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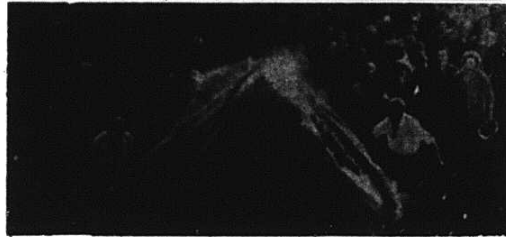
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## The CIA's Crimes



Patrice Lumumba of the Congo, murdered after a lengthy CIA plot.

### Murder, Terrorism,



Northern Portugal, 1975: Millions of CIA dollars used by the Catholic Church, right-wing parties and fascist groups to organize riots, bombings and looting of left-wing offices. All designed to create a climate of chaos.



One example among dozens: the 1965 CIA-backed takeover of the Dominican Republic. US marines helped finish the job.

### Conspiracy

# AND FORD SAYS 'MORE'

## PITTSBURGH TEAMSTERS TAKE ON LOCAL OFFICIALS

Teamsters for a Decent Contract supporters and local Teamster officials squared off in Pittsburgh Saturday, February 15.

The TDC turned out hundreds of supporters to back its resolution on contract demands.

Normal attendance at Local 249 meetings is about 300. This time the hall was packed with 500 members. The extra 200 were clearly TDC supporters.

The meeting began with an uproar, when the Executive Board announced that it would not allow TDC and UPSurge supporters to use the union hall.

Disension continued throughout the meeting. TDC speakers generally got loud cheers and applause, while the president could only muster token support from his backers.

Finally, however, the local president, Tom Fagan, announced that he would not allow

the TDC resolution to come to the floor.

Then he called TDC "dual unionist." At that point, however Rege Conroy, the TDC co-chairperson, challenged Fagan to press charges against the "dual unionists."

Conroy said that if Fagan believed the charges to be true, he had "a responsibility to act." Needless to say, Fagan then changed the subject.

In the end, the TDC motion never got to the floor. Still, Pittsburgh TDCers felt they won a real victory. They exposed Tom Fagan and the Local 249 leadership. And they demonstrated that they could make a strong showing.

Now they expect even larger turnouts for their next TDC meetings, and for the national TDC Day of Action, on March 13. □

More Teamster coverage—pages 5 and 8.

by Dan Posen

With noise and fanfare, Gerald Ford unveiled his glittered plans to "reform" the Central Intelligence Agency. They are a sick joke.

### • They would make the CIA stronger.

The Administration wants to impose heavy criminal penalties on any government worker who reveals "classified" CIA or other government crimes. In place of public disclosure, there is an "Intelligence Oversight Board." This is a three-man panel of career government hacks and CIA hangers-on.

### • They would create a permanent cover-up of the CIA.

CIA Director George Bush will be in charge of all intelligence operations. As Director of Central Intelligence he will centralize the operations of CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency and others.

Here's what this "independent board" looks like. Robert D. Murphy is a retired career diplomat and

former Under Secretary of State. Stephen Ailes, LBJ's Secretary of the Army, is one of the CIA's biggest cheerleaders.

Then there's the third member, Leo Cherne. Cherne for the last 30 years has been on the Board of Directors of an outfit called the International Rescue Committee. The Committee calls itself a "Private agency for aid and resettlement of victims of totalitarianism." That means working for the U.S. government under contract. It is the agency which ran last year's brutal "Vietnam refugee" program, including kidnapping Vietnamese children and shipping them to the U.S. as "orphans"—even when their parents were still alive.

Under Ford's proposal, it will be business as usual for the CIA. But courageous individuals like Phillip Agee, the ex-CIA agent whose exposures of CIA crimes triggered this scandal, would be legally lynched for telling the truth. And newspaper reporters who refuse to reveal sources of information would be jailed for contempt of court.

All this is called "helping the intelligence community protect the security of our free society." It's really nothing more than another major step toward the American police state. □



# Murder Is Big Business

What does this picture mean to you? Does it look like United States ex-soldiers training to be sent to Angola to murder people struggling for freedom? Or does it look like "black capitalism" in action?

The answer may surprise you—in both!

Roy Innis is the leading public recruiter of black men to be mercenaries in the Angola war. He leads the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). CORE was once a progressive, militant organization struggling for black freedom in this country.

But CORE gave up fighting

for most black people years ago. It adopted a middle-class "black capitalism" strategy. Innis was one of the first—and few—blacks to fall for this fraud. Innis knows that supporting "black capitalism" means supporting U.S. imperialism. In this case Innis is helping the U.S. keep capitalism and colonialism alive in Africa.

### DESPERATE

So Innis is appealing to the desperate black ex-GIs who returned from Vietnam without jobs, without a future, without any training—except the Army's training to murder.

Out of hundreds of thousands of them, he found a few dozen who bit. With CIA help, they are training to fight against MPLA—on the same side as the white fascist regime of South Africa.

Innis is not recruiting mercenaries out of good-hearted patriotism. It's a sound business deal. No doubt he makes a nice commission under the table on each recruit. And he won't be the one thrown into battle to die, fighting his black brothers and sisters.

But that's the American way. Capitalism is capitalism, white or black. And business is business. □

# labor notes

by Jim Woodward



Usually workers are permitted by law to wear union buttons while at work. Recently, a Texas hospital appealed to the National Labor Relations Board, saying that the buttons were hazardous to the patients' health. The NLRB judge agreed. You'd think there's not that much chance of those little, sharp-pointed clasps accidentally stabbing a patient. And you're right, that's not even the problem. The hospital claims that some patients are so upset by the sight of a union button that their health is endangered when they see one. Now if the bosses were like those hospital patients, we'd have it made...

General Motors has reported its profits for 1975: one and a quarter billion dollars. GM is congratulating itself, because those profits are up 32% over 1974. But the cost of those profits is also enormous—60,000 GM workers are still laid off. If the company has its way, some of them will never go back to work.

Telephone workers in Seattle recently found that their union officers are well fed—because they've been treating themselves to dinner four times a month at the membership's expense. In addition, the entire executive board of the CWA Local 9102 has been taking itself to dinner once a month. That's also paid for by membership dues. "Trunk Line," the newsletter of Seattle United Action, reports that one dinner bill for just the executive board was \$122.

Twenty-four thousand workers will be out of jobs in another six weeks when the W.T. Grant-Co. closes. A Grant spokesman didn't know whether the 24,000 workers would get any severance pay, but said there was \$8 million set aside for workers the company has already laid off. There are 52,000 in that category. That's \$153.85 each.

Frances J. Marino, an "organizer" for the Teamsters Union in Philadelphia, also known as a "tough enforcer," was found dead recently. Big Bobby, as he was called, was a convicted extortionist and blackmailer and was also rumored to have been involved in the 1967 murder of a member of Local 107. Marino was found shot to death in a downtown Philadelphia office building. He had been shot five times—in the head, hip, back, chest and stomach. He was found lying in a pool of blood next to a baseball bat. So long, Big Bobby.

What's happening where you work? Send items for this column to: Labor Notes, Workers' Power, 14131 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, MI 48203. Or phone 313-869-5965.

# Projectionists Locked Out

AMHERST, Ma.—Eight members of Local 232 of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators were locked out of their jobs at the Campus Cinema of February 1. The projectionists had been working without a contract since July. The company that owns the cinema, Cate Enterprises, has refused to negotiate.

The workers have set up a picket line in front of the cinema, explaining their situation to moviegoers and asking them not to enter the theatre.

They have been extremely successful, cutting the average daily attendance by 50%.

The Amherst branch of the Inter-

national Socialists has been active in generating publicity for the support of the strikers. □

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The strength of the PRP is in the factories. That's where the greatest fighting power of Portuguese workers is concentrated. They need our support for the resources to make sure the PRP's ideas are spread throughout Portugal.

# \$\$ for the Revolution

This glass worker, named Cruel, is a revolutionary Portuguese worker. He is a leading militant in the struggles in his factory in the industrial town of Marinhe Grande, where he has worked for many years. Cruel is a member of the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat (PRP).

A new life began for Portuguese workers on April 25, 1974. That's the day the 50-year fascist regime was overthrown. For the first time they were able to speak, to meet, to organize, to strike without the danger of immediate torture and death.

But Portugal's deepening crisis means that all the gains made by Portuguese workers since 1974 are now threatened. They can be protected only by the workers taking power in Portugal—getting rid of the factory owners, bankers

and landlords who kept fascism in power for 50 years.

Either the powerful Portuguese working class will make its socialist revolution, or a new brutal right-wing regime with fascist support will emerge.

The PRP is the only political party in Portugal that can lead the socialist revolution. Its members, like Cruel, are organizing for the revolution in hundreds of crucial factories, in shipyards, in agricultural villages.

Financial support for the PRP is critical. From a small party it must become a mass party of tens of thousands of workers. Every issue of its paper Revolucao, every leaflet, every PRP organizer is crucial. The expenses of this are enormous.

The International Socialists and Workers' Power are raising money for the

PRP. This week we are halfway through our fund drive. Thousands of dollars are still needed.

YOU CAN HELP. Every IS branch will be holding a fund-raiser—a potluck dinner, sale or other activity—for the PRP.

In addition, a show of excellent slides from revolutionary Portugal is available. It is an excellent tool for raising money. It can be obtained by writing the Workers' Power Portugal Solidarity Campaign.

Even better, you can send money today. Every cent goes directly to the PRP. That means building the Portuguese Revolution—and the socialist future right here at home.

Send contributions to: Workers' Power Portugal Solidarity Campaign, Room 225, 14131 Woodward, Highland Park, MI 48203. □



# RACIST RAMPAGE BUILDS IN BOSTON

by Kate Stacy

Boston's racist anti-busing movement has turned to well-organized and massive street rioting to stop school integration.

Their aim is to plunge the city and the schools into chaos in hopes that court-ordered busing will then be halted.

This new tactic began with well-coordinated attacks by white students against black students in four high schools several weeks ago.

Hundreds of students, and some parents, were involved in vicious battles lasting for hours.

On February 12, a meeting of black and white parents was broken up by several hundred anti-busing thugs, led by ROAR (Restore Our Alienated Rights).

The meeting was sponsored by a monitoring committee set up by the federal judge to oversee the desegregation plan.

The racists forced the meeting to adjourn by loud shouting, kicking and slashing chairs, and ripping up piles of literature.

They took over the hall for several hours, led in chants and cheers by Pixie Palladino. Palladino is a newly-elected School Committee member (Board of Education) and a leader of ROAR.

Then, on February 15, 3000 racists launched a major battle with police in front of South Boston High School.

Using citizen band radios to coordinate the attack, they were armed with tear gas, bricks, stones, bats studded with nails and lead pipes.

The riot was billed as a "Father's March," supporting the "Mothers' Marches" against busing that have been occurring regularly.

Between 40 and 50 police were injured, and an equal number of racists. Only about a quarter of the injured came from South Boston. People came from all over town to participate in this battle.

The riot was organized by husbands of members of the South Boston Information Center. The Centers are the community groups through which ROAR organizes.

This attack was sponsored by the same group that sponsored a Ku Klux Klan rally in Boston last year.

They have announced plans to march again on February 29—with or without a permit.

Many of ROAR's leaders, like Palladino and Louise Day Hicks are city officials. Hicks is the newly elected president of the City Council. They are also members

and active supporters of the Democratic Party.

On February 16, the Charlestown section of Boston erupted. The fighting there was described by the police as "well-organized."

Street barricades were set up. Wire was strung across some streets to dismount motorcycle cops.

## TWO YEARS

Racist organizing, terror and violence has been building in Boston for two years now. Innumerable black people, particularly students, have been victimized—often brutally.

But it was not until the police were seriously attacked that the city began to act to stop the racists. Their previous inactivity was encouragement to racists to attack blacks.

Admitting in an interview that blacks' rights have been trampled on for two years, the police commissioner now says his force will start protecting them.

And a grand jury is finally being called to investigate ROAR.

The police are acting only because they are threatened by

massive civil disorders.

The city did not care if racists organized and grew—and thousands of black people suffered at their hands. The city only cared that the violence be kept quiet and isolated.

This new "protection" will be dropped as soon as the heat is off the police.

Black people in Boston will have been tremendously weakened by

the prolonged attacks on them. But they have to organize in their own defense. There is no one else to rely on.

Black and white workers across this country have to join in that effort in every way possible. Mob violence has to be halted.

ROAR should be destroyed. A defeat of Boston's blacks will be a defeat for all of us. □

## Detroiters Fight Violence In The Schools

by Frank Runninghorse  
and Kate Stacy

DETROIT—Tension between students is rising in some schools that have increased black enrollment because of the new busing plan.

Incidents of harassment or confrontations between black and white students are increasing. Black students are being unfairly victimized by administrators and teachers for fighting back.

At Columbus Middle School black students who have been organizing to fight racial abuse are suspended for up to four days. While white students are allowed to call home when there is trouble in the school, blacks students often are not.

Columbus, previously almost all-white, is located in the heart of anti-busing territory on Detroit's northeast side. The school is now about 45% black.

Women Against Racism, a pro-busing integrated group of women and parents, is organizing in the community to defend the Columbus students.

They are distributing a leaflet door-to-door in the neighborhoods that black students are bused from

Red Tide Issue sold at Osborn.

to get to Columbus. In part the leaflet says:

"STUDENTS WERE RIGHT"

"We feel [Columbus] students were right to defend themselves and each other. But violence is not the way to handle the situation... If parents and community members had gone to Columbus immediately to demand protection and an end to unfair treatment of black students, the situation could have been cooled down."

Osborn High, another school with a now much higher percentage of black students, is also experiencing problems. Osborn students who are members of the Red Tide have been passing out their newspaper there. The Red Tide is the youth section of the International Social-

ists. The newspaper has one major theme—Smash racism and support busing.

## COWARD

One Osborn student pulled a switch blade on a Red Tide member. Both students are white. Later this coward was caught without his knife and forced to apologize.

The next day this same racist thug and five of his friends trapped the Red Tide member in the bathroom. They roughed him up and threatened him.

The Red Tide is now mobilizing at Osborn to isolate those racists and defend their political activity. They are dedicated to stopping any Bostons before they get started. □

## What We Think

# Racism And The Democratic Party

For almost two years South Boston has been the scene of near race riots. Racist organizing against blacks began over the question of busing. It now dominates all aspects of life in Boston. Black children have been viciously attacked in and out of the schools. Roving gangs of whites have beaten lone blacks. Signs carrying racist filth have decorated marches and car caravans.

## UNCHALLENGED

The violence against black people grew unchallenged until the racists attacked the police. Now the city officials are up in arms.

Boston is also now the scene of election glitter. All the major candidates are thumping Massachusetts for support in the primaries.

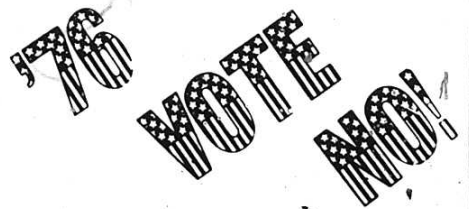
The Democratic Party calls itself the champion of black people. The situation in Boston offers the Democratic Party hopefuls a chance to prove it.

Workers' Power spoke with the campaign headquarters of the major Democratic Party hopefuls. We asked for their public statements and program for dealing with the racist violence sweeping the Boston area.

- BIRCH BAYH: No public comment. According to his press secretary the question has not come up.
- JIMMY CARTER: No public statement.
- FRED HARRIS: No public statement.
- HENRY JACKSON: He "deplores the violence of the last few days." [Violence directed against himself and the police—ed.] His only solution to anti-busing violence is to outlaw busing.
- SARGENT SHRIVER: No public statement.
- MORRIS UDALL: No public statement.

As the election draws nearer whoever is the Democratic Party candidate will call on all blacks to support him. And when speaking to black audiences he will make endless promises never meant to be kept.

The Democratic Party says it is the champion of black people. Workers' Power says it is not. We think the continuing racist violence in Boston proves it. □



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An important demonstration will be held Friday, February 20. It will demand the immediate release of all left-wing officers, revolutionary soldiers and workers imprisoned in the government's crackdown after November 25.

The struggle for the release of prisoners has been building for two months, since mid-December. Several militant demonstrations have been attacked by riot police and National Guard with clubs and machine-guns.

Friday's demonstration was called by the anti-repression organization, CLARP (Committee for the Liberation of Revolutionary and Anti-Fascist Prisoners). CLARP was formed recently to fight repression of workers and soldiers.

This demonstration is supported by the

## PORTUGAL-Wednesday, February 18

Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat (PRP) and by the Left Socialist Movement (MES), Popular Democratic Union (UDP) and Popular Socialist Front (ESP).

It has also won support from a number of workers' commissions from Lisbon, and the popular assembly ("Committee of Struggle") at Setubal.

A second demonstration has been announced by other workers' and tenants' committees which are controlled by the Communist Party. Their demonstration will be held on the same day, at the same time, for the same purpose as the CLARP demonstration—but a different place!

Working class unity is critical in the struggle against government repression and right-wing terrorism. Despite this need for united action, the Communist Party organized this second demonstration for one purpose only—to try to prevent workers' organizations from endorsing the demonstration called by CLARP.

### CP REFUSED TO UNITE

Organizers from CLARP approached the CP-dominated workers' committees, asking them to cancel their separate demonstration and join a united one. The CP turned them down.

The CP wants to use its position in the workers' movement to increase its own power in the repressive government. It is opposed to a united revolutionary struggle of the working class in Portugal.

That is exactly the policy the CP carried out on November 25. Then, CP officers encouraged paratroopers to revolt, but the Party broke its promise to organize workers' support for them. As a result the whole working class was set back.

Now the CP is ready to sacrifice the interests of the victims of November 25, among them many members of the CP itself. The Portuguese revolutionary left, through CLARP and in the new wave of economic struggles, are organizing to rebuild the unity of spirit and action that Portuguese workers need for victory. □

# JAMAICA

## CIA TARGET

by Howard Spencer

KINGSTON, Jamaica—The CIA is now attempting to organize a right-wing coup in Jamaica. It is organizing and financing gang style warfare, which threatens to send this Caribbean nation into chaos.

In the past six weeks there has been a rampage of shootings and bombings. There have been six killings, 33 shootings, and 64 robberies.

The targets of the rampage have been members of the ruling

People's National Party (PNP), the party which controls the government.

They have been murdered by the CIA supported, right wing Jamaica Labor Party. In one incident, early last month, JLP terrorists invaded Trench Town, a working class area of Kingston, shooting, beating, bombing and burning.

Tanks had to escort fire engines into the area, but by the time the fires were out, hundreds of families had been forced to flee, leaving their homes in charred ruins.

The PNP, led by Prime Minister

Gerald Manly, calls itself "democratic socialist." This means that it supports capitalism in Jamaica, plus a few liberal reforms.

The businessmen and bankers of Jamaica, and their protectors the U.S. imperialists, are not satisfied with the liberal government. They want a right-wing, strong arm government, not reforms. They also insist on straight forward, brutal repression for Jamaican workers.

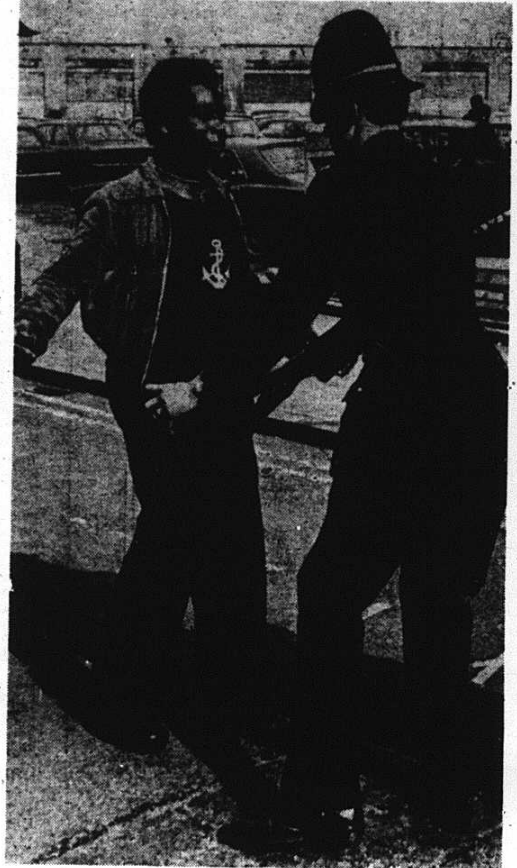
The chief victims of all this violence, however, are not the liberal politicians, but poor and working class people. They are divided and used by each of the ruling parties, and the imperialists, to murder one another.

Corrupt politicians from both parties benefit from the corruption of this system. They encourage the murderous gang warfare on both sides.

### LAW AND ORDER

Meanwhile, the PNP is doing nothing to stop the threatened coup. It mainly tries to convince the capitalists that it is a "law and order" government. And it does this with wage controls, police buildups, and army harassment of workers organizations.

None of this stops the right wing politicians and businessmen, who have no trouble getting gun licenses and organizing gangs. It only weakens ordinary workers who need guns, and the right to organize to defend themselves. □



Jamaica's businessmen and bankers want an even more right wing government.

# Free Angola

## Faces S. Africa Threat

The liberation of Angola is complete. The MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) has taken every important city, the ports, the Benguela railroad, and almost the whole interior.

For the first time 450 years, the people of Angola have won control of their own country.

The war against CIA-backed mercenary and puppet armies is nearly over. But peace is still a long way off.

Thirty miles inside Angola is the South African army. It has occupied the Cunene dam project in southern Angola.

The dam represents a major investment of South African capit-

al. It is also a major tool for keeping South Africa's illegal control of Namibia (South West Africa).

### BUSINESS INTERESTS

South Africa's white racist government says it has occupied southern Angola to protect its "legitimate business interests." That means it is there to create a "buffer zone" between Angola and Namibia.

It is there to crush Namibia's liberation movement, SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization). It wants to prevent SWAPO from setting up any bases in southern Angola.

### ALL-OUT WAR?

South Africa's Prime Minister, John Vorster, says his army will withdraw when MPLA shows it will respect South Africa's interests. That means MPLA must refuse all support to SWAPO and guarantee South African control of the Cunene dam project.

South Africa's invasion of Angola is an invitation to all-out war.

South Africa threatens to use its whole armed forces, and its air force base at Grootfontein, to turn all of Angola into clinders. It will also count on backing from its loyal ally, the United States government.

But South Africa's white racists have already gambled once in Angola—and lost. If these Nazi-style rulers choose to try a bloodier second round now, all their power in southern Africa may go up in flames. The war could rapidly spread to Namibia, Zimbabwe, and half a dozen other states.

The truth is that South Africa has no legitimate interests in Angola and Namibia at all.

The Cunene dam rightfully belongs to the people of Angola and Namibia.

All the wealth of South Africa

and the surrounding countries rightfully belongs to the black workers who have slaved for generations to create it.

There will be no peace in Angola or southern Africa until the workers seize that wealth—every penny of it. □



MPLA has won Angola's independence fight...



...But South African troops remain in Angola to stop the liberation movement in adjoining Namibia...



South Africa blew up this bridge trying to stop Angola's independence... are they willing to risk another war?



# TEAMSTER BARGAINING

## Shrouded In Secrecy

### THIS MAN CAN BE FOUND SELLING OUT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

The Teamster contract expires March 31. With five weeks to go, things do not look good for IBT President Frank Fitzsimmons.

Fitz hoped to sell out early with no opposition. But the rank and file of the Teamster union has something else in mind.

**Organizing into Teamsters for a Decent Contract, they have let Fitz know that they are "Ready to Strike" for: fair wages and cost-of-living protection; job protection; and a fighting grievance procedure.**

On the other side are the trucking bosses. They too have made their position clear. They not only want to give little—they want to take back a lot.

Negotiations resumed in Chicago between the IBT and the TEI (Trucking Employers Inc.) February 9. They are being conducted in total secrecy.

Rumors abound, but one is repeated more than most. "The bosses want blood."

• Lost grievances would cost the union \$10. It would be paid to the Joint State Committee.

The purpose of this losers' fee is to discourage the union from filing grievances, especially on minor offenses or as a harassing tactic.

• The work week would become five consecutive days, thus eliminating all premium pay for weekends.

• Warning letters would be in effect for 12 months rather than nine.

• Regular laid off workers called back for casual and temporary work would be re-classified as casuals as far as wages, working conditions and fringe benefits are concerned.

• Three more offenses over which a worker could be fired would be added to the existing six: "Unprovoked assault on a fellow employee," "gross insubordination," and "willful damage to employer's property."

#### SECRETS

Although the progress—or lack of progress—in negotiations is being kept secret from rank and file teamsters, it is not hard to figure out why the bosses are fighting so hard.

The trucking giants are on the offense. They want to monopolize the industry.

Small companies are being squeezed out or bought out by bigger and bigger companies. In the end, only a few companies will emerge.

These companies in turn are wholly or partially owned by even bigger companies who include among their holdings sections of industry, government, organized crime and every other aspect of our society.

For example, Leaseway is a holding company that owns 80% of Anchor Motor Freight which hauls for General Motors, which owns the other 20%.

Leaseway also owns 80% of Signal Delivery, which hauls for Sears, which owns the other 20%.

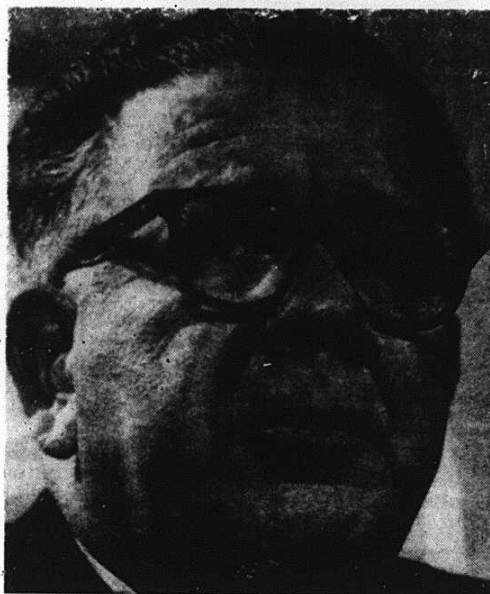
The other part of the process of monopolization is tightening up on the workforce. This means layoffs and deteriorating working conditions.

Bigger companies feel they have more power to do this. The goal of monopolization is profit.

For example, while Signal is permanently laying off workers around the country, it made a 27.7% rate of profit after taxes over the last 12 months.

#### JOBS LOST

As monopolization continues, thousands of jobs will be lost. For those still working, conditions like



those at the brutal United Parcel Service will have become the norm—not the exception.

The TEI's position of holding tough at negotiations is part of their strategy. They want contractual agreement to what they have been doing in practice.

**They must be stopped now.** While the trucking companies plead poverty they are raking it in. The money is there. Leaseway is not the only going concern.

But the trucking bosses will not give in easily. They have gotten their profits ruthlessly and they will try to hold onto them ruthlessly.

Now is the time to strike. Business is going through a "recovery" even though very little trickles down to working people.

In a few more years the economy will again go into recession and depression. The capitalist system is coming apart at the seams. Unless the bosses are stopped now, things will get worse.

Fitzsimmons will not organize a strike—unless he is forced to. He must be forced.

The TDC slogan "Ready to Strike" must become the organizing cry of every teamster in the country. □

#### EMPLOYERS' DEMANDS

The employers list of proposals already submitted for the Western States Freight Supplement bears this out.

Among other things, the industry is demanding:

• The employer would have to pay into the health and welfare fund only after 80 hours worked per month. It is now 40 hours.

## ATTENTION TEAMSTERS

Here is a special offer.

This offer is a must for every rank and file Teamster. It will provide the ammunition for the days ahead: the struggle for a decent contract, the possibility of a strike, the fight to build a rank and file movement.

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**Workers' Power.** The newspaper that carries more reports on rank and file Teamster activities than any other paper in the country, including both the Teamsters for a Decent Contract (TDC) and UPSurge (the movement of United Parcel Service workers).

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## UNITED ACTION HARASSED

by D. Rose

SEATTLE, Wa.—Several shop stewards were decertified by fiat of the president of Local 9102, Communication Workers of America, at the union's regular monthly membership meeting February 10.

The stewards are members of a national rank and file group, United Action.

Seattle UA has advocated elected shop stewards as part of their campaign for union democracy and a fighting union since the group formed in Seattle a year and a half ago.

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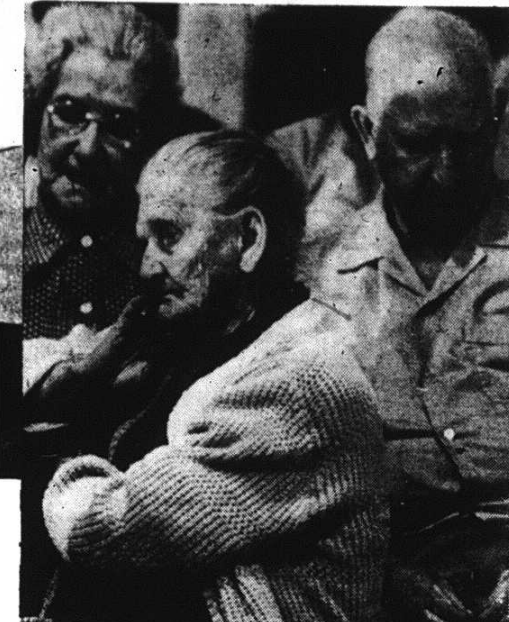


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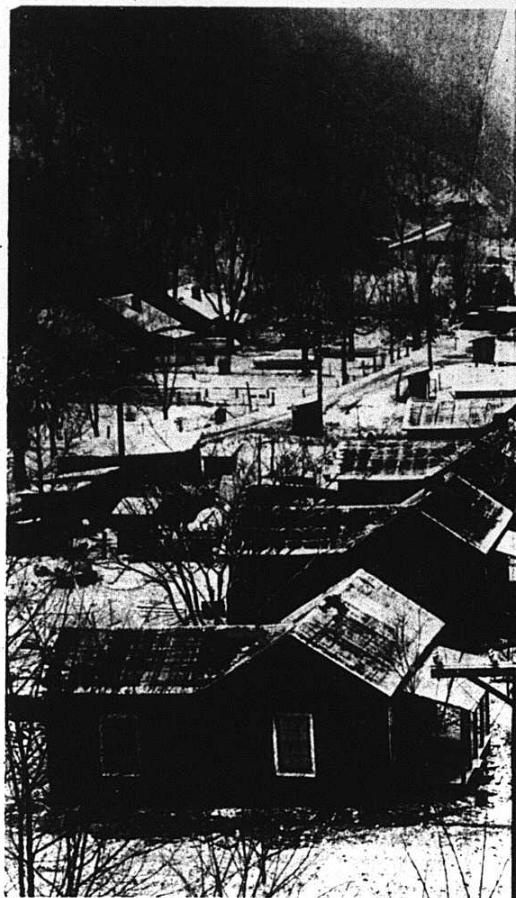
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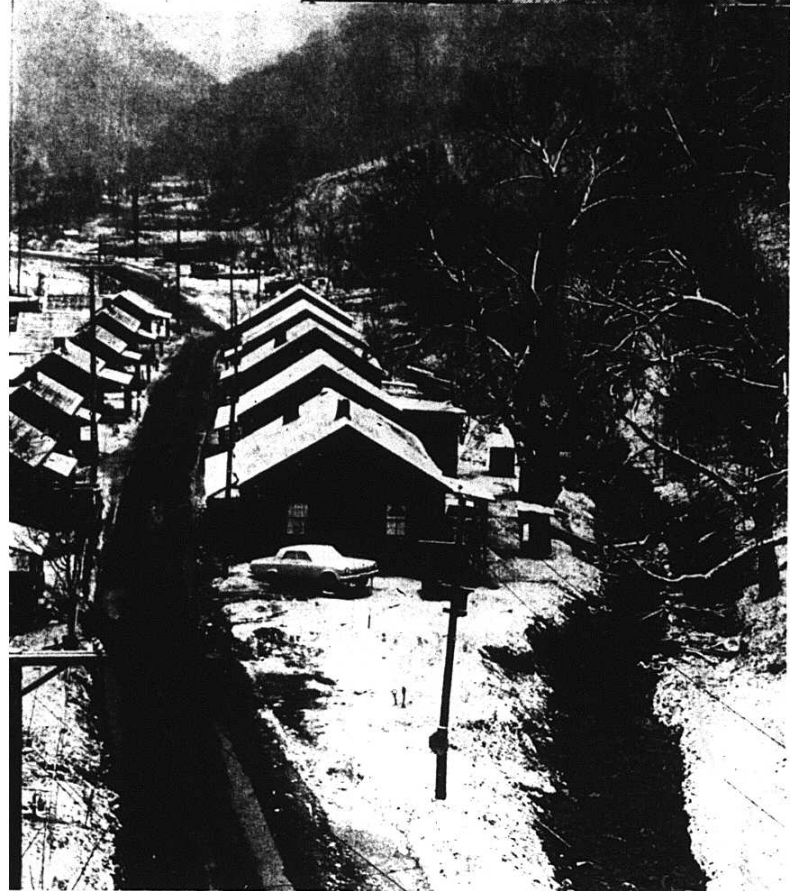


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(At that time, someone saw the local secretary tear up the suggestions and throw them away at the end of the meeting!)

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Eugene Black



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### LAWS OF POWER

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suddenly worried about law and order.

Imagine the dozens of Teamster officials who have been caught with their fingers in the till and their hands in the pension fund lecturing the union membership on honesty and legality.

Imagine Teamster officials like Jackie Presser, Tony Provenzano, Louis Peick, and many more who have had rank and file Teamsters beaten up or even murdered for opposing their reign of terror, moaning about the legal foundations of civilization.

### HONEST BUSINESSMEN

Who do these swindlers think they're kidding?

violation of the law. Example: Don Wyant, road driver for UPS, was denied the right to inspect his tractor before a run—in violation of DOT regulation 392.7.

Workers who refuse to do what they are told are often fired. And even when they get their job back, as in the recent Banyard case, it takes years.

### FORCED SPEEDING

The trucking bosses force drivers to drive above legal speed limits and falsify the drivers' log book. Given the fact that drivers are paid by the mile, drivers are often willing to go along with this.

But this is nothing but speed up, and an exceptionally dangerous kind of speed up at that.

collapsed behind him.

There is a fact in all of this that is even more infuriating than the blatant hypocrisy of the bureaucrats and bosses.

That fact is that it is this gang of thieves and murderers who wrote the laws and the contract clauses that make a strike on April 1 illegal.

The Taft-Hartly Act, which makes strikes illegal under a contract extension, was pushed through Congress by a well-financed coalition of employers associations and right-wing organizations.

The contract clauses which make an extension virtually automatic, thereby undermining labor's traditional policy of "no contract—no work," is the joint work of the



# The True Nature Of The Police

from rape...

Dear Workers' Power,

Recently, in Chicago, the true nature of the police has been revealed.

A police sergeant assigned to promote good community relations between the police and high school students was finally suspended early this month. He attempted to rape a 14 year old woman over three months ago.

Last November, when the attempted rape occurred, Sgt. Marcus Grey was assigned to recruit students from Calumet High School to participate in police sponsored workshops on crime problems.

According to the student and her parents, Sgt. Grey told her to get in his car as she was leaving school for lunch. He took her to a liquor store, bought some rum, and then drove her to a park to "talk."

After he got her drunk, he drove onto the Dan Ryan Expressway and announced that he was going to rape her. When she tried to jump out of the car, he pulled over to the side of the freeway.

That's when the crew from Action Ambulance company saw the young woman partially under the car and pulled over to help. She was screaming, "Help me, he tried to rape me."

The ambulance driver reported, "Her slacks were driven to her knees and blood was around her mouth." Grey flashed his badge and claimed the student was his niece. Then he pushed the still screaming young woman into his car and sped off, this time with the ambulance crew following in pursuit.

When Sgt. Grey pulled over again, the ambulance crew flagged down 2 police women, who took the student from Grey after finding a knife in Grey's car.

Sgt. Grey claims that the student's disheveled condition was the result of his having to search her pants for a set of keys she had taken from him.

Since the incident, Sgt. Grey continued to be on active duty with the Gresham District's

neighborhood relations department. It was only after intensive pressure from local newspapers that Sgt. Grey was suspended, and a hearing on the case was set up.

The Chicago Police department's motto remains, "WE SERVE AND PROTECT."

Katy Chicago



...to protecting sidewalks

Dear Workers' Power,

We went out to Mackenzie High to get some pictures for our articles on the walkout that occurred there. We had our camera and a small bundle of our "Red Tide" newspaper. We were not passing out the paper. We were just walking past the school taking pictures.

And these ass hole cops sild up in their ride and start talking shit. They stopped us, checked our I.D. and hassled us with a bunch of questions. We asked them why they wanted to know so much. They said, "We don't need any reason, we're the police!" Then they told us that we

couldn't walk on the sidewalk. We asked if we should walk in the street then. That made them mad. "If we see your face around here again, you're going to jail or to the hospital," the cop said.

Both of us are sure glad that the police put our tax money to good use protecting those sidewalks from our feet. That's what freedom is all about in this country.

For revolution in our lifetime,  
Frank Runninghorse  
Red Walker  
Detroit Red Tide

Ed Note: The article on the Mackenzie High walkout appears in the February 16 issue of Workers' Power.

Letters

to

## Workers' Power

### A NEW WAY TO SELL WORKERS' POWER

Dear Workers' Power,

I thoroughly appreciated the article on "Making Workers' Power Work" in the last issue (#146). I'd like to share with your readers a new way to sell the paper that I and other WP sellers in Seattle have been trying. We call it Neighborhood Sales.

We have been leafletting a few apartment houses to inform the residents about WP and what it stands for. We then follow up the leaflets with door-to-door selling. Instead of the seller standing in

one place and trying to catch people on their way in or out of someplace, neighborhood sales have given us a chance to talk to people about politics. We have found it quite rewarding. Maybe other WP readers would like to try Neighborhood Sales.

G.F.  
Seattle

### Election Fraud

Dear Workers' Power,

100 cab drivers of Teamster Local 165 have filed a press statement stating that union officials are in collusion with the Greyhound and Yellow cab companies.

They charge that union officials tampered with their votes deciding the outcome of the new contract. The votes were 136 in favor, 66 opposed. A survey made by the drivers showed that actually 116 voted for the contract.

A \$2.5 million damage suit is being filed by cab driver Jay Y. Frederickson against the officials of the local, Secretary-Treasurer Verne Shorey and Teamster Joint Council 38. Robin Allen, Frederickson's lawyer, charged that at least five members were threatened to make them vote in favor of the contract.

The contract actually results in a \$3,000 a year cut in pay for drivers as a group.

Fred Gonzalez  
Sacramento, CA

### FREE TO STARVE

Dear Workers' Power,

I'm a mother of two infants, living solely on unemployment compensation. Our checks are always late. Ten to fifteen days late.

On calling the unemployment office, they tell me that 15 days of starving is an inconvenience, but not an emergency. They say 21 days: I was told that our state government no longer guarantees a check a week, but a check every 10 days. That's three checks a month.

\$95.00 a week decides our fate. We know we can't eat if we pay the electric bill, and we'll be out on the street if we pay the gas bill.

They tell me their computer is working overtime Saturday and Sunday to get the checks out. Get rid of the computer. I'll take the job.

Starving (But strong enough to fight for change)  
K.B.  
Pittsburgh

## Indians Murdered

Dear Workers' Power,

You reported earlier about the racist trial on April 1 where five Native Americans will be charged in the occupation of a religious estate in Northern Wisconsin. The estate is to be used as a badly needed Indian hospital.

Well, one of those accused is now dead along with another Indian militant, killed in a gun battle with the county sheriff at their home.

A demonstration of 200 Indians and supporters demanding a public investigation was held at the Governor's office in Madison. However, the autopsy report and the facts of the shooting are still being withheld from the public.

Many Indians had already asked the governor to remove the sheriff because he had pointed a loaded gun at the head of a Native American while he was drunk. That would have put a worker or a minority person in court or jail, but the governor ignored such harassment.

Just as in cases of health and safety in factories, mines or power plants, the investigating "authorities" found no grounds for complaints against the sheriff.

Phyllis Trachek  
Madison, Wisc.

## Workers' Power Wants To Hear From You

What you like about the paper—and what you don't. What you think of the political ideas we present, and your comments on problems facing working people. But please be brief.

Write to: Workers' Power, 14131 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, Michigan 48203.

### EQUAL RIGHTS A JOKE

## No Room For Women

Dear Workers' Power,

Next time someone tells you that women now have equal rights to jobs with men, as long as they can do the work, laugh in their face and show them this letter.

The past year I have worked only four months. The other eight I have been going from employment office to job interview, with no results. Since I don't type, I have been looking in factories. I have a good job record.

One place they told me I was qualified, but they don't have a women's locker room, so they couldn't hire me. I offered to change in the car, or in the middle of the floor for that matter. No luck. The law says that companies have extra time to build women's locker rooms before they have to hire us.

The next place I actually got hired as a rigger (the person who hooks up machinery and chains to the crane also known as a hooker). But the vice president saw me working, freaked out, and

ordered me fired because, "This is no place for a lady."

The men in the department told me that I was doing the job well, and pulling my weight. And I was a full head taller and 50 pounds heavier than the man who hired me.

The union, United Steelworkers, refused to take my case because I was still on probation, and the local president went around and told people not to testify on my behalf.

Next place I got called in for a physical, the head nurse told me they don't take women who weigh as much as I do. (They do hire men that have my weight and height.)

The story goes on and on and on. Today I went to 3 places. One wouldn't take my application. One told me the work was really too heavy for "people like me," but they would consider me. And another, after carefully considering the men's applications, told the 3 women in the room that there was nothing available, but they'd be sure to call us if

anything came up. They didn't even glance at our applications.

name withheld on request  
Chicago



Women have proven they can do the work.

# I.S. Builds In Australia As Crisis Grows

Australian International Socialists was formed last December during the greatest political crisis the country has seen in 40 years.

The Governor General simply threw out the elected Labor Party government because the ruling class was in trouble and wanted a new government.

In the upheaval that followed, hundreds of thousands of workers went on strike. There were mass demonstrations and marches against the appointment of an unelected Conservative government. The new government is led by the most hated man in Australian politics, Malcolm Fraser.

The Australian I.S. represents the fusion of two revolutionary groups: The Socialist Workers Action Group (SWAG) and the Workers' League, both of which had been active building rank and

file groups in industry and spreading the ideas of revolution among Australian workers.

## BUILT GROUP

But the new organization is more than a combination of two old groups. During the elections which were called after the Labor Party was deposed, they built a much larger organization. The new group fought for smashing the ruling class attack and led some mass protest actions.

They are to begin producing their newspaper, *The Battler*, bi-weekly in May.

Australian I.S. members are organizing a rank and file caucus among metal workers, who are in the largest union in the country.

And they are producing the first revolutionary newspaper in the



Italian language newspaper published by Australian I.S.

Italian language aimed at the hundreds of thousands of oppressed Italian immigrants in the country.

The new Fraser government has begun its attacks on the working class... ordering a cut in cost of living payments and making unemployment relief harder to get.

There will be a lot of resistance from the well-organized Australian workers.

Phil Griffiths  
Industrial Editor  
*The Battler*

# Chrysler Is International - We Are, Too!

SOMETIMES, interesting things can be found in the personnel files of large corporations.

Back on August 28, 1973, Mr. A.L. Johnson, Chrysler's International Personnel Manager, wrote a memo concerning "the activities of certain groups of agitators in the United Kingdom."

The memo was prompted by a phone conversation with Mr. John Sutton, Director of Industrial Relations for Massey-Ferguson Inc. Here's part of what Johnson reported:

Mr. Sutton wanted to know if we knew of any association between the International Socialist group which had been very active in the recent Perkins strike, (Peterborough, U.K.) and the group that perpetrated the wildcat strikes at our own plants in Detroit. I indicated to him that there was no personal knowledge of a link between the

two groups. He continued by saying that Massey-Ferguson was extremely concerned about the activities of a group known as International Socialists. Further they had positively identified members of this organization who had agitated both inside and outside of the operation and contributed to the labor unrest at Perkins.

It was Mr. Sutton's hope that if we had a community of interest that the two companies sit down and exchange information on the apparent strategy of these people who had openly stated their aim was to frustrate Industrial Relations and private industry as we now know to exist... I requested that Mr. Sutton keep us informed of any further developments that would appear to be cause for alarm.

On the same day, Johnson sent a letter labelled "personal and confidential" to Mr. P.L. Griffiths,

Director of Industrial Relations for Chrysler's British operations.

He asked Griffiths to meet with Sutton when Sutton visited Britain to discuss "outside problem groups."

Johnson asked to be kept informed about any "conclusions or understandings that may develop" in Griffiths' meeting with Sutton.

We don't know what conclusions or understandings may have developed there, but the International Socialists have a few conclusions of our own.

Massey-Ferguson, Chrysler, and all the other big corporations operate on an international basis, with international communication and cooperation. If we are to overturn their system of private profit and exploitation, our movement must also be international.

Several very excellent English-language newspapers are published by the International Socialists in other countries: Socialist Worker in Britain, Workers' Action in Canada, The Worker in Ireland, and The Battler in Australia.

We urge Workers' Power readers to take a look at these papers as a small but important step towards international working class solidarity.

Free sample copies of all the above papers are available from Sun Distribution, 14131 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, MI 48203.

David Katz

# I.S. Holds Angola Forum

SEATTLE, Wa.—Nearly 100 people gathered for the I.S. forum entitled, "Angola: A New Vietnam?" on February 4. About 15 Africans living in the area attended and offered their comments.

A Kenyan student delivered a statement in support of the MPLA as the only liberation movement in Angola.

An enthusiastic question and answer period followed the talk. Representatives from other left

groups expressed solidarity with the MPLA.

The new I.S. pamphlet, "Angola: The Struggle for Liberation" sold out only a few hours after the order landed in the Seattle airport.

The forum was a smashing success. It just goes to show that no matter how many lies the establishment press puts out about Angola (and everything else), people still want to know the truth.

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# WHAT'S ON

**Detroit, Sunday, March 7**—"Fighting to Win! Socialists and the Rank and File Revolt." Teamsters, auto-workers and I.S. National Secretary Glenn Wolfe will speak. 14131 Woodward, rm 231, 869-3137. Childcare provided.

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# Where We Stand

## WE OPPOSE

### • Capitalist Exploitation

We live under the capitalist system. The wealth produced by working people is stolen from us by private employers: They prosper from our labor.

### • Capitalist Control

Capitalists use their profits only to make more profits. When they need fewer workers, they create unemployment. When they need more money, they speed up work, downgrade safety conditions and raise prices. The capitalist system spends little on health care, a clean environment, or social services, because these things make no profit.

### • Oppression

Capitalism needs inequality—because it needs profits. It can't provide enough for all. So it gives some groups of people worse jobs and lower pay, and labels them inferior. In particular, capitalism locks black people into the bottom of society, and spreads racist ideas to keep them there and justify it. Capitalism keeps women responsible for taking care of the workforce when it is not at work, including children, who are too young to work. Women who work for wages have two jobs.

### • Capitalist Government

The government serves the capitalist class. Its only purpose is to protect the private profit system. It protects its interests abroad through economic control of other countries, spying, and wars.

### • Bureaucratic Communism

Russia, China and the countries with economies like theirs are also oppressive class societies, run by a privileged ruling class of bureaucrats. They are not socialist and must be overthrown by the working classes of those countries.

## WE SUPPORT

### • The Rank and File Movement

The unions protect workers from their employers. But today's unions are run by privileged officials who sell out because they support the capitalist system. They want labor peace not labor power. We support the struggle for rank and file control of the unions.

### • Liberation From Oppression

We support the struggles of every oppressed group to end its oppression: the struggle for equality and justice by blacks, women, native Americans, and all oppressed people. Support from the entire working class movement will make both these struggles, and that movement, stronger.

### • Socialism

Society should be run by the working class. The wealth produced by those who work should go to fill people's needs, not to private gain.

### • Workers' Revolution

But the capitalist class will not give up their rule and profits voluntarily. Socialism can be created only when the working class seizes control of the factories and makes their own government. The working class will rule democratically because it can own society's wealth only together.

### • Internationalism

The struggle for socialism is world wide. Nations fighting to throw out foreign rulers must have the support of the international working class as in Angola today. So must every struggle of working people to end their oppression, as in Portugal today, and in Russia and Eastern Europe.

### • Revolutionary Party

The most class conscious members of the working class have the responsibility to lead the struggle toward socialist revolution. To do this they must build an organization to put their consciousness into action and make their leadership effective.

### • International Socialists

The I.S. is an organization of revolutionary socialist workers. We are open to all who accept our basic principles and are willing to work as a member to achieve them. Join with us to build the I.S. into a revolutionary party, to build the movement to end exploitation and oppression and to create a socialist world.

## JOIN US

If you agree with the views expressed in this paper and  would like more information, or  would like to join the International Socialists, then send this form to: INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS, 14131 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, MI 48203.

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International Women's Day

# 'Fighting Spirit in My Blood'

International Women's Day is coming up March 8 and that means a lot to me. It means a lot because the women in my family have always had to fight. To me, survival means struggle.

What was it that made me become a fighter? A lot of it was just not being able to stand the injustice and oppression going on all over. But I think I've got a fighting spirit in my blood too. I'll tell you why.

When I was little I'd ask my ma what it was like when she was young. It wasn't a pretty story, but she told it to me anyway.

She grew up in Lawrence, Massachusetts, the daughter of two immigrants. At the time there was a booming textile industry in Lawrence.

My grandfather was a cobbler

and my grandmother (like every other woman in Lawrence) worked in a textile mill.

My grandmother told my mother how she and her co-workers had fought and lost a bitter battle to form a union in the mills. During the fight, my grandma carried my mother in her arms while she walked the picket line.

The women held their babies, hoping that the police wouldn't shoot them down like they had done to other striking women millworkers.

When my mom was 12 years old her father died of pneumonia cause they couldn't afford proper medical care. My grandma did all she could to take care of my mother and her brother.

She'd work 12-16 hours at the mill, then come home and do

household chores too.

But it was too hard a life. Two years later my mother and uncle watched helplessly as their mother had convulsions and lay dying on the floor.

My mother remembers running for a doctor with tears in her eyes. By the time she found one it was too late.

At 14 she was left with no parents and a nine year old brother to take care of. My mom quit school at 14 and went to work in the mill to take care of herself and her brother.

She never let her brother quit school to go to work like he wanted to. She was determined to give him a better life than hers.

My mother worked from dawn to dark, making only pennies for each garment she sewed. She never forgot the stories her mother told her, either.

She was bitter. The mill owners treated their workers like animals. She knew it was their slave-driving that had killed her mother.

And she never forgot that her mother had to carry her in her arms to keep from getting shot by the police.

My mother had a lot of guts. She became a union organizer when she was still fairly young. They called her a communist and harassed and threatened her for trying to build a union.

But she never gave up. She didn't want other women to have to go through what she and her mother went through in the mills.

### NEVER FORGOT

I never forgot any of those stories my mother told me either. When I was 17, I joined the International Socialists. I wanted to help build a world where workers, not slave-drivers, run the society.

I didn't want my children to have to hear the same type of horror stories my mother told me.

Last year we formed the Red

"THE REBEL GIRL" —from the cover of Joe Hill's song, dedicated to a leader of the Lawrence textile strike.

Tide, youth section of the International Socialists. Now we young people have a revolutionary organization through which we can fight our own special oppression.

I'm not going to stop fighting to change this world as long as there's a breath of life in me. And I want

all of you to join in that fight.

On International Women's Day we should honor and celebrate the heroic struggles that women have fought. And let's all join together to make a better world.

Merry Busch  
Editor, Red Tide

## Yvonne Wanrow Speaks To Supporters

SEATTLE — Yvonne Wanrow spoke to a rally of 200 supporters here Monday night.

Wanrow is a Colville Indian from Spokane, Washington who is fighting to overturn a 25-year sentence she received for killing a man who attempted to molest her son and had raped her baby-sitter's 7 year old daughter.

She was convicted in May 1973 by an all-white jury, at the time of the Wounded Knee occupation when the media turned whites against Indians.

### NOT ISOLATED

A speaker from a Lesbian feminist organization, a co-sponsor of the rally, pointed out that Yvonne's case is not an isolated one.

Each case that is publicly fought, and each victory, is a step toward

women and minorities winning the right to self-defense.

For more than two years Yvonne has been struggling to preserve her freedom.

On August 6, 1975 the Washington State Court of Appeals granted her a new trial because of the questionable use of police tape recordings in her trial.

The prosecution appealed that decision to the Washington State Supreme Court. The hearing of this appeal will be Monday, February 23 at the Hall of Justice in Olympia, Washington. Her supporters will be there, too!

Send contributions to: Yvonne Wanrow's Legal Defense Fund, Seattle First National Bank—North Spokane Branch, Account #82171-115, East 30 Wellesley, Spokane, WA 99207.

Shelly Cooke

## International Women's Day

by Alexandra Kollontai

with an introduction by Cella Emerson

This pamphlet was first written in 1920. The author was a leader of the Russian revolution and the Bolshevik Party.

Kollontai discusses the history of women's struggles for their rights throughout the world, and the importance of celebrating "the working women's day of militancy."

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Confrontation during Lawrence textile strike of 1912. 20,000 on strike, of many nationalities—half of the workers were women and children.

# CONTRACT ISSUES EMERGE AT AUTO CONFERENCE

by Jim Woodward

**DETROIT**—About 60 UAW skilled tradesmen picketed the United Auto Workers' Skilled Trades Conference in Detroit February 18.

The demonstration was sponsored by the Independent Skilled Trades Council (UAW) "to show the Corporation and the International that [we] are sick and tired of being given the shaft."

Although there was considerable dissatisfaction with the policies and leadership of the union, no effective fight was made on the floor against any of the leadership's resolutions.

Nevertheless, it is clear that two issues are emerging as major rank and file priorities in this year's contract bargaining—both for production and skilled workers. One's a shorter work week; the second is cost-of-living allowance on pensions.

The Independent Skilled Trades Council (ISTC) has been campaigning around both these issues. They are also primary demands of the Coalition for a Good Contract (UAW), with which the ISTC is affiliated.

The short work week demand is popular because of the tremendous unemployment that has hit auto workers in the last two years. A work week of 30 or 32 hours, at forty hours' pay, would help solve the lack of jobs by opening up new ones.

## SHORT WORK WEEK

The short work week demand has caught on to such an extent that Doug Fraser, Director of the UAW Skilled Trades Dept., declared that a new contract would not be signed without provision for a "shorter work time."

What Fraser has in mind, however, is not a serious reduction in the work week, because he counts relief breaks, vacations and holidays in calculating the work week.

## COLA ON PENSIONS

The demand for cost of living on pensions is also directed at unemployment.



Three years ago, the UAW negotiated a pension agreement that was to run for six years—not to be reopened until 1979.

The disastrous inflation since then has meant that many of the auto workers eligible to retire have not done so. They cannot afford it because their fixed-income pensions would be eroded so rapidly.

A cost-of-living allowance or pensions would allow these workers to retire and create more job opportunities for younger workers.

The UAW International Executive Board, however, has come out firmly against even trying to reopen the pension agreement this year.

Their strong statements, however, contrast sharply with the UAW's cooperation in the U.S. government's wage control program several years ago. At that time, UAW President Woodcock took a seat on the wage control board to help administer the program.

The militancy of Canadian workers is responsible for the UAW's different position this time. But

Canadian UAW members would be better off to keep up the pressure, rather than trusting these leaders to carry out the fight against wage controls for them.

Woodcock has not changed from a kitten to a lion since he helped the U.S. government do the same thing the Canadian government is now doing.

## "What We Want"



## "What We've Got"



## CANADIAN WAGE CONTROLS

One other significant issue raised at the Conference was the wage-price controls recently imposed on workers by the government in Canada. In his opening address, Fraser made a strong statement against these controls and committed the UAW to fighting them.

"We have to pledge to the Canadian brothers and sisters all of our help, all of our resources to help them get equity in Canada by the elimination of the controls," he declared.

Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau, Fraser said, "does to workers of Canada exactly what Ford does to the American workers in the United States. The only difference is that Trudeau gives it to you with more style and class."

Dennis McDermott, Canadian UAW Director, added that the UAW would break international solidarity if it didn't remain firm on this issue.

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# TRANSIT AUTHORITY WANTS WAGE CUTS

**NEW YORK**—The negotiations currently going on between the New York City Transit Authority and the Transport Workers Union are unlike any previous negotiations.

The TWU has come out with modest demands for a wage increase and cost of living protection. But the Transit Authority is saying flat out that the law prevents them from giving any raise at all.

On top of that they want to eliminate paid lunches, which amounts to a pay cut, reduce pay by 8% for new hires, limit overtime pay, and introduce part timers.

The Transit Authority has never made demands of its own before. They have only tried to whittle down the union's demands. What has changed?

The answer is that behind the

Transit Authority stands the Emergency Financial Control Board (EFCB). This Board's job is to guarantee billions of dollars in city bonds for the big banks by destroying the livelihoods of city workers. It has the right to review all city labor contracts.

## MEDIATORS

One of the mediators in the negotiations is Vincent McDonnell. He is currently working for the EFCB to rip up the UFT contract negotiated last September.

This contract, which was a disastrous sellout for teachers, is too expensive for the EFCB.

The Transit Authority and the EFCB can be beaten, but the rank and file cannot sit back and let the union leaders handle it by normal

means.

It will take the old fashioned weapon of a strike. Remember that bankers can't drive buses and trains.

The union is saying no contract, no work. The ranks have to organize to show the TA and the union they are preparing now to make that threat real on March 31.

A conductor on the Brooklyn Queens Crosstown line told Workers' Power, "The union is only as good as the men behind it. The leadership has to know the men are behind them—are on their backs—or they won't do anything."

"You've got these wheels who make \$50-75,000 a year who can pay 75c for a cup of coffee and ride around in limousines and they're gonna tell me how to work and how much money I can make No way!"