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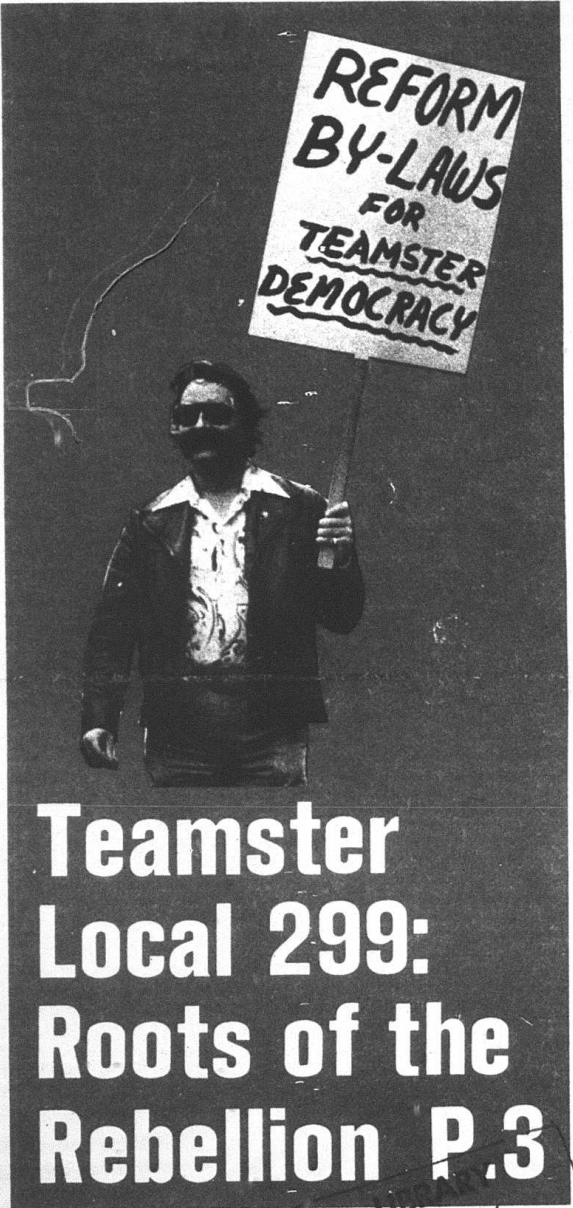
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## UAW Convention: New President Vetoes The Right To Vote

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Jimmy Carter campaigns at the United Auto Workers convention.



## CARTER PROPOSES NEW LISTENING LAW; THIS IS FREEDOM?

by Kate Stacy  
They called it "breathing new life" into American freedoms. The government will continue to bug phones at will.  
The Carter Administration called Congressional liberals and conservatives to the Rose Garden last week. Together they heaped praises on their new and improved federal wire-tapping legislation, just introduced in the Senate.  
But this new law, sponsored by

Senator Edward Kennedy, mainly restates the old law as it is. And under the old law?  
Literally millions of private conversations have been recorded. Only a tiny percentage were ever used as criminal evidence.  
The Fourth Amendment says that's "unreasonable search and seizure" and an invasion of privacy.  
Pure and simple, the federal government has snooped and spied

on the private lives of the people. And it isn't going to stop.  
So how did that become a big victory for human rights (Yes, that's what Jimmy Carter called it)?  
Well they dropped a few wrinkles proposed by Richard Nixon while he was on the rampage some years ago.  
They aren't going to say openly, like Nixon did, that the President has the power to bug anybody,

particularly anyone suspected of supporting a foreign government. All without a warrant, of course.  
Also, according to Nixon, no one ever needed to check on the FBI. Was it really collecting "evidence"? Or was it trying to find out the sexual preferences of out-of-favor Congressmen?  
These wrinkles never had a chance of making it into official law books. The "big reform" they're bragging about now is a shadow.

The government is content with the present set-up. And why not? It can find out anything it wants to with the present laws.  
The FBI and local "red squads" used the taps against the anti-war movement and against the Black movement. They'll use it against the developing militancy in the labor movement too.  
And not playing Richard Nixon's scene? Well, it's a good headline.

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# Jimmy's Pals Strike It Rich

by Karen Kaye

**Jimmy Carter's family and friends found his election victory to be a rewarding experience.**

Many of them are now earning \$40,000-\$56,000 a year on the White House staff.

In March, after about two months in their new jobs, they all got a raise. The 48 top level pay hikes totalled \$400,000.

**Who are these people? And what do they do to earn our tax dollars?** Madeleine MacBean was described in Kandy Stroud's book, "How Jimmy Won," as one of two intimate girlfriends of Rosalynn Carter. With friendship elevated to job status, she now makes \$40,000 a year as "Personal Assistant to the First Lady," her official title.

## SMALL FRY?

But perhaps this is small fry. Hamilton Jordan, 32, was Carter's campaign manager. He now gets \$56,000 as "Assistant to the President."

So does Robert J. Lipshutz, a 55-year-old lawyer who was Carter's campaign fundraiser. Now he's an "Assistant to the President for Congressional Liaison."

Stuart E. Eizenstat was issues and policy director during the campaign. Now, he too, makes \$6 grand as "Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy."

The 33-year-old lawyer has been associated with Carter since 1968. Before that, he was a speechwriter for Lyndon Johnson.

**Greg Schneiders, 29, functioned in Carter's campaign as "porter, coat-toter and step-and-fetch-it," again according to Stroud's book. A man of inherited wealth, he now makes \$48,500 as "Director, White House Projects."**

## PAPER-SHUFFLING

Rick Hutcheson, 25, was making \$6000 two years ago on staff of the Democratic National Committee. Hutcheson quit to join the Carter campaign and now makes \$42,500 as "Staff Secretary" at the White House. He described his duties to the New York Times as "just a paper shuffling job."

## President's Pollster Peddles Panic

"JUST AS the anti-nuclear forces have sold fear, the industry needs to find a lever with equal emotional intensity—massive unemployment, no growth, runaway costs and foreign domination."

If this quote sounds familiar, maybe it's because the fears spelled out were the ones President Carter tried to instill in the American people when he was selling his energy program.

But the quote comes from Patrick Caddell, a close adviser of the President. He also runs a million dollar a year opinion polling business, Cambridge Survey Research.

## ADVICE

The words were his advice to one of his clients, Westinghouse. Westinghouse was worried about an anti-nuclear referendum in California last year.

Some of Caddell's other clients



**JODY POWELL**  
Press Secretary  
\$56,000



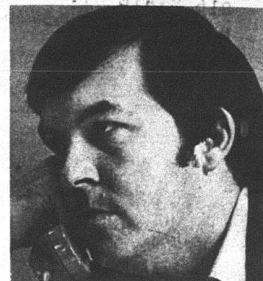
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Rex Granum, 26, quit his job as a \$15,000 a year reporter for the Atlanta Constitution, again to join the Carter campaign. As "Deputy Press Secretary" he now gets \$48,500.

Cousin Hugh Carter owns a worm farm and an antique store in Plains. Kandy Stroud asked Hugh's father, Uncle Buddy (Alton Carter), about the antique store. "It turns over ten thousand dollars sometimes twice a month and brings in close to a quarter of a million dollars annually."

## A HOBBY

"It's just a hobby for me," said Hugh. The worm farm is his real business.

"I make a lot of money," he bragged to the reporter. While he wouldn't reveal how much, he said that a comparable farm makes over a million a year.

Stroud asked Uncle Buddy, "Who picks the worms?" "Niggahs. Hugh's got four niggahs that haul 'em out, working all the time."

One employee was reported to make \$60 a week for this. She is separated from her husband and has raised four sons on that pay.

Now Hugh is also making a little side money of \$51,000 a year as "Special Assistant to the President for Administration."

The list goes on and on. Carter's friends, new and old, are now in the White House. They're enjoying hefty salaries, at our expense, for jobs with very vague titles. □

## SOCIAL SECURITY: IS IT NEARING COLLAPSE?

by Kim Moody

Don't plan to grow old under capitalism. You may not be able to afford it.

The social security systems of the richest nations on earth are all in trouble, it seems.

America's social security system is expected to be overwhelmed by debt in about five years. West Germany's is already in crisis and Italy's will run \$72 million in debt this year.

Why is this happening? One explanation is that more people are retiring earlier and living longer.

The real reason, however, is that western capitalism itself is in deep and continuing trouble.

Persistent inflation has meant that social security benefits have risen significantly. Mass unemployment has meant that millions of workers have not been paying social security taxes.

The U.S. and West Germany are trying to solve this crisis in the short run by increasing social security taxes, taking funds from the general federal budget, and limiting the future growth of benefits.

These stop-gap solutions come at a time when these countries are in an economic recovery. But recoveries are always followed by slumps.

Most economists expect the next slump in 1979. That will mean that both workers and employers will have a hard time paying increased taxes.

Social Security was forced on the employers by the labor movement decades ago. The employers didn't want it, because they saw it as a burden on their profits.

As the costs of social security grow, and inflation and unemployment force more of the burden on them, the employers will demand cutbacks in benefits.

In the long run, they may even revive their old attacks on the whole idea that an income in old age is the right of everyone.

## IT'S OUR RIGHT!

The fact is, social security benefits are totally inadequate as they are. A decent income during old age must be viewed as a right.

In a socialist society, people of all ages will be able to perform various useful tasks in line with their abilities.

Leisure and rest will be normal parts of life at all ages. People will not be forced to live in poverty because of their age.

Income will be a matter of right for everyone. The distinction between one's working years and retirement will fade.

Rather than growing old and poor under capitalism, we suggest joining the fight to get rid of it. □



## Congressman Says: Who Cares Who Killed King?

The racist slip-of-the-tongue award goes to Republican U.S. Representative John Ashbrook from Ohio.

Referring to Martin Luther King Jr., Ashbrook is reported to have said, time and money "should not be wasted investigating the murder of some nigger."

Ashbrook was at a dinner meeting with a few other Congressmen at the time. The remark was printed in Jack Anderson's nationally syndicated column. Ashbrook has denied he said it.

Only one of the other Congressmen who were at the dinner will now publicly admit he attended. However, some of these other nameless souls recalled the remark clearly.

The unwritten code is that Congressmen don't openly squeal on each other—even when racism as blatant as this is involved.

The Congressional code does allow Martin Luther King to be a "venerated civil rights leader" on the campaign trail—and "that nigger" in the private meetings. □

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# ROOTS OF LOCAL 299's RANK AND FILE REVOLT

by Dan LaBotz

**JIMMY HOFFA WAS** Jesus Christ to many Teamsters. For years, for thousands of Teamsters around the country, Jimmy Hoffa was "The Man."

This was especially true in his home local in Detroit, Local 299. He built the union and was a personal friend to many.

That's why the strength shown by the rank and file members of 299 is so important.

The growth of Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU) in Local 299 marks the first time in 30 years that the rank and file has been able to organize itself independently of the union administration—be it Hoffa, Fitzsimmons, or their cronies.

A current campaign to reform the by-laws of Local 299 is one of the most important events in the

Local's history. The by-laws reform was proposed by TDU.

The by-laws reform would require stewards and business agents to be elected, not appointed. So far, the by-laws reform has gotten about half the votes. It is a test of the strength of the rank and file before the elections for local officers this fall.

## LOCAL HISTORY

Local 299 was organized by Hoffa in the late 1930's, but he wouldn't allow any elections until he was sure he could control the union. In 1945 he was elected President.

Local 299 never got out of Hoffa's hands until he went to prison. Hoffa controlled the Local at the top and at the bottom.

At the top, he got into a close friendship with the employers and



TDU members demonstrate in front of the 299 hall in support of the by-laws campaign. TDU is calling for the election of stewards and business agents, and for rank and file committees. TDU is the first group to break away from the 299 administrations of Hoffa, Johnson and Lins.

the mob. He put mobsters like Rolland McMasters on the payroll.

Hoffa became an employer himself. Using his wife's maiden name, he bought trucking companies like Test Fleet and Central Transport.

At the bottom, he built a machine that reached right into the barns. He protected the conditions of the freight drivers and dock men in Local 299. Meanwhile, many other locals went to hell under the gangsters he put in charge of them.

When Hoffa went to prison in 1967 a split developed between himself and Frank Fitzsimmons. Frank Fitzsimmons is one of the errand boys from the early days.

Frank had been left to mind the store. Instead he stole the business.

Hoffa—from prison—and Fitzsimmons — from Washington — carried on a battle for the local.

## SPLITS

While this split was going on at the top, another split was taking place between the leadership and the rank and file.

A whole series of rank and file groups were organized within the Local.

But none of the groups was ever really independent of Hoffa or his succeeding administrations. Most

of the groups were led by the men who had been the shop floor leaders of the Hoffa machine.

The first of these groups was organized in the late 60's, the Teamster Betterment League (TBL). The TBL became Teammate in 1970—until it was bombed out.

Teammate became Unity. Later Unity became Action Committee of Teamsters (ACT). ACT became Action Rank and File (ARF).

This old rank and file base of Hoffa's—under its various names — supported different Hoffa cronies, like Jimmy Hoffa, Jr., Dave Johnson, Otto Wendel, and Bob Lins.

And today this same group, now under the name of the Concerned Members, is still in search of a savior.

But Jimmy Jr. won't have anything to do with them. Otto Wendel has betrayed them. Lins has attacked them. And while B.A. Pete Karagozian still inspires them, he won't lead them.

## LONG TIME COMING

In some parts of the Detroit the news has been a long time coming—Jimmy Hoffa is dead. In fact, the Hoffa they searched for never lived.

It was only in November of 1975 that things began to change.

Pete Camarata, Karagozian's alternate steward at Earl C. Smith, attended a meeting of Teamsters for a Decent Contract (TDC). He began to organize for a decent contract in ACT.

But ACT split. Part of it, afraid of Fitzsimmons, went underground as Action Rank and File (ARF), and re-emerged later as Concerned Members.

The other part went with Camarata to organize TDC.

## TDC

The TDC in Detroit grew to be the militant leader of TDC nationally.

The TDC carried out a three day wildcat strike when the ARF activists that shut down Detroit in April, 1976.

Out of the wildcat strike of TDC in Detroit and the wildcats of UPS workers in May, 1976, grew Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU). TDU is a national rank and file movement of working Teamsters, fighting to take back their union.

In January the Detroit Metro TDU chapter felt it had enough strength to launch a by-laws campaign. In November TDU will likely be part of a rank and file slate trying to take over the union.

## NO IDOLS.

The crucial difference is that TDU is not waiting for the resurrection of the "little guy," or looking for the leadership of Jimmy Jr.

It doesn't even expect the best B.A. in the Local, Pete Karagozian, to lead them into the promised land.

And even its spokesmen and leaders, like Pete Camarata, are not idolized and revered.

The Teamsters of 299 are not awaiting a prophet or messiah to lead the out of the Egypt of Fitzsimmons into the promised land of Jimmy Hoffa.

They are learning the by-laws, the constitution, the contract. They are organizing the local, teaching their fellow members.

They intend to build the promised land here in Detroit themselves and then to carry the good news into Michigan, and throughout the country.

The news is that there is only one person who can save the union—you must do it yourself.



Jimmy Hoffa just after he got out of prison. None of the various groups in 299 ever got free of his influence—until TDU.

"When you run an organization like the Teamsters," said Hoffa, "one man has to be the boss and run things. I always had a lot of advisers and counselors. But hell, you get a bunch of committees or something and nothing gets done. In the final show-down I did it my way."

# By-laws vote points to Fall showdown

BY-LAWS reforms proposed by Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU) are being voted on this month by members of IBT Local 299 in Detroit. The proposed changes would give the ranks the power to elect business agents and stewards.

So far the by-laws reforms have received 647 votes, or 48%. The votes against them have been 699, or 52%.

The vote means there will be a real showdown when the elections for local officers take place late this fall.

The rank and file union reform movement and the union executive board are about evenly matched.

TDU made its strongest showing among the car haulers and cartage crafts, and made a respectable showing among the office workers. TDU was built out of the wildcats among freight workers after the May, 1976 contract settlement, and among car haulers in August of last year.

Strongest support for the changes came from terminals like Earl C. Smith, Shippers Dispatch, Keyline and other barns.

First, the employers, with the suspected collusion of the union have victimized rank and file activists, firing some and threaten-

ing others. Most are now back at work.

Second, they have conducted a campaign of red-baiting against socialists in the union.

And third they engaged in some parliamentary maneuvers. For example, denying the members the

right to vote on each by-laws amendment separately.

The administration has begun to get its act together after a long period of paralysis following Hoffa's conviction. The officials have put together a machine of business agents and stewards to go out into the barns and to the meetings.

The administration was able to turn out whole barns for the vote: roadmen from Roadway, and city cartage drivers and dockmen from White Star, Suburban, and Central Transport.

Whatever the outcome of the by-laws vote, a political process is taking place among 299 members which can ultimately benefit only the rank and file.

An up-front discussion of union democracy and the question of socialists in the union can only hurt the administration.

The truth is on the side of the members. □

By-Laws Votes So Far (Unofficial Figures)

		For	Against
May 2	Car haulers	275	203
May 4	J.L. Hudson (Dept. Store) and the Armored Car Drivers	4	39
May 5	Consolidated Pkg.; Time Container; Rau Cartage	7	8
May 11	City Cartage	277	222
May 12	Leaseway (Day shift)	26	1
May 13	Leaseway (Afternoon and Midnight)	4	1
May 15	Steel	12	29
May 15	Special Commodities	4	3
May 15	Road Drivers	7	122
May 15	Office	30	42
May 15	Tuller Wolf and Whittaker	3	29
Totals so far		647	699
Percentages so far		48%	52%

# SHOULD AFRICA TRUST JIMMY CARTER?

THE STRUGGLE FOR the liberation of southern Africa faces a turning point.

This week the Carter Administration is going into high gear in its campaign to take control of the transition from white colonial rule to Black majority rule.

This is already clear from sketchy reports from Mozambique. There, a United Nations conference on southern Africa is taking place.

Publicly, the Carter Administration claims it is committed to majority rule in white-ruled Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and the South African colony of Namibia.

Through United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young, however, the U.S. is telling the southern African liberation movements that if American commitments are to be honored, they must accept American terms for independence.

That is why Young met this week with leaders of African liberation movements, and the Presidents of the front-line African states of Mozambique and Zambia.

The real action at the conference is taking place in the corridors and receptions. Young is putting the heat on the Zimbabwean freedom fighters and their African military supporters.

## DEALS

What are the deals Young is trying to push through? Here are the most important demands he is making:

- The Zimbabwe Patriotic Front, the military alliance of the Zimbabwe liberation movements, should accept American participation in the next stage of negotiations with the racist Ian Smith regime.

Robert Mugabe, Secretary-General of ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union), the best armed and most militant wing of the

Patriotic Front, has already rejected this.

That is why Young is trying to line up as many African governments as possible for the proposal that the U.S. and Britain take charge of drafting a new Constitution for a Black government in Zimbabwe.

- Under this arrangement, Young wants the Patriotic Front and the people of Zimbabwe to accept guarantees that the white minority's property and other wealth will be protected, or paid for under a Black government.

This would mean that the whole future of Zimbabwe would be mortgaged away to pay off a few

hundred thousand colonialists for their pensions and the land they have stolen from the Black majority.

To sweeten this deal, the U.S. may promise to offer some "development loans" to help pay off the colonialists. That means the Black government would be permanently in debt to American

banks.

- Young also wants the liberation movement in Namibia, SWAPO, to allow the U.S. to stage-manage the negotiations for Namibian independence. The only thing Young has to offer in return is that the U.S. will pressure the South African government to include SWAPO in the talks.

Young knows very well that the liberation movements cannot be peacefully persuaded to give up everything they have fought and died for, just so the U.S. government can tell them how and when they are allowed to be free.

## PERSUASION

But peaceful persuasion is not Andrew Young's main tactic.

At least one news report this week indicated that Young told the Zimbabwe guerrilla movements they should accept the American peace plan. He says they don't have enough arms and military strength to overthrow the racist regime by themselves.

This implies that Andrew Young, on behalf of the Carter Administration, has told the Patriotic Front that unless they co-operate, the U.S. will apply pressure on African states to cut off their supplies of weapons and force them to surrender.

That is the real two-faced policy of Andrew Young and the Carter Administration toward southern African liberation. Under the smiles and the friendly handshakes, they are pulling the crudest kind of imperialist blackmail. □



Zimbabwe freedom fighters have the racist regime on the run. Is Andrew Young threatening to use U.S. muscle to cut off their supplies?

Liberation News Service

## Spain: This Is Democracy?

DID YOU KNOW that Spain is becoming a free, democratic country?

It must be true. Jimmy Carter himself says so. And Vice-President Walter Mondale, protected by a heavy police guard, visited Spanish leaders to compliment them on their commitment to human rights and freedom.

However, quite a few Spanish workers don't seem to think too much of King Juan Carlos' version of freedom.

Half a million workers in the northern Basque region went on strike this week, demanding freedom for political prisoners. It is at least the third Basque general strike this year, and by far the biggest one yet.

This strike was called by all the unions in the region, as well as the Basque nationalist movement. It followed a series of police attacks on workers and demonstrators, in which at least five people were killed and 60 injured.

## BRUTALITY

The Spanish regime's police in the Basque region are acting as viciously, or worse, than they did in the 35 years of fascist rule under Franco. No attempt is made by the government to control them.

With all this happening, Spain is rapidly approaching the June 15 elections. The center-right candidate, Prime Minister Suarez, is expected to finish ahead of the extreme right-wing business slate headed by Manuel Fraga.

Whichever slate wins, the result will be a government faced with 30% inflation and rising worker militancy.

That means turning more police and troops loose on workers all over the country, as well as the Basque region.

If the new government fails to control the new, rapidly growing Spanish workers' movement, there are quite a few generals who might try a new fascist takeover. □

## ZANU FREEDOM FIGHTERS: NO SECRET DEALS!

Edison Zvobgo, deputy secretary-general of ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union), spoke in Pittsburgh May 7 for the Southern Africa Liberation Committee.

Part of his speech discussed the emerging policy of the Carter

Administration toward southern Africa.

The Carter Administration has made noises about human rights at the begin-

ning, which made us feel a little hopeful. But the way they are going about trying to settle the southern Africa situation is wrong.

Just yesterday your Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, announced they have reached a new agreement on Zimbabwe, with Britain. We read in the New York Times they had already agreed on a Constitution for Zimbabwe!

Why, if they are concerned about human rights, why do they work out these so-called settlements secretly, without us? We in ZANU, and our other comrades in ZAPU (Zimbabwe African People's Union), with whom we are joined in the Patriotic Front, are of course going to reject it—you can be confident of that.

I have seen Andrew Young twice. He's a nice brother. But he is misguided about how the Zimbabwe situation can be solved. He keeps on saying he has experience from the campaigns in Georgia in the 1960's, the Civil Rights Movement. He seems to think we can liberate ourselves in Zimbabwe and South Africa by singing "We Shall Overcome."

I spent seven years in prison in Salisbury—87 months—without having been tried. I was simply arrested, served with a detention order saying I was "liable to commit a criminal offense," and

put in jail. And the Constitution in Rhodesia allows that!

If human rights are being abused like that in Rhodesia and South Africa, then you would expect that an Administration which claims to stand for human rights would come to us and say, Right On.

Instead, they are concerned with controlling what kind of government we are going to set up. The west wants to pre-empt our victory; so there are all these secret deals, supposedly in our interests, worked out without us.

It is very important for you to know that the Carter Administration is beginning to do the very same thing the previous regime did—trying to hijack our revolution for which so many have died, so they can install some black face in Salisbury [the capital of Rhodesia] who can be as corrupt as hell, in the name of majority rule.

They want another puppet government like Zaire, where the Army says it can't even defend its own country without getting American Coca-Cola.

A puppet regime whose constituency is the board rooms of New York and Britain, is even worse than Ian Smith, because you can't even come to the United Nations to petition against it. That is what we are determined to succeed against. □



Jimmy Carter "Is trying to hijack our revolution, for which so many have died..."

## Judge Tells DES Daughters:

# DIE AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE

by Elissa Clarke

DETROIT—Over 150 young women recently filed suit against the drug companies that sold a cancer-causing drug, DES. All of the women have cancer.

On May 16, Judge Thomas Roumell threw the case out of court. He said that the women could not sue unless each one could identify the specific brand of DES that caused her cancer.

Roumell said that the law requires the women to name the party they claim damaged them.

This is impossible because the women were fetuses at the time. Their mothers took a synthetic hormone, diethylstilbestrol (or



DES) during pregnancy to prevent miscarriage.

It is now recognized that DES is useless as an aid in pregnancy. Worse, the drug has caused cervical, cancer and vaginal abnormalities in thousands of female children.

As many as two million pregnant women took DES between 1947 and 1964.

### JOINT RESPONSIBILITY

The drug companies were charged with joint responsibility for the cancer of the DES daughters.

Lawrence Charfoos, the lawyer for the women, argued that the drug companies should be forced to stand trial as a group because they acted as a group in promoting and developing a market for DES.

Charfoos says that he has proof that the drug companies were aware the DES had no effect on miscarriages and that large doses of the drug promoted growth of tumors.

It will be impossible for most DES daughters to identify the exact drug their mothers took.

Prescription records from 15-30 years ago have been destroyed. In marketing the drug, the companies all used a common name, not a brand name.

These drug companies all produced and sold an identical drug which caused cancer in thousands of women. Yet they will get off scot free because no one can identify exactly which company poisoned which woman.

Yet in other cases, joint responsibility applies.

If a group of people beat someone to death, all are charged with murder, even though no one

knows exactly which blow caused death.

As many as 75 of the women may still take their case to court, charging a specific company.

Apparently Judge Roumell feels that the thousands of other DES

daughters should just resign themselves to hysterectomies, vaginectomies, and early death—at their own expense.

Charfoos plans to appeal the decision. □

## P.R. Firm Plans Promotion For Cancer Agent

DES is only one of many harmful drugs prescribed for women.

• In the early 60's, pregnant women were given thalidomide, a tranquilizer for tension and sleeplessness. The drug caused thousands of infants to be born with severely deformed limbs.

• Birth control pills cause blood clotting that has led to strokes and even death in young women. The drug has been linked to birth defects and tumors of the liver.

• The Dalkon shield, an IUD-type contraceptive, has caused 17 deaths.

• Last month, gynecologists were told they had to provide women with written warnings about blood poisoning before inserting IUDs.

Why are drugs that kill prescribed for women?

### P.R. FOR CANCER

Here is the story of a public relations firm's plan for promoting Premarin, a drug given to women in menopause. Premarin has been recently linked to cancer of the uterus.

Hill and Knowlton, the nation's

largest public relations firm, proposed an all-out media offensive to push Premarin.

A spokesman for Hill and Knowlton warned Ayerst Laboratories (which produces Premarin) that "sales could be eroding at an accelerating rate."

In outlining the campaign, the PR firm stated, "Menopause remains a fashionable topic. Cancer is always current. Drug side effects have not lost their appeal."

The campaign included favorable articles in McCall's, Ladies' Home Journal, Family Circle, and Redbook. The firm would also distribute articles in "ready-to-use form" to newspapers for their women's pages.

The firm planned to hire and train a "television spokeswoman" to defend the drug on talk shows across the country.

Ayerst Laboratories turned down the scheme. Did they take the drug off the market?

Nope. They added a warning to the label about possible side effects.

Drug companies, like all other companies, are out only for profit. And the public be damned. □

## Labor Notes

by Jim Woodward

Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, thinks you're not working hard enough. He says the country is in economic difficulty in part because of "the extraordinary number of hours spent on coffee breaks, wash-up time, retirement parties and other social rites that have increasingly become part of our working lives." Next this creep will be complaining that the law against child labor isn't in the interest of productivity.



A federal judge in Pittsburgh has thrown out a suit filed by the Bituminous Coal Operators Association after a nationwide miners wildcat strike in 1975. The suit, if granted, would have ordered the union to discipline its members who engaged in illegal wildcats or roving picket lines. The United Mine Workers' executive board did pass a resolution in 1975 to discipline miners for unauthorized strikes, but the resolution was enforced only on one isolated occasion.

How does Ultra-Bright Toothpaste convince you that the garbage they sell is the key to success and happiness? They advertise, telling all sorts of lies about their product. The United Steel Workers union has adopted a similar strategy. The union has just spent over \$100,000 to place full-page newspaper ads in about 65 towns and cities where there are a lot of steelworkers. The ads tell a story that would make even the Ultra-Bright advertising agency blush with embarrassment. They describe the new basic steel contract as "impressive," "dramatic," and "unprecedented."

Coors, the giant western brewery which is being struck by the AFL-CIO, is demanding that any new contract give the company the right to require lie detector tests and/or body searches any time a supervisor requests. Since the strike began in early April the National Labor Relations Board has issued a complaint, charging that the company has tried to "discredit, undermine and subvert" the union and get it decertified as bargaining agent. The AFL-CIO has called a boycott of Coors beer.

Only three local unions in Steelworkers District 37 nominated and voted for Ed Sadlowski in the February 8 union election. Suddenly, the International has thrown one of those locals into trusteeship. The Houston, Texas local union's president is Fabian Greenwell, who headed up the Sadlowski campaign in District 37. The International claims it has suddenly discovered misuse of strike funds two years ago.

The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFCME) has won the first union contract ever negotiated for public service workers in Arizona's history. AFCME Local 2384's contract covers Phoenix city employees, and is a real breakthrough in the conservative "right-to-work" area. The local's strength lies largely among Chicano workers. At one point, the Phoenix City Manager was quoted saying, "Workers are like pencils—you buy them like any other commodity."

The government's General Accounting Office (GAO) has a bleak outlook for the health of American workers. According to the GAO, the government has set exposure standards for only 15 dangerous substances in the last five years. At that rate, the report adds, "it will take more than a century to establish needed standards for substances already identified as hazards. The problem is compounded because potentially dangerous substances are being introduced faster than standards are being established for existing substances."

And if you work in an office, far away from the noise, chemicals, machines, and other hazards of the factory, don't be so complacent about health and safety. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recently reported that there are 40,000 disabling injuries and 200 deaths every year in offices.

# CWA Discovers: Bell System Can Be Beat

"Trying to stop the Bell system with a strike is like throwing a stone at the Queen Mary."

That's what Joe Beirne, the founding President of the Communications Workers of America, used to say.

Beirne thought that Bell's automatic equipment made it strike-proof. Glenn Watts, who is now CWA President, says this may not be true.

Watts says that telephone technology has gone so far, and requires such skilled attention, that a strike these days might actually cripple the Bell System.

Of course it is all speculation

since the leadership of the CWA has never seen fit to conduct a serious national strike of any length.

In 1971, New York Telephone workers struck for seven months. But Joe Beirne called the rest of the CWA back to work and left New York on its own.

Bell was able to bring in supervisory scabs from all over the country. In the end, this strike was defeated.

As a result, the myth that technology meant you couldn't beat the Bell System got a new lease on life.

There is probably a good deal of truth in what Watts is now saying about the new technology. But it isn't going to matter a bit if the CWA leadership is not willing to use the power of its members to fight Bell for a decent contract.

Indications are that CWA members can expect the same old no-flight policy. Watts has already said publicly that he seeks a settlement—an early settlement, at that—in line with the auto and steel contracts concluded in the last several months.

The steel workers got a puny 3% a year in money. Most

agreements recently run about 6.5% in wage increases.

The Bell System has always been willing to follow the pattern set by other industries because they know they can pass the extra cost along to the public in the form of rate increases.

### FIGHT TO WIN

In the last year Bell has made record profits, about \$4 billion. But it won't part with any more of this than it has to.

A national strike could win some real contract gains—job security, shorter work week, an end to

harassment and absentee control plans, a wage increase big enough to spend.

Every contract fight for the past ten years has seen wildcat strikes following a sell-out settlement. But they are always limited to a few areas, always isolated from each other.

So in the end they are unable to influence the CWA leadership, unable to force them to go back for more.

A national strike could stop Bell. A national strike might just be enough to move Watts. □

# THE "MOST DEMOCRATIC UNION" . . .

by Glenn Wolfe

**LOS ANGELES**—On the third day of the United Auto Workers (UAW) convention President Carter came to town. He was accompanied by scores of Secret Service agents. From early in the morning they took over the convention.

**Delegates were forced to line-up for an hour before getting in. Many were re-located behind the bank of**

**TV cameras. The rest were herded along behind miles of ornamental ropes which had mysteriously appeared over-night. In the interests of "security," everything was thoroughly controlled.**

**But when it comes to controlling conventions the Secret Service has a lot to learn. And it's the officers of the UAW who can teach them.**



Members of the Delegate Referendum

The UAW bureaucracy has complete command of the complex rules of the convention. Their own chairman dominates every minute of the proceedings. Eight hundred of their appointed full-timers operate on the floor.

**It all adds up to conventions that are a farce. The delegates can be plain bored or incredibly frustrated.**

Unless of course they choose the popular path of just going out somewhere and having a good time. Which the Administration encourages.

The platform's aim is to waste maximum time and confuse people as much as possible.

The chairman of the Rules Committee made the mistake of suggesting that the rules should be taken as read (not an unreasonable suggestion given the fact that everyone had a copy of them in their hands).

He was quickly corrected by Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey. It took a half an hour to read every boring word "in the interests of the new delegates here today."

## THE PREVIOUS HOUR

They spent the previous hour reading the report of the Credentials Committee. This committee had agreed with "a member of President Woodcock's staff" and rejected 34 out of the 37 challenges it received.

**It should come as no shock to discover that this committee, and every other one which decides the real business of the convention, is not elected by anyone. It's appointed by the International Executive Board.**

The Resolutions Committee brought to the floor dozens of resolutions. They had absolutely no relation to those submitted by the hundreds of locals across the country.

**And that's the way it is. Dozens of meaningless resolutions. Everything of substance ruled out of order.**

A procession of "guest speakers" invited by the International to lecture on their pet subjects.

Now, one or two rank and file innocents might have accidentally wandered in and expected more. For their benefit there was a procession of Executive Board members plunking the same note on the piano.

**"Many of our aims can only be achieved through lobbying and legislation. We cannot expect to solve these problems at the bargaining table."**

That was the cop-out explanation

for the pathetic 1976 contract served to the membership. They obviously think this excuse has a few more good years left in it.

## REAL DEMOCRACY?

It was all performed against a backdrop of democracy. This is not a Teamster Convention.

George Higgins, a Catholic clergyman and Chairman of the Public Review Board, was given star billing to talk about democracy. He explained that the PRB was a non-union body to which every UAW member could appeal. Its decisions were binding on the union. Higgins said he would "testify under oath that we are completely and totally indepen-

dent."

However, he seemed unable to answer the delegate from Chicago who asked why there were no rank and file workers on the board, and why such a courageous and democratic safeguard seemed to agree with the Executive Board nine times out of ten.

But it was probably Leonard Woodcock's last report to the convention before his retirement to Peking which said most about the state of the union.

**He reviewed his achievements. They didn't amount to much.**

That is the only explanation for his spending so much time talking about how he saved Black Lake from bankruptcy. Black Lake is the union's luxurious education center

and retreat for harassed bureaucrats.

Woodcock was proud he had "protected the spiritual heritage of Walter Reuther."

## NO BACKWARD STEPS?

Woodcock mentioned that in bargaining "we took no backward steps and made solid progress." He neglected to go into any details.

**Then, as befits a President with his record, he spent some time peddling the corporations' propaganda on exhaust controls on cars. And he took a little bit more time hoping that Carter would not be too**

# . . . That won't let its own

**LOS ANGELES, Thursday, May 19**—Today, the overwhelming rank and file sympathy for the direct membership election of top union officers came up for discussion.

This time it came up with the Executive Board's blessing. Doug Fraser, the new president, is trying to prove he has an open style of leadership.

**Anyway it was already clear from the petition organized by the Delegates Referendum Committee that more than 500 delegates didn't just want a discussion.**

They even wanted to spend however long it took to get a recorded roll call vote as well.

## CLEVERLY ORGANIZED

So the "referendum vote" came before the delegates with the expected negative recommendation from the platform.

It came after hours of tedious and one-sided discussion about staff salaries, a decision not to decide on affiliation to the AFL-CIO, and status quo contract ratification procedures.

**In fact it was cleverly organized to take place in the dying hours of the Convention, with the implied threat that if the delegates wanted a long roll call vote they would have to give up their Friday trips to Las Vegas.**

After five days' buildup, it came and went in less than half an hour. There were only three speakers—out of 3000 delegates—for and

against the motion before the chairman and union vice-president Pat Greathouse took a vote to end discussion.

## MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

In that brief debate Dave Benjamin, President of the biggest GM local in the country, Flint Local 659, pointed out, "Members of my local voted over 80% in favor of the referendum vote. The overwhelming majority in the plants are for it."

**"If you doubt it run the election on it in your own local and you will see."**

Wayne Meddars from Local 1250 (Ford, Cleveland) appealed to delegates and officers to "let the members who pay our wages have their say."

James Robenson of Local 72 (AMC, Kenosha) attacked the idea that the members were "not intelligent enough to elect their own leaders."

The speakers for the present delegates' system made an appeal to tradition, declaring that "the system has served us well" and should not be changed.

They also raised the specter of outside intervention in union elections, warning that under the referendum system "editors and TV will decide who should lead us."

## OUT OF ORDER

But the debate wasn't as long as the points of order which followed

the premature closing of discussion. Greathouse had claimed that he wanted debate to continue, but Bill Kommenich of Local 719 (GM Electromotive, Chicago) accused him of calling on "a handpicked delegate to call the question."

Given the way that Greathouse refused to even consider a roll call vote when it was raised by speakers from all sides, given his inflated counts on the vote to end discussion and on the motion itself, there can be little doubt that Kommenich's observation was accurate.

**Greathouse refused to recognize the leaders of the referendum movement, who might easily have mustered the strength for a roll call vote.**

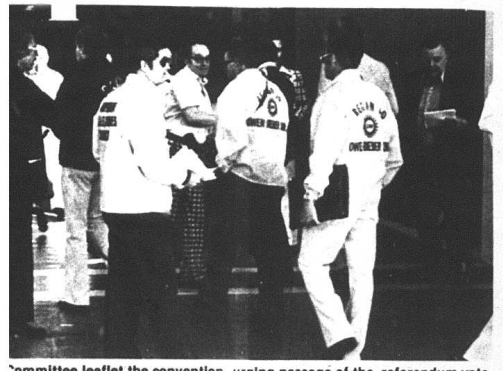
So, in line with Fraser's wishes, the referendum vote movement was smashed.

After their initial shock from seeing the strength of delegate support for the Tuesday leaflet of the Delegate Referendum Committee, the Executive Board moved its machine into action.

The 900 International Reps and the 18 Regional Directors earned their pay. They went through the delegations and, with their usual subtle combination of threats and persuasions, stopped the referendum movement cold.

**But Dave Benjamin was right, the members are for it. And at the next Convention, there will be many more than today's 800 delegates ready to vote for what the members want.** □

# CRATIC



Committee leaflet the convention, urging passage of the referendum vote.

upset with him. Finally Woodcock set about the one question which has brought some life into the convention. Direct election of top officers of the international. Delegates representing more than the usual oppositionists were committed to fighting for the direct vote. A recorded roll-call vote would bring a majority for it. Woodcock's arguments were unconvincing. Doug Fraser, who replaced him as President on Wednesday, did better. Fraser sees himself as more militant than Woodcock. All other observers detect differences only in

style. Fraser prefers the "Reuther style" of openly confronting the opposition to the "Woodcock style" of burying it. This change of style is creating an opening for the rank and file forces on the convention floor. Fraser let the direct election vote out in the open. The ranks seized the opportunity to broaden their network for this fight—and the ones that are coming up. And fights there will be, for they can't be buried much longer. The days of show-piece conventions and tight bureaucraticly controlled organization are not ended. But they are numbered. □

# Truckers' Wives Fighting Wrong War

by Dan La Botz  
Mr. Lee at Lee Way Motor Freight on Oklahoma City laid off road driver Edna Ruth Lievsay this week.

The company claims it's because there just isn't the work. The real reason is because she is a woman. Lievsay had been driving over the road for Lee Way in two-man teams with other drivers from the company.

The problem was that her two-man team always had one woman in it. She was the company's only woman driver.

A group of truckers' wives filed suit in Federal District Court against Lee Way. They demanded that their husbands not be disciplined by the company if they refused to ride with Lievsay.

The women resented Lievsay spending more time with their

husbands than they did. They felt threatened because she was put up by the company either in the sleeper cab of the truck, in company dormitories, or in truck stop motels.

Judge Ralph Thompson ruled that the court had no say-so in the matter. He referred the women to the Employment Opportunity Commission.

Mr. Lee didn't like all the controversy—so he laid off Lievsay.

## PROBLEM!

Edna Ruth Lievsay is not the problem. The real issue is the working conditions of road drivers—conditions that often destroy their family life.

Road drivers are often forced to work 70, 80—even 90—hours a week.

Some companies keeping them "running the system" that is, out on the road, for weeks at a time. One of the worst, North American Van Lines will keep drivers out on the highway a month at a time. Separated from long periods of time from each other, road drivers and their spouses have all the troubles one would expect. It's hard to raise the kids. It's hard to have a social life. It's hard for husbands and wives to be friends when they don't ever see each other—or when the driver is too exhausted to be a friend.

Listen to the music of the road drivers when you travel late at night—the music about the loneliness, about the cheating, the sentimental songs about how they miss their kids. That's the problem. The wives of the roadmen haven't been able to strike out at

the company that drives their men so bad, or the union that refuses to defend them.

They don't feel they can do anything about the prostitution in the truck stops or the drugs the men take, or the drinking that the loneliness causes.

They feel they can't solve the real problems their husbands' jobs create. So they attack Edna Ruth Lievsay.

Lievsay is not the threat. She's just a driver who's trying to make a living.

The truckers' wives have the right to a decent family life. Ruth Edna Lievsay has the right to her job.

There's really no argument if you think about it. Decent working conditions is the answer to the problem. It's Mr. Lee they should be going after. □

# STEEL PACT TOOK HEAT OFF, ALUMINUM BOSSES SAY

by Jim Woodward

"The steel settlement has taken the heat off. There's a feeling that a pattern has been set that will enable us to follow," says George Walters, president of Reynolds Aluminum.

Walters was explaining why he thinks there will be no strike when union contracts in the aluminum

industry expire May 31.

The Big Three aluminum companies—Reynolds, Alcoa, and Kaiser—are bargaining with the United Steel Workers (USW) union and the smaller Aluminum Workers International Union.

Generally, the aluminum contract itself is patterned after the USW's basic steel contract. The

pattern the aluminum Big Three set will eventually be further extended to all 37 aluminum companies, covering some 70,000 workers.

This year's steel contract is one of the cheapest of the 1976-77 bargaining round. Assuming a 6% inflation rate, it will cost the companies only about 25% over three years. That's the reason for Walters' optimism.

Since there is no Experimental Negotiating Agreement, or no-strike deal, in the aluminum industry, a strike would be a theoretical possibility. Both the unions and the companies may try to make some modifications on the steel pattern, but neither side expects a strike to result.

## DIFFERENCES

There are some differences between the aluminum and steel patterns. For one thing, aluminum workers' wages are about 40c an hour lower.

The USW is demanding the elimination of this wage gap. But one business publication calls this demand mostly "window dressing."

The USW's formal wage proposal calls for a "very substantial" increase, and ended up with a meager 80c over three years. Whether this new militancy will mean anything in practice is something we wouldn't dare speculate on. Another important difference from basic steel is that the aluminum contracts already contain a cost-of-living escalator clause for pensions. It covers about 65% of the rise in prices.

The Steelworkers didn't manage to extend this pension COLA to basic steel this year. The aluminum companies are now making noises about getting rid of it, but this may be an initial bargaining position to allow them to attack something else later.

Other issues in the contract talks include extending the "lifetime

security" concept to aluminum.

The Steelworkers trumpeted this as their big gain in basic steel this year. The idea was to give worker a lifetime job or income guarantee. The reality is different. A worker needs 20 years seniority to qualify, so the aluminum companies are not too upset over it.

Another important issue common to both aluminum and basic steel is contracting out work that could be done by in-plant workers. That issue was dodged in steel by referring it to a study commission. It may happen in the aluminum talks too.

## GOOD BUDDIES

While the aluminum industry does not have basic steel's no-strike agreement, the negotiators on both sides seem to be moving towards the "good buddy" approach that has marked steel contract talks.

The Alcoa negotiators kicked off their part of the negotiations with a full presentation of all the problems facing the industry, including what they said was a need for higher profits. Chief USW negotiator Bruce Thrasher was pleased with this kind of presentation. "I think the idea is well worthwhile," he said. "Many of these problems are, after all, mutual, and it's a way of getting people to think about them."

In this Thrasher is following the Steelworkers' pattern of worrying more about the industry's problems than the union membership's problems.

In fact, as Industry Week magazine says, the aluminum companies' "market demand and profit experience" have recently improved.

Thrasher's attitude will lead the aluminum workers down the same primrose path that gave basic steel workers the no-strike agreement... and one of the worst contracts in any industry this year. □

# members vote!

## SUPPORT REFERENDUM ELECTION

32 Locals, representing 168,000 members, have submitted resolutions for direct referendum election of International officers and regional directors. There are more local resolutions in the referendum than any other issue.

- Why? - Because the membership is for it, overwhelmingly.
- Because direct election is more democratic, and encourages membership interest and participation in the union.
- Because election of officers by delegates contradicts UAW support for direct election of the President of the United States.
- Because the referendum will help make our union more responsive to the membership, and better able to stand up vigorously to the corporations.

When our top leadership structure is directly accountable, it will be better tuned to the most popular needs of the membership. We will then be able to pressure the companies more effectively, and they will have no choice but to yield. IN THIS WAY THE REFERENDUM WILL HELP US WIN THE 4 DAY WORK WEEK AND COST-OF-LIVING FOR RETIREES IN THE YEARS JUST AHEAD.

Adoption of a change to direct elections at this convention would be a great way for the Fraser administration to win the confidence of the members. It would be particularly timely now, as the union is moving towards its next generation of leadership.

The following delegates are sponsoring this leaflet to urge you to join with us in supporting the referendum. To decide this issue most fairly and democratically, a roll-call should be taken. We urge you to support the referendum and help put this change into our constitution this year by voting in favor of a roll-call on referendum election of UAW officers and directors.

### Delegate Committee for the Referendum.

David Benjamin, Local 659, Region 10, - Co-Chairman.	Bob Flanagan, Local 736, Region 9, - Co-Chairman.	Bob Weisman, Local 122, Region 2, - Secretary.	599-1C
Louis Steigerwald	Herbert Wyatt	R.J. Soptic	600-1A
Joe Takacs	Richard Webster	Angelo Delton	624-9
Stan Morgan	Joe Maddow	Ken Wisnisky	674-2A
Tom Ulrich	Ken Wisnisky	John Vergari	735-1A
Dick Moore	Lawrence Connor	John Whitaker	863-2A
Henry Shaft	Michael Slinger		892-1E
			960-10
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			1313-1A
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# MASS MURDERER BECOMES PRIME MINISTER

This man is a terrorist, open racist, and mass murderer. He was also just elected to become the new Prime Minister of the State of Israel.

His name is Menahem Begin, the leader of the right-wing Likud Party which ran first in Israel's general election Monday.

Begin became a political leader by organizing a gang of terrorists called the Irgun in the 1940's. The Irgun got most of their publicity for their actions against British occupation forces in Palestine.

But their real role was as enforcers for the occupiers who were driving the Arabs out of Palestine. That is how the foundations of present-day Israel were laid.

Among the many Arab villages they raided was a peaceful town called Deir Yassin. Approximately 250 unarmed Palestinian men, women and children were machine-gunned to death.

Their bodies were left lying in the sun to warn other Arab villagers they would meet the same fate unless they fled.

Today, Menahem Begin is a symbol for the most right-wing Zionist settlers, who are building new armed settlements on Israeli Arab and occupied Palestinian land.

He will also be the leader of the government which condemns Palestinians as "terrorists," simply for trying to regain what has been stolen from them. □



Menahem Begin

This leaflet got so much support that the International Executive Board had to fully mobilize to oppose it.

# Women At Work: We're Here To Stay!

## Talking About Women's Liberation

by Valerie Dixon



Women up and quit when they get married. They're only here to catch a man.

Women just work for pin money. She doesn't really need the job. She's taking a man's job.

I don't want any wife of mine working in here.

You've heard it all before. The debate over whether women should work is hundreds of years old. It's not going to end.

But meanwhile, women are working. And we're in the workforce to stay. Today, women make up 46% of the workforce. And the percentage is steadily climbing.

Most women hold jobs that are isolated, low paying, and non-union. Our jobs tend to repeat the work we do in the home. The top ten jobs for women are: secretary, waitress, teacher, sales clerk, bookkeeper, beautician, maid, cashier, and typist.

Only 5 1/4% of all working women hold factory jobs, and only a fraction of these are organized.

### NEW JOBS

During the 1960's, women were on the move. The women's liberation movement won lots of changes for women.

One accomplishment of the women's movement was affirmative action programs. The government forced some companies to hire certain percentages of women to make up for past discrimination.

Companies like United Parcel Service and AT&T had considered women unable to drive trucks or climb telephone poles. Suddenly, they were able.

But the number of women in heavy industry, where the jobs are high-paying, is very small. Women who get these jobs really have to fight to keep them.

Overall, women earn 59% as much as men—a gap that is wider today than it was 20 years ago. Men earn an average of \$11,835 a year; women earn \$6,772/year.



"I used to take the morning bus to work. Most of the people on the bus were Black women going out to the suburbs to clean someone's house or take care of someone's kids."

Terry



"For many women, this debate about whether women should work is ridiculous. They have to work!"

Elissa

The women quoted here spoke at a class on women workers sponsored by the International Socialists.

ELISSA: "For many women, this debate about whether women should work is ridiculous. They have to work! Women who are the heads of their families have no choice.

"Other women work to bring in a second income. Who can keep up with inflation today?"

"Sometimes women work for reasons that are not purely economic. Getting out of the house and into the world breaks the isolation that 'housewives' face.

"I started back to work when my baby was 10 months old, because I found that taking care of one child is not a full time job. It wasn't good for me and it wasn't good for Sasha.

"Working frees a woman from being dependent on a man. When women have their own income, they are freer to make choices about their lives."

Life isn't easy for working women. And if you have children, the problems are compounded.

Childcare is not easy to find, and it's expensive. Some childcare centers are run only for profit—they are not places where children come first.

### WORKING MOTHERS

Working mothers have to get up a couple hours early to get the children dressed, fed, and off to school or day care.

Working mothers who are forced to work overtime have no time for their other jobs—taking care of the house and raising the children. And if your children are sick, you have to take a day off.

Because women have another full time job at home, it is difficult for them to get active in the union.

SHARON: "Oh man, that's so true! We were trying to get a union started at this laundry on 75th St. in New York.

"Talk about some sexist pigs! This one guy says to his wife, 'Look, if you have to go to meetings, you're gonna quit! It's either your job and a meeting, or me.'

"Look! If a man really loves a woman, how can he put a choice like that in front of her? I mean, I don't need that!"

YVONNE: "Lot's of husbands have the attitude: 'My woman stays at home.' That cripples women.

"But women who don't work are so dependent on their husband's paycheck they don't want him to be a fighter at work."

ISABEL: "Sometimes men who are involved in the union still don't want their wives to get active.

"He can stay out at a union meeting till three or four in the morning, but you've got to stay home and take care of the kids.

"When women start fighting, it forces couples to examine many aspects of their marriage."

### BREAD AND ROSES

Working class women have always worked—and worked hard! James Oppenheimer's song.



"One guy says to his wife, 'It's a meeting or me.' How can he put a choice like that in front of her?"

Sharon

"Bread and Roses" describes both aspects of women's work—in the "million darkened kitchens" where women washed and cooked and cared for their children. And the "thousand mill-lofts" and factories where they drudged long hours for their bosses.

This song was written in 1912 when Oppenheimer saw young girls from the Lawrence textile mills striking with banners that said, "We want bread and roses too!"

"As we come marching, marching, in the beauty of the day,

A million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill-lofts gray

"Are touched will all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses,

"For the people hear us singing, Bread and Roses! Bread and Roses!"

The textile mills described in this song were the first form of industry. When the mills sprang up in this country, women and children (as well as men) were herded into them. Women and children were in great demand because they could be forced to work for less, under worse conditions than men.

The New Jersey Bureau of Labor

Statistics described the textile industry in 1888:

"Linen and thread-spinners in Patterson were compelled to stand on a stone floor in water the year round, most of the time barefoot, with a spray of water from a revolving cylinder flying constantly against the breast.

"The lint-filled atmosphere of the southern cotton mills led to constant expectation, and floors were slimy with a mixture of spit and tobacco juice.

"Tuberculosis, pneumonia, and less serious respiratory diseases were common."

### BLACK WOMEN

Some women had it even worse. Black women, who moved north after the Civil War, were not allowed to work in the factories.

They had to work as servants, either living in their employers' houses on call 24-hours a day, or they hired themselves out day by day.

Black women would gather at "street corner auctions," hoping that someone would hire them for the day. All this for three or four dollars a week!

TERRY: "Black women still work as domestics way out of proportion to their percentage in the workforce.

"When I lived in Cleveland, I used to take the morning bus to work. Most of the people on the bus were Black women going out to the suburbs to clean someone's house or take care of someone's kids. At night, they'd all be coming back."

When World War II broke out, women magically became capable of doing "men's work" in war production and heavy industry. Black women were hired into the factories, too.

When women were needed in the factories, the long debate over whether they should work was suddenly over!

This ad appeared on a billboard during World War II:

"What job is mine on the victory line?"

"If you've sewn on buttons, or made button holes on a machine, you can learn to do spot-welding on airplane parts.



"Women who don't work are so dependent on their husband's paycheck they don't want him to be a fighter at work."

Yvonne



"That's what happened to my mother. When World War II started, she could get—wow!—numerous kinds of jobs."

Retha

"If you've used an electric mixer in your kitchen, you can run a drill press.

"If you've followed recipes exactly in making cakes, you can load a shell."

For the first time, women got high-paying, unionized jobs. But when the soldiers came home, women were laid off in droves.

RETHA: "That's what happened to my mother. When she first came up from Virginia, she had to go into domestic work.

"When World War II started, she could get—wow!—numerous kinds of jobs. She worked in a shoe factory, then she moved on to making bazookas, big stuff like that.

"But after the war, it was back to domestic, working in restaurants, first aid jobs.

"Finally she just went and got married. Decided to work off her man for a while."

If you look at the seniority lists in the auto plants, you can see that the companies stopped hiring women after World War II and only began to start hiring them again recently.

That's thanks to the women's liberation movement.

Women workers are in a constant battle with the economy. When things are bad, women are the first ones laid off. But women are determined to stay in the work force.

There are many fights ahead for women workers. But when women work together, they begin to get ideas about fighting back against sexism and capitalism. And winning!

The song "Bread and Roses" suggests a revolutionary solution for working class women and men:

"As we come marching, marching, we bring the greater days,

"For the rising of the women is the rising of us all,

"No more the drudge and idler, ten that toil while one reposes,

"But a sharing of life's glories. Bread and Roses! Bread and Roses!"



## Reader Urges Management:

# JUMP NOW - BEAT THE FINAL CRISIS RUSH!

Dear Workers' Power,

While browsing through the business pages of the morning paper, I ran across an article with this headline: "Tips on Beating the World Crisis."

The article was about a convention of financial analysts, where it was reported that "the world is in deep crisis and international investors are confronted with an extremely dangerous economic environment..."

The gloomy article advised the rich people to limit themselves to cautious investments in the very strongest capitalist countries.

But it didn't offer any way for investors to actually "beat the crisis."

There is a way out! In the depression of the 1930's many capitalists lost all of their money. Faced with the indignity of having to look for an honest job, some of the capitalists wisely choose to

leap out the windows of tall buildings.

We should all urge our employers to jump now. Why wait around for the final crisis?

Frank Cleveland

P.S. If you know anyone in UPS management who is contemplating a "dive for destiny," point him toward a local skyscraper or suspension bridge. Very few UPS hubs are tall enough to guarantee good results upon impact.



Pine Ridge Reservation. Indians are forced to live in slum conditions.

## All That Glitters, Ain't Diamonds

Revolutionary Greetings!

What I write about is the liberation struggles being waged by our comrades in Azania [South Africa], Namibia, and Zimbabwe [Rhodesia].

I have a suggestion which may expedite the liberation and independence of these nations, while at the same time help with the struggles being waged by our oppressed and exploited comrades living in the Sovereign Indian Nations known as reservations.

The suggestion is to begin boycotting diamonds. Not many of us can afford these gems, which are brought forth from our Earth by sheer blood and sweat of laborers working 12 to 16 hours a day for a measly 36c.

The racist DeBeers board members reap in billions without shedding one bead of sweat once the expensive diamonds are distributed to the capitalist market that upholds apartheid.

For the Sisters and Brothers who are still into jewelry and

gems, let me suggest to you the top quality of hand made products which our Native American comrades produce.

Yes, American Indian gems and handmade jewelry products are attractive, beautiful, befitting for any memorable or special occasion and a grand work of art.

Just be sure you cop original, handmade, Indian jewelry and not the novelty store, capitalist rip-off imitations being peddled around these days.

By buying original, hand-crafted Indian jewelry, you are expressing your solidarity with the struggles of Native Americans and investing in the sovereignty of the Indian Nations by supplying our comrades with revenue to combat the corporate capitalist onslaught.

Indians are now fighting to keep their "Reservations" in this land which is their Native Land.

Remember, the capitalist settlers encroached on this land, which belonged to the Native American Indians, because the

Indians were and are a kind, generous and sharing People.

But the capitalists took their kindness for weakness and began a genocidal war that has driven the Indians onto the "Reservations."

Today, the multinational corporate capitalists who control government are carrying on the genocidal war which began in the 1600's.

They are attempting to further encroach upon the oil and mineral rich "reservation" lands, which are the only Lands our Native American Sisters and Brothers have left of a Land which once was their completely.

How much more land of this Earth are we going to allow the ruling class moguls to fence off from us (or for us) before the torch sparks off the Revolution that will liberate us all?

Jatari! Ihuru! We will win!

Revolutionary Love,  
Carlos S. Soto  
State Correctional  
Institutional at Pittsburgh

## Misery Buys Doctors' Mercedes

Dear Workers' Power:

Did you ever hear of a woman giving birth to a Mercedes Benz? It happens more and more often.

Hysterectomies—operations to remove the womb—are sometimes necessary to get rid of tumors or cancer. But they're also good "quickle" operations that doctors use to rip off money from female patients.

Doctors have a lot of power over patients in this society, and a lot of contempt for them, especially if they're "silly wom-

en." Tampering permanently with women's bodies couldn't concern them less.

Two doctors testified recently before a House commerce subcommittee that hysterectomies have passed tonsilectomies as America's most commonly performed major operation.

In 1975, doctors took out 725,000 wombs, a staggering rise of 25% since 1970. Mercedes sales are doing well.

C.P.  
Cleveland

## Pity Poor Dick! Latest Watergate Nets \$600,000

Dear Worker's Power,

The day after the Nixon interview, I was talking with a guy at work about the show.

He was saying that Wallace had said at the outset of the Watergate scandal, "Tricky Dick has pulled his last trick."

I wish we were so lucky.

Think about it. He's getting \$600,000 plus royalties for the interviews. Another \$2,000,000 on top of that for the rights to his forthcoming memoirs, as well as \$169,000 a year to staff his office.

Pretty tricky, huh?

Of course he is politically dead. And what about the phlebitis in his leg? And the blight on his name? And the burden on his heart because he betrayed the trust of the American people?

Poor Dick. He can never run for office again.

I wish I was so unfortunate. I'd gladly not run for office at that price. For \$600,000, I'd happily confess all my past sins on national TV.

I'm just glad we live in such a magnanimous, gracious, forgiving system.

Do you suppose if I burglarized the place where I work and then got caught and denied it all, I'd get the same punishment?

Then, while I pondered my past sins, I could stop worrying about all my unpaid bills. I could learn to play the piano, too. I could even afford a dog.

Sweet dreams, sucker.

Michael  
Oakland

# 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. Capitalism keeps women responsible for taking care of the work force 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 other 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 class 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**  
Black people are an oppressed national minority in the United States. They have the right to self-determination—to decide their own future. The struggle of every oppressed group for equality is a just struggle—Blacks, women, gays, Latinos, American Indians. We are for the independent organization of oppressed peoples to fight for their freedom. Support from the entire working class movement will make the struggles of both—the oppressed and the working class 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. We support every fight of the working class against exploitation, and every struggle by nations fighting for independence from foreign rulers. We support every struggle for freedom—from the people of southern Africa against racism and western colonialism, to the struggle against bureaucratic rule and Russian imperialism in Eastern Europe. We demand complete independence for Puerto Rico from U.S. colonial rule.
- **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.

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# They Call This A Fight?

by Dan Posen  
CALL IT "Requiem for a Heavyweight." Or call it a requiem for the whole heavyweight division of boxing.

Or, just call it bad television. Whatever you call it, Monday night's alleged championship match between Muhammad Ali, the greatest champion of all time, and Alfredo Evangelista, really was bad, bad, bad.

That's not "bad" as in "baddest", folks. It's "bad" as in "worst." It may have been the worst fight ever on television. No, I take it back. It was the worst fight on television since George Chuvalo and Pretty Boy Felstein, totalling about 60 pounds overweight, leaped all over each other back in January this year.

While it's fashionable to bad-mouth Ali, the truth is it's remarkable that he is still able to fight at all.

Remember, Ali was the 1960 Olympic heavyweight champion. Joe Frazier won in 1964, and George Foreman in 1968. Ali has now not only outfought, but outlasted both of these younger men.

More and more people suspect that Ali is still fighting because, after all his multi-million dollar purses, he hasn't got enough money to quit.

Who knows how much the armies of promoters, hustlers, parasites and small-time exploiters have taken from him?

### EVANGELISTA

Frazier and Foreman both went to the top, slipped off and then got out. Ali, older but still clinging to the top, is still working by fighting types like—well, like Evangelista.

Not to take anything away from Evangelista. He is courageous, aggressive and hard working. The only thing he lacks—completely—is any sign of talent.

It is just possible that he might be able to knock over a garbage can if it stayed put for 15 rounds. But don't get me wrong, Evangelista is just as entitled to his pay day as anyone else associated with this type of fiasco.

ABC-TV wasn't fooled. They knew how bad this match would be. They also knew 40 or 50 million people would watch it.

Knowing what a bad act Ali and Evangelista would be, they actually went out and spent a little money to put two other worthwhile fights on the card.

Alfredo Escalera and Roberto Duran both had pretty good performances in winning their fights, though Duran was fighting over his weight and slightly slow.

But it was Ali on the card that brought ABC the sponsors, the ratings and the big money. We never saw Ali's great championship fights on live home TV—so now they can sell us turkeys like this one.

But ABC managed to come up with something that was even more disgusting than the bout itself. Namely, Howard Cosell.

### THE ANTI-HYPE

Normally, when television networks want to peddle garbage like "Superstars," full-contact karate

or Challenge of the Sexes, they put on what's called the "hype."

That is, they turn on the rhetoric and the promotions to turn these non-events into major confrontations.

For this occasion, however, Howard Cosell perfected what you can call the "anti-hype." He spent the whole 15 rounds talking about

how awful the fight was and how ashamed he was that it was on the air.

Sure, he was ashamed. That's why he's contributing the fees he collected from broadcasting it over to some worthy charity. Right, Howard?

Cosell's anti-hype routine was carefully calculated to destroy Ali's reputation and even personal integrity, and meanwhile build up his own inflated image.

What it comes to is that the media that made millions by cashing in on the greatness of Muhammad Ali in his prime, are making even more by laughing and mocking him in his declining years.



The media, which made millions off Muhammad Ali, now enjoy laughing at him.

## Ethiopia: More Victims Of Russian Arms Aid

THE REPORTED death toll from the massacre of Ethiopian workers and students on May Day has now gone over 1500.

The murders were carried out by the Ethiopian military junta, or "Dergue," led by Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam. Mengistu seized power in February.

Here are a few other examples of recent actions by the Mengistu regime, all aimed at wiping out the left-wing Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP):

- The leading activist in the Addis Ababa Cement Factory Union was assassinated.
- The next day 25 workers at the same factory, including a pregnant woman, were marched out and shot. Their "crime" was refusing to point out revolutionaries in the factory.
- The same day, 44 political prisoners were murdered in the prisons.

The Dergue is now trying to organize a 200,000-man force which it calls a "People's Army." Its orders are to wipe out the population in three provinces: Eritrea, Gondor and Tigre.

Hundreds of Cuban and East European military advisers, financed by Russia, are now helping to train this army of genocide. Until last month the Ethiopian government was getting its arms and aid for these activities from the United States.

The United States tried, and failed, to drown the Ethiopian revolution in blood. Now Russia is trying exactly the same thing.

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# Local TV News

# TRIVIA = CENSORSHIP

by Karen Kaye

WE ARE TAUGHT that there is no censorship of the news in the United States.

The "freedom of the press" protected in the Constitution is supposed to guarantee our right to know what's going on.

But watching the local TV news lately shows that there's more ways to keep the public in ignorance than old-fashioned censorship where you get a newspaper with a blank column.

The locally-produced TV news in Detroit is now an hour long on most channels. But you don't get more news.

## NEW FEATURES

Instead, they have new features. You watch one of the newscasters eat dinner in a restaurant and tell you to patronize the place.

They have stories telling you how to take care of your lawn. This is supposed to be community service.

Many Detroiters don't even have a lawn, and can't afford to go to these restaurants anyway. What a waste of expensive TV time.

They also have new gossip



features, where someone fills you in on Cher's latest divorce.

The regular parts of the news are just as bad.

They will spend five minutes on a street fair in the suburb, or a pie eating contest and 15 seconds or zero on a strike.

Coverage of municipal politics is mostly limited to shots of Mayor

Young at ceremonies.

The news is racially biased too.

Last summer there was a big "youth crime" scare in Detroit. So one channel ran a series on preventing crime.

One segment showed you how to identify a criminal. They started out with, "How can you tell who is a criminal?" while showing people

walking on a downtown street—all Black people.

Finally they showed a white man in a business suit and said he could be a "white collar criminal." Of course, he could never be a mugger!

Then they showed how police make composite sketches of criminals from descriptions. Again, it

was a Black man's face.

## LAUGHING & GIGGLING

Another new feature in the news is the "informal tone."

You get to watch the newscasters laugh at each other's in-jokes. If one of them misses the joke, they repeat it, and chuckle some more.

It is painful to watch the one woman newscaster on Channel 2. When she's not reading her news, her only role is to giggle at the men's jokes.

Except during the sports report, when she keeps asking dumb questions and saying how much she's learning about sports.

During the weather report, if it's cold or rainy, they blame the newscaster giving the report. This stale joke happens almost every day.

At the end, they tell a bit of "humorous" news. It is usually a joke at the expense of some unfortunate person.

## BORING

They make the real news as boring as possible. This makes it hard for people to understand the important world events that affect our lives.

How many people can say they really understand OPEC, despite months of TV coverage of the oil-producing nations?

Altogether, it adds up to censorship.

The people who are rich enough to own a television station have an interest in keeping the rest of us ignorant of the news.

If we really knew what was going on in local business and government, in international affairs, we might want to do something about it. And most of the time, we'd find ourselves in conflict with the rich.

This type of news coverage is fairly typical of local news in most cities.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you think of the news in your area? Or maybe you've been part of a newsworthy event that "somehow" never got on TV.

Workers' Power wants to know. Write us. We will print as many replies as space permits.

Send your entry to: Workers' Power—Local News, 14131 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan 48203

# EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT The Eleven O'Clock News

A Workers' Power reporter watched the late news on a Detroit station recently and took notes on each story. Below are the results.

The Eleven o'clock news log, Monday, May 16, Detroit, Channel 2.

- **Rapist found in Ann Arbor.**
- **Helicopter crash on top of Pan Am building in New York.** Five killed. Detroit man missed the flight. His wife called TV 2 and they were happy to discover he was safe.

- **UAW Convention.** Live coverage via satellite. Delegates passed a short work week motion. This is becoming a major issue. Doug Fraser is shown speaking about it. He says it won't happen for many years.

Ted Kennedy to address the convention in an hour.

Newscaster explains how their satellite coverage works, with the use of a map showing how far Los Angeles is from Detroit. "In the past the best we could have done was a phone call."

- **Congress passed a tax cut bill.** But there will be a tax hike for singles who make over \$13,750.

- **Gary Rodgers, of New Baltimore,** was discovered to have an arsenal of weapons in his house but escaped to Florida. Florida will not allow him to be extradited because he broke no laws.

- **DES lawsuit dismissed.** Explanation of what DES is, what the lawsuit was. Judge said you can't sue all the companies just because they produced it. Companies said that "at the time DES was prescribed, science had not yet discovered its bad effects."

- **A benefit performance** is being held right now for a local musical group that lost all their instruments because they blew up. They describe their act as "Rock Comedy" and "a synthe-

Newspeople make jokes about the smell.

- **Mrs. Griffith won a Humanitarian award** at a banquet.

- **Romance—between a gander and a daschund.** A picture is shown of them kissing. Their owner said they "didn't go any farther." Newscaster cracks, "It must be the weather."

- **The weather.** More jokes about kissing. Films of "warm weather activity." A man bought a new van and immediately went to polish it. He doesn't want rain. "Well," says the weather man, "at least with rain there's no dust. But there is mud. He better keep the van in the garage all week."

sized Cheech and Chong." So far, \$2500 has been raised. They intend to use it to put up the money for a loan. The group wants to be on national TV, specifically, the Mike Douglas show.

- **The male newscaster makes a date** with the female newscaster to go to the benefit performance when they get off work.

- **Bigfoot** was sighted by a busload of seven people. He was seven feet tall and hairy. He smelled like a garbage dump.



- **The weather report follows.** The weatherman explains the weather pretty well.

- **Sports.** Big item is **Muhammad Ali fight.** He got \$2 million and the challenger got \$85 thousand, "but neither deserved it," says the newscaster.

- **He should have stayed retired.** The bout should be investigated, because it stinks.

- **After more sports news, The Sports Quiz.** The question was something about a swimmer.

- **The question at 6:00,** the answer at 11:00.

- **The winner was Kenny Somebody,** who won a solar-powered wristwatch. Tomorrow's prize is—a motorcycle. Send a post card.

- **They tell more jokes.**
- **A news item about a bill** to allow wiretapping of narcotics dealers.

- **A guest viewpoint,** in response to a previous editorial.

- **Senator Don Reigle (D-Mich.).** Topic: **Energy policy.**

He says we do need an energy policy, but Carter's has some penalties in it, like higher gas prices, excises and rebates on small cars.

There's confusion as to how they would work. If small foreign cars get a rebate, it will put some of us out of work.

Congress was not consulted, he complains, but we're being consulted now because we're writing the law.

- **Last item.** A Washington farmer grows potatoes. He is expanding by using land that was once part of a Navy range.

He keeps plowing into bombs and even warheads. But he just keeps plowing. He plans to continue. But he gets a little bit nervous.

The newscaster: If one went off—Instant mashed potatoes! Yuk Yuk Yuk.

- **And now—Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman.**

# Workers' Power

## ATLANTA CITY WORKERS' UNION KEEPS UP THE FIGHT

by Jack Bloom

ATLANTA—Two weeks after the defeat of a city workers' strike here, the union (AFSCME) continues to battle the city administration, headed by Mayor Maynard "Strikebreaker" Jackson.

The workers struck for a month for a 50c/hour raise.

The union is not simply confining itself to processing the grievances the city creates daily.

It is on the offensive with a two-pronged program: publicizing Jackson's treachery, and beefing up the local with new organizing.

Some sixty of the Atlanta city workers have still not returned to work.

They are being stalled and pushed around by city officials.

### EXCUSES

With some, the excuse is that they "have not yet been cleared."

But when the union checked with those who are supposed to do the "clearing," they were told that nobody has asked them.

About 80 workers have been taken back in the federally-funded CETA program.

They have been sent into lower-level jobs than what they had before. They have suffered losses of pay and benefits.

Meanwhile, Jackson goes around town complaining how ungrateful AFSCME is.

Jackson claims that he revived the union after it was "killed" during a 1970 strike. Actually they won a small victory in 1970. But he did his best to kill them this time around.

One part of the union's offensive is to pursue Jackson wherever he goes.

### SURPRISE!

They followed him down to Savannah, Ga., where he was addressing a conference of Georgia politicians.

Wearing their "Maynard's Word is Garbage" t-shirts, they passed out a leaflet telling of his treachery.

Jackson refused to venture out while the group was there. He claimed that he was not concerned with their activities. But someone was.

A delegation came out and asked them to go away. They pleaded with the unionists not to come into the luncheon wearing their shirts.

The union also followed him to Washington, D.C. where he was having a fund-raiser for his forthcoming re-election campaign.

Jackson arrived in a silver Mercedes 450SLC and was greeted by jeers and boos from the people wearing the t-shirts.

He jumped out of the car and ran through the crowd. Later on he bravely stated, "I can take it as long as that can dish it out."

But Jackson's office is keeping his schedule a secret.

### ORGANIZING

The second part of the union's program is turning to organize aggressively in Grady Public Hospital.

Grady is a huge public structure servicing two counties. The union has a weak chapter there. It has less than half the workforce organized.

AFSCME has assigned some of the International Reps to stay and help in organizing the hospital.

This is part of the program to beef up the strength of the local.

They are planning an issue survey to find out what are the questions of concern to the workers, and they have begun putting out a newsletter. An aggressive campaign to get people to sign union cards is planned.

### Who Killed Joe Morris?

Joseph A. "Al" Morris, of Alexandria, Va. is truck driver of the month in the Washington, D.C. area.

The award is a pin, a certificate, and a \$25 bond presented by the employers association—the Washington, D.C. Area Trucking Association. Joe really deserves the award—he had a safe driving record after 19 years as an Exxon driver. And he was a truck rodeo champion.

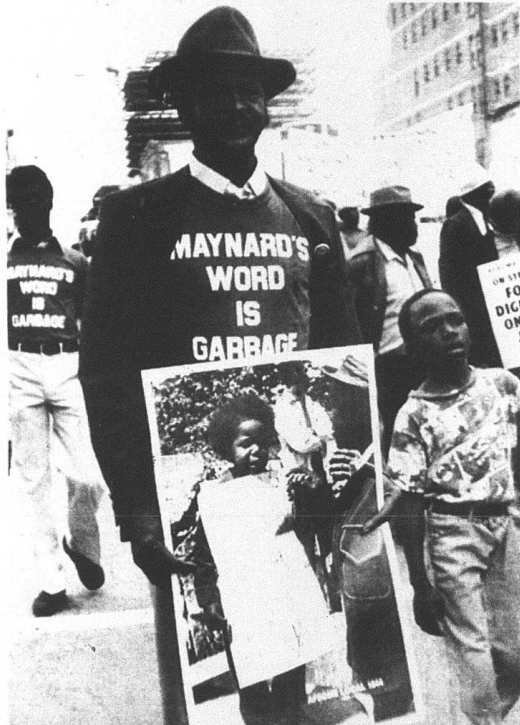
Unfortunately Joe's award had to be accepted by his widow, Patricia Morris, because he was murdered this January. He was murdered by the same people that gave him the award.

He was killed when his tanker jackknifed, overturned and exploded on the Beltway near the Dulles Airport on January 15. He was trying to avoid hitting a car that stopped and skidded ahead of him.

Joe Morris was a safe driver, a rodeo champion, the truck driver of the month. If Joe couldn't safely stop his truck—then his truck wasn't safe.

His killers were Exxon and the American Trucking Association who made him drive unsafe equipment.

It took a lot of guts to give his widow two-bits and a stick pin. One day the teamsters of this country will settle accounts with these killers.



Members of Atlanta AFSCME are following Mayor Jackson wherever he goes to let everyone know how much his word is worth.

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### High Court Won't Hear Gary Tyler

The US Supreme Court has refused to hear Gary Tyler's appeal. In 1974 the Black Louisiana youth was framed for a murder he did not commit.

His case attracted wide support, because Tyler got caught in a scene familiar to many Black youths all across the country.

When a white mob attacked a busload of Black students, a white youth was killed. Black students were harassed, beaten and threatened in the "Investigation."

Eventually one of them—Gary Tyler—was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to death. He is now serving a life sentence.

Although the evidence against him has proven false, court after court has refused to hear his appeal.

Since the US Supreme Court has refused as well, Tyler's lawyer will now try another series of appeals through state courts.

### Coalition Says: No 'Cash Only' At Grady!



ATLANTA—The Coalition to Save Grady Hospital has won a victory in its efforts to stop the hospital's new policy of demanding payment before treatment. Hospital Director Pinkston agreed to take down the "Cash Only" sign.

This issue is literally a matter of life and death. Grady is the only source of free or low-cost medical treatment for the poor and low-income residents of Atlanta.

Pinkston and the Coalition are now negotiating over what the new wording will be.

Pinkston also agreed to hold public hearings on the hospital's budget deficit and the hardships inflicted on Grady patients by the rise in fees.

The Coalition won this victory by militant action. They picketed the hospital daily.

They also leafleted Pinkston's neighborhood. They were letting Pinkston know he couldn't go home and forget the misery he was causing.

The Coalition even occupied Pinkston's office to demand he back off the callous policy.

### SAVE LIVES

The clincher was when the Coalition confronted the Emory University Medical School. Emory uses Grady to train its medical students.

The Coalition threatened to picket Emory to let the school know it couldn't train doctors—who are supposed to save human life—in a hospital whose regulations are daily turning people away to die.

The school used its influence to force Pinkston to back off.

The Coalition is continuing the pressure. On Monday it will go to a meeting of the hospital's Board of Trustees. The Coalition will keep on their backs until they come through with what has been promised.

They are also planning to mobilize people to come out for the promised public hearings.