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## JIMMY CARTER'S PORT GIBSON CONNECTION

**Workers' Power Exclusive**

If you vote for Jimmy Carter on Tuesday, you won't be in very good company.

Workers' Power has learned that one of Jimmy Carter's most prominent backers in Mississippi is the lawyer who won a court suit for \$1.25 million against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

by Kate Stacy

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Dixon Pyles is a major financial backer of the Mississippi Carter campaign. He is also the senior lawyer for the firm helping the Port Gibson businessmen try to put the NAACP out of business with a \$1.25 million law suit.

**Pyles told this reporter he is helping Jimmy by funding three "essentially full-time" campaign workers.**

One of them is Danny Cupit, co-campaign manager for Carter. As Pyles put it: "My partner is on full time duty and drawing his regular salary." So, says Pyles, is one of his four secretaries. He added that his "other partner is the co-campaign manager of the central Mississippi [Carter] committee" along with a Douglas Anderson.

Sounds expensive, doesn't it? Well, one of the things Pyles does best is sue civil rights organizations. And it can be profitable.

**So far, the legal bill in the Port Gibson case is well over \$200,000. Where does the money come from? A high source in the national NAACP office told Workers' Power: "That's**

**what the White Citizens Council has paid so far [\$200,000]. That's who's sponsoring the whole thing. Unofficially. . . ."**

Carter's big Mississippi backer knows how to make money in slightly smaller amounts as well. He led a \$10,000 rip-off of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Grenada, Miss. in a court suit against a similar boycott against racism.

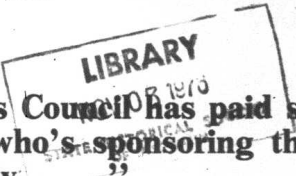
But Mr. Pyles doesn't shower his legal attentions only on black people. Working people are another favorite target.

**Behind the scenes (where Pyles always seems to be), his law firm tried to break the Mississippi farmworkers' boycott, the most successful boycott of scab grapes and lettuce the farmworkers ever built.**

Despite this record Dixon Pyles maintains his reputation as the biggest labor lawyer in the state.

Clever man, isn't he? Well, so is Jimmy Carter. Birds of a feather, as the saying goes.

**Still planning to vote on Tuesday? Just turn to page 3 and keep reading. The story has just begun.**



### Port Gibson Businesses vs. NAACP

The Port Gibson, Mississippi boycott began in the early sixties and lasted almost ten years.

Black citizens were fed up with harassment and discrimination in employment. They boycotted the white Port Gibson merchants who practiced anti-black discrimination, and who also dominated the town's racist political structure.

In 1969 twelve Port Gibson

businessmen took the NAACP and 132 other defendants to court, charging an illegal secondary boycott. The NAACP was denied a jury trial.

In August 1976 Hinds County Chancery Court Judge George Haynes ruled in favor of the merchants. He ordered the NAACP to post a \$1.6 million bond, in order to appeal the judgment.

The award and bond order threatened to bankrupt the NAACP. A federal court judge has since ordered the appeal bond reduced to \$100,000.

The case follows a pattern in Mississippi. Civil rights organizations are taken to court. Their assets may be tied up for several years.

Then in the appeals process, the

blatantly illegal, racist judgments are reversed. Sometimes the civil rights groups get their money back. Sometimes they don't.

#### ONE WHO DIDN'T

One group who didn't was the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The SCLC's Grenada, Mississippi savings account was seized to pay a judgment

awarded to businessmen there in another boycott suit.

Higher courts overturned that judgment. But the SCLC was never able to get back the \$10,000 stolen from it.

Dixon Pyles was the lawyer for the businessmen in that suit, too. Some of the SCLC's funds wound up in his pocket to pay his legal fees. No one knows exactly how much.

# 400 Protest Georgia Plan To Return Death Penalty

Unless the Georgia Committee Against the Death Penalty has its way, the state of Georgia will soon be the first to reinstate execution by the government. On October 23 about 400 blacks and whites joined together in Atlanta to protest this legal murder.

Mothers of men on death row, a man who is waiting on death row, and many other speakers moved the audience from tears to anger.

One person stated that of all executions in the U.S., one out of nine have taken place in Georgia. And of 455 men executed, 425 were black.

The death penalty is justified by the government as a deterrent to crime. But capital punishment is a weapon of society's rulers, used against blacks, minorities and the poor.

The death penalty must be abolished.

Bea Harwood

# UPS-EAST TALKS AT 'SNAIL'S PACE'

PITTSBURGH—Negotiations between the Eastern Conference of Teamsters and United Parcel Service are progressing at a snail's pace, according to a federal mediator. The work stoppage, involving 20,000 UPS employees from 15 states, moved into its seventh week on October 27.

Following a four and a half week

lull, negotiations resumed on October 18.

Union sources state that the union has "trimmed the fat" off its demands, while at the same time assuring rank and filers that major demands have not been altered.

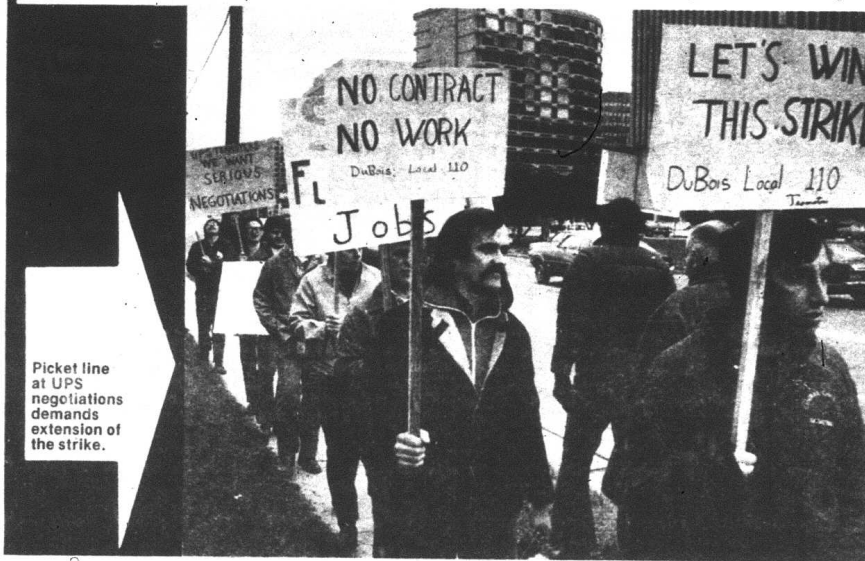
Sporadic rank and file activity continued across the region. In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where almost

no rank and file organization existed before the strike, UPSurge activists have organized a number of protests against the company.

On October 25, 30 UPS wives picketed the hub there, receiving favorable media coverage for the strikers, and embarrassing UPS. The group planned a trip to the site of the negotiations in Arlington,

Va. for the following day. But this was cancelled due to intimidation from their union business agent.

The BA said the planned demonstration would link him to UPSurge, and he would be thrown off the negotiating committee. While most people didn't buy this hogwash, it did put a damper on the plans.



Picket line at UPS negotiations demands extension of the strike.

## EXTEND PICKETS

The Wilkes-Barre strikers had also informed this BA that if no progress was made by the week's end they would extend their pickets into non-struck areas. So on October 28, the BA called a special meeting allegedly to pass on "good news."

This amounted to a song and dance about how Teamster President Fitzsimmons supports the negotiating committee 100% on the part-time issue. Further, that Fitz and the union executive board will meet on November 4 to decide on further action.

The fact is that local officials in Wilkes-Barre and other places are feeling the heat. They are getting pressure from the rank and file for a decent settlement and extension of pickets, yet they are scared to stand up to the International. When a rotten package does come down, they know they are going to have to sell it to the members.

If Fitzsimmons and the union's executive board were really 100% behind the strikers they would shut UPS down nationwide.

Their other choices are a quick sellout before the holiday or a lengthy strike which will cause unnecessary hardship on the members. Which will it be? That answer is up to the rank and file. □

# Indians Take Back Stolen Health Center

TACOMA—The Puyallup tribe of Indians served an eviction notice on the State of Washington last week when they seized control of Cascadia Diagnostic Center.

About 100 Indians had received permission to use the Center's main building for a banquet. They had dinner, then seized the building for dessert.

Soon lookouts were posted. Food was coming in. Gates were locked. And what should have been theirs for years was returned to their hands.

## RIPPED OFF

The tribe sold the land Cascadia now occupies to the U.S. government in 1939, with the promise it would be used for a health and education center for the tribe.

In 1959, however, the federal government decided that the Indians no longer needed a hospital. It turned the center over to Washington State, which has used it as a juvenile detention center.

American Indians suffer from high rates of TB, diabetes, infant mortality, alcoholism and inner ear disorders.

Now the Puyallups have only a small clinic on their reservation. They have had to place their sick elders in white nursing homes where many die of neglect.

The young residents of the jail were pleasantly surprised by the

# Broken Government Promises Led to Occupation

takeover. Phoenix "Cottage," a typical wing of the five-story brick building, held over 20 young men in a large dimly lit, poorly ventilated room. Isolation cells for "troublemakers" have a cot and a combination sink-toilet.

## TAKING WHAT'S OURS

The five-member tribal council met Friday and voted for the occupation 3-0 with 2 abstentions.

The council's resolution states that the tribe "hereby resorts to self-determination and exercises its sovereign right of ownership by taking back into tribal possession the property."

Ramona Bennett, tribal chairwoman, presented just one demand to Milton Burdman, Director of the state Department of Social and

Health Services: that the state vacate and return the deed to the Indians. She offered to let the state use the facilities for one year without rent.

Mr. Burdman threatened to seek a federal court injunction and implied the threat of federal marshals.

Chairwoman Bennett replied, "I'm still trying to figure out if there is a valid federal government."

The Justice Department arrived on Monday. They were allowed in to speak to the occupiers. The two federal agents spoke softly of the need for understanding.

Their "conciliation specialist" listened closely to all that was said and tried to get the leaders off for a frank talk in the privacy of the next room.

But to the shock of the Justice Department officials, they were sat down in front of TV and press cameras and reporters for a discussion where promises could be preserved.

The Puyallup Indians don't want to hear smooth-talking government officials make promises in private.

They know those promises are only made to be broken, when armed marshals and the FBI come to shoot them down. They aren't going to let the state turn their liberated center back to a hell-hole prison for young Indians. □

Mike Gorcy and Scott Wagner

# If Teamsters Lose...

DETROIT—In addition to the part-timers question, another key issue in the Eastern States UPS strike is the question of productivity. The company is making a big push on this, and wants to be able to discipline drivers for low productivity. What this means in reality is that UPS wants another lever to use as a speedup device.

In Detroit, United Parcel provided a demonstration last week of what it would mean to lose this issue on the East Coast. At least four drivers at the Livonia center were handed warning notices for low productivity.

The company gave the drivers a large number of stops. Then when the drivers could not complete them—or when they took overtime to get them done—the company handed out discipline under Section 5A of the contract ("Failure to complete run in scheduled running time without a satisfactory explanation").

This contract language is so vague it virtually gives the company a free hand. East Coast UPSers should take note—it will happen to you as well, if you don't win on this issue. □

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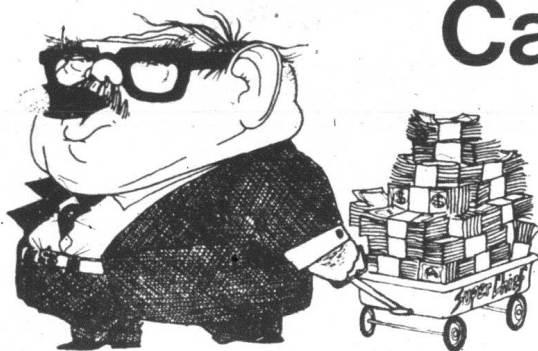
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# The Truth About Racism And The New South

## Carter's Men And Their Money...



by Gay Semel and Dan Posen

The facts revealed in our front page story are probably shocking to you—at least if you've been led to believe that Jimmy Carter represents a "New South" full of promise and hope for black and poor working people.

However, to people who know and travel in the inner circles of Mississippi Democratic politics, they aren't surprising at all: A little embarrassing, perhaps, but not the least bit shocking.

The southern Democratic Party was dominated for decades by upfront, almost sheet-wearing, racists. These pea brains believed that segregation forever, and

enforced subjugation of black people, was best for the structure of profit and power in the South. But times change. Southern industry grew with an expanding

economy in the 1950's and '60s. The system needed to move large numbers of black people off the land, into the cities, to become an expanded, stable work force.

## ...Anti-Labor, Anti-Black

by Kate Stacy

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Danny Cupit is Dixon Pyles' front man. He is co-managing the Carter-Mondale campaign along with Fred Banks, Jr. Banks is president of the Jackson, Mississippi NAACP.

Cupit and Pyles didn't become influential in the state Democratic Party for nothing. The two have been very valuable.

One source in Mississippi gave Workers' Power the following account of the law firm's role in screwing black workers in Jackson:

"In 1969 the Jackson sanitation workers went on strike during the wave of Southern black sanitation workers' strikes. Pyles talked them into filing a discrimination lawsuit instead of continuing their strike.

"A few years ago, the court decision (I'm sure it was negotiated by Pyles and Cupit) wound up with a consent order. They city agreed to pay essentially a few hundred dollars to each worker. For something like twenty years of discrimination against them.

"The discrimination continues, the union has been destroyed. Pyles and Cupit have power precisely because Pyles has terrific credentials as being pro-black."

### GOOD SERVICE

But Pyles' reputation is decades old, and certainly would now be destroyed by his role in suing organizations like the NAACP. But then, he manages to make sure his name almost never appears in the papers anymore—about the NAACP suit or anything else.

Pyles reputation can be very useful for the power structure in Mississippi. By anybody's math, his role in the sanitation workers' strike saved the city managers and businesses of Jackson a bundle of money.

His partner Cupit doesn't do too

bad either.

The Mississippi Farmworkers boycott was enormously successful, probably the most successful in the country in the early seventies.

The state was clean of scab grapes and lettuce. Every week the targeted chain, Sunflower Stores, was throwing away rotten meat. Picketing usually cut the stores' volume in half.

### SUPPRESSED AD

The coordinator of the United Farmworkers support group there described to Workers' Power Cupit's unsuccessful attempt to cripple the boycott.

The group attempted to place an ad in a Jackson newspaper, the Reporter. The ad encouraged people not to shop at Sunflower Stores, the largest chain in the state. Cupit was part owner and the paper's attorney.

Previously the paper had given the boycott significant support, but the editor and Cupit were not happy. They were trying to make the paper profitable.

Cupit, speaking for the Board of Directors, turned down the ad. His legal opinion was that telling people to boycott the stores as well as grapes and lettuce was illegal.

"We redesigned the ad to say 'Show Sunflower Stores we care,' which they also turned down. Cupit expanded his decision to say that it was illegal to 'attack' a secondary party in such a dispute."

Activities like these, squashing blacks' and workers' struggles for better conditions, have won Danny Cupit admiration in powerful political circles.

At the same time, those circles protect Dixon Pyles' influence and reputation as a pro-labor, pro-black lawyer by rarely mentioning his current activities.



**66 I think the Black people of America know the difference between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. The question is, what are they going to do about it? 99**

**JIMMY CARTER**

Carter's campaign literature

## Who Runs The Campaign?

Carter's campaign records from late 1975 indicate that \$80,000 was spent in Mississippi to sew up the primary election for Carter. There is no real indication of how it was spent.

According to one source, merchants, banks, politicians, TV stations, all were bought. Whoever Carter needed to win.

That \$80,000 figure is in big contrast to the \$15,000 to \$20,000 estimated budget for the present Mississippi campaign. There's no proof, of course, but perhaps Jimmy Carter's campaign strategists felt they could count on contributions like Pyles.

### ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTION

According to Dave Horowitz of the Federal Elections Commission, keeping someone on staff and paying them while they are

working for a Presidential campaign is an illegal campaign contribution.

According to Carter's National Legal Council, Doug Huron, arrangements like Dan Cupit's are assumed to be legal.

The important point is that the law is designed to allow professionals and independently wealthy people to staff important Presidential campaign positions: the same tiny group that makes a luxurious living off of poor and working people.

Cupit, whether on vacation or salary, is being paid out of monies collected from cases like the Port Gibson suit. The victims in the suit are the same people Carter is pledging to represent: people who fought for jobs and dignity by boycotting their opponents.

Cupit's comment on the NAACP suit? "That's just another case that we're involved in."

The expectations of black people rose proportionately. A civil rights movement was born. After years of struggle, the legal structure of southern segregation was broken.

"Whites Only" signs on buses, toilets and restaurants came down.

However, the plantation owners, the hard-line racist-businessmen of the White Citizens Councils, and the old-time Dixiecrats did not disappear.

Instead, they were forced to accept some new partners into the power structure: smooth-talking liberal lawyers, modern industrialists, and a conservative layer—of Establishment-oriented black officials.

That partnership is what's called the "New South." And right here is where Dixon Pyles comes in.

Dixon Pyles and his law firm are effective powers in Mississippi Democratic politics, precisely because of Pyles' once liberal record and his pro-black reputation.

In 1948, Dixon Pyles was the only lawyer in Mississippi who was willing to defend Willie McGee, a black man who was framed and falsely accused of raping a white woman in Laurel, Mississippi.

He took the case to the Supreme Court and won a judgment that blacks could not be convicted if the jury selection deliberately excluded blacks.

### TODAY

Today, the same Dixon Pyles represents racist businessmen who are out to destroy the NAACP financially. Their legal fees are used by Pyles to staff and finance the Carter-Mondale Mississippi campaign.

Dixon Pyles' pro-black reputation on one side, and his ties to racism on the other, are a perfect symbol of what Jimmy Carter stands for. He is also a perfect illustration of the complete failure of liberal politics to win real equality or freedom for black people, North or South, in this country.

The NAACP in Mississippi accepts this arrangement. Mississippi's NAACP acts as a machine to get out black votes for the Democratic Party, and to keep black people from forming any independent political organization to the left of the Democratic Party.

All this leaves Mississippi's blacks and poor white working people as far away from real power as they ever were. It just means the political gravy and the profits are divided up a little differently.

And right there—at the bottom—is where the victims of racism, poverty and capitalism in Mississippi and the rest of the New South will stay, until they create an independent new movement and break with the Democratic Party once and for all.

## COVERING UP

By the time Workers' Power interviewed Danny Cupit he had his act together. Unfortunately for him he did not know what other people had already told us. Here are the inconsistencies:

• AARON HENRY had told us Cupit was a "loyal member of the NAACP." CUPIT: I am not a member of the NAACP.

• DIXON PYLES had told us Cupit was working full time at full pay as a campaign contribution by Pyles to Carter. CUPIT: I

am in effect taking vacation time.

• PYLES had told us his third partner was "essentially full time" for Carter. CUPIT: Mr. Maxey is working full time [for the law firm].

• Both HENRY and another source told us both Cupit and Maxey had denounced Pyles' case against the NAACP to their American Civil Liberties Union pals. CUPIT: I have no personal position.

# ZIMBABWE - WHY THE

# WAR IS STILL ON

# Southern Africa

# News

These pictures show what the white-run Rhodesian Army does to the black villagers and freedom fighters of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia).

The pictures are distributed by the Rhodesian Army. They are handed out by soldiers to villagers, warning them that the Army will do this to them unless they cooperate with the Army against the guerrillas.

This is why control of the army and police is a critical issue for the future of Zimbabwe. The conference beginning in Geneva this week, organized by the United States and Britain to settle the future of Zimbabwe, could collapse over this issue.

The black freedom fighters of the Zimbabwe People's Army overwhelmingly agree with Robert Mugabe, leader of ZANU, one of the Zimbabwe liberation movements, who said recently:

"Even if the conference gives one hundred percent black membership of Parliament, we will not accept unless there is total destruction of Smith's army."

Ian Smith is the Prime Minister of Rhodesia. Henry Kissinger promised him that the United States will give support to a two-year political transition in which whites will still run the army and be able to kill thousands more black villagers and guerrillas.

The people who are actually fighting to liberate Zimbabwe know that Kissinger's plan is a call for them to commit suicide. These pictures prove they are right.

Zimbabwe's freedom fighters don't intend to commit suicide. They don't intend to surrender their struggle for promises from Henry Kissinger or from Joshua Nkomo, the moderate middle-class politician who the western governments have already chosen to take over from Ian Smith.



ISANGA SERESTA  
RIKO KRAAL

South Africa's police murdered at least three blacks, and wounded dozens of others, at a funeral Sunday for a 22-year-old Soweto student who hanged in prison.

Four thousand people were attending the funeral for the victim, Jacob Mashabane. Funerals for people who die in

detention prison have become important events for black solidarity and protest against the racist regime.

At Doornkop Cemetery, where the funeral service was in progress, truckloads of riot police suddenly showed up and opened fire with submachine guns and shotguns.

As usual police said they opened fire because they were in danger. Black reporters for the Rand Daily Mail, however, revealed that the police opened fire to kill without any warning.

This shooting was the second police attack on funerals in two days, and the third in a week.

The South African regime is giving a clear answer to anyone who still believes it can be reformed by friendly persuasion or moral pressure. Organizing a funeral in South Africa is punished by death, without arrest or trial.



The South African government declared the territory of Transkei independent on Tuesday. On paper, Transkei is the first of South Africa's so-called tribal homelands to become fully independent.

In reality Transkei is not independent at all. It is run by a political boss named Chief Kaiser Matanzima. His state machine is funded by South Africa.

The United Nations immediately voted 134-0 that no member should have any connection with this puppet regime. The United States, which abstained, was the only country refusing to support this boycott.

Transkei is strictly a South African colony. Three million blacks in South Africa will now be forced to become citizens of Transkei, losing all rights to live in South Africa unless they have up-to-date work permits.

Transkei is part of a scheme which will eventually force most of the 21 million blacks in South Africa to live in so-called Bantustan states, on the most barren 13% of the land in the country.

The Transkei state is such an obvious fraud that very few people from around the world could be rounded up to attend its independence ceremonies.

### PUPPETS

One of the few who did attend was Andrew Hatcher, who led a delegation of 14 Americans brought in at the expense of the South African government.

Mr. Hatcher, who is black, is one of the leading public relations front men for the South African regime in the United States. He is well paid by the South African regime to sing the praises of separate development and urge more U.S. investment in South Africa.

He also used to be a press aide to John F. Kennedy.

Andrew Hatcher and Chief Matanzima must get on famously. Puppets are the same all over, especially when they work for the same master.

# CAN THEY JAIL A WHOLE REVOLUTION?

"Putting Otelo in jail is like putting 800,000 Portuguese there, too."

That's how Pagina Um, the revolutionary daily newspaper in Portugal, responded to the arrest last week by the Portuguese government of Major Otelo de Carvalho.

Otelo was the Presidential candidate of the revolutionary left in June's elections. He received 800,000 votes—one out of every six cast.

Last week, the so-called Supreme Council of the Revolution ordered that he be arrested and jailed for 20 days.

The pretext for arresting Otelo was that he broke a law which prohibits soldiers from participating in political movements. He made a speech at a popular festival organized by the Groups for the Dynamization of Popular Unity (GDUPs).

Otelo's arrest is one more step toward a massive crackdown on revolutionaries. But more, it was a test for the revolutionary left, to see if it can still mobilize support to defend itself, Otelo and the revolution.

The answer hasn't been long in coming. Two demonstrations are

already planned to defend Otelo—in Lisbon on Wednesday, then at Cascais on Sunday.

### STILL WORRIED

The government of Portugal is trying to stabilize capitalism in Portugal by turning back the gains workers and farm laborers have won since April 25, 1974 when fascism was overthrown.

But the present government, headed by Socialist Party leader Mario Soares, is still so terrified of the power of Portuguese workers, that it cannot take more than one step at a time toward repression.

Last month, the government ordered a major military operation to take back hundreds of thousands of acres of land seized illegally by farm workers. However, in most areas of the southern farming belt (the Alentejo) the Army did not move in and dispossess people.

The government has also announced a ban on all factory meetings during working time. But it has not even attempted to enforce this.

The present Socialist Party government and its right-wing allies are not yet ready for a direct confrontation with the most power-



Otelo de Carvalho, arrested and jailed for 20 days for speaking to defend the revolution.

ful industrial workers and farm laborers. Instead they will attack the weaker, less organized and white collar workers, and attempt to destroy the revolutionary left.

### RIGHT WINGERS

The most extreme right-wing terrorists and underground fascists are pushing for a much more rapid confrontation to crush the working class.

The so-called democratic forces, government ministers and moderate military officers, including President Ramalho Eanes, are not resisting the extreme right. Instead they are trying to temporarily buy it off.

The government believes the extreme right will be satisfied, for the time being, if the revolutionary left, especially the leadership of the GDUP movement, is eliminated.

It is rumored that the Communist Party has agreed with the government to sacrifice the revolutionary left. The CP has done nothing to defend Otelo. The CP is also opposing strikes.

However, the capitalist government and the extreme right are still a long way from achieving their repressive goals.

# Chrysler Workers: Get It While You Can

# BREAK THE FORD PATTERN - STRIKE CHRYSLER NOV. 5!

The UAW announced a November 5 strike deadline at Chrysler. Chrysler became the Number Two strike target one day after it announced its largest profits ever—over \$300 million in the first nine months of 1976 alone!

This already surpasses Chrysler's biggest year of the '70s: \$255 million profit for all of 1973.

Chrysler workers recall how they sweated for those profits in '73...

day weeks for months in a row, 9<sup>h</sup> and 10 hour days. And they recall how they were sold out on "voluntary overtime" in the 1973 contract. Acceptance of the Ford pattern would mean a similar sellout in '76.

### LOCKED IN

Chrysler UAW Negotiating Committee Chairman Chuck Hafner

announced to his home Local 869 on October 24 that Chrysler is locked into the economic package set at Ford. That pattern included 1c (one cent) in new money for a 3% overall wage increase.

The pattern was accepted because the UAW rushed the vote through before Ford workers knew what was in the pact. When they learned the real deal, Ford workers began rejecting their contract in

the last days of voting.

The production vote was: all locals Yes on October 9 and 10; two locals No on October 11; and nine locals No by October 12.

"Ford Contract Stinks—We Need A Better Deal," claimed a leaflet by the Coalition for a Good Contract. This leaflet has been distributed nationally to GM and Chrysler workers, xeroxed and posted on bulletin boards, quoted

in union meetings.

Armed with this analysis, Chrysler workers look at current profit totals and say: We can get more—by voting No and telling Chrysler that the cost of imposing a Ford-pattern settlement is a strike—just at the point Chrysler is making out like a bandit.

### SAME DEAL WON'T WASH

Workers' Power has received unconfirmed reports that in some locals the membership has gone on record that a contract on the Ford pattern is unacceptable. Dodge Truck Local 140 is one example.

At Chrysler Local 869, the membership voted that any settlement would have to be subjected to a democratic discussion where opponents of the contract could argue their views. They also voted that local contract changes would have to be published three days before a vote.

The position of the UAW International leadership has been that (except for a few million owed in back SUB) Chrysler workers will have to take what Ford workers got. The strike deadline was delayed so UAW chieftains could raise the threat of Chrysler workers being out on the streets at Christmas.

However, by November 5 the political pressure against a strike caused by the UAW's support for Carter will be over. Even Doug Fraser, head of the UAW Chrysler Department, has said that a strike is a possibility at the Number Two target.

## Contract Quiz

A strike deadline of November 5 has been set by the UAW for its negotiations with Chrysler. Workers' Power asked workers at Chrysler's Lynch Road Assembly Plant what they thought of the Ford settlement which the UAW plans to sell at Chrysler as well.



"They didn't get anything. They got everything that they had before. When Ford came out with it they were gonna take away everything. So our union negotiators got together, decided we better keep what we already had. So therefore they forgot about what they went in for!"—Bishop John Wyden II, UAW Local 51.

"I think it stinks. I didn't see nothing what the workers gained, seemed like a sellout. I hope the same thing don't happen here, though. They announced the strike deadline for November 5th. Like it's Christmastime—people ain't that apt about jumping out there with no picket signs."—Eugene Lee, UAW Local 51.

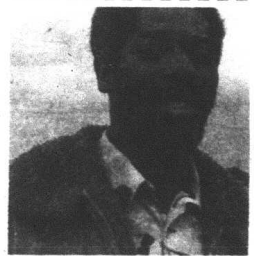
"If Fraser thinks we're going to accept the same offer Ford workers got, he's got another thing coming. We'll tell him where to take his offer."—Enid Eckstein, UAW Local 51.



"They just got sold out, the workers had to pay for everything. Everything doesn't start till '77. Ford did their homework on it."—Bob Stout, UAW Local 51.

"I think it's a bunch of junk. If they'd stayed out longer, I think they would've got more what they wanted rather than what they got, cause what they got wasn't nothing. They got that in '73 in the last contract."—Spencer Garrison, UAW Local 51.

"I think the Ford contract in a way embarrassed all of us as hard working people. Me myself I got two kids and another one on the way, and I can't accept nothing getting took from me."—Samuel Watson, UAW Local 51.



# Fraud Charged In UAW Vote Count

UAW skilled tradesmen are angry over the Ford contract. They heard its terms at an overflow meeting organized by the Independent Skilled Trades Council (ISTC) on October 21.

Al Gardner, a Ford committeeman, outlined to GM, Chrysler, and small shop skilled workers what they could expect in their own negotiations. A quiet, angry audience listened carefully.

Meetings like this, and leaflets printed by the Coalition for a Good Contract, have been the only source of information about the actual contract terms at Ford.

Gardner reported that Ford Motor's Rouge plant foremen have been warned to stay away from the tradesmen, so as not to provoke them into further interruptions of Ford's operations. Other foremen have been telling tradesmen that Ford put 50c on the table that the UAW did not pick up.

The UAW leadership feared that an extra 50c premium for skilled would have stimulated production workers to reject the contract until they got it too. Fifty cents an hour per tradesman adds up to \$100,000

a day transferred from workers' pockets to Ford's moneybags by the generous UAW leadership.

### UNIT RULE

On the contract vote itself, ISTC leaders revealed that 4 of the 13-man Ford Negotiating Council voted against accepting the deal. Only one dissenting vote was reported in the media.

Also, specific promises by Ford Local 600 President Mike Rinaldi, UAW International Rep Don LaDell, and an International spokesman at Ford Subcouncil 3, that votes would be tallied by the traditional "unit rule," were simply violated. Under the unit rule, the total number of members of the local is counted as going for whichever side wins in that local.

A unit rule count would have produced a rejection by the tradesmen and continuation of the strike.

UAW President Leonard Woodcock acknowledged this point in a letter to the ISTC in response to its request for a tally of both the actual votes and the total membership in

each local.

Woodcock wrote: "We see no purpose in giving you this information." Woodcock's refusal also made it impossible to check out locals which seemed to have more than 100% voter turnout.

The ISTC has accused the UAW of padding the ballots in the Ford ratification. They have retained an attorney to file suit against the UAW.

The GM Tech Center was heavily represented in the audience. A skilled trades committeeman from Chrysler Local 212 spoke. There was a large delegation from Dodge Main. A number of production workers from Chrysler and GM plants came to spread the skilled trades activity against a sellout into production areas.

Chrysler and GM skilled trades organizing committees were formed. The 300-plus tradesmen at the meeting were asked to view themselves as organizers against the sellout—to each bring ten more members to the next meeting. The ISTC will hold weekly rallies throughout the contract period, including three rallies during the week of October 24.

## ATTENTION G.M. SKILLED TRADESMEN

It's time for skilled tradesmen throughout the corporation to voice their dissatisfaction. Let the U.A.W. know we want to support them, but we are NOT satisfied with the pattern set by the Ford settlement.

Invest in your future. Write letters, place newspaper ads, send telegrams, and let the International and General Motors know we are not satisfied with wages that do not reflect just compensation for our skills.

Acting individually, economic justice is unobtainable. United we can achieve our goals.

AD PAID FOR BY DONATIONS FROM SKILLED TRADESMEN OF FISHER CENTRAL LOCAL 160 U.A.W.

G.M. skilled tradesmen placed this ad in the Detroit Free Press. Many Local 160 tradesmen attended a meeting called by the Independent Skilled Trades Council to organize a rejection movement at G.M. and Chrysler.



# The Crook Down The Block...

When my brother ran for County Commissioner, I learned a thing or two about the Democratic Party. One thing you can say about the Democrats is that the corruption is right at the grass roots level.

It's the crook down the block, instead of the crook up the hill. I don't think it's any improvement.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

My brother had no political experience when a guy in his neighborhood asked him to run for Commissioner. The guy even offered to pay the \$100 filing fee. His political career was launched because his last name was very similar to that of the incumbent, also a Democrat.

This guy wanted to use my brother to draw votes away from the incumbent. The whole thing was master-minded by the incumbent's opponent.

A few weeks into the race, the incumbent called my brother up and asked him to drop out. He promised my brother a few "favors" in return.

The incumbent was the big cheese of the Democratic Party machine in that district. He told my brother he would have his \$100 filing fee refunded—clearly illegal. Furthermore, he told my brother that he was not planning to finish out his term and he would appoint my brother to replace him. My brother did drop out.

Two years later, the incumbent called him up and offered to make good on his promise. What happened next shows that putting your name on the ballot has nothing to do with it. It's all deals. It's all picked ahead of time by the political machines.

## GAVE WORD

As soon as this incumbent gave the word, my brother was approached by a lot of people offering help in his election campaign. They ranged from UAW members [United Auto Workers] who said they could get their locals to endorse him, to organized crime.

The neighborhood loan shark called him up and said "his organization," as he put it, was looking for the person they wanted to back. They were prepared to give money and throw a lot of support his way. In fairness to my brother, I have to say he turned him down.

The incumbent did not come out publicly for my brother, but he did talk my brother's name up at local political rallies, dinners, stag nights, and smokers. My brother

got the backing of a lot of local officers in the UAW.

And he won the primary. Whoever wins the Democratic primary in that district wins the election.

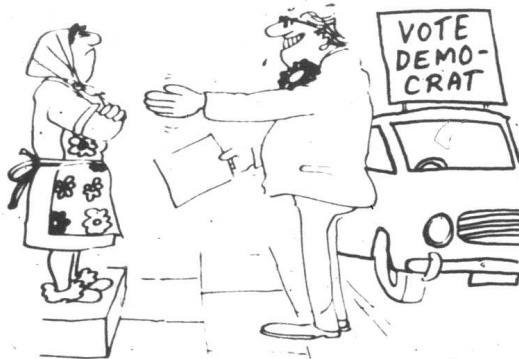
My brother is now a County

Commissioner. He works three days a week, and is paid \$18,000 a year. He goes to committee meetings, and votes on appropriations for spending money. By his own admission, a lot of people he works with don't know what they're

To protect the author of this article, specific names and places have been omitted.

doing. The hottest item before the Commissioners right now is a law to increase their term of office from two to four years. Who wouldn't want it? It's quite a set up.

## SUSPICIOUS?



... And Rightly so!

# THIRTY YEARS OF BROKEN PROMISES

There are many examples of who wins, and who loses: when workers and black people elect the "lesser evil" Democrats into power.

You can judge the results for yourself. Here are a few examples:

- Harry Truman was elected President in 1948 on the strength of tremendous labor support. He swore that he would never invoke the newly enacted Taft-Hartley law to break strikes.

- Truman vetoed Taft-Hartley, knowing Congress would override the veto anyhow. He then used Taft-Hartley against the miners, packinghouse workers, typographers, and AFL atomic workers; to name just a few.

- John F. Kennedy was elected as a liberal new face in a close race with Richard Nixon in 1960. A year later, Kennedy used the CIA in his attempt to invade Cuba. In October 1962, Kennedy nearly started World War III over the

Cuban missile crisis.

- At the 1964 Democratic Convention, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, which supported the Democrats' civil rights plank, was promised support by the party leadership to unseat the lily-white segregationist Mississippi Regular Democrats.

- At the Convention, the liberal leaders of the party, led by Hubert Humphrey, organized a deal that seated the regulars and gave the Freedom Democrats a meaningless token. They left the convention completely sold out and humiliated.

- That same 1964 Democratic Convention cheered to the rafters for Lyndon Johnson's Gulf of Tonkin resolution, which gave the White House a free hand to escalate the war in Vietnam.

- Want more examples? Then vote for the Democrats again. They'll give you plenty.

# The evils of Lesser Evilism

by Ken Brown and Gay Semel

The Republican Party is the party of big business. We know it and they boast of it.

The Democratic Party calls itself the party of the little people, black and white.

Jimmy Carter tells us that "the people have to depend on the Democrats or the 'special interests' will run the country."

Workers' Power says the Democratic Party is every bit as much the party of racism, big business and the "special interests" as is the Republican Party.

To prove it, this special series has examined how the Democratic Party works and who pulls the strings.

Over the last seven weeks this column has picked over the Democratic Party with a fine tooth comb.

We've shown that the real backers of the Democratic Party, the ones who pull the strings, are not you and me and the rest of the little people—but big business.

We've shown that many of the big cities are still run by crooked machines—and we've shown how they work.

We've shown the racism of the Democratic Party, North and South. We've shown how the Southern Dixiecrats are very much a part of the Party, and, in fact, control many of the leading Congressional Committees.

We've shown how, over and over, in power Democratic Party politicians betray the working people who voted them in.

And we've exposed Jimmy Carter for the lying, racist friend of big business he really is.

## A LESSER EVIL?

However, many people still say, "You're right—most of the Democratic Party is rotten. But they're better than the Republicans."

That way of thinking is called "lesser evilism." And every election year it keeps working people, blacks and other minorities

tied to a party that is guaranteed to sell them out.

Why do people keep getting fooled?

There are two main reasons. The first is that although most people agree that the Democratic Party is rotten, they believe there are a few exceptions. And they believe that these few can have an effect. Especially if the few get to be many.

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It got me active. I called McGovern headquarters and said I was willing to work with them.

There were left groups around, but I wanted to stop the war in Vietnam, and I believed the Democrats could do it because they had the numbers.

I worked hard for McGovern that summer in the primaries, and for his election in the fall. But, as we all know, he was soundly defeated.

## TWO WINGS

In New York, there are two wings of the Democratic Party. There is the traditional wing; I call it the bosses' wing. And there is an ultra-liberal wing. The McGovern people sent me to one of the liberal clubs on the Lower East Side. It was called the Roosevelt Independent Democrats Club.

It was a couple years later that I found out just how liberal they were. I found out that the liberal wing had no hesitation about collaborating with the conservative wing. In terms of their activity, they were often just as conservative as the bosses' wing.

I found this out during the election for mayor in 1973. My club supported someone named Blumenthal. Blumenthal wasn't as liberal as the club, but he was close.

I myself supported Badillo. Badillo was a Puerto Rican. He was the first Puerto Rican Congressman in the country. I supported him because he was a third world candidate and a liberal.

But neither of them won the primary. Abe Beame did. Beame was from the bosses' wing of the party.

I was left with the decision of whether or not to support Beame. I didn't want to see the Republican candidate win, so I chose the lesser evil.

## COLLABORATION

Well, when the fiscal crisis hit New York City last year, Mayor Beame is that same "lesser evil" who sold the city to the banks and laid off thousands of municipal

employees.

That year there was a Democrat running for city council president that I did like, Paul O'Dwyer. O'Dwyer was a famous liberal. He had been active in the civil rights struggles in the 50's, and he was very active in the anti-war movement. O'Dwyer was a very respected man.

Since I felt so negative about Beame, I worked for O'Dwyer. But O'Dwyer was on the same ticket as Beame, and O'Dwyer actively supported Beame.

That was the end for me. After seeing the collaboration between the two wings of the party, I saw there was no basis for change. Once I got active in the Democratic Party, I found myself making more and more compromises.

I didn't feel so bad about supporting McGovern in '72. But I had wanted to support Badillo for mayor, and he didn't have a chance. When I found myself voting for Beame, I knew something was wrong.

## machine's backing against Ryan.

The McManus family has run the local Democratic Club in Hell's Kitchen since 1905. "I'm still collecting on favors that were done 20 years ago by my father and 50 years ago by my great uncles," James McManus said. "That's what organization politics is all about."

In the Congress Abzug is being shaped by the institution. "I use all the tactics that everyone else uses of compromise and vote-getting," she says. As a colleague, Robert Giaimo, Connecticut Democrat, put it: "She's developing the ability to cooperate with other members."

## WHO WINS?

The other reason people are fooled by the Democratic Party, year after year, is that the Democratic Party can win.

So, people reason, "Isn't it better to have influence over a winner than back a loser?"

The answer is: who wins? It isn't working people. When they're in power the Democratic Party will do what the system demands of it. In power there is little difference between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party.

Lyndon Johnson was the classic wheeler-dealer Democratic Party

hack.

As a Senator, he had opposed all civil rights legislation for 20 years. In 1963 he became President, succeeding the assassinated Kennedy. Johnson, like Kennedy before him, began escalating the then-secret war in Vietnam. He just didn't bother saying too much about it before the 1964 election.

In 1964, the Republicans nominated an openly conservative, pro-war candidate, Barry Goldwater. Johnson became the "lesser evil."

Johnson had to win, the Democrats told us, because Goldwater had to be defeated. Almost the entire left jumped on Johnson's bandwagon.

Johnson won in a landslide, with a massive peace vote. He then proceeded to carry out Goldwater's program. Vietnam became a major war that killed over two million Vietnamese and 40,000 Americans. The Democratic "lesser evil" in office, carried out the war the people voted against. The war didn't end until the people of Vietnam drove the U.S. out.

The answer for working people, poor people, black and other minorities does not lie with the Democratic Party.

Each year that we fall for the logic of "lesser evilism" we end up with the same evil and no closer to building an alternative. □

## What We Think



election '76  
VOTE NO!

## IT'S TIME TO BUILD A WORKING CLASS ALTERNATIVE

Workers' Power says: Vote NO in this election. We say both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, and their twin candidates, represent the interests of big business, war and racism.

Whoever wins this time, working people lose. We say both Ford and Carter should be voted down. We say, don't vote, or cast a blank ballot by closing the curtain and opening it again.

## DOES THIS MEAN WE ARE AGAINST VOTING IN ALL ELECTIONS?

The answer is no. As socialists, we are for democracy. We are for a society run democratically by working people, where workers make decisions—the real decisions—about how the economy and the government are run.

And, even in today's society, the electoral process can be used by working people as one tool in the fight for better lives. However, this cannot be done by voting for one of the capitalist parties—parties which use workers' votes to elect politicians run by the employers.

Every union member knows the difference between a real union and a company union. A company union is controlled by the bosses. The Democratic Party is a company party. Black people know who Uncle Tom is. The Democratic Party is Uncle Tom's party.

Supporting the Democratic Party means crippling one arm that workers could fight with. One arm, the unions, is free to hit at the bosses. But the other arm, the political arm, is tied behind our backs.

In other words, we can strike—but the party we put in power issues injunctions to crush our struggle. Black people help put the Democratic Party into office, then must stand by while its candidates and policies encourage the rise of racism.

We are crippled by the Democratic Party because the leaders of the trade unions and the black community tell us the Democratic Party is the road forward. They are wrong. Every movement for change that has tied itself to the Democratic Party has been sold out.

But even worse than the fact that we are sold out today is the fact that by supporting the Democratic Party we also bargain away our future.

It is more than understandable that today's labor leaders, who believe the bosses' profits must be protected at all costs, organize support for a party of wage controls. However, it isn't at all understandable or necessary for rank and file workers to remain tied to this worn-out, tired and losing strategy.

## WHICH WAY FORWARD?

Workers, black people and other oppressed minorities in this country need a new party—a party of our own.

We need a party that stands for our interests, not the employers'.

We need a party that strengthens our struggle in the shops, the fields, the mines, the mills and other workplaces, instead of dragging that struggle backward to defeat.

We need a party that carries our struggle for decent wages, for jobs that are safe to work on, for union rights and equal rights, into the political arena. We need a party that fights to outlaw racism and sexism, to end budget cuts by stopping interest payments to the rich and \$100 billion war budgets and for jobs for all.

The movement for a new mass working class party in this country will grow out of the rank and file movement which is developing in many unions.

Don't waste your time voting for bosses' candidates. Get involved in the rank and file movement—start building a movement that will create a party worth working for. □

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# How Red-Baiting Could Stall Miners' Movement

By Kim Moody

The recent convention of the United Mine Workers union (UMW) witnessed an orgy of red-baiting. Reporters for left-wing newspapers were thrown out, and some convention delegates were threatened for alleged communist connections.

The convention was a reflection of the power that anti-communist sentiment still commands in the miners union. A lot of miners are prepared to go along with an anti-red crusade, and the current situation in the UMW makes such a possibility a potential disaster for the rank and file.

It was rank and file militants who cleared the old Tony Boyle regime

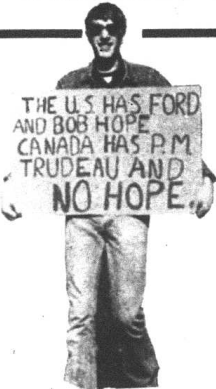
out of office and installed Arnold Miller.

Breaking Boyle's stranglehold on the union opened the way for greatly increased rank and file activity. But Miller turned his back on the ranks and refused to wage a consistent fight against the employers. So the militants are disgusted with him.

So far the rank and file is disorganized. They have waged huge strikes, impressive displays of their power and creativity. But as yet, there is no real organization beyond the most local level.

LEROY PATTERSON

Seeing the Miller administration



## Labor Notes

by Jim Woodward

If you make the rules, you can always exempt yourself from them. At least that's what Congress says. It seems that when Congress passed the **Occupational Safety and Health law**, it voted itself an exemption. One Congressman, Larry Pressler, says he would have to pay substantial fines for violations in his office if it weren't for that exemption.

The **International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU)** is trying to tell the employers how to run their business...and the bosses love it! The ILGWU is running seminars for the many small New York garment companies. The union is trying to teach the employers how to use assembly line techniques and cut their costs. One disgruntled group of ILGWU members picketed a recent session, calling the seminar a "Speed-Up School."

The **American Trucking Association (ATA)**, the organization of trucking employers, is apparently supporting **Jimmy Carter** for President. Or at least they're saying nice things about him. The ATA is upset about a Ford administration proposal to deregulate the trucking industry. Complete deregulation would restore wide-open, cut-throat free enterprise to the trucking industry, allowing a company to drive their trucks anywhere they want, and charge whatever rates they please. That's the last thing the employers want.

A recent ATA press release reports on a meeting between trucking industry executives and Bert Lance, Carter's transportation adviser. Lance told the bosses that Carter opposes the Ford deregulation legislation and added that Carter "understands the free enterprise system...As a peanut farmer, he understands your problem. You have certificates or permits—he has to deal with allotments. So, he understands the problem free entry would create...the need for regulation in the trucking industry..." It seems like some of these characters are great defenders of the free enterprise system until the threat of a little competition affects their own pocketbooks.

We don't mind them being against free enterprise, since we don't go for the system ourselves. But we think it's a bit hypocritical of them to make nice speeches about apple pie and free enterprise and competition, and then come out shrieking whenever someone proposes to do away with peanut allotments or regulation of the trucking industry.

Organized terror against Mexican workers by the **U.S. Immigration Service** is not limited to the Southwest. Immigration officers and county sheriffs raided a field in Putnam county, Ohio September 28. According to the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), the officers beat up one person, maced women and children, and knocked unconscious a woman who was nine months pregnant. FLOC said it planned a protest march to the Immigration Bureau in Toledo.

In the **United Steel Workers** election campaign, the McBride slate has run into unexpected difficulties. McBride's candidate for International Secretary, **William Moran**, has died. An omen of things to come for the Abel machine?

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falling apart. Boyle's old cronies have taken the offensive. Boyle himself now resides in federal prison, but his old supporters are running LeRoy Patterson for UMW president in next June's elections.

Patterson represents no alternative for militant miners. He would take the union back to the corrupt old days when the union leadership fought the ranks head on.

As part of their attack, the **Patterson forces have tried to associate Miller with communists. They openly red-baited Miller and his staff at the convention.**

The actual number of reds in the heartland of the coal mining industry is minute. The number of reds in the leadership of the big strikes that have swept the coal fields in recent years is even more minute.

Yet the employers, the local press, and the top officials of the UMW, including Miller, hollered about reds leading the strikes. Why? For the same reason Patterson's people tried to paint Miller red—to divide, discredit, and demoralize.

The problem is that some miners appear willing to fall for it. Anti-communism is strong in the culture and traditions of many mining communities. Many of the most militant rank and file miners regard themselves as hard-anti-communists.

They may hate the coal owners, Tony Boyle, LeRoy Patterson, and Arnold Miller too, but if an anti-communist crusade is cooked up, they're ready to join in. And this cannot help but have an effect on union politics.

### ALTERNATIVE

If there is to be an alternative to Miller or Patterson, the rank and file leaders at the local level will have to organize nationally and come up with a slate of candidates of their own. Without that, the rank and file will be effectively disenfranchised next June.

Without effective organization, even a good opposition slate could end up as a re-run of the Miners, for Democracy and Arnold Miller. Without good organization, it is doubtful if the Patterson forces could be isolated enough to be defeated.

And this is where red-baiting comes in: Miller and Patterson are not throwing red charges around because they are worried that communists will take over the union.

Both, for their own, different reasons want to create an atmosphere of fear in which local militants are afraid to stick their necks out and overly cautious about who they work with over other areas.

Caution, fear, timidity, and the willingness to duck every time someone shouts "red," will be enough to weaken or even head off any serious rank and file organization beyond the local level.

Miller hopes that an anti-communist atmosphere will allow him to regain control over the most important areas of the union.

Patterson wants to head off any real rank and file intervention in the election, in the hope that he will pick up most of the anti-Miller vote. And that is what the red-baiting is all about.

The miners can follow the example of the Teamsters, who have continuously beat back red-baiting and organized a national rank and file organization, Teamsters for a Democratic Union. Or,



Anti-communist hysteria dominated parts of the recent United Mine Workers convention. That sentiment poses a potentially serious problem for the rank and file miners' movement.

they can join in the chorus of anti-communism and let the likes of Patterson and Miller walk away with their union.

The miners can fight around the real issues: safety, the right to strike, pensions. Or they can fall

for the phony issue of anti-communism.

The key to winning is to "keep your eyes on the prize" and to maintain the unity of the rank and file. And that means unity with reds as well as anyone else who works in the mines.

## N. Calif. TDU Holds First Meeting; Joins Picket

Northern California Teamsters for a Democratic Union held its first public meeting October 16. It was attended by 32 people from six locals.

The new TDU is a group of people already active in their locals. Local 278, a mixed local which includes UPS and Beer, made up the largest contingent.

Jim Davidson, Local 85, and Gail Sullivan, Local 278, reported on the National TDU convention of September 14. Both attended it and were elected to the National Steering Committee.

There were reports from Beer, and from Local 853 on the petition drive to transfer the dues increase to a strike fund.

A woman from UPS Local 278 spoke about the formation of a women's caucus in response to the special harassment and problems women face on the job.

A member of Local 278 reported the formation of a Stewards' Council. The Council has been helping with grievances, spreading information among stewards and organizing an election candidates' forum for the upcoming election.

### FIFTH WHEEL

The group adopted Fifth Wheel as the official paper. Fifth Wheel has been published by Bay Area rank and file Teamsters for five years. Terry Hill, (beer) 278, was elected editor. Nominations for a steering committee were also made.

Almost everyone present joined, and over \$400 was either collected or pledged.

TDU is definitely on its way in the Bay Area. At the next meeting, November 14, Pete Camarata, Local 299 Detroit, will speak.

### LOOMIS PICKET

SAN FRANCISCO—Teamsters and members of a working women's organization picketed Loomis Courier Service here October 18 in response to the firing of a militant woman driver.

Members of the IBT Local 278 shop stewards' council, the Northern California Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU) and Union WAGE (Union Women's Alliance to Gain Equality) formed the line. Loomis is in the jurisdiction of Teamsters Local 278.

Leaflets from the stewards council and jointly from TDU and Union WAGE demanded that route assignments be made according to seniority. Loomis has recently used route assignments to discriminate against other drivers who stood up for their rights.

The shop steward thanked everyone for their support. He said the demonstration had boosted the morale of the drivers tremendously.

This special issue of the British I.S.'s journal is devoted entirely to two topics: "Mao: Tse-tung and China" and "Ireland: a special survey."

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## Workers' Power Wants To Hear From You

Election day is this Tuesday. Workers' Power has been running a series on the Democratic Party. We say that the Democrats, like the Republicans, are the party of racism, big business, and special interests. We say Vote No in '76!

We say democracy is more than voting once every four years for one of two very similar candidates.

What do you think? If you think Jimmy Carter will make a difference, write and tell us why.

Write to: Workers' Power, 14131 Woodward, Highland Park, MI 48203.

Workers' Power has available pre-addressed, stamped mailgrams. Ask your Workers' Power seller for one.

## More Evidence Against The State

Dear Workers' Power,

I have followed your coverage of the Gary Tyler case. Workers' Power has maintained that Tyler was framed. There are several facts that you missed which also indicate Tyler's innocence.

You reported that the alleged murder weapon is a .45 automatic. This is a big, klutzy weapon that was never designed to be carried concealed. It is not a weapon that a kid with a slight build like Gary Tyler could carry around all day without being noticed.

The .45 is an extremely loud pistol. Had one been fired inside a confined area like a bus, everyone inside would have been partially deafened for hours. But nobody noticed a thing, including the bus driver who was a military veteran.

## LETTERS



Detroit, 1976. Support for Gary Tyler is strong across the country. Only a mass movement will set him free.

The .45 came from a police target range. The standard military .45 has a stiff trigger pull, as a safety feature. Pistols used for target shooting often have the trigger pull lightened by honing down the sear. This makes them more accurate, but also more dangerous since they will fire at a light touch.

All the evidence suggests that some cop "borrowed" the .45 from the range, clumsily shot an innocent bystander, and pinned the

blame on Gary Tyler to save his own neck.

Gary Tyler was not convicted on the evidence, however. This is a political trial. The ruling class wants to hang Gary Tyler as an example to keep the rest of us in line. Only the power of the working class will be able to set Gary Tyler free.

Fraternally,  
R.F. Kampfer



Dear Workers' Power,

As an active Liberty Union member and someone involved in the Laborers' strike in Vermont, I was pleased to see the article in Workers' Power, "How the Democratic Party Sold Out the Laborers or Why I'm not Voting in '76."

I became involved with the Liberty Union Party at the time of the construction workers' strike when it became quite clear that neither the Democrats or Republicans gave a damn about the plight of working people in the state.

The construction trade unions in Vermont were being busted, and the liberal Democratic governor who campaigned as a "friend of labor" stood by and did nothing. I it was clear to me at that point that the Democrats and Republicans

were the same and did not represent the interests of working people.

In Vermont, Liberty Union is an alternative. Liberty Union doesn't represent the economic and political interests of the banks and corporations that run the world—Liberty Union represents you and me.

Liberty Union stands for meaningful employment at union scale wages, lower utility bills, housing, decent education for our children and provisions for the needs of the unemployed, the elderly and disabled.

The Democrats and Republicans do not offer a choice. Vote Liberty Union.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Karg  
Calais, Vermont



Richard Frankenstein (right) and Walter Reuther (left) were beaten up by Ford goons in 1937. Today the UAW bureaucrats organize the red-baiting and goon squads themselves.

## RED-BAITING: IT'S AN OLD TRICK

Dear Workers' Power,

I read the article about red-baiting in the Teamsters Union in the last issue of Workers' Power.

Red-baiting is as old as the labor movement. Whenever workers have organized and struggled to improve their conditions, they have been branded as "reds."

In the United Auto Workers (UAW) today, you are red-baited if

you advocate the 32 hour work week; if you support the idea of a labor party; if you advocate industry-wide bargaining; or if you persist in the struggle against speedup, for improved working conditions or enforcement of the shop safety rules.

The UAW International and the local union officers will red-bait anyone of their critics who supports militant policies.

John Anderson  
Former President  
UAW Local 15

## Get Out The NO Vote!

Dear Workers' Power,

A lot of us look forward to every new edition of Workers' Power, and especially to the Special on the presidential elections mentioned a few weeks ago. That might help our "Vote No" registration on campus.

We entertain no thoughts of being able to do anything significant here unless we speak to the issues raised in Workers' Power. The paper helps to stimulate a lot of discussion, but still the main issue continues to be the upcoming elections.

I suppose it's not too hard to understand how students are duped by the "lesser of two evils" political farce. It'll be a shock to many when they get out of here, but there's a pretty privileged bunch here who won't feel a thing.

In solidarity,  
Joel Finkel  
Carleton College  
Northfield, MN

In red-baiting these militants, the union officials are giving a signal to the employer that the union wants these people silenced or fired. Management is all too willing to act on the signal from these union officials.

But in 1937 when the UAW was forming, the union leadership was different. At that time Walter Reuther was leader of the GM sit-down strike. He was red-baited by the press and by conservatives in the union. He wrote at that time, "Those who peddle the red scare are dangerous enemies of the Union."

A few years later, after Reuther broke with the Communist Party, he began a career of red-baiting without equal in the history of the American labor movement.

Now that red-baiting is again being used widely against militants in the labor movement, rank and file workers would do well to remember Reuther's original words.

## Bell To Slash 41,000 Jobs

In the next twelve months, AT&T might easily clear 4 billion dollars in profits. But that's not enough to satisfy the phone company—the world's largest monopoly.

They are now implementing a program which will save them \$2 billion more by 1980—and involves laying off 41,000 operators.

Bell is switching over all facilities involving operators to the modern equipment of the Traffic Service Position System, or T.S.P.S.

With T.S.P.S., operators can release a call in about 45 seconds instead of the usual 60. Thus fewer operators are needed.

Also, T.S.P.S. allows teams of up to 60 operators to be located 50 miles and more from the exchanges they are serving. Bell officials maintain that moving the facilities into the suburbs allows them to be located at "easy to reach highway and public transit crossroads." This is nonsense.

The operators who now work in the cities, a large percentage of whom are black women, have no way to get to the suburban locations. This means unemployment for them after Bell moves out of town.

### RACIST BELL

This is just what the racist phone company wants. They prefer a work force of white women.

AT&T did not hire blacks until the early 60's. By then, the low pay scale and horrible working conditions could no longer attract white women.

Even then Bell recruited black women in the South for operator jobs in the North. The phone company hoped that Southern black women would be grateful for these jobs in the North, as they were still excluded from them in the South.

Also the phone company hoped that Southern black women would be untainted by the "trade unionism" prevalent among Northern workers.

Their militancy, plus the changed attitude of black Southern women exposed to trade unionist ideas, has made Bell's urban, black Traffic workforce too threatening to AT&T operations.

They are hoping that suburban white women will be far more passive than their urban black sisters. So Ma Bell wants to charge the traffic workforce again.

The installation of T.S.P.S. equipment across the country will make Bell happy in two ways.

It will decrease the number of operators. And it will give Bell the white suburban workforce it prefers.

## IF THE SHOE FITS...

Dear Workers' Power,

Last night I went to see "The Front," Woody Allen's new movie. It was about blacklisting of Hollywood writers and actors during the McCarthy period.

The movie showed two things very clearly. The anti-communist repression was ruthless in going after anyone who was even pale pink, who'd even marched in a May Day parade six years before, or even just criticized the blacklist.

And the red scare was made possible by the cooperation of people who didn't want to "make waves." Lots of people who weren't political one way or the other went along with the blacklisting because it was "part of their job."

When my friend and I came out of the movie we started handing out Gary Tyler leaflets. The manager came up immediately and told us we couldn't do it because the theater sidewalk was private property.

I asked him what he thought of the movie and didn't he think it was awful how they denied people their freedom of speech way back then in the fifties. He just looked embarrassed and turned away. But he still wouldn't let us pass out the leaflets. Just doing his job, I guess.

Jenny Singer  
Detroit

# Election Special: Going Like Hotcakes

PITTSBURGH — The I.S. branch here has ordered 1500 copies of the Workers' Power election special. Workers' Power sales are strong here. One comrade reports that the branch is using the election special to build sales even more.

"As soon as I heard of the election special I knew that there was a lot that we could do with it. Here in Pittsburgh we want to make the name Workers' Power known as widely as possible.

"In the next ten days we hope to distribute over 1000 election specials. We are going to concentrate our efforts on two neighborhoods in Pittsburgh where we have already been selling Workers' Power.

## DOOR TO DOOR

"Westgate Village is a neighborhood where we have not yet sold Workers' Power

but we want to. The election special is a perfect introduction. Our plan is to go from door to door in the neighborhood passing out the special with a leaflet enclosed. The leaflet will explain what Workers' Power is and tell people that we will be back next week to sell them a regular issue.

"In another neighborhood, Northview Heights, we have already been selling Workers' Power. We hope that a distribution of the election special will help us extend the sales and make our regular readers think even more about the I.S.

"This election year has been like all the rest. Carter is tied to big business. This special exposes Carter for what he really is.

"The special will help us convince our readers why we say 'Vote No in '76.'"

Jimmy Higgins

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## Red Tide Fights for Right to Leaflet

DETROIT—In the past few months, the Red Tide has been hassled and harassed numerous times by police. During the second semester of the last school year the Red Tide began distributing political literature in front of high schools.

On five separate occasions, groups of two to four black and white Red Tide members have been arrested and charged with distributing political literature within 250 feet of a public school.

As a result of this big crime that the police say Red Tide members have done, cases have come before Traffic Court Judge Hague.

Charges against four Red Tide members were dismissed October 18. But four days later, three more Red Tide members were arrested for the same thing. Two were defendants who had been acquitted earlier that week.

There will be more Red Tide members arrested for this same charge, until the police get it through their heads that the ordinance reads: "It shall be unlawful for any person to enter and remain in any

public, private, or parochial school, or on surrounding school grounds within 250 feet of the school building." Not across the street on private property, or on a street corner, or even on an empty field.

The Red Tide members are completely innocent—the police are just harassing them.

### STOP HARASSMENT

On October 28, the Red Tide is going to the Board of Police Commissioners to demand clarification on the ordinance and an end to the harassment.

The Red Tide is also asking the Police Commission to make a public statement about the ordinance, so the parents of the Red Tide members won't have to worry about their daughter or son getting arrested while passing out political literature.

Support the Detroit Red Tide in its efforts to organize in schools and the community. Come to the next Red Tide trial on November 16, in Traffic Court, and show your support.

Lisa M. Manchester



Members of the Red Tide have been arrested by the police for distributing literature on five separate occasions. Here a member of the Red Tide is hassled by the police.

## Where We Stand

### WE OPPOSE

#### • CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION

We live under the capitalist system. The wealth produced by working people is stolen from us by private employers. They prosper from our labor.

#### • CAPITALIST CONTROL

Capitalists use their profits only to make more profits. When they need fewer workers; they create unemployment. When they need more money, they speed up work, downgrade safety conditions and raise prices. The capitalist system spends little on health care, a clean environment, or social services, because these things make no profit.

#### • OPPRESSION

Capitalism needs inequality—because it needs profits, it can't provide enough for all. So it gives some groups of people worse jobs and lower pay, and labels them inferior. In particular, capitalism locks black people into the bottom of society, and spreads racist ideas to keep them there and justify it. Capitalism keeps women responsible for taking care of the workforce when it is not at work, including children, who are too young to work. Women who work for wages have two jobs.

#### • CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT

The government serves the capitalist class. Its only purpose is to protect the private profit system. It protects its interests abroad through economic control of other countries, spying and wars.

#### • BUREAUCRATIC COMMUNISM

Russia, China and the countries with economies like theirs are also oppressive class societies, run by a privileged ruling class of bureaucrats. They are not socialist and must be overthrown by the working classes of those countries.

### WE SUPPORT

#### • THE RANK AND FILE MOVEMENT

The unions protect workers from their employers. But today's unions are run by privileged officials who sell out because they support the capitalist system. They want labor peace not labor power. We support the struggle for rank and file control of the unions.

#### • LIBERATION FROM OPPRESSION

We support the struggles of every oppressed group to end its oppression; the struggle for equality and justice by blacks, women, gays, latinos, native Americans, and all oppressed people. Support from the entire working class movement will make both these struggles, and that movement stronger.

#### • SOCIALISM

Society should be run by the working class. The wealth produced by those who work should go to fill people's needs, not to private gain.

#### • WORKERS' REVOLUTION

But the capitalist class will not give up their rule and profits voluntarily. Socialism can be created only when the working class seizes control of the factories and makes their own government. The working class will rule democratically because it can own society's wealth only together.

#### • INTERNATIONALISM

The struggle for socialism is world wide. Nations fighting to throw out foreign rulers must have the support of the international working class as in Angola today. So must every struggle of working people to end their oppression, as in Portugal today, and in Russia and Eastern Europe.

#### • REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

The most class conscious members of the working class have the responsibility to lead the struggle toward socialist revolution. To do this they must build an organization to put their consciousness into action and make their leadership effective.

#### • INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

The I.S. is an organization of revolutionary socialist workers. We are open to all who accept our basic principles and are willing to work as a member to achieve them. Join with us to build the I.S. into a revolutionary party, to build the movement to end exploitation and oppression and to create a socialist world.

# ARE THE COURTS NEUTRAL?

by Marilyn Danton

Consider the following: An 18-year-old black man, son of a janitor, robs a service station for \$58.00. He is arrested, tried and sentenced to from 2 to 15 years in prison. At the same time, an 18-year-old white man, son of a wealthy industrialist, steals a car and goes joy riding. He is arrested, released to his parents' custody and the charges are eventually dropped.

Unbelievable? It happens all the time. **These two incidents vividly portray the role of the court system in this country. If you are white and wealthy or have political clout like the Watergate defendants, then you have little to fear from our system of justice. But if you are poor, black and/or working class, it's a whole other story.**

The courts are not neutral as our high school history books tell us, nor is justice blind. Just the opposite. The courts have a key role to play in defense of the American capitalist system.

## COURTS EAGER TO BREAK STRIKES

If you are a worker and go out on a strike that's not legal, you will be faced with an immediate court injunction prohibiting you from striking under penalty of arrest or fine. There is a judge in Ohio who has a stack of injunctions already signed. All a company has to do in case of a strike is to apply for one, and it is automatically granted and backed up by the local police. Even in the case of a legal strike, the federal government can do this with the Taft-Hartley act by calling for an 80-day cooling off period if the strike is deemed to be damaging to the national economy.

**Can unions get injunctions against companies for violating the contract? The answer is NO. It's pretty obvious who's side the courts are on.**

And finally, if you're fighting back against this system, or even just standing up for your rights, you'll find the entire court network arraigned against you like Gary Tyler has found in the state of Louisiana.

But, what about the examples of people winning in court—like Joann Little, Angela Davis and Huey Newton? Don't they prove that the courts are fair and that justice is blind to color and wealth?

**NO. But these cases do show something else. They show that even the courts will respond to pressure—the pressure of an organized movement of people demanding, for once, real justice, not kangaroo courts.**

## IN THE STREETS

In each of these examples, the case was not simply tried in court. It was tried—and won—in the streets. Hundreds and thousands of people got involved, building demonstrations, vigils, rallies, raising money for good political lawyers and all committed to seeing real justice done.

The courts responded, not because they are neutral, but because they were forced to. The courts know that a mass movement spells more trouble for the system—much more trouble than giving in when they are backed into a corner.

**When thousands of people are watching a particular case, it makes the courts come under close watch. It makes the proceedings less corrupt. Otherwise, they run the risk of being exposed for what they really are and that is even more threatening.**

The court system works precisely because most people still believe in it on some level. It is essential that they maintain this faith—or the system will crumble.

So, the courts, like the police, national guard, and army are all a part of the capitalist state, set up precisely to defend and maintain this system in all of its injustice. None are neutral.

And today, as long as we live under this rotten system, building a movement that demands the freedom of those convicted and framed for fighting back is the only way we can get justice.

That is why we join in building a movement to free Gary Tyler, framed for murder in a desegregation case in Destrehan, Louisiana. It is the only way to ensure that the courts and American racist justice don't devour one more fighter for freedom. □



In cases like Gary Tyler's, the courts respond only to the pressure of an organized movement.

# VIEW FROM THE AUDIENCE

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## ALL'S FAIR



Bernadette Peters stars as Charley. Richard Crenna plays her lover, a William Buckley-type journalist.

# "Mom, Apple Pie And the Electric Chair"

by Elissa Clarke

"All's Fair" is a new CBS situation comedy about politics. It's produced by Norman Lear, whose name almost guarantees a hit. It makes dollar signs show up in sponsors' eyeballs.

The show revolves around a love affair between a conservative and a radical.

**"ALL'S FAIR" CBS, Monday night. Produced by Norman Lear. Starring Bernadette Peters and Richard Crenna.**

The conservative, Richard Barrington, is a journalist, modeled after William Buckley. In last week's episode he is praised for believing in the American ideals—"mom, apple pie, and the electric chair."

The radical, Charley Drake, is played by Bernadette Peters. She is a photographer and a mish-mash of all that's supposed to be hip these days. The network's idea of a liberated woman. Also a vegetar-

ian, she eats soy bean bacon for breakfast.

She doesn't eat grapes because she supports the United Farm Workers. And she doesn't cross a picket line either. (Which makes her a cut above most stereotyped radicals.)

So it sounds like Young Republican meets Young Democrat. Almost, but that would be boring. So they add a few twists. For example, Richard is well into his 40's, and Charley is 22.

## UNREAL SITUATION

So what makes Charley fall for the old geezer? She says it's his "wisdom."

The message here is that politics ain't so important. The rich capitalists who sponsor these shows want all young radicals to get that message.

Hey kids, you can give up the things you believe in—it's as easy as falling in love. That message is as important to them as selling soap.

"All's Fair" loses much of its impact because it is such an unreal situation. Charley's explanation of her infatuation with Richard is not believable.

In the first episode of the season,

Richard has a long-standing romance with his secretary. As soon as Charley shows up, the secretary bows out gracefully, saying "I know I can't compete." Charley feels bad about this. It doesn't exactly fit in with her ideals of sisterhood.

"Maybe we could adopt her," Charley says.

The city provides another angle for the plot lines. The show's set in Washington, one of the hottest spots in the country these days. Remember Watergate, Fanny Foxe and Elizabeth Ray?

## DUMPING ON POLITICIANS

The setting is used to make political comments on the men who run this country. Since Richard Nixon, the media is allowed to dump on politicians, like never before.

Remember when Gerald Ford was appointed vice-president? The media portrayed him as an idiot by quoting Lyndon Johnson saying, "Gerry can't walk and chew gum at the same time." Now most politicians have little credibility, and dumping on them is a national pastime.

In "All's Fair" there is a Senator who symbolizes politicians. He's as smart as a two-year-old.

In one episode, he approaches Richard the day before Richard is supposed to interview him on television. He brings a bottle of champagne. "That looks like a bribe," Richard says.

"I came to ask you not to raise certain issues tomorrow," the Senator says.

"Which issues?"

"All of them." This type of dialogue is well received these days. And with good reason. "All's Fair" is the first program to capitalize on this anti-politician sentiment.

## IN REAL LIFE

In fact, in real life, Charley and Richard would not be able to stand each other. She's always trying to take him to rock concerts—and he wears three-piece suits.

In one show, the maintenance staff at Richard's apartment is on strike. Charley won't cross the picket line. So Richard bribes the strikers to say the strike is over.

Charley realizes what is happening, but she just thinks it's cute. Principles or no—that's hard to stomach.

Probably you want to know if "All's Fair" is a good show. It's entertaining. It's sometimes funny. And it's better than most of the garbage on TV. But that's not saying much. □

# WORKERS' POWER



Mrs. Juanita Tyler

## Nationwide Rallies Scheduled

# FREE GARY TYLER!

DETROIT—Mrs. Juanita Tyler began a midwest speaking tour here on October 30. Her son, Gary, has been on Death Row awaiting his own murder. Gary was convicted of the death of a white youth during an anti-busing riot in Destrehan, Louisiana. "Gary is very grateful for the support he's been getting," Mrs. Tyler told *Workers' Power*. "He wants more and more. Because it's going to take more and more people involved to show the courts that we really mean business."

Mrs. Tyler's speaking tour is part of building a national day of demonstrations November 6 demanding Gary's freedom. Gary is to appear at a special Grand Jury hearing in New Orleans on November 10. The hearing will decide whether Gary will be sentenced to 99 years in prison or to death by electrocution.

"I wish we would be granted a new trial on November 10," Mrs. Tyler said. "That would be the best thing that could come out of it. That's what I'm hoping for."

The Committees to Free Gary Tyler are holding the November 6 demonstrations to show the Grand Jury that hundreds and thousands of people across the country demand Gary's freedom.

Mrs. Tyler reported that Gary was encouraged by the day of demonstrations planned by the Committees to Free Gary Tyler. "That made him feel much, much better," she said. "He knows we have to bring more people in to demand a new trial at the hearing that's coming up November 10." Do not let them murder Gary! Come out to the demonstration in your city.

### SPEAKING TOUR BY MRS. JUANITA TYLER

Sponsored by Committee to Free Gary Tyler and the National Student Coalition Against Racism.  
**DETROIT—Saturday, October 30, 2:00 pm.** Central Methodist Church, Woodward at Adams. Rally followed by march.  
**CLEVELAND—Sunday, October 31, 2:30 pm.** Glenview Presbyterian Church, 105th and St. Clair Streets.  
**CHICAGO—Saturday, November 13.** Place and time to be announced.

### DEMONSTRATE NOVEMBER 6

November 6 demonstrations, sponsored by the Committee to Free Gary Tyler.

**CLEVELAND—Noon.** Federal Building, East-9th and Lakeside.

**CHICAGO—Noon.** Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn.

**NEW YORK—Noon.** Downtown Brooklyn, Albee Square, corner of Fulton and DeKalb.

**BOSTON—1:00 pm.** Federal Building, Government center, downtown Boston.

**LOUISVILLE—Time and place to be announced.**

**PITTSBURGH—Noon.** Mellon Square.

Who's  
for  
steel's  
no-  
strike  
deal?

# Ed Sadlowski: "No!"



Ed Sadlowski

CHICAGO—"I've brought all my slate for International office in the United Steel Workers down here for you to meet them.... Ask us hard questions. Try to pin us down. If we can't field your questions, we don't deserve your vote."

Ed Sadlowski, who heads the Steelworkers Fight Back slate, was speaking at "Meet the Candidates" night at the VFW hall on the South Side.

The rally was attended by over 200 people, including a large number of black steel workers and many women, and they did ask the hard questions.

After a series of speeches by Sadlowski and his slate, a black steel worker stood up, raising his fist and calling for rejection of the union's no-strike deal (ENA).

"We have to be able to strike. It's the only weapon we've got against the company," he declared.

# Mc Bride: "Yes!"



Lloyd McBride

By Tom Miller

CLEVELAND—Lloyd McBride made his first campaign appearance in District 28 here recently.

The meeting proved beyond a shadow of doubt that in the contest between McBride and Ed Sadlowski for the presidency of the United Steel Workers union (USW), McBride represents the status quo. He is basically a continuation of the present Abel leadership.

McBride's most pointed remarks were in defense of the ENA no-strike deal.

He said the ENA was designed to protect the industry from foreign competition, as imported steel floods in at contract time as buyers hedge against the threat of a strike.

This, he said, means that the industry could go the way of the shoe, cannery and textile industries, and it's up to the union to save it.

Many of us know, however, that his logic falls apart on this question when you look at some facts.

For example, in the textile industry the unions did look out for the health of the industry by accepting lower wages and conditions. But the industry still sought lower wages in the South and Taiwan.

The answer is not to give up your rights, but to find trade union tactics that can confront the company tactics of stockpiling. Shorter contracts are one idea.

### STRIKES: "TRAGIC"

McBride did more than sing praises to the ENA. He also sang the blues over how tragic strikes are. He spoke of members losing

houses in the 1959 strike. He said without the ENA, the younger members would get laid off (many have been laid off for long periods anyway).

How are steel workers going to get a good contract? The answer, according to McBride, is that the industry doesn't want to lose the ENA. So in the contract talks next spring, that's his basic weapon. Either give in, U.S. Steel, or we won't extend the ENA!

Every steel worker in this country should take notice. Lloyd McBride has again gone on record as favoring an extension of the ENA that could take away the right to strike, or even to threaten to strike, until 1983.

McBride also made a point of refuting the idea that steel workers should have the right to vote on their contracts. He said this would destroy industry-wide bargaining, because workers at some companies would reject offers while others would accept them.

Finally he came out with his token militant position: innocent until proven guilty in the contract grievance procedure.

This election gives steel workers a clear chance to get rid of business unionism with no strike leaders, no voice for the membership, and now power against corporate arrogance. The Steelworkers Fight Back movement behind Ed Sadlowski represents a shift to basic fighting trade unionism.

It's a movement every fighter in the union belongs in, because the future will be determined by how well it is built, how well it is organized, and how clear are its goals.

Several rank and filers followed with more questions on the Experimental Negotiating Agreement.

One worker finally pinned Sadlowski down. "Will you sign a contract with the ENA in it?" Sadlowski's answer: "No!" "Will you sign a contract that hasn't been ratified by the rank and file?" Sadlowski's answer: "No!"

Early in the meeting an important exchange took place between two members of the slate themselves. Jim Balanoff, President of Local 1010, Inland Steel, and the Fight Back candidate for District 31 director, disputed Andrew Kmec, candidate for treasurer, and former head of the staff organizing committee.

Kmec said in his opening remarks that "District 31 members might not believe this, but our staff is the greatest of any union. The Abel machine is a monkey on the staff's back."

Kmec's prediction that District 31 might not believe him came true moments later when Balanoff spoke. "Andy may claim staffers are great somewhere else," he said, "but all we know is what we see here. There isn't one of them who fights for the membership."

While Kmec may say that the Abel machine is a monkey on the staff's back, many rank and filers feel that the staff is a monkey on their backs. Balanoff and the rest of the slate echoed the sentiments of most USW members, that the staff should serve the ranks and not the International officers. But no one suggested election of union representatives, a proposal that would force the staff to be responsive.

### SPEAKS TO WOMEN

Oliver Montgomery, black candidate for vice president for human affairs, responded to demands by USW member Olga Kennedy. He promised a women's department in the union, if elected.

Earlier, he had paid tribute to black unionists by name in District 31. Their long struggle had helped force the creation of the position he was running for and the first appointment of a black person to an International office.

The tone of the ranks was much more militant here than at an earlier rally in Chicago that was attended mostly by older white local union officials. This rally indicated the direction the movement will have to take if the ENA is going to be broken and the right to ratify contracts won.

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