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LILY WHITE--SUPER RIGHT

LILY WHITE, SUPER RIGHT. INJUSTICE against BLACKS

Prejudice, racism, favoritism, chaos and confusion; all of the things that Chrysler is against was supported by them Thursday, May 8, 1969. There was a hillbilly, razor back who referred to a black brother as a "nigger". This was said to Brother John who works as an inspector in dept. 3200, 6th floor, big line. Bro. John got the steward and the tom ass labor relations man, Young, on the case. After the wet back Chuck saw that Bro John was going to take action he then apologized. He said he was sorry in front of the house nigger and the UAW toms. This was enough for management: the labor relations house nigger Young, said that there was nothing, that he could do after the hillbilly had said he was sorry. Young said that Bro John should be a big man because this was something that he would have to

live with in this society! This hillbilly disrespected all black men's manhood and showed no respect for Bro John as a man, but as a nigger (which is nothing; a nigger is something neutral which cannot function, under its own power; a nigger has no brains, the white man thinks for him completely). This is discrimination and prejudice coming from the hillbilly. And Chrysler stood by and allowed this to happen.

8 How long are we as black men going to allow this to happen? We must take a stand against this type of thing. This type of racism is all over this plant, all departments. Chrysler knows it and yet it is happening because 95% of all foreman are hillbilly slavedrivers. Hillbilly George Harpers knows this type of thing happen and does nothing about it and this is one of the reasons it is still happening. The other reason is that we, as black men

don't take the stand that we should against this practice and the honkie. We have suffered this type of infliction too long. We must kill the lily white system and all their set-ups. Black people must retaliate against the system to gain our place in the white man's world. It is time for us to get up off our knees begging. Our people have never got any place begging; our progress this far has come about by our bucking the honkie's system, breaking his white rules and doing things from a black side instead of the white way. This is the only way we will continue to progress.

The next time it will be kick in the ass and all the honkie will have to say is "I'm sorry". And he will have labeled you a jackass. Now take what happened in reverse: the brother would have been called a militant, a trouble maker, anything but a man. This is why the honkie said this because he knew that nothing would be done about it and he would still be called a white man.

Brothers and sisters, we have a name too and it is not "Negro" or "nigger". It is not only a name but it identifies us as a race of people, just as white identifies the honkie and pigs as a race. We must demand the respect to be recognized as BLACK men and women, not by gal, nigger men and nigger women. Until we take a stand and fight against this type of racism, against Chrysler and other racist pigs, it

will never end. We must fight by any means necessary and any ways available. We will no longer be harassed with the honkie's ignorance and stupidity, but most of all his dumb ass ways.

Join DRUM and fight against racism, exploitation, verbal embarrassment, undo harassment, and other ways of unfair justice to the black man. Remember you built this country and you are the backbone of this country and it is left up to each one of us to make it a better society to live in for the black people.

UNITED BLACK BROTHERS

SUPPORT THE U.B.B.

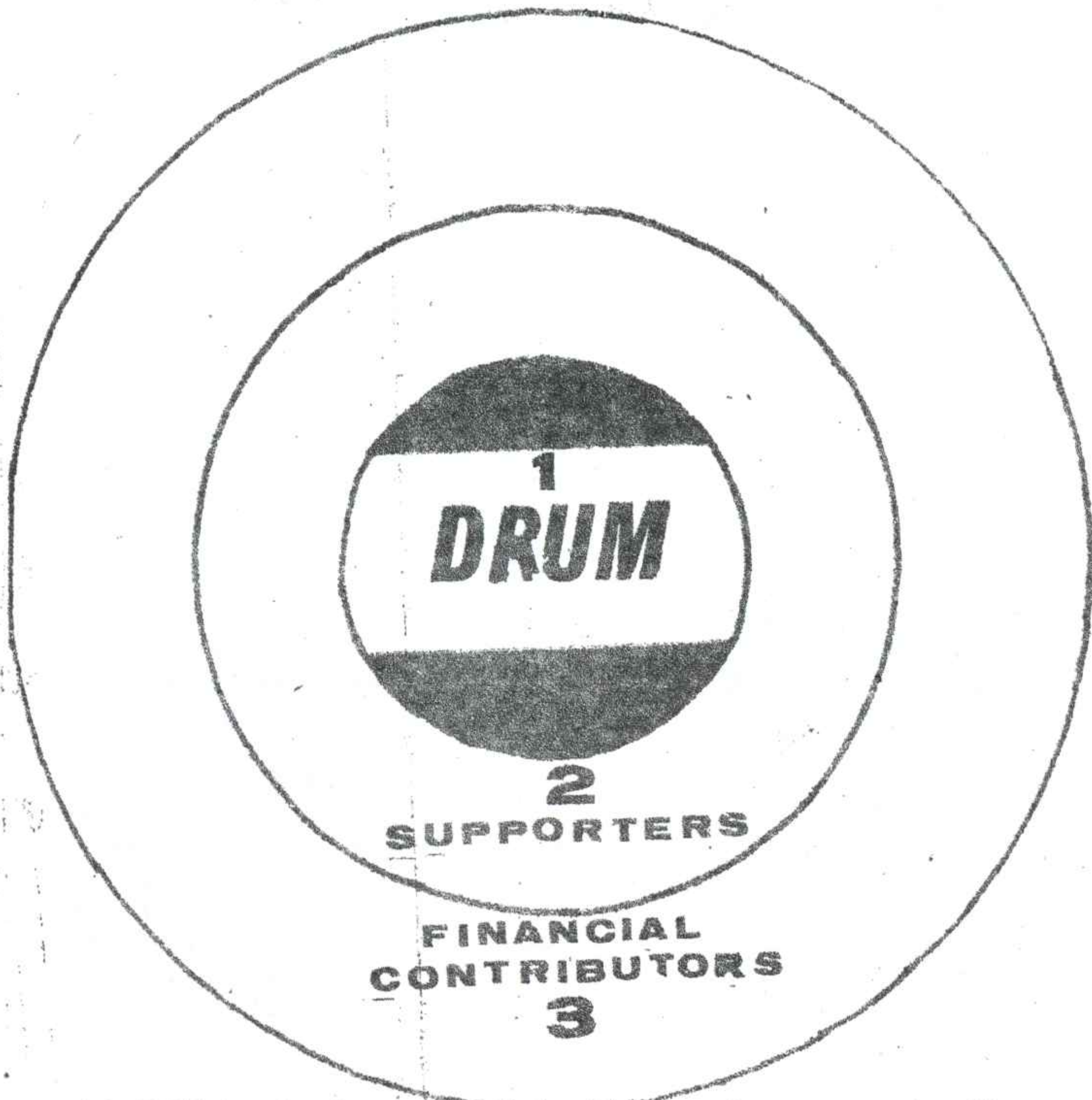
The U.B.B., United Black Brothers, is a group of black workers at Mahwah New Jersey Ford Assembly Plant. On Thursday April 24, the U.B.B. went out on strike. The initial walkout was sparked by the firing of a black worker who had gone into his supervisors office with a grievance and was told by Ray Eskew (Shop Supervisor) "You're fired, you black motherfucker. -Can you imagine that! All of us are ware of the condition that exists in these auto plants. We as black workers are already super-exploited (given the hardest jobs and extract the fewest benefits from our labor)- An for one of our brothers to have to listen to obscenities from a white racist supervisor had the affect of fanning the flames of indig-

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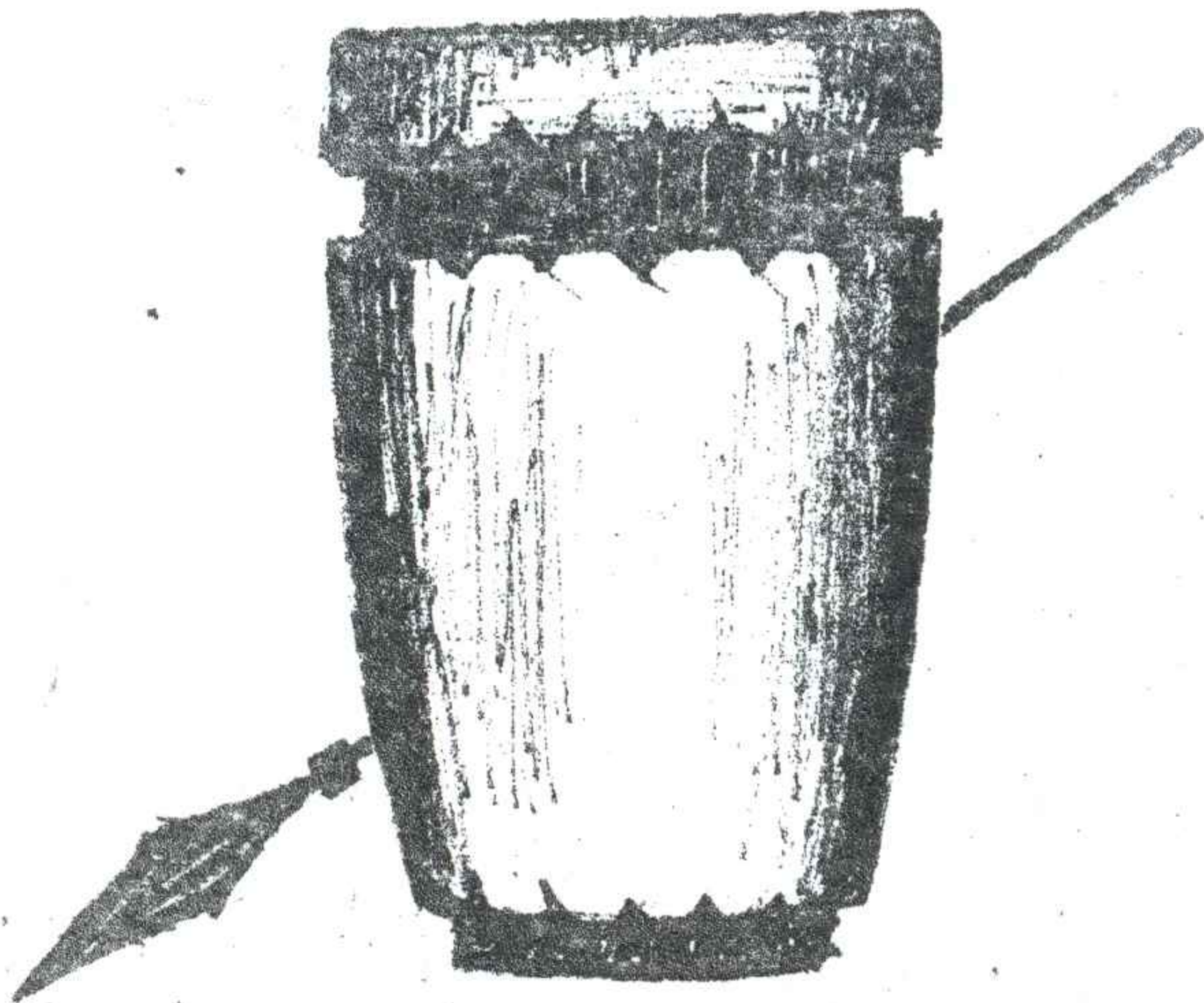
NO WHERE TO SLEEP/NO WHERE TO
PARK YOUR CAR...HUBER SALT MINES
(huber & Winfield Foundries)

As the rain of inflation begins its assault upon the backs of the working class & the most oppressed & exploited class the Black workers in particular. We find two incidents that will open the eyes of a great many workers. DRUM has never wavered on the question of end of exploitation of the worker & the ending of racism. DRUM has stood its own ground in their demand for co-operation...the building of organizing the Black workers to effectively control their own destiny & true equality. The Uncle TOMS & the racists have jeered: "Your drive will end in failure". TOMS cry "we're, dividing the Black & White workers & Niggers don't know how to organize". But that's just what DRUM has done & here we find the struggle between the two roads --SOCIALISM & CAPITALISM.- The lines have been drawn & kind people, the war of inflation is upon us & behind the workers you find who? DRUM is fighting for the liberation of all workers, but in particular the Black workers & this will be when capitalism suffers a serious defeat. Just watch & listen, that you eyes will open to the contradictions that exist between management & the workers...for example; the way management is eliminating jobs & consolidating jobs, cutting lines down but running you rag-

ged cause they know that Walter Reuther won't do anything cause he's got stock in the company. Explain to us please why the plant protection has started to stop the workers who work 10 & 12 hrs from sleeping on the benches in the locker rm & Black bro's at that, are all the more reason to answer us why? Why do you allow yourselves to be used? When the riot was going on management wanted you to come in & stay all night/foreman's telling you to go & sleep in the locker rm when you got tired of working "no one will bother you". Now they've even stopped the workers from parking on the side street next to the parking lot...who put the pigs up to issuing tickets? Even having a plant guard to tell you where to park on the filthy lot that is never cleaned. Why? When will the harassment of the workers stop? When they seize control of the means of production is when this type of hostile & racist exploitation will stop for good & an equal distribution of the profits to the workers instead of an ego-mania monopoly capitalist class of minority's..... FORD/CHRYSLER/G.M., etc. The bro's at Paragon Steel have said they've had enough of the shucking & jiving program of hire the hard core to do back boring jobs for a wage that isn't fit for human's...push on BRO'S at Mahwah FORD....Join DRUM/ve will win without a, doubt/DARE TO FIGHT...DARE TO THINK.....DARE TO WIN... ..



1. DRUM is the Vanguard of the Black workers struggle. Those who have chosen to stand lead and take an active part in building a better way of life for Black people. Those who are fed up basically with inhuman conditions harassment from the racist Chrysler Corp., and bureaucratic U.A.W. Those who choose to stand up and be Black men.
2. The supporters are those who support DRUM's program and DRUM's activities. And contribute in terms of ideas, concepts, time and energy, in order that DRUM will continue along the correct Road. But for various and mostly unclearly stated reasons have chosen not to actually join DRUM.
3. The financial contributors are those who only wish to contribute financially to the DRUM effort.



DRUM YOUR

WEAPON AGAINST

RACISM

& EXPLOITATION

SUPPORT BRO KEN!

CALLING
SUPPORT FOR BRO. KEN COCKREL

On Monday, May 26 -next Monday- The racist decadent and inhumane court in the city of Detroit shall attempt to find our revolutionary Black Brother, attorney and legal advisor for D.R.U.M., The League of Revolutionary Black Workers and freedom fighters everywhere in contempt of court. It is our duty to understand that everytime we as black workers attempt to right any of the many wrongs done to us hour-by-hour and day-to-day in the factories of this so-called nation, that the companies respond by running to the courts getting judges who work in their interest to issue injunctions, restraining orders and such, to keep us, from obtaining justice. They do this even though they know that the courts are not the source of our grievance, it is the companies themselves. Therefore we must understand, that the courts are being used as obstructions to justice and not as administrators of it. When black workers struck Dodge Main last July, Chrysler Corp., instead of meeting our demands went and got an injunction against us. At the hearing at

Circuit Court it was brother Ken Cockrel, who argued in behalf of black workers. It was brother Ken Cockrel who took up our defense. It was Bro. Ken Cockrel who argued so well in defense of black workers that the injunction had to be amended by the issuing judge -Judge Benjamin Burdick. It was Bro. Ken Cockrel who defended black workers, he alone who faced the entire Chrysler Corp, and its gigantic staff of lawyers along with City of Hamtramck official and UAW stool pigeons. In a packed court room of rich white bureaucrats and four black workers it was only Bro. Ken Cockrel who spoke in our behalf.

After the beatings, mackings and false arrests made upon Black workers at Dodge Main, at Hamtramck Assembly Plant on Sept. 26, 1968, during the trustee election, once again Bro. Ken Cockrel took up our mantle. It was Ken alone who came to Bro Ronald Brewers aid who was arrested behind the bar. It was Ken who marched into the Hamtramck Court in the middle of the trial and fought for the rights of Black workers. In a court room full of Hamtramck policemen and police commissioners, Bro Ken alone who won one case and obtained a fine in the

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nation among our black brothers. It must have taken unbelievable amounts of patience and self-control to keep our black brother from striking out in outrage at his supervisor. In response to his obscene discharge on Thursday, April 24, the black workers struck the Ford Assembly Plant in Mahwah. Our brothers are supposed to be represented by Local 906, of the UAW. Local 906 has not had a representative union meeting in over a year. The local leadership is lily white even though the 1,700 or 40% of the 4,200 workers are black. There is only one black committeeman, and 3 black skilled tradesman. The United Black Brothers have been in existence for about 8 months now. It was spawned out of the daily abuse, which the white racist management heaps upon black workers. The U.B.B. leveled documented charges of racism against the Management at Ford's and the U.A.W. officials, because of this they were openly attacked by the Regional Director of District 9 of the U.A.W. who stated that the charges of racism were unfounded. The U.A.W. acted true to form once again.

The U.B.B. has valiantly stood firm in its resolve to end racism and it is the duty of every other black worker everywhere to look up and meet their beck & call. The demands which were issued by the U.B.B. are very similar to the demands made by D.R.U.N. in July of last year. Their demands are:

1. The dismissal or transfer of supervisors with records of

repeated acts of discrimination and abuse.

2. The reinstatement of workers who were provoked into violation of company rules by supervisors and were subsequently fired.

3. In view of the number of black workers employed, with related problems, we demand, more black representation in the labor relations and hourly personnel departments.

4. Establishment of the United Black Brothers as spokesmen of black workers in Mahwah.

5. If management has not met the above demands by April 29 1969, we shall begin the second phase of direct action, and will not be held responsible for any actions taken against the oppressive and racial policies of the Ford Motor Company.

6. We demand no reprisals against any workers for acts taken in this fight for our human rights and dignity.

7. No loss of pay or privilege by any workers as a result of actions taken to win the above demands.

8. We as workers will defend our human rights, at any cost.

Without a doubt, we must fight side by side with the United Black Brothers for their struggle is also ours.

Together, we must fight, fail, fight again, fail again fight on to victory.

Long live the Black workers at Mahwah Ford's.

Long live the U.B.B.

Glory to their struggle.

ATTENTION

other for Ronald Brewer.

After the January 27, strike at Eldon Ave., again Chrysler Corp moved to crush, the enraged spirit of Black workers by sending us to court And once again, it was Bro. Ken Cockrel who provided the lone voice in our defense. Once again stacked against an entire law firm servicing Chrysler Corp. It was Ken and Ken alone against the U.A.W. and Detroit City officials.

The court system cannot tolerate such a gallant spokesman in behalf of black workers and have made the first step towards silencing him. Bro Ken has organized his own defense and in response to the attack on him it is the duty of every black worker everywhere to view an attack on him as an attack on us.

At 2:00 p.m., Monday every black worker, who is on the afternoon shift should make it their duty to be at Records Court in support of Brother Ken Cockrel. Time and time again, it has been Ken alone in our behalf. This time Ken cannot be alone ---SEE YOU THERE!!!!
SUPPORT BRO. KEN COCKREL

Long live his glorious fighting spirit.

SUPPORT BRO. KEN!

Dear Brother:

Charges have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board against the racist Chrysler Corporation and the, United Automobile Workers (UAW) for its harsh and brutal exploitation of Black people who work in Chrysler plants.

These charges represent a first step in our legal attack on our enemies for the purpose of obtaining any possible relief from the terrible conditions in the plants and gathering information on conditions for the purpose of widespread education among the masses of people on just what goes on in an auto plant. This action is of great importance to our people and your cooperation is of the utmost importance in making this a successful effort. If you have information that can be of help to the investigators please fill out the questionnaires and return it to a League of Revolutionary Black Workers Representative or to our office at 9049 Oakland Ave. at Owen.

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