

KEEP THE ENGINE PLANT OPEN!

On April 13th there will be a massive demonstration at the Ford Motor Co. International headquarters (usually referred to as the Glass House) which is located at Michigan Ave. and Southfield. This demonstration is being called by the Local 600 U.A.W. leadership, supported by the entire Region 1A and Ford Dept. It is also backed up by the membership of Local 600.

ROUGE DISMANTLED PIECE BY PIECE

For the last twenty years the Ford Rouge Plant has been dismantled piece by piece. Gone from the Rouge are the old Spring & Upset Building, the Star Build-Tire Plastic Plant of the 40's & 50's. The Production Foundry has moved to Flat Rock, Michigan in 1973. Gone are 1000's of other jobs, lost to automation in the post WW II years. The work force at Rouge has fallen from 80,000 in 1950 to 25,000 today.

These transfer operations were carried out by the Ford Motor Co. virtually without protest. But last month Ford Motor made the pronouncement that broke the camel's back! The company announced the closing down of the Dearborn Engine Plant in June, and the loss of 5,000 jobs. The truck engines will be transferred to the Cleveland and Windsor Plant. The Radiator job will go to supplier operation in Green Island, N.Y. in 1978. The fuel tanks jobs are also leaving.

1500 JOBS ARE "TOO COSTLY"?

The Ford Motor Co. has this kind of audacity in the midst of the deepest economic crisis since the 1930's. While the City of Detroit has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country, the Ford Motor Co. claims that the operation of the Engine Plant is "too costly". This is the same Henry Ford II which has just finished the building of the Town Hall multi-million dollar shopping center with the monorail connected to the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The same Henry Ford II who has put the majority of the original money into the multi-million dollar Renaissance Riverfront Center. The same Henry Ford II whose brother William Clay Ford provided the money for the building of the Pontiac Stadium. But the Engine Plant is too costly to run!

Under capitalism the owners and operators of the means of production operate the plants, mines and mills for one purpose only and that is to extract maximum profits off our backs as the expense of human needs. They move the plants to locations of cheaper labor, they close down jobs and send them to smaller non-unionized shops. They close down plants when they so please. Under Socialism, the working class as rulers of society takes the organization of production into their own hands and operates the plants based on the needs of the society as a whole. Workers plan every aspect of production, from how long to work to how fast to work to what to build.

The Communist Labor Party is in full support of the April 13th demonstration to **KEEP THE ENGINE PLANT OPEN**. Many of us remember the struggle in 1974 to keep Jefferson Assembly Plant open. The closing of the Engine Plant is going to affect all of us and we call for full participation and support from all Ford workers.

BE AT THE APRIL 13th DEMONSTRATION
KEEP THE DEARBORN ENGINE PLANT OPEN

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