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TEAMSTERS TO TELL FITZ

TDC DEMANDS

The following are the most important of Teamsters for a Decent Contract's demands being presented January 10 to Teamsters Union officials:

- \$1 an hour wage increase to make up for past inflation, plus \$1 an hour in new money. Full cost-of-living protection, plus automatic cost-of-living increases in health, welfare and pension payments.
- Paid health, welfare and pension on laid off workers up to one year.
- All overtime voluntary.
- Protection for workers in

cases of merger or change of operations.

- Full union protection for all workers—no more "casuals, probationaries, or replacements."
- Innocent until proven guilty.
- Restores the 24-hour strike.
- A new grievance procedure.
- Safe and well-maintained equipment.
- Extend sick pay and premium pay for weekends to all locals.
- A separate vote by the affected members on all supplements and riders to the national contract. □

"No Sellout In '76!"



Martin Sostre Free!

Black Puerto Rican revolutionary Martin Sostre has finally won his freedom.

On December 24, 1975, New York Governor Hugh Carey granted him executive clemency. He will be released this month.

The action taken by Carey was a result of an eight year struggle by Sostre and his supporters.

The clemency also cancels out Sostre's four year prison sentence for a 1973 alleged assault on three prison guards while resisting a degrading and unconstitutional rectal search. He was brutally beaten by seven guards during this incident and then charged with assault.

In 1968, Sostre was convicted by an all-white jury and railroaded to prison on false charges of selling \$15 worth of heroin to Arto Williams. During the trial, in full view of the jury, Sostre was kept handcuffed and gagged.

Sostre's arrest was set up and made at the Afro-American bookstore in Buffalo, which he ran. The bookstore was a center for political ideas and activity in the black community. Following the 1967 ghetto rebellions the Buffalo police wanted it closed.

FALSE TESTIMONY

The sheriff's department offered Williams his freedom from a jail term in exchange for false testimony against Sostre. Williams was desperate and agreed.

In 1971, in a sworn affidavit, Williams stated that his testimony against Sostre was false and that he had helped frame him. Despite this, the sentencing judge denied Sostre a new trial. The U.S. Supreme Court last October used technical grounds to refuse to hear Sostre's appeal on the drug sale frame-up.

While in prison Sostre won several significant victories in law suits establishing precedents about solitary confinement, the right to religious practice, rectal searches, due process for prisoners, censorship of mail and the right to receive revolutionary literature.

ORGANIZER

He also aided other prisoners in their legal fights and helped organize inmates' unions. His challenge to the all-white New York State Parole Board forced the board to include its first black member.

Throughout much of his imprisonment Sostre was kept in solitary confinement. But his spirit was never broken. Sostre remained a fighter teaching revolutionary ideas to all who would listen.

His strength has been inspirational to all who struggle to be free.

Since Sostre was convicted in 1968, a nationwide campaign against this brutal frame-up has been going on. The publicity and support given him by angry people all over the country, as well as his militant struggle inside prison, was crucial to his release.

A delegation of Teamsters from across the country will go to Washington Saturday, January 10 to present their union leaders with petitions demanding a decent contract.

The Teamsters for a Decent Contract (TDC), organizers of the event, plan to have 25,000 petition signatures on hand. "We're going to tell Fitz to get moving—and if he can't do that to just get out of the way," said Ken Paff, TDC Secretary. "This year we're going to win!"

For months, the TDC has been collecting signatures in support of their contract demands (above). Now they are ready to take their message to Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons.

The contract involved, the Master Freight Agreement (MFA), is one of the most important in the country. It directly covers 450,000 workers in the freight industry, and is the pattern for additional contracts covering grocery, parcel, and other workers. The results of the MFA negotiations will also set the tone for bargaining in the rubber, electrical, and auto industries later this year.

The TDC delegation should number a couple hundred, mostly from the East and Midwest. But representatives will also come from as far away as Los Angeles and Seattle. Several busloads will make the trip from locals in Western Pennsylvania and in the Cleveland-Akron area, along with Teamsters from at least a dozen other cities.

MARBLE PALACE

TDC will set up a picket line at the Teamsters International headquarters (sometimes referred to as the "Marble Palace"). The group will hold a press conference at the same time and a rally afterwards. TDC leaders have written Fitzsimmons asking to meet with him to present the petitions. As of January 5, they had not received a response.

Although the Master Freight Agreement does not expire until April 1, official bargaining began this week. Teamsters for a Decent Contract feels strongly that a good contract can be won if the union leadership is willing to use the full power of the membership.

"We want these demands backed at the bargaining table," says TDC. "We want people to know that although the talks are being held behind closed doors, they will not be hidden from the rank and file. Our leadership must be prepared to use the full power of the ranks to win these demands."

That means a national strike. At a recent TDC meeting one speaker said, "We've got an April Fool's joke for Frank Fitzsimmons. Come April 1, there ain't gonna be nobody out there driving." □

Jim Woodward

PITY THIS POOR KITTY

Workers' Power has often run interviews with working people about how the crisis affects their lives. Here we present another point of view—how the crisis affects Kitty Miller, card carrying member of the ruling class.

We must admit that Miller did not grant Workers' Power this interview—we don't exactly run in her circles. A longer version of Miller's woes recently ran in Women's Wear Daily, a New York City newspaper covering fashion and high society.

Kitty Miller lives in a plush Park Avenue apartment in New York City—sometimes. When she is not living in New York she often lives in London, England. Sometimes she lives in the English countryside; and sometimes she lives on the island of Majorca. Other times she lives in Spain. By the end of January Kitty Miller will be staying in Palm Beach.

Miller owns houses in all these places. She is an extremely wealthy woman.

Kitty Miller is the daughter of the late financier Jules Bache and the wife of the late producer Gilbert Miller.

Her clothes are custom made, her neck draped with pearls, her fingers bedecked with diamonds and her homes are filled with art treasures.

ROUGH

But even for Kitty Miller things are getting rough. In the last year Miller was forced to sell her house in Sussex, England.

"I hated to sell the house in Sussex, but it was a necessity, so I got used to the idea. I felt uncomfortable living in so called luxury."

Miller may also sell her London townhouse.

"It's like a disease what's happening in the world."

"I guess I've lost my enthusiasm for London," she cries. "The house next to mine in London was sold to someone from Kuwait. They wanted to buy my house but didn't want to pay my price. I wasn't interested in playing any Middle Eastern games so I said I didn't want to sell."

"Actually," she whispers, "I'm dying to sell it. It's too big for me to rattle around in, too expensive to run."

"Things are so difficult in London now. They have that dreadful thing called VAT—value added tax. You're taxed on all your possessions—it's horrible."

"I have two houses full of furniture, and if I sell anything there's that dreadful VAT I'd have to pay. I'm not going to let that lousy government get one cent...it's really Communist."

Miller's problems go beyond value added tax and oil-rich Arab rulers not willing to pay her price.

"I never had to do any business. I always had my husband and this wonderful accountant who's retiring. Now I have to get involved with these matters," she sighs.

INCOME POOP

"Gilbert used to call me an income poop—that's a poop with an income."

The problem of where to go after Palm Beach she finds particularly troublesome.

"It's sort of like a disease what's happening in the world. There's the situation in Portugal. Italy's gone with the wind. Germany's not too steady. England's down the drain."

"If Spain goes to hell I don't know where I'll go," she continues. "I don't like Southampton. They're awfully silly people there, though many are my friends."



"Those people do nothing but play cards morning, noon and night. I'm bored with the life they lead...and those dinner parties..." she looks unbelievably to the ceiling.

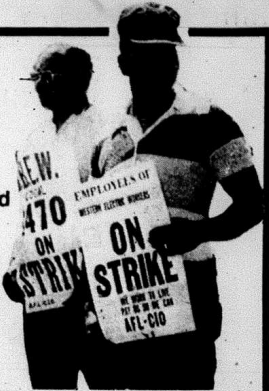
"But I do think Europe is almost finished. I don't know what's ahead. So many things..." she trails off sighing in disbelief and exasperation.

To Kitty Miller's problems and predictions—we can only say that it can't happen too soon.

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labor notes

by Jim Woodward



The United Farm Workers is far ahead of the Teamsters Union in the farm worker representation elections being conducted in California. The UFW has won 185 elections covering 18,000 workers. The Teamsters have won 110 elections, representing 11,000 workers. And in 25 cases, the "no union" position has prevailed, covering 2,000 workers. Forty-eight elections are undecided because of challenges.

During the first month, election results were close. Since then, the UFW has won 101 elections, to only 18 for the Teamsters.

In December, the state of California decided to put the squeeze on the UFW, by demanding payment of \$1.2 million it claimed the union owed to the Unemployment Insurance Fund. The state's claim is based on the fiction that workers receiving strike benefits are "employees" of the union.

Some people you can never trust. In September, Pan American Airways' flight engineers voluntarily took a pay cut to avoid layoffs. Now Pan Am is laying off 337 engineers anyway. The engineers' union is demanding an end to the pay cut.

On January 1st, the minimum wage went up from \$2.10 to \$2.30. But it still falls well below the census bureau's designated poverty income of \$5038 per year. Based on the government's own projections, a worker earning \$3.20 an hour in 1977 will still be right at the poverty level.

President Ford has vetoed the construction site picketing bill, although he had earlier promised to sign it. The bill had been carefully engineered by Secretary of Labor John Dunlop. While the bill would have allowed striking construction workers to picket an entire building site, its net effect would have been a decrease in strikes. That's because it would have given International officers of the building trades unions more control over their local unions.

The bill was a sophisticated arrangement between the union leaders and the government, aimed at curbing rank and file militancy. But it was a bit too sophisticated for the right wing of the Republican Party. The relaxation of the picketing rules looked like a concession to labor, which Reagan was anxious to use against Ford. Running scared, Ford caved in and vetoed the bill.

All 70 office workers at the NAACP National Headquarters in New York set up picket lines Wednesday, December 17 because management was not bargaining in good faith for a new contract. The office workers are members of the Community and Social Agency Employees, AFL-CIO.

Postal workers were forced to work a lot of overtime to get this year's Christmas mail out. Previously, the post office hired extra seasonal workers. But the same mechanization which has led to enormous speedup has made it more expensive for management to train temporary replacements. So to save money, postal workers had to put in up to 70 hours a week during the holiday season.

In Western Kentucky, mine fatalities have soared from one in 1974 to 14 in 1975. Somebody seems to like it that way. As part of a campaign to stop these deaths, the United Mine Workers sent a safety investigator, Richard Cooper, to the area. After he arrived, Cooper got threatening phone calls, bomb threats, and his car was sabotaged. When that didn't scare him off, he was assaulted in his hotel room by three men who beat him and left him lying unconscious. What's a little more assault if you've already got 14 murders on your hands?

Here's an idea that might cut down on the death toll in the mines. A judge in Paris has sent a businessman to jail for allowing unsafe conditions in his factory which led to the death of a worker. Management had been warned about the conditions several times. In sending the boss to jail, the judge said the employer "directly caused the death of this worker and this has created a considerable threat to the public order." The judge's action is as unusual in France as it would be in this country. The French Minister of Justice has denounced the judge, and the jailing will likely be reversed.

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

SKILLED TRADES COUNCIL JOINS AUTO CONTRACT FIGHT

by Jack Weinberg

DETROIT—The Independent Skilled Trades Council (IATC) voted last week to join the Coalition for a Good Contract (UAW).

Over 5000 skilled trades auto workers belong to the IATC. It claims an \$1000 monthly income in one dollar dues from its most avid supporters.

The IATC decision to join the contract coalition was an important step forward for the Coalition for a Good Contract (UAW).

CAMPAIGN

The Coalition's program is to defend job security, income and working conditions for all UAW members. It will campaign for a rejection of any contract in 1976 that falls short of this goal.

Three plants in the Coalition contract program deal specifically with skilled trades problems. The Coalition demands protection against companies sub-contracting work while there are layoffs. Subcontracting is a major cause of the massive skilled trades unemployment.

It demands that skilled trades people elect their own representatives and have an elected committee to bargain with management on skilled trades problems.

The Coalition's program also insists on lay-off protection and better representation for all UAW members.

REJECTION RIGHT

The Coalition reaffirms the right of either skilled trades or production workers, voting separately, to reject a contract. This right was promised to the trades by the UAW leadership.

But in 1973 Ford skilled trades workers tried to exercise their right. A large majority voted against the agreement. The UAW leadership responded by declaring the contract ratified anyway. They forced it down the Ford skilled trades' throats.

This act ignited what has become a war between the skilled trades

and the UAW leadership.

The IATC is only one of two skilled trades organizations in the UAW today. Both are growing, a reflection of the unrest and dissatisfaction among the trades in the United Auto Workers.

Many skilled trades workers are organizing into the International Society for the Skilled Trades (ISST), a right-wing operation. ISST's goal is to pull the skilled trades out of the UAW. They want to take over union representation as an independent bargaining agent for the auto skilled trades.

ACTIVITY

In Detroit there is vigorous ISST activity in all Big Three plants. The Society claims majority skilled trades support in 20 or 30 plants. They want to break the trades from the UAW prior to contract bargaining in fall of 1976.

To accomplish this they need to win a majority vote of all members of a particular trade throughout an entire corporation.

The Independent Skilled Trades Council (IATC) is totally opposed to breaking from the UAW. In opposition to the ISST they sometimes use the slogan: "Hell no, we won't go!"

Both groups represent strong skilled trades discontent with current UAW practices and policies. But the IATC points in a positive, progressive direction rather than the negative, weakening direction of the ISST.

The IATC is determined that the UAW will represent the interests of the skilled trades inside the UAW. It campaigns to change the policies and practices of the union, rather than breaking away.

The IATC's decision to join the Coalition for a Good Contract (UAW) was a good one. They did it despite fears of some members that the Coalition could be dominated by production workers' interests.

This newly-formed Coalition holds the promise of spawning the kind of movement that can best protect the rights of all auto workers—skilled trades and production alike. □



372 MINERS DIE FOR PROFIT

This is the face of India today under the rule of Indira Gandhi—mourning for workers slaughtered on the job. At least 372 miners—earlier reports indicated as many as 900—died when 110 million gallons of water from an abandoned mine poured into a mine at Chasnala.

Since Gandhi seized total power and jailed political opponents last year, her government has claimed massive "reforms" to "clean up corruption," and bring "efficiency" to the country's

collapsing economy. That means the jailing of unionists, outlawing strikes, and above all "efficient" exploitation and higher profits.

The Chasnala mine disaster was bound to happen. Nothing was ever done to prevent the inevitable collapse of the abandoned mine filled with water that was used as a reservoir. In India—just as in West Virginia, Pennsylvania or other U.S. coal belts—miners' lives mean little when profits are at stake. And the profits of Indian capitalism are what Indira Gandhi is in power to protect.

Fight Together

The failure of the UAW to properly protect its membership from layoffs and poor shop floor representation does not affect skilled trades people alone. These are problems for all UAW members. Problems all UAW members can fight together. Members of both skilled trades organizations are 100% wrong when they fail to recognize this basic fact.

Many skilled trades leaders explain the bad conditions by charging that the UAW is dominated by production workers. The real blame lies with the UAW International Executive Board. The IEB won't lead the fight

needed to protect any of its members—skilled or production.

When the UAW was first organized, skilled trades led the fight for an industrial union that could unite the total work force. They understood that job security protection, income protection and working conditions protection could only be won for the skilled trades when it is won for the total work force.

Locally, management intentionally plays production and skilled trades workers off against each other. In many locals the production workers are majority black, while the skilled trades remain majority or completely white. The

conflict is often a racial conflict as well.

Pro-company forces, right-wing forces, and outright racist forces are trying to continue the divisions between production and skilled trades workers. It will take a fighting movement that represents all auto workers to heal that breach.

The Independent Skilled Trades Council (IATC) is doing a fine job organizing skilled trades workers to improve their conditions. Its decision to join with production workers to fight for a good contract is an exciting step forward for all auto workers.

Portugal:
January 6

BEHIND THE CALM: NEW CRISIS BREWS

Eyewitness Account

Report by Dan Posen

Lisbon was quiet the week before Christmas. There were no mass demonstrations, and only a few relatively small political meetings.

Near the main downtown square, Christmas shoppers swarmed through streets that are packed with small shops. Most shoppers didn't look wealthy, but they were mostly dressed like middle class people.

All the Christmas decorations were lit up - just as merchants do in the main streets of American cities every year - to put people in the mood to spend whatever money they have on a merry Christmas.

The few newspapers coming out after the right-wing victory of November 25 were purged of most left-wing journalists and editors. They reported nothing much more exciting than discussions between Prime Minister Azevedo and politicians of the Socialist Party and Popular Democratic Party over the balance of power in the government.

But the calm is mostly on the surface. As soon as you begin travelling around to factories, meeting people and hearing fragments of news, you realize how intense the political struggle in Portugal is - even when it isn't exploding on the streets in front of your eyes every day.

The right-wing victory of November 25 clamped a lid, for the time being, on open revolutionary struggle. It brought on the first effective wave of government repression in over a year.

But November 25 did not smash the consciousness of workers in Portugal. It did not destroy their most important organizations or their power in the factories - though in many places they are somewhat weakened.

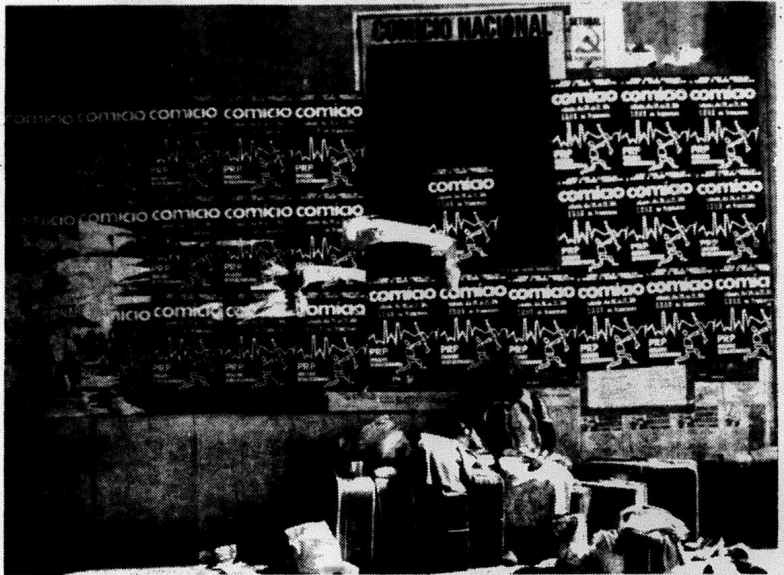
The struggle for workers' power in Portugal is more difficult now. There is a wage freeze, severe repression against soldiers, and an advance by the extreme right-wing parties like CDS (Social Democratic Center). In the next month or two, conditions will get even worse.

But the struggle is not over. The Sixth Provisional Government can attack workers, but it is still too weak to decisively defeat them. Workers will defend what they have gained in the 20 months since April 25, 1974.

The socialist revolution can succeed. The chances of victory are still good. That is what you learn from revolutionary workers in Portugal today.

LISNAVE

The Lisnave shipyard just ac-



Revolutionary posters surround Angolan refugee in Barreira railroad station.

cross the river from Lisbon is one of the gigantic industrial plants in Europe. From the beginning its workers have been leaders of the revolutionary process.

The workers' commission is still eager to meet with socialists and reporters from abroad. They are especially anxious for the truth about Lisnave to be told by workers' newspapers, to counter the lies by the western capitalist papers who tell us that workers' control has brought chaos, anarchy and misery to Portugal.

The commission spends most of its time dealing with the concrete economic problems that threaten workers' jobs. One of the biggest problems is international capitalist sabotage, which has steadily escalated.

The commission believes that there should be enough orders in the New Year to protect their jobs for several months. They decide on working hours and how to maintain high standards of work, so there is no excuse for western firms to boycott Lisnave.

They are proud that their efficiency and workmanship in repairs are the highest in the world. They also feel that they need solidarity from shipyard workers around the world to make sure work is not stolen from them.

But the workers' commission does not manage or "administrate" Lisnave. They are concerned with their jobs, not profits. Lisnave is privately owned by European multinational corporations. None of

the Provisional Governments have made any moves to nationalize it.

There are changes at Lisnave in the last month. Since November 25, the Administration is more confident. They now appear in the yards giving orders, while before never appearing except for negotiations.

But the workers still control who comes in and out of the plant, working days and conditions. The emphasis of the importance of carrying forward the struggle for socialism.

REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

The success of that struggle depends on one critical factor.

The key to the victory of socialist revolution in Portugal is the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat, PRP. That is why talking with PRP members is one of the most inspiring things about Portugal today.

The PRP is a small party, facing huge tasks. Right now, its size, strength and influence in the working class are a small fraction of the Communist Party's. Unless the CP's strength can be broken, and its most dedicated rank and file militants won over to a mass revolutionary party, the revolution will fail.

The Communist Party wants to be a partner in the government, not a socialist revolution. But it is still the only party with massive influence in the working class.

After November 25, most groups on the left - Popular Democratic

Movement (MDP), International Communist League (ICL), League of United Revolutionary Action (LUAR), Popular Socialist Front (FSP) are declining or collapsing.

The PRP is not. It is squarely facing the need to become a mass revolutionary party. That work is beginning now, even before the revival of struggle on a massive scale. It includes deeper involvement in land and village struggles, political work in workers' commissions, and a new campaign to build Revolutionary Councils of Workers (CRTs).

It is not likely that large numbers of Communist Party militants will leave the CP right away. The CP is still in the government and when strikes break out it will play an uncertain role - probably backing some strikes, while opposing the more explosive ones.

But even now, in a difficult period, the PRP is growing while most other groups decline. One member told Workers' Power, "We are determined to be present in all struggles, to increase autonomous organizations of the working class and to build the PRP."

The PRP explained to me in detail why the paratroopers, the revolutionary soldiers and workers were tricked, isolated and then paralyzed by events they didn't control on November 25. There wasn't a strong enough revolutionary party to prevent the defeat. The PRP's plan is to build that party, so it never happens again. □

Step by step, repression in Portugal moves forward. Already, it has claimed its first four lives in 1976—one more than the total killed in the shots fired on November 25.

A demonstration of 20,000 people, supported by the whole left, was held outside the prison in Oporto. Revolutionary soldiers and officers have been kept there since November 25.

The right wing police force GNR, without warning or provocation, fired into the crowd. The four dead included two workers, a German student, and a baby killed in its mother's arms. Following these murders, a new response and will to resist repression is spreading.

Similar demonstrations were called in the district of Lisbon. One was called on December 31 by the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat (PRP), and a second on January 1 by the Anti-Fascist Unity Committees. In both, people were injured by charging police.

The government has fired 127 media workers, chiefly journalists, for left-wing political views. Republica, the newspaper that was the main symbol of workers' control for months, was shut last week.

Radio Renascenca, under workers' control since last summer, was handed back to the Catholic bishops. They are using it as a weapon to try to smash the revolution.

But not everything is closing. The stock exchange, closed since the overthrow of fascism in April 1974, re-opens January 12. Tens of millions of dollars are to be paid out to shareholders in the banks, which were nationalized last March.

Investors and bankers, not workers, are celebrating these events. The cost of living is skyrocketing. The price of a cup of coffee has doubled. Cigarettes are up 65 per cent. Big increases have hit the price of electricity, transportation (gas) now \$2.50 a gallon), meat, fish, milk—everything.

The wage freeze, which the government announced after purging the left wing in the army, is being extended through the end of March.

But there are signs that workers may soon respond. Last month, there were already strikes of bookshop workers in Lisbon and Oporto. Allied Magnetic workers set up pickets to stop stocks from being moved out, the first step toward closing the factory.

The group likely to move first against the freeze are the metal workers. They are among the best organized workers. Even while repression increases, workers are slowly regaining the confidence to fight back. The economic struggles will be the key to the next big step forward.

Death In Madrid - Chrysler's Way

in the Basque country and throughout Spain, an impressive struggle is spreading to gain democratic freedoms and end to police terror.

Last weekend, in Bilbao and San Sebastian over 5000 people marched to demand amnesty for all political prisoners, particularly Basque militants.

Widespread strikes broke out last month when the leader of the Communist Party was re-arrested, just a few days after his initial release from prison.

He was seized again by the police for denouncing King Juan Carlos' limited amnesty program as a fraud. But under the impact of the protest, he was released a second time. One of the most moving

demonstrations occurred the same week Spain's fascist dictator, Franco, was buried. It was a funeral march of 15,000 Chrysler workers and their friends, for three fellow workers killed by an explosion at Chrysler's Madrid plant.

While capitalist papers around the world filled pages with Franco's funeral, they found no room in their pages for the workers' funeral. But those 15,000 marchers and other working people like them—not Juan Carlos and his ministers—are the force that will bring about the fight for democracy in Spain. They are the force that will bring about not through reform, but with a revolutionary program.



THE 'SECRET' WAR EXPLODES CIA, South Africa Join Forces

Every day, new facts expose the United States government campaign to destroy national liberation in Angola.

White House mouthpiece Ron Nessen denied last week that any United States Government agency was "recruiting, hiring or training American mercenaries," to fight for the US-backed forces in Angola.

This denial is worth about as much as the other White House lies about Angola. Newspaper correspondent David Anable revealed last week that 300 Americans "already are operating in Angola and another 300 are ready to go when the CIA gets the needed money."

Nessen did not even try to deny that right-wing Cubans in the United States and other foreign mercenary forces are being trained by the U.S. to fight in Angola. Those facts are so well known that he would have been laughed out of his own news conference.

On Saturday, Gerald Ford admitted that U.S. funds are paying these foreign mercenaries.

NEW VIETNAM

For months, the U.S. has steadily escalated this secret, murderous war against black Angolans. Washington, D.C. is the headquarters of the effort to smash the Angolan Liberation organization, MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola).

U.S. aid goes through numerous channels to the military puppet organizations - FNLA (National Front for the Liberation of Angola) and UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola).

FNLA is led by Holden Roberto, who has been on the CIA payroll since 1962 - put there by the "liberal" President John F. Kennedy. UNITA is run by Jonas

Savimbi. He is sponsored by the fascist and racist regime of South Africa. The U.S. military is also actively supporting South Africa.

The U.S. flies cargo planes to support South African invasion forces in southern Angola. South Africa's Prime Minister, John Vorster, is calling for massive all-out support from the west for South Africa's effort to "roll back Communism" in Angola.

But this war is exploding in Washington's face. In Angola, as in Vietnam, the United States government faces defeat.

EASY VICTORY?

Angola is not the first "secret war" waged by the United States.

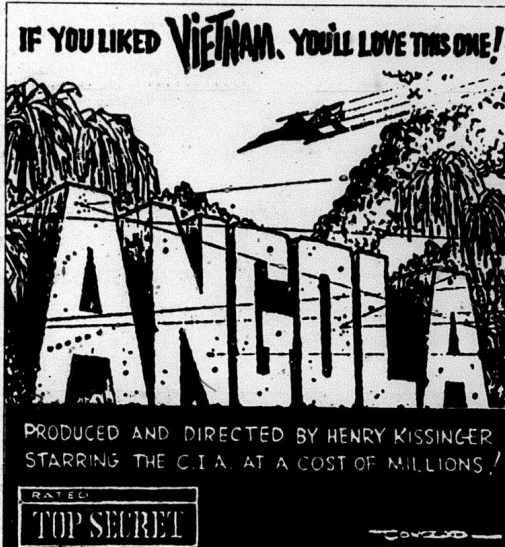
In the early 1960's, U.S. intervention destroyed the newly independent Congo and created the present right-wing government of Zaire. CIA agents plotted and arranged the murder of the left-wing nationalist leader, Patrice Lumumba.

At the same time, Green Berets and "advisors" were slipped into Laos - like the mercenaries now training for duty in Angola. Under cover of "a small handful of troops and advisors," the United States began to build up its invasion army in Vietnam.

In Laos and Vietnam, the Kennedy administration expected to repeat its success in the Congo - all in secret. Instead, the U.S. wound up fighting - and losing - the massive war in Southeast Asia.

BLOCKED

Angola is another example of "secret war." This November, the State and Defense Departments expected a quick, smashing victory for FNLA, UNITA and South



Africa. They believed that South Africa's column sweeping up the Angolan coast could not be blocked.

They expected that South African and mercenary troops would take Angola's capital Luanda in a few days, smash MPLA's defenses and scatter the forces of the People's Republic (the government set up November 11 by MPLA).

They even ignored the frantic warnings of one of their officials, assistant secretary of state for African affairs Nathaniel Davis. Davis warned: "Neither Savimbi or Roberto are good fighters. In fact,

they couldn't fight their way out of a paper bag. It's the wrong game and the players we got are losers."

Davis, of course, was right. When the MPLA got 122 mm. rockets and launchers from Russia, it brought the South Africans' march on Luanda to a screeching halt.

COVER BLOWN

The fighting in Angola will still be long and bitter. But now, the United States' cover has been blown.

Angola is no longer secret. It is front page headlines in every continent in the world.

And the whole world now knows what the U.S. is doing. It is backing a South African and Zairean plan to divide and destroy Angola.

If Angola cannot be kept "safe" for Western imperialism the U.S. is perfectly prepared to wage a war as vicious as Vietnam—to slaughter black Angolans, to decimate their country; to destroy their society. Gerald Ford would much rather see South Africa's brutally racist police state controlling Angola's rich resources than a free and independent black country.

With his real motives exposed, Gerald Ford knows only one solution: to dive in even deeper. So U.S. forces, from planes and carriers to mercenaries and troops, are being readied. There will be still more brutal intervention unless it becomes too expensive politically.

The CIA had been training servicemen to fight in Angola at Fort Benning, Georgia. This operation was reported halted abruptly after it was exposed last week. But the center of operations has simply moved to Europe.

FNLA and UNITA troops in their main stronghold, the city of Huambo, have started fighting and killing each other. And as the U.S.-South Africa alliance is revealed, more and more African governments are breaking with Zaire and recognizing MPLA.

A victory for MPLA will mean a huge step forward for the workers of Angola and all southern Africa. It will also mean another major defeat for the United States government.

Our job is to help make Angola's victory, and Washington's defeat, as quick and complete as possible. □

What We Think



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Welch: Murderer Not Martyr

The shooting of Richard Welch, the CIA Chief in Athens, has once again brought cries of outrage from the American government and the U.S. press. Welch was killed last week outside his home near Athens.

At the same time much has been made of the fact that Welch's name had recently appeared in Counter-Spy, the Washington, D.C. magazine that has made many disclosures about the activities of the CIA throughout the world.

These efforts have not gotten far however. The truth is that the CIA is in a state of continuous war with much of the world, and everyone now knows it. This war is to keep the world safe for US imperialism, at least as much of it as possible.

USE ANY WEAPON

The CIA holds nothing back. It murders foreign leaders, assassinates government heads, starts actual wars, and overthrows legitimate governments. It is quite willing to use any weapon, from nerve gas, to poison darts, to torture and mass killing.

In this situation it seems a little far-fetched to ask those on the other side not to shoot back.

In Welch's case, he was a top agent of the CIA. He directed a small army of operatives in Greece. The CIA supervised the fascist military take over of Greece in 1967. The military took over the country and ran it with a bloody fist until 1973. Thousands of Greek workers and leftists were imprisoned and tortured. Hundreds were killed.

In Chile, the work of the CIA is still to be seen every day. There the CIA engineered the overthrow of the Allende regime. Tens of thousands have been murdered in the aftermath, and every day stories of unspeakable tortures and killings leak out.

A GREAT SERVICE

The people who expose this information therefore are to be congratulated. The editors of Counter-Spy and former agents like Phillip Agee are doing a great service to the working class movement internationally, to the movements for national independence.

They have consistently brought the facts of the CIA's activities into the open and have contributed far more to uncovering the CIA than all the Senate investigators. □

CIA'S RECORD

Congo. In 1960 and 1961 the CIA plotted to kill Patrice Lumumba, the radical Nationalist Premier of the Congo. On Jan. 17, 1961, Lumumba was killed in Katanga province.

Cuba. From 1960-1965 there were numerous plots to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, including the use of Mafia killers, Cuban emigres, and CIA agents armed with poisoned cigars, explosives, and various arms.

Dominican Republic. In 1960 President Eisenhower approved a plan to remove Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo. The CIA sent guns and explosives to different anti-Trujillo groups. On May 30, 1961, Trujillo was ambushed and assassinated by a dissident group.

Vietnam. In 1963, President Kennedy ordered Ambassador Lodge to get rid of Vietnamese Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, through the CIA. On Nov. 2, 1963 Diem and his brother were murdered.

Chile. In 1970, following the election of Salvador Allende as President in Chile, President Nixon ordered the CIA to begin preparations for a coup. Nixon told the CIA that Allende was "not acceptable." On September 11, 1973, Allende was shot and killed in the successful right wing military coup.

Angola. In December 1975, U.S. intelligence sources revealed that the CIA had spent \$50 million in 1975 to stop the MPLA in Angola. They also revealed that this was just the beginning. Mercenaries and assassins were being hired, trained, and sent to Angola.

Dan LaBotz
Speaks In Detroit

"I Want to Talk of Teamsters for



Teamsters are organizing for a better deal when their contract expires March 31. Rank and file members formed Teamsters for a Decent Contract (TDC) to push for what they need.

Dan LaBotz, a TDC leader, spoke at a TDC meeting in Detroit on December 7. LaBotz, a member of the Chicago Truck Drivers Union, talked about the difference a movement like TDC can make in the lives of union members. His speech is reprinted here.

I want to talk to you about the purpose of Teamsters for a Decent Contract. I'm not going to talk about the program of TDC. I know you've all seen the contract demands in the TDC literature.

the trucking industry.

"PAPPY" SCHULER

The first person was a guy from Chicago named "Pappy" Schuler. I met "Pappy" a few years ago and he was already in his seventies. He was a terrific old guy.

He had been in the trucking industry even before there was a trucking industry. He was always willing to tell stories about what it was like back in the old days.

He had first started working for local cartage companies as a kid at the age of 12 or 13. He attended the horses and working on the wagons. He had driven the old chain driven trucks. I don't think there was an engine or a transmission that he didn't know. He had worked for the ice, milk and coal companies when they were the heart of the Teamsters union.

He told stories about working for the movers. In the thirties, he would be stranded because of a snow storm and sleep with his helper, a black brother, wrapped up in the moving quilts in the van. They would smoke and talk all night.

He could talk about when the union was fighting for windows instead of side curtains, and later for heaters in the trucks. I think he must have worked at one time or another in every Teamster local in Chicago.

I first met Pappy Schuler at a meeting of Teamsters Ranks United to Help (TRUTH). He was there because that organization was fighting for passage of the Javits bill, later called the Pension Reform Act.

PICKETED

Pappy Schuler was one of the guys who went down and picketed the Federal Building and demanded that hearings be held in Chicago so that the Chicago Teamsters could speak their piece on the need for pension reform. As a result of the activities of thousands of guys like Pappy Schuler the Pension Reform Act passed—but Pappy Schuler died before it went into effect.

And though he had worked a lifetime in the trucking industry,

though he had enough time in to retire two or three times—he never got a dime of his pension. Not a dime.

Even though he had made thousands of dollars in profits for the employers and even though his dues had paid the salaries of scores of Teamsters officers, he never got a dime.

There was always a problem: there was a break in service, or there was no reciprocity between locals, or he had been unemployed and unable to make his payment. There was always a problem—but there was never any pension.

NEVER AGAIN

That's what TDC is all about. TDC is part of the fight to make sure that that never happens again. There should be no more cases like the case of Pappy Schuler.

A person who has worked all his life has a right to retire with dignity. Our older brothers and sisters have a right to retire into a comfortable situation. They should not have to beg and cringe before

Teamsters officers. They shouldn't have to fight in the courts for money which is theirs. They shouldn't have to depend on the pittance they get from Social Security or on their relatives.

They have done their share, they have worked a lifetime, and they have a right to an old age spent in dignity and comfort. And that's what TDC is all about.

DRIVING DOUBLES

The second person I want to tell you about is a fellow named Ambrose Bentell. Ambrose Bentell was a feeder driver at the Northbrook hub near Chicago, a tractor driver.

Ambrose Bentell was driving doubles, double forty-footers. I should say that I don't believe any man or woman should have to drive doubles. In fact it is a crime.

All of the studies that have been done make it clear that the accident rate, and especially fatalities, go up tremendously when you drive doubles. It's unsafe. You could kill yourself or kill some other driver. And it takes a job away from another driver.

But UPS isn't concerned about health and safety, or unemployment—they're only concerned about moving freight, about making profit. So Ambrose Bentell was driving doubles.

Well, for several days he'd been coming in and writing up his equipment, and telling his supervisors that the tires were bad, these

I want to talk to you about what TDC means in human terms? What it means for people.

I want to do that by telling you about three truck drivers. Even though you've never met them, I'm sure you'll recognize them. The stories are unfortunately all too common and are heard all too often about Teamsters around the country.

It happens that two of these men were from Chicago. One was from Florida. But they might well have been from Detroit, or any other city for that matter.

And it happens that they were white men. But they might well have been black brothers or Teamster sisters now that there are more black and women workers in

Safety On The Job



Everyone has the right to a safe job. Yet too often drivers are forced to take out unsafe equipment, risking their lives on the highway to save the boss a few bucks.

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Ask About the Purpose of a Decent Contract"

wasn't enough tread and they were unevenly matched.

But UPS said they were OK, they were legal by a hair. I suppose he told his supervisor, like the UPS double drivers tell me, that he was afraid to look in the mirrors because he could see the trailers wandering all over back there.

But UPS said it was OK. And you know the story. You either take out the equipment or you're refusing work and you're fired. So Ambrose Bentell was driving doubles.

Well, one night a few weeks ago Ambrose took a load going down south on the Edens, Highway 94. There was a big storm that night, the rain was coming down like crazy and there were winds gusting up to 40 and 50 miles an hour.

KILLED

Ambrose hit a puddle, and his trailers jack-knifed and his tractor hit the guard rail. His fiber-glass cab was crushed the way you crush an empty pack of cigarettes, and he was killed.

I want to tell you that that's what TDC is all about. There should be no more cases like the case of Ambrose Bentell.

The company must not be allowed to murder drivers. To make widows and orphans as they did to his wife and two children just because they want to move freight. Just because they want to make a profit.

There should be no doubles. There should be no unsafe equipment on the streets. We should have the right to strike over a grievance like that.

That's what TDC is all about. It's about health and safety and about changes in the grievance procedure that will give us the power to enforce the rules.

It's about building a movement so that there will be no more cases like the case of Ambrose Bentell.

The third person I want to talk to you about is a fellow named Lloyd Hicks. I never knew him. I just happened to read about him in a magazine article. Hicks was just a few lines in a big story about Teamster racketeering.

MURDERED

Hicks was an activist in Teamster Local 390 in Miami, Florida. He

was apparently the kind of guy who stood up at a union meeting even when they shouted him out of order. And who said his piece even when their goons ruffed him up. He must have had principle and guts to do that in a gangster local. And apparently he won the respect of the other members because he decided to run for union president and the mob took him seriously. Hicks announced his candidacy for local president Sunday, June 11, 1972. On Tuesday, June 13, the gunmen blew him away.

Teamster officials have bragged about such brutality. Hoffa told Sol Lippman of the Retail Clerks, "I've got friends who would shoot you in your tracks some day while you were just walking down the street." Hoffa told Ed Partin of Baton Rouge, "I have seven or eight guys around the country who know how to shut people's mouths. Sometimes it looks like an accident, but their mouths are shut."

And this too is what TDC is all about. It's about ending hooliganism. It's about ending gangster tactics. It's about building a movement for union democracy that can

sweep this scum away.

Now Jimmy Hoffa himself has had his mouth shut, perhaps by the same thugs who did in Lloyd Hicks. But the death of Hicks is far more important to us than the death of Hoffa.

Hicks wasn't one of the parasites who spend their days fighting each other for control of our money in the brothels and bars of La Costa, Miami and Las Vegas.

STOOD UP

He was murdered because he stood up and said the IBT was in the boss's pocket, his hip pocket.

Now, I'm sure that you're going to say, well what the hell does TDC have to do with that.

How can the contract prevent the mob from moving into the union? How can it prevent the officers from stealing us blind? How can it keep the employers from using both of them?

Well, TDC is about the contract. Through TDC, through the petitions, the meetings, the delegations to Washington, the publicity, we are going to force the officers to

negotiate a decent contract, one we can live with for the next three years.

MOVEMENT

But TDC is also about a lot more. TDC is the first step in building a movement that is going to change the entire Teamsters union. A movement that is going to kick out the parasites, the thieves, the cheats and liars and even murderers who now run it.

A movement that will put the union in the hands of working drivers, dock workers, clerks and warehousemen, production and food processing workers.

A movement that will put the union in the hands of the rank and file where it belongs.

When we have built that movement, we will show the union officers and the employers, that the power lies not in the marble palace in Washington, not in their millions of dollars stolen from Teamster workers and pensioners, not in their lawyers and the politicians.

No. The power lies with the rank and file.

The most powerful union member is not Frank Fitzsimmons, nor Dusty Miller, nor Hoffa Junior, nor Harold Gibbons, nor any of their cronies.

The most powerful union member is a guy named Joe Doaks who drives a truck in Detroit or Pittsburgh or Houston or L.A. The most powerful member is a black woman named Mary Jones who drives a forklift in a warehouse in San Francisco or works in a canning plant in the valley, or in a manufacturing plant in Jersey.

The most powerful union member is the rank-and-filer, come together with his brothers and sisters.

And when the movement of the rank and file is built, a movement of millions, black, white and Latin, men and women, it will shake this nation coast to coast. It will shake the marble palace in Washington and the casinos in Vegas and it will bring them down.

And TDC is only the first little shock wave created by the first stirring of the rank and file.

End Gangsterism

Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano (right) ran Local 560 in New Jersey and is now one of the suspects in the Hoffa case. He was once one of Hoffa's men, the kind of man who "kept people's mouths shut." The Teamsters for a Decent Contract is the beginning of a movement "that can kick out the parasites, the thieves, the cheats and liars, and the murderers."



Rank And File Power



"The most powerful union member is a guy named Joe Doaks who drives a truck in Detroit or Pittsburgh or Houston or L.A. . . . a black woman named Mary Jones who drives a forklift in a warehouse or works in a canning plant. . . . The most powerful union member is the rank and filer, come together with his brothers and sisters."

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The issue of pensions is one of the most explosive in the Teamsters Union. The "International Teamster," the union's official magazine, printed this picture in October with the following caption:

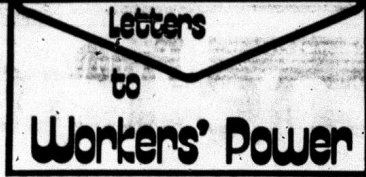
Robert Scheininger, a retired president of Teamster Local 838 in Kansas City, Mo., and his wife, Muriel, spend their time enjoying their camper. They also enjoy informing the public about the virtues of their Teamster pension—as advertised on the spare-tire cover of the camper.

Yet the pension rules are so complex that there are a hundred ways to be declared ineligible despite long years of service. The story of Pappy Schuler is not unusual.

Our Readers Write Us

Workers' Power's letters page is becoming one of the paper's most popular features. Here our readers—working people and militants from different unions and industries—speak out. This issue has two full pages of their ideas, reactions and experiences.

Workers' Power is not just a "news" paper, it's a tool in the class struggle. That's why we want to know what you think of the articles. Or what's happening where you work or in your city.



After you've read the paper this time, why not write to us yourself? Keep it short, and tell us if you don't want your name printed.

Workers' Power, the workers' paper—buy it, read it, sell it—and be a part of it, by writing a letter. [Send letters to: Workers' Power, 14131 Woodward Ave., rm 225, Highland Park, MI, 48203.]

TOGETHER WE'LL WIN!

Dear Workers' Power,

A year and a half ago I began working for the P.O. About 8 months ago I began actively working to understand why things there were so unjust. I could see things had to be done.

I began reading Workers' Power. It became evident that people throughout this country had similar problems. It was about this time the PO contract was being negotiated. Workers' Power gave us insight into what was going on in the closed door negotiations back east.

After talking with Workers' Power sellers, arrangements were made to meet with people who had experience in getting workers together who wanted to see change. With their help we were able to get a caucus started.

In six months our caucus has grown to a force that is moving the local union (APWU). Several members of the caucus were nominated for offices in our recent local elections. We ran a good race with a part-time flexible for President. We didn't win but we learned a great deal and won much respect for our positions on the issues.

Our caucus is now known throughout the city. In the next year we will be watched closely as we move to make changes that will win us the confidence of the rank and file.

During this time I found a great strength in the I.S. The battle against apathy, division, discouragement, and the fact we are all green, has been hard.

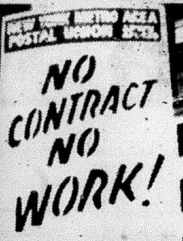
I had felt very alone with beliefs that appeared alien to the ultra conservatism within the PO. The I.S. showed me I was not alone and helped me to motivate people to understand their importance.

The gains that have been made are still in rough stages, but we can see where we are going and what grooming we need.

With the help of Workers' Power we are beginning to build a national rank and file movement. This will give the postal employee a new position in bargaining for a new contract three short years from now.

I owe a great deal of thanks to the I.S. which has helped me and my fellow workers over the last six months. I am pleased that I have been given the opportunity to join.

A.B.
Seattle



Want A Velvet Token Bag?

Dear Workers' Power,

The MTA—they're the agency that's supposed to run the public transportation system in New York City.

They work so hard on that job that they even have a marketing department. It's made up of people who are paid high salaries to think up clever ways to convince New Yorkers to "use the buses and subways."

So they've thought up "night-on-the-town tickets," special shoppers' tickets, and even special Christmas gifts.

For \$10 you could go to Altman's and buy a denim bag filled with \$10 worth of tokens and ticket vouchers. Or you could be extravagant and buy a \$50 gift—a velvet bag full of tokens. It's funny that these creative people didn't think of the one thing that would have produced more subway riders—reducing the fare!

But most of us don't have a choice about riding the subways anyway. For us the rush hour trains are still overcrowded, late and always breaking down.

As a matter of fact, the MTA just announced cutbacks on the subway lines. That's not very good salesmanship!

Alice Thornton
New York, N.Y.

A New Year's Revolution

Dear Workers' Power,

Happy New Year! How many times will we hear this on January 1st, by intended well wishers, or just out of custom?

Then we stop and think! Will this be such a Happy—or even a "New" Year? Or, will it be a year filled with hunger, unemployment, police brutality, more taxes, inflation, wars, discrimination, racism, and sexism, as was last year, and how many years prior, under this present capitalist system.

We cannot stop and "wish" each other a Happy New Year. We must all work toward making it Happy, and New!

As we all know, Amerika is celebrating a Bi-Centennial this year, marking independence for this country. But in these 200 years since, we the American people have been exploited, brain washed, and used in any manner to further the capitalistic greed of our keepers.

Democracy? That's what the revolution was supposedly about. But when was the last time you had a voice in the "government of the people"? Yes, if you dissented from the rulers' ways, you were threatened, beaten, imprisoned or even executed. If you gathered too much support from the masses of the people, you were assassinated. Amerika, we are awakening finally to all of your trickery and madness.

You've used every method known to mankind to destroy us, our leaders, and our followers. But the time has come—the point of no return. You've made the fatal mistake of letting revolutionaries educate, and organize the working class. They are beginning to feel your squeeze, and are asking questions.

Your lies are coming to light, and no one, but your other greedy dog allies, will defend you now. And they are the same ones who are robbing the people too.

Change the system? We know now, no amount of change will suffice. It has to be destroyed, and replaced with a socialistic movement—giving the government back to who it belongs—the people.

This is a call to all revolutionaries of this country to rise up and take a hand in creating our new social order. For who is to do it, if not ourselves? Do you want another 4, 8, or who knows how long, in years, of these capitalist atrocities? Do you want the same for your kids?

We, the American revolutionaries, who have adopted this as



our own country, after it has been raped, robbed, and stolen from our Native American brothers and sisters, must take the initiative now. We must lead the fight to educate the masses, organize our forces, and destroy our enemies.

We've too long let the blacks, browns, reds, yellows, and all other allied group minorities, bear the burden. The weight should be, and is, on our shoulders. The positions are ours to effectively use their own system against them, and to become a guerilla army when necessary.

Can we just stand by and see our brothers and sisters tortured and executed? And think that we are privileged not to be the ones? That is one of our greatest thinking errors, because if they come in the morning, it will be for all of us.

All the brothers and sisters who cannot look forward to a Happy New Year must be thought of. They are victims of the system, locked away in Kamps. The only change in prisons will be through a social change, and we must not change these concentration Kamps, we must destroy them completely, from within, and without.

We must not plan for a one night celebration, to be happy for a New Year. But, we must plan for the whole year, and an end to all of this insanity. Pick up that rifle, or pen, or whatever means you can—and don't wish—Start a Happy New Year!

Larry Myers
Chief-of-Staff
National Prisoners Assoc.
U.S. Penitentiary
Atlanta, Georgia

ANGOLA: IS RUSSIA IMPERIALIST?

Dear Editor:

I have been reading Workers' Power regularly for some time now and want to congratulate you on the really high quality of your newspaper. Without any doubt it is the most readable of any Socialist paper in the country.

What you have been writing about the MPLA (Popular Movement) in Angola, and why workers here in the US ought to support them (I think they will, when they begin to see through all the government's lies) is certainly true, and I am glad to see you have made a big campaign over the whole issue of Angola.

But in the last issue of your paper I have seen you go on to attack the Soviet Union in Angola as "imperialist" for supporting your side (my side, too) and say they don't really want to see an independent Angola.

If that's what you think about the USSR (and Cuba?) in Angola, then you probably should say it,

but I really don't agree with you. Maybe the USSR will have imperialist ambitions in the future, but I don't think that is particularly the case, now.

According to today's local paper, the MPLA is getting 5000 Cuban troops, 400 Russian advisers, together with MIG 21 jets and T 34 amphibian tanks.

Probably the television news is correct in saying that it is this kind of reinforcement (and aid) that is giving the MPLA its present military edge.

I'm personally in favor of getting aid and weapons whenever you can, like the Irish, and not worrying much about what might happen some time in the future. I don't think it is very likely 400 Russians or 5000 Cubans are going to take over in Luanda, for sure.

I'm more concerned to get Zaire, South Africa and the CIA out, now. Don't you agree?

A friend
Richmond, CA



Dog Day Afternoon

Dear Workers' Power:

Workers' Power #140 had a review of Dog Day Afternoon that was (1) offensive to gay people and (2) as liberal as the movie itself.

The opening of the review explains Sonny's bizarre situation as stemming from his "bisexuality," and having two wives: one male, one female.

You then slander this as far-fetched and unbelievable and further make an about face by stating that it "actually happened" and was not the "drunk musings of some Hollywood hack."

To explain Sonny's lover as a wife is to fall into the same sex-role stereotyping as the bourgeois press.

Also, Sonny is not bisexual, but gay and militant in the gay movement. The fact that Sonny has sexual relations with the opposite sex (his wife) is not to negate or deny the fact that Sonny identifies himself as gay! Dog Day Afternoon is a true story of a gay activist who is still in prison as an open gay militant.

The movie makes Sonny's gayness secondary, but offensive; you make Sonny's gayness first peculiar and then deny it (ie, as 'bisexual' he still retains the privileges of bourgeois 'normalcy').

The movie's shortcomings are that it lends no particular insights into this gay man as a gay; boiling the story down to cops and robbers.

I, and many of my gay comrades, were very disappointed and surprised to see Workers' Power make such an unprogressive analysis of this film.

I hope Workers' Power will, in the future, continue its coverage of gay struggles in the workers' movement, with as deep an insight as its reputation of the leading socialist workers' paper it deserves.

Yours in struggle,
Gary Adams
Hollywood, CA

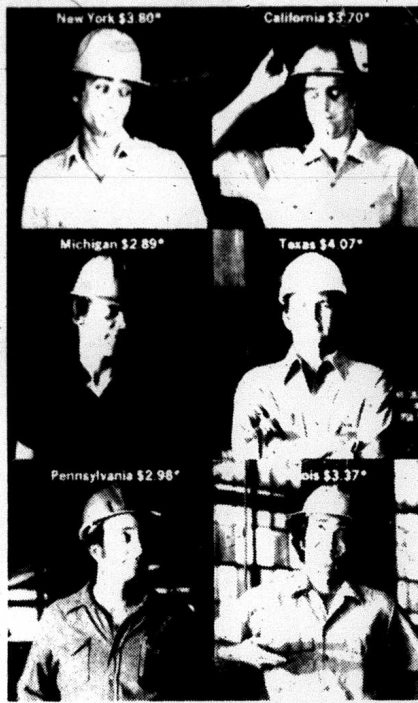
Keep On Trucking!

Dear Workers' Power:

On Dec. 13, I spoke at a meeting of Teamsters for a Decent Contract at the Brashear Center on Pittsburgh's Southside. I was very happy with the turnout and the response of the people. Besides myself there were three speakers. All spoke about the importance of TDC. I spoke of the relationship of the TDC with all UPS employees.

All in all we had about 110 people from five different local unions. This was only the beginning. Our next meeting we would like to have that count.

Bob Malone
UPS Pittsburgh
Local 249



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In Texas Workers Really Get The Shaft

Dear Workers' Power,

It seems we're not the only ones reading Marx—I hear graduate seminars in bourgeois economics study Wage, Labor and Capital. Here is an ad on productivity from a magazine read by traveling corporate exec types—the inflight magazine of American Airlines.

They say Texas workers give back \$4.07 for every dollar they are paid, as opposed to somebody

like the surly-looking Michigan worker, who only gives back \$2.89. Notice how all the actors except the Texas ones are made to look stupid, out of it, lazy, or rebellious.

I think that once your Texan brothers and sisters start to move, these cynical high-flying executive parasites are gonna get a long-overdue boot in the butt.

R.R.
Dallas, Texas

They Poison Us... Work Us To Death... And Then Feed Us Garbage...

KILLER KEPONE

Dear Workers' Power,

Last Sunday I saw a TV program that might interest your readers. On "60 Minutes" they showed what happened to workers in Virginia at the plant of an Allied Chemical subcontractor.

These men handled a chemical powder called Kepone, a poison similar to DDT, made by Allied Chemical.

As a result of this work, all the men are now sterile and suffer serious physical and mental handicaps. Because their bosses, former Allied Chemical management men, never warned their workers and in fact lied outright about the extreme dangers of Kepone, the workers' wives and children have also been poisoned by the dust the men brought home on their clothes.

Even the James River, according to local health officials, has been seriously polluted by Kepone waste run-off from the Allied subcontractor's plant.

And to top it off, both Allied Chemical spokesmen and the subcontracting plant's owners are passing the buck back and forth by denying any responsibility for the disaster they've brought to these workers, their families, the James River, and to the Virginia community that depends on the river's water.

But what CBS' Dan Rather didn't tell us is that Allied Chemical's Kepone obscenity is only the tip of the iceberg known

as the American Way of Death. Americans need workers' power—now more than ever!

Sam Jackson
Seattle

SPEED-UP CAMPAIGN

Dear Workers' Power:

I am a clerk in New York City and a member of AFSCME District Council 37. The press and the politicians are waging a vicious speed-up campaign against civil service workers.

A woman on my job slipped on the ice at work and was out on workmen's compensation for a year. She is still partially disabled. Management is placing her on a forced medical leave because she is unable to scrub baseboards and operate heavy buffing machines!

A woman in my office said working for the city "tears your mind apart." And, as layoffs continue, we are all being expected to do the extra work!

Lillian Roberts, associate director of DC 37, has said that it is up to the individual worker not to let his boss harass him into working too hard. Not a word about collective action.

Another union official, when questioned about raised productivity standards, said there are no new standards! He says we always were, and still are, expected to do a "full day's work."

In other words, the union is cooperating with management to

make us work our asses off. So what else is new? The union's plan for fighting layoffs is an attrition and productivity program.

The only question now is how much longer city workers will put up with the unions' sellout policies.

Charles Rothstein
New York City

SUGAR - ANOTHER KILLER

Dear Workers' Power,

This letter is to congratulate you on a great article "Sugar Addiction???" in your October 31, 1975 issue. Having worked several years in a northern California sugar mill, I wholeheartedly agree with everything in the article.

Indeed, the refining technology is excellent—excellent for making unbelievable profit. It is totally negligent where human health and welfare are concerned.

For example, this technology is designed to screen out every last trace of protein, vitamins, or anything else of nutritional value to be then sold for animal feed, leaving the pure carbohydrate to be sold for human consumption. This is done very efficiently and provides a great income.

Isn't it absurd that the most nutritional part of the beet (or

cane) pulp is sold for rabbits and guinea pigs while the virtually useless, but extremely harmful sweetener is sold for humans?

For sure, the profit motive permits little concern for human welfare in this industry. For not only is sugar, in itself, harmful but the conditions under which it is produced are disgusting.

Unsanitary equipment and unhealthy techniques are used even in blatant violation of health codes. In fact, many of the sugar workers, themselves, avoid the use of refined sugar. It is pure irony when your livelihood depends upon a product which you wish no one would use.

In addition, the working conditions are absolutely horrifying. Dangerous machinery and conditions as well as caustic chemicals and fumes have led to all too many work related accidents, illnesses, and even a few deaths.

Sugar, itself, can be dangerous to handle, since it can result in a variety of serious lung diseases if the sugar "dust" is inhaled over a long duration. It can cause severe infection if allowed to enter an opened wound, not to mention the various allergies and skin irritations.

Of course appeals to management to change these conditions have been useless—they're trying to make a profit. Organized efforts by the workers for reform, while continuous, have been slow, exhaustive, and frustrated. However, it is encouraging to see the TRUTH as printed in your paper.

Thanks,
A Frustrated Sugar Worker
Sacramento, CA

Fund Drive Tops \$28,500

The International Socialists' annual Fall Fund Drive has now been completed. The goal this year was to raise \$30,000—a much larger amount than ever before attempted. The fund drive has definitely been a success, with 95.7% of the goal raised.

More money is still coming in. Some branches have been late turning in their last weekly assessments due to the holiday season.

One recent contribution was \$2.00. Not much—but it represented probably the biggest sacrifice anyone made for this drive. It came from a prisoner.

That contribution, like the rest, will be used to build the struggle to end this system that imprisons us. Already it is being put to good use in building shop floor struggle in auto, teamsters, telephone and steel.

It is helping to support the revolution in Portugal. And the success of the drive has been key to making Workers' Power a weekly weapon in the class struggle.

We thank our members and friends for their generosity in making the drive a success. Those who were, for any reason, unable to

contribute during the ten weeks of the drive can send a late donation to: I.S., Room 225, 14131 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, MI 48203. Make checks or money orders payable to International Socialists.

Here is a scoreboard of the results of each branch's success in raising its share of the national goal:

Amherst	94%
Bay Area	100%
Bloomington	100%
Boston	100%
Charleston	100%
Chicago	104%
Cleveland	109%
Detroit	102%
Los Angeles	66%
Louisville	71%
Madison	98%
New Paltz	100%
New York (Teamsters)	100%
New York (Telephone)	98%
New York (Teachers)	95%
Philadelphia	100%
Pittsburgh	96%
Portland	98%
Sacramento	70%
Seattle	100%
St. Louis	100%
Members at Large	69%
IS supporters	128%



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BLACK LIBERATION

We stand for black liberation. Full equality for black people and all national minorities. Defend the black community and other oppressed peoples against all forms of racism, police terror and discrimination. We call for independent organization by black and other specially oppressed people to struggle for their liberation and to build unity among all workers that will lead to socialism. Independence for Puerto Rico.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION

For complete social, economic and political equality for women. Free quality childcare, birth control, and abortion on demand. Abolish oppression of gay people, and all sexual oppression.

YOUTH

Equality for young people. The right to good jobs for all youth. Stop police intimidation of young people. For schools controlled by students, teachers and community. For a revolutionary socialist youth movement.

AGAINST IMPERIALISM

We oppose US imperialism, its nuclear weapons and alliances such as NATO. We oppose imperialist wars and national liberation. We oppose Soviet imperialism and its bloc, the Warsaw Pact which controls Eastern Europe. For an independent movement of the oppressed and oppressed peoples everywhere to fight imperialism and for socialism.

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Workers' Power Aids Strike

Strikers at Monsanto's Nitro, W. Va. plant are using Workers' Power to "spread the word." With the help of the Charleston branch of the I.S. they are distributing 400 copies of issue #140 from the strike headquarters in Nitro.

Workers' Power has been the only newspaper to support the

strike and to give accurate reports of the issues. The Charleston IS has been active in supporting the strikers.

The strike is now more than three months old. On Christmas Eve, the strikers, members of USW 12610, rejected the company's latest offer by a 3-1 margin. They believed it contained "nothing new." □

FBI's "Dirty Tricks"

POISON, GANG WAR & MURDER

by Kate Stacy

Hearings by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence keep uncovering more illegal FBI activities against the black liberation movement. And the Senators' official reports on their hearings keep covering the activities over.

Heading the list of newly exposed FBI maneuvers was a 1970 plan to send poisoned fruit to a Black Panther Party Convention in Newark, New Jersey.

The plan included injecting fruit with a drug causing hunger, diarrhea, severe stomach cramps and vomiting. The fruit was then to be anonymously donated to the Panthers.

This plan was developed by the Newark FBI to create "distrust and hunger" among the Panthers.

LONG HISTORY

The FBI has a long history of organizing against the black community and black movement.

These Senate hearings on FBI abuse of power have focused on the civil rights and black power movements—a period when the movement had mass support among black people and was the greatest threat to this racist society.

The hearings have confirmed that the FBI aided and encouraged the racist violence of the Ku Klux Klan during the civil rights movement. The FBI looked the other way while civil rights activists were savagely beaten and killed.

Later the FBI developed a massive campaign against the Black Panther Party, then a leading revolutionary organization.

The FBI campaign ranged from encouraging gang warfare against the Panthers to making anonymous phone calls to a Catholic bishop to end a Panther breakfast program for children.

The press and politicians have made a big deal about the Senate hearings proving this society is open and democratic.

WHITEWASH

But the Senate whitewash has

already begun. Their hearings established that FBI activity contributed to the deaths of at least four Panthers.

They established that the FBI attempted to provoke warfare between the Chicago Panthers and the Blackstone Rangers. And they established that there was much, much more still to be uncovered.

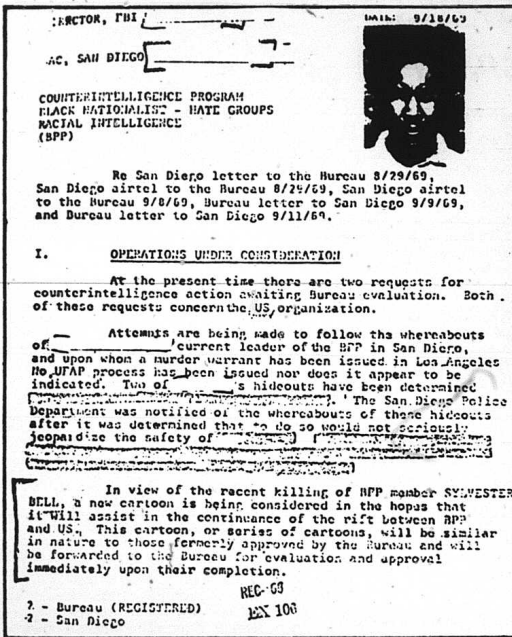
Yet an official Committee report recently issued on FBI "abuses" does not even mention the Panthers. The massive FBI surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is covered in a passing

reference.

The FBI developed an entire department, called COINTELPRO, aimed at destroying the black liberation movement. The COINTELPRO documents are thorough and extensive. Yet the Senate report contains only one paragraph about them.

The FBI's job is to destroy anything that threatens the system the FBI exists to protect.

If they give us a glimpse of some dirty dealings, it's precisely so they can hide the worst, and continue their work. □



The last paragraph of this FBI document instructs agents to encourage the murder of Black Panthers by sending phony cartoons to inflame group violence. A series of FBI cartoons were developed and sent. This document is one of the few released by the Senate Select Intelligence Committee. There are many, many more, still kept secret.

PA. TEAMSTERS MEET

WEST MIDDLESEX, PA.—Despite intimidation from a trucking company, 105 people attended the Teamsters for a Decent Contract meeting here, January 4. About 20 of those present were wives of Teamsters, indicating a strong amount of family support for the TDC movement.

The group decided to take a resolution supporting TDC to the next meeting of Local 261 on January 11. Jimmy Childs, city steward for McClean's, urged

everyone to show up at the local meeting to support the resolution and see where the local officers stand on TDC.

The large attendance at the TDC meeting came despite a threat of disciplinary action from management of Werner Continental. Several days before the meeting, Werner Continental's home office in Minnesota sent a telegram to Dave Galbis. Galbis is the road steward at the company's local barn, and a member of the TDC

National Steering Committee. The telegram read:

"Notice was posted at our West Middlesex, Pa. terminal urging our employees to attend a meeting of Teamsters for a Decent Contract Sunday, January 4 at 8 pm. We plan to maintain a normal operation that day. Disciplinary action will be taken if there is an interruption of our operation due to unauthorized absences."

The threat was unsuccessful in holding down attendance. If the

company takes any disciplinary action, it will be fought.

BUSES

One or more buses will be sent from Local 261 to Washington January 10 when TDC takes its first batch of signed petitions to International headquarters there. One person in the audience said he was going along with TDC to Washington because "The exploitation of the working man has reached epidemic proportions."

One of the speakers, Ken Paff, TDC Secretary, told the crowd, "I hope our next meeting can be in a bigger room. Then I won't have to tell you about our power; you'll be able to look around the room and see it."

Pittsburgh Teachers Defy Injunction

PITTSBURGH—Striking teachers here had an answer for a court injunction forbidding them to picket and ordering them back to work. Their answer was to set up mass picket lines.

Eighteen hundred teachers picketed on Monday, January 5. Only 313 teachers showed up to scab and the School Board had to cancel all classes. Teachers here have been on strike since December 1.

They intend to continue on strike, even if it means going to jail. One teacher said, "It would be meaningless if we quit now. That would mean a month of picketing at 6:30 in the morning was down the drain."

The School Board's wage offers have been meager. The Board also wants to lay off 300 teachers and increase class size from the present 28 to 36 or 38.

"DISCIPLINE"

It is plain that the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers (PFT) is the only force fighting for decent education and for students. And yet the teachers have found few supporters among the students.

This is in part because they have also set themselves against the students, demanding the right to use physical punishment in order to maintain "discipline."

Albert Fondy, President of PFT, is taking the union down a blind alley by accepting the role of disciplinarian. Instead, the union should place the blame for student "indiscipline" squarely where it belongs - in an impossible learning situation - and enlist the students and their parents to demand better schools.

Jack Trautman

St. Louis County Workers Turn Militant

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The St. Louis County Council has refused to give county workers here an expected pay raise. As a result, there has been an angry wave of protest.

On December 18, more than 100 county employees demonstrated against this action, braving the coldest day of the winter. The demonstration was sponsored by their union, AFSCME 410.

On December 19, a highway worker smashed his car through the front doors of the County Courthouse. Although he was fired, he has now become a hero with public employees.

At the same time, Richard Daykin, the head of the County highway department, had his outdoor Christmas lights cut twice, despite an official police guard.

The demonstration was most important. Workers from all departments were there, including hospitals, highways and parks.

In addition, social workers from AFSCME 2463 also demonstrated. These workers led an important strike last spring and are now carrying out a militant organizing drive.

This action now points the way for the future. The only real solution to the "crisis of the cities" is a united fighting public employees movement.

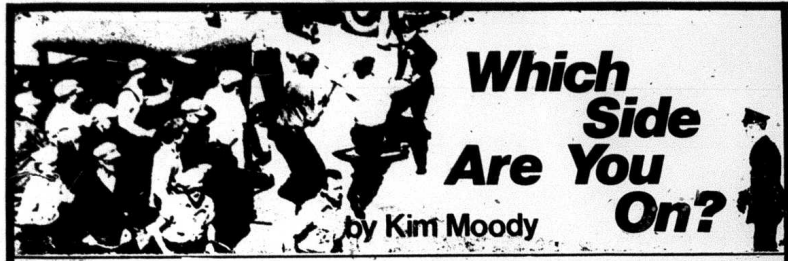
The alternative is more money for the banks, misery for the workers.

In Green Bay This Year, It's TDC - Not The Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis.—Teamsters for a Decent Contract got off the ground in Local 75 here January 4. Several workers from Schneider Transportation and Red Owl Grocery met with TDC and UPSurge organizers from Chicago. They planned not only to circulate the TDC petition, they are also organizing a union caucus and planning to put out a local newsletter.

Last year Local 75 negotiated a 12-hour straight time work day for workers at Supr Value Grocery. Union activists picketed the local hall at that time.

One of the activists at Schneider, Jerry Schirk, has filed a claim for layover pay for road drivers which could cost Schneider hundreds of thousands of dollars.



Which Side Are You On?

by Kim Moody

RED-BAITING

There has never been a working class movement that didn't face stiff resistance from the bosses. From the earliest days of unionism, the bosses have used every trick in their bag. Court injunctions, goon squads, and military violence have all been used to foil workers' struggles.

More often, the bosses prefer to keep the workers divided among themselves. Racism and sexism are used every day to divide workers. Differences in occupation, skill, and pay level are also emphasized to prevent working class unity.

When these don't work, the bosses try to find ways to discredit the leaders of the movement. One of the oldest, time-tested tools for this is redbaiting. At its most effective, the bosses' redbaiting is carried out by the union leadership.

TDC

Today, a potentially powerful movement has arisen in the Teamsters union. This movement is being organized into the Teamsters for a Decent Contract (TDC). TDC was founded last August for the purpose of fighting to prevent another sell-out agreement like the 1973 Master Freight Agreement. Among the founders of TDC were members of the International Socialists.

The bosses, through the medium of the Teamster officialdom, have attempted to weaken and destroy TDC by redbaiting a number of its leaders.

In Pittsburgh, a long time militant in Local 249 who is also a leader of TDC and a socialist was verbally attacked by the local leadership. In Chicago, a Teamster Business Agent used company time (United Parcel) to try to discredit another TDC activist for her socialist beliefs and to red bait the UPS workers' paper, UPSurge, which works with TDC. A less open whispering campaign has also been conducted by the Teamsters bureaucracy across the country.

The first wave of redbaiting has been a complete failure for the bosses and their friends in the Teamster officialdom. In each case the socialists and other leaders of the TDC responded immediately and forthrightly. They said that TDC was just what it said it was: a movement for a better contract. Those who had been redbaited, they said, were respected activists and leaders of TDC.

Further, the TDC leaders answered that redbaiting was nothing but an attempt to divide and weaken the growing rank and file movement in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The leadership of TDC, both socialists and non-socialist, stood firm and the bosses and their helpers in the union backed off—for the moment.

MYSTERY

Redbaiting depends on two things for success: an atmosphere of mystery and an appeal to the irrational. The air of mystery works only if socialist leaders of movements like TDC are secretive about their identity.

The redbaiter assumes that there is something wrong with being a socialist and that anyone must, necessarily, be ashamed of it. So, the redbaiter believes, if the socialists are identified, if their true nature is brought to the light of day, they will slink away into the shadows like a vampire in a horror movie.

But nothing is further from the truth. Members of

the International Socialists are proud of their politics and the accomplishments of socialists in the labor movement. It was, for example, socialists in the 1930's who led the organization of the Central States-Conference of the Teamsters—and who beat back the clumsy attempts of the Teamster bureaucracy of that day to weaken their movement.

Members of the International Socialists are fiercely proud that socialists are the most consistent fighters for the interests of the working class. So, from the very beginning of TDC, the socialists told other TDC leaders and organizers of their identity and point of view. They have appeared in the pages of Workers' Power. Thus, there was no mystery for the bosses or union officials to reveal or play on; no slinking into corners, no phony denials, just straight-forward answers.

Redbaiting also attempts to appeal to the irritation in us all. We in the U.S. were raised to believe that Communism is the worst thing in the world. In addition, Communism and the "world Communist conspiracy" were said to have super-human powers to corrupt the honest and brainwash the innocent. This diabolical image of Communism was used to discredit working class socialism by equating the two.

From the point of view of the International Socialists, the so-called Communist (Stalinist) countries are exploitative class societies—similar in many ways to capitalism. The working class in those countries needs revolution as much as in the capitalist world.

SOCIALISM

Socialism is fundamentally different from Stalinism. Socialism is the democratic rule of the working class over all political and economic matters. This rule will be carried out through mass, elected workers' councils, which are composed of elected representatives from the work place. Obviously, this sort of democracy cannot be imposed by a conspiracy or some elite or other. That is why Karl Marx concluded that, "The emancipation of the working class is the task of the working class itself."

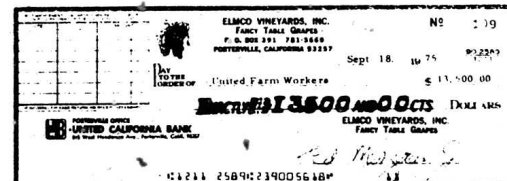
The IS, then, is not interested in conspiracies or mysterious dealings. We believe that today's struggles prepare the working class for greater struggles to come. Organized socialists, IS members, can lead the struggles of today as well as those of tomorrow because we have no need to pretend they are something they are not, or that we are something other than what we say.

With the mystery stripped away, it becomes apparent that the socialists are not diabolical geniuses with the power to manipulate the masses, but are in fact ordinary working class people who seek a decent life for their class and are willing to fight all the way for it.

Contrary to the assumptions of the bosses and union bureaucrats, non-socialist workers are able to see that. Those teamsters who are organizing TDC understand that socialists and non-socialists can, and do, share the same goals in TDC. These teamsters have shunned the appeal to the irrational in favor of the perfectly rational notion of a united fight in the interests of rank and file workers. Nothing stumps the bosses and bureaucrats like unity of purpose and action.

[Next: Socialists and Mass Movements]

LYING LABELS CATCH GROWERS



The wages of sin: California grape growers have frequently put the United Farm Workers' union label on scab grapes to get around the UFW boycott. Here's the result of one grower's misuse of the UFW label—a check from ELMCO Vineyards to the UFW for \$13,500. That's settlement for a suit filed against ELMCO in 1974.

Workers' Power —

Snow Lion Workers Unite

THE FIGHT FOR A UNION

BERKELEY, CA—An important organizing campaign is now underway at the Snow Lion Corporation. Snow Lion manufactures parkas and sleeping bags.

Most of the 170 workers are women and are recent immigrants from the Philippines, Taiwan, Fiji, South Korea, Japan, and Vietnam.

Snow Lion workers began an organizing drive in September when piece rates were cut for many seamstresses. In two days a majority of workers signed enough Teamster authorization cards to gain an election.

Fearing unionization, the company waged an active campaign to divide the workers and prevent them from voting for the union. Their tactics ranged from on-the-job anti-union talks, to the threat to close down the entire operation and move to Taiwan if the union won.

A crew of pro-union workers were laid off and other workers were hired to vote against the union.

As an incentive to vote against the union, the company gave a 25c raise to all workers right before the election and hinted that there would be more to come.

"TAIWAN THREAT"

The "Taiwan threat" was most serious. The company tried to present itself as poor. They said that if the union came in they would be forced to move to Taiwan where workers get 70c an hour.

The company claimed that it was only due to their Taiwan operation that Snow Lion could operate at a "small profit."

But workers discovered that Snow Lion grossed about \$5 million

last year with a \$600,000 profit. Snow Lion has also been rapidly expanding its Berkeley facilities so it is not likely to move.

Nevertheless the threat was effective for a time. Many workers are heads of families and fear they will lose their jobs.

The company also played on tensions between workers of different nationalities. Snow Lion charged, in one of its many anti-union leaflets, that if the company were unionized then lazy workers would be paid as much as conscientious workers.

UNITY

To counter these company efforts and develop unity, workers of many nationalities organized a committee.

Traditionally, Asian workers, especially women, have been used as cheap, non-union, labor in the West Coast garment industry. Now these traditions are breaking down as garment workers are unionizing in an attempt to improve working conditions and pay.

The Snow Lion workers produced leaflets in several languages, organized socials, talked about issues on the shop floor and raised hell at company meetings. In spite of these efforts, the company threats were effective and the union lost 55-33 with 27 challenges.

Immediately after the election, however, the union filed objections with the NLRB charging Snow Lion with many unfair labor practices.

Another election is likely early this year.

CONTINUE

In spite of their first loss, the workers continue to organize. The workers' committee has been putting out a factory paper to let all workers know what is going on in different parts of the factory. They

are currently conducting a campaign to get one of their leaders, Huê Mathews, an outspoken Vietnamese seamstress, reinstated.

The workers are confident that they will win the election this time around because their committee is building worker unity even in a factory where seven different languages are spoken.

NEW YORK CITY

Transit Wages Rise...

Transit workers in Local 100 Transport Workers Union (TWU) are the first New York City workers to receive a wage increase since wage freezes began last summer. The city was very quiet about letting this cost of living raise go through—so quiet that transit workers assumed like other city workers their raise would be frozen.

Certainly the city could have gotten away with refusing this increase. Why did they give it?

The TWU contract comes up on March 31. Many other important city contracts follow. The city figures that if it doesn't start trouble now and tries to keep the transit workers pacified, negotiations this spring will be real smooth for the city.

The TWU is one of the city's strongest unions. If the trains stop, all work in the city stops. The city knows that if transit workers wage a fight for a decent contract other city workers will follow that lead.

But Cuts Bite Deep

NEW YORK CITY—Transportation workers here find their jobs a lot rougher these days because of recent cutbacks. Just a couple of months after a 45% fare increase, there are fewer trains and buses, more crowding, and serious safety problems.

One conductor explained, "The cutbacks in transit services have made our job worse. It's the public — they have to wait up to thirty minutes for a train sometimes."

"They're pissed and they take it out on us. I don't blame them one bit but we can't do anything about it. They ought to go to city hall and give it to the mayor."

Cutbacks have not brought actual layoffs because of the contract's "no-layoff" clause. However, the workforce has been significantly decreasing over the years.

The Transit Authority (TA) has an attrition program which has meant a freeze on hiring for years.

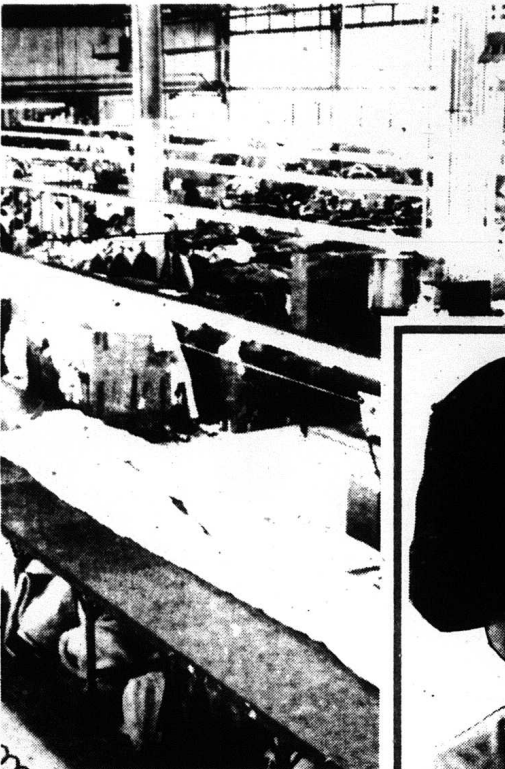
As people leave or retire no one is hired to replace them.

SAFETY

Because of a reduced workforce and city cuts in the transit system, safety is becoming a serious problem. There are more fires on the trains. They come less frequently and are overcrowded. People are forced to wait a long time in deserted stations.

There used to be two conductors on each train. They could see the whole length of the train to make sure the doors didn't close on people. Now, with the cutbacks, there is only one conductor per train, and people get caught between the doors.

One transit worker told Workers' Power that, "It's clear that the TA doesn't give a damn about safety. I hope it won't take a major disaster for the public to see the danger of present understaffing and rotten equipment."



The Snow Lion factory in Berkeley. Huê Mathews (right) was fired for speaking out against the company. fellow workers are conducting a militant campaign to get her reinstated.

Striking Machinists Face Union Busting In Utah

Over 600 members of Local 1525, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in Salt Lake City, have been on strike since August 15. They are employed by Eimco Manufacturing.

The main issues of the strike are improvements in wages, pensions, cost of living, and health and welfare benefits. While the union has offered concessions from its original demands on several occasions, Eimco has not budged from its original offer.

Eimco is replacing striking workers with scabs and insists that scabs be given priority over union members after the strike is settled.

The Salt Lake City Police Department is harassing and arresting striking workers on trumped-up charges such as loitering and "Failure to disperse." One striker was brutally clubbed on the head by police officers who claimed he didn't "disperse" quickly enough.

RAN CAR

A member of Eimco's management staff ran his car through a group of pickets, accidently he claimed. Union member Gary Howard was thrown on the hood and carried 300 feet. Though

Howard was injured, no charges were pressed against the driver.

The strike is more important than the issues directly affecting the striking workers. The business community in Utah wants Local 1525 to suffer a defeat in order to "set an example" to the working class of Utah.

Other unions in Utah are giving both moral and financial support to Local 1525. Even so, more financial support is needed.

Please send contributions of any size to Local 1525, IAM, 1740 South Main, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115.

Karl Morton

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