

WORKERS' Power

Detroit

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AUTO CONTRACT

Meetings of Chrysler production and skilled workers, organized by the Coalition for a Good Contract and the Independent Skilled trades Council, are being held this Thursday and Friday to organize a VOTE NO campaign against the contract. Although rejection at a non-target company would be unprecedented, this year it is a real possibility.

Chrysler workers are being forced to swallow the same rotten contract Ford workers ratified last week. The Ford contract was a recognized sell-out and Chrysler workers are refusing to accept the same terms.

Last week thousands of autoworkers demonstrated outside of Solidarity House protesting the terms of the Ford agreement. That evening a hundred Workers attended a Coalition for a Good Contract meeting spelling out the terms of the Ford agreement and calling for a no vote if the Chrysler and Gm agreements were no better.

Predictably UAW leadership came back from the bargaining table with Chrysler with nothing new. The demand for better SUB benefits, a shorter work week, new money and COLA on the pension were ignored.

The contract is so bad, that the exact wording of the contract is still unavailable to the membership, even though ratification meetings are being held next Mon. and Tues. Even members of the Bargaining Council were unable to get a copy of the contract.

For the time and location of a meeting on the contract, see the enclosed leaflets.

SOUTH AFRICA

Women Against Racism is showing the film on South Africa, "Last Grave at Dimbaza" at the Greenfield campus of Wayne County Community College this Sunday. (see enclosed leaflet)

The Office of Student Activities for the entire community college system is cooperating and posting leaflets at all of the campuses. In addition several teachers are bringing their students to see this film. If you know anyone who has not yet seen this important film, urge them to attend the showing on Sunday. The film will not be in Detroit for some time.

Work on the demonstration against GM in South Africa is building. Women Against Racism and Spark have endorsed it and we are seeking other endorsements.

The demonstration will take place on the weekend of the Red Tide Convention, November, 20, so it promises to be large and spirited.

Also, the Women's Caucus of the I.S. will be holding a discussion on "Women Under Apartheid" on December 5 at 7:00.

YOU are invited to a private showing of:

FINALLY GOT THE NEWS

The film focuses on the League of Revolutionary Black workers both in the auto plants and in the surrounding community. The film is also one of the best documentaries on assembly line working conditions.

Fri., November 12, 8:00PM
IS office 14131 Woodward Ave.
Highland Park, MI

RED TIDE

The Red Tide, the youth affiliate of the I.S., has scheduled its first national convention for the weekend of Nov. 20/21. Members will be attending from all over the East and Midwest. The convention will be open to invited observers of Red Tide age (under 23). If you know anyone, particularly in high school who might be interested in the Red tide call the Red Tide at 869-8656.

FREE SPEECH IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS

Because of all the arrests of Red Tiders distributing literature at the Detroit High Schools, the Red Tide has begun to counterattack. The first step was 15 RTers and friends appearing before the Detroit police commission to demand clarification of the so-called laws under which the Red Tide has been harrassed.

The Commission has shown itself as incompetant, unable to deal with even simple questions: One commissioner seemed to say that whatever a school principle declares as law (even off school grounds) was the law the police had to enforce. We got no satisfaction from the commission itself, but it appears that the political pressure from our appearances plus the commitment not to be intimidated by the arrests are causing some motion in the police department. We will know in a week whether we have finally beaten a policy of harrassment that has been used against every group in Detroit which has organized at the high schools.

THE STRUGGLE IN STEEL

This coming issue of Workers Power features a special section on the struggle for leadership in the United Steel Workers Union. The battle for union presidency has unleashed a massive rank and file organizing. What is happening in steel has important lessons for militants in other industries, particularly auto and teamsters.

Most of the readers of this local bulletin get their copies of Workers Power directly from a Workers Power seller or through a mail subscription. If you are not getting the paper regularly then you should subscribe now. Mail your sub with \$5.00 for 6 months to:

Workers Power/14131 Woodward/Highland Park, MI 48203.

GARY TYLER AND THE MEDIA

Most of the story of the Gary Tyler demonstration was covered in Workers' Power. One story that was not covered was the struggle with the media. For months we had been unable to break the story thru the main media in Detroit. We would get reporters and feature writers interested and then find out that the story was vetoed by senior editors as not important enough or else not "Detroit enough."

On Thursday before the Gary Tyler demonstration, a group of Red Tiders and ISers went down to the Detroit News and asked to speak to an editor. When they said that they were not interested, we all sat down in the lobby. The guard freaked out at his first sit-in and we got a reporter to take the story. The News printed a small article on the rally and then ran a big feature on Mrs. Tyler in the next Monday's paper.

We still haven't cracked the Free Press. After the Gary Tyler rally, we marched over to the Free Press. When they didn't want to talk to us, a large delegation filled the elevators and the city desk area on the 3rd floor. They finally took the story.

Although they did not print the story, our invasion of the Free Press did get us good coverage on Detroit TV.

Mrs. Tyler was interviewed on channel 62 and on WTVV as well as the Michigan Chronical and Bilalian News during her brief visit to Detroit. It isn't enough yet, but all the little work adds up to making the case nationally known.

COMING EVENTS

Friday 11/12: "Finally Got the News" showing for members and friends of the IS and RT at the IS office at 8:00PM

Saturday and Sunday 11/13-14: Chrysler locals contract information meetings.

Sunday 11/14: "Last Grave at Dimbaza" Greenfield South of Joy Road. 8:00PM

Saturday 11/20: Demonstration at GM bldg. 2:30PM.

Red Tide invitation. Contact your local Red Tide member about attending.

Saturday, Dec. 4: National IS auto workers committee meeting.

Sunday, Dec. 5: IS Women's Caucus discussion on Women in Apartheid 7:00PM

Friday, 12/10: Film: Attica

Sunday, 12/12: IS District Meeting

1976 Chrysler Contract: WHAT'S IN IT FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS? Find out this Thurs. - 12:30 & 7 pm

It looks certain they will try to stick us at Chrysler with the rotten deal Ford workers got.

Mass meetings this Thursday will report directly to you—the membership—on details of the 1976 Chrysler tentative settlement.

The UAW will make a report to Chrysler leaders on Wednesday at the Chrysler Council. Members of the Council and Chrysler Local Union Presidents will then report to you at meetings sponsored by the Coalition for a Good Contract (CGC) and the Independent Skilled Trades Council (ISTC).

Chrysler has already made \$303.4 million this year—more than ever before. Where's Ours? Chrysler can pay more, but the UAW settled for peanuts.

We, the membership, are in a position to demand more and get more. The final vote is ours — If we say No, Chrysler and the UAW will have no choice but to return to the bargaining table for a better deal—on money, benefits, and working conditions.

This year, we're prepared. They won't be able to keep us in the dark until the last minute.

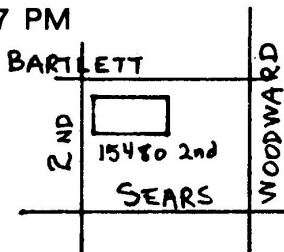
EVERYBODY OUT! FIND OUT WHAT THE REAL DEAL IS BEFORE WE VOTE!

Mass Meetings

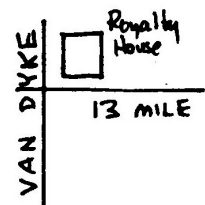
REPORTS FROM BOTH PRODUCTION & SKILLED SPEAKERS AT ALL MEETINGS

Thurs., Nov. 10, 12:30 PM
sponsored by CGC
Dairyworkers Hall, 15480 2nd, Highland Pk.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 PM
sponsored by CGC
Dairyworkers Hall



Thurs. Nov. 10, 8 PM
sponsored by Independent
Skilled Trades Council
Royalty House, 8201 13 Mile
Warren



Friday, Nov. 11, 12 Noon
sponsored by Independent
Skilled Trades Council
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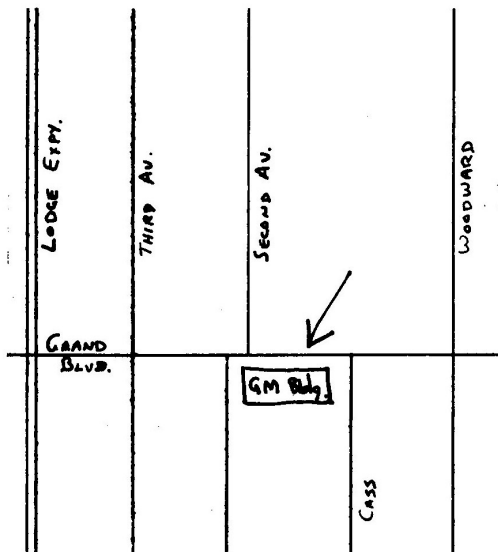
Target: General Motors

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

2:30 p.m.

**Meet at: GM Building
Grand Blvd. & 2nd Ave.**

**Sponsored by: Workers' Power and
The Red Tide**



GM has investments in South Africa totaling \$125 million (as of 1973). These investments support South Africa's apartheid policies. In GM's plants, black workers are kept in the lowest job classifications, which do not pay sufficient wages for a minimal standard of living. These apartheid policies enabled GM to make a higher percentage profit in South Africa than anywhere else in the world.

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WOMEN AGAINST RACISM

will show

Last Grave at Dimbaza

Sunday, November 14 at 8:00 p.m.

MARCHING IN A FUNERAL in South Africa today can get you shot. And yet black South Africans continue to build the Black Consciousness Movement anyway, by marching, boycotting and striking. They do this even though any act considered "dangerous" by the ruling white regime—no matter how minor—can mean instant death on the street, in your home, in one of the many prisons.

This film shows you why their fight will not stop. The movie had to be filmed illegally, because the daily horrors of apartheid are so brutal, so incredible, the government would never have allowed the truth to be shown.

You will not want to see this film twice. Once is enough. But you will probably want others to see it because it will convince you of one very important fact: Our brothers' and sisters' struggle for freedom in South Africa is our battle too.

**FILMED ILLEGALLY IN
SOUTH AFRICA**

**Greenfield Center Auditorium
Greenfield Road, just south of Joy Road**

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