

**Chicago sellers report:**

# BIG CALL DAY AT THE STEEL MILLS

*By correspondents—*

**Chicago—**We were among the 40 *Call* sellers who set up their “Buy Your *Call* Here” banners and literature tables in front of the gates of Chicago’s two gigantic steel mills—U.S. Steel South Works and Republic Steel—last week. We were organized into teams and encouraged friendly competition to see which team could sell the most *Calls*.

“Steelworkers on trial! Carter makes workers pay! Read it in *The Call!*” yelled one seller. He approached two workers, struck up a conversation about inflation, and sold them both a paper.

This person turned out to be one of the best *Call* sellers of the day. He had read the paper thoroughly and was prepared to talk about several main articles. He tried to draw the workers into a discussion about their

views and problems in the shop instead of talking at them. All of us learned a lot from him.

We decided to send some *Call* sellers to stand in line with workers waiting for their checks—right under the noses of the guards who had been eyeing us suspiciously since we arrived. Two guards hurried out of the guard station, demanded that we get off company property, and confiscated our banners which they said were “leaning” against company property.

Some workers who had bought *The Call* immediately came to our defense. “Give them their signs back” they shouted, “They have a right to be here.” Faced by the angry group, the guards decided to give us back our signs.

One seller started agitating, “This is the paper they’re trying to stop. If U.S. Steel hates it so much, there must be something to it.” Our sales increased.

That afternoon the South Works bosses intensified their efforts to get rid of us. Their guards called the Chicago police who surrounded us with three police cars and a paddy wagon.

“They don’t want workers to read revolutionary ideas,” explained a *Call* seller. Again, the workers defended us.

Selling *The Call* at Republic Steel was a little more difficult. The workers there drove onto company property and we found it harder to get into conversations. But we agitated loudly and knocked on windows, and



**WORKERS** at Republic Steel warmly welcome *The Call*. (*Call* photo)

many people stopped to get a paper. Some steelworkers proudly held up *Calls* they already had bought—“We get it each week from friends inside,” they explained, “It’s good to see *The Call* out here too.”

At the end of the shifts, each

team sat down and summed up its work. The “vanguard” team had distributed 20 *Calls* per person in a little over an hour. When we added up the figures, we found that we had gotten the paper to nearly 400 steelworkers in just a few hours.

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