out programs. It is designed to take the heat off the system they benefit from.

The Labor Press and top union officials did nothing around the fight for jobs except ballyhoo for the recently passed Humphrey-Hawkins Bill—a bill that provides a lot of hot air but no jobs. They did nothing around the meat-cutters strike to fight union busting until 5 months into the strike. They've done nothing to oppose the systematic discrimination of minorities in their fight for equality. And they've done nothing to fight the cutbacks coming down in unemployment compensation. They've done nothing to fight the runaways at places like Allis-Chalmers, Allen Bradley, Square D and Cutler-Hammer.

Instead of wasting our time and dues money running stupid and vicious articles in the Labor Press asking who represents workers' grievances in Russia, we think the editors of the Labor Press would do better to ask and answer the question, "Why they don't handle workers' grievances in the U.S.A."

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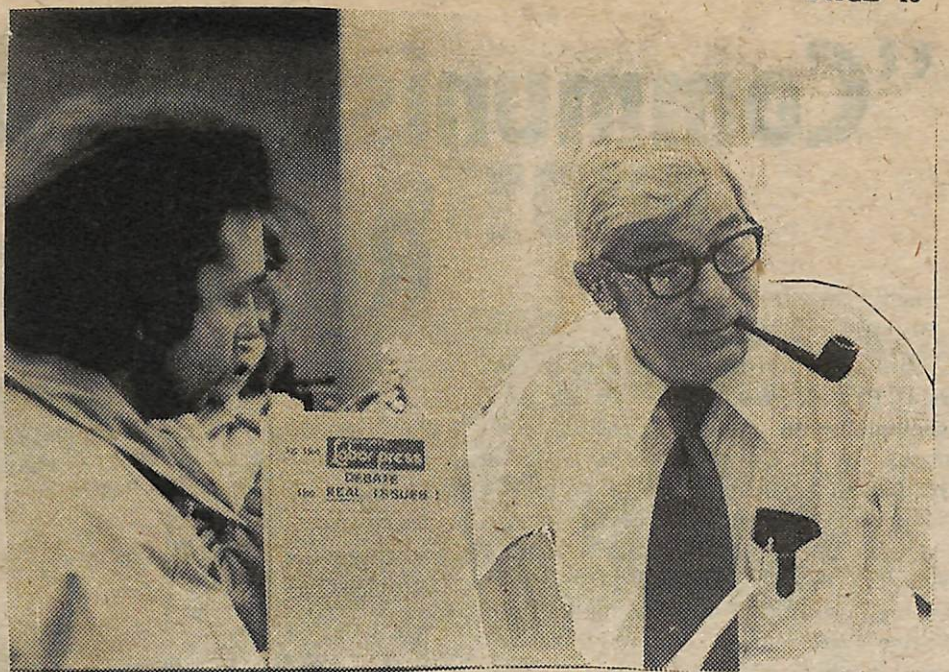
the most basic rights. It is so bad the students and working class in the cities are pouring into the streets and demonstrating against the Shah.

Q. What about the working class? What is their situation?

A. The best way to see the conditions of the workers is through the demands of their struggle. They are fighting for better wages because they are near starvation. They are fighting for better housing and working conditions—even rats will not live in many of these houses, I've seen them. And they are fighting for the right to strike, the main weapon workers have to fight for their needs. Now any striker can be imprisoned for three to ten years—and

tortured, because in Iran prison means torture. Despite this over 60,000 workers have struck in the last two years.

Most workers in Iran are not industrial workers, but handicraft workers and they are even worse off. For example, the famous Persian carpets are woven in dark basements, so the color does not fade, by women and girls as young as five years old. Their small fingers are best for tying the many small knots. As a result, by the time they are 18, many are blind, or have lung cancer or tuberculosis from breathing particles of cloth in the air, or have rheumatic fever or become incapable of having children from sitting on damp floors seven days a week. There is no medical clinic or insurance so if they get sick they are just dumped as if they were never there. Also, although these handicrafts draw high



LABOR COUNCIL HACK, FRED ERCHUL, RED-BAITS AND REFUSES TO DEBATE REAL ISSUES.

prices when they are sold, the people who make them get only 50 or 75 cents a day, less if they are children. Q. You mentioned the Shah is concerned about improving his image over "human rights." How bad is the repression in Iran?

A. Amnesty International estimates there are 100,000 political prisoners in Iran, and many of them are being tortured. The prisoners the Shah had released before his visit had been in jail for many years or had been tortured so badly—blindness, deafness, concussions—so they could not do too much. Even so, they are being rearrested now that the trip is over.

Q. To finish up, I'd like to ask how ISA views the American people—as an enemy or as a friend?

A. Although there was once a lot of anti-American feeling in Iran especially after the CIA-sponsored coup in 1953, this is no longer so true. The ISA smuggles much literature into Iran, which also talks about the struggles of the American workers and students against the government here. Our people are becoming aware of where May Day originated, our people are becoming

ing aware that like Vietnam, the American people oppose the crimes that are committed in other countries under their name. We know about the fights of the students, the mine workers, the steel workers and other parts of the American people.

We are putting a great distinction between the American people and the American government. Our struggle is the same struggle as yours, on different battle fronts. We believe the American people will be as happy when our country is emancipated as we will be when America is free of the imperialists who rule it. ■

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of people who demand work into slave labor, minimum wage jobs. Their plans are designed to pit the unemployed, those on welfare, and youth against workers on the job. These plans have to be exposed for what they are—a union busting attack intended to drive all workers' wages down—and foot the bill for low wage employers.

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SPEAKERS: 2 Stearns strikers from 15 month long strike against Blue Diamond Coal Co. in Stearns, Kentucky
Skip Belano, member of the steering committee of the National United Workers Organization/Miners' Right to Strike Committee and coal miner from West Virginia.

Battle Line Drawn in the Coal Fields

Zimbabwe...

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is still dominated by foreign investment and plunder.

The negotiations are designed to exclude the leaders of the Patriotic Front, the coalition of organizations which has been carrying on an increasingly successful and widespread guerrilla war to liberate the country. It has been the activities of the Patriotic Front that have put the Smith regime up against the wall and forced the U.S. and British ruling classes to put enormous pressures on the government to work out some kind of a deal to end the liberation war. Membership in the Patriotic Front is, of course, illegal, and it is clear that Smith intends to exclude it and its member groups not only from the negotiations, but also from whatever "free elections" may be called.

The phony leaders with whom Smith is planning to negotiate matched his concession with one of their own. They agreed that the Rhodesian "security force", the army, could remain intact. This leaves the white settler regime with its most decisive weapon intact. Smith has shown he will not hesitate to use it. One of the best known sayings of Mao Tsetung here in the U.S. is "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun." This is not, as it is often slandered, the equivalent of the old capitalist principle "might makes right" but a sharp summation of how a state works. No matter what the political form it takes, a state is the dictatorship of one class over another whether it be of a handful of wealthy bankers and businessmen over the

masses of people in Rhodesia—or the U.S.—or the vast majority of laboring men and women over the handful of old exploiters as it is in a socialist country like the People's Republic of China.

This dictatorship rests in the final analysis on the state's ability to keep down the oppressed class, on its laws, its courts and especially on its police and armed forces, special bodies of men whose job is to maintain the existing order. The Rhodesian "security forces" were created and exist to maintain the white settler government and the system of exploitation in Zimbabwe. Only when they are defeated, disbanded and replaced with the armed forces of the people will the Zimbabwean masses truly be in a position to forge their own destinies. This is why every Smith proposal for "settling the problem" has had as its main feature keeping command of the army and police.

Although Smith's speech offered no real resolution to the struggle in Zimbabwe, it was certainly a confirmation that the day of victory for the liberation forces in Zimbabwe is rapidly drawing closer. The desperate maneuvers of the regime to maintain what it can of the status quo expose the depths of its weakness. In fact, Smith's announcement took a big bite out of one of the hands that has fed his government, the white settler regime in Azania (South Africa). There Prime Minister Vorster has been loudly and repeatedly insisting that "one man, one vote" is an unrealistic and inapplicable concept in "his" country. Smith's announcement can only help to further isolate and undercut the South African government and thus speed the development of the liberation struggle there as well. ■

"Communista" Espanol De Rompehuelga En New Haven

Santiago Carillo, jefe del revisionista Partido Comunista de España, recientemente mostró a los trabajadores de la Universidad de Yale su verdadera posición y la posición de su partido acerca de la clase obrera.

Como parte de su visita a EEUU, vino a hablar a Yale el 15 de noviembre, durante el segundo mes de una huelga muy ruidosa por parte de los trabajadores empleados por la universidad. A pesar de los pedidos de los trabajadores, este supuesto "comunista" cruzó las líneas de piquete, entre gritos de "¡Esquirol!" Más tarde, para cubrir lo que había hecho, calumnió a los trabajadores americanos, diciendo que "ellos nunca han hecho nada para promover la democracia en España," y que "esos trabajadores son todos derechistas porque trataron de negar me a mí, uncomunista, el derecho a hablar."

En primer lugar, como Carillo sabía perfectamente, miles de trabajadores americanos sirvieron como voluntarios en España en la Guerra Civil contra los fascistas en los 1930. Estos trabajadores de EEUU tomaron parte en el combate como miembros de la Brigada Abraham Lincoln, organizada por el entonces revolucionario



ROMPEHUELGA CARRILLO (A LA IZQUIERDA) CON EL ITALIANO VENDIDO, BERLINGER.

Partido Comunista de EEUU. Sufrieron bajas entre las más altas de la guerra. De los 2500 que fueron a combatir en España contra los fascistas de Franco, 1200 murieron.

En segundo lugar, este Carillo no es comunista, como comprobó en Yale. Carillo y su partido, al igual que los

dominantes social imperialistas de la URSS, no tienen nada que ver con la lucha de los trabajadores por el socialismo, el mando de la clase obrera. Al contrario, la meta de sus políticas es establecerse como la nueva clase explotadora de sus país por encima de la espalda de los trabajadores, como ya han hecho los falsos "comunistas" de la Unión Soviética.

Según el mismo Carillo, el propósito de su visita a EEUU era ganar el apoyo de los que mandan en EEUU por lo que se llama el "eurocomunismo." Carillo dijo que venía para "vender sumercancia política"—o sea, para explicarle a la clase dominante de EEUU que no deben de tener miedo de Carillo y su partido.

Los partidos "comunistas" de España, Francia y Italia se llama "eurocomunistas" y dicen que son independientes de los revisionistas de Moscú, y que tienen muchos criticismos de estos.

Los líderes de Moscú y la mayoría de los llamados partidos "comunistas" abandonaron la lucha por la revolución proletaria hace mucho. Bajo el liderazgo de Khrushchev en los 1950, se derrocó el mando de la clase obrera en la URSS, y los soviéticos empe-

zaron a predicar que no era necesario el mando armado de la clase obrera—sería mejor, dijeron "la transición pacífica al socialismo." Dijeron que los capitalistas dejarían de explotar a los trabajadores y las clases dejarían de existir pacíficamente. Esto es lo que verdaderos comunistas llaman "revisionismo," porque quita del marxismo-leninismo su corazón revolucionario, aunque pretende a defenderlo.

Estos "eurocomunistas" se comportan conforme con la lógica del revisionismo. Diciendo que ya no es necesaria la lucha revolucionaria de sus países, están de rodillas ante los dominantes de sus varios países, pidiendo permiso a tomar parte en sus gobiernos, pidiendo la aprobación de los capitalistas de EEUU, y atacando las luchas de los trabajadores para mostrar su buena fe.

Los revisionistas de la URSS han criticado a esta nueva marca del revisionismo, pero son criticando a sus propios hijos nomás. Las acciones de Carillo en Yale, tales como las acciones de los revisionistas a través del mundo, muestran que son todos ciento por ciento en contra de la lucha de la clase obrera. ■

Huelga de Mineros...

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liderzo de la unión va desesperado para salvarse a sí mismo a costo de los mineros. El presidente de la unión, Arnold Miller, se ha visto forzado a apoyar el derecho a huelga, pero esto es pura hipocresía nomás. Plantea el "derecho a huelga limitado." Hasta ha planteado que los mineros sigan trabajando después de la terminación del contrato. Al igual que los dueños, aconseja que es preciso restaurar el "orden" en las minas, y habla de los supuestos intereses en común entre los mineros y los dueños que los explotan.

De rodillas, Miller trata de convencer a los dueños que su plan es el mejor método para subyugar a los mineros de base. Pero los dueños de carbón, ciegos por su propia arrogancia y avaricia, piensan que su propio programa para acabar con las huelgas rebeldes es mejor que el del débil Miller. Las amenazas a romper la unión tienen dos fines. Primero, son reales--



LA HUELGA DE MINEROS SIGUE UNA SERIE DE HUELGAS EN LAS MINAS DESDE 1973

lo quisieran hacer. Segundo, estas amenazas fortalecen a Miller para que pueda decirle a los mineros, "miren, hagan lo que digo yo o perderemos nuestra unión totalmente." También Miller se ha juntado con las compañías

de carbón y la prensa capitalista en tratando de fomentar una ola de histeria anti-comunista contra el Comité Minero para Defender el Derecho a Huelga.

Los mineros enfrentan no solo a sus patrones sino también a toda la clase capitalista. El gobierno federal lo ha dejado claro que quiere fomentar la producción de carbón como una salida de su "crisis energética" y por eso al igual que los dueños de carbón, quiere "una mano de obra estable" en las minas. Precisamente porque la lucha minera ha estado entre la vanguardia de toda la clase obrera, quieren aplastarlo. El gobierno llamó a Miller y a las compañías a un mitin, y claro que no discutieron como ayudar a los mineros de base.

Mucho está en juego. Parece que va a ser una huelga prolongada y difícil, de todas maneras. Los hombres que arriesgan la vida cada día en las minas han mostrado que pueden mantenerse firmes frente a una fuerza aún más peligrosa que las minas--los chupasangre dueños de las minas. Esta lucha tiene mucho que ver con los intereses de todos trabajadores, y todos tienen en deber de ayudar en cualquiera forma posible a sus hermanos en las líneas de fuego. ■

CandyGate...

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ing and total chaos erupting."

Why all of a sudden is Daum so concerned with the "health and safety of the members"? Does he mean their "safety" on the shop floor, where as he admits "Grievances are flowing in by the hundreds" or on the assembly lines where speed up is taking its toll?

In his statement to the Kenosha News he said, "...he was concerned about the falsification and misrepresentation of facts conveyed by certain parties to the union causing members to question the purposes of the union and why they are paying dues." He was referring to articles in Fighting Times, the voice of the United Workers Organization

Fighting Times carried an exposure of the Candy Gate scandal as well as blast after blast at his sellout policies in the contract struggle, and in regards to layoffs and violations in the shop.

Over the past 2 contracts at AMC the company has cried poverty. Ralph Daum has obediently called on the workers to give in. In the 1976 contract struggle he said, "We're not an irresponsible union that's going to force AMC out of business like the UAW did at Studebaker. There are times when we have to sacrifice for the good of the company." Or in his most recent statement calling for the administratorship he says, "...at a time when AMC is facing problems of survival and concern for job security and union cooperation is so sorely required..."

The whole situation is too much for

the rank and file to swallow. The workers have lived in an air of intimidation and uncertainty about how long their jobs will be around. They have seen their pay cut by the one-week-on, one-week-off work schedule. They're angered by the whole situation.

Union elections are coming up in May. Thirteen members of the fifteen man executive board have united against Daum. It's not clear what all the internal power struggles are, but it's sure that none of them will lose any popularity by attacking Daum. Most of them never hit him around any other of his sellouts or taken a stand against any of the most recent wave of attacks.

The candy scandal is only the tip of the iceberg. Executive Board expenses over the last few years have included the following: dental clinic (the membership voted against buying it)—

\$160,000; utility building to house a lawn tractor—\$100,000; parking lot \$125,000; display cabinets for pictures from Black Lake resort—\$11,000; 17 executive board chairs for weekly meetings—\$11,000; candy for '76 Christmas party—\$10,150; trailers for voting—\$27,000.

Local 72 alone has a treasury of \$425,000 and is worth \$1,250,00 including land and buildings.

When a union official begins to control finances like this, he becomes a capitalist himself. The top union leaders not only have a rich and easy life in neighborhoods where everybody goes to work in a tie. They also make decisions and control the lives of the workers whose labor is behind all that wealth.

Is it any wonder that they look at every question from the point of view of the boss? ■

Traicion de Sadat no Traerá Paz

En su famosa poema El Infierno, el poeta italiana Dante reserva los círculos más bajo del infierno para los traidores. Con su reciente visita a Israel, el presidente de Egipto Anwar Sadat ha confirmado su reservación.

La visita fue traición a los pueblos y las naciones del Medio Oriente, y principalmente de pueblo palestino cuyos derechos y lucha justa Sadat mu-

chas veces se ha comprometido a apoyar. De hecho, al mismo momento en que Sadat pedía una invitación a Israel en su entrevista con Walter Cronkite, se desenterraron a los cuerpos de más de 100 hombres, mujeres y niños de las ruinas de las aldeas y los campos de refugiados palestinos que habían sido atacados con bombas y cohetes por aviones israelí.

Las palabras de Sadat fueron tan

descaradas como sus hechos. El estado zionista de Israel está construido en tierras robadas del pueblo palestino por la fuerza de armas, empezando con la creación de Israel con el ahuyentar a cientos de miles de palestinos de su patria. Hoy en día, además, Israel ocupa tierras tomadas de Egipto, Jordania y Siria en 1967. Sin embargo Sadat dijo al parlamento israelí, "Nosotros sinceramente les damos la bienvenida a ustedes a vivir entre nosotros en paz y seguridad." ¿Como puede ser más que pura hipocresía la pretensión de Sadat que fue a Israel buscando la paz y la justicia, pues que estas metas sólo pueden ser logradas con el fin del estado zionista y el establecimiento de un solo estado secular en Palestina controlado por las masas de todas nacionalidades y religiones?

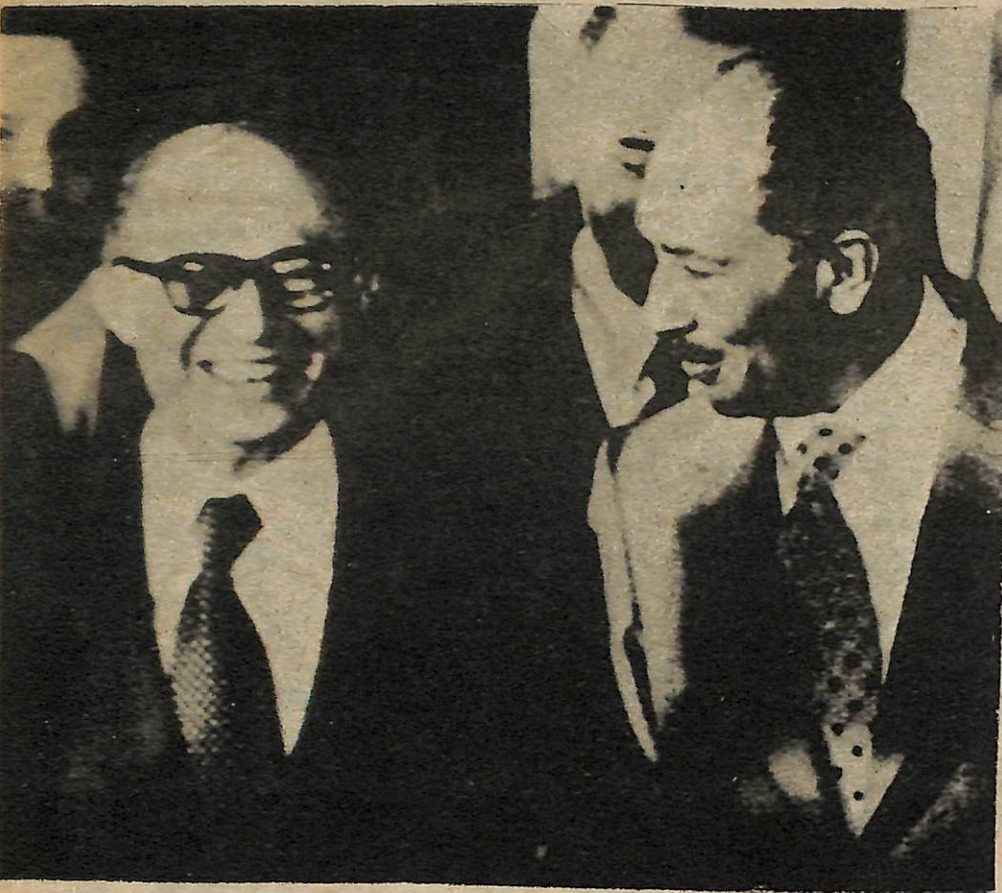
Esta maniobra de Sadat tenía como una de sus metas hacer más importante su papel en las futuras negociaciones del Medio Oriente. También tenía el motivo de suavizar a su propio pueblo. Egipto está en plena crisis económica, con su pueblo siempre más pobre y descontento. Sadat espera que con su papel como "estadista mundial" y una paz falsa, quizás con cualquier concesiones que los israelí le den, sería posible evitar una explosión social dentro de Egipto mismo. Pero puede resultar todo el contrario, por el amplio antagonismo que la traición de Sadat ha despertado, no sólo entre las masas, sino también entre los dominantes de los otros países árabes.

Otro motivo de la maniobra de Sadat era su servicio al imperialismo de EEUU. Les es muy necesario a los dominantes de EEUU la continuación de las negociaciones actuales (diri-

gidas al enterramiento final de la cuestión de Palestina) como la mejor forma de mantener a Israel como su instrumento más consecuente en el Medio Oriente, mientras expandiendo su influencia y control sobre los países árabes y sus vastas reservas de petróleo. Sadat nostró su orientación cuando Cronkite le preguntó como iba a obtener una invitación del Primer Ministro israelí Begin y Sadat le contestó, "¿Por qué no a través del nuestro amigo en común, los americanos?" Hay que añadir que, según lo que dijo Carter en otra ocasión, ¡Sadat llama por teléfono a Carter casi a diario!

Ambos Sadat y Begin están empujando una conferencia sobre el Medio Oriente en Ginebra, la cual seguramente no hará caso a los intereses de los palestinos que ya han sido vendidos por lo más en las negociaciones preliminares. Los dominantes de la Unión Soviética, que están tratando de sacar provecho entre los árabes con sus denuncias de la visita de Sadat, no han dicho nada que podría poner en peligro a la conferencia de Ginebra. Al igual que EEUU, quieren tener esta conferencia donde las superpotencias pueden mostrar su poder en esfuerzos para fortalecer su control sobre las naciones del área.

Pero una conferencia en Ginebra dominada por las superpotencias, del mismo modo como la capitulación traicionera de Sadat a Israel, no puede traer la paz al Medio Oriente. Las masas están resueltas a luchar, no sólo hasta las tierras robadas por Israel en la guerra de 1967 sean rescatadas, sino también hasta que el pueblo palestino recobre su patria, y hasta la victoria revolucionaria contra todas las fuerzas de reacción.



BEGIN Y SADAT TENIAN UNA SONRISA DE MASCARA MIENTRAS PROMETIAN PAZ. EN REALIDAD ESTABAN BUSCANDO LA FORMA DE OPRIMIR LA LUCHA DEL PUEBLO ARABE Y PALESTINIO.

Represion Policial ...

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demonstrar que "el sistema puede funcionar", el fiscal McCann ha observado un jurado indagatorio. Sin embargo a pesar de que los miembros del jurado dijeron que Lyons había muerto a base de actos ilegales, no quisieron acusar a la policía. McCann ahora sigue la recomendación del médico forense que llevó a cabo la indagación. Hasta la fecha, McCann no ha hecho nada.

El pueblo está enojado por lo que la policía está haciendo con impunidad. Y desconfían de la sinceridad de las indagaciones, jurado y investigaciones. Han Visto demasiadas exoneraciones y encubrimiento de lo que hace la policía. Esta vez McCann y los demás funcionarios de la ciudad deben ser forzados a que castiguen a los policías asesinos.

El asesinato de Roger Lyons no es un caso aislado. Va de acuerdo con la política del Jefe Breier. establecidas a través de sus años en el departamento de policía. Ha servido debidamente a los ricos de la ciudad, protegiendo sus reglamentos y su "ley y orden".

El ascenso de Breier hasta lograr el puesto principal se debe a que siempre se mostró dispuesto a favorecer la represión--al diario con los derechos de los demás. En 1940 hirió por la espalda a uno sospechado de caco--con cuatro balazos. En '65 le disparó a otro sospechado que tenía las manos alzadas. Cuando la ira de los negros contra la discriminación se convirtió en rebelión abierta en 1967, Breier protegió el sistema de los ricos. "Si los negros se levantan otra

vez," dijo el, "los volveremos a suprimir."

Breier trata de conducir el departamento de policía como una organización secreta a estilo gestapo. Su cita común ante la prensa es "Ningún comentario". Durante el reino de Breier, el departamento de policía ha sido descubierto en toda clase de escándalos, incluyendo orgías y sobornos. Tienen fama de relajados y traficantes de rompuhuelgas, tal como en Masterlock y la huelga de los carniceros. Y se destacan como racistas, tanto si se trata de invasiones de garitos, el abuso de prisioneros negros o latinos, o simplemente en el uso de insultos raciales.

Siguiendo el ejemplo de Breier, sus esbirros han cometido toda clase de asesinatos, usualmente de negros. Snead Carrol mató a la joven de 19 años Jackie Ford hace varios años. Su cuento es que tropezó subiendo las escaleras y el arma se disparó accidentalmente. Su historia fue tan buena que lo ascendieron. Clifford McKissick, Mary Pendleton, Johnny Starks, Randy Anderson, Charles Daly, Richard Flynn, Jerry Brookshire.... estas son algunas de las víctimas de la época de Breier.

El fatal linchamiento de Roger Lyons es el último abuso que Brier y sus policías han cometido contra el pueblo de Milwaukee. Nos tenemos que deshacer de Brier! El Fiscal McCann pretende oponerse a los métodos fascistas de Brier. Pero mucho de lo que hace es para efectos propagandísticos. McCann y su oficina no pueden ni lograrán parar a los policías rabiosos. Su trabajo consiste en continuar en la corte lo que la policía hace en la calle. En el caso de Lyons,

McCann uso el truco normal de referir el caso al medico forense del condado, Warren Hill. En el pasado, McCann ha usado este titere para absolver a la policía y evadir criticismo. McCann es el mismo que acusó a Maria Rivera, que mide 4'10", de asaltar al policía Dennis Peters, que mide 6'1" y pesa 219 lbs., y sólo anuló los cargos cuando el caso cobró auge como ejemplo de la brutalidad de la policía en la ciudad. Es el mismo McCann que condenó a Ray Mendoza a cadena perpetua en Waupun, y sólo la reacción del pueblo contra esta injusticia causó que la corte suprema del estado ordenara un nuevo juicio. Pero Ray Mendoza permanece en Waupun.

Ahora mismo McCann su unió a la oposición contra Brier--no porque se opone a la brutalidad y la represión. La represión es su negocia. Su posición encaja con la tendencia de la aristocracia que solo le interesa acabar con los hechos más extremados de la policía. El descubrimiento de la pandilla de ladrones y asesinos compuesta de policías en Fox Point, el descubrimiento de un policía, que maltrato a un prisionero en la cárcel del condado, el descubrimiento del uso de cocaína y otras drogas por la policía--todo esto se está exponiendo porque el pueblo no aguanta más la corrupción y la brutalidad de la policía.

Pero para ganar una victoria contra la represión de la policía, el pueblo debe exigir que los policías culpables sean encarcelados por sus crímenes y que el Jefe Breier sea despedido inmediatamente. El pueblo de Milwaukee ha sufrido atropellos por demasiado tiempo a manos de los gorilas vestidos de azul. La ira y la movilización del pueblo puede contrarrestar la brutalidad por parte de la policía.

Fue la ira del pueblo que obligó a que se aclarara el caso de Lyons. Pero la represión de la policía forma

parte integral del sistema. Cuando una clase de parásitos se la pasa estafando, a diario a la mayoría del pueblo, necesitan un grupo de esbirros poderosos para imponer y proteger sus intereses.

La violencia, el vicio y el racismo de la policía sólo cesarán cuando la ira del pueblo se convierte en un movimiento organizado que pueda lidiar contra el sistema que produjo a Breier, Collins y McCann y mató a Roger Lyons.

Desempleados Campaña ..

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Como dijo el Organizador para Desempleados, el noticiero del UWOC, "Si usted está harto de buscar trabajo cuando no hay trabajo, sino está satisfecho con la alternativa de estar sin trabajo o trabajar por un sueldo de hambre, usted debe marchar con nosotros en Washington. Si está harto de trabajos a sueldo de esclavo, sueldos con cuales es imposible pagar la renta y comprar comida y ropa, marche con nosotros en Washington. Si usted rechaza ser usado contra la lucha de los que todavía tienen trabajos, si quiere unirse y luchar contra el verdadero enemigo, marche con nosotros en Washington. Si está harto de las mentiras que echan la culpa por la crisis que enfrentamos a todo el mundo menos que los responsables, el gobierno y las corporaciones hambrientas para la ganancia ¡MARCHE CON NOSOTROS EN WASHINGTON EL 21 DE ENERO."

A la misma vez, la Organización Nacional de Trabajadores Unidos está organizando esta lucha entre los trabajadores empleados. Unificando a los empleados y los desempleados en esta lucha común acerca del desempleo, la campaña del UWOC y la ONTU le dará duro al ataque de Carter.

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Lucha Contra los Ataques de Carter a los Desempleados

"Trabajos son nuestra prioridad máxima," dijo Carter cuando era candidato.

Entonces, ¿que es lo que ha hecho Carter acerca del desempleo desde su elección? Este no ha creado más trabajos. Pero si ha rebajado los beneficios de seguro de desempleo y ha propuesto programas para forzarle a los desempleados a aceptar trabajos del sueldo mínimo. El proyecto de Carter aprobado por el Congreso el marzo pasado rebajó el número de semanas en que uno puede recibir tales beneficios de 65 a 39. Ahora, en la mayoría de los estados, se puede recibir sólo 26 semanas de beneficios. El proyecto de welfare de Carter eliminará 700,000 trabajos del programa CETA (los cuales pagan como \$7800 al año) y crean 1,400,000 trabajos pagando como \$4800 al año. Los recipientes del welfare serán forzados a aceptar estos trabajos, de otra forma perderán todos beneficios. Así es que el Presidente y el Congreso están bregando con el desempleo, y ya planifican más. No es que Carter no ha hecho bastante acerca del desempleo. Es que lo que está haciendo es un ataque contra los trabajadores, los desempleados y los empleados.

Frente a esta ofensiva, el Comité

Organizador de Obreros Desempleados (el UWOC) y la Organización Nacional de Trabajadores Unidos están llevando a cabo una campaña con las demandas "Queremos Trabajos—Trabajos de Unión" y "Alto a los Ataques al Seguro de Desempleo." Están explicando al pueblo lo que Carter y el gobierno están haciendo, y van levantando la lucha en contra de ellos.

A fines de octubre, había manifestaciones en Nueva York, Chicago, Seattle y San Francisco para dejarle saber a la gente de esta ofensiva y avanzar hacia una marcha en Washington, D.C. que va tomar lugar el día del Informe a la Nación de Carter.

Una declaración por parte de un portavoz de la administración de Carter, transmitida por una emisora de televisión en Nueva York a las 2 de la mañana después de las protestas en octubre, dejó claro la posición y los planes de Carter: "Si esa gente quieren trabajos," dijo él, "entonces estas son la clase de trabajos—trabajos a sueldo mínimo—que tendrán que aceptar." Cuando los trabajadores trataron de obtener una copia de la cinta de grabación de este programa, la emisora lo rechazó, aunque es supuestamente ilegal rechazar tal pedido.

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Una Confrontación de Grandes Proporciones

HUELGA NACIONAL DE MINEROS

En este momento 120,000 mineros, miembros de la United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), se están preparando para una prueba de fuerza con los dueños de las minas de carbón.

Los mineros saben que esta no será una batalla fácil. Enfrentan la asociación

patronal de carbón, (La BCOA) la cual está compuesta de los monopolios más grandes del país, incluso, por ejemplo, la U.S. Steel. Los patronos y sus portavoces en el periodismo se están jactando de la debilidad de la unión, pues que los miembros

de la UMWA sólo minan el 50% del carbón extraído en EE.UU., y las compañías tienen acumulado grandes reservas de carbón.

Los dueños de carbón y todo periódico de negocios en el país han declarado que el obstáculo principal a sus ganancias son "la mano de obra inestable y revoltosa." Los patronos demandan una rendición total por parte de los mineros. Dicen que los mineros tienen que acabar con su resistencia a las compañías, que tienen que aceptar el "unionismo responsable" (o sea, vendido), o no van a tener ninguna unión.

Por supuesto los mineros no lo aceptan. Se han defendido durante los años pasados con una lucha fiera y prolongada, la cual ha sido un ejemplo militante para trabajadores a través del país. Repetidamente los mineros han empuñado el arma de la huelga rebelde (no autorizada), no sólo en miles de huelgas contra compañías individuales, sino también en batallas masivas con la participación de dieces de miles de mineros. Los mineros no van a dejarse por vencidos y entregar esta arma. Demandan el derecho a huelga en el contrato.

DEMANDAS DE LOS MINEROS

Antes de la expiración del contrato actual, había una huelga masiva de

seis semanas contra las reducciones en el seguro de salud. Los mineros estiman mucho sus tarjetas de salud que ganaron a través de generaciones de lucha. Pero los dueños están amenazando a la salud de los mineros y sus familias para acabar con la resistencia. A causa del daño a la producción por las huelgas, dicen las compañías ya no tienen fondos para pagar el seguro de salud y las pensiones. Dicen que si hay huelga en diciembre, van a dejar de pagarlos en enero. Los mineros están demandando que se devuelven todo lo que ha sido recordado hasta ahora y que en el futuro los fondos sean garantizados que no sean atados a la producción jamás.

Además de estas dos demandas claves, el Comité Minero para Defender el Derecho a Huelga, que queda en el seno de la lucha de base organizada, ha planteado cuatro demandas más: igualar y aumentar las pensiones; un programa de seguridad vigilado por los mineros de base; un aumento de sueldo bien grande; y fuertes derechos de trabajo para proteger la senioría y servir contra el hostigamiento y otros abusos.

Mientras los mineros de fila incluso el Comité se van preparando para un choque contra las compañías, el alto

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Parese a Breier y la Represión Policial

Roger Lyons está muerta y los policías que lo mataron todavía están libres. Dean Collins, el policía que supervisó el asesinato de Lyons ha sido ascendido, a teniente por la Comisión de Bomberos y Policías, bajo la recomendación personal de Breier.

El pueblo de la ciudad se siente alborotado porque una vez más la policía ha matado a sangre fría. Como indicó un testigo, "como una manada de lobos..." La familia de Lyons, sus amigos y mucha otra gente que sufren el hostigamiento diario y la brutalidad de la policía se sienten ofendidos y demandan justicia. Intentando

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DEAN COLLINS