

# RED WORKER LYNCH RD. ASSEMBLY

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## LAY-OFFS

Here we are again, in a rerun of last year. As we get closer to Thanksgiving there are more cars piling up in the storage lots and more talk about lay-offs coming. ( And they call it Thanksgiving)

The talk is true, there will be more lay-offs. But why should we have to live by rumors and wild guesses? The S.U.B. fund will run out much quicker than it did last time and many of us will have to face possibly loosing our homes or cars and missing rent payments, etc. If we knew how long the lay-off will be we would be able to make our plans to handle it better. But Chrysler won't tell us shit. Why?

Some people believe the line that the company can't tell us anything because it all depends on the customers (us). Can you believe that? Chrysler's story is that we will decide whether or not we get laid-off by whether we ( and other workers ) buy a Chrysler product. They must know that most of us can't afford to buy a new car on the wages that they pay us.

This is the capitalists old cry, about how nothing that goes wrong is their fault, everything is the workers fault. The whole idea behind the T.R.A. money is really the same thing. We are told that we get T.R.A. money if we are laid off due to foreign competition. What they are really trying to do is to make it look like the workers in another country are responsible for our misfortune. This is foolish, we know that Chrysler moved production from Lynch to Windsor in order to make a few more bucks of profit. Once again they say that we workers are at fault, but we know that it is Chrysler that has done us wrong.

We know that Chrysler makes plans, orders parts and material and schedules production ahead of time, usually many months. They might not know exactly how many cars Lynch will build this year, but they do know to within a few hundred. We have a right to know this information.

Chrysler pretends to give a shit about us. Everyone who was laid-off and came back when the second shift did had to go through several hours of re-orientation meeting where Chrysler pretended to be interested in our ideas. They wanted to know what we were "concerned" about. But this was all a fake, if they really thought about us they would roll back the speed-up, improve working conditions, and guarantee us no lay-offs. Remember the company leaflet LYNCH NEWS BRIEFS that told us only what we already knew? Why didn't they tell us about lay-offs, about the number of people hurt at Lynch because Chrysler is too cheap to make the plant safer? How many people that you know are actually getting any money from T.R.A.?

Chrysler likes to keep us off balance and guessing because then they can mislead us and it makes it harder for us to get our stuff in order and take any action to protect ourselves. We have a right to know what the company has planned as maximum and minimum possible production here for the year. They also must tell us if any lay-off is planned, when it starts, and for how long.

The combination of knowing that lay-offs are coming and all the pressure and harrassment of the speed-up has created a lot of anger and frustration among us that shows itself in many ways, like when the general foreman got beat-up on the pre-final line on second shift a couple of weeks ago. This kind of fighting back is always going to happen, but it doesn't solve our problems.

Our only solution is a society run by workers, a communist society. Where all these big factories are not used to make the rich richer, but are used to guarantee good food, good clothes, and the best medical care. Where we have real security on a safe job with clean air and an equal sharing of all profits. It is wrong for some rich bastard who has never done a days work and has never seen the inside of a plant to profit from our sweat. If we do the work we should get the rewards of our work-- and that means that we should get an equal share of what we produce, equal with Townsend, Riccardo, Rockefeller, etc.

#### WHAT IS THE RED WORKER?

Fellow workers: Are we and our children and our children's children going to spend the rest of our lives worrying about the next lay-off and the next war and the next bill we can't pay and the next corrupt politician and the next attack on our people and our democratic rights?

As long as we live under the present capitalist system the answer is, yes--that is the inevitable path of our lives. If we join the struggle for socialism and win, it will not.

We of the Communist Labor Party (CLP) are fighting for socialism. We know that even a good trade union is not enough--although we will struggle also for a militant, aggressive UAW on and off the factory floor.

But our class, the working class, which creates all the wealth of society has the experience of 40 years and more of trade unionism to tell us that it is not enough. Marx, Engles and Lenin more than 75 years ago scientifically understood that while the capitalist class never gives up trying to get more out of us for less, the trade union can only go so far in defending us as long as the capitalists retain the power.

We see today from our experience that they were right. The so called UAW International isn't united and isn't international. At the top of the UAW, we see labor aristocrats whose political positions are no different than the bankers, industrialists and politicians with whom they meet, socialize and send their children to school. They receive salaries and benefits 4 and 5 times what we earn. More of their income comes from the union's successful capitalist investments than from our dues--high as they are.

None of the top officials really fight for national minorities or women. On the most important controversial issues of the day such as the struggle for equal education through busing, the Leonard Woodcocks and the Loug Frasers wobble and waffle or out and out side with fascist groups like the Ku Klux Klan in opposing such reforms.

Here at Lynch Road Assembly and at other UAW plants we see the "labor leaders" whichever slate they are from under the thumb and the bribe of Godfather Robson and boy wonder Storen. Usually, it is impossible to tell the difference in what our steward says from what the foreman says.

Sometimes the steward or committeeman will defend the company more than the foreman or tell us that we should just understand the rules and regulations and be grateful for what we've got. NEVER do they try to organize any solidarity amongst us or lead us in any struggle against the daily bullshit we put up with. When a dispute jumps off, whether the steward is around or not, we feel like we are representing ourselves.

The union is not a reliable ally. That is why so many of us say so often, "there is no union here at Lynch Road." We have seen over and over again that they are too bribed and to afraid to fight or lead.

The time has come to find a way to fight not just against Chrysler but the entire Imperialist system of which Chrysler is just a part. It can and must be done.

In the past, some of us worked on LNRUM. But as we have explained, we know we need more than a "revolutionary union movement" to save this country from where it is headed. What we need is the Communist Labor Party (CLP) which has shown that it can link the day to day struggles here in our plant and in our daily lives to the larger struggle for the only real solution to our problems--  
**SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!**

The RED WORKER will be the voice of the CLP here at LRA. It will speak to the issues that face us as workers here and everywhere. It will be an independent voice. In the forthcoming issues we will explain What is Capitalism and what is Communism. We will carry your views and news also. Write us at the box number below or talk to the person you see passing out the paper.

We are here to fight.



*"Our country is facing a most serious crisis and you talk about feeding your kids."*

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