

RESOLUTION . . . TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLASS STRUGGLE UNIONISM
That initial publication of the auto class struggle union journal be DISCUSSION
postponed from October 74 to February 75.

Motivation

There are a number of problems with bringing out the auto journal in October. They range from a question of internal democracy to the question of production. To rush forward without a clear understanding of these problems and an attempt to solve them will not be beneficial to the journal's success.

The first problem is that most members of the auto fraction are not clear on the whole conception of the journal. The idea for a journal was passed by the NC when there had never even been a discussion by the auto fraction of the idea. No worked-out proposal for the journal came out until a few weeks ago and only one discussion has been held. We were told it was coming out in October, so approve it. Even then the Detroit branch organizer ruled this was merely a "preliminary" discussion and vote. When and if will another discussion take place between now and October. The NC passed the journal without even knowing whether members of the auto fraction agreed with it let alone had seen a document on it. This raises serious problems with the idea of internal democracy when what has been said will be a breakthrough in our auto work is never even discussed by the rank and file until after it is mandated by the NC. What is the point of the auto fraction voting on it if the question has already been decided.

Another problem is that the auto fraction has had 13 perspectives in the last 2 and a half years, or a perspective every 4 months. This has led to demoralization. To have another one without even thoroughly thrashing it out before hand would only make things worse.

A problem that has not been dealt with at all is the one of priorities. Members of the auto fraction are overloaded and something will have to give. This has never been sorted out. Already auto comrades have the following tasks:

- 1 Existing rank and file bulletins
- 2 Our local caucus work
- 3 Our current campaign against the 3 year term
- 4 CLUW work for women comrades
- 5 Traveling to recruit collectives
- 6 Writing for Workers Power
- 7 UNC meetings and work
- 8 Other branch activities.

All these things are said to be important. Not all can be done. To drop one more activity on the auto fraction without some clear ordering will lead to further demoralization and accomplishment of few tasks well.

There are some political questions that are left unanswered in our one discussion and in the document. One of these is the relationship of this journal to the UNC. The document says that the journal will support and criticize the UNC. But how this be done when the Auto fraction has never developed a clear, consistent perspective on the UNC. At best we have only individuals attitudes to the UNC. Another is the question of the journals audience. Is it to be indigenous workers or industrialized radicals. The document says it is to be directed toward workers. But, on the other hand, one of the motivations given for it is that it will solidify our new contacts, who are mostly industrialized radicals. In the auto fraction discussion there was confusion expressed over who

the audience would be. A number of comrades felt it was aimed more at industrialized radicals rather than indigenous worker militants.

Finally, the question of production has not yet been worked out. The Detroit branch cannot handle it. It has been said that to handle the proposed new journals, pamphlets and other publications 2 more people will have to be added to the NO staff. Who are these people and will they be here by October.

So we are asking for a postponement of the implementation of the NC decision. We believe that it will best serve the interest of internal democracy and the success of the journal.

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