



ALL OUT IN THE WASH

Everyone knows DRUM as an organization and what we stand for. Also what our political and public views are on issues. We would also say that our views are shared by at least 80% of all blacks in Local 3 and some 30% of the total number of whites. With such a large control of the work force one must ask why no elected positions. Now that the skunks are out to dry these questions can be answered.

Everyone remembers the first election DRUM participated in. We as an organization ran Ron March for the position of Trustee. As campaigning strategy we voted to give the people a true candidate with sound platform that would benefit the entire membership. All recall the first election (primary) there was no hassle, intimidation, pulling down of posters, cops or discharges. With twenty one (21) candidates in the race no one could imagine a bunch of dumb blacks rocking the known machines (United Blue Gray & 9110 Council). But when the smoke cleared, our candidate Ron March, had won. This rocked the entire power structure. Keeping in mind that (United and Blue Grey) had used the so-called two party system for years to maintain control. Leaders of said partys Cannonball Slepski (United) and Joe Kosma (Blue Grey) were arch enemies in public for years but know that their jobs and control was in jeopardy they united for the first open meeting in their crooked hearts.

Upon announcement of DRUM's victory of 593 votes and the second candidate Joe Elliott of 521, Cannonball knew he could not defeat DRUM in a run-off with out help. So he went to his arch enemy. They sat quietly in Local 2½ (bar) and plotted strategy to maintain control and destroy all opposition. Any one with knowledge of Local 3 knows that that was the last election of Blue Grey. Well a question of this meeting has thus been answered. What did Cannonball promise Kosma? Why would an elected official stoop so low as to blow his entire system. The answer lies in the platform of DRUM in that election. Do you recall something about "removing the monies from Hamtramck"? and "bringing in an outside audit" is so this is the key to the answers. Bro. Ron was to catch the entire blow of these crooks in his run-off election. The results were quite conclusive. Sixteen hundred for Ron and 2000 for Elliott.

The important thing was the confusing position so many politician took. Charlie B Rooks, Andy Hardy, John Smith the United CAucus Blue Grey Caucus, Willis Marshall, Geo Morrilli, Ed Liska, Tommy Plusha, Stanley Ulinski and John Rawski. Think! You remember. Why such a large force to crush one man who everyone would openly admit was more than qualified.

Next came the election for Vice-Président. We once again tried to give the people a voice in the local. These attacks by the fools was much easier because of the racist foundation the y had laid but to keep you the people confused they (United 9110 Council and Blue Grey) ran a black nobody Andy Hardy for the position. They knew as we now know that this man lacks the leadership our local needs. But he was none the less selected and he further confused the workers by not talking about his opponent but calling DRUM racist. Bro. Don Jackson, who was selected democratically has qualifications above and beyond the position of Vice-President but we, DRUM, want an individual who appeals to the masses and yet gets the job done of giving the Local back to the people. Once again the results were Bro. Jackson 1600 and Jesse James Hardy 2600.

DRUM is not crying in spilt milk but just wondering why so many so-called political enemies would unite against a like causus (DRUM). Why not let the people decide.

Then came the big election and everyone knows what happened then, in the name of "saving the Union". The entire International dropped a political bomb on us. Then came Reuther's death. Divisions became apparent and the chickens are home to roost.

Research has revealed that DRUM's only fault has been trying to give the money back to the Local membership. We have tried to make clear to the workers that only through a clear understanding of one's platform can there be a peaceful, change in our Local 3. DRUM has always represented all elements of Hamtramck Assembly.

The route to all evil has plagued our gains at this plant. Can anyone imagine the number of turn over of personnel since DRUM's existence. The figure is approximately 10,000 (ten thousand). Turn-over means hirees that do not get their 90 days. EAch one has paid \$20.00 (twenty dollars) initiation fees along with dues. The International rule is that all fees and dues must be refunded. You guessed it - it is not. Chrysler Corp. sends a large check to the Local once a month in the range of \$175,000. The protocal sheet has a break down of categories. The Finance clerk receives this check deducts the probation fees deposits it in the bank (Liberty State BAnk) and deducts it in the area of petty cash withdrawal, simple process because the books will always balance. (The key to all embezzlers) Then the money is split up. Some buy cars, houses, bars, and some maintain funds to destroy anyone that tries to rock the boat.

October 16, was a very important day. While we were slaving in the shop our President had an important meeting with Emil Mazey (UAW Financial Secretary) Discussing the fact that \$2,000 (two thousand) has been stolen from our Local periodically for years. Mazey panicked so did Liska and his lackeys. Hardy tried to say an anonymous caller revealed the evidence but no one bought that knowing he was a part of it. So Mazey sent UAW auditors down the following week to find the validity of all charges. Well, not only did they discover this to be truth they stated "We have no way of knowing how long this operation has been going on. The little misappropriation of funds has totaled in the millions of dollars. No wonder these thugs fought DRUM under the disguise of racism (quite convenient)

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