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FITZ: SMOKED OUT

by
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Frank Fitzsimmons, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, got caught again.

This time Fitz was discovered handing a \$23 million insurance contract to Richard Kleindienst, once Attorney-General of the

U.S. under Richard Nixon.

Kleindienst testified before the Senate Government Affairs Subcommittee that he had phoned Fitzsimmons in 1976, asking him to give the contract to California insurance man Joseph Hauser. Hauser was a client of Kleindienst.

Hauser got the contract and then ripped-off \$7 million in premiums for his personal use.

The Teamsters are suing Hauser for the money.

Unable to cover up corruption and mob connections, Fitz has failed to beat off ever-growing government investigations.

His ineffective cover-ups and idiotic denials have left all his fellow top officials vulnerable.

ON HIS WAY OUT?

BATTLES AHEAD

Fitzsimmons is apparently tired of looking like a fool. So last Wednesday, Fitz denied that he had helped Kleindienst get the contract for Hauser.

He also denied that known gangster Allen Dorfman had any influence over the administration of the Central States Pension Fund.

Funny thing. Nobody believed either of Fitz's denials.

It is no wonder rumors are again flying that Fitz will resign—one way or another—before the end of the year.

Fitz has always been useless to the rank and file of the Teamsters' union.

He has fumbled national contracts, he has opened the door to vicious attacks by the employers in all phases of trucking, he has transformed the union into a joke.

Now Fitz is useless even to

his own. No doubt the employers no longer have much use for Fitz either. For as loyal as he has been to them, he has not been able to control a growing rank and file rebellion in his union.

So, the rumors in union circles have it, that a palace coup is in the making.

Fitz's fellow Executive Board members will can him and then fight among themselves for the throne.

The leading contender, and alleged force behind the ouster of Fitz, is Jackie Presser.

Presser is the powerful head of the Ohio Teamsters. He holds more posts in the union than anyone else and makes about \$200,000 a year.

Presser's shady operations in Ohio include a pinball machine operation and control of an independent Bakers' union.

He is said to have extensive gangland connections.

Hardly an alternative. But a fight at the top can help clear the way for a rank and file anxious to take back their union. □



The Trenton Seven. Seven Chrysler workers. Fired for striking, now they face possible jail terms and fines. Their crime? Exercising their right to strike, to withhold their labor.

Their case could affect the fate of any worker who goes on strike.

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You've Seen Carter's Fuel Bill...

Jimmy had to draw the line some place. After all, his image has been fading.

Polls show people don't think he's doing such a great job. Congress cuts his proposals to ribbons. Labor says he doesn't listen to them. And, the figures show the economy is going to Hell.

So, Jimmy Carter had to look good at something.

He decided it would be his energy program. He said he wouldn't leave the country if he thought his proposal was in trouble.

Jimmy planned to visit seven big cities to show his concern and to fight for his energy package.

He went on television to denounce "war profiteering" by oil companies. All very dramatic.

But all Jimmy was after was a bill that could pass Congress. So he began negotiations with Senator Russell Long, who spoke for the oil companies.

Carter wanted taxes on oil. Long said, OK, but you have to give it back to the companies through tax credits and incentives. They haggled over the size of this give-away. And, now it looks like Jimmy may get a bill passed.

Getting bills through Congress makes you look like a leader. So, Jimmy gets an image boost.

But America does not get an energy program.

We can expect a lot more of nothing if Jimmy decides he can't afford to be out of the country and stays to put in more time on this energy bill. But if his trip gets cancelled, the countries he was supposed to visit won't have missed much, either.

...But Wait Till You See Yours!

by Dan Posen

RIGHT AFTER taking office, Jimmy Carter announced that the nation was fighting "a war for our national survival" over the energy crisis.

Well, when was the last war you ever heard of where a government spent nine months deciding whether or not to declare war, or where to fight it?

That's how long the debate in Congress over Carter's so-called energy package has gone on.

Finally, a bill is about to be passed just in time to save Jimmy Carter's rapidly fading image.

As far as the energy monopolies are concerned, there's only one basic issue.

That issue is price de-regulation, in other words, the companies' right to charge whatever they please for all newly discovered natural gas.

This "new" gas, of course, includes gas which the companies will magically "discover" shortly after they are granted the right to charge what they want for it.

The Exons, Mobils and Texacos, which are actually the largest monopolies in the world, have the

nerve to call their proposals "incentives to raise production."

What has happened in the debate on the energy bill, is that step by step the energy monopolies are getting closer and closer to what they want.

ANTI-PROFITEERS?

In the process. Congressmen and Senators from different parts of the country have had to look like they're protecting the interests of their constituents.

So representatives from the Northeast and Midwest, especially liberal Democrats, are calling the energy companies nasty names.

The President of the United States himself denounced them for "war profiteering" off the energy crisis.

But let's look at what they're all actually going to wind up voting for.

The original "energy package" supposedly had three goals:

- Find ways to conserve energy, including taxes on inefficient cars and industries.

- Raise the cost of energy, but not allow massive windfall profits to the oil giants. Return higher tax revenues to consumers through rebates.

- Protect the country against future shortages by finding new energy sources.

BIG JOKE

What's happened to these goals in nine months of debate?

The energy conservation proposals have become a joke.

The main item, taxing domestic oil, is acceptable to the oil companies on one condition—that the tax revenues be turned over to them as "production incentives"!

If this tax passes in any form, the companies will have a large piece of the action.

The idea of consumer rebates



has become, instead, a demand for government-paid bonuses to the companies.

Other proposals, like requiring industrial plants to convert to coal, have enough loopholes to prevent much saving of oil—although environmental standards have been reduced to allow massive increases in industrial pollution.

The bill passed by the Senate will make the government pay for 15 percent of the cost to businesses of switching from oil to gas to coal.

FOR THE POOR . . .

But what about consumers? Well, the New York Times reported October 31:

"Also added to the bill in recent days were two credits for consumers using oil heat and one for the poor and elderly. (These credits would help offset higher costs.)"

"These were accepted by Sena-

tor Long [Russell Long of Louisiana, the oil monopolies' champion in the Senate] with the intention of abandoning them in conference so that consideration of the bill could be speeded."

Translation: the oil companies let the Senate vote credits for poor and old people to get liberal votes for the bill—knowing these credits will be dropped when Senate and House representatives work out a compromise version!

FINAL RESULTS

When the debate ends and the rhetoric fades away, the final energy bill will do only two things of any importance.

Prices will be much higher. There will either be partial de-control of natural gas, or at the very least a massive increase to \$1.85 per cubic foot and even more later on.

Second, there will be giveaways

to business to cushion their costs, leaving ordinary consumers and the poor out in the cold.

That's how the oil lobby runs the U.S. Congress. But they also own an even more powerful weapon: they control the gas.

One thing is certain. Energy bill or no energy bill, fuel prices will go up—way up.

If the natural gas, oil and pipeline companies don't like the price they're getting for their gas, they simply will stop delivering it, or announce there isn't any.

It happened last winter. It will happen this winter.

So the oil and gas companies are in no hurry. They're assured of bigger profits this year than last anyway.

And if they don't get full de-control this time around? Well, cold weather is about to set in, and there's a whole freezing nation out there to blackmail. □

THE COVER-UP

by Kim Moody

EVERY CROOK NEEDS a cover story. And the Zenith Corporation is no exception.

Zenith is stealing the jobs of over 5000 workers. Their cover story for this theft is that imported Japanese TV's are the real culprit.

Don't be fooled. This was an inside job.

Japanese imports now account for 40% of the U.S. television market. And Zenith says its profits are down because it can't compete. So it is closing its U.S. production facilities and opening new ones in Taiwan and Mexico.

The truth is that, while Zenith certainly is moving its operations to make higher profits, its problems do not stem from foreign competition.

OVER-INVESTED

According to the Wall Street Journal, Zenith's most basic problem is that it over-invested on the eve of the big recession of 1974.

In 1971, John J. Nevin became chairman of the board of Zenith. **He declared that Zenith would soon surpass RCA as the number one maker of TV's.**

In 1972 and 1973 the profits rolled in as sales went up. But then

Zenith: where the profits roll in as the jobs roll out

came the recession of 1974-75. Down went sales, down went profits, up went the company's debts.

Sales went up again in 1976 and continued to climb in 1977.

But strong competition from RCA—not Japan—put pressure on Zenith to put costly improvements on its products.

As the Wall Street Journal put it, "Zenith's quarter report is expected to reflect RCA's closing of the sales gap as well as the write-off of its Lansdale plant (the major one they are closing); Zenith has said it will post a loss for that quarter but expects to have a profit for all 1977."

SEEKS CHEAP LABOR

Zenith is seeking cheaper labor in Taiwan and Mexico so it can compete with RCA and still make big profits.

Over 5000 workers will lose their jobs because Zenith wants fatter profits and because John J. Nevin wanted to make Zenith the "General Motors of the television business."

No wonder Zenith wants to convince everyone that foreign imports are to blame. Who knows what Zenith workers might do if they knew it was an inside job. □

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TRUCK LEASING—NEW LABOR RACKET

by Mike Kelly

“Same truck, same supervisor, only thing different was eight years of seniority benefits were wiped out. . . and my pay was cut.”

Roland Blansfield, a truck driver, a member of Teamster Local 326, was a victim of labor racketeering.

One day he went to work at Crown Zellerbach box making plant in Newark, Delaware. Only he found he had a new employer—Country Wide, a truck leasing company.

“There was nothing different,” said Blansfield. “Same truck, same supervisor. . .”

“Only thing different was eight years of seniority benefits were wiped out, such as vacation and earning opportunity. And my pay was cut.”

A labor racketeer put the hurt on Blansfield.

But not just another one of the punks. Not some sleazy punk in a stripe suit and a fedora, with a gruesome pug-ugly side-kick like in the old days. Not some punk putting the muscle on a two-bit businessman for the local mob.

Today those little punks have become big businessmen.

The punk has become a “labor consultant”. And the “labor peace” payoff has become a business—it’s called truck leasing.

One of these punks turned professional is a guy named Eugene R. Boffa.

His job: swindle Teamsters out of their union wages.

The racket works like this. The Teamster officials enforce the contract—unless you arrange a deal through Mr. Boffa.

Boffa runs two labor leasing companies—Universal Coordinators, Inc., and Country Wide

Personnel, Inc.

If you sign a contract with Mr. Boffa’s companies, he can arraign to get wages as much as 70% below the National Master Freight Agreement—for a fee of about 10% above the wage and benefit payments the employer makes.

The Teamster officials who cooperate have an under-the-table arrangement with Boffa and Universal and Country Wide.

For example, workers at Iowa Beef Processors, working for Boffa’s Country Wide company, earned 10¢ per mile when loaded and 8¢

when dead-heading (empty).

And the employer made no pension fund contributions. That was under a 1972 contract.

Teamster drivers at other meat haulers got 14.425¢ per mile (loaded or empty) and \$14 per week pension payments under the MFA during that same period.

CONNECTIONS

Boffa’s Teamster connections are Salvatore and Gabriel Briguglio and Thomas and Steven Andretta and their boss Tony Provenzano.

These are the men who arrange the under-the-bonnet deals.

They’re exactly the same men, by the way, believed by the Justice Department to be responsible for the murder of Jimmy Hoffa.

Hoffa threatened to blow the whistle on them for these scams unless they helped him back into the IBT presidency—in which case all he wanted was his cut.

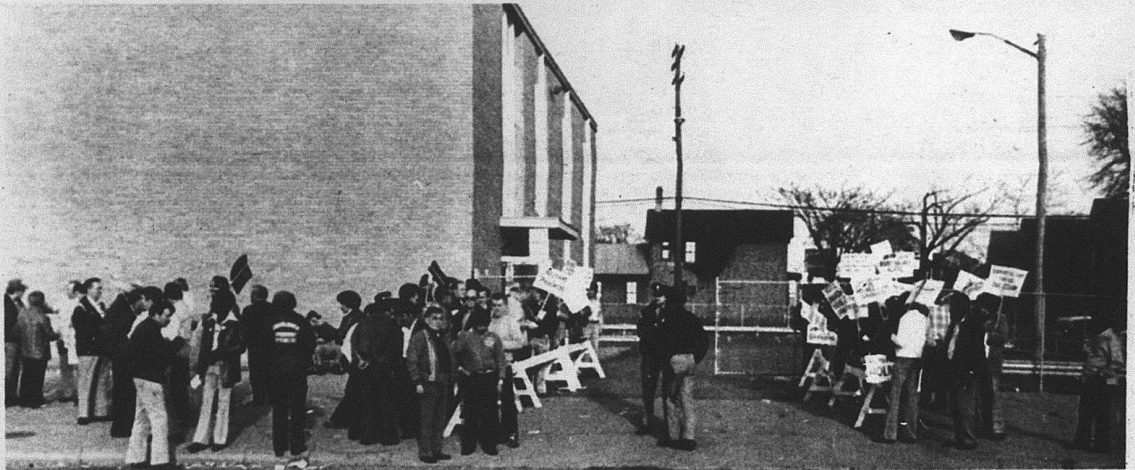
At least half of the New Jersey trucking industry is believed to operate either outside the union, or outside the Master Freight Agreement. □

Powers Behind Racket

Who’s helped turn the labor peace racket into the even bigger racket of truck leasing? Here are some of the promoters of the new racket:

- International Paper Co.
- J.C. Penny Co.
- GAF Corp.
- Iowa Beef Processors Inc.
- Crown Zellerbach Corp.
- Monsanto Co.
- Morton-Norwich Products (Morton Salt)
- Avon Products Inc.
- AMF Inc.
- Inland Container Corp.
- Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp.
- Crown Cork & Seal Co.
- Westvaco Corp.
- Continental Group Inc. (Continental Can)

It’s corporations like these that have turned the labor-peace payoff into the truck leasing industry—with the help of Teamster-official-mobsters.



Leasing has been an issue in Local 337, representing Detroit’s grocery drivers, and other grocery locals in the Midwest. An outfit from Chicago called Renter was brought in to handle A&P drivers in Detroit and Fisher-Fazio workers in Cleveland. In Detroit, Renter refused to “hire” many of the A&P drivers, including some who had run against Local 337 President Bobby Holmes in the last election. This is one of the grievances

that has cost Holmes much support among Detroit grocery workers. Members of Local 337 are seen here outside the union hall as voting for local officers was held November 2-3. Teamsters for a Democratic Union member Bob Janadia was challenging Holmes for the presidency. At Workers’ Power press time, the votes had not yet been counted.

Fight The Racket — And Win

The truck leasing racketeers can be beat.

But it takes a militant movement to do it, one that’s prepared to fight the companies who stand behind the leasing services.

One way to challenge the crooked deals is through the National Labor Relations Board.

Roland Blansfield and five other Crown Zellerbach employees took Local 326, Secretary Treasurer Frank Sheeran, Crown Zellerbach and Country Wide leasing service to the NLRB.

They were reinstated and won \$14,000 in back pay.

Bob Grant, a union militant fired by American Stevedoring and Burlington Industries, took them to the NLRB and won back his job and

a financial settlement.

Bob’s case was strengthened by his involvement in rank and file groups like Teamsters Ranks United to Help (Truth), and the Concerned Truckers for a Democratic Union, a rank and file group in the Chicago Truck Drivers Union.

LOS ANGELES

Right now an even bigger fight against leasing is going on in Los Angeles.

Thomas Nationwide Transportation, owner of Alltrans Express, informed 53 employees of Acme Fast Freight (owned by Alltrans) this September 4 by telegram that they were closing due to “adverse

economic conditions.”

Alltrans then hired Intermodal Container Service to do the work previously done by ACME.

Acme Fast Freight workers had been paid \$8.65 an hour. Intermodal workers got \$4.60 for the same work.

But the Acme employees didn’t just fold when hit with this leasing racket.

About six of them with about 40 of the other workers organized a wildcat strike against Alltrans and Acme.

The six are members of Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU), a national rank and file reform group in the Teamsters.

The strike has been going on now for nearly two months and has

become a big issue among Los Angeles Teamsters, particularly in the locals involved: 208, 357, and 495.

The picket line is being honored and money collected to support the Acme workers.

The employer is not going to be allowed to weasel out of the contract if the Acme workers and TDU can stop them.

LEER—REEL

When these strikers were taking the word around the LA basin, they discovered another group of workers who had been hit with the same name game.

Their boss, named Leer, had closed down Leer cartage and

reopened under the name Reel at lower wages.

Those workers are telling the boss he can turn the name around—but he can’t turn the contract around.

They, too, are out on a wildcat strike and working with the Alltrans/Acme workers.

The truck leasing and name games of the companies can be beat, the punks can be put in their place, but it takes a fight to do it.

Guys like Blansfield and Grant, workers like those at Acme and Leer, and a group like TDU are showing how.

By getting at the powers behind the punks—big business. □

THEY CALL THIS TERRORISM...

THERE HAS BEEN a lot of furor over the latest German hijacking.

The press, the government, and the United Nations are in turmoil over the sight of terrorists threatening the lives of innocent people.

The press has referred to the hijackers, and their colleagues who kidnapped the German industrialist Hans Martin Schleyer, as "left wingers." They called themselves the "Red Army Faction."

But in reality their methods were quite different from those which socialists favor.

The Red Army Faction originated in the disgust felt by many people at the horrors and hypocrisy of those who run society.

The reason for this is simple. Many of those who today dominate industry, the armed forces, the police, and the

newspapers in Germany started their careers as enthusiastic servants of Hitler's Third Reich.

EX-NAZI

Schleyer, boss of the German Employers Federation, for whom we are supposed to weep, showed his "commitment to freedom" by his friendship with the Nazi Goebbels and by playing a leading role in the Nazification of the German universities in 1936.

He served three years in prison for war crimes in the late 1940's.

In recent years, such people have excelled themselves by banning

from most state jobs, such as teaching, those they define as "subversives"—which means anyone who has vaguely left-wing ideas.

Again and again in the last ten years, they have unleashed armed police against left-wing demonstrations, causing several deaths.

They have also helped provide South Africa with means of manufacturing atomic weapons.



Schleyer, ex-Nazi

However, the disgust felt by Beader, Meinhoff and the members of their terrorist group did not develop in a socialist direction.

NOT SOCIALIST

Instead of seeing the answer to society's problems in the collective action of the workers (who make up the majority of society), they believed a few courageous acts of their own could do the job.

But for every industrialist they kidnapped, there were a thousand prepared to take his place. The kidnappings only served to turn unpleasant ex-Nazis into public heroes.

The heads of the police found all the public support they needed for ever more repressive measures, not only against the kidnapers and hijackers, but against anyone wanting to change society.

There was a rising toll of arrests,

jail sentences and judicial murders of those alleged to be "terrorists." The hijackers and kidnapers felt that to defend their friends they had to use ever more desperate measures.

The culmination was the threat to blow up the aircraft full of innocent travellers—a horrifying threat opposed to everything that socialists have ever stood for.

NECESSARY FORCE

Of course, socialists believe that force is necessary on occasion. So does anyone who takes part in any political action, left, right or center.

It ill-becomes governments who manufacture napalm, who send in armed troops to crush strikes, who provide nuclear know-how to South Africa, and who are moving towards neutron bombs, to claim otherwise.

But the force we support is that

...AND THIS?

THE POWERFUL governments and rich men who denounce "international terrorism" should know what they're talking about. They're up to their necks in it.

A report just published by the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Rhodesia concludes:

"The practice of torture has become a common event in the lives of people in the rural areas.

"Schools are frequent targets of interrogation campaigns. One common method of torturing students which leaves no tell-tale marks is the towel and hose method.

"The students are stripped naked, a towel is put over their faces and running water is sprayed in their mouths and noses through a hose. 'It gives the impression of drowning or suffocating,' one headmaster explained."

ROUTINE TERROR

This kind of terror is routinely directed against the Black population of six million by the racist minority government in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

Over half a million Africans are



now living in government concentration camps, called "protected villages." These camps are an attempt to cut the people off from the national liberation armies which are fighting to overthrow the racist government.

The pictures on this page, taken from the Catholic Commission report, show the effects of the terrorism that is going on right now.

This widespread use of torture and government terror is not widely publicized by the press in the United States or any other western country. It has not received a fraction of the publicity given to the German plane hijacking.

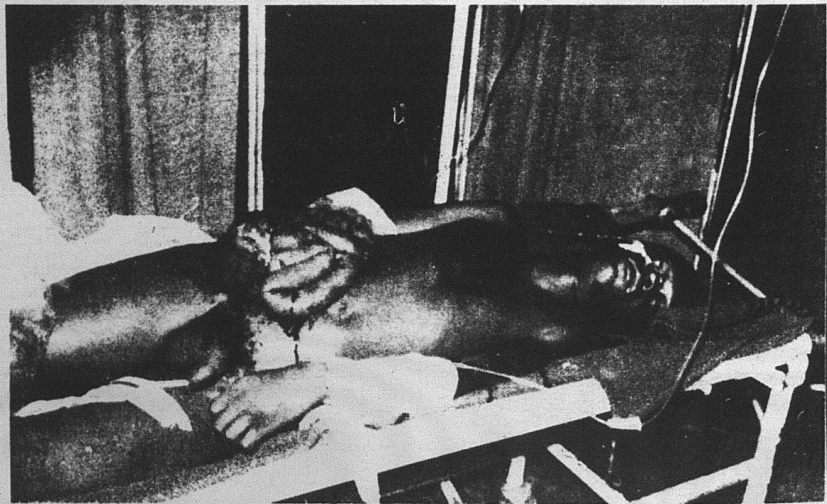
MERCENARIES

But the silence of the news media is not the only thing that keeps this terrorism going. There are also hired killers...mercenaries. They come from the United States, and from other western countries such as Britain and West Germany.

The article reprinted here, "Mercenaries Move In," comes from a British newspaper, The Daily Mail, July 15, 1977.

Mercenaries are being recruited for Rhodesia today...in this country. The Carter Administration is allowing the "Rhodesia Information Office" to do the recruiting from its Washington, D.C. headquarters.

If Jimmy "Human Rights" Carter wants to do something about terrorism against innocent civilians, the place to start is right under his own nose.



(Above) Rhodesian security forces found Noah Chirema, 19 years old, herding cattle. They questioned and beat him, then shot him through the right buttocks. He died five days later from massive infections, internal injuries and heart failure. (Lower left) Rhodesian troops distribute leaflets showing pictures like this one of villagers they have killed to intimidate the people.

Rhodesia: Racists' Paradise Is Turning Sour

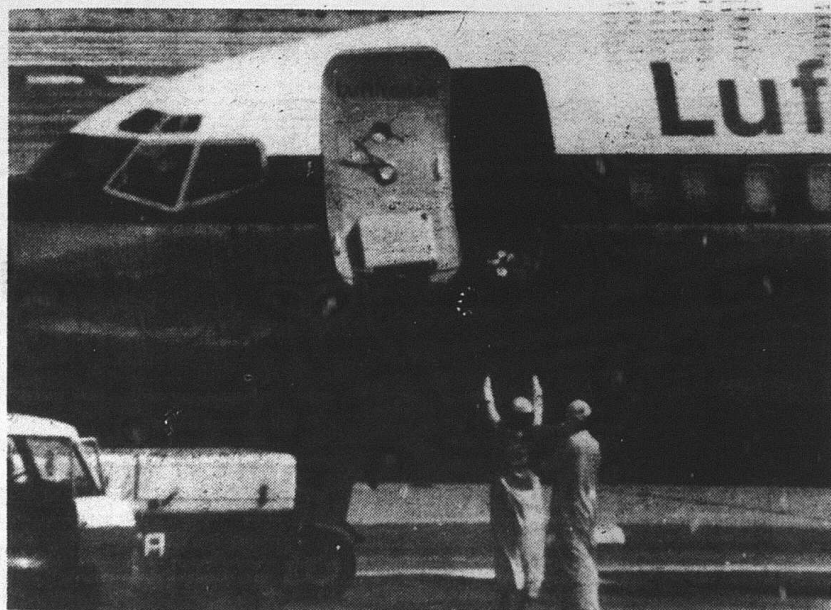
Nearly 1500 white settlers left Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) for good in September. This is according to figures from the Rhodesian government.

In the first nine months of this year, white emigration exceeded immigration by more than 8700 people.

This means that the current of emigration by Rhodesian whites is running at a whopping 4.3% year!

They are leaving because they feel their bank accounts, homes and lives of leisure coming to an end.

The U.S. and Britain are desperately trying to arrange a ceasefire that would force the African liberation forces in Zimbabwe stop fighting.



Hijacking planes doesn't change society. But governments that denounce terrorism commit more violence than this every day.

which working class organizations have to use to deal with those who would violently smash their struggles—the force needed to stop Nazi or Ku Klux Klan incitement to racial murder, the force needed to prevent strike-breaking, the force needed eventually to prevent a

small privileged minority from thwarting the efforts of the majority of workers to bring about socialist change. Such force will involve neither hijacking nor kidnappings, nor the threat to blow up plane-loads of ordinary people. □

Mercenaries move in

HUNDREDS of mercenaries have flocked to join the Rhodesian Army in recent months. The Rhodesians have recruited in all 1,500 foreigners—but the army could have been boosted by 10,000 if all the foreign volunteers had been accepted. "We weed out many," says Major Lamprecht, the chief recruiting officer. "We can tell the nut cases by the way they draft original applications." Why do they come? Money is only one reason—and, since foreigners receive the same basic pay as their Rhodesian counterparts, it is not even a major consideration in most cases. "I am here because this is the only worthwhile war going on at present," confides a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Special Forces who is now a major in the Rhodesian Army. "Besides, it's Communism we are fighting here." Rolf Kaufeld resigned his commission as a captain in the West German tank corps to join the Rhodesian Army. According to

him, most of the West Europeans signing up are doing so because they got fed up with their own societies. The training the foreigners get is gruelling. John Asher, 26, a veteran of the Green Berets in Vietnam, said: "We jogged for 14 miles with 65 pounds on our backs and carrying a 9-8-pound FN rifle." "We also had to jump from a Dakota at only 350 feet. That's seven seconds from the time you jump until you hit the ground." Asher lost 46 pounds in his 42 days of training. His 27-man squad included only two Rhodesians. The rest were South Africans, Australians, New Zealanders, Frenchmen, Poles, Israelis and Italians. A lone Belgian held the record with five foreign wars to his name. At only 34, Pierre Marin had already fought in the Congo twice, in Biafra, in Chad and in Djibouti. Not all the foreigners last. So far 12 Americans have deserted. But more recruits arrive every day. Many accuse the Carter Administration of spurring Rhodesia.

The Daily Mail, London
July 15, 1977

EXECUTED



Murdered in prison: Raspe, Ensslin, and Baader.

THE OFFICIAL STORY of the deaths of three West German radicals—Baader, Ensslin and Raspe—is that they committed suicide in prison after the hijacking of the German airliner failed. But West German prison officials are totally unable to explain how they could have gotten weapons to kill themselves. They were being held in solitary confinement in maximum-security cells. Tens of thousands of people have held angry demonstrations across Europe, convinced that the three prisoners were actually murdered by the German government. This same thing has happened before.

In June 1976, another leader of the Baader-Meinhoff group, Ulrike Meinhoff, was found dead in her prison cell. She had been in prison awaiting trial since 1972. She died a few weeks before she was to appear in court. The story was given out that she had hanged herself.

STRANGLER

But Counterspy, the anti-CIA magazine which has revealed many secret operations in Europe and Latin America, reported last December that Meinhoff appeared to have been raped and strangled—not hanged—in her cell. A legal medical expert found that she had been beaten with a blunt object, and also found several bone fractures that occur when someone is strangled rather

than hanged. There was also evidence that after Meinhoff was raped and murdered, the body was left behind to make it look like suicide. The official autopsy was conducted before Meinhoff's family or lawyers had even seen the corpse. Now three more members of the same group have died in prison, also under circumstances which officials can't explain. The suicide story simply is not believable. The only realistic explanation is that the three were murdered, as Ulrike Meinhoff apparently was. □

Southern Africa News

Five major western powers, led by the U.S., vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution calling for an economic boycott of South Africa. The boycott was demanded by Black African nations. America's U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young also stated last weekend that the United States will continue to sell fuel for nuclear reactors to South Africa. According to Young, by selling this fuel the U.S. will be encouraging South Africa to keep its promise not to build nuclear weapons—even though the South African government officially denies it ever made that promise! Instead of economic sanctions or cutting off nuclear fuel sales, the U.S. allowed the Security Council to pass an "arms embargo" against sales to South Africa of military equipment and spare parts. Big deal. South Africa has already acquired enough western arms and built its own military industry, capable of destroying half of Africa. And with western banks and corporations pouring money into South Africa, it will have all the money it needs to buy arms in violation of any embargo.

One of the best-hidden wars in the world broke back into the news this week. The South African army admitted that five of its soldiers were killed in a battle with Namibian liberation forces of SWAPO (South West African People's Organization). It is widely believed that South Africa drastically understates its real losses in this way to avoid losing public confidence. South Africa claimed 61 SWAPO soldiers were killed. This is one of the largest publicized battles of the Namibian war. Namibia is a colony occupied by South Africa in violation of all international laws and United Nations resolutions. South Africa also admitted its troops crossed the border into southern Angola, and says it will continue to do this whenever it pleases. South Africa and the CIA are still assisting right-wing terrorists inside Angola, and the Namibia war could lead to a renewal of massive fighting there.

1978 SOUTH AFRICA FREEDOM CALENDAR

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The Zimbabwe rainy season, when the guerrillas are most effective, is beginning this month. A successful offensive by the freedom fighters could bring down the white minority regime. That would be a major defeat for the western powers, and a tremendous victory for the Black struggle in neighboring South Africa. A freedom fighters' victory would totally change the entire picture in southern Africa.

School Strike Still On

The students of Soweto, South Africa, are continuing their mass strike against apartheid education. More than 87,000 Black students in Soweto, and their teachers, have refused to return to the schools. Nationwide, a quarter million students are out. Every organization that sup-

ported the boycott has been outlawed. But the students will not give in. Meanwhile, the South African government crackdown continues, with 700 people reportedly arrested so far. Arrests have now spread to some of those who protested the first wave of detentions.

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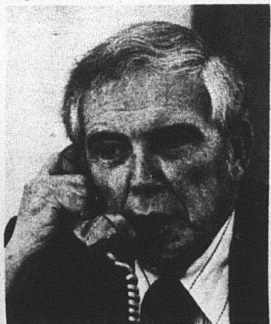


John Riccardo
Chrysler Chairman

...received \$700,066 last year to eat in fancy restaurants, be chauffeured around town in style, and figure out how to break wildcat strikes.

Nothing but the best for him. No perspiration on his brow. Air-conditioning wherever he goes. Even someone to help him off with his coat.

A handful of Chrysler directors and officers were paid a total of \$8,298,829 last year. With that amount, even the urinals at Trenton Engine could be air-conditioned.



Doug Fraser
President, UAW

... union members paid him \$47,000 plus expenses last year to eat in fancy restaurants, be chauffeured around town in style, chat with business executives, and figure out ways to break wildcat strikes.

His home and office are cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Wouldn't have it any other way.

Tells workers to take their problems through the grievance procedure. If a grievance isn't dropped immediately, it will be in six months.

Company afraid of the facts

"Employees shall have the right to self organization, to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection."

National Labor Relations Act Sec. 7

Woody Jackson is a janitor at Trenton Engine. He's solidly behind the seven fired workers.

To help things along, he passed out literature in the plant telling people what's going on. His actions were protected by law.

The 13th of October, Chrysler suspended him. The 18th this was changed to a discharge.

This is just plain harassment. Chrysler is afraid of the facts.

We have just learned that the company has backed off and that Woody will be back at work Monday, November 7. But he stands to lose \$900-1,000 in pay.

by Paul Broz

As fast as you wipe it away, more sweat pours off your brow. The air is too hot to breath. It stings your lungs. Your head is light, dizzy.

You work in an auto plant. It is the middle of July. Temperatures on the assembly line reach 130 degrees. People get frustrated, angry.

Reactions slow, and the work becomes more dangerous. Heat passes are hard to get.

The company wants to keep the lines rolling. Production means money. The foreman gets on your ass.

Your head buzzes. Your temper is short. You just want to GET OUT!

THIS SUMMER, AUTO WORKERS throughout the country walked out when it got too hot to work.

They used to age-old weapon, the strike, the power to withhold their labor, to correct working conditions which were intolerable. They voted with their feet.

Some were disciplined for their actions, some were fired. Most got their jobs back or their suspensions lifted.

Not so at the Chrysler Trenton Engine Plant, in Trenton, Michigan. There the company decided to teach workers a lesson.



Auto workers at Trenton Engine plant follow its advice, you might just

Several thousand people wildcatted in August to protest firings resulting from a July heat walkout. Seven men were singled out, fired, and charged with contempt of court.

Their case was tried in Judge Feiken's court. The judge's old law firm does business with Chrysler. His son was handling a case for

What's at stake



Can a company force people to work in unsafe, inhumane conditions? Force people to work under these circumstances even when clearly in violation of the contract?

The court is saying that they can, that a worker's only recourse is to file a grievance.

While waiting for an answer, workers must continue risking their health, or even their lives. The alternative is to walkout, and risk firing, or, now, even jail or heavy fines.

Sound like a stacked deck?

Things used to be worse. Fifty years ago, even becoming a member of a union was illegal—a union was a "conspiracy."

Courts routinely issued injunctions to break strikes and to prevent workers from organizing.

Only rank and file action, workers repeatedly defying the law, clashing with police and federal troops, organizing general strikes and sitdowns, eventually made unions legal and won the "right to strike."

But since then, bit by bit, the courts and companies have chipped away at this right.

Courts interpreted grievance procedures which had binding arbitration to be "no strike clauses."

Workers with a "no strike clause" lost direct control over their

workplaces. No longer could strikes be called on the spot to settle grievances.

Union leaders were required to order workers back to work during "illegal" strikes. If they refused, they faced fines and imprisonment.

That's why union officials tell you to "go through channels." File a grievance in July, when it's 130 degrees in the plant and see how long it takes to get relief.

Maybe, in January, you'll get an answer.

Companies are warning workers, with the Trenton 7 case, that future wildcats will be dealt with harshly.

Not only do you risk being fired, but you might end up in jail, too. They have the courts in their back pockets and they intend to use them.

But fat cats in air-conditioned offices, police, union officials, and judges do not make cars. In the words of striking coal miners during the 1940's: "You can't mine coal with a bayonet."

The same way the unions were created, so can conditions be improved and justice be won for the Trenton 7.

It's time to teach Chrysler a lesson in labor-management relations.

Jail for Health?



through these gates each day. The sign says, "Take care, not chances," but if it end up in jail.

them at the time of the trial.

October 6, he found them guilty. These seven auto workers, known among fellow workers as the Trenton 7, face up to six months in jail and large fines.

For years, workers have been fired for participating in wildcats, and courts have upheld the firings.

But this is one of the few times a worker has been found guilty of breaking the law, simply by going on strike.

The case is important not just for workers at Trenton Engine, not just to autoworkers, but for all ordinary people who seek justice and dignity for themselves and their families.

FIGHTING BACK!

What can you do when your union leaders do nothing? How can you push them to act—to use the union's power to protect yourself and your fellow workers?

Trenton engine workers are members of the United Auto Workers Local 372. The UAW International may authorize a strike over several issues. One of these is health and safety.

Workers at Trenton have already taken the first steps in this process. They have filed hundreds of grievances on health and safety and passed a sealed ballot strike vote 900-300.

Now the ball is in the court of local officers, who must present a good strike package to the International.

Rumor has it that some local officials are opposed to a strike and are withdrawing grievances by the hundreds.

Only rank and file pressure can push them into action.

Here's what you can do:

- If you're at Trenton: Go to union meetings. Get local officials to demand strike authorization from the International. Join the Trenton Defense Committee, and/or contribute money for leaflets and legal defense. Volunteer to pass out leaflets—at work, in non-work areas on break time, or at other Chrysler plants. Spread the word.
- If you're an auto worker at another Chrysler plant: Pass resolutions of support at your local meeting. Take up a collection at union meetings and at the plant gate. Call the Defense Committee for a speaker to come to your local meeting. Talk to stewards and fellow workers about getting a strike package together where you work. Most plants are unsafe. In many places, people have been discussing a strike over health and safety for a long time. Make the strike company-wide! Volunteer to pass out leaflets from the Defense Committee at your plant, in non-work areas on breaks. Join the Defense Committee.
- If you're a unionized worker: Pass resolutions of support at your local meetings, and pass the hat. It can be done! It's not the health and safety of its workforce that Chrysler's worried about. It's not everyday working conditions. The one thing Chrysler is worried about is a rank and file, a union, that has its shit together. Because that means relief from the heat, safe working conditions, an end to harassment, and dignity and respect on the job. That means no repeat of the summer of '77.

If you ever thought the legal system in this country was fair, think again.

Seven autoworkers face fines and jail terms for picketing during a wildcat strike which occurred last summer.

Ordinary workers have often been fired for striking, but few have ever been convicted of a crime simply for participating in a strike.

Here we present the case of the "Trenton 7." With this decision, the courts have thrown any masquerade of fairness out the window and come down squarely on the side of the employers.

Help out! Contact:
Trenton Defense Committee
PO BOX 2132,
Riverview, Mich. 48192
(313) 886-3301



Rally attacks banks' profits from racism

CLEVELAND—The Southern Africa Liberation Committee and the Committee to Oppose Bank Loans to South Africa held a rally and march here October 29 to protest Cleveland bank loans to South Africa.

Sixty people joined the march through downtown, which was well covered by local press and TV. Albert Tucker, speaking for the Committee, said there are three Cleveland banks which have loaned \$17 million to South Africa.

These are: Cleveland Trust, Central National, and Society National Bank.

Tucker accused these banks of profiting from racism in South Africa, while they support racism in Cleveland by refusing to loan money to homeowners or to create jobs in the Black community.

GOVERNMENT-INSURED

Tucker called for people in the community to demand that their unions, community organization or church withdraw money from banks making loans to South Africa.

Later in the day when questioned by a reporter from the Cleveland Press, Central National Bank official Roger Hipsley said:

"These loans to South Africa are insured by the Ex-Im Bank, an agency of the U.S. government."

"They are made with the full knowledge and support of the government. They are not in violation of the governmental policy in dealing with South Africa." Enough said.

Justice for all?

Agreement between CHRYSLER CORPORATION



and the UAW

Am... on the other hand... as follows:

WHEREAS, no subject is of greater concern to the Corporation and the Union than the physical well-being of employees in Chrysler's plants, and in our recent negotiations no subject received or deserved a higher priority than promoting safe and healthful working conditions in the plants; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that an on-going...

The Trenton 7 may go to jail for breaking a contract, but what happens when the company violates the contract?

Here are two recent cases:

A 37 year-old pipe fitter was asphyxiated earlier this year in a GM plant in Ypsilanti.

State health officers found the company guilty of violating health and safety standards. This is a violation of the contract.

What is the penalty for murder? Unsafe conditions were responsible for his death.

A prison sentence for GM's President or Chairman of the Board?

No, a whopping \$750 fine.

Last summer, during the worst of the heat, a 21 year-old foundry worker at Ford died of heat stroke.

The company was fined \$600 for "failing to provide safeguards to protect its employees from the hazards of heat stress."

Again, no corporate executives went to jail. Had the young man who died from the heat just said "To hell with it," and walked out, he would be alive today.

He might be in jail, it's true, but at least he'd be alive.

Women Tell Bethlehem: We Want Our Jobs - And Our Babies, Too!

by Elissa Clarke

If you work around lead, you're probably concerned. You know it can cause headaches, high blood pressure, convulsions, kidney failure, death. If you're a mother, you know that lead can cause brain damage if your children chew on little bits of paint that have flaked off the walls.

If you're pregnant, lead can cause miscarriages. It can cause your baby to be born deformed.

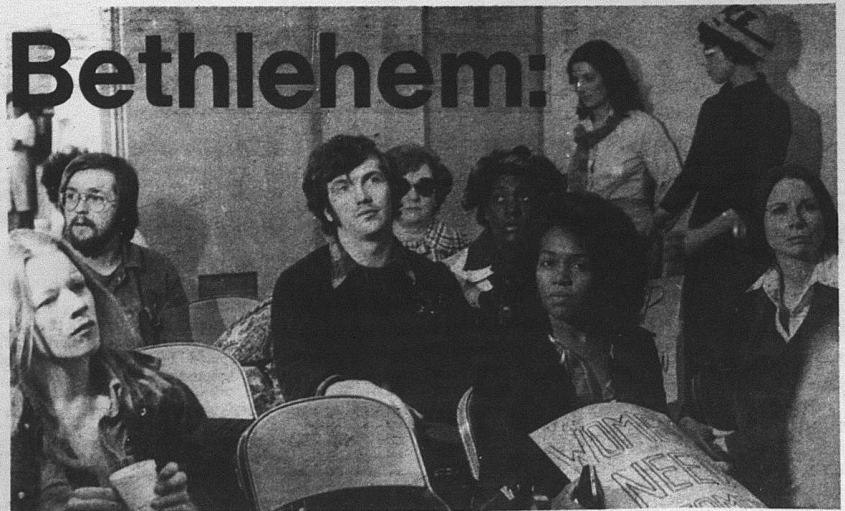
What would you think of a

company that purposely forced pregnant women to work with lead-based paint? Cruel. Negligent. Murderous.

This story was told to Workers' Power by a woman steelworker:

"Right now at Bethlehem Steel — I heard this story at our last Women's Committee meeting — there is a woman who is pregnant. The company is trying to force her to quit by making her paint with lead-based paint.

"At first her co-workers were helping out. But the company



A meeting of the District 31 Women's Committee. The Committee is supporting women steel workers in their suit against Bethlehem Steel for harassment of pregnant employees.

rearranged her job so no one can help her. They just want her out."

At its plant in Burns Harbor, Indiana, Bethlehem Steel has a strict policy: get rid of pregnant women. As soon as management learns that a woman is pregnant,

she is forced to go on leave.

The company pays only six weeks maternity benefits. The rest of the time, the women have to live out of their own pockets.

The policy is so severe that over 70 complaints were filed by women

at the Burns Harbor plant, United Steel Workers Local 6787, with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

The Local 6787 women have filed suit against Bethlehem Steel in federal court on October 16.

The class action suit was filed on behalf of 500 Bethlehem women steel workers, plus Bethlehem's clerical workers. The suit seeks 30 million dollars in damages because of the wages that women have lost by being forced to give up their jobs.

WOMEN'S BULLETIN

The District 31 Women's Caucus Bulletin described the problem like this: "It is alleged that women were told by their foremen, 'I heard you were pregnant, and you must go to the clinic and take a pregnancy test and prove that you are not before you may continue working.'"

Diane Gumalowski, Chairperson of the Local 6787 Women's Committee said, "Since most women are able to work until at least the seventh month of their pregnancy, it is obvious that any policy that would force them off on leave early in their pregnancy would result in several months of lost income. With the cost of living being what it is, we all know what the loss of income can mean for the typical working class family."

Gumalowski noted that many of the women forced out are heads of households. Some have been unable to make their car and mortgage payments. "Four or five were actually forced to sell their homes."

Women who do continue to work during their pregnancy at the Burns Harbor plant are hassled by management.

One woman was told to lift heavy things which normally are lifted by men using cranes.

Another was told by her foreman that he wanted to know her whereabouts at all times, even when she went to the bathroom.

SUPREME COURT

Last year, the Supreme Court ruled that companies do not have to provide sick pay for pregnant women. At Bethlehem Steel we see the results of that decision. The company knows they only have to pay six weeks, so they force the women out when they are a month or two pregnant, and save a few thousand dollars.

Congress is now considering a bill that would reverse the Supreme Court decision. The bill would force companies that provide insurance benefits to offer the same coverage to pregnancy that they give to other disabilities.



These gun-thugs hired by the Blue Diamond Coal Co. have been reinforced by the Kentucky State Police.

by Jim Woodward

On October 17, Kentucky state police attacked a picket line of striking coal miners in Stearns, Kentucky. Last week eleven of those miners were thrown in jail for six months and 68 more put on parole for one year.

The were charged with contempt of court, for having too many miners on one picket line. A dozen or so miners were hospitalized after being beaten by the troopers.

The jailings are the latest round in the battle between the United Mine Workers and the Blue Diamond Coal Co.

UMW members at Blue Diamond's Justus Mine have been on strike for 15 months, demanding a union contract.

UMW organizer Lee Potter told Workers' Power that though the union is appealing, the 11 are still in jail.

As for the 68 on parole, Potter said, "if they violate the law in any manner, they go to jail for six months for contempt charges."

The Stearns strike has become a key test for both the coal operators and the union.

The percentage of coal mined by UMW members nationwide has dropped to nearly 50%, undermining the union's bargaining clout.

Eastern Kentucky, where Stearns is located, is one of the major non-union areas. "If we lose it's going to hurt us in eastern Kentucky," Potter said.

"It wouldn't wipe us out, we'll never be wiped out. It would hurt us for a year or so, you know. There's no question about that."

SLOW TO REACT

Despite the high stakes, the union leadership has been slow to react to the arrests at Stearns.

No statement was issued by UMW headquarters immediately after the arrests because union president Arnold Miller was in New York. He was watching the World Series there.

Out-going UMW Secretary-Treasurer Harry Patrick wrote Miller a memo outlining the urgency of the situation.

He suggested that "All the Officers of this Union should be

ordered into the general area... to boost the morale and to let the men at Stearns know that we are totally behind them and that we do care about their welfare.

"To follow up, I think a rally should be called as soon as possible and that all local unions should be notified so they might participate."

One source told Workers' Power that Miller had not responded to the Patrick suggestions. Another source reportedly said that Miller had rejected the idea of a mass rally.

But Miller did make a personal visit to Stearns October 31, talking to the miners and visiting the men in jail.

This could be a critical period for the Stearns strike. With the UMW leadership preoccupied with contract talks, the company may make another effort to re-open the mine.

If they do try to bring in strike-breakers, they will not have an easy time of it. "We got all the community behind us right now," says Potter. That, and the determination of the strikers counts for a lot.

Stearns
Miners:
15
Months
On
Strike
- Now 6
Months
In Jail!

Coal Talks: Slave Labor And Camel Manure

by Jim Woodward

THE BARGAINING DEMANDS put forward by the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) are more hard-line than had been previously imagined. Unless the operators do some very fast back-

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tracking, a coal strike is certain December 7.

The coal operators' primary demand is that the miners must pay for not working. This is their solution to wildcat strikes.

Specifically, the BCOA wants any miner who is "absent from work because of an unauthorized work stoppage" to repay the

UMWA Health and Welfare Funds for financial losses caused by the work stoppage.

DEMANDS

Any difference between this proposal and slave labor is quickly erased by the operators' other demands:

- Introduction of a flexible work week, which would allow straight-time pay for any five days out of the seven-day week. Premium pay only for more than five days in one week.

- A productivity plan, perhaps some kind of bonus system for higher production. This is a particularly dangerous system in mining,

where short cuts taken to boost productivity mean roof falls, methane gas explosions, and the like.

- The right to schedule vacations at any time, rather than in the summer.

- A formal no-strike clause. The present contract does not have one.

- End the power of union safety committees to close unsafe operations.

- Elimination of certain helpers.

ARBITRATION DECISION

As if these demands weren't enough, the Arbitration Review Board, the final appeal board in the union's grievance procedure, has issued a ruling that comes close to taking away miners' right to free speech.

The Board ruled that any picketing not authorized by the union is punishable by firing. Previously, a miner could be fired only for picketing his or her own mine.

In addition, the Board said miners could be fired for publicly distributing literature which might encourage a wildcat strike.

These decisions are part of the extensive re-writing of the 1974 contract that has occurred through arbitration.

The official re-writing of that contract is not going too well, however. Because of the operators' hard-line demands and because of their refusal to discuss restoration of health benefits as the first item, negotiations have broken down.

UMWA President Arnold Miller is apparently aware that there is no way he can get a contract like the BCOA proposes past the miners. A long strike is "pretty damn certain," Miller said, "if they don't get their heads out of the sand."

"I told them it was time to get out of the camel manure and get down to the business at hand," he added.

WOMEN IN THE STREETS TO DEFEND ABORTION RIGHTS

Henry Hyde seems to be having a little trouble on the lecture circuit.

Hyde (R-Ill.) is author of the bill that has cut off Medicaid payments for abortions. Wherever he appears, Hyde is greeted by hundreds of angry women.

In FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS six hundred women poured into town to give Henry a hard time when he spoke at a benefit for anti-abortion groups.

Hyde's visit was unpublicized, but the demonstration was quickly built when rumors of his visit spread. The picket line was so large that it filled both sides of the street. The women chanted:

Hey, hey, what do you say?
Abortion rights are here to stay!
Ho, ho, what do you know?
Henry Hyde has got to go!

A week earlier, Hyde spoke in ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI at the St. Louis Archdiocese Pro-Life Convention. Three hundred women demonstrated, chanting, "Not the church, not the state, women must decide their fate!"

Inside, Hyde told his audience, "We don't want to stop abortions just for the poor, but for all women."

This outrageous statement puts Henry Hyde's position right on the line; no more masquerading about federal spending.

Hyde—and a majority of the Congress who voted for his bill—are out to end women's right to abortion.

OTHER ISSUES

In CHICAGO several hundred people marched for the Equal Rights Amendment. They demanded that the Illinois state legislature ratify the amendment.

The march and a rally that followed it were dedicated to Alice Paul, a feminist and the original author of the ERA.

Alice Paul died last July at the age of 92. She introduced the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923. At her death, the ERA was still three states short of the needed two-thirds majority to make it part of the U.S. Constitution.

Illinois is the only northern, industrial state that has not ratified the ERA.

In PHILADELPHIA, 150 women demonstrated while the state Senate listened to hearings on a bill that would call for a Constitutional Convention to outlaw abortion. Nine states have already passed such a bill; 25 more must follow before a Convention would take place.

The demonstrators "mourned"

for the women who will die from back-alley abortions.

One woman, Lynn Harnwell, gave a moving testimonial of what back-alley abortions can mean. Her mother died from an illegal abortion when Lynn was six.

More than 100 people protested the cutbacks in abortion funding in BUFFALO, NEW YORK. The demonstrators demanded that all women be guaranteed a safe and legal abortion, regardless of income.

E. Clarke

COMING UP!

NEW YORK CITY women will demonstrate for abortion rights on November 12. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Joseph Califano, will be speaking at New York University. Califano is against the right to abortion.

The demonstration is planned for 1:00 pm on November 12 with a rally at 3:00 pm in front of NYU Law School, 40 Washington Square South.

Come out and defend the right of all women to safe, legal abortions. Protest the Hyde Amendment which ends abortions for poor women.

Women's Picket Spoils Califano's Appetite

PORTLAND, Ore.—Over 400 people, mostly women, came out October 22 to protest the visit here for Joseph Califano, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. The protestors were angry at this rich man's attack on abortion rights, which threatens the health and welfare of millions of poor women.

The Secretary was in town to address fellow fat cats at a \$50-a-plate fundraiser for the Oregon Democratic Party, where he explained further attacks the Administration plans on welfare recipients.

About 150 anti-abortionists were also on hand to support the attack on women.

The pro-abortion demonstration was organized by a wide range of women's and anti-sexist groups. They came together not only to protest, but also to demand that the state's Emergency Board, which makes decisions while the legislature is in recess, replace federal abortion funds with state funds for poor women who need abortions.

Women's rights can be defended best by militant and independent actions like these. It's like the song the demonstrators sang: "The Women's Army is marching! Oh, sisters don't you weep."



Buffalo women protest the Hyde Amendment, which will cut off funding for Medicaid abortions.

Workers' Power Women's Conference

Women are on the move. We can't be stopped!

In the pages of Workers' Power, you read about it: Women demonstrating against abortion cut-backs. Women saying No! to the right-wing. Women in the streets for the Equal Rights Amendment. Women fighting for equal job opportunities. Women demanding maternity benefits in their contracts. In many cities, the readers and supporters of Workers' Power are leading these struggles.

If you're a woman and you refuse to sit back and let them take away our rights, come to our Conference. Sit down and rap with women who are concerned about the same things that concern you—and women who are doing something about it!

A lively agenda is planned. A panel discussion of women activists. Skits. Slide shows. An inspiring film. Women's music. Women's party. Workshops will seek solutions to our problems.

The Workers' Power Women's Conference will be held in Cleveland on December 3 - 4.

SEE YOU THERE!



Please send me more information about the Workers' Power Women's Conference.

Name _____
Address _____
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Return to: Workers' Power, 14131 Woodward, Highling Park, MI

The pictures the cops tried to destroy



Police harass Red Tide newspaper sellers before latest arrest. This photo is one of few remaining on roll cops confiscated and returned exposed.

by Carlo Bumini

DETROIT—Five members of the Red Tide were arrested October 28 as they were selling the group's newspaper outside Chadsey High School here.

The Red Tide is the youth group of the International Socialists.

Last year the Detroit Red Tide suffered over 30 arrests for distributing literature near various high schools.

Of all these arrests, not one led to a conviction—they were either acquitted or the charges were dropped.

Months ago, the Red Tide secured an agreement with the Board of Police Commissioners that the arrests were unconstitutional and would cease.

The police and the school administration have now gone back on the offensive.

"The city prosecutor, Allan Kaufman, was there on Friday and told the police to leave us alone," Red Tide member Frank Running-horse told Workers' Power.

"Kaufman said we were within our rights and the police had no grounds for prosecution.

"But the cops told Kaufman to be quiet or they'd arrest him too."

PHONY CHARGES

A Workers' Power reporter called the sixth precinct to investigate the charges. He was told that they were arrested for creating an "improper diversion."

The cop then said that there was no such ordinance but that complaint was simply something written down until they could decide what to actually charge the young people with.

By the end of the day, no charges had been formally made. The Red Tide members were released.

But the damage had already been done. The arrests kept the Red Tiders away from the schools, even if the charges are later dropped.

These arrests are the latest

episode in a year-long struggle between the police and school administration and the Red Tide over its right to sell its paper near Detroit schools.

The Red Tide had come to Chadsey High prepared with a camera and tape recorder to gather evidence of the harassment they expected.

The police took the camera and confiscated the recorder. The film was returned exposed. (See picture on this page.)

DETROIT SCHOOLS

Detroit public school students are victims of the government's neglect of the cities.

Numerous cutbacks have left schools here overcrowded, physically run down, educationally inferior and racially tense. Police patrol the halls.

Graduates can look forward to years of unemployment, especially if they are Black.

The Red Tide is seen by many students as the organization that has a program for solving these problems.

The Red Tide organizes in the high schools for racial unity that will allow students to struggle together for students' rights and against police harassment.

It is this program that police and school principals think is an "improper diversion."

Students think otherwise. When the Red Tide manages to sell their paper, they sell hundreds.

The Red Tide will continue to defend their rights of free speech and organization. □

JOIN US!

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

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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.

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Cops tried to destroy the roll of film which recorded the illegal harassment of the Red Tide—but a few pictures (top) survived.

GROCERY BATTLE COULD MAKE OR BREAK IBT LOCAL

by Harry Black

PORTLAND, Ore.—A strike by 2000 Teamster grocery warehouse workers and drivers in Western Oregon and Southwest Washington state has become a struggle for basic rights that could make or break the union locally, according to strikers.

The big issue in the strike, warehouse employees say, is not money but hours and working conditions.

Workers walked off October 16 and rejected the companies' second offer overwhelmingly October 24.

They are demanding the end of forced overtime and the companies' power to use casual laborers.

Grocery work is unusually heavy, according to one warehouse employee, and just the usual forty-hour week is very tiring. The end of overtime would also create more good, union jobs.

These jobs could be whittled away because the present contract has no ban on permanent 'casual' labor.

Hired on a "temporary" basis, these laborers can be continually rehired, but they get no union rights or benefits.

Casuals are already replacing union workers at one local warehouse, United Grocers, and have been a spreading plague throughout the trucking and warehouse industry.

The companies think the strikers' demands would set a dangerous precedent. A strikers' victory would limit the companies' control of the working day and of hiring.

DANGEROUS PRECEDENT?

From the very beginning of the strike the companies have demonstrated unwillingness to bargain in good faith by bringing in scabs and taking full page ads in the daily papers denouncing the strikers.

Strike action was taken after many months of fruitless negotiations. The companies' second offer was no different from the first.

Supervisory employees and non-union trucking firms have been

used to replace Teamster strikers.

Now scabs are being brought in to replace members of the Retail Clerks who are honoring Teamster picket lines set up at the Safeway and Fred Meyer chains.

Strikers who have tried to slow the companies' movement of goods across their picket lines are now threatened with dismissal.

The strikers demand full amnesty as part of any settlement.

Some unknown person or group was so outraged by the scabbing that they smashed the windows of 39 trucks at two scab trucking firms October 29.

The bosses now want the state to come in to protect the scabs, and

the FBI is already investigating who sabotaged the scab trucks.

PUBLIC SYMPATHY

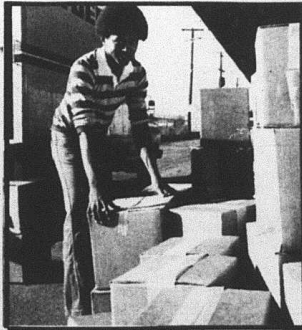
So far the unions have not brought their case before the working public like the companies have with their ads that proclaim great wages (no reference to heavy work) and wonderful benefits (no reference to permanent casuals).

The bosses hope to win public sympathy from the inconveniences this strike against their harsh policies is causing.

But consumers will benefit from a victory that expands labor's rights, which are their rights too.

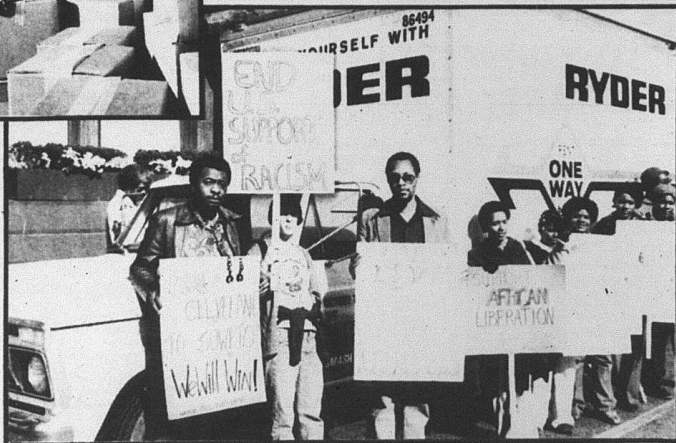
SHOES, CLOTHES FOR ZIMBABWE LIBERATION

This Truck's Cargo Bound For Freedom!



It started out in Detroit...

...rolled on into Cleveland...



for more clothes and a demonstration against bank loans to South Africa

LAST WEEK the Southern Africa Liberation Committee rented a truck to ship 6,000 pounds of clothes, medical supplies and shoes from Detroit, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh to Norfolk, Va. From there it will be put on a freighter and shipped to Africa and distributed to the freedom fighters in Zimbabwe.

The Black people of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) are fighting to free their country from the brutal dictatorship of the white minority government.

Hundreds of thousands of Black people have fled the country to join the freedom fighters. If they are caught by the white Rhodesian army before they get to the neighboring Black-ruled countries they will be tortured or killed. They must move quickly, and cannot take anything with them but the clothes on their backs.

Now these freedom fighters desperately need shoes, clothes, medical supplies and blankets. The need is especially great now that the rainy season has started.

The Southern Africa Liberation Committee has been collecting shoes and clothes for the freedom fighters in Black communities in this country. Thousands of people from New York to California have donated their old shoes and clothes to help their brothers and sisters in Africa.

... from Cleveland to Pittsburgh... where it was filled to overflowing



... and on to Norfolk and Zimbabwe!

Labor Notes

by Jim Woodward

United Mine Workers President Arnold Miller ended massive wildcat strikes in the coal fields this summer with the implied promise that he would re-open the contract early and stage a general walk-out if the coal operators didn't come to terms within 60 days. By the time the 60 days were up October 23, the coal operators had not agreed to restore the cuts in miners' health care, the cause of the strikes. But Miller had started backing off the 60-day promise as soon as the wildcats were over. He published an article in the union newspaper saying "all UMWA members are ordered to remain on the job..." As intended, the miners did remain on the job, not out of respect for Miller, but because the Dec. 6 expiration date of the current national contract is now so close at hand.

A study by Dr. Harvey Brenner of Johns Hopkins University demonstrates that higher unemployment leads to more murders, larcenies, narcotics usage, and suicides. Based on data from 1970, for example, the study shows that a one percent rise in unemployment leads to 648 more homicides.

After a month-long strike, bus drivers and maintenance workers in the Philadelphia public schools have agreed to a new contract which puts 1000 laid-off workers back on the job and increases Blue Cross benefits. But over 1700 members of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers Local 201, which represents the bus drivers and maintenance staff, are still out of work due to cutbacks in school funding. Even with these layoffs, the school system is \$50 million in debt. Unless more money can be obtained from the state or city, all Philadelphia schools will be forced to close November 11.

Recently some of the most faithful subscribers to Workers' Power have been Teamster officials. The latest is William Presser of Cleveland's Joint Council 41, who sent in a sub for Paul Locigno, his professional red-baiter. Since many of these new readers may not be familiar with our policies and since many, like Presser, have prison records, we'd like to take this opportunity to reassure them that we maintain a special fund to provide free subscriptions to prisoners. Just in case they should need it.

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SOLIDARITY!

Steel rank and file gives big boost to iron ore strikers

by Dennis Smith

Rank and file steelworkers at Inland Steel Indiana Harbor Works raised over \$2200 for striking iron ore miners in a plant gate collection last week.

The money was collected in the early morning hours of Tuesday, November 1, as the day shift and night shift workers traded places.

The collection, unanimously approved at the October 20 Local 1010 meeting, was preceded by two handbills informing the membership about the strike, which involves 15,000 workers in Minnesota and Michigan.

The first leaflet pointed out that "instead of negotiating, the companies have been importing foreign iron ore to break the strike."

"While they've been using the import quota campaign to smoke-screen their plant shutdown, they have had no problem using imported ore to keep down steelworker wages."

WAGE GAP

The key issue in the over 90-day strike is the 65¢ an hour average difference between mine worker wages and the rest of the steelworkers.

All are covered by the same basic steel contract.

The difference lies in the incentive plan used in the mines.

Instead of basic incentive, on for example the number of tons of ore mined, the company pays incentive through an attendance bonus plan.

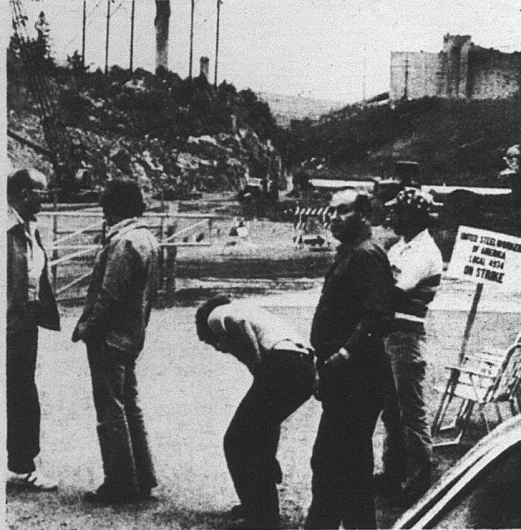
The leaflet pointed out that "the difference in our incentive plan has been worth hundreds of millions to the company."

"The companies are using all their power to destroy the miners' ability to survive," said the second leaflet.

The companies are refusing to pay mine workers' insurance, using their influence in county governments to hold up foodstamps and relief payments. They would not pay the miners their \$150 ENA bonus.

"Just as in our negotiations," the Inland leaflet stated, "the companies are using every dirty trick they can come up with."

"They even dumped salaried people into the bargaining unit just before the strike. It is no surprise they have little respect for union democracy since they seem to have no respect for union members and their families."



Striking iron ore miners.

More support from other locals...

1010 IS NOT THE ONLY local supporting the miners.

USWA Local 1938 President Joseph Samargia, came to District 31 with a delegation of miners in late October.

He received motions of support and financial contributions from Local 1033, Republic Steel, and Local 65, U.S. Steel South Works, both in South Chicago.

In addition to its ongoing financial contribution of \$500 a month, Local 65 voted to organize an informational picket line in front of

U.S. Steel headquarters in downtown Chicago to publicize companies' attack on the miners.

This action will probably take place within a few weeks.

Support for the miners is being organized in other areas of the country also.

Edward Sadlowski, Fightback candidate for International president in last February's elections has arranged for delegations of miners to go to Detroit and Cleveland in order to present their case.

THE RESPONSE of the workers at Inland Steel to the appeals to back up their brothers and sisters in the north was magnificent.

Plant gate collections of this type are rare—in this country, practically unheard of.

Some of the money came from large donations.

One steelworker donated \$10, asked the worker holding the collection bucket for more information about the strike, then demanded his \$10 back.

Surprised, the collector returned the money.

He was even more surprised when the steelworker pulled out his wallet and instead donated \$50!

While some of the workers donated an occasional \$5, the bulk of the collection was made up of smaller amounts—a dollar, fifty cents, a quarter.

As one leaflet said, "A little bit from a lot of people can go a long way."

Jim Balanoff, District 31 Director and former president of Local 1010, congratulated the union members on their efforts.

Balanoff pointed out that "there is an important lesson to be learned from this."

"If you depend on the worker, if you go back to the guy in the mill, don't try to bullshit him, but tell him the truth, he won't let you down."

NOT CHARITY

The general sense of the collection was not one of charity, but of support for the miners in taking on the company.

As one leaflet said, "The money you give tomorrow is not a donation for the needy. It is an investment."

"The word on Wall Street is that Inland stock is the best investment. We think union stock is better."

"The miners' victory will help us win bigger gains in future local negotiations. Their defeat will make it more difficult."

"The ENA is a lemon, so the miners are making lemonade. Our support will sweeten the drink, not only for them, but for us."

The money collected was sent to Local 6115, Inland Steel at Minorca Range and will be put into the joint strike fund organized by the strikers.

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... But no help from Lloyd McBride's machine

This collection had been preceded by a donation of \$500 from Local 1010.

Due to opposition from members of the Concerned Caucus, it was necessary to take this money not from the general fund, but out of the Environmental Committee budget.

Leaders of the Concerned Caucus refused to give a penny to the collection, even though the majority of the membership responded.

It is not only on the local level that union leaders are failing to give full support to the miners.

International President Lloyd McBride has consistently failed to organize support for the miners or give them the fullest possible assistance.

When Jim Balanoff put forward a motion to raise the benefits paid miners from \$20 a week to \$40, the International leadership refused, with only two other district directors backing Balanoff's motion.

Later on, McBride relented and agreed to raise the benefits to \$30.

And while McBride has found plenty of time to run around the nation and appear on TV demanding that the government help the steel companies, he has never found a moment to put forward the case of the iron ore miners.

At the District 31 Conference he spoke in the presence of a number of mineworkers who had come down to present their

case. He spent half an hour calling for import quotas, without ever once calling for assistance for the iron miners.

The traitorous aspects of McBride's leadership have not been lost on the iron ore miners.

Two miners at the District 31 Conference were asked if the rank and file mineworkers felt McBride was doing a good job on leading the strike. One replied, "If McBride showed up at the line, 95% of the miners would shoot him."

The other miners replied, "That's not true. Only 5% would shoot him. The other 95% would just applaud."

Indeed, McBride has even refused to attend a mass rally called by the mine workers for later this month.