



STRIKING WORKERS AT PULLMAN-STANDARD saw for themselves how Sadlowski is nothing but a strikebreaker. (Call Photo)

STRUGGLE AT PULLMAN STANDARD

SADLOWSKI SCABS ON WILDCAT

Hammond, Ind.—During a recent week-long wildcat strike at Pullman-Standard here, District 31 Director Ed Sadlowski was exposed as a strikebreaker to all the workers, despite his carefully cultivated image as a “militant” defender of the workers’ interests.

Pullman-Standard workers, members of USWA Local 2534, had walked out over demands to

end wage-cuts and speedup after the company started paying workers the same rate for each five railroad cars that they used to receive for four.

At first, the workers massed to stop scabs and prevent the deliveries of goods. But true to form, the local union president was the first to cross the picket-lines.

Following this, Sadlowski

came down to the picket line and ordered the strikers back to work. In response, the angry workers drove Sadlowski and the local president off the picket lines.

Later on, the workers were told that Sadlowski and his sidekick Jim Balanoff would be returning to make another attempt to get the workers back. At this point, strikers started booing

and shouting, “Ed Sadlowski, you can’t hide; we know you’re on the company’s side!”

The workers’ anger was completely justified, for as it turned out, even the company and the court hailed Sadlowski’s efforts to smash the strike. Pullman-Standard got an injunction against the strike, which stated, “The international’s conduct, in-

cluding a personal appearance by the District Director (Sادلowski) and a telegram from the president, provide evidence of good faith to end the strike.”

Besides providing an exposure of Sadlowski’s role, the wildcat also revealed the opportunist stance of the so-called Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). During recent elections for the USWA presidency, the RCP supported Sadlowski’s candidacy in the interests of “building the strength of the rank and file.”

But when Pullman-Standard workers began condemning Sadlowski for his scab activities, the RCPers were left holding the bag. They had to remain silent, unable to explain how Sadlowski’s efforts at crushing the strike fit in with the RCP’s earlier claims that he would “fight” for the workers’ interests.

Although the workers were forced back by the combined efforts of the company, the courts and bureaucrats like Sadlowski, the fight against wage-cuts and speedup continues. Pullman-Standard workers have seen for themselves that when it comes to the liberal union misleaders, a scab is still a scab—no matter how much “militant” rhetoric they try to disguise themselves with.

