

FLEETWOOD

FORTRESS

"MAKE EVERY FACTORY OUR FORTRESS"

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OUR POLICY

Here at Fleetwood, we have a militant history. Younger workers here need to learn of the militant struggles that have come down here. Let us hear from these older workers who have led and participated in these struggles. We are ignorant of this history. Only those who know can teach.

The pages of the Fleetwood Fortress are open to all workers who want to speak out. Unlike the Fleetwood Organizer, we will print all articles that are mailed or given to us in the plant.

Fleetwood Fortress is produced only by workers at Fleetwood; communist and noncommunist. We feel that the first step towards getting ourselves together at Fleetwood is the issue of a shop paper that will speak to the real issues here. Both the political and economic.

From time to time there will be articles signed "nucleus", which mean these are the position of the ~~committee~~ nucleus here at Fleetwood.

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MANAGEMENT GEARS UP

Fellow workers, someone would have to be blind not to see that management is gearing up for an attack upon our standard of living. Foremen are pacing the floors looking for stuff to jump on us on. The basis of their attack is economic. They have begun to tear up the para. 78's job settlements on the 3rd floor and the ink is not even dry.

Everyone knows that they had to hire alot of workers to cover these job settlements. By overloading our jobs (like they have done on the monorail) can only mean an impending layoff. Hell, in April they will lose 8-9 jobs an hour with the elimination of the convertible.

We must unite and FIGHT FOR OUR JOBS!!!!

Do not be fooled by the unions honey mouthed promise of "extra relief time". We fought for the few settlements we got, now we must fight to keep these settlements. These settlements mean keeping our jobs.

We say--an injury to one is an injury to all. If they take manpower from your job--do what Fleetwood workers have always done--RIDE THE LINE. Take your whole section with you. If they hit your job today, they gonna get mine tomorrow!!!!!!! Remember--we all got bills that need to be paid; lookout for your fellow workers.

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UNION MEETING REPORT

The union meeting on 2/8/76 was really something. Tempers got real hot; especially in support of the sweepers. Fleetwood (Judy, their forman) says they ain't doing their job, so they got to start at midnight. Jim Gabbard kept talking about the language of "local demand 113" that the sweepers "will work as in the past". A Negro national minority workerr stated that "that language isnt clear to nobody". Gabbard agreed--then this worker asked how could they accept all this vague language in the contract. The shop chairman stated along with Pres. Rufus Coleman that this evasive language will be changed in the '76 contract. This remains to be seen.

Then another worker requested info on his grievance, that had been in for about 15 mos. We were informed by our representatives that they are hip that people lose their homes, and possessions behind the slow grievance procedure, but that they personally spoke in favor of speeding up the grievance procedure at the production workers conf. in Jan. at Cobo Hall.

Fellow workers, the grievance procedure is was speeded up in '73. The problem with the grievance procedure is that it does not work at a'l, except for the company. The grievance procedure ties our hands. By reducing our demands for justice to writing, the union and the company prevents our getting a just settlement to our problems where we are strong, on the shop floor.

Read the P.T.

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PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE

"The Communist's ideal should not be a trade-union secretary, but a tribune of the people, able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression." Lenin

