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Louisville Police Go On Racist Rampage

DRUNKEN COPS GET REPRIMAND

by Tom Jackson

LOUISVILLE— Three police officers have gone on trial here for a terrorist assault on the black community.

Late on a Wednesday night last month, bullets were sprayed freely in the heart of Louisville's black community. Someone was on a shooting spree, moving through the community and systematically shooting up black businesses and clubs.

The result was thousands of dollars of damage and two wounded, one of them a critically wounded woman in danger of losing her eyesight. Bullets lodged in her arm and head.

A man who was at Slim's Grill was quoted as saying:

"After the first shot everyone hit the floor. I dove under a pool table.

"I knew we were all lucky. They could have hit all of us as easily as they hit her. I could hear the click of an empty gun after the firing stopped. It sounded like it was right outside the window."

Immediately, the police were suspended. An unmarked car had been seen in the vicinity. Later a carload of drunk, off-duty cops were picked up in the West End for displaying weapons.

MILD REPRIMAND

By the time a grand jury investigated, the additional evidence was too obvious. They had to bring indictments against three cops for the terrorist attacks.

The trials are now beginning. There is a virtually air-tight news blackout surrounding them.

In typical fashion, the only reprimand the cops received at the Police Department was to be taken off the streets and given temporary office duty. The guns are now off their hips and in their desk drawers.

Meanwhile, Lueberta Pugh lies in General Hospital with a bullet in her brain, wondering if she will ever see again.

RACIST CAMPAIGN

This murderous attack was no isolated incident. In the last two months, terror activities against blacks in Louisville have escalated in a new upsurge of anti-busing activity.

Most Louisville cops oppose busing, and many are members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Not only has the Police Department been "unable" to make arrests in the fire-bombing of a black family's home, but now they have shown their hand— cops have been among the organizers of this terrorism.

In earlier complaints, Louisville cops have been slapped on the hand for numerous violations that included entering a black citizen's apartment and beating an individual. There is no reason to believe that any more justice will be handed out now. □



"Gary Tyler must go free, that's the way its got to be!" Over 200 angry people marched down Detroit's Woodward Ave. May 1 to demand the freedom of brother Gary Tyler. Tyler, 17, was framed for murder in Louisiana and is sentenced to die in the electric chair.

This was the first in a series of demonstrations that will continue across the country until Gary Tyler is freed. See page 5 for story.

Red-Baiting Flops In Chicago Steel Vote

by Tom Fahey

Jim Balanoff and the Rank and File Caucus won a sweeping victory in the recent USWA Local 1010 elections at Inland Steel, East Chicago, Indiana.

Balanoff defeated incumbent Hank "Babe" Lopez of the Combined Caucus by a margin of nearly 2-1 in the largest voter turnout ever recorded.

Over 13,000 of the 18,000 members voted.

The campaign was marked by a vicious red-baiting attack headed by Lopez against Balanoff.

The Combined Caucus' paper "The Advocate" ran a late smear issue headlined, "Communists Attempt Takeover of Local 1010," which claimed to document Balanoff's Communist Party connections.

The "proof" included Balanoff's expulsion from a South Chicago VFW Post in the 1950's.

As part of his anti-red strategy, Lopez invited the NCLC, a CIA-backed, anti-union group to speak at a monthly union meeting. Most members left disgusted.

DIVERSION

The red-baiting strategy was a desperate bid to draw attention away from the issues of the

campaign: charges of graft, pay-offs, and financial mismanagement.

Over \$96,000 from cashed bonds is missing from the local's funds. Another \$12,000 was spent printing election tickets which cost only \$3000 the previous election.

Balanoff and the Rank and File Slate focused their campaign on the graft and corruption of the Lopez administration.

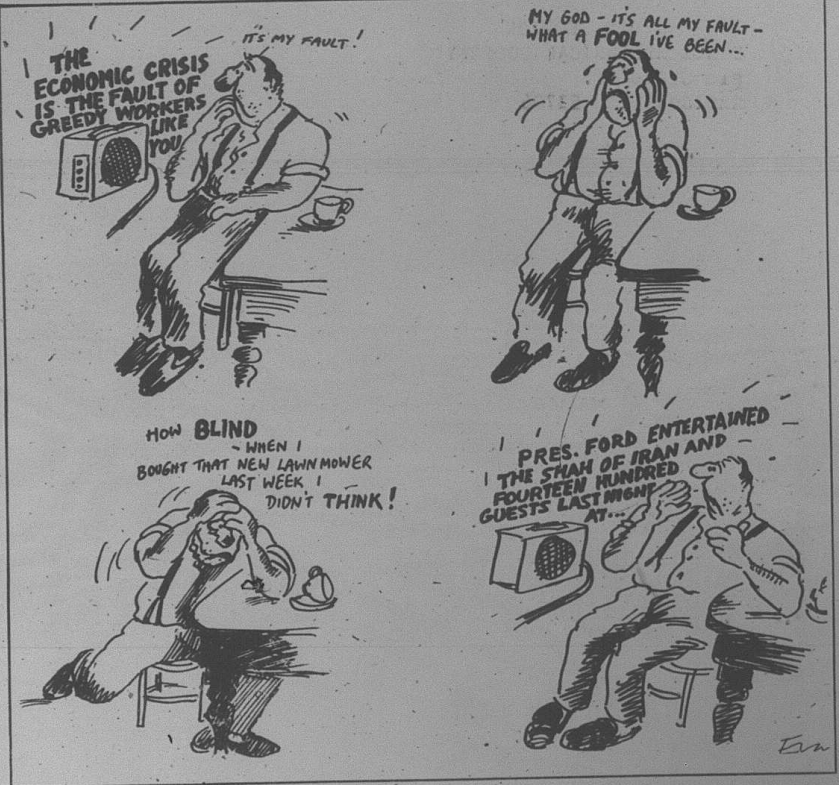
His inability to win on any local issues in the last contract negotiations was also cited.

The Balanoff campaign received the support of Ed Sadlowski, the district director. Sadlowski is attempting to build a base in his district from which he can mount a challenge against I.W. Abel in USWA presidential elections next year.

Both Abel and Sam Evett, Sadlowski's defeated opponent from the 1973 election and International Union bureaucrat worked behind the scenes for Lopez.

As the vote reflected, most members of 1010 were not blinded by the red smear.

As one voter was heard to say, "I don't care if Jim (Balanoff) is a commie. Maybe he'll do something about Inland Steel and they'll quit stealing from us."



Eastern Freightways Folds Take The Money And Run

by Ben Davis and Karen Kaye

What happens to someone who steals from the poorly, spends money entrusted to them and breaks promises made to the federal government?

If you're the largest trucking firm on the east coast you file for bankruptcy and throw your 7000 employees out on the street.

Eastern Freightways and Associated Transport, Inc., are doing just that. They'll wind up operations within two weeks, apparently having looted themselves into bankruptcy.

CRIMES

The companies have run afoul of federal agencies several times.

In the last two years, federal courts, the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission have charged Eastern-Associated with the following:

- Eastern broke a 1972 pledge to the ICC not to add its stock to Associated's holdings.
- Manipulation of Eastern's stock.
- Looting Associated's pension fund.
- Personal use of corporate funds.

The mismanagement and greed have left the crooked carriers with a responsibility only to their creditors—they must close down. They have to pay their debts under federal bankruptcy laws; and that's it.

While this will satisfy capitalist justice, what good will it do the 700 employees and those who depended on deliveries from Eastern-

Associated?

Some drivers have over 20 years seniority. Yet nobody knows if any jobs will be saved. And what about pensions?

Some workers at the North Brunswick, New Jersey hub don't even know if they'll be paid for their last two weeks on the jobs.

UNION

The Teamsters union, which covers many of the employees, has done little to stop these employers from sabotaging their own company with greedy crimes, nor has the union kept members informed about their future.

Yet it was the daily labor of the employees that gave the company

the funds to fool around with.

The case shows the criminal nature, not only of the heads of these companies, but of the capitalist system.

When workers go on strike and cease production, the press screams about the inconvenience they're causing others.

But when a company folds, they're being responsible when they stop producing as long as they pay their debts to other firms.

That's why we need socialism. So that production is organized to fill people's needs, not the pockets of the owners.

A socialist society controlled by working people will put an end to this theft, this inefficiency, this rottenness called capitalism.

Local Walkout Ends; National GE Strike Set

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.— The official strike of IBEW Local 2249 over deadlocked job classification grievances at the GE refrigerator plant in Bloomington, Indiana, ended April 30 in a compromise settlement.

"It was a pretty good victory for us," Wilburn Bryand, a representative of the union, claimed. "It showed strength and unity among our members."

"We did have to give up 50% of what we wanted," he admitted. "But when you deal with General Electric, you have to give more than they do."

"Everybody is just glad to go back to work. We hope there's not going to be any hard feelings..."

But the militants who voted against going back called the settlement "a plain sellout."

The strike had been 90% solid for eleven days and GE was clearly hurting bad.

NATIONAL STRIKE

Now GE workers in Bloomington and across the country are gearing up for a real strike when the national contract between GE and a coalition of 13 AFL-CIO and independent unions runs out on

June 27.

The national GE settlement will probably set the pattern for the Westinghouse contract which runs out July 11.

Even the negotiating unions admit that all GE workers need a big wage increase.

A cap on the present cost-of-living has meant a three year loss. A real wage boost of new money is also needed.

GE workers need improved pensions and early retirement, a shorter work week with no loss of pay, broader health insurance, a genuine program of supplementary unemployment benefits, and a union shop.

And Bloomington GE workers need a complete victory on their grievances.

GE won't give any of these things without a tremendous fight, even though they could afford to.

GE's profits are skyrocketing in the current boss's recovery. Their net income in the first three months of 1976 jumped 82% from the 1975 level.

But GE will fight like hell to keep the workers— who make these profits possible— from getting a bigger share.

It could be a very long and hard strike.

Chicago Foundry Workers Strike

CHICAGO— The International Molders and Allied Workers (AFL-CIO) have struck foundries in the Chicago area.

At the Francis and Nygrin Foundry Co., on Chicago's West Side, all of the 45 striking workers are black. Their current starting pay is a sub-standard \$4.62 an hour.

The company is offering increases of 40c-30c-30c over three years. The union wants a one-year contract with a \$3 increase.

The company manufactures many parts for the agricultural implements industry. One of their products is tractor gears for the International Harvester plant in Melrose Park.

Picket lines are strong, and the spirit of the strikers is militant.

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HUMPHREY: FINALLY OUT TO PASTURE

by Gay Semel

Hubert Humphrey wants to be President. He wants it so bad that he has tried three times.

Although undeclared, this year Humphrey was making a fourth attempt. And he seemed to be doing better than ever before.

Poll after poll showed Humphrey ahead. Ahead of Carter, ahead of Jackson, ahead of Udall, ahead of both Ford and Reagan.

From all indications it looked like Humphrey was finally going to take up residence on Pennsylvania Ave.

Last week Jimmy Carter threw a wrench into Humphrey's plans. Carter won the Pennsylvania primary, his first industrial state.

Carter's victory pushed him so far ahead that Humphrey could no longer remain out of the primaries if he wanted a crack at the nomination.

Within days of Carter's victory, Humphrey tearfully gave up. He stated that he would not enter the primaries.

Why? When all the polls showed that Humphrey could beat Carter?

Humphrey claimed that he would not enter them because he did not have the organization or the money to conduct a primaries campaign.

In part this is true. But there are other reasons, reasons which kept Humphrey out of the primaries in the first place.

SKELETONS

Nixon was not the only candidate whose 1972 campaign was surrounded by scandal and illegality.

Humphrey's 1972 press secretary copped a plea for aiding and abetting illegal campaign contributions. Humphrey's connections to this affair were never pushed. And as long as Humphrey stayed out of the race, they wouldn't be.

Humphrey's strategy was to avoid the primary battles—keeping a low profile until the Democratic Party convention. That way he hoped to avoid a prolonged political battle that would drag out all the skeletons in his closet.

"It's like a turkey shoot," he told a friend. "As long as I keep my head down below the log, I'm the prize of the day—nobody ever saw a finer bird. But as soon as I lift my head up some son of a bitch is going to shoot it off."

Humphrey did expect to raise his head—at the Democratic Party convention.

There, according to his plans, if no clear favorite emerged a divided party would look to Humphrey as the only candidate that could pull together the Democratic Party and lead it to victory.

Humphrey knew that Ford would want to leave the scandals of 1972 buried—after all Ford had pardoned Nixon, not a very popular act.

Humphrey didn't leave much to chance. He was organizing. Not in public view—but in Democratic Party smoke-filled rooms.

KEEP FIELD OPEN

Humphrey and his supporters: the liberal wing of the party, the Democratic Party black Congressmen, and the leadership of the trade union movement, were all organizing to keep the field wide open.

Humphrey supporters backed Carter to beat Wallace, they backed Jackson to beat Carter and they ran as many uncommitted delegates as could win.

For a while Humphrey's strategy went like clock work. Then the clock broke down.

Most working people and most blacks, didn't bother to vote. Vietnam, Watergate, the economy, rising racism have all combined to produce tremendous cynicism.

Fewer people voted in this year's primaries than in many decades.

Humphrey's people could not turn out the vote. Carter beat Jackson in Pennsylvania, even though the Humphrey machine supported Jackson in that state. The betrayals of the trade union leaders and black Democrats have caught up with them. Cynicism has taken over.

The old turkey never got a chance to raise his head.



Democrats Peddle Racist Slurs

by Kate Stacy

Phillip Noel, Democratic Governor of Rhode Island, said recently that a black child who is bused to an integrated school "for six hours a day is just going back for the other eighteen hours to the same sweatshop he came from, with the father drunk and the mother out peddling her ass or whatever."

Noel also happens to be chairman of the Democratic Party platform committee, which is in charge of drafting campaign "planks" on busing, integration, and other issues affecting black people's struggle for equality.

That tells you a lot about the political cesspool of the Democratic Party in this election year 1976. But the way the Party's leadership responded tells you even more.

Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss defended Noel's remarks as "straight talk." He implied he thought the language could be cleaner—but he expressed no disagreement with the vicious racist content of his fellow Democrat's position.

NO ACTION

When contacted by Workers' Power, Strauss' press secretary quoted Strauss as having "no intention of making any change in the leadership of the platform committee." Strauss also said the Rhode Island Governor (where the black population is under 3%) can stand on his "record of commitment to human rights and social justice."

A meeting of 2000 black political leaders, most of them Democrats,

unanimously condemned the racism of their party leadership. The black caucus vote unanimously demanded Noel's removal. When Chairman Strauss defended him, the caucus voted a motion of censure of Strauss.

With this gesture, the black Democrats made the record. When it came to backing up their votes with action, they ran away and hid.

NO ANSWER

When Workers' Power contacted the offices of influential black politicians, it found only buck-passing, no answers, and unreturned phone calls.

by Kate Stacy

Last month Boston's city officials organized and led a huge "March for Peace." They claimed the rally was a strong attempt to cool down the heated racial confrontations that are almost constant occurrences in Boston.

Now it turns out that the rally was organized because Boston's growing violent reputation is hurting its tourist and convention trade.

The downtown commercial interests were the force behind the march: John Hancock and Prudential Life, to name two. These companies and the hotel, restaurant and entertainment firms have not the least bit of interest in halting either the violence organiz-

Basil Patterson, vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee and chairman of the black caucus, was unavailing both times his office was contacted.

Patterson himself distained when the caucus voted against the racist remarks of both Noel and Strauss. He had no one on his staff with authority to speak to this issue.

Yvonne Burke, congresswoman from California, likewise did not make a statement—even through her press secretary, who was very polite about recording our questions.

And black Mayor Richard Hatchery was only quoted as saying, "It is

clear... the affirmative action policies are not working."

This year the Democrats' racism is right out in the open. That's why the Rhode Island Governor's remarks are in the public press, instead of the back corridors and secret policy sessions where the King-makers speak freely.

No one knows this better than Basil Patterson and the rest of the black Democrats.

These career politicians don't pay the price for their lack of courage, commitment or guts. Inside the Democratic Party, refusing to fight racism is a rule of the game. Concessions to racism are rewarded, not discouraged. □

Boston's "Prayers for Peace" Pad The Tourist Profits

ed against blacks or the growing white racist offensive against integration.

TOURISTS

The truth is they had big plans to make lots of bucks off bicentennial tourist trade this year. And now they're worried—that the national coverage of the racist terrorism will keep those profits down.

The city officials snapped to attention when the downtown businessmen started screaming. They ran a heavy television campaign pushing the rally, but beyond that they did nothing to mobilize black or white working people.

They did not contact the trade

unions for support, despite the fact that some like the Amalgamated Clothing Workers could have been counted on for support.

Instead government employees and downtown workers were given extra-long lunch hours and "strongly encouraged" to march. This was a peaceful public relations job, top to bottom.

The result was a huge silent rally—well over 80% white, when it is black people who are getting beaten up and driven off the streets, and who need the violence stopped. The only speakers were three religious leaders who "prayed for peace."

In reality the whole staged affair was a plea for profits. □

Repression And Resistance In Argentina

by an eyewitness reporter in Argentina

Against tremendous odds and overwhelming force, workers in Argentina have begun to fight back against the new military dictatorship.

In Cordoba, 27 metal workers have been arrested for attempting to organize a strike.

Details are still unavailable. This kind of opposition from workers is expected to spread all over Argentina.

The new regime overthrew the government of Isabel Peron six weeks ago because her government was unable to control the economy. Massive strike activity was discouraging foreign investment.

The economic and physical brute force used by the government against working people is still rising.

In his first speech, the head of the military junta, General Jorge Rafael Videla, implied that the state would stop the right wing terrorists who operate under the cover of the police.

But in the first ten days after the coup, 76 people were murdered. Uniformed and heavily armed men appear at the victim's home and force him into an unmarked car. Months later the body turns up—but often too mutilated to be identified.

INFLATION

In March, the first month of the coup, the cost of food increased by 41.2%. Yet all strikes are illegal.

The government wants to attract foreign investment and international banking support. To stabilize the economy, they are planning massive layoffs. In the public sector alone there will be 300,000 layoffs. Foreign investors will be allowed to write their own terms. Buy up nationalized industries dirt cheap and take advantage of low labor costs.

The day after the Minister of the Economy announced these policies, \$150 million in loans came into the country. This minister is a rich landowner named Jose Martinez de Hoz.

He is also president of the Acinder Steel Company. Six militants from Villa Constitución, where the plant is located, have been executed by the right wing terrorists, the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance.

Over 3500 former government and union officials are being held in ships in Buenos Aires harbor. People who try to go to the international airport are not allowed to be accompanied. This means they may disappear without a trace en route.

The same economic brutality, political repression and fascist terror that has reduced hundreds of thousands of workers in Chile to starvation, has now clamped its grip on Argentina. But these measures have been tried before under earlier military regimes, and they will fail again this time. □

May Day was once the day of solidarity and struggle of a powerful international socialist workers' movement. In the late 1800's, in Europe and America, it meant a one-day strike for the eight-hour day, and for the socialist future that would free workers from wage slavery.

In the early years of the Russian Revolution of 1917, May Day became an international celebration of working class power and a show of strength by the new revolutionary workers' parties.

But over 30 years, the traditions of May Day were stolen from the working class, as their revolutionary movement was destroyed by world war, by capitalist and Stalinist counter-revolution.

May Day lost its image as a revolutionary holiday. The bureaucratic rulers in Moscow and Peking made it an occasion for military parades. They show off the tanks, planes, and troops that keep them in power.

The imperialist American government won U.S. union support for the Cold War and turned May 1 into "Law Day." The real meaning of May Day became a distant memory.

But today, a new generation of workers are re-claiming May Day for their own and building new traditions of struggle.

This year, the international working class made May 1 its holiday of struggle. It has been many years since so many large, militant demonstrations of workers have been held on May Day.

This year's most important May Day events occurred in Spain. Spanish workers took to the streets in the face of fascism. Hundreds were arrested and injured when fascist police tried to break up demonstrations.

In Barcelona, a center of the last year of struggle in Spain, police charged May Day demonstrators with clubs and fired rubber bullets.

In Madrid, police arrested 65



This Is What May Day Is...

demonstrators but stood by as several thousand people joined a rally called by the Communist Party—the largest since the 1930's.

In Rome, Italy, revolutionary socialists held May Day demonstrations against the right-wing Christian Democratic government. Again, police tried to sabotage the demonstration.

In Lisbon, Portugal, Socialist and Communist Party leaders called a rally for "national unity," featuring peanuts and cotton candy instead of political signs.

But the organizations of the revolutionary left held militant rallies and marches against the

offensive by right-wing parties and terrorists.

Early in the morning, a fascist terrorist bomb destroyed the Communist Party headquarters on Lisbon's main boulevard.

Other significant May Day actions included a 24-hour strike in Greece and a giant protest by a million Japanese workers against the Japanese government over the Lockheed bribe scandal. □

...And Isn't

The fake "traditional" May Day parades were held by Communist Party rulers in Russia, East Germany, and China this year. In East Germany it was a military parade. In Moscow, it called for higher production from workers.

In China, and also in Vietnam and Laos where new bureaucracies hold power, the parades celebrated the class power of the Communist Party apparatus—not of workers and peasants, who have no power at all. □

PORTUGAL TENSION MOUNTS IN POST-ELECTION STALEMATE

Portugal's election campaign has reached the half-way point, with Parliamentary voting two weeks ago. A separate Presidential election will take place in a few weeks.

But these elections have not lowered the level of tension or political crisis in Portugal.

Right wing forces are watching for the opportunity for a military coup. They failed to win the Parliamentary election, and cannot control the government. But they may attempt to take advantage of the uncertain political situation to take power by force.

The right wing parties are considering two possible candi-

dates for President. They are Pires Veloso and Ramalho Eanes, both military officers.

It has been revealed that these same two officers, along with air force commander Morais de Silva, have close ties to underground fascists, and with exiled former President Antonio de Spínola.

Spínola himself unwittingly spilled the beans when he told a West German reporter that three members of the High Council of the Revolution—Eanes, Veloso, and Silva—are secret supporters of his movement.

Despite this exposure, the government has not arrested these

Spínolista officers and does not even plan an investigation.

This is the same government which purged thousands of left-wing soldiers in the name of "preserving freedom." But it leaves the right-wing officers free to continue their plots.

WORKERS' STRUGGLE

But the situation also provides a tremendous opening for the revolutionary left, especially the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat (PRP). A new wave of working class struggle, which revolutionaries can lead, is very likely.

The PRP has emerged from the Parliamentary elections, even more clearly, as the only revolutionary alternative to the Communist Party.

The PRP did not run candidates for Parliament. It did not have the resources to run an election campaign while conducting its more important work—building strikes, and workers' demonstrations against the capitalist parties. This work built the PRP as a stronger party during the campaign.

The far-left parties that did throw their efforts into the election did poorly. The Maoist group, UDP, held its own with 91,000 votes.

Other left groups made a poorer showing than last year. Most of them are gradually disintegrating.

In many cases, their working class branches and leaders are joining the PRP.

However, in the coming Presidential election, the PRP hopes that the whole revolutionary left can support a common candidate. Most likely it will be left-wing former General Otelo de Carvalho.

A united revolutionary campaign could win the support of many rank and file CP workers, and provide an impressive show of unity by revolutionary workers. □

BEHIND THE TURMOIL IN ITALY

Italian elections will be held June 20 and 21. The results will probably give a majority to the Socialist and Communist Parties.

Italy is in the middle of its worst crisis in 30 years. In the past few weeks the value of its currency, the lira, has collapsed.

Huge sums of money have been smuggled out by rich people frightened of political change.

Massive struggles by the working class movement have swept through the banks, the giant Fiat

auto plant in Turin, and state-owned auto firms and industrial combines.

Factory committees have organized to sell food straight from farm co-operatives at half the normal price. These "red markets" are illegal, but in Milan alone there are 20 of them.

PROTEST LAWS

Huge protests have been held against the government's anti-abor-

tion law and the Legge Reale.

This law gives police the right to shoot suspects who do not stop immediately when ordered. Some of these marches have been led by the revolutionary left.

The elections are expected to topple the main capitalist party, the Christian Democrats, from power in Italy.

But the Communist Party says it wants a government with both Communist Party and Christian Democratic ministers, which it calls

a "historic compromise" with capitalism.

Two of the main parties of the revolutionary left, Avanguardia Operaia (Workers' Vanguard) and the Party of Proletarian Unity, will put up a joint slate called Democrazia Proletaria (Workers' Democracy) in the elections.

They are campaigning against the capitalist system and the CP's call for "historic compromise" with capitalist parties. □

from Tim Potter in Rome

"We're Gonna Win

Gary's Freedom!"

FREE GARY TYLER NOW!

Rallies!

FREE GARY TYLER!



"Free Gary Tyler" rallies will be held in these cities in the next month:

- BOSTON
- CHICAGO
- INDIANAPOLIS
- CINCINNATI
- ST. LOUIS
- LOUISVILLE
- NEW YORK CITY
- PITTSBURGH

Check Workers' Power for further details.

Livernois Three

Workers' Power recently interviewed Charles Bonamy, who sat the jury for the second trial of the Livernois Three.

The Livernois Three are three black men, James Henderson, Raymond Peoples and Ronald Jordan, charged with murdering an elderly white man during uprisings in Detroit last summer. The uprising occurred when a white bar owner who had murdered an 18-year-old black man was released from police custody on only a \$500 bond.

In the disturbance, a man was fatally beaten. Henderson, Peoples and Jordan were picked up and charged with his murder. Since July these three men have sat in jail. The judge refuses to set bond for them. Already there have been two trials. Both have ended in hung juries. Intent on getting a conviction, the judge has ordered yet a third trial.

Charles Bonamy, who works at Chrysler's Detroit Forge, talked with Workers' Power about his impressions of the trial and the defendants' innocence.

The main thing is the prosecution just didn't have any evidence against these three at all.

The only kind of evidence they had were signed statements by witnesses. But these statements were written by people who were threatened by police with being charged with the crime itself. People in jail were asked, "Do you want to be a defendant? If you don't, then sign the statement."

The defense attorney asked the witness who did this, and the witness pointed at the table where the prosecuting attorney was sitting.

One guy demonstrated how the sergeant grabbed him and pulled

him across the street to get a statement. Another guy was granted immunity from prosecution for his statement.

They had a line-up and the people, testifying that they saw them do it, couldn't pick the three guys out of the line-up.

DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING

When I first heard the prosecuting witnesses, I thought they were for the defense! I mean, they didn't see anything. As far as I'm concerned there is no case.

From the beginning you could tell the judge wanted a conviction. The defense couldn't say anything

without being overruled. When we couldn't reach a verdict he asked us if we couldn't deliberate a few more days!

And then he wanted a third trial. I don't even think there should have been a first trial.

They just had to get somebody—charge somebody with the murder. These three were singled out, but no one actually saw anything. They could have picked up anybody that was there, because that was all they could prove—that they were there.

Maybe in the next trial they'll get off, but you can see the kind of justice we have.

Juror: "There's Just No Evidence Against Them"

What We Think

The Gary Tyler and Livernois Three cases are typical examples of the kind of attacks the black community faces every day.

Black after black may lose their lives on the streets of our cities. But let one white be killed and this government uses it as an excuse to systematically hunt down and destroy whatever attempts at self-defense or organization exist in the black community. Even when the racists and this corrupt system perpetrate the violence in the first place.

EVERY LEVEL

The repression against black people is escalating, encouraged at every level of government. Every time whites are allowed to organize into racist groups and march, as in Louisville and Boston, without comment by politicians or the media, an atmosphere is created that encourages reprisals against blacks.

Everytime a candidate for any office can make remarks about "ethnic parity" and does not receive condemnation from all sides, who bit sheriffs in towns all over this country gain courage for their own racist attacks.

And when the leaders of this country side step every question on busing and racism, they open the gate for repression and frame-ups in every community in the U.S.—guaranteeing no publicity and total immunity to local law enforcement.

INNOCENT!

We defend Gary Tyler and the Livernois Three because they are innocent. But Gary Tylers will continue to be arrested and victimized and we will never be able to save them all. It is the whole system of racism and the economic exploitation that feeds off it that we must destroy.

Working people, black and white, will never win by fighting each other. United we must take the whole vicious system on if we are to end racist oppression forever. It is only when we—the people who really work in this society—run and control things, that Gary Tyler, or any of us, will really be free.

UPS IS DOWN ...

Farewell old contract
 Detroit, May 1—
 It's gone but not forgotten, as the old contract goes up in flames.

...but union orders work to continue in Illinois and Indiana



Det

By Jim Woodward

CLEVELAND—United Parcel Service is being hurt, and hurt bad. That's the clear indication, as the strike against the giant delivery company ends its first week in 13 midwestern states.

All pick up and delivery in those states is completely halted.

Despite management's scare talk before the strike, the company has apparently not tried to break the strike anywhere. As long as UPS feels that UPSurge is strong, they don't want to do anything to spark militancy.

Pickets in Detroit have gone on the offensive, keeping all construction workers out of the Livonia hub where the company is building a major annex.

But the effects of the strike extend far beyond the Midwest. Business is down all across the country, and that is reflected in the layoff statistics. Two hundred part-timers and forty drivers were laid off in Los Angeles.

Only twelve out of 84 feeder runs are going out of Indianapolis. Package volume is down 25% in Portland, Oregon.

All in all, the strike is solid in the 13 states and crippling the company beyond those states. But that is only the beginning of the story.

NOT EASY

Everyone knew from the beginning that United Parcel Service would not give in easily. Word from the negotiations has it that the company and the Teamsters Union are close to agreement on the same wage package that freight got. That part of it is almost automatic.

The company has yielded nothing on the important issues in this strike: part-timers; voluntary overtime; appearance standards; no supervisors working; and the grievance procedure.

The company is not likely to yield on these issues without a prolonged strike, or unless the strike is escalated. The major problem at this point is that the union is both incapable and unwilling to put up the kind of fight that can beat UPS.

That much is perfectly clear from the union leadership's conduct of the strike so far:

- Union officials have not organized picket lines. In Cleveland, for example, some UPSers who asked the officials what they could do to help were told not to worry about it.

- In most cities there are, in fact, picket lines. But they are organized by activists in UPSurge, the rank and file group, not by the union.

- Leaders of Local 705 (Chicago) and Local 710 (Indianapolis) have forced their membership to scab on the strike. These two locals are not technically part of the Central States UPS contract, but their contracts are similar and expire at the same time.

- However, officers of these two locals have engineered 30-day contract extensions. That keeps both Illinois and Indiana still working, weakening the impact of the Central States strike.

- Union leaders outside the strike area have not been willing to take an aggressive policy on handling struck goods.

In DuBois, Pa., UPSers are organizing around this issue and have said they will walk out if the company tries to make them handle struck goods.

UPSers everywhere are keeping their eyes open for packages from the Central States.

But in some Pennsylvania cities, union officials have told workers to process any scab packages they see, and simply report it to their union reps, rather than take any action on their own.

DIRTY TRICKS

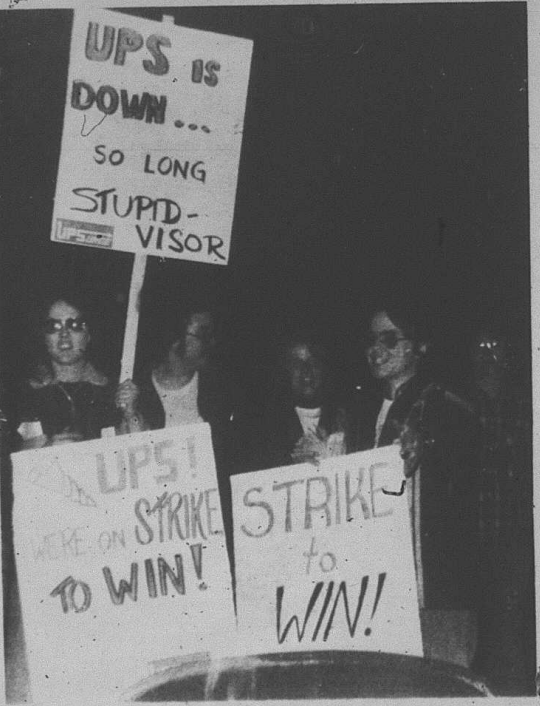
The union leadership is playing a dirty game. In some of the struck areas they are talking out of the militant side of their mouth. In Chicago and Indianapolis they have sanctioned—no, demanded—that their membership scab on the strike.

They did the same thing during the freight strike. The entire country was out, while the Chicago leadership demanded that their members scab. The result? A weakened strike.

The role of Chicago, combined with Indianapolis, is even more important in this strike than in freight. That makes it critical that the union officials in Local 705 and 710 stop their scabbing.

UPSers all across the country should demand that the union stop this shameful practice and shut down Chicago and Indianapolis immediately.

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Defend Fired Activists

"None of us go back until all of us go back." That's a principle that UPSurge has stood behind from the beginning. There are two UPSurge activists for whom this principle is especially important: Stephanie Batey in Detroit and Terry Ratajczyk in Minneapolis. Both were fired shortly before the strike began.

Batey's case involved a misplaced COD tag. The company jumped at a simple mistake and fired her, claiming that she stole \$9.94. The firing was an unprecedented measure for that error. Despite the intervention of Local 243 president Bob Coy, the grievance was deadlocked at both the local and state levels. It will go to the joint committee in Chicago—a grievance graveyard—after the strike, unless her case is made part of the strike settlement.

Ratajczyk was similarly the victim of discriminatory disciplinary action. Again, for a minor offense he was fired when past practice in such cases involves a much lesser penalty.

Both Batey and Ratajczyk were fired for the same reason—they dared stand up to the company and lead the fight for all UPS workers. They stuck their necks out. It's up to everyone else to make sure their heads don't get chopped off.

Indianapolis At Work

INDIANAPOLIS—Alex Kerns and John Alltopeter, Local 710 Business Agents, showed up at the 81st St. UPS hub here at 7:00 am, May 3.

This was the first time a BA had set foot in the 81st St. hub since it was opened in September 1975. They finally came because there is an UPSurge in Indianapolis.

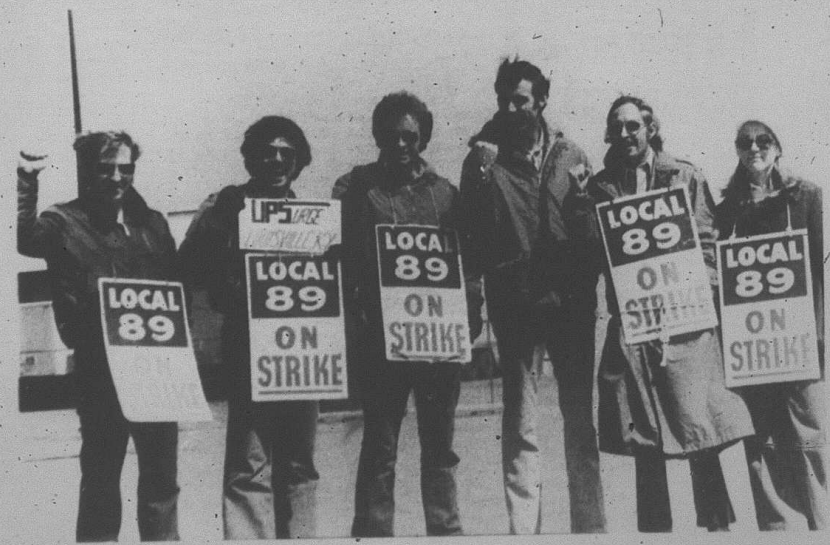
The previous Friday, Indianapolis UPSurge passed out a leaflet explaining the legal rights and duties of union members if pickets from the struck Central States come to Indianapolis.

The BA's claimed the reason Chicago was working was to prevent a Taft-Hartley injunction.

When informed by stewards that Taft-Hartley could only be used when "essential national security" was threatened, the BA's were lost.

The 81st St. hub has a problem. Local 710 is four hours away. This means members in Indianapolis pay dues but cannot get to membership meetings. They basically get no representation at all. The hub has lost 127 out of its last 130 grievances.

It seems that the BA's who came to quell a possible walkout represent UPS a whole lot better than they represent their members.



Indian Frameup Trials Begin

Native Americans Robert Robideau and Darrell Butler will go to trial, Monday, May 17, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They are charged with the murder of two FBI agents June 26, 1975 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Bail is set at \$250,000 each.

The trial was ordered removed from South Dakota, where a fair trial is totally impossible.

The charges against these men are completely false. There is positively no evidence to prove who killed the two FBI men.

FRAMED

Robideau and Butler have been framed because they are active in the American Indian Movement. A conviction would serve to cover the brutality of the federal government, which has occupied and terrorized the Pine Ridge Reservation since the liberation of Wounded Knee in 1973.

In a recent bail hearing for Robideau, Special U.S. Attorney Robert Sikma told the judge that Robideau had been positively identified at the alleged scene of the killings.

Defense attorneys objected that there was no evidence to back up the prosecutor's claim.

The defense requested to cross-examine Sikma to force him to prove his charges. The motion was denied.

The two other defendants in this case are Jimmy Eagle and Leonard Peltier. Eagle has been jailed since last autumn, in a blatant violation of his right to a speedy trial. His bond is \$250,000. He will be tried later in the year.

Peltier is in Vancouver, B.C., fighting extradition to South Dakota. Held in maximum security with no bond, his proceedings began May 3.



Russ Redner is one of three Native Americans fighting against an unfair trial.

Free The Portland 3!

by Karen Woods and Byron Gray

On May 12 in Portland, Oregon, American Indian Movement (AIM) members KaMook Banks, Russell Redner, and Ken Loudhawk go to trial. They are charged with illegal possession of firearms and explosives.

Banks, Redner and Loudhawk were arrested in Vale, Oregon on November 14, 1975 with another Indian woman, Anna Mae Aquash.

Aquash was immediately extradited to South Dakota. She was later found there dead, shot in the back of the head.

IRON DOOR WOMAN

Banks, eight months pregnant at the time, was returned to Wichita, Kansas where she faced similar firearms charges. The judge refused to set bail until the baby was born.

During the last month of her pregnancy, Banks was not allowed to leave the jail. A marshal was present at all her pelvic examinations.

When her labor began she was handcuffed and brought to the hospital by three marshalls. She developed a serious infection after the delivery, but was not allowed to see a doctor.

When a doctor finally saw her he ordered her sent to the infirmary. Her jailers refused to comply.

Banks named her daughter Ta Tiopa Maza Win (Iron Door Woman). They were later returned to Portland.

The charges against the three are ridiculous. The Oregon State Police say they found two cases of dynamite in the vehicle the defendants were travelling in.

However, for some unknown reason, the police destroyed the evidence. When they tried to introduce the alleged dynamite as evidence the judge refused to allow this outrageous request.

DEMONSTRATE!

There is a good chance that all charges will be dismissed. However, to insure this decision, AIM

will be holding a demonstration on Saturday, May 8.

This demonstration to free the Portland Three will also demand the freedom of AIM leaders Dennis Banks, husband of KaMook Banks, and Leonard Peltier.

Banks is also in Portland fighting extradition to South Dakota. Peltier is in Vancouver, B.C., where proceedings have begun for his extradition.

Neither will get a fair trial if they are sent back to the racist courts in South Dakota. Their lives will be in danger.

The demonstration will be held in conjunction with a United Farm Workers rally. The two groups will join later in the day for a united action of support of their common struggle.

FARMWORKERS PUSH BALLOT INITIATIVE

The United Farm Workers Union has succeeded—in one month—in gathering almost 700,000 signatures for its California farm labor initiative.

The initiative is the UFW's attempt to get a collective bargaining law put on the ballot and passed by the voters in November.

The signatures collected so far are more than double the number needed to place the initiative on the ballot.

The union's initiative campaign is a result of the virtual collapse of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB), which was set up by the state legislature last year to conduct union representation elections among farm workers.

While the board was functioning, it conducted about 400 collective bargaining elections. The United Farm Workers won about two-thirds of those elections, before the Board ran out of money at the end of January.

BLOCKED FUNDS

As a result of the UFW's success, California growers mounted a campaign to keep the state legislature from voting an addition-

al appropriation. A coalition of Republicans and grower-backed Democrats successfully blocked the appropriation.

If the UFW's initiative is certified for a place on the ballot, the state's voters will determine the fate of the ALRB in November.

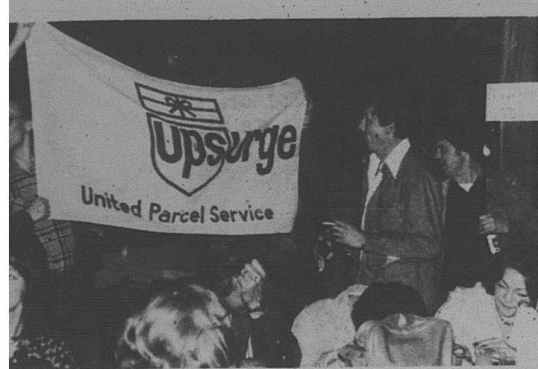
The initiative is similar to the present law, but there is one important difference. If it is passed by the voters, it could only be amended by another initiative—not by the whims of a few politicians. The legislature would be required to provide "sufficient funds" for the Board to operate.

The initiative, if passed, would not by any means ensure free and fair elections. The initiative retains a number of anti-labor provisions of the original legislation that set up the ALRB.

But it is critical that the initiative gain the support necessary to win this November.

The UFW has shown that it has such massive support in the fields that it can win most of the elections anyway.

After years of strikes and boycotts, it's time that the farm workers get the right to choose their own union.



Picket Lines Build Solidarity

A strike can do more than just win better wages or working conditions. It can build unity and a new feeling of solidarity among workers previously separated by petty divisions. Something like that is going on in the UPS strike, where part-time workers have been a cause for division.

United Parcel Service began using massive numbers of part-time workers partly in order to create hostility between part-timers and full-timers. Employment of part-timers is cheaper for the company, but for workers it means fewer jobs that pay enough to live on. One of the UPSurge demands adopted by the union is that no new part-timers be hired but that present part-timers get first bid on vacant full-time jobs.

One effect of the strike so far is that the mutual suspicions that UPS so carefully encouraged are being smashed in many places.

According to Cella Dunlap, a Cleveland UPSurge activist, "part-timers are getting involved in this strike like they've never been involved in any union activity before. The strike is giving them a real role to play in the union." In some cities, such as Cleveland and St. Louis, she added, part-timers are the backbone of the picket lines.

Dunlap said that the strike is "breaking down divisions, because people have had the chance to get to know each other out on the picket line. I think it is going to be a real step forward in terms of solidarity."

"People said before that part-timers don't care about the union and won't fight for better conditions. But the strike is proving that if they're given the opportunity, part-timers will fight along with everyone else. And that's going to make a big difference after this strike is over."

Polis & Chicago — Work, But Not Happy



CHICAGO—UPS workers here are angry that their union leaders have extended their contract and forced them to continue working during the Central States strike. They have gone to the Local 705 hall twice, demanding that a strike vote be taken and that they be informed of the union's bargaining proposals.

On Saturday, April 26 (above), local president Louis Peick refused to meet with the group. The story was much the same on Tuesday, May 4. But when Peick wandered out of the building while the group was picketing, he was met with shouts and jeers.

labor notes

by Jim Woodward



Postal workers picketed post offices throughout California April 24, protesting the Postal Service's plans for a 12% cutback in services in that state. The Letter Carriers union says the cutback will eliminate Saturday mail deliveries by the end of May. Union officials were careful to emphasize that the picketing only involved off-duty workers and did not constitute a strike. But it will take more than informational picketing to stop the Postal Service, which is now talking of cutting home deliveries to three days a week.

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For years now, women workers campaigning for equal wages and equal work have had to put up with nonsense like: "Just have patience—things are getting better." Well no more are they getting better. According to the Census Bureau, which compiles statistics on such things, the gap between men's wages and women's wages is now getting wider. The latest report shows that in 1970, women workers earned 59% of what men earned. By 1974, the percentage was down to 57%.

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Three armored car companies, the International officers of the Teamsters Union, and a federal judge have joined forces to break a Teamsters strike in New York. Almost a thousand drivers and guards employed by Brink's, Purolator, and Wells Fargo refused to work on Monday, April 24. The members of Teamsters Local 820 were demanding that the companies hire laid-off armored car workers rather than using casuals. Pressure from the International, an injunction and heavy fines ended the strike after three days.

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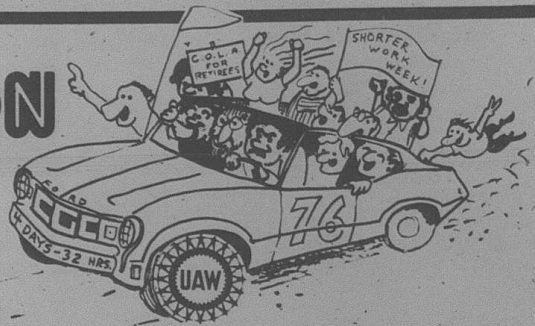
The National Labor Relations Board has ordered the Russell Stover Candy Co. to reinstate a supervisor, Henry Johnson, who was fired in 1974. Johnson had been hired to spy on workers who were conducting a union organizing drive. He apparently got worried about his activities and spoke to a lawyer who told him the spying was illegal. Johnson then confessed to the workers and apologized for his spying activities. That same day he was fired, allegedly for doing a poor job of taking inventories. Now he's been ordered back, with full back pay. Any other super snoops out there want to confess?

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AUTO MOTION

by Jack Weinberg
UAW Local 212



Third of a Series

The International Auto Workers Union is considered by most people to be a democratic union. This means that it normally holds honest elections for union office and it doesn't normally use violence and physical intimidation to keep the membership in line. Last week's column told how management chose Walter Reuther to take control of the UAW. It told how they

helped him build a machine that worked closely with management to stifle active union life and membership initiative on all levels of the union.

This week's topic is how the UAW machine dominates and controls the union while still allowing elections and votes.

The UAW machine, now headed by Leonard Woodcock, does not mainly rely on goons and gangsters. Instead, it uses much more political means of control and counterinsurgency.

It promotes and enforces what could be called "the first law of political survival in the UAW."

Union members who seriously challenge the top leadership and its policies are set up to be politically killed in union politics by top notch professionals.

The backbone of this political machine, those who make sure that the "law of survival" is enforced, are the UAW International Reps.

The top leadership recruits them from among Local Union politicians who prove most ambitious, clever, and loyal to the top machine.

APPOINTED

The International Reps are appointed, not elected. They wear nice clothes, drive nice cars (on expense account), don't work very much, and earn \$20,000 per year—all paid for out of membership dues.

There are one thousand Reps. Their job is to police the union and squash serious opposition before it gets a chance to form.

Reps cannot be held responsible by the membership, and not even by the local unions they are supposed to service. They are finally responsible to one man—the International UAW President.

No matter what they do, no one can remove them from office except the International Executive Board of the President. They are trained early to take orders from above, even if it means screwing thousands of members.

If they cross the boss, they have to put back on their greasy nasty work clothes, take a pay cut, and return to work in the production plants.

By controlling the local unions, the top leadership also guarantee their own re-election and union's adoption of their policies.

The UAW President and International Reps who service a local union sit with that local's delegates on the floor of the convention.

The International Rep makes sure that the delegates who they are watching "vote right". If necessary, they engage in heavy arm twisting. International Reps have prestigious positions to protect.

Below the International Reps are the elected local officials. They too are subject to control.

Local union officials and elected representatives are not supposed to organize the membership to seriously fight management on the shop floor.

What happens if the membership democratically elects a Chief Steward or other official who doesn't understand this rule?

First, management informs the

union that they are having a problem with one of the union people. Higher local officials who know the score, take that person aside and explain the facts of life. Then, if this doesn't work, stronger methods are applied.

Management and the union machine gang up. Elected local officials who already know to toe the line are expected to join in the attack.

For example, say the union official who is out of line is a district

ship forces the local union to provide some protection to the members.

But often the pressure from the International and management is stronger and better organized.

Where the International Union is dissatisfied with the top leadership of a local union they take drastic action.

For example, when Jordan Sims was Shop Chairman at Chrysler Eldon Avenue, he started pushing management too hard. Manage-



Jordan Sims, President, Local 961, UAW.

representative (Chief Steward or District Committeeman). Foremen in the district go on rampage and start messing with the workers.

Discharges and harassment multiply. And the district representative can't get people back to work or win the simplest grievance.

The word goes out that the rep does not know the contract and procedure, and can't even write a grievance properly.

Mouths are set to running in the district. They push the line that the rep is having "personality problems," not just with management, but even with the Shop Committee.

"Why should the membership suffer," they ask, "just because the rep has such a 'bad attitude'?"

If the rep refuses to back down, and if he or she loses support, management will try to wrap up the case with a discharge.

It takes strength and courage for a single rep to stand up to the pressure.

MEMBERSHIP

Elected union officials are under pressure from another direction as well. Management and the top UAW machine push them from one side—the membership pushes them the other way.

The membership wants and demands union protection.

In many locals those elected to union office are being constantly replaced, particularly at the district level. If they can't provide union protection, they go out at the next election.

This pressure from the member-

ment set up a provocation to fire him.

Then the union stepped in to break a membership struggle to reinstate him. Sims, despite constant interference from the International got himself elected President, even though still fired.

Large sums have been spent to organize against him inside his local. The local has been put into trusteeship on trumped up charges.

Ambitious local politicians are warned to keep clear of Sims if they want to have a future in the union.

But the machine will act against local officials who cause them lesser problems than Sims did.

George Robertson, ex-President of Local 235, Chevy Hamtramck, was a 99.5% administration loyalist. But Regional Director George Morelli didn't like him.

Again, large amounts of money and professional help were funneled into his local to organize for Robertson's defeat.

LOSING ITS GRIP

The machine is now starting to lose its grip. Those in the union who understand how and why will be at an important advantage in the months and years to come.

Pressures within the union are beginning to tear apart even the International Executive Board.

Future installments of this column will explain these pressures in more detail—will explain why and how the machine will self-destruct.

New Walkout Hits LA Freight Baron

LOS ANGELES— Last Monday morning, drivers and dockmen at Associated Freight went out on strike again, against notorious union-buster John Pfeiffer.

Negotiations between Pfeiffer and a committee of the Western Conference of Teamsters have gotten nowhere in the last month.

During last month's national freight strike, Pfeiffer withdrew power of attorney from California Trucking Association, and refused to sign the Master Freight Agreement.

Pfeiffer hired a small army of Oakland rent-a-cop strikebreakers and ran scab convoys through union lines. There were injuries, arrests and lots of property damage.

Pfeiffer wants the union to accept all kinds of substantial conditions—starting with limiting the wage increase package over three years to 4%-\$1.45, depending on job classification.

He wants to drop out of the Teamster pension fund and set up one of his own, to force workers to work out of their classification, and a grievance procedure that would make it easier to streamline you out

of a job.

But Pfeiffer wants more than a standard agreement. He wants to break the union and the men. He failed pathetically last time around, and he's at it again.

He sent a letter to all his employees telling them to report for their regular shift May 5. The obvious threat is that if they keep the strike solid he will hire scabs to take their place.

Since the strike began Pfeiffer has run two sets of trailers through the line. They were from Best Way, a company that runs through Arizona. Pfeiffer actually owns Best Way, but this cannot be "proved."

Best Way owner-operators were the strike breakers that ran the lines in April. We can expect a lot more trouble from them this time.

Union officials have said they don't want mass picketing, that "the Business Agents will handle things."

However, there have been as many as 60-80 members on the picket line at one time. This is good, because it looks like this is going to be a bitter and hard-fought strike.

Letters

to

Workers' Power

Will It Work?

Dear Workers' Power,

The other day I was talking with a Teamster friend of mine about socialism.

He said the ideas that socialists have all sound real good—but, he said, "What happened in Russia?"

I tried to explain how Russia was ruled by a small group of people just like the United States. I said that the workers' revolution there failed finally, after a few years of trying to make it work.

Just because it failed there doesn't mean it won't ever work at all. We have to learn from their mistakes.

I know my answer to him was not as good as it could be. I think Workers' Power can help out on these kinds of questions... Russia, democracy, free enterprise, competition, and so on.

It's my feeling that a lot of people have thought about socialist ideas, but they have a lot of questions which hold them back from trying to make these ideas work.

Could you please write some answers?

J.E.
Louisville, Ky.

Shove It, UPS!

Dear Workers' Power,

I'm a UPS worker in Seattle and I know that everyone out here is watching closely what will happen in the Central States contract fight.

Our contract expired on March 31st. Our union officials either don't know or won't tell us how it's being negotiated (13 western states or locally) or if they are even negotiating yet.

The UPS workers' paper, UPSurge, is a big help to us out here. For the first time we can find out what's going on with other UPSers in other parts of the country.

But UPSurge only comes out once a month and issues that are hot now might seem too dead by press time.

That is why Workers' Power is important for us at UPS. It is the only place we can get the latest news about UPS from the point of view of fellow UPSers. It's the only place where we can find the dirty facts and figures about the big brown machine.

We'll be watching the midwest strike real closely in Seattle because our contract depends so much on what they win. A good settlement for the Central States will help us win a better contract on the west coast.

This time around let's stick together and show UPS where to shove it!

G.E.
Seattle

MORE NATIVE AMERICAN FRAME-UP VICTIMS

Dear Workers' Power,

After reading your article on Leonard Peltier, I thought I should write to you since the article contained no mention of Bob Robideau's or Darelle Butler's trial.

[Robideau and Butler, two Indian men, will go on trial May 17 on a framed-up charge of murder, stemming from the June 26, 1975 shooting of two FBI men. There is no evidence against them. Peltier and another Indian man, Jimmy Eagle, are being

held on the same charge.]

Leonard was severed from them, against the wishes of all three men. The fact that the trial was not mentioned is probably due to the lack of general media coverage, and not enough information coming from us.

The attorneys on that case are asking for a continuance until June so that primary trial lawyers may attend.

Russell Means is set to go on trial May 3, though attorney Ken Tilsen is asking for more time to prepare and obtain local (South Dakota) counsel. He is charged with first-degree murder: something he did not commit.

The charges brought against him by the state of South Dakota are totally and wholly political. We know even before the trial starts that the jury will be all white, racist, and prejudiced against Russell.

Cheek To Cheek With Racist Wallace

Dear Workers' Power,

In Detroit on April 10, Presidential candidates from George Wallace to Morris Udall sat down to dinner to raise money for the Democratic Party.

The day after the big event, the Detroit Free Press ran a major article about how chummy the whole affair was—Southern draws and black voices blending together to draw in those campaign bucks. The picture of Coleman Young, Detroit's black mayor, and George Wallace, the nation's arch segregationist, practically cheek to cheek and grinning made me sick.

It was disgusting—and amazing—in this majority black city to see them put their racism right out on front street.

But the next day's news was simply appalling. With fanfare the Free Press, even though three days after the event, announced that John Conyers, one of the Detroit's U.S. Representatives and one of the "most militant blacks" in the House, had not attended the dinner because of Wallace's presence.



John Conyers

Quietly, calmly and keeping it all in The Family, Conyers had simply not showed up—and later called it a boycott. No public opposition, no attempt to put serious pressure on other Democrats not to part with the most racist national politician around. And particularly no attempt to get regular ordinary voters—black

and white—to help put the pressure on.

Conyers may call this act "leadership" anyway. I call it cowardice and ass-covering. His voting base is entirely black, and Conyers didn't want to upset them—but he didn't want to upset the "good ole boys" who run the Democratic Party either.

When I read Workers' Power #156 that there was a demonstration that night I was proud—but even more furious too.

Furious that opposition to the vicious racism Wallace breeds was left to a few, while these cowardly politicians arrogantly demand black votes and support.

And proud that the opposition—organized by the International Socialists and the Red Tide—had been there, and to do more than make the record. We publicly exposed the complete racism of the Democrats. We showed once and again that no one should ever believe their lies.

I agree with Workers' Power's election position: Vote No.

Cheryl Southerly
Detroit, MI



Five scientific surveys of South Dakota have proven beyond a doubt that South Dakota residents are prejudiced against AIM, Indians, and Russell Means, whom they blame for every ill that befalls their society.

Dick Marshall, charged with murder along with Means, was convicted by an all-white racist jury earlier and sentenced to life on false testimony which was introduced by the FBI and Pennington County [S.D.] Sheriff's Department.

The testimony of the prosecution's witness was proven false under defense cross examination.

In struggle and solidarity,
Norman Moore
WKLD/OC
Rapid City, S.D.

HERE'S A TASTE OF UPSurge POWER

Dear Workers' Power,

The Five-Point Inn is a bar just down the street from the Louisville UPS hub. If you want to meet some folks in UPSurge country, it's a good place to go.

Last Friday, April 30, I stopped in there for a show of support from a TDC member.

At ten minutes to twelve everybody got up and gathered outside for a march to the company gates.

It's a quiet desolate road - not

much traffic except for what goes in and out of UPS. The road was ours!

This letter is to try and tell you the sense of power I could feel among those Teamsters. The spirit, militancy and anger of these men and women charged the air like electricity.

They had been waiting a long time for this night.

If UPS could have been hung by a rope that night, it would have

been done. But better than that, these folks were shutting it down.

I hope that this UPSurge spirit catches on in our whole local—and even more I hope, the rank and file organization spreads like wildfire.

Then, when the companies mess with us just one time too many, we'll hang them all at once!

A TDC member
Louisville, Ky.



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.

Gary Tyler Must Go Free!

I.S. Branches Build Demonstrations

A movement to free Gary Tyler is beginning and Workers' Power readers and I.S. members across the country are helping to build it.

Right now Gary Tyler, a black 17 year old, sits in prison, with the death penalty hanging over his head, for a crime he didn't commit. (See story page 5)

Gary's real "crime" is that he is black. He is the victim of a racist system that solves crime by plucking blacks off the street first and making the evidence fit later.

Too many Gary Tyler's rot in jail in this country. The Free Gary Tyler Movement speaks against the injustice of the system as a whole, as it demands the freedom of one man.

Gary has spent too much time in jail already. Branches and I.S. members at large are becoming involved in Free Gary Tyler Committees. They are helping to start new committees and organize demonstrations to demand his freedom.

Unions and other community groups are being contacted

for support.

In many cities demonstrations are already planned. I.S. members participating in and building these demonstrations help to make them successful.

ATTEND, SUPPORT

Workers' Power readers are urged to attend and support these demonstrations.

In addition, branches are circulating Free Gary Tyler petitions, obtaining as many signatures as possible. Leaflets can be distributed in communities, workplaces, and schools, informing people of Gary Tyler's case.

It is important that money be collected so that the word about Gary Tyler can reach a larger and larger audience. Send all contributions, no matter how small, and petition requests to: Committee to Free Gary Tyler, PO Box 15810, New Orleans, Louisiana 70121.

Workers' Power is calling on all of its readers to help build this movement. A man's life is at stake.

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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, gays, latinos, 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.

Women Workers Find Power In Union Jobs

by Christina Bergmark

When I grew up I became a nurse—a Licensed Practical Nurse. There's no shame in emptying bedpans, cleaning wounds, or giving bedbaths, but there ain't much glory in it either—or much money.

A nurse, like women in general, is for serving.

As a nurse my job consisted of just about equal parts of housework and motherhood.

Probably the most time-consuming chunk of a practical nurse's work is housework: cleaning up rooms, making beds, washing out bedclothes.

Nursing, itself, is the motherhood: caring for people, giving baths and backrubs, being the listener, the bandager, the one who consoles. The nurse builds back the ego, always has a smile, caters to the slightest whim.

In addition, she laughs off abuse and takes sexual harassment as part of her job.

Don't get me wrong. There's nothing wrong with any of this

work. But there is something wrong when the vast majority of women are frozen into these roles for life and within these roles have very little say about what goes on.

Like any job, though, nursing has its humble reward. Right now I wish I'd counted the times patients said, "I could never do what you're doing, but I think it's really and wonderfully."



Christina Bergmark

That appreciation is a nurse's reward, but it doesn't pay the bills.

LITTLE STATUS

In the hospital hierarchy the LPN is less than a heroine.

More often than not, the LPN's and nurse's aides have valuable knowledge of patient's symptoms, complaints and needs. We were there all day. We were the ones the patients talked to.

But I can count on one hand the times I was asked for my opinion on patient care, even in small matters. The information I volunteered was less than appreciated.

Like a mother or a wife, I was supposed to make everything better in a world in which I had no say—no power.

I was supposed to reassure the patient: But if the doctor didn't want him to know what was wrong, I was supposed to lie about his diagnosis.

Another patient might want to know her blood pressure, or what



Nurses on strike in California.

a particular pill was for. I was supposed to avoid answering, or tell her to ask her doctor, even though she might not see him for days.

If a doctor made an error in judgment I was supposed to cover his act.

As with other women's work, a practical nurse's wages stink.

After going to school fulltime for 12 months (that should make me a skilled worker, right?) I was making \$3.56 an hour, working all three shifts and two out of three weekends.

Many Angels of Mercy are beginning to get together and say, "No! We want schedules and pay that will allow us to live like human beings."

"We want decent staffing so we won't be overworked, and so our patients can get decent care."

In response, the media portrays them as a bunch of selfish, greedy women with no regard for human suffering.

NEW JOB

I don't work as a nurse any more. I load trucks at United Parcel Service (UPS) for \$6.74 an hour. Unskilled labor.

The harassment that's dished out to me I dish right back. I'm treated with respect by my fellow workers. Honest respect.

Not respect for being a "lady," but respect for ability to do a job, willingness to stand up to a boss and tell him what I think, the courage to fight back.

I miss my work as a nurse. I enjoyed learning about medicine. Caring for people and seeing them grow better was rewarding. But the wall I was hitting my head against wasn't budging.

The Big Brown Wall is. As an UPSurge activist I've grown and strengthened more in a year than I ever would have thought possible.

When I talk to the women I used to work with, most are envious—of my making a living wage, of having job security.

Opportunities for women are opening up in formerly all male industries. As women enter auto, steel, trucking and other major industries, many are joining the growing rank and file movements there: already some are rank and file leaders.

While fighting for the rights of working people, women are fighting for our own special concerns and problems.

It's easier to fight back and see the results in industries with a history of struggle.

But most women will continue to work in traditional women's jobs. What about them?

As the labor movement makes gains, all kinds of workers will follow the lead and move forward on their own.

I can hardly wait for the day when the Ladies in White, with the rest of us alongside them, fight for their rights and win!

Merry Busch

VIEW FROM THE AUDIENCE

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"Welcome Back, Kotter"

It's refreshing to come across a fairly decent TV show like "Welcome Back Kotter."

The show revolves around the antics in a remedial class in a Brooklyn high school. The students are the main attraction and usually steal the show from the teacher, Kotter (comedian Gabriel Kaplan).

One surprising thing is how Kotter's "sweathogs" (the term for the somewhat scruffy, rebellious underachievers) are characterized.

They are not portrayed as totally stupid, immature and uncontrollable the way most students are shown in TV programs. Nor are they the unrealistic goody-two-shoes type you'll find in Room 222 (a show I consider to be a crime against human nature).

SWEATHOGS

First there's the leader, Vinny Barbarino. He's the big good-looking guy who's always got a lady waiting for him in the hall. He's a man of few words and uses them often.

Vinny will make things as hard as he can for Kotter with his continual puzzled look and standard response of: "what? who? where? when?"

Then there's Horshack, a bright young man who doesn't really give

a damn about school and is suffering from an overdose of old movies.

His honking laugh is his trademark. When Kotter asks a question of the class, if Horshack knows the answer, he'll go into his routine.

His arm shoots up into the air, the other arm helps wave it around for extra attention as he frantically begs, "Oo, oo, call on me, call on me!"

There's Washington, the tall good-looking black guy who never seems to have his books or homework "right there handy."

Whenever Washington senses he's in trouble he'll break into a broad smile and try to bowl you over with a suave, "Hi there," as he stalls for time.

A NOTE

And who can forget Juan Epstein? This man has a note for everything no matter how outrageous it is. Kotter accepts his notes even though everyone knows Juan writes them all himself.

The signature at the end of each note is the giveaway: "Signed, Epstein's mother."

The sweathogs are usually running a game on Kotter instead of vice versa.

Here's a typical scene. The bell rings and the sweathogs begin

filming into the classroom. Today is the day of doom: report card day.

Washington, always ready to score extra points, walks up to Kotter and hands him a large half-eaten apple.

"Did you get hungry on the way

at it and snaps back at Kotter with a hostile glare, "Thanks, you just killed my mother!"

Washington gives Kotter a dirty look, grabs his apple and splits.

"Welcome Back Kotter" is good but there are some problems with it. For example, female characters don't really exist.

Either they are totally obnoxious or do no more than giggle, like Kotter's wife Julie. It's essentially a male show.

UNREALISTIC

There are a few things that are unrealistic too.

One example is how much the cranky old administrator is willing to take from Kotter and the sweathogs.

The other and most important flaw is the idea that a teacher can be like Kotter and still keep his or her job.

I've had teachers as cool as Kotter, but either they get fired or it, or are told shape up or ship out.

The show gives the illusion that a teacher can maintain a class that's fun to go to and everybody digs.

This is especially untrue if it's supposed to be a remedial class in a working class high school. Schools just aren't that cool, yet.

Merry Busch



Gabriel Kaplan

to school?" asks Kotter sarcastically.

"No," replies Washington. "I found it that way."

Kotter proceeds to hand out the report cards and the moans and groans begin.

Juan takes his report card, looks

WORKERS' POWER RUBBER STRIKE STILL ON

The nationwide rubber strike is now in its third week. The impact on the auto companies is already apparent, as some cars and trucks are being shipped from the factories without spare tires.

If the strike goes much longer, this pinch will become a squeeze and then a stranglehold as auto plants begin to shut down.

From the beginning, rank and file rubber workers were determined to do everything they could to win the strike. In some places, they have been crippled by the police and the courts.

But still, they are confident and determined to win, as this report from a Firestone plant shows.

Rubber workers at Noblesville, Indiana Firestone faced down scabs for three hours in a display of militant power. One hundred twenty five men and women in United Rubber Workers (URW) Local 138 held the line until police intervened with a restraining order allowing scabs to enter.

Pickets have been limited to three per gate. However, there is a good deal of sentiment for another mass picket since the first was such a success.

Noblesville is a small town. The plant normally employs 750 workers; over half are women. Firestone

is attempting to keep the place operating by using 200 non-union employees and supervisors.

NOTHING BUT SCRAP

The local newspaper reports that the scabs are producing at 85% of normal output.

But Workers' Power talked to picketers who laughed at the report, commenting that they're "producing nothing but scrap—they don't know anything about running those machines and they are making 85% rejects!"

The scabs couldn't even produce

New Jersey Rubber Strikes For COLA

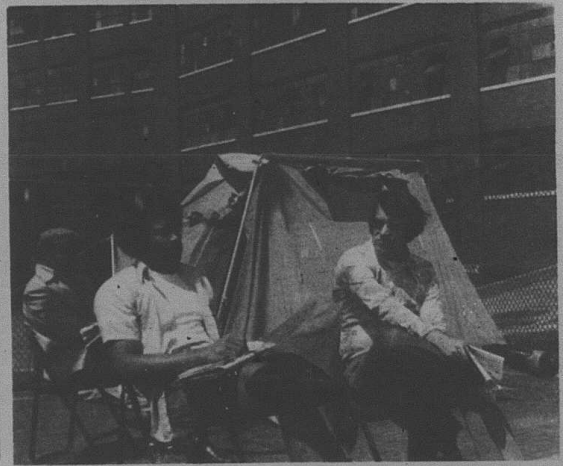
The members of United Rubber Workers Local 107 showed their strength last week when they turned down Congoleum Corporation of Trenton's contract proposals. The union body flatly rejected the company's meager offer of 50c an hour increase the first year, 45c the second year and 45c the third year.

There was no cost of living adjustment plus no wage reopener for the next three years. The pension proposals by the company were a mere token of what the union members should be getting.

One strike, John Scoczar, said, "In the last contract we lost a lot to the wage freeze imposed by Tricky Dick. We need \$1.40 just to catch up!"

these worthless goods if the railway unions would refuse to let their members allow supervisors to back the trains into the factory, keeping the plant supplied.

Teamsters, who just went through their own strike, are honoring the URW lines by taking



Rubber workers on the picket line at the Akron Goodrich Plant. An injunction against mass picketing covers the entire city of Akron.

The company was astonished that the workers did not accept the original offer. This strike is not part of the national rubber workers strike against the Big Four.

Picketeer Bill Ferris said, "The reason for the strike is that we want catch up money. We want decent yearly raises and we want an end to this corporate arrogance. These bastards are really arrogant."

The picket captain has organized picketing at a warehouse under a contract with another United Rubber Workers local, #155. Local 155 has come out in support of the strike.

The workers seem determined to hold out for their demands. The picketing is around the clock. So far the company has made no attempt to move anything out.

According to one of the picket captains, one of the problems with the strike is that the union officers have not established a clear line of communications with the strikers. The picket captains have attempted to get as much information to the strikers as possible.

The union leadership had supported ratification of the proposed contract and has not shown great enthusiasm for the strike.

their loads back to the terminals.

Picketers predict a 6-8 week strike, reporting that the Noblesville plant had stockpiled for four weeks before the strike.

But the strike in Local 138 remains solid. One woman striker gave the reason why: "If it were

just Firestone out we'd have already lost, but all four of the companies' workers are standing together in this strike and together we can win."

John Hallagan
Phyllis Kruger



WORKERS HONOR MAY DAY MARTYRS

On the eve of May Day, 1976, this group of International Harvester workers placed a wreath on the monument to the martyrs of the Haymarket Riot.

Ninety years ago, on May 1, 1886, a national strike for the 8-hour day began. The heart of that movement was in Chicago. On May 3, 1886, 200 police fired on a crowd of pickets outside the McCormick Harvester Works, killing four and wounding many others.

The following day a protest meeting was called at Haymarket Square. The police ordered the meeting to disperse, and a bomb was thrown which killed one policeman. The police then opened fire and killed one person and wounded many others.

The leaders of the 8-hour movement in Chicago were arrested and charged with responsibility for the bomb. It later became known that the bomb was thrown by a police agent. Nevertheless, seven leaders of the 8-hour movement were sentenced to death. Four were eventually hanged.

The authorities used the bombing as the excuse to break the back of the 8-hour movement.

These events led to the adoption of May 1 as the international workers' holiday.

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