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THE PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY FIGHTS FOR SOCIALISM. Socialism means liberation for the entire working class—the destruction of the bosses—a society of abundance and full employment—an end to exploitation—a secure and creative future for all workers—and an end to the racism, fascism and wars that are all products of capitalism.

In order to achieve socialism, the capitalist system, the bosses and their dictatorial government must be crushed. This cannot be accomplished peacefully through elections.

It can only happen when the majority of the exploited unite behind communist leadership, violently overthrow the bosses, and install a new government of revolutionary workers—the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Members of the PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY are devoted to this goal. They dedicate their lives to actively building, promoting and organizing for the cause of revolutionary communism.

The Progressive Labor Party and its newspaper, CHALLENGE, are dedicated to the U.S. working class and the working class of the entire world—black, Latin, white, Asian and Native American.

Our newspaper, CHALLENGE, strives to present the unconditional truth of class struggle, so our class can learn from experience how to win.

Sadlowski, McBride: Birds of a Feather... Steelworkers Must Reject Them Both

The February steelworkers' union election for International President between Sadlowski and McBride and for District 31 Director (to replace Sadlowski) between Balanoff and others shows us nothing in the way of leadership to solve workers' problems. All they can do is con votes out of us. We must reject ALL sellouts!

THERE HAVE BEEN 140,000 JOBS ELIMINATED in the basic steel industry in the past 15 years. Youngstown at East Chicago has over 2,000 workers on layoff; Inland has laid off hundreds, with a freeze on hiring; U.S. Steel at Gary has 10 percent of its work-force on "furlough."

Coupled with layoffs is the steel bosses' other method of destroying workers' unity and job security—racism. All mills have segregated departments of black, Latin and white workers. Steel companies' racism serves three purposes: (1) to use minority workers as a source of cheap labor (and super-profits) to bring all wages down, including white workers'; (2) to divide us, making it easier for capitalists to exploit all workers; and (3) primarily to prevent us from organizing a revolution.

Also, events are heating up internationally. Mill injuries and deaths are increasing because there is no profit for the steel barons in safety, only in stepping up the arms race with Soviet bosses. U.S. bosses—losing out to the imperialist Soviets—are preparing for war with them to save their weakening hold on world markets and their political dominance of other areas—Angola, South Africa,

"urban specialist" Howard Samuels, vice-president of Mobil Chemical. If they are the "friends" of steelworkers, who needs enemies?

Since when have multi-millionaires who have made fortunes exploiting workers suddenly become interested in the steelworkers—**unless they want to add us to their list through Sadlowski?** He is bought and paid for, just like McBride and his support of the no-fight agreement with the steel companies. Multi-millionaire bosses do not get wealthy giving their money away; they invest it. Their investment in Sadlowski is to **buy time against workers rebelling in the unions and to stop a revolutionary movement from developing.**

Some of these same ruling-class people backing Sadlowski also backed Arnold Miller to head the United Mine Workers, supposedly another "working man's candidate." As soon as he was elected, he began building fascism in the UMW. Wildcat strikes were outlawed; strikes on one shift were not to be honored by other shifts; and strikers cannot picket other mines for support—all under penalty of expulsion from the union and loss of a job. Miners are paying with their lives. In Kentucky last year, miners' deaths tripled over the previous year.

THE BOSSES KNOW THAT SADLOWSKI may allow a few strikes to let off a little steam, to be better able to crush any mass movement by steelworkers against racism, layoffs and speed-up, much the same as Miller has done. When push comes to shove, fakers like Sadlowski, Miller and McBride support capitalism, which means profits

RACISM: NO. 1 ISSUE FOR STEELWORKERS

We cannot unify ourselves at the snap of our fingers. The big bosses have seen to that with organized racism. The coke plant workers are mainly black and Latin; coke plant mechanics and craft jobs throughout the mills are almost all white. The mill owners do this in their employment offices and through "testing." In a steel mill you can almost know what a worker's job is, based on color, nationality or sex.

The black steelworkers in U.S. Steel's Birmingham plant fought for plant-wide seniority which led to the Consent Decree and back pay for minority workers. This was a step forward but changed little. There is still "testing" which disqualifies workers from higher-paying jobs, and there is no full-rate retention for transfers. So you can still take a wage-cut. The Consent Decree was implemented in a way to divide workers more than unite us. All workers should have received back pay, with the larger portion going to minority workers. While white workers are hurt by racism, black and Latin workers and women workers are doubly exploited.

Sadlowski and Balanoff (president of Local 1010) implemented the exact same Consent Decree at Inland Steel but **without back pay**, which they now say they are "going to work for."

As long as there is capitalism there will be layoffs, job insecurity, racism, discrimination, unsafe working conditions, low wages and war. **The steel mills are operated for one purpose: to make a profit.** And that is how they do it. Either we take the mills and everything else away from them and fight for Socialism, or we fight a never-ending battle with either a Sadlowski or a McBride.

We are fed up with fakers. We want a real change. We must build a working class movement with communist leadership to destroy capitalism—a system for profit at workers' expense—and replace it with Socialism, social ownership of all production by the whole working class, with workers' state power to protect that ownership.

Vote by organizing against the bosses and their lieutenants and for a workers' revolution! Join the Progressive Labor Party!

Progressive Labor Party Editorial

Southeast Asia, etc. **Both U.S. and Soviet capitalist rulers are putting the squeeze on their working classes.**

These are the issues facing steelworkers—layoffs, racism and war. Where do our so-called leaders stand?

MCBRIDE, ABEL'S CHOICE, SUPPORTS Abel's no-strike agreement (which has helped along that 140,000-job cut) and claims there have been few layoffs since the E.N.A. was signed. Hogwash! We have lost 25,000 jobs in District 31 alone, most in the last four years. McBride is in the bosses' hip pocket, so thumbs down on him. But what about Sadlowski, billed as the "new up-and-coming fighter?"

Sadlowski has tried to take advantage of McBride on two important issues: the right to strike and union democracy. But mainly he has mounted a huge half-million dollar campaign to get elected president of the USWA. His backers include Ted Sorenson, Carter's choice for CIA director; big GM stockholder Stewart Mott; Sarah Pillsbury of the flour fortune; Stride-Rite shoe corporation president Arnold Hiatt; investment security boss Robert Zevin; Bernard Solomon, vice-president of the \$1.2 billion annual sales Stop & Shop Co.; and Carter's

wrung out of our hides.

So it is thumbs down on McBride AND Sadlowski. Who do we vote for? We can't vote with ballots; that would just rotate the sellouts in office. **WE VOTE WHEN WE SHUT DOWN THE MILLS AT THE POINT OF PRODUCTION.** We must build a revolutionary movement by joining the Progressive Labor Party to take power away from the capitalist class and their state apparatus, and establish working-class power over government and industry.

Which Side Are They On?

On the one hand, the Abel-McBride machine have agreed to massive job losses in the mills through their no-strike, no-fight agreement. What is Sadlowski's "solution?" Read this gem from an interview in Penthouse magazine with the bosses' latest fair-haired boy:

SADLOWSKI: . . . We have already benefitted from what our brains have produced technologically. We've reduced labor forces from 520,000 fifteen years ago to 400,000 today. **Let's reduce them to 100,000.** The coal miners went from

400,000 to 68,000. (our emphasis).

Q.: But what happens to the guys who get laid off?
SADLOWSKI: In the present structure, they find employment elsewhere. Society absorbs it.

We guess all those workers on the unemployment lines are fictions of our imagination. This is about as clear a support for the way bosses make profits as you can get; now it's a "benefit" to lose 120,000 jobs, and a still bigger one to lose another 300,000! That's what we mean by "lieutenants of capital" in the ranks of the workers.