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## STRIKE VOTES AT AMC & ALLIS CHALMERS AUTOWORKERS HIT FORD SETTLEMENT

On Friday November 5th, Chrysler workers took matters into their own hands. For the first time in the history of the industry, auto workers were refusing to fall into the pattern set by the so-called pacesetter agreement, in this case the Ford settlement. Hours before the contract was to expire, wildcats broke out in several Detroit area Chrysler plants, two in Canada and at the Belvidere, Illinois assembly plant to name a few.

While the head of the United Auto Workers for Chrysler bargaining was bragging that there would be no problems and predicting a speedy settlement, the rank and file was boiling mad about the Ford package and about the way they were kept waiting till the last minute with no information. Workers jammed his predictions down his throat by shutting down second and third shift in many Chrysler plants. Twenty-five to thirty thousand struck in the Detroit area alone. At Sterling Stamping and Trenton Engine workers held rallies in the parking lot denouncing the way the companies and the international were trying to railroad the contract through.

In Belvidere, Illinois workers of Local 1268 checked out at 5:00 p.m. despite pleadings from foreman and union officials to stay. The workers demanded a Sunday union meeting and when none was called they went to the president's house and snatched him out of bed to come open up the union hall for a meeting. When a member of Auto Workers United to Fight in '76 spoke in favor of setting up picket lines Monday morning, he was warmly received. Dozens of hands shot up when a call was made for volunteers to shut down first shift Monday morning.

On Monday, at 5:00 am, pickets started arriving at the Belvidere plant gates

with cardboard signs that read "No Contract. No Work. Stop the Sellout!" They were angered by the 2nd extension of the local agreement and by the national package. The local agreements cover long back logs of grievances and other local conditions.

The union president arrived flanked by 4 goons. Chrysler had called him already that morning. He was out there to prevent any work stoppage. He said "I'm just trying to help you guys out. Chrysler told me you guys would be discharged if you stay out here. Leave it all up to us. We're negotiating."

But the workers wouldn't be bullied by this hack. They kept putting their signs up when the pres. tried to rip them down.

But the wild cat did not keep going. At this point word of the Friday walk-off hadn't gotten out widely enough and the rank and file activists didn't have enough organization to keep things going.

These walk offs and confrontations with foremen and union officials were happening from one end of the Chrysler empire to the other. Thousands of auto workers saw their chance to hit back at the way their contracts are rammed through. They were fighting against the Ford sell-out package and for the things they need. Put the upsurge was more of a protest and way to build momentum, not the beginning of a sustained wildcat.

The beginnings of national rank and file organization can be seen in the growth of Auto Workers United to Fight in '76 (AWUF). With chapters in over twenty five auto plants, this group has been actively building a rank and file struggle around a 6 point fighting contract program.

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DEMONSTRATIONS ON ELECTION NIGHT WERE HELD IN 25 CITIES UNDER THE SLOGAN, "POLITICIANS FIGHT FOR THE \$\$ INTEREST, WE MUST FIGHT FOR OUR OWN."

## Carter Beats Ford WHAT'S AHEAD FOR WORKERS?

Jimmy Carter has been elected president. The TV commentators and politicians proclaimed "the will of the people" has been heard and talked about how the election process itself was the real winner. But many people even those who voted for Carter are not convinced by all the fanfare that his election will bring real changes in the way things are run.

The final days of the campaign saw an all-out effort by those who run the country to get out the vote. The newspapers and the media headlined how the election was a "dead heat" and "too close to call" in which every vote might be decisive. For those who were less than thrilled by Carter, but were fed up with Ford, there was a new angle to pull people into the booths. All of a sudden Carter was in a lot of trouble and, they said, if everyone didn't get out to vote Ford would win. TV shows like Maude and All's Fair knocked those who don't vote the night before the elections. The top union officials went whole hog to get their members to vote. In Detroit auto plants the UAW leadership posted signs declaring "We can lose in the White House what we won at the bargaining table" (which was less than nothing). The New York City unions sent a personal letter to most of their members and telephoned them just before the election.

Their big concern was that a great many people would sit out the election and leave the whole show without an audience.

Despite all this effort only 53% of

the potentially eligible voters cast their ballot. And while millions did pull the lever on election day there was little enthusiasm about either Ford or Carter.

No wonder. Ford portrayed himself as a "responsible, level headed" administrator and ran on his record as the incumbent. But this record included presiding, with Nixon, over the deepest economic crisis since the 1930's with unemployment still officially listed as close to 8%. A lot of people figured anything would be better than having him around another four years.

Carter, on the other hand, was the Georgia peanut grower who had the advantage of being little known and thus little exposed. He was held out as the hope of the working man, a knight in shining armor, ready to rescue the country and its people. He pledged to stand up for the working people, do away with unemployment, restore faith in government, produce a balanced budget, cut taxes, and generally to make everything hunky-dory.

But Carter's famous smile and his pious statements about "Love, honesty faith and trust" wore thinner and thinner as people saw him talking out of both sides of his mouth. And it became clearer to more people that while he promised every thing to everybody he had no plan about how he was going to do all these wonderful things (which in fact can't be done by any politician under this system).

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# WHAT'S BREWING IN BEER CITY



## County Board Cuts Wages

How does \$2.00 an hour sound for a full-time job? Your paper boy makes more than that, right? Well, this is the Milwaukee County Board's idea of 'helping the jobless'.

On Oct. 31, the County Supervisors moved to expand the county work program from 986 to 1200 jobs, and cut wages from \$2.20 an hour to \$2.00. This attack on the working class cuts several ways and it is an example of what we can expect from Carter and the U.S. Congress on a much larger scale in the future.

At the heart of the County Board's plan is wage cuts. The pay will be so low on these jobs that they are designed to make \$2.30 an hour in a knitting mill or \$3.00 in a tannery look good. Private industry can pay peanuts and still be guaranteed a supply of workers forced to take the work, even at a large pay cut from previous jobs.

The County says that workers on these jobs are young, single people independent of their families who can't find work. \$2.00 an hour will see to it that they are not independent for long. Anyway, government statistics show that an increasing percentage of people getting aid are men who are supporting families, who used to make \$4-6 on jobs that have disappeared. \$2.00 an hour means starvation.

These jobs, in county buildings, cleaning streets, etc., are not "make work" charity jobs. They are necessary work which should be done by county or city workers on union wages. The county job program is an increasing threat to the wages of union workers. This goes hand in hand with attacks these workers face at the bargaining table. The city workers, for example, have been told that their pensions will be frozen for 10 years if the city can get away with it.

### CAPITALISTS PLAN OF ATTACK

This attack is not simply the brain child of the Milwaukee Board of Supervisors. The Humphrey-Hawkins Bill, the heart of Carter's plans to "put America back to work", says that all jobs created under the bill (possibly millions) must "encourage them from an economic standpoint to advance to some other kind of employment." In other words, "starve 'em into taking any job."

Carter's main economic advisor has already suggested eliminating the minimum wage for youth. Mondale told a New York City audience that youth should be put to work doing the jobs of laid-off city workers. Milton Friedman who the capitalists just gave a Nobel prize for his "brilliant" work in economics, told the Journal last month "The easiest way to cut unemployment down would be to abolish unemployment insurance. The number of unemployed would go down overnight."

The whole picture boils down to one thing; the capitalists are not making the profits they need, so they and their frontmen in government are determined to get those profits out of our hides or, "Make fewer people produce more for less wages, no matter how much suffering it may cause."

### UNION JOBS AT UNION WAGES

The County Board's attack must be fought. The demand of the working class is clear from the hundreds of thousands who have signed the national petition of the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee to the 1000 workers who turned a job line into a demonstration last month in Detroit--**JOBS AT UNION WAGES!** There is plenty of work to be done. The cities are falling apart and we could use all that our laidoff brothers and sisters could produce. But as the head of US Steel put it, "We make profits, not steel"--so unless your labor can make a buck for a boss you won't work at all. ♦

## Detroit

## Workers Raise Hell on Job Line



UNEMPLOYED WORKERS WAITING IN LINE TO APPLY FOR JOBS AT A NEW HOTEL IN DETROIT TURNED THE LINE INTO A DEMONSTRATION.

Twice last month, thousands of workers in Detroit showed up to apply for work when the word got around there was some hiring going on.

In an event that was publicized nationwide, 5,000 people showed up at the Cadillac assembly plant, starting to line up before 4 AM. The jobs were not even advertized--notes were put on the plant bulletin boards, and the word got around in a city that has 10% official unemployment. Unemployment among Black youth is at Great Depression levels.

By mid-morning the word got around that Cadillac wasn't even hiring, just taking applications for future jobs. Then Cadillac stopped handling all applica-

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Former Warden Ramon L. Gray

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## FREE TO INMATES!

For the past three years, inmates at Waupun have been denied the right to read The Worker. We have sent the paper every month only to have the guards catch it in the mail room, destroy it or store it with the inmates belongings to be given to him on the day of his release.

Inmates have fought the censorship--arguing, writing writs, subscribing and making it a demand of their protests. The July takeover finally opened the door

to The Worker and so far three issues have been let in. Nevertheless, The Worker and several inmates are still pushing a civil rights suit against the state prison officials. There's no telling when the prison big shots will decide to close the doors again.

In the meantime, The Worker is making a big subscription drive inside the joint. The paper is free to inmates. It can be a tool for building the struggle and helping the guys behind bars "get their heads together." ♦

in some other line tomorrow.

Some members of Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee went down to the line. One took up a bullhorn: "We don't have to just stand here and take this--lets turn this into a demonstration for what we and millions of us out of work want." Pretty soon the chant started picking up -- "JOBS! NOW!"

The anger started breaking loose. People came out of the crowd to speak their bitterness.

The cops showed up, threatened to arrest the UWOC member with the bullhorn, but they took a look at the crowd and thought better of it. The cops did give out a \$20.00 ticket, but moments later an office worker who had been watching came up to the bullhorn and gave UWOC the \$20.00 for the ticket. "What you are saying is right," he said. The crowd cheered.

2:00 PM got closer and there were still hundreds waiting to be seen. UWOC organized a delegation to go up front and demand applications for everyone.

Finally, at 45 minutes till 2:00, a personnel man came out and said he lines would stay open till everyone got a chance to apply. A roar went up from the crowd. When people finally left for home, they knew they had done something more that day than just apply for another job. ♦

## Longshoreman Dies, Co. to Blame



Safety equipment is often supplied only when longshoremen demand it.

On September 21, Jesse Boatman, a Milwaukee longshoreman, was crushed to death on his job. Boatman got caught by a 4 ton crate that was being swung to knock another crate into position.

Boatman's gang was just finishing up their ship, and at the docks this means rush, rush, rush. The supervisors are constantly on your back trying to make you go faster. Not that this is the only time the company will overlook safety precautions--safety nets, lights, etc. are often only supplied when the longshoremen demand them.

OSHA came in after the accident (which is usually the only time you'll find them around) and slapped Hansen Seaway's wrist with a \$700 fine for using a swing-ing crate.

This ridiculous insult really got to the other longshoremen. "Is \$700 supposed to be worth a man's life who put in 19 years on this job? This job isn't worth anyone's little finger!"

Dan Meehan, the executive vice-president of Hansen Seaway, had the nerve to show up to speak at Jesse Boatman's funeral. "These are things that just happen", was what this capitalist had to say.

Well, these things don't "just happen". They happen day after day as a matter of company policy. It's this company policy of ordering work under unsafe conditions, of ignoring common sense safety for the sake of speed, production, and profit; this policy that sees a worker's life and limb as something to use and throw away...this is what murdered Jesse Boatman. ♦

# Cops Attack Steelworkers Demonstration in Pittsburgh



STEELWORKERS PICKETED OUTSIDE THE UNION'S INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN PITTSBURGH DEMANDING THE USWA "FREE LOCAL 3059" FROM RECEIVERSHIP.

8:00 AM—November 5 Pittsburgh, Pa.—100 steel workers from Chicago, Cleveland, Baltimore, New Jersey and other areas ringed the entrance of the United Steelworkers of America union headquarters with pickets. Their reason for being there is expressed in two of their chants, "Free Local 3059" and "November 1976, we are here to fight dictatorship." Several international union officials came out on that cold morning threatening to call the police. They evidently do. The picket line grows in size and militancy. Speeches are heard for Break Out the rank and file organization of steel workers in Chicago. Now Stamford, former president of Local 3059 reads telegrams of support. Finally, police arrive with paddy wagons, ordering the pickets off the steps. The pickets answer by chanting, "Get off our steps. We built this union with our sweat and blood."

9:30 AM—The pickets marched through downtown Pittsburgh. They are on their way to the headquarters of US Steel to show their hatred for the daily abuses and outrages on the job, and the whole rotten system working people are forced to live under. Banners of the marchers can be seen for blocks. People on their way to work and downtown shoppers cheer for the marchers.

10:00 AM—The marchers are brutally attacked by the police. Billy clubs are flying, guns are drawn but the marchers protect themselves. Only one is hurt. Two are arrested, charged with assaulting an officer and inciting a riot. People regroup downtown.

3:00 PM—A press conference is held to restate the demands of the marchers, to put an end to the lies and slanders of the International. The International claims that the two arrested don't even work in the steel mills. One brother responds, "That's right, they're not working. But they are members of the union. They've been laid off on account of the company productivity drive." The International claims the demonstration was organized by outsiders and Communists to destroy the union. Another brother, in a live interview on the evening TV news answered, "When we slave away for the company's profits we're steelworkers, when we pay our union dues we're steelworkers. But when we fight to make our union serve our interests then we're Communists." This is the kind of battle fought out in Pittsburgh. It was fought outside the union headquarters and in the streets. It became a battle to answer the slanders and lies of the International. Most of all, it was part of the continuing battle of the rank and file steel workers to reclaim their union

and turn it into a weapon in their fight. Steelworkers Local 3059 in Alliance, Ohio: It has been placed in receivership since March 5, 1976 and this means that all decisions and all activities in the Local are directly in the hands of an administrator appointed by the International. In this case it is Larry Shannon, a discredited local hack who is more than happy to cooperate with the company. Why was this local put into receivership? Was it because it hadn't paid its dues or served its membership? Just the opposite! The local had earned a fighting reputation—in contract fights, massive grievances, and walkouts over firings and safety. These were the kind of things that the Local had organized. And this is why the International clamped down.

For many steelworkers in the district involved, Dist. 27, the situation facing Local 3059 has become a symbol of the sellout and dictatorial rule of the International. As the fight of the men in Local 3059 to get out of rec-

eivership has picked up steam and as support has grown throughout the country the slogan, "Free Local 3059" is growing into a battlecry for thousands.

It was to intensify the fight to free this Local and others in receivership and to raise the fundamental demands of steelworkers against the no-strike deal, for the right to vote on contracts and to end the dictatorship of the union that the demonstration was organized. A call for the demonstration went out in The Steelworker, a rank and file newspaper. Leaflets were distributed in the Midwest and on the East coast. Everywhere the response was the same; "We've got to break the stranglehold of the International and make our union a fighting union." Car pools were organized in several cities, and many workers, some on four day weeks, took a day off to travel hundreds of miles to this demonstration.

But why did the International and the police react with such fury and vio-

## Steelworker Elections - Time To Dump Abel Machine, Elect Sadlowski

The steelworkers rank and file movement is on the upswing—rising up against increasing speed-up, harassment, and contract violations in the steel mills, iron and copper mines, and fabricating shops across the country.

This movement is reflected in the campaign to elect Ed Sadlowski president of the USWA and to break up the Abel-McBride machine that has held back the steelworkers' struggle these

past ten years.

The 1.4 million steelworking men and women who make up the Steelworkers union are beginning a new round of struggle. They're agitating and organizing: — Against the no-strike clause in Basic Steel. In the big mills in places like Gary and Pittsburgh strikes, even a contract time, are not permitted until at least 1980.

— For the right to ratify contracts in



For more information about the Dump Abel—Elect Sadlowski campaign contact Steelworkers Fight Back, Milwaukee chapter at 481-9671 or 643-7117.

lence? (One of the arrested steelworkers heard the officer in charge send out an all points bulletin to pick up any person seen wearing a hard hat.) The reason is that in the USWA, the evil dictatorship is increasingly being exposed and isolated. Rank and file dissatisfaction is growing and the International leaders know they are sitting on a volcano. It's been harder for them to put a lid on the rank and file struggle. Rank and file slates scored very well in recent local elections. And the upcoming International election promises to be a real challenge to the Abel machine, as the rank and filers gather their forces.

In Pittsburgh the demonstration had a tremendous effect. Not just on steelworkers. The action was a real inspiration to all working people who are up against the same thing. The janitor at the TV station where the interview was conducted, shook the hand of the steelworker in the station, saying that it was the best thing he had ever heard. Another steelworker from Pittsburgh who had heard of the demonstration on the radio spent the afternoon looking for the picketers. When he finally found them he offered to help hand out leaflets.

That afternoon the picketers met and mapped out plans to continue the fight. The national petition demanding that Local 3059 and others in receivership be freed is being written up. Resolutions are being raised to the same effect in Locals all over the country. A speaking tour of members of Local 3059 is being planned, so they can explain their situation first hand to other workers. It was decided to confront the International officers whenever and wherever they speak, demanding that the receivership end. Everyone agreed that this has to be fought out to the bitter end.

What happened in Pittsburgh is a good indication of the increased ability of rank and file forces nationwide in the steel industry to pull together and take up key battles. It is through campaigns such as those around the recent USWA constitutional convention, the upcoming elections and actions like the Pittsburgh demonstration that the base is being laid for broader and more solid organizations among the steelworkers.

The sense of what has been accomplished was summed up by one steelworker this way: "If one hundred of us can do what we did in Pittsburgh today, just think of what we can do when thousands of steelworkers who feel just like we do really get organized!" ♦

Basic Steel.

—Against divide and conquer schemes like government "consent decrees" which pit Blacks and whites against each other.

—For jobs, SUB pay, against subcontracting and job combinations.

—For the \$10 cap to be put back on the dues. At places like Harnischfeger, where there's been a lot of overtime, workers are paying as much as \$20 and \$25 per month dues.

— Against discrimination.

—For decent across the board strike benefits. The USWA international tries to say that strikers should get benefits according to "need." Now they're only \$21 a week. What striker doesn't need that? At Evinrude guys had to last through a 16 week strike with no weekly benefits because of this policy.

—Against "early bird" sellouts like the one the Bucyrus-Erie workers got stuck with 8 months before expiration.

—And against high handed dictatorial control like the takeover of Local 3059. (See article above.)

No one man can turn things around. But the rank and file can use the Sadlowski campaign to disorganize the company forces in the union and to build their own unity and strength.

DUMP THE ABEL MACHINE, ELECT ED SADLOWSKI!

See the next issue of The Worker for an article on the Sadlowski campaign.

## Swine Flu Threat?

# Vaccine Bottled Up in Profit System

The threat of a swine flu epidemic this winter is a nightmare that just doesn't have to be. The fact that the whole thing has become such a bonanza for the drug companies and politicians makes it hard to know whether or not the danger was exaggerated so that these vultures could help themselves. But even worse, if the threat is as real as they say, then many lives have already been endangered by the way the vaccination program was stalled for months until all the various big money interests involved were satisfied. Either way, this is a tremendous crime.

The disease is called swine flu because it's usually found only in pigs. It broke out among humans once before in 1918, killing 20 million people—half a million in the U.S. alone—before it died out among the human population. Then last winter a soldier who died at Fort Dix, N.J., was found to have had what seemed to be swine flu.

These facts don't add up to anything certain. There have been no new outbreaks of the disease since last winter, even in the world's southern hemisphere where it's now the end of winter and the flu season. It's not known if the disease will reappear at all, or how widespread and serious it might be.

But the main reason the whole thing is so confusing isn't limitations of medical science, but rather the fact that all the forces which have been involved in the swine flu controversy have their own interests to push, interests which have nothing to do with the people's health.

Ford took to the TV in March to announce that he would make sure that "every man, woman and child in the country" got a vaccination. Since it later

came out that the vaccine isn't safe or effective for anyone under 18 and some other people, it makes you wonder how much medical reason there was behind Ford's announcement and how much it had to do with the fact that he was being beaten in the primaries at that point.

Of course, the drug companies were overjoyed to get contracts for \$135 million worth of vaccine and their enthusiasm carries a lot of clout in the medical business. Everybody expects politicians to lie, but a lot of the supposedly neutral experts who hailed the plan work for the government or the drug companies.

## VACCINATIONS STALLED FOR MONTHS

The first 100 million doses of vaccine were made up quickly. In fact, the drug companies were in such a hurry to make a killing that they had already cooked up the first 6 million doses before they discovered they'd made a mistake and had to start all over again.

Then came another problem—the insurance companies which cover the drug companies against being sued said they wouldn't insure them for the swine flu vaccine. The whole thing was held up for months while they demanded that the government take care of it. The decision about this was debated in Congress almost all summer long, while the representatives of the various capitalist interests fought tooth and nail over who was going to get what out of the deal. Finally, in mid-August, Congress agreed to shell out the additional money to pay for the insurance.

Who's responsible for this delay?

To cover up what was going on, Congress made a big show of ruling that the drug companies shouldn't make a profit on the deal, but they didn't even bother to go through the motions of having the four drug companies involved bid for the contracts.

The drug companies blame the insurance outfits and the insurance outfits point right back. What neither points out is that the drug monopolies and insurance corporations are run by the same class of finance capitalists, and often by the very same banks. For instance, the Morgan Guaranty Trust bank runs the Merck drug company as well as Prudential, New York Life and other giant insurance companies. In fact these monopoly capitalists own and run everything in this country, including Congress and the White House.

What a hell of a situation! The drug companies couldn't be trusted to put out a safe vaccine, because research and quality control just isn't what they're in business for. The insurance outfits have their own profits to protect, and since there's not much profit in swine flu insurance they just weren't interested.

Since there's no money to be made in treating sick people for free the insurance is necessary or else people who get sick from the shots face getting wiped out by the doctor bills. To top the whole thing off, since there's no money to be made in giving the shots, not a penny has been allocated for that. Many people will have to pay private doctors to vaccinate them, while the shots given free by public health centers will be at the crippling expense of all their other vaccination programs and other health care.

## PROFIT IN COMMAND

The problem is not just that these capitalists are trying to make a killing off a potential epidemic, but even worse, that the way that they've organized society for profit means that the threat of an epidemic can't be met according to the people's needs. The corrupt rake-off of profits here and there is nothing compared to the fact that the whole profit system is rotten to the core.

The same profit motive that puts the whole vaccination program under suspicion also meant that the vaccine already produced had to sit around in bottles for months while the capitalists wheeled and dealt. Now, because of that delay only a few people will be able to get their shots before the flu season begins, and there almost certainly won't be time to vaccinate everyone. The best we can hope for is that the capitalists did exaggerate the whole thing in the first place.

Whether or not a real and deadly epidemic breaks out, these people have been playing with our lives. For them, everything is profit and without profit nothing can get done—that's the way their system works, and no amount of hypocrisy by their experts and politicians can change that fact. For us, the working class, this adds up to a hell of a way to live. It's more than we can stand for. Their system and their rule over us is responsible for the way the swine flu threat has become a nightmare. They are what stands in the way of reorganizing society from top to bottom so that it can meet our needs. ■

# Revolution Will Continue in China

With Mao gone, people ask can the revolution in China continue? Many people want to know, without Mao what guarantee is there that the revolution will go forward in China?

The answer is that there can't be any absolute guarantee. Because even under socialism there is still the basis for capitalist forces to seize power from the working class and for capitalism to be restored.

Our own rulers like to point to what they call "power struggles" in China to try to tell us that there's no alternative to the way things are here. But the truth is that while there certainly are big

struggles among top Party leaders in China, there are not "power struggles" between one group of crooks and another like Watergate. They are political struggles over opposite ways of doing things, over which direction things will go in China and which class of people will have the power.

Mao devoted his whole life to training the Chinese people in this struggle, so that political power would rest in their hands.

The struggles between classes continue even under socialism because every feature of society left over from capitalism is an obstacle to progress and a benefit for those who want to drag society back.

The old capitalists and the landlords are just about finished in China. The Chinese people had centuries of suffering under these old rulers and they are hated by all. But this doesn't mean that the old system no longer has any backers or chance for a comeback.

## OLD SYSTEM'S LEFTOVERS

The working class has not been able to change everything all at once. All the backwardness of the old society has had to be cleared away step by step, including not only the old poverty and want, but also the force of old habits and ideas and the division of labor by which things were produced and organized in the old society. There are still important social divisions and inequalities—for example, between those who do manual work and those who do "mental" labor (administrators, intellectuals, etc.); between the workers and the peasants and the city and the countryside; and within the wage system.

These leftovers from capitalism, these differences that are the basis for the growth of inequalities and an exploiting class, can only be overcome gradually, as the political consciousness of the people, and as society's wealth are expanded making it possible to increasingly



Workers & peasants have become more & more politically conscious & active in discussing and deciding how things are run. This picture shows workers at a blast furnace discussing ways to improve the operation of the furnace.

raise the people's livelihood and eventually to shape a society where the wealth produced by workers can be distributed according to peoples needs.

But as long as inequalities exist, there will be a basis for some "capitalist-roaders" to try to get as much power and wealth as they can. New capitalist forces, will fight like hell to increase the inequalities that benefit them, and to sabotage and overthrow socialism and bring back capitalism—with themselves on top.

This new capitalist class can't strut around like the old one, because the old capitalists stink to the overwhelming majority of the people. These new cap-

italists have to pretend to be communists. In fact, in order to get ahead in China, because of the great respect and love the people have for Mao, they often pretend to be faithful followers of Mao.

Because the working class leads the running of society through its Communist Party, these new capitalist forces have to set up shop "where the action is"—inside the Party itself. This is why the struggle between socialism and capitalism is now centered within the Party itself.

This is exactly the class of people who seized power in the Soviet Union in the mid-1950s and changed that country from socialism to capitalism in a "socialist" revolution. (Continued on Page 14)



CHEN YUNG-KUEI (LEFT), VICE-PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL, CONTINUES TO WORK ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW PEASANTS.

# Why the Fighting at Pulaski?

Pulaski High, Hamilton, Fritsche Jr. High - at one after another there have been outbreaks of fighting between white and black kids. In other schools, where students have been bussed, tension and threats are growing.

At Pulaski, things started to break-out when a group of blacks upset over getting hassled by some whites earlier in the morning, got in a fight with hall monitors who had stopped them. Six white students and one teacher were injured in the fighting and were taken to the hospital.

After that things really blew up - thanks in large part to the news crews which were parked outside the school even before the cops got there. Headlines and stories were splashed all over about big racial confrontations at Pulaski.

On the TV news they tried to fan the fire. A white woman was interviewed in front of Pulaski, saying she didn't pay high taxes to have her kids go to a school where there was violence. Next they reported on a firebombing at the home of a black woman at 1627 Center St., which was supposedly done by whites from Pulaski. A few days later a small article buried in the back of the Sentinel proved this incident was phoney. The woman admitted she had started the fire herself.

The next day at Pulaski there was more trouble as threats were spread all over school - blacks blaming whites, whites blaming blacks. What's more the cops moved in and made the place like a reform school - hassling students of all nationalities.

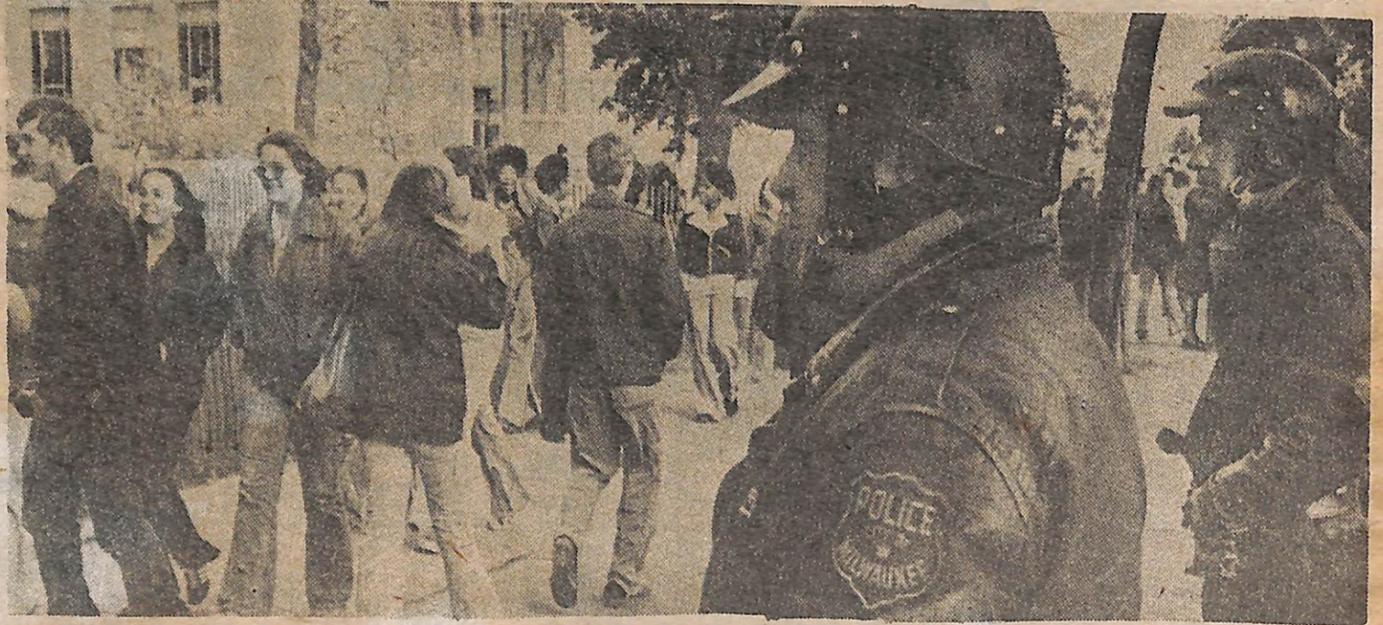
That morning fighting broke out outside the school and 11 students, 9 of them black, were arrested. Most of the stories implied it was mainly blacks

But this explanation tries to hide what is at the heart of the problem. Who's really to blame for incidents like the ones at Pulaski - or at Hamilton where a bus of Black students was stoned by whites?

There is a general atmosphere of tension in the schools, because the ruling class judges, planners and politicians have told whites and blacks that a good education is something they will have to fight each other to get.

whites volunteered to go there last Sept., as a fundamental school. The principal said they could easily have filled it with black students from the immediate neighborhood. At McDowell school, the situation is so absurd that so-called integration plans have actually created a new level of segregation - a white Montessori speciality program within a black school in a predominantly black neighborhood.

And as the older schools close and



WE NEED QUALITY EDUCATION, NOT POLICE - GUARDED REFORMATORIES.

causing the trouble. Later that day, cops again came down, this time arresting 2 members of a revolutionary youth group, Youth In Action. The two were passing out leaflets calling on students not to fight each other, but to fight for the things all students need - good and equal education and not some kind of reformatory with cops all over the place.

The ruling class, through the school authorities tried to pin the blame on a few troublemakers who were out to wreck things for the other students. This had some basis in fact, because some of the fighting has been started by a fairly small number of whites who have little following, and who hassle and ride the backs of all the kids, especially the blacks.

The economic and political crisis of the rich man's system has taken a heavy toll on the schools. A lot of kids graduate from public schools barely having been taught to read. Schools in minority communities are the worst. Faced with black peoples' anger over years of unequal and segregated education the capitalists push busing as the answer to lousy education and discrimination. These plans do little more than reshuffle crumbs, getting us all to fight among ourselves. They ship kids from one bad school to another.

The busing plans and phoney integration talk are, in fact, an attack on the education of all students. Take McKinley for example. This school which used to hold over 600 students has been closed down because only 14

kids are bused out of the inner city, it puts a strain on schools around the city. In fact, at Hamilton and Pulaski, the ruling class hoped to blame blacks transferring in as the cause of overcrowding. In fact 650 students from old North Division had no choice but to "volunteer" for busing to the South Side. The blame has to go to the system that won't build decent schools. It was only through a lot of hell raising that two inner city schools, North and South, are now being built.

As workers of different nationalities and their kids slug it out over jobs and education, the rich laugh all the way to the bank. Rather than pay out for better education for all, the capitalists

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## A U.S. BACKED DICTATORSHIP MILITARY TAKEOVER IN THAILAND

In early October Thailand military and police units assaulted Thammasat University in Bangkok, killing 39 students. Some were hung and burned to death. The assault signalled the takeover of the Thai government by a military junta which immediately abolished all democratic rights, declared martial law, and began a nationwide roundup of any and all resistance to their moves. They even declared wide areas of the country to be off limits, throwing people from their land and homes.

The Thai ruling class--capitalists and big landowners--backed the military takeover out of increasing desperation and fear of the rising struggle of their own people for revolution and liberation.

Since World War 2 Thailand has been ruled by a series of military dictatorships allied to the interests of the U.S. monopoly corporations and imperialists from other countries. Textile workers the largest group of industrial workers in that country slave in foreign-owned factories for 10¢ an hour. In the countryside millions of farmers are tied to a feudal landlord system and are crushed by taxes, debts, and low farm prices. This arrangement was quite profitable to the Thai ruling class as well as the foreign imperialists who came to Thailand to exploit the people.

But the Thai people, like people everywhere resisted and fought back against their oppression. Throughout the '50s and '60s small guerilla forces began waging war in the countryside for liberation, growing in strength and support yearly. In the cities the struggle of workers and students built up and became better organized. In October of 1973 their struggle broke through, erupting in

popular uprisings in Bangkok which toppled the military dictatorship.

Thailand was under civilian rule and certain democratic rights were won. While the same class of exploiters were in power the new freedoms gave the masses more elbow room in which to organize even greater struggles. Labor unions were formed and massive strikes swept Bangkok. Textile workers and others made clear the target of their fight: "American Japanese and Taiwanese imperialists who came and invested in Thailand with the cooperation of the ruling class and tyrants to exploit us and make us slaves."

Farmers groups were formed in the provinces, seizing land and attacking landlords. Students organized by school and across the country demonstrated by the thousands and developed ties with the workers and farmers. The guerilla war led by the Communist Party of Thailand advanced, liberating over one million people. On the heels of the U.S. defeat in Indochina the Mayaguez incident launched from U.S. bases in Thailand, kicked off massive student demonstrations against U.S. bases in Thailand. The demonstrations so rocked the country, the civilian government was forced to tell the U.S. to get its troops and planes out.

But the U.S. needs Thailand as a military base and as an outpost of their bloodsoaked profit empire, and the Thai ruling class needs the U.S., to help keep their own people oppressed. In contrast to the grinding poverty of the Thai masses, the Thai military is wealthy with over \$1 billion in modern U.S. military equipment they recently used to shoot down unarmed students. In the time between 1973 and 1976 the Thai ruling class built up mass right-wing groups and

made other preparations to snatch back the gains of the popular struggle.

A tale told frequently in the press and on TV, by politicians and others, is that the U.S. has "learned its lesson" from Vietnam. Nothing could be further from the truth. By the very nature of their system the U.S. ruling class is forced to compete even more fiercely throughout the world. They are deter-

mined that no nation, no market, and no people will slip their grasp if they can help it.

The Thai people have suffered a defeat but armed with the experience of the last three years--and the successes--the resistance of the Thai people is sure to eventually rise up stronger than ever. ♦



THIRTY NINE STUDENTS WERE KILLED AND THOUSANDS WERE ARRESTED WHEN THEY STOOD UP TO A MILITARY TAKEOVER THAT ABOLISHED ALL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS.

# GAINS MADE IN AUTO STRUGGLE, BUT FORD CONTRACT A SELLOUT



RANK AND FILE FORD WORKERS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST A SELLOUT AND FOR UNITY BETWEEN SKILLED AND PRODUCTION WORKERS.

The contract signed between the UAW top officials and the Ford Motor Company stinks. The shorter work week is a shuck, 13 more days off spread over three years but five less paid days at Christmas vacation over the life of the contract. The highly advertised "jobs for the unemployed" supposedly created by some extra days off will go up in smoke as the contract does away with certain restrictions on forced overtime. At the same time, cost of living (COLA) money is taken from active workers' paychecks to give \$600 to retirees, who don't even end up with COLA on their pensions. The wage increase is pitiful. 3% a year with only 11 cents new money. More part-timers less union rights for probationaries.

Ford workers, who struck over real grievances like wages, speedup, forced overtime and others, nearly rejected the contract. A 40% "no" vote by production workers was one of the largest rejection votes in UAW history. The margin was even tighter among the skilled trades--if the UAW hacks didn't steal the vote outright like they did in '73. In some locals workers walked out in disgust as the UAW rank and file stood in the aisles of union meetings ripping up their copies of the proposed agreement.

From the beginning of the strike the UAW top leadership did its best to disorganize and demoralize the rank and file to confuse the issues of the strike and to set the Ford workers up for the kill. This was the only way they could

accomplish the sellout.

But there were also some big victories in the strike. Through the course of the struggle Ford workers came to understand more clearly that they're up against a two-headed monster--not only the company but also a handful of traitors heading up their union. Unity, especially between skilled and production and between Black and white grew and the rank and file became more organized.

Much of this was due to the efforts of Auto Workers United to Fight in '76 (AWUF), a rank and file group working within the UAW. Beginning last February, the group worked to expose UAW president Woodcock's talk about shorter work weeks as an attempt to sidetrack the rank and file and avoid real issues. Before the strike AWUF advanced a set of contract demands that did deal with real needs of auto workers around the contract, encouraging workers to fight for those demands and build organization to do it. Throughout the strike AWUF used leaflets, demonstrations, and press conferences to put a harsh light on the maneuvers of the UAW negotiators, exposing the ugly facts about the contract terms even before the final touches were put on it.

Most importantly, AWUF took on the problem of a phony strike. When the Ford workers went out the UAW leadership made no attempt to shut Ford down tight--allowing Canadian Ford plants to continue production, not setting up 24 hour pickets and allowing out-

side contractors, foremen and salaried personnel into the plants to work. AWUF organized a number of different actions and joined in others to build the strike. They organized pickets that no one dared cross, helped shut down a Ford complex the UAW International had ordered to continue working and further organized the rank and file around the whole contract battle.

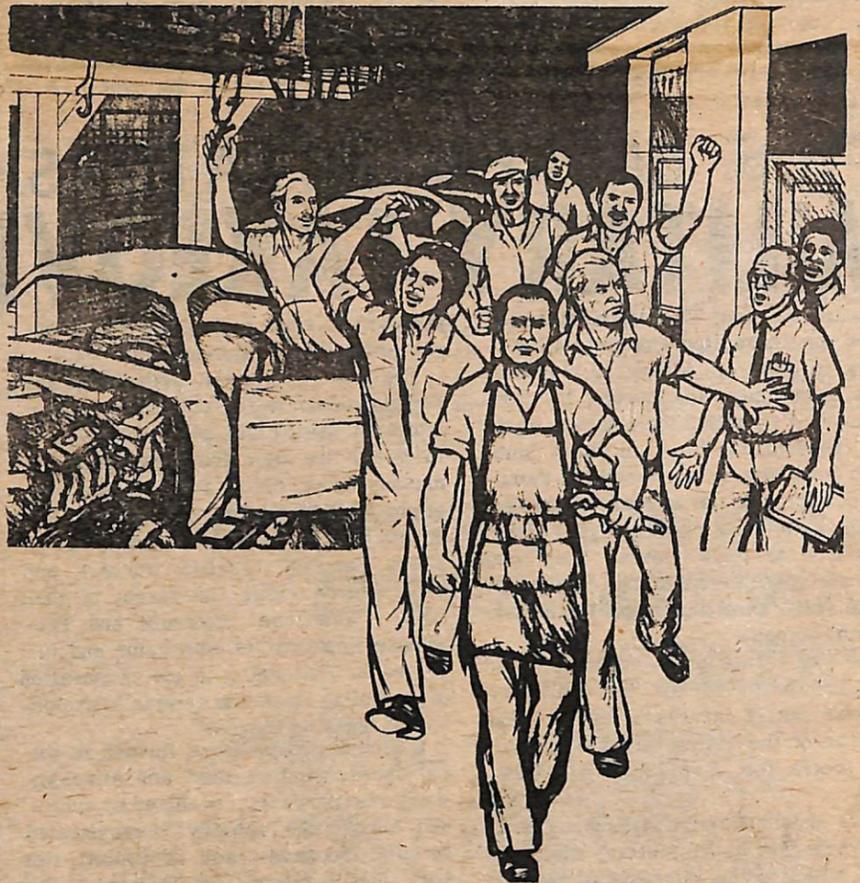
AWUF helped to focus the anger of thousands of auto workers. As their understanding grew many workers came forward, especially during the strike, saying "This is exactly the way I feel. It's time we did something about this mess. I want to join up with this." AWUF's Detroit telephone number received hundreds of calls in the four weeks of the strike. From these calls and other contacts AWUF expanded to other plants. During its nine month existence they have grown from a couple of chapters in the Detroit area to 22 nationwide today.

The contract struggle in auto now moves on to GM, Chrysler and American Motors. Workers at those companies aren't too pleased with the Ford settlement and already several GM and Chrysler locals have come out publicly against such a sellout.

Breaking out of the sellout contract at these other places isn't going to be easy. The UAW and the companies are

telling the workers that the contract is a closed question, that they can expect no better than the Ford "victory". In addition, they are hinting that a strike at one of these companies could run into Christmas, with workers losing their Christmas holiday pay. None the less, many workers feel there is no way in hell that they should be bound by the rotten terms of the Ford contract, which itself takes away five paid Christmas holidays. It's something they'll have to live with for three years and many are willing to put up a hell of a fight to get something better.

The gains made so far in rank and file organization and understanding in the course of these '76 auto contract battles have significance for the entire working class. The struggle shows it is possible to fight the two-headed company/union-traitor monster even when one part is as entrenched and centralized as the top UAW officials, and make headway. Of course the capitalists are not going to settle in and wait for this consolidation to take place. Already, AWUF is under sharp attack in some areas hit by firings, goon tactics and red-baiting. But the auto workers' struggle is growing and with a leadership that unites all who can be united against the real enemies of the workers these difficulties, too, will be overcome. ■



## LETTER FROM A JOHN DEERE WORKER

The contract fight in the Agr.-Imp. section of the auto industry is on. Since Oct. 1st, workers at John Deere plants in Waterloo, Dubuque, Moline and Davenport have shut down the Big Green Profit Machine, drawing the line against the bosses' wave of attacks on them. With contracts coming up at Allis Chalmers, International Harvester and J. I. Case the workers are looking to the Deere settlement as a pacesetter for their own contracts. After 3 years of record

profits for all the companies, they are still trying to drive the workers down and wring even more profit from them. The following is portions of a letter from a John Deere striker in Waterloo, Iowa.

The workers at John Deere are fed-up with outside contracting, tabling of grievances, constant re-timing of jobs, grouping of job classifications, speed-ups through forced overtime, and the

company's continued propaganda smear.

What outrages the workers the most is the take-away programs put out by the bosses, after having three years of record profits. The bosses are out once again to squeeze their blood soaked profits out of us from both ends.

The Company wants to take away insurance benefits that workers fought for in the past two contracts. As with Ford, Deere proposed that jr. employees be made to pay half of their insurance benefits until they achieve 1 year seniority. In all hospitalization cases, Deere proposes to have a team of doctors review each worker. Such a team would have the final say over the forcing of

workers to slave away for the bosses regardless of their health. The bosses want to reduce the coverage of sick pay from seven day weeks to five day weeks.

On Oct. 3, when the Waterloo local 838 of the U.A.W. held it's first strike informational meeting close to nine thousand of the 12,000 workers on strike showed up. During the meeting, the 838 local leadership elaborated on the items in the negotiations that the company had backed down on. As the meeting dragged on, workers started filing out with the realization that the company and they were a long way from an equitable settlement.

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# Red Squad Exposed: Who are these people and what do they want?



DET. HARRY W. MAKOUTZ (RIGHT) TALKS TO TV REPORTER MIKE LOEBBEL (MIDDLE). THERE IS CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRESS & RED SQUAD.

Last March 2, a Common Council committee heard testimony from several Milwaukee citizens about being harassed by a police unit known as the Red Squad. One man told about being followed for days by members of the squad: "They would talk to my neighbors and in-laws, spreading vicious rumors." Another told about how an officer from the squad tried to get him fired by telling his boss he was "a Communist and you should get rid of him".

That night Chief Breier was on the news on TV yelling, "This is hogwash." He growled at one witness saying, "I don't know, maybe he is a Communist"

Why all the fuss? What is this Red Squad anyway and what does it do?

The Red Squad or Special Assignment Squad is part of the police department's Detective Bureau. Milwaukee is one of 200 large cities which have similar police units that work closely with the FBI and get some of their training from the CIA and the Secret Service. Their speciality is dirty tricks.

Activists in the workers movement are the special targets of the Red Squad. In the last year they've gotten several workers who are active in leading rank and file fights fired from their jobs. They are known to follow and photograph activists.

Salaries and equipment for the Red Squad run up to about \$300,000 a year. Members of the squad try to stay secret but their names have leaked out. They are:

- Capt. Floyd C. Engebretson
- Lt. John Halaska Jr.
- Lt. Carl Ruscitti
- Det. August D. Kneuppel
- Det. Harlove Pieske
- Det. George J. Sorensom
- Det. Harry W. Makoutz
- Det. Edwin L. Cornell
- Det. Richard E. Brunow
- Det. Richard Luedke
- Det. George M. Suvaka Jr.
- Det. Robert Rivers
- Det. Jack F. Vogl
- Det. Leroy F. Oppmann

News about the Red Squad has caused a mini-Watergate in Milwaukee. It turns out that the squad has a file on Alderman Cynthia Kukor and other politicians and judges, maybe even one on Mayor Maier. The bankers and industrialists who run the city want to make sure that nobody steps out of line. The file on Cynthia Kukor, for instance, was started because she is against freeway construction and attended tenants union meetings.

The capitalists running the city are trying to protect a system that's falling apart. Milwaukee, like cities across the country, has high unemployment, bad housing, lousy schools and high crime. A squad equipped with all kinds of spying devices and the right to meddle in everyone's business is one way the big shots can protect their system. They keep a file on any possible threat to their rip off system. This is why they send the Red Squad to spy on everyone from anti-freeway groups,



BERT L. BANHOLZER, PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE "RED SQUAD", IS A MEMBER OF THE "BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION".

PTA meetings, to workers organizations and the Revolutionary Communist Party.

With the people aroused against the Red Squad, the Common Council made a lot of noise about doing something. But in the end they defended the squad. Cynthia Kukor said she isn't against the squad spying on people, she just wants them to spy on the "right" people, like those who are "obviously militant or subversive".

The courts have also been quick to jump to the defence of the squad. Judge Elliot Walstead said he would "bend over backwards to protect (Red Squad) informers". When he found out about all the files the squad keeps he said, "God Bless" them.

WE SAY ABOLISH THEM! ■



CAPTAIN OF THE "RED SQUAD" FLOYD C. ENGBRETSON.

## Faye Murder: "Justifiable"?

On Saturday, October 9th, the Milwaukee police department once again demonstrated its willingness to shoot down the people of Milwaukee, and its ability to declare it "legal".

Frank Faye Jr., a 29 year old Milwaukee man, was the latest victim when he was shot outside of a tavern at 11400 W. Silver Spring Rd.

Faye, who was with his fiance, had been kicked out of the tavern following a quarrel. He went to his fiance's car and got her gun out and fired a shot into the air. A hot headed and senseless thing to do, but it was enough to cost Faye his life.

Two Milwaukee policemen Gary Carlson and Gerald Drefahl, who were in the tavern came out with their guns drawn. Carlson had his regulation .38.

Drefahl had his own personal .45.

According to their story, Faye fired several shots at them from the car before they killed him. But Faye's fiance tells a different story. She said Faye did not fire a shot after he got into the car because she, not he, had the gun.

"As soon as Frankie got into the car, he handed me the gun and I put it under my leg, my thigh, on the seat," she said.

She said that when Drefahl approached the car, "I begged him, 'Please don't shoot him.' He fired once and hit Frankie in the chest and killed him. I slumped down and they shot four or five more times into the car from both sides. They were six inches away when they shot him. So far as I'm concerned they murdered my fiance..."

So Carlson and Drefahl joined the Milwaukee police department's "I was drinking, off-duty and murdered someone" club--not to be confused with the "I was sober, on-duty and murdered someone" club, headed up by Ray Marlow, who killed Jerry Brookshire on Dec. 24th, 1975.

This time it only took a few hours for the DA's office to use their old "justifiable homicide" rubber stamp. The assistant DA even used the murder to attack the parole system, since Faye had just recently been released from Waupan. In fact the parole board never gave Frank Faye a break. He served all but 20 days of his mandatory time.

The Journal fell right into line reporting that a 29 year old "parolee" was killed in a gunfight. They were im-

plying that his prison record makes him a deserving target of a police bullet.

When two drunken off-duty cops were shot to death in the summer of '74, the Journal and its TV media started a campaign against off-duty cops being required to carry their guns. Then the deaths were tragedies. Where was the out-cry this time around when a "parolee" was shot? Drefahl didn't even have his regulation gun with him, but his own .45.

The whole atmosphere created by the police, politicians, DA, courts and media is one of intimidation and repression. The police never have to answer to the people of Milwaukee...only to their masters, the rich who the whole system is set up to serve.

This impunity this "justifiable" rubber stamp, encourages the arrogant attitude of the police that many of us get to see every day. The murder of Frank Faye by trigger-happy cops is just an extreme example of the power the ruling class gives it's police to keep us in line. ■

## Badger Die Settles

After 8 weeks on the picket line, the 50 workers of UE Local 1112 at Badger Die Casting accepted a 2 year contract. They were forced to go back with a modified union instead of the closed shop they had before. The owner, a jerk named Straussman, has attempted to bust the union outright. He offered nothing but "takeaways" for 8 months while the workers stayed 8 months on the job without a contract. The workers took up his challenge and crippled production for 2 months. Straussman had to back off on some of his attacks and the workers went back November 1.

The 8 or 10 scabs that the company hired will stay in, and several strikers have been given disciplinary layoffs. The meager 6% wage increase has no cost of living. It will come no where near to keeping up with rising prices. In

fact, it amounts to a wage cut. Despite this, the determination of the strikers to beat back the company's attack forced Straussman to give them a few things he said he never would. This included \$200 back pay, a wage increase above 5% (he held out on this until the last) and improvements on insurance.

From the beginning the strikers knew it was going to be a tough battle. The first week, the company ran an ad and hired about 10 scabs. Everybody knew times are hard, with a lot of people out of work.

The workers organized mass pickets on Mondays to "greet" the scabs going in and out. They held firm those two months, with only one union member crossing the lines.

Allen Bradley workers from UE Local 1111, members of the Electrical Section



of the United Workers Organization, and the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee helped beef up the lines. This obviously worried the boss who sent a letter to the union expressing his dislike at seeing "outsiders" on the line. Of course, the owners had the

Milwaukee Police Department to "keep the peace" - in other words, protect the scabs and Straussman's profits.

With only a handful of inexperienced scabs on the job Badger Die was starting to hurt. But so were the strikers,

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# ELECTION '76 - WORKING CLASS MUST

## Carter What's Ahead

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One woman expressed the sentiments of many people who voted for Carter when she said, "I just crossed my fingers, closed my eyes, and pulled the lever."

All this raised a question. Why, when neither candidate stirred real excitement, did the press, the politicians, the school system and every other authority go to such great lengths to whip up our enthusiasm to vote? Why did they say it didn't matter who we voted for as long as we voted? Why did John D. "Jay" Rockefeller IV, governor-elect of West Virginia and nephew of Nelson and David, say about voting in this election: "It's not just a way to change things. It's the ONLY way!"?

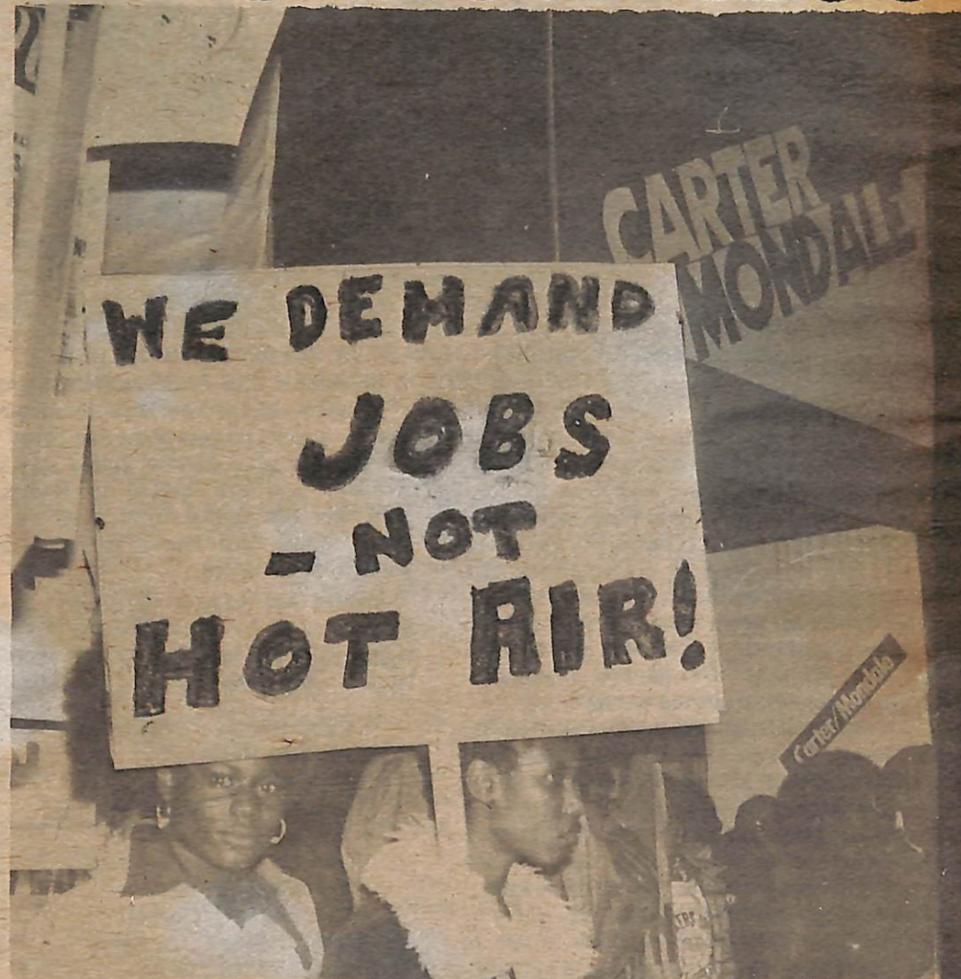
The reason is that uppermost in the minds of these bankers and barons of industry, who pumped millions to each candidate and run the media which built

all we elected Carter, so we're responsible. In other words, they have used these elections as a way to make us point the finger of responsibility at each other.

1972 is a good parallel. Record numbers voted for Nixon, and the press howled he had a "mandate from the people". But then came double digit inflation, followed by massive layoffs. Vietnam was bombed even heavier, Finally Watergate. "Those who voted for Nixon are to blame" blared the spokesmen for the rich, but more saw that the people had never given Nixon a "mandate" for all of this.

When Carter takes over in January he will be head of the machinery of government. He will claim to be acting on behalf of the people. But, Carter can only do as other presidents before him have--maintain an "order" which keeps a handful on top of society and the great majority on the bottom. No appeals for "unity" can stop the ever-sharpening conflict between the producing class--the working class--and those who take all that the workers produce --the capitalists.

The rulers are trying to hide that this capitalist system, like everything



ELECTION NIGHT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN OVER 25 CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. MARCHERS DEMAND THAT POLITICIANS MUST FIGHT FOR OUR OWN, AND "WE DEMAND JOBS OR INCOME NOW!"



A CONTINGENT OF STUDENTS CARRIED A DUMMY OF CARTER, PUPPET OF THE BOSSES THAT ROB US, IN THE ELECTION NIGHT DEMONSTRATION.

# Nation Wide Hit Election

them up, was not which candidates got elected. They wanted to use this election to restore faith in the "democratic process". They wanted to convince the American people that it is really us who run this country, and that no matter what happens from here on, we are the ones to blame and that the only hope we have to solve the problems facing us is to put our faith in their electoral system.

Now that the election is over both of the candidates rushed to kiss and make up. President Ford declared that the task now is to unify the country around the new president. The talk of Carter's mandate grew stronger and stronger. But what will this "mandate" be used for?

Carter will soon be president. Will he do anything about unemployment? Hardly. He may institute some sort of small-scale public works project but he has stated "why pay a man \$80 for doing nothing when you can pay him \$100 a week to rebuild the railroads." The aim of these public works jobs, if any, will be to drive wages down.

He will replace Henry Kissinger as Secretary of State and probably make some wordy proclamations and well publicized trips abroad but Kissinger himself has said there will be no new foreign policy. The government will continue to throw billions and billions into armaments as they prepare for war and there will be further military adventures like their interference in Angola or the recent Korean "tree-cutting" incident.

The economic crisis will continue to deepen despite temporary ups and downs. The danger of war will increase. But this will be our fault, they'll say. After

else in the world, is governed by laws of development not by the will of this or that politician. No matter how much you want to drive a car, it won't run if the engine is no good--and changing drivers won't help either. As long as the whole set-up in this country is based on the majority of the people slaving their lives away in the factories and mills while the fruits of their labor go to the capitalists, unemployment, decay, wars and greater exploitation will be the result. The capitalists are required to drive the workers harder and harder to squeeze ever more profit and just as surely, the workers will fight back and resist their oppression. This is a basic law of capitalism. Jimmy Carter cannot change this, nor would he desire to, considering that he himself has grown rich off the labor of others.

No doubt, once Carter is president, we will be told for month after month to "give him a chance." But the real advances for people are not "gifts" from politicians like Carter, but the result of our struggle. Across the country people are fighting these rulers on different battlefronts; in strikes to win a decent standard of living, in battles to prevent the closing of schools and hospitals, in the fight against their wars and military adventures, the list goes on. The future of this growing struggle lies not in putting one or another capitalist politician in the White House, but in capturing political power for the working class. Workers are beginning to build such a political movement. Even as the election results were being tallied, workers and others across the country demonstrated under the slogan "Politicians Fight for \$\$ Interests, We Must Fight for Our Own!" This is the direction our movement must and will take. ♦

In the weeks before Election Day, the nationwide campaign initiated by Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee under the slogan "Politicians fight for \$\$ interests, we must fight for our own," reached hundreds of thousands of workers, students, youth and others. Many of them actively took up building the campaign. It culminated in a series of election night demonstrations in over 25 cities.

In Milwaukee, 100 workers, students veterans, and youth marched to the downtown offices of the Democrats and Republicans on election night. As the marchers swelled in front of the campaign offices, spirited chants and songs hit the election sham and brought out their own demands. "They speed us up. They lay us off. We won't vote for any boss." and, "Democrat- Republican, we don't care. We demand jobs, not hot air," are some chants that bounced off the downtown buildings. People on the streets gave shouts of "right on." Several joined the march. At the Republican headquarters, campaign workers were visibly shook up and they locked the doors.

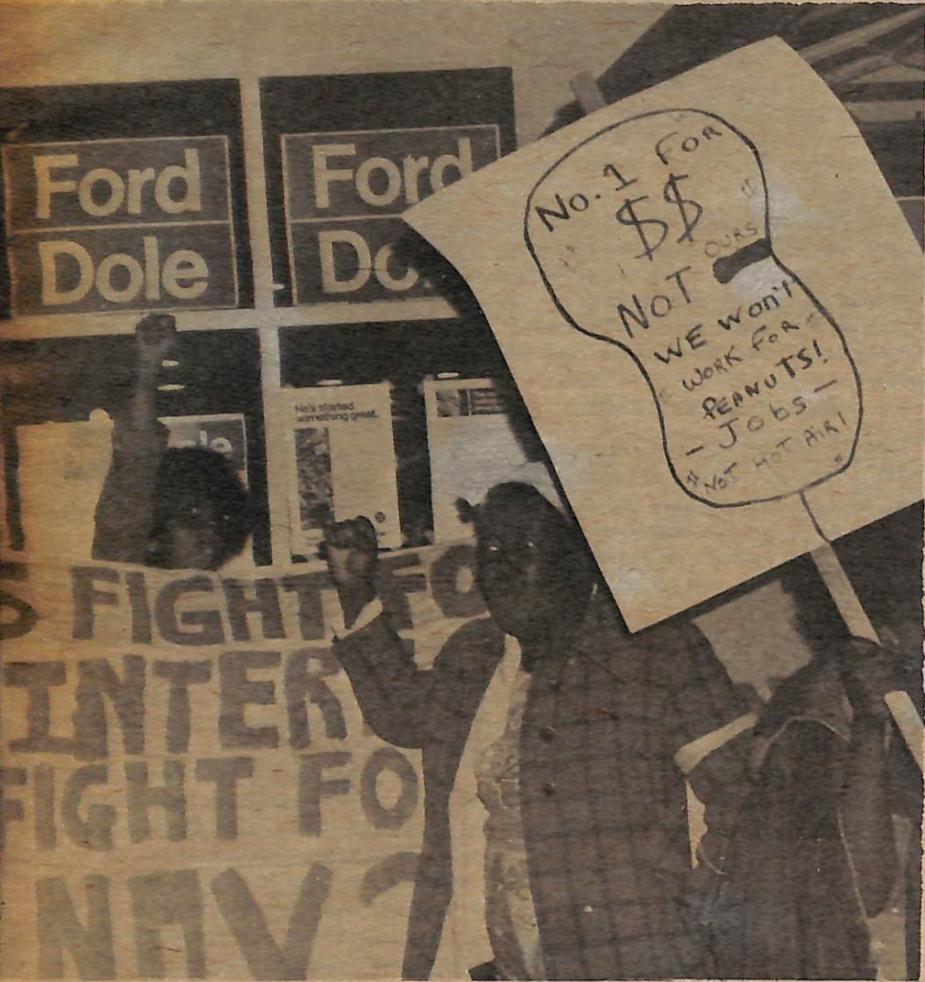
At the end of the march, speakers rallied the crowd on the plaza of the Marine Bank. A Kenosha AMC worker from the auto workers contingent of the march, linked the union hack's efforts to build support behind Carter to their "just rely on us" sellout of the Ford Motor Co. contract. "In the coming AMC strike vote and in the elections, workers initiative is key," he said. Or, like it said in the pre-elections issue of The Packinghouse Worker, voice of the meat-cutters section of the United Workers Organization, "We can't let the bosses put up phoney leaders for us -- not Jimmy Carter, Ford, or snitches they

are promoting for their jive company union. We have to take matters in our own hands, both on the job and in the bigger things like who runs the country." This fighting message was taken into several shops in the Milwaukee area. Workers plastered factory walls with stickers showing the capitalist fat cats manipulating their puppets Ford and Carter. At A. O. Smith, workers on 2nd and 3rd shift stopped at the plant gates to sign a banner which other auto workers carried in the march.



OUR GROWING POLITICAL MOVEMENT WILL BE A LEVER EVERY 4 YEARS.

# AN ATTACK FIGHT FOR ITSELF!



IN MILWAUKEE, WORKERS, STUDENTS, VETERANS AND YOUTH UNDER THE BANNER, "POLITICIANS FIGHT FOR THE \$\$ INTEREST, WE

## e Marches on Sham

In other pre-election build ups, the local chapter of VVAW sponsored a debate on amnesty with the state chairman of Jimmy Carter's campaign. With the VVAW spokesman receiving strong support from the audience, the Democratic chairman claimed he didn't even agree with Carter's "pardon plan."

The Madison chapter of the Revolutionary Student Brigade also held a debate with Carter forces. At this event, Carter's young Democrats drew hoots from the crowd by saying that unemploy-

ment isn't really a problem.

The Youth in Action took the campaign strongly to several high school campuses, holding guerilla theatre shows and rallies at lunch time and bringing a large contingent of youth to the march. The enthusiastic youth brought big smiles to the workers faces at the end of the march and rally when they took the lead in dismembering dummies of the two candidates at the end of the Marine Bank rally.

Actions like the Milwaukee march were held in big cities from L.A. to Baltimore. In Los Angeles the demonstrators hung banners from freeway bridges and rallied at plant gates in the morning. In Chicago 200 marched, many carried banners that were signed by workers at plant gates and inside the factories. In Boston, police attacked a march of 80 when they reached the Massachusetts state capitol hitting the election sham.

The Election Day demonstrations, addressed critical questions on the minds of millions of people and won a great deal of sympathy. Although not large, they were strong and spirited because of what they represented--a step onto the political stage for the working class, a declaration of how things will be in the coming years.

Our political activity will not be confined to pulling a lever every four years to choosing between two servants for those who rob us and keep us down. We fight every day for what we need to live--and that fight is growing. The more they try to make us accept their attacks with window dressing like the elections, the more we must take matters into our own hands. And that's what we are doing. We make society run, why can't we run society? ♦



CHANGE THINGS, NOT PULLING

## 1st Ward Referendum City Hall Called Shots

The November 2 advisory election to fill resigning alderman Orville Pitts' seat brought no change to Milwaukee's predominately Black, near northside 1st ward. Here unemployment and crime are the highest in the city. Tac squad cops patrol the area in unmarked Matador sedans, always ready to hassle residents and criminals alike. Landlords charge rip off rents for some of the oldest and most rundown housing in the city. Despite the talk about improving education, the schools are worse than ever.

The 1st ward more than any other part of the city of Milwaukee feels the full weight of the rich man's system-his discrimination and his oppression. It was here that the fury of the Black struggle broke loose in the upper 3rd St. area almost 10 years ago.

Yet today, Mayor Maier, one of the top urban politicians in the country, together with the downtown politicians and corporate heads has a tight grip on the politics of the inner city. One outrageous example of his manipulation of the political situation came when Pitts resigned. City

he switched from Democrat to Republican. He became a minor Republican celebrity, embraced by Jerry Ford and encouraged to run for higher office. With Nixon's embarrassing fall from power, Pitts had to do a lot of fast talking, condemn Tricky Dick and declare himself an independent. Then in 1976 the senior Black alderman all of a sudden resigned to take a job in the city attorney's office-his salary jumped from \$19,000 to \$33,500. Pitts quit his Common Council post at the very time that the '77 budget proposal is threatening to cutback inner city social services.

His next ambition? Rumor has it that he's angling for a new city judgeship which was recommended by a committee he headed.

With outright political careerists like Pitts, grabbing headlines to advance his own career, it's easy to see how the ruling class executives and politicians call the shots.

Next in line for the 1st ward post is the Mayor Maier endorsed-Reverend Roy Nabors. He led the "popularity contest"



WHEN CARTER CAME TO MILWAUKEE TO SPEAK AT A \$100 A PLATE DINNER, A PICKET LINE SAID, "DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS WE DON'T CARE - WE WANT JOBS NOT HOT AIR"

Hall dug up a little used law which said the Mayor, not the voters, must choose persons to fill Common Council vacancies. The discovery of the law, by Pitts himself, was a Maier political move.

Since the law was not used in cases where aldermen from white districts resigned or died in office, its application to the 1st ward brought charges of racism.

But the outgoing alderman, Pitts, and Roy Nabors, the top vote getter in the November 2 advisory referendum, are both pro-establishment Maier-backers.

It is clear that the downtown bosses control inner city politics, and through more than one instance of racism or one undemocratic election procedure.

Take a look at the political career of Orville Pitts. In 1972, when it looked like he could get an ambassadorship to Trinidad or Barbados by backing Nixon

November 2nd referendum in which 12 candidates ran, most seeing it as a chance to advance their own careers. Nabors' influence in the community comes from his association with a housing project for the elderly, administered through his church, the Calvary Baptist at 2959 N. Teutonia Ave. The money, \$250,000 and sewer improvement for this project were provided to the church through federal grants-with the blessing of Mayor Maier.- through the Common Council Committee on Zoning and Development then headed by none other than Orville Pitts.

Money influence and political trade-offs--this is what they use to keep the lid on the people's struggle. But it won't always be that way. The deep seated bitterness of Black people is going to be a part of a mighty struggle that will push the political opportunists and their rotten system aside. ■

# Takeover Exposes : Free Ashby Leach! GI Bill Cuts

"I stood and looked at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Then I looked up at the Terminal Tower-at that Castle of Capitalism-and I knew what I had to do...The barrel of my shotgun was stuffed with all the letters I've written to change the system for vets."

In these words, Ashby Leach a 30 year old Vietnam veteran, described his decision to take over the Chessie and Ohio Railroad (Chessie) offices in the Terminal Tower Building in Cleveland. His situation, like that of thousands of other vets, called for drastic action. He had served as an army medic and had been awarded the Purple Heart. He had seen first hand the hypocrisy of a system which preached freedom and democracy but which threw away young men's lives for the holy cause of profits. Following his army service he became an apprentice mechanic at Chessie and found out what kind of "gratitude" awaits vets.

## FIVE YEAR BATTLE

Under the GI Bill, veterans in such apprentice programs are allowed to get VA assistance during job training. The VA pays the difference between what an apprentice is paid and journeyman wages. When Ashby demanded that Chessie honor the GI Bill and give him these benefits they refused. Thus began a five

year battle between Ashby and the Chessie System that resulted in the takeover of the Terminal Tower offices of the company in Cleveland last month.

At one point, he and his wife held a demonstration in their hometown of Huntington W. Va., in front of a hotel where an executive of the Chessie System was staying. The Chessie official came out to talk with Ashby and promised him his GI Bill benefits if he attended college. Ashby took a leave of absence to enroll in a vocational education program and then tried to get his old job back. Chessie refused to give it to him. Chessie's policy towards veterans is "like a gob of spit...They gave me the shaft just like they were giving the Vietnam vets the shaft," Ashby stated.

For 5 years Ashby continued his fight for his right as a veteran. After innumerable visits, 500 letters to various company and government officials protesting this kind of treatment still nothing was done. (On August 4 he wrote to each and every member of Congress regarding this situation.) His visits and letters were all ignored. Yet on no account would he sit still. On August 26, he took over the Chessie offices. "There was nothing else I could do, no where else to turn and nobody who would listen," he said later. Millions saw it on nationwide TV and, finally, Chessie officials agreed to meet his demands.

No sooner had he surrendered to the police than Chessie went back on its promises. The media made him out to be a lunatic. The police now allege that he harmed several hostages. The courts have indicted him on 16 felony counts, 13 for kidnapping, and his bail has been set at \$450,000. Now, in the latest attack on Ashby the court's appointed "medical experts" are stating that Ashby is a "paranoid schizophrenic". This is nothing more than a vicious attempt to discredit Ashby and his battle against the Chessie System; it certainly has nothing to do with an honest medical evaluation.

What happened to Ashby Leach, the abuses he got from Chessie and from the whole system, are typical of what's happened to vets in this country as the GI Bill comes under attack, and thousands of vets are denied benefits one way or another.

## DEFEND ASHBY LEACH

This is exactly why the ruling class came down so heavy on Ashby-they want to turn his positive example of fighting back into a negative one-that if you stand up against the system, you'll get crushed. Or if you go up against it, you must be crazy.

And this is why it's all the more important for the veterans movement, and the whole working class, to take up Ashby's defense. A movement must be built to free Ashby Leach that will further expose the abuse of veterans, build on the fighting spirit he showed in Chessie headquarters, and fight like hell to keep him out of jail.

To help build this struggle to free Ashby Leach, the Ashby Leach Defense Committee, (ALDC) has recently been formed. Composed of family, friends, supporters and the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, the ALDC will be coordinating the defense effort on a national level and is open to all individuals and organizations that would like to participate in it.

Already on Sept. 16 and on Veterans Day, Oct. 25, demonstrations were held in Cleveland at the site of the takeover and in Leach's hometown of Huntington, W. Va. The demonstrators, chanting "Ashby goes to jail; Chessie goes free. That's what Chessie calls democracy!" raised the demands: Free Ashby Leach,



ASHBY LEACH

Make Chessie Honor its Promises to Vets, and Extend and Expand the GI Bill. The demonstrations got an enthusiastic response from hundreds of passerbys and were strongly attacked on local TV.

At this point the VVAW and the ALDC are calling for a national demonstration in Cleveland on the first day of Ashby's trial. A national petition drive is being conducted and the ALDC is calling for a letterwriting campaign aimed at the Chessie System and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor to protest Ashby's imprisonment. The VVAW and the ALDC are also in the process of organizing a national speaking tour on behalf of Ashby Leach and raising funds for the defense.

As Ashby told a member of VVAW: "I have stood up not only for the veterans, but the people as a whole, and I am confident the people will stand up for me."

For further information contact the ALDC: PO Box 09100, Cleveland 44109 phone: 741-3796 or in Milwaukee: PO Box 08305 phone: 445-5816. ■



MARCH ON MITCHELL ST. DEMANDING NO CUTS IN GI BILL.

## Work Stoppage Threatened For Dec. 1

# WAUPUN STRUGGLE WON GAINS

When the men in the metal sign shop took control of the prison industrial building at Waupun on July 21, they struck a powerful blow against the harassment, repression and abuse that is a way of life behind the walls. This action backed by overwhelming solidarity from the rest of the prison population, and support throughout the state, won a promise of amnesty for the men involved, forced the resignation of a warden and gained a number of changes in prison rules.

The rule changes were a victory for the inmates. As a result of the takeover, prisoners no longer have to stand by their bars during "count." They don't have to eat everything on their plates. They can miss the evening meal if they want. The "dungeon cells" beneath the solitary confinement block are not being used. Censorship of mail, the dress and hair codes, and rules against talking in line have been eased.

Even more important than these reforms the prisoners won a pride and unity--higher than anyone can remember. In the days following the takeover, the men knew they had backed down guards and officials. With their unity and action they had won out over state officials, and their power to bring state charges, send men to the hole, mark them for harassment and even shoot them, like they did at Attica. The unity was so high after the takeover that when a guard would tell the men to stop talking in line, they just went on like he wasn't even there.

The new warden now lets inmates visit him in his office and he claims credit for all the reforms. The liberals in the Department of Health and Social Services and the Governor could do nothing else. Men were willing to lay down their lives in the struggle and these front men of the ruling class saw the best way to get out of their jam was to give concessions to the inmates.

At the same time as the prison officials eased up on some of their routine policies of harassment, they moved to break the amnesty agreement and punish the leaders. For a time, the men were doubled up in cells in the "green house" as the solitary building is called. Now many of the guys are finishing up 90 day terms. At least two of the spokesmen, John La Tender and Anthony Miller are still in lock up because they have been getting hit with petty harassment and additional time while in the segregation building.

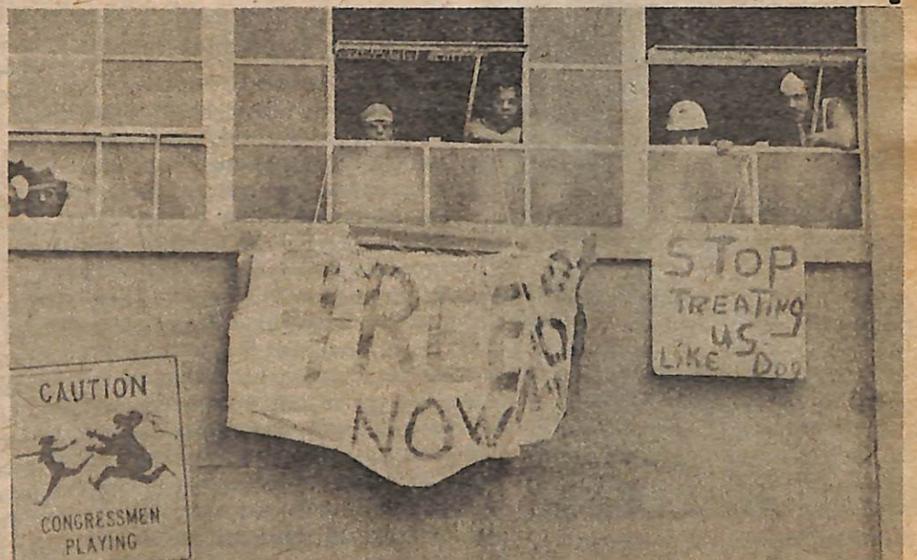
Even in the "green house", the spirit of resistance goes on. In mid-October the prisoners staged a mini-riot in their cells against the policies of the segregation building, especially two of the most sadistic guards, Pucker and Brooks. The new warden was forced to reassign the two. But, he promoted Pucker to Lieutenant--some punishment for the many beatings and harassments he has given out.

According to an inmate, recently released from a three month term in the green house, "The situation over in

the seg. building is still foul. To bring you up to date, Sunday a number of inmates got maced, shook down, and beaten. It is rumored in the population that one of the inmates got his arm broken. Tuesday, the 27th, the pigs went through their thing again over in the seg building. This time an inmate was removed from the building on a stretcher for some reason. Whats happening is they are trying to break the spirit of solidarity which festers within the building there. In reality, the spirit will not die. So, there will be continuous head cracking there." The prisoner, James Lee Harris, had been sent to the seg

building for "rioting and rebelling"--(rattling his cell bars.)

The lessons of unity and resistance have been the key gains of the recent upsurge of prisoners struggle. Up against a system that is constantly trying to break the men down, unity is the strongest weapon. At the present time, the men are organizing for more money than the pitiful 50 ¢ a day they now get. They are threatening work stoppage unless they receive a pay increase before December 1. With the many struggles of the past few years under their belts, they are predicting the strike will be 97% effective. We stand with them. ■



Men in the metal shop took control of the industrial building at Waupun on July 21. They struck a powerful blow against the repression that is a way of life behind the walls.

# 1,000,000 Battle Wage Freeze Canada General Strike

Over one million Canadian workers from the Yukon to Nova Scotia went out on strike on October 14 in protest of the government's wage freeze. The 14th was the first anniversary of Prime Minister Trudeau's Anti-Inflation Board. Like the old Pay Board in the U. S., workers watch prices climb sky high, while the main thing being controlled is their wages. Wages under the year old Canadian law are to be held to 10% in 1976 and 8% in 1977.

The general strike was the first in Canada's history. Protests, demonstrations, rallies and picket lines were held from coast to coast, affecting every major industry--all the major auto plants were closed as was Goodyear Tire and Rubber. The mines and pulp mills were shut tight. Protest picketing went on in front of the Anti-Inflation Board in major cities and in Ottawa thousands of workers marched on Parliament.

Faced with the capitalists' economic crisis, similar to what workers in the U. S. face and with the capitalists trying to make the Canadian workers carry the burden of that crisis through general attacks on their standards of living, rank and file union members have been calling for a general strike.

Hoping to let off some of the steam built up over the past year and yet not really wanting to hurt the capitalists, the Canadian Labor Congress (like the AFL-CIO in the U. S.) watered down the workers' demands to a "national day of protest." One leader of the CLC said



PICKET LINES HIT THE ANTI-INFLATION BOARD DURING ONE DAY PROTEST STRIKE

he thought the best way to protest was for the workers to "stay home and rest."

But while the CLC was trying to keep the lid on the boiling pot the rank and file union members, tired of two hands choking them, pushed their local union leaders into organizing and holding demonstrations, marches, and rallies. Over a million going out and holding militant actions was a real show of the Canadian workers' strength and

solidarity.

Canadian workers have already scored victories against the wage freeze. The Elliot Lake uranium miners struck and won their demands for full wage increases--the ones won before the Anti-Inflation Board rolled them back. Trudeau who condemned the walkouts and "violations of work contracts" has already been forced to say he's "considering" lifting the wage freezes before the legal expiration date of December

31, 1978.

There wasn't much news play of the general strike in the U. S.--either on the TV, radio or in the newspapers--perhaps the rulers here felt our northern neighbors and fellow workers would set too good an example for us here. While the one day general strike didn't put an end to Trudeau's law, it did show the strength and growth of the Canadian workers' movement. ♦

## Last 'Scottsboro Boy' Pardoned

### "... Always Fight For Your Rights"

Forty-five years and six months ago, in 1931, nine Black youths were hauled off a freight train in Paint Rock, Alabama and arrested, accused of raping two white women. Although one woman later admitted she lied, the youths, who became known as the Scottsboro Boys were railroaded and sentenced to die. The case aroused the anger of Blacks and workers throughout the country and "Free the Scottsboro Boys" became a battle cry of many struggles.

Last month, the sole surviving member of the Scottsboro Boys, Clarence Norris, was pardoned. What happened between 1931 and 1976 is a long story.

At the time of the Scottsboro Boys' arrest and trial the country was deep in the Great Depression. In the South, Blacks mainly lived on small farms as tenants and were subjected to a vicious lynching terror by reactionary forces trying to keep intact the sharecropping system which enslaved and impoverished the majority of Blacks, at that time and many whites as well. The frame-up was another in a long line of attempts to strike fear deep into Black peoples' hearts.

Revolutionary workers, including communists, called on people everywhere to join together in struggle to defend the Scottsboro Boys. In the course of the battle tighter unity between the working class of all nationalities and the oppressed Black people was forged. The cry of "Free the Scottsboro Boys" became a part of the overall battle of the working class, as large numbers of workers consciously fought the whole system of capitalism and all the forms of oppression. Workers and Black people throughout the country contributed money

out of their meager Depression-era paychecks to help provide for a legal defense.

The case was hard fought. In 1932, after the Sharecroppers Union passed a resolution demanding the Scottsboro Boys' release, Ralph Gray, leader of the Alabama Sharecroppers Union, was lynched. But the struggle was successful in preventing executions of the Scottsboro Boys and eventually all were released from prison.

After spending fifteen years in prison, five of them on death row, Clarence Norris was paroled. Hatred ran so strong in some quarters that Norris immediately left the state, violating his parole. For the last thirty years he has lived quietly as a warehouseman in New York City.

In an interview after his pardon was announced Clarence Norris said, "They had said that I was a nobody, a dog, but I stood up, and I said the truth. The lesson to Black people, to my children, to everybody is that you should always fight for your rights, even if it costs you your life. Stand up for your rights, even if it kills you. That's all that life consists of." ♦

## Godfather Dies

The government, the politicians the police--all like to talk about how hard they are fighting crime. And yet on October 15 the Don of Dons, Carlo Gambino, died in Brooklyn at the age of 74. And his death, from natural causes, tells more about this system than all of their hot air.

These facts are known for certain about Carlo Gambino. He was the most powerful Mafia boss in this country. Not only did he head his own New York "family" composed of 1000 armed thugs and dominate over the other four New York families--he controlled the so-called "national commission" that makes policy for the 26 Mafia families in the United States. His families' operations stretching from western Massachusetts to the outskirts of Philadelphia included gambling, loan sharking, hijacking, narcotics and labor racketeering.

Think about just one of these--narcotics. Think about how many kids ruin their lives with drugs, who get hooked and fall into petty robberies to support their habit. Now multiply one of these crimes by a thousand, by a million, and you begin to get a picture of what kind of monster Carlo Gambino was.

The fact that Carlo Gambino was the chief of the Mafia has been known to the FBI, the police, to the entire ruling class for years. Yet what happened to him? Was he ever even arrested once for the drug operations he headed or for the murders he ordered? Was his families' extensive control over the International Longshore Association (ILA) or other unions ever broken up? Are there any plans to round up the well-known Mafioso who attended his funeral and now intend to expand operations even further in the areas of hijacking and rackets?

No. In fact it turns out that this punk spent only 22 months of his entire life in jail--and that was back in 1937! In fact the day after he died the New York Times wrote "he had...a puckish face that made him look like everyone's



LEFT: CLARENCE NORRIS, BELOW: THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS SHORTLY AFTER THEIR ARREST



# U.S.-U.S.S.R. MOVE CLOSER TO WAR EUROPE-THE PRIZE THEY BOTH SEEK

In the second Ford/Carter debate on foreign policy, Jerry Ford claimed the countries of Eastern Europe were not dominated by the USSR. Carter pounced on that and said if he were president he would stand up for the liberation of these countries from Soviet control. As usual, Carter spoke out of both sides of his mouth, promising 4 years of peace and at the same time beating the

drums for war with the Soviet Union over domination of Europe.

For several weeks the going was rough on the East Europe issue with Ford on the hot seat. Carter pranced around as the "great liberator" of oppressed people. Ford lamely tried to insist that what he had really meant was that he wanted to liberate Eastern Europe too.

Most of Eastern Europe is dominated

by the capitalist rulers of the Soviet Union, just as Western Europe is dominated by the U.S. Both superpowers have empires where they exploit the labor and resources of the people. The only "liberation" that Carter, Ford and the ruling class behind them are interested in is "liberating" parts of the USSR's empire so they can add it to their own. The Soviet Union would like to grab parts of the U.S. rulers' empire as well. This drive to expand their empires is bringing the two superpowers closer to world war.

The U.S. and USSR talk of detente when it comes to things like cooperating to explore outer space and send performers from one country to another. But the weapons keep building up as these two giants prepare to fight it out for domination of the world. Their navies sail within gunsight of each other on the Atlantic and Mediterranean Oceans.

The U.S. has 350,000 troops in Western Europe along with navy and NATO forces. The USSR has an incredible 2,400,000 men stationed in its European territory. Recently, the U.S. sent 84 new bombers to its bases in England in response to the increase of Soviet MIGs. Both superpowers are prepared to use these troops in Europe, just as during the first two world wars, when millions were killed and cities destroyed to see which imperialist country would be on top.

The contention between the two superpowers effects what is going on all around the world, from Europe to the Mideast to the recent war in Angola. But, the main prize that they are competing for is the domination of Europe - the battleground of the first two world wars. The highly developed economic and political power of Europe and its stability as an area of investment is at the center of the struggle between the U.S. and the USSR.

After WWII, the U.S. rebuilt the war torn, bombed out cities of Western Europe. Over 1/3 of U.S. holdings overseas are in Europe. Companies like Allis Chalmers, GE, Harnischfeger, IBM

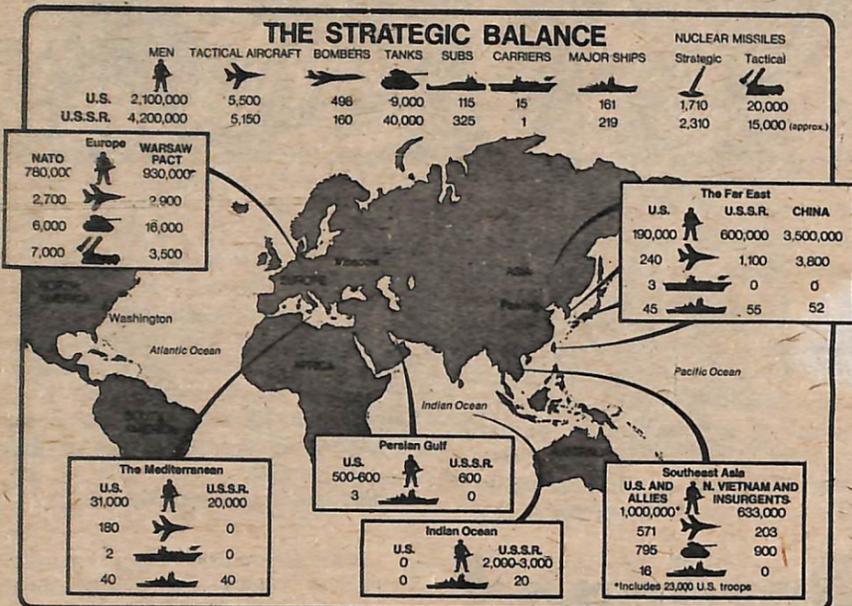
Gulf Oil, and U.S. Steel have investments throughout Western Europe. With this economic power the U.S. ruling class maintains Europe as their main bloc of political and military power around the world.

In the same period, capitalism was restored in the Soviet Union. The Russian capitalists built up Eastern Europe as part of their empire, with 50% of its foreign investment in that area. The Soviet Union dominates these countries through the Council of Mutual Economic Aid (Comecon). Comecon has become a vehicle for the Soviet Union to exploit the smaller countries like Poland, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, by molding their economies to meet the needs of the Soviet Union, and not allowing them to develop well rounded self sufficient economies. They must supply the Soviet Union with money for investments, with raw materials and even with cheap labor.

Neither superpower can sit back and be content with things as they are, because they are both driven by the same law to expand or die. U.S. banks have started making loans to the Eastern European countries and to the USSR as well. Poland, Hungary and East Germany are importing more and more from western countries. The USSR encourages this capitalist trading as long as it does not threaten Soviet control. But, when Czechoslovakia tried to break away from the Soviet bloc in 1968, the Soviet Union invaded that country.

The Soviet Union is scrambling to get a foothold in Western Europe, largely through the Communist Parties of these countries. Contention heated up over Portugal in 1974 when the pro-Soviet Portuguese Communist Party gained control of the country. The U.S. poured in millions of dollars to the Socialist Party until it gained power and returned Portugal to U.S. domination. Each time one superpower moves to expand and the other to defend its empire, they move a step closer to world war.

Carter, Ford and the other politicians used the election campaign to talk about "defending freedom and democracy" and about "national honor," as the ruling class pushes us closer to war. Reagan talked about the U.S. becoming a second rate military power. But we have heard these stories too many times before, when working class men and women have been sent to fight other workers for the profits of the imperialists. We have no interest in such a war or in the politicians who are promising to liberate Eastern Europe from Soviet domination so it will be "free" for U.S. control.



THIS 1975 MAP IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KINDS OF MILITARY COMPARISONS THE SUPERPOWERS MAKE IN SIZING EACH OTHER UP FOR WAR WORLDWIDE.

## Truth Comes Out on Mayaguez Incident

Remember the Mayaguez incident a year and a half ago? The government at that time swelled with pride over the episode. Here was the U.S. vanquishing its enemy with John Wayne bravado. Here was the heroic U.S. armed forces moving with lightning speed to save a kidnapped ship and crew.

Last month as part of the squabbling between the Democrats and Republicans, a government agency called the General Accounting Office (GAO) released a secret report which exposes this carefully fabricated lie.

Just to refresh the memory, the Mayaguez was the name of a U.S. container ship. Just after the U.S. had pulled out of Vietnam and Cambodia the ship was seized by the new Cambodian government for sailing in their territorial waters. The Cambodians suspected it of spying-which given the history of the CIA is certainly a reasonable assumption.

Almost immediately the U.S. government reacted. President Ford declared the "national honor" was at stake. All the leading politicians from Ted Kennedy to Barry Goldwater, joined in the war cries. The marines invaded a Cambodian island supposedly looking for the men. The Air Force bombed the Cambodian mainland and strafed Cambodian boats. Several were sunk. The navy hurried an air craft carrier and several destroyers to the scene and resealed the ship and crew.

The whole thing was front page headlines. A political point was made both to the people of the U.S. and to people around the world. We may have lost in Vietnam and Cambodia the U.S. rulers said, but we're still militarily strong and we won't be pushed around by anyone anywhere. It was also a big attempt to win back some of the sup-

port among the American people for their military adventures, which had greatly eroded during the Vietnam War.

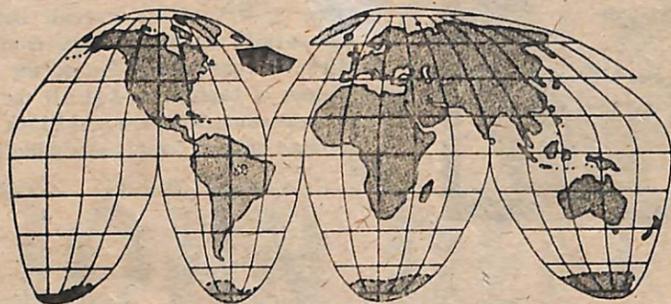
Of course even then some of the glitter started to fade as the facts became known. In all 41 marines were killed-a larger number than the entire crew of the Mayaguez-and over 50 were wounded. But even with this the government told us it was a necessary sacrifice in order to avoid piracy on the open seas.

But this new government report reveals that the whole thing was a hoax used by the U.S. to prop up its military image. The report tells how the Mayaguez crew had actually been released through diplomatic channels hours before the attack was launched and had been spotted by Air Force pilots on their way back to the ship. Despite this information the Joint Chiefs of Staff decided to go ahead with the "rescue" anyway. As a result, 19 and 20 year old marines were dropped on an empty Cambodian island to be carried off in sacks when the top Pentagon brass knew the Mayaguez crew was not there, and the Mayaguez crew itself was fired upon and almost shot out of the water by the U.S. Air Force.

All this is even more outrageous because the information which has now come out has been known by the inner circles of the government since the Mayaguez incident originally happened.

The Mayaguez incident was not about "saving" the lives of the Mayaguez sailors - they were almost killed by our own government. And the common soldiers who died were nothing but so much cannon fodder to be blown to bits. This incident should teach us a lesson; when the ruling class cries "wolf" they are describing themselves.

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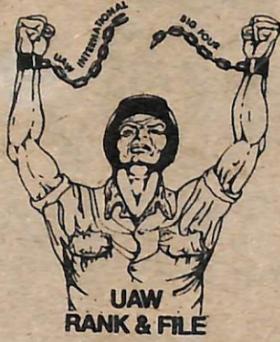
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The Ford package doesn't meet any of these points and the AWUF program has served as a rallying point for the workers demands. AWUF is calling for a demonstration at the UAW Chrysler Council meeting and for massive "No" votes in Chrysler locals across the country.

With the struggle at Chrysler on center stage workers resistance continues to brew at General Motors and AMC. The inspiration and experience of the Ford strike and the Chrysler walk outs will go a long way toward preparing the rest to take their stand. Workers at GM have previous experience with the UAW's tricks to head off struggle. In '72 and '73 UAW chief Irving Bluestone used what he called "apache tactics" and "mini-strikes" to isolate one local at a time. These local strikes allowed GM to shift work from non-striking plants at a time when the workers were trying to combat an industry-wide speed up campaign.

As these fights unfold, the focus will shift to Wisconsin where American Motors is complaining about low sales and profits. They're using heavy layoffs and the threat of bankruptcy to push for

the takeaway of such hard won gains as the 1 to 35 steward ratio the right to strike over grievances, a full year of health insurance during layoff, a fully paid dental plan, and voluntary overtime.



Right now AMC has such a capital shortage that they can't even afford to pay their parts suppliers on time. They recently were forced to cut the price of the Gremlin by \$250. That's how desperate they are.

The AMC profits crisis cuts two ways. On the one hand, they have to attack the workers' hard-won gains. But on the other, they're so weak that a strike could really hurt them.

AMC workers in Milwaukee and Kenosha took big strike authorization votes in early November. At the big Kenosha complex, the vote was 97% to authorize. The Milwaukee local turned out so big that it was standing room only at the Capitol Court Theater. Despite the hard times, the people know "Its time to fight."

In the agricultural implement plants, eyes are on the John Deere workers who struck 27,000 strong in Iowa. As we go to press details of the settlement are not available. At Allis Chalmers the strike authorization was almost unanimous. The big demands there are 30 and Out With Full Benefits Regardless of Age, End Subcontracting, Full Dental Plan, No Weekly Averaging of Piece Work, Better Grievance Procedure, Job Postings, and Money.

The Chrysler workers struck a powerful blow with their walk offs. They shattered the myth that the pacesetter automatically extends to the rest of the industry. And they set back the auto monopolies' plans to tighten the screws on the workers. And they showed very strongly whats starting to happen in this country: the workers in their thousands are on the move and when they become organized to fight in their own interests, no one can hold them down.

# JOHN DEERE

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But, the shit didn't hit the fan till the local President attempted to adjourn the meeting. He was hailed with boos and workers started grabbing the microphones asking questions. One worker asked why picket duty had been called off during the weekend when trucks were going in. Another worker asked what the hell good would twelve hour picket assignments do if the company was letting trucks in and out of the plant after the pickets went home. The local president began looking from one member to another of the negotiating committee for help and finding none looked out at the 1500 workers left and said, "Well, well, I guess we best go to a volunteer twenty-four hour picket duty. We didn't think the company would allow trucks in after they locked the gates."

So Sunday night to Monday morning, voluntary pickets guarded the gates. At 1:30 Monday morning, six foremen waited by an open gate to unload a truck. But, when the trucker saw the picketers he turned the rig and beat it down the road. A sister who had set-up the twenty-four hour voluntary pickets got all the picketers down to the union hall in the morning to confront the committee men about the setting up of a regular twenty-four hour picket line. She and sixty other workers crowded into the presidents office and told him about the incident with the truck. "If we hadn't had volunteers last night, those white hats could of unloaded that truck." "We want twenty-four hour picket assignments, we want to shut the company down." The president then invited us in to crash a board meeting called by the committee men. The committee men put up all sorts of excuses why we couldn't get up a twenty-four hour picket assignment. But, the

workers pounded the point home saying, "People learn more on picket lines then they do in your propaganda school." "We are going to have twenty-four hour picket lines and that's all there is to it." The committee men and the International hack had no choice but to agree.

Since the beginning of the strike, the company refused to let workers and union into the plant to see what subcontractors were doing. Finally, after weeks of inactivity by the union, the rank and file took matters into their own hands and organized mass pickets which shut down all the subcontracting for one day. But the company watchdogs, the courts, working hand in hand, laid down an injunction the next day, limiting all pickets to 4 people, and no pickets at gates where subcontractors were going in.

With no production being done within the plants, the bosses have been using their stockpiles to keep sales up. Yet, those stockpiles will not last to the first of the year, although the strike could. Stockpile of service parts is completely drained. With harvest season on, many farmers, etc., are in need of parts but unable to get them, putting pressure on Deere to settle because of lost business.

In the middle of the second week of the strike, a couple of our pickets stopped a sports car at one of the main plant gates here in Waterloo. As the workers asked for the drivers pass to insure that he wasn't a scab, the driver took off, throwing one of the workers on to the hood of his car. The driver was a young foreman and his car was going 35 to 40 miles an hour with the worker hanging on for his life. It took 9 feet of skidmarks for the young boss

to stop the car and catapult the worker to the pavement. The company quickly swept their young hit man out of town before he was shot, and apologized for the regrettable incident.

The worker was taken to Iowa City to the medical school's hospital. He has lost almost all of his hearing in one ear and all of the possible brain damage is not known yet.

On Oct. 8, the day after the bosses tried to run down pickets with their sports cars, all the gates were blocked by the picketers cars, and so it has remained. We strike to insure and protect our rights and benefits and the bosses send in young hot-heads to run us down. Well, it won't be long before those rich bastards will be running. And, their class doesn't have far to run before they run right out of room.

Although there has been talk about feeling the financial pinch, nobody has tried to scab and with the mood of our pickets nobody will. The union has hammered home problems in outside contracting, and "twenty-five and out" for all foundry and forge workers. Around the clock negotiations started Nov. 2. The workers keep the plants shutdown.

Well that is pretty much whats been happening here in Waterloo at the big green machine plants. Most of the workers fear being sold down the road by the International, especially as the strike wears on. But with the spontaneous struggle that has been growing here, we just might give those hacks a run for their money.

From the workers in Waterloo, Iowa. ■

# PULASKI

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want the money to go towards big business tax breaks, loans subsidies and downtown renewal.

Across the board they are trying to jack up profits by turning the screws tighter on working people. To get over with their program of attacks on working people they try to keep us confused and divided. Right now the center of their divide and conquer scheme is in the schools with their busing plans and phoney integration orders.

The system seizes on incidents like Hamilton and Pulaski to spark greater fighting and to direct worker's anger at each other, rather than the ruling class. Throughout Milwaukee, the level of tension rose a notch. The working class can never get ahead by falling into this trap. We must put the blame for crummy education, discrimination and the fighting in the schools squarely where it belongs - not on each other but on the system that keeps us all down. ■

# TAX REFORM?

In October, Congress passed a law to tax sick pay, retroactive for all of 1976. In the past sick pay was tax exempt.

This little-publicized attack is particularly outrageous when you consider that sick pay is almost never more than \$100 a week, and usually much lower. Plus bills are already piling up when you're off sick. And making the tax retroactive will really hurt people who have been on sick pay in the last year. No deductions were taken from their sick pay checks, but they will have to pay it all, come April 15.

We've been hearing all kinds of talk about tax reform, especially during the election campaign. But this shows what the politicians mean when they talk about "reform"—another attack!

# BADGER DIE

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who had been receiving no weekly strike benefits. The International gave the local a measly \$2 a week per striker.

Strikers and members of the United Workers Organization began to leaflet other shops about the strike and making plant gate collections. But when they went to Allen Bradley, the biggest UE local in the city, the A-B official objected, saying they would take charge of it. But this amounted to a lot of hot air. They never did it.

The role of the United Electrical International leaders became even more clear in the last week of the strike when a UE official from Minneapolis pushed for going in with an open shop. By sabotaging any rank and file efforts to build up a strike fund, and calling on strikers to stop any harassment of scabs until they voted on the open shop proposal, the International made it clear they wanted the strike over with.

The vote to go back was 25 to 13. The workers didn't want to go back with only a modified union shop. Some wrote comments on their ballots like "This contract stinks". But Straussman scared the strikers by hiring extra scabs the day of the union meeting and saying, "It's this or no job." They could see no support from the International. The local leadership said there was nothing more they could do to build the fight--this was the best they could get.

Like all unions, the UE International runs the electrical workers' union like a business. To the UE chiefs, local 1112 is only a small dues payer and not worth risking arrests, court cases or letting loose any more strike benefits. And they don't want to antagonize the rich man or unleash the rank and file.

For the rank and file letting Straussman take away their closed shop will make it harder to stop him from taking away more. With the whole system in crisis, capitalist competition has tightened up. Badger Die's competitors like Stroh and Advance Die Casting are facing a profits crunch and the companies are all trying to muscle aside the competition. The only way they can do this is by driving the workers harder for less pay.

But when any of them try to step on the working people, they're going to meet resistance.

In the course of the 2 month strike, the Badger Die workers came up against a union busting attempt, the bosses use of cops and scabs and a sell out by the international. It didn't add up to a victory, but the workers took up a challenge, fought off the sharpest attacks built their own unity and joined other workers, and came to see better how the system works.

The Badger Die workers are going to need this unity and understanding to carry on the fight in the shop. Just as the boss tried to use scabs against strikers--now he will try to use the non union members against the union people in the plant. Winning over the non union workers, turning the union into a fighting organization in the hands of the rank and file and uniting to build every workers struggle--that's the road forward. ■

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# MAFIA

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ideal of a kindly old uncle." In fact despite the fact that the other heads of the Mafia families and the activities they are involved in are known, there are no plans to break up organized crime.

This is no fluke, no miscarriage of justice. Sure they'll come down on some Mafia soldier here and there when their activities pose too much of a threat to the ruling class' own businesses. But the Mafia continues to thrive and flourish in the U.S. for good reason.

The Mafia chieftains are themselves driven by the same "healthy" motive that propels all the moneybags-the search for profit. It is well known that the Mafia combines its illegal activities with many "respectable" and entirely legal forms of capitalist robbery. And on the other side, the so-called "legitimate" capitalists who run this country are not above resorting

to a variety of criminal means to protect their profits. And their biggest acts of mass murder, when they send young men off to kill and be killed to defend their empires, are not considered to be "crimes" at all.

There are so many cases of personal connection between top politicians, corporation executives and Mafia chieftains that exposing them brings more yawns than gasps. It is no wonder the ruling class has done so little to crack down on the Mob.

Carlo Gambino didn't deserve to be romanticized - he deserved to die an unnatural death. When the masses of people have their way all these big time crime scum will meet the fate they deserve. Their continued existence today is one more indictment of capitalism. ■



SHIPYARD WORKERS IN CHINA CONTINUE THE REVOLUTION.

# CHINA

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alist" disguise. This "socialist" disguise suits these people because, since they have little private property to defend they are all in favor of state ownership. But the key question of socialism is not whether or not the state runs things but whether or not the working class runs the state. The Capitalist roaders aim to use the state to enrich themselves instead of to develop society as a whole. To these people, revolution means clearing away the old exploiters and rulers - only to make room at the top for themselves.

Mao Tsetung's greatest achievement was to sum up the experience of what had happened in the USSR and the struggle in China to find the way to overcome this problem. In the Cultural Revolution which took the form of huge mass struggles in the late sixties, and in many mass campaigns, Mao led the Party in guiding millions upon millions of workers and peasants in studying Marxism-Len-

inism, the science of waging revolution, and becoming more and more politically conscious and active in discussing and deciding how things are to be run.

## PROGRESS MEANS STRUGGLE

In this way the working people of China have taken many practical steps to move society forward. But each of these steps has met resistance from those who hope to use the old ways to feather their own nests. The more things change and move forward, the more desperate such people become. Very fierce and repeated struggles have broken out within the Party and China as a whole over what lines and policies to follow. The struggles reflect deep differences in the lines and policies of those who represent the interest of capitalism, and those who represent the interests of the working class.

For instance, there has been the struggle on how to run the factories--

by a handful of managers who get the workers to produce by offering bonuses, incentives and piece-rates or whether the workers themselves can increasingly take part in the administration of the factories and run them for the advancement of society as a whole.

Above all, the capitalist roaders say that the way to build up China is to forget about politics and mass movements. To them, mass politics is "wasted" time and disruption. They want to concentrate on production and to rely on experts. This line has come up again and again. Each time it is defeated, it takes a new and slicker form.

Mao always taught that the most important things was for the broad masses of working people themselves to struggle over and grasp the correct political line. Only in this way could they keep political power in their hands. If China were to follow the line that the working people are only good for slaving away for others, without taking part in and taking command in the political struggle,

then socialist China's gains would be lost and the country would return to the old society and all its miseries.

## HISTORIC GOAL

Mao pointed out that there would have to be many more Cultural Revolutions, and other mass political struggles like it, to keep the working class in power. The battle to transform society is very long and complex, and there is a great deal that needs changing step by step. But the goal is just as great as the struggle is hard. It is a struggle in which the working class is leading the people toward the final elimination of all classes and class differences, towards communism. Only when there are no more classes will it then be impossible for some people to try to grab up everything for themselves and twist the workers' labor for their own private gain.

The long history of workers struggle in China - before and after the winning of socialism - is a wealth of experience. Continued workers struggle to keep control and make advances is the best guarantee of a bright future. ■

# LA REVOLUCION VIENE AL LA PAGINA 15

guna gente que miran a las cosas del punto de vista capitalista del egoismo se aproveche de ellas para tratar de agarrar todo el poder y riqueza que puedan. Esta gente son nuevas fuerzas capitalistas, y lucharán ferozmente para aumentar las desigualdades que le beneficien y para sabotear y derrocar al socialismo y reestablecer el capitalismo con ellos como los jefazos.

Esta nueva clase capitalista no puede pavonerse como la vieja, pues que los viejos capitalistas dan coraje a la aplastante mayoría de la gente. Estas nuevas capitalistas tienen que pretender ser comunistas. De hecho, para tener éxito en China debido al gran respeto a Mao que tiene el pueblo chino, muchas veces pretenden ser los más fieles seguidores de Mao.

Debido al hecho de que la clase obrera guía toda la sociedad mediante su Partido Comunista, estas nuevas fuerzas capitalistas tienen que establecerse dentro del Partido mismo, donde muchas veces su ambición les impulsa a hacerse líderes del Partido. Por esto la lucha entre el socialismo y el capitalismo ya se enfoca adentro del seno del Partido.

Fue precisamente esta misma clase que agarró el Poder en la Unión Soviética a mediados de los 1950 y cambiaron ese país socialista en un país capitalista bajo un disfraz "socialista." Tal disfraz les sirve bien a esta gente, pues que les gusta la propiedad del

estado porque tienen poca propiedad privada para defender. Pero la cuestión clave que determina el socialismo no es si o no el estado es dueño de las cosas, sino la cuestión de que si o no la clase obrera maneja el estado.

Como dijimos en el suplemento especial acerca de Mao Tsetung en el último número de *El Obrero*, el más grande logro de Mao fue que resumió la experiencia de lo que había pasado en la Unión Soviética y la lucha en China para encontrar el modo para vencer este problema. En la Revolución Cultural con sus tremendas luchas de masas en los 1960, y en muchas campañas de masas, Mao guió al Partido en guiar a millones y millones de obreros y campesinos en estudiar el marxismo-leninismo, la ciencia de hacer revolución y hacerse mas y mas políticamente conscientes y activos discutiendo y decidiendo como las cosas debieran ser manejadas.

Así la gente trabajadora de China ha creado muchas "nuevas cosas socialistas" como son llamados los pasos prácticos para mover la sociedad hacia esta dirección. Pero cada uno de estos pasos ha encontrado resistencia de los que esperan aprovecharse de las viejas cosas por sus propios estrechos intereses. Cuanto mas que cambian y avanzan las cosas, tanto mas tal gente se hace desesperada. De ahí ha surgido una resistencia feroz u repetida dentro del Partido y todo China acerca de cuales

líneas y políticas se deben llevar a cabo. Esto refleja diferencias transcendentales entre las líneas y políticas de los que representan los intereses del capitalismo y los que representan los intereses de la clase obrera.

Por ejemplo ha habido una lucha acerca de si debe manejar las plantas un punado de administradores logrando que los obreros trabajen por medio de bonos, incentivos y paga por pieza, o si los trabajadores mismos pueden tomar parte en la administración de las fábricas de forma creciente y manejarlas para avanzar a toda la sociedad.

Sobre todo, los seguidores del camino capitalista dicen que para desarrollar a China hay que olvidarse de la política y los movimientos de masa pues que "así de gasta tiempo", y en lugar de esto enfocarse en la producción, apoyándose en los expertos para manejarla y planificarla. Esta política ha surgido repetidas veces, y cada vez que se venza, surge de nuevo en otra forma más engañosa.

Por eso Mao siempre enseñaba que lo más importante es que las amplias masas de la gente trabajadora mismas luchan acerca de la línea política y lo entiendan, porque sólo así pueden mantener el poder político en sus propias manos. Si de otra forma China siguiera la línea según la cual la gente trabajadora sólo deben trabajar como esclavas por los intereses de otros, sin tomar parte en la lucha política y al fin de cuentas dirigirla, entonces los avances de China socialista se per-

derian y el país se volvería a la vieja sociedad con todas sus miserias.

Mao apunta que serian necesarias muchas más Revoluciones Culturales y otras luchas políticas de masa como esa para mantener el Poder en manos de la clase obrera, porque la batalla para transformar la sociedad es larga y complicada y hay muchísimas cosas que se tienen que cambiar paso a paso. Pero tan difícil sea la lucha, como grande es la meta. Es una lucha en que la clase obrera guía al pueblo hacia la eliminación final de todas clases, o sea, el comunismo. Sólo cuando ya no haya ningunas clases dejará de existir la base para que alguien trate de agarrar todo por si mismo y torcer la labor de los trabajadores por el provecho de si mismo.

Es inevitable que los obreros se levantarán contra los capitalistas una y otra vez hasta que cada uno de estos se ha borrado de la tierra y se ha desenterrado las raíces de donde brotan. La gente trabajadora de China ha desarrollado mas su entendimiento y habilidad para llevar a cabo esta lucha por medio de cada de la grandes batallas contra los seguidores del camino capitalista en las cuales les guió Mao, y esto es la mejor garantía del futuro. ■

# CARTER DERROTA A FORD

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la guerra y más explotación. Al capitalista les toca apresurar más y más al obrero; y de misma forma le toca al obrero luchar y resistir su opresión. Esto es una ley básica del capitalismo. Jimmy Carter no puede cambiarlo, ni quisiera cambiarlo, siendo éste uno que se ha hecho rico con el trabajo de otros.

No cabe duda cuando Carter se hace presidente nos dirá por meses que hay que "darle una oportunidad." Pero los verdaderos avances del pueblo no son "regalos" de los politiqueros como Carter, sino los resultados de nuestra

lucha: en huelgas para ganar un nivel de vida decente, en batallas contra el cierre de escuelas y hospitales en la lucha contra sus guerras y aventuras militares, y así por toda la lista. El futuro de esta lucha creciente no consiste en poner a uno o otro politiquero en la Casa Blanca sino en la toma del poder político por la clase obrera. Los obreros ya están empezando a construir tal movimiento. En el mismo momento en que se contaron los votos, trabajadores y otra gente a través del país lanzaron manifestaciones con el grito: "¡Los Politiqueros Luchan por los

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## ¿Peligro de la Swine Flu?

# Vacuna Embotellada en Sistema de Ganancias

La amenaza este invierno del swine flú, es una pesadilla que no tiene razón de ser. Lo que pasa es que esta cosa se ha vuelto una tremenda bonanza para las compañías de drogas y los políticos hacen duro saber si es que el peligro es verdadero o es exagerado así estos buitres pueden estar a gusto, peor aún si el peligro es verdadero como ellos dicen, pues muchas vidas han sido puestas en peligro por la puestas en peligro por la forma que el programa de vacunación fue detenido por meses hasta que varios de los intereses envueltos de mucho dinero fueron satisfechos. De cualquier manera, esto ha sido un crimen tremendo.

A la enfermedad la llaman swine flú porque, generalmente les viene solo a los cerdos. Anteriormente esta epidemia se declaró entre los humanos, en 1918 matando a 20 millones de personas--frtop ,o;pm swio rm ;pd E.U. antes medio millón aquí en los E. U. antes que la epidemia terminara entre la población humana. El último invierno, un soldado que murió en el Fort Dix, N. J. fue encontrado que tenía síntomas de swine flú.

De hecho no dicen nada seguro. No se han sabido nuevos casos de enfermedad desde el último invierno, incluso en el hemisferio sur de la tierra donde ahora esta finalizando el invierno que es la temporada del flu. No se sabe si la enfermedad reapareciera del todo o como se propagara y como de seria sera.

La razón principal de toda esta cosa es muy confusa no solo por las limitaciones de la ciencia sino también por las fuerzas que han estado metidas en las contraversias de swine flú y las cuales tienen sus propios intereses para empujar--intereses que nada tienen que ver con la salud del pueblo.

Ford habló por T.V. en marzo para

anunciar que él se aseguraría de que "cada hombre mujer y niño en el país" reciban una vacuna. Más tarde se supo que la vacuna podría no ser efectiva y hasta peligrosa para memores de 18 años y otras personas, esto hizo que uno se preguntara sobre las razones médicas que habría detras del anuncio de Ford y cuanto mas tendría que ver el hecho que él en ese tiempo estaba perdiendo en las primarias.

Por supuesto las compañías estaban felices tratandose conseguir el contrato por \$135 millones de ganancias de las vacunas, y su entusiasmo llevaba bastante empuje en el negocio de la medicina. Todos esperaban que los políticos mientan, pero varios de los supuestos expertos neutrales aprobaron el plan de trabajo del gobierno o de las compañías de drogas, o los de las instituciones de investigaciones que son dependientes de las compañías de drogas.

### VACUNAS DETENIDAS POR MESES

Las primeras cien millones de dosis de vacunas fueron hechas rápidamente. Incluso las compañías de drogas estaban tan apuradas en hacer la venta que ya habían preparado las primeras 6 millones de dosis antes que descubrieran que se habían equivocado y tenían que empezar de nuevo.

Entonces se presentó otro problema --las compañías de seguro las cuales cubren a las compañías en caso de ser demandadas dijeron que no las protegerían por la vacuna swine flú. La cosa se detuvo por meses mientras demandaban que el gobierno se hiciera cargo. La decisión sobre esto fue discutida en el congreso por casi todo el verano, mientras los representantes de varios intereses capitalistas peleaban con dientes y muelas por quién conseguía mantenerse fuera.

Finalmente, a mediados de agosto, el Congreso acordó entregar dinero adicional para pagar el seguro.

Para tapar todo lo que estaba ocur-

riendo, el Congreso hizo una gran comedia ordenando que las compañías de drogas no deberían hacer ganancias en el acuerdo pero ni se preocuparon de ir por las mociones para detener las cuatro grandes compañías de drogas envueltas en hacer ofrecimientos por el contrato.

¿Quién es el responsable por este retraso? Las compañías acusan a las compañías de seguro y los del seguro apuntan a las compañías de drogas. Pero lo que ninguno de ellos apunta es que los monopolios de drogas y las corporaciones de seguro son manejadas por la misma clase capitalistas financieras, y casi siempre por los mismos bancos. Por ejemplo, el Morgan Guarantee Trust Bank corre con la compañía de drogas Merck como así mismo con el Providential, New York Life y otras gigantes compañías de seguros. De hecho estos capitalistas de monopolio, son los amos y dirigen todo en este país, incluyendo el Congreso y la Casa Blanca.

¡Que infernal situación! A las compañías de drogas no se les puede tener la confianza para obtener una vacuna segura, porque investigar y controlar calidad no es negocio. Las compañías de seguro tienen sus propias ganancias para proteger y como no hay mucha ganancia en el negocio de asegurar el swine flú simplemente no se interesan.

Como no se puede hacer dinero tratando a la gente enferma gratis, el seguro es necesario o sinó la gente que se enferma por la vacuna puede morir por la cuenta del doctor.

Y como si esto fuera poco, ya que no se puede hacer dinero por la vacuna, ni un centavo se ha entregado para esto. Muchas personas tendrán que pagar un Dr. privado para vacunarse, mientras que las vacunas gratis por los centros de salud pública deberá ser pagada al costo de programa de vacunación y otros cuidados de salud dejándolos en quiebra.

### GANANCIAS EN COMANDO

El problema no es solo que los capitalistas estan tratando de hacer negocios de una posible epidemia, es peor aún la forma que ellos han organizado la sociedad para ganancias, la amenaza de una epidemia no se puede afrontar de acuerdo a las necesidades del pueblo. Los corruptos rastrillos de ganancias aquí y allá no son nada comparando al hecho que todo el sistema de ganancias está podrido.

El mismo motivo de ganancias que pone a todo el programa de vacuna bajo sospecha, quiere decir que la vacuna ya producida ha estado guardada en botellas por meses mientras los capitalistas discutían. Ahora, por el atraso, solo unas pocas personas recibirán la vacuna antes de octubre, cuando casi siempre ya ha empezado la temporada del flu, por supuesto, no habrá tiempo para alcanzar a vacunarlos a todos. Lo mejor que se puede esperar es que los capitalistas hayan exagerado esta cosa.

Que se declare o no una epidemia mortal, esta gente han estado jugando con nuestras vidas para ellos todo es ganancias y sin ganancias nada se puede hacer--esa es la forma que trabaja este sistema, y ninguna cantidad de hipocresía de parte de sus expertos y políticos puede cambiar este hecho para nosotros, la clase obrera, esto quiere decir el infierno. Esto es más que lo que podemos tolerar. Su sistema y su dominio sobre nosotros son los responsables por la forma que el swine flú se ha convertido en una pesadilla. Ellos son los que se nos interponen para reorganizar la sociedad de arriba abajo para que pueda satisfacer nuestras necesidades. ■

## LA REVOLUCION SEGUIRÁ EN CHINA

Ya que ha fallecido Mao Tsetung, alguna gente pregunta ¿puede seguir la revolución en China? Mucha gente quiere saber, después de la muerte de Mao, ¿hay alguna garantía de que la revolución china avanzará?

La respuesta es que no hay ni puede ser ninguna garantía absoluta. Todavía

hay una base para el agarro del Poder de la clase obrera por las fuerzas capitalistas y la restauración del capitalismo.

A nuestros dominantes les gusta apuntar a lo que llaman "luchas de poder" en China para así decirnos que no hay ninguna alternativa a como están las cosas aquí. Pero en realidad, mientras que sí hay grandes trastornos entre el alto liderato del Partido chino, no son "luchas de poder" en el sentido que quieren decir nuestros dominantes capitalistas--o sea, no son riñas entre ladrones rivales sobre quien tendrá el botín como hemos visto en el caso Watergate y muchas otras veces. Son luchas políticas acerca de líneas y políticas opuestas y como hacer las cosas acerca de cual camino seguira China y cual clase tendrá el Poder. Mao dedicó toda la vida al entrenamiento de las masas populares de China en ésta lucha, para que mantuvieran el poder político en sus propias manos.

La lucha de clases sigue aún bajo el socialismo porque cada rasgo dejado por el capitalismo es en obstáculo al progreso y una base potencial para los que gozan del viejo orden para tratar de volver atras a la sociedad.

Los viejos capitalistas y terratenientes están casi acabados en China. Las masas chinas han pasado siglos de sufrimiento bajo estos viejos dominantes y casi tres decadas de vivir sin ellos, y casi todo el mundo les odian. Pero esto no quiere decir que el viejo sistema no tiene apoyantes ni ninguna oportunda para una reaparición.

La clase obrera no ha podido cambiar las cosas al instante. Ha sido necesario bregar con todo lo atraso de la vieja sociedad paso a paso, incluso no sólo la vieja pobreza sino también la fuerza de viejas costumbres y ideas



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y la división de labor que determinaba como se producían y se manejaban las cosas en la vieja sociedad. Todavía hay importantes divisiones y desigualdades sociales--por ejemplo, entre los que hacen trabajo manual y los que hacen trabajo "intelectual" (administradores, intelectuales etc.); entre los trabajadores y los campesinos y entre la ciudad y el campo; y dentro del sistema de paga.

Estos restos del capitalismo, estas diferencias que forman la base para

el crecimiento de la desigualdad y otra nueva clase explotadora, pueden ser vencidos sólo gradualmente, a medida que la consciencia política del pueblo y la riqueza de la sociedad se vayan aumentando, haciendo posible mejorar de forma creciente la vida del pueblo y eventualmente abastecerles una abundancia de bienes conforme a sus necesidades. Pero mientras existan estas desigualdades, habrá una base que al-

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## CARTER DERROTA A FORD CUAL ES NUESTRO FUTURO?

Ya ha sido elegido Presidente Jimmy Carter. Los periodistas y politiqueros dicen que ya se ha escuchado "la voluntad del pueblo", y dicen que el ganador verdadero es el sistema político mismo. Pero mucha gente, incluso los que votaron por Carter, tiene dudas de que esta elección vaya a cambiar la manera en que se manajan las cosas en este país.

En los últimos días antes de la elección hubo un gran esfuerzo por parte de los que mandan en EEUU para que la gente votara. Según los periodicos y la TV, los candidatos estaban corriendo parejos no se pudo suponer quién iba a ganar, y un solo voto podría ser decisivo.

Para los que no estuvieran entusiasmados en cuanto a Carter pero si estuvieron hartos con Ford, se les dijo que tuvieron que irse a las urnas electorales porque de otra forma Ford permanecería en la Casa Blanca.

En vísperas de la elección todos los shows de TV menospreciaron a los que no votan. Los altos oficiales de union hicieron todo lo posible para que su gente vaya a las urnas. En plantas de auto en Detroit el liderato de la UAW puseron letreros declarando, "Podemos perder en la Casa Blanca lo que ganamos en las negociaciones!" (lo que fue menos que nada.) Las uniones en Nueva York enviaron cartas personales a la mayoría de su membresía y les llamaron por telefono días antes de la elección.

Tuvieron miedo de que mucha gente no votara, y no hiciera caso a su espectáculo.

A pesar de todos los esfuerzos sólo el 53% de los votantes elegibles votaron. Y aunque millones fueron a las urnas ese día, hubo muy poco entusiasmo.

No es extraño. Ford se represento a so mismo como "un administrador responsable y bien equilibrado" y apunto a sus logros como presidente. Pero de hecho fue presidente, al igual que Nixon, durante la crisis economica mas profunda desde los 1930 con el desempleo todavia alcanzando a casi 8% oficialmente. Amucha gente le parecia que cualquiera persona seria mejor que Ford.

Carter, el rancharo de maní, tuvo la ventaja de ser muy poco conocido y por esto muy poco desmascarado. Se le presento como la esperanza del hombre trabajador, un campeón listo a salvar el país y su pueblo. Prometió a estar con la gente obrera, y acabar con el desempleo restaurar la fe de la gente tocante al gobierno, balanzar el presupuesto, reducir los impuestos y en general hacer que todo vaya bien.

Pero la gente tuvo menos confianza en él y su sonrisa famosa, mientras se daba cuenta de que Carter era de dos caras. Y también se hizo claro que aunque Carter prometió todo a todo el mundo, no tenía ningún plan, para realizar estas cosas para villosas-- cosas que en realidad ningún politiquero puede realizar bajo este sistema.

Una mujer expresó los sentimientos de mucha gente que votó por Carter



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cuando dijo, "Cruce mis dedos, cierre mis ojos, y tire la palanca."

De ahí surge una cuestión: Pues que ninguno de los candidatos produjo mucho entusiasmo, ¿Porque trataron tanto a entusiasmarlos para votar la prensa, los politiqueros, el sistema educativo, y todo el resto de las autoridades? ¿Porque no dijeron que no importaba por quién votáramos, lo importante era que votáramos? ¿Porque dijo John D. "Jay" Rockefeller IV, el sobrino de Nelson y David, elegido gobernador de West Virginia que el irse a las urnas electorales "no es solo un modo para cambiar las cosas--es el único modo"?

Claro lo que importaba a los banqueros y jefazos de la industria no era cual candidato sería elegido, aunque daron millones a cada candidato y son dueños de los medios de comunicación que les daban tanta publicidad. Quisieron usar esta elección para restaurar la fe de la gente en "el proceso democrático." Quisieron convencer al pueblo americano que somos los que manejan el país, que somos nosotros los que tienen la culpa de lo que pasa y pasará y que la única salida que tenemos ante los problemas que enfrentamos es confiar en su sistema electoral.

Yá que se acabó la elección los candidatos se apresuraron a hacerse amigos otra vez. El Presidente Ford declaró que la tarea del momento es unificar el país alrededor del próximo presidente. Ya hablan del "mandato" de Carter. Pero para que utilizara

este mandato?

Carter pronto será presidente. ¿Hará algo para reducir el desempleo? Claro que no. Quizas montará algún tipo de proyecto de obras públicas en pequeña escala, pero ha dicho "¿Porque paga a un hombre \$80 por hacer nada cuando se puede pagarle \$100 por semana por reconstruir los ferrocarriles?" Si hay obras públicas, su propósito será rebajar los sueldos.

Reemplazará a Henry Kissinger como Secretario del Exterior y problemáticamente hará unas declaraciones con bonitas palabritas y unos viajes al extranjero bien publicitados, pero Kissinger mismo ha dicho que no habrá ningún cambio de política extranjera. El gobierno seguirá gastando billones y billones para armamentos mientras se preparan para la guerra, y habrá más aventuras militares como su intervención en Angola o el incidente reciente en Corea tocante al árbol tumbado.

La crisis económica se ira empeorando a pesar de subidas y bajas temporales. El peligro de guerra ira creciendo. Pero es que ustedes tienen la culpa diran a nosotros. Pues, elegimos a Carter, entonces tenemos la culpa. De otras palabras, habrán utilizado la elección para poder decir que hemos aprobado los malos que sufriremos debido a su sistema, para que nos echemos la culpa el uno al otro.

La elección de 1976 es un buen ejemplo. Un número de gente histórico votó por Nixon, y la prensa declaró que él tuvo un "mandato del pueblo." Pero de-

pués de la elección había la inflación y los despidos masivos. Se le bombardeó a Vietnam más que nunca. Al fin, hubo el caso Watergate. "Los que votaron por Nixon tienen la culpa," gritaron los portavoces de los ricos, pero mucha gente se dio cuenta de que nunca había dado ningún "mandato" a Nixon para estas cosas.

Cuando se hace presidente en enero, Carter se hará el jefe de la maquinaria del gobierno. Dirá que lo que hace es "por parte del pueblo." Pero Carter puede hacer cosas que lo que han hecho los otros presidentes anteriores-- guardar el "orden" de la sociedad con un puñado arriba y la aplastante mayoría abajo. Ningún pedido para la "unidad" jamás puede acabar con el siempre más agudo conflicto entre la clase productiva--la clase obrera--y los que se adueñan de lo que los trabajadores producen--o sea los capitalistas.

Los dominantes están tratando de ocultar el hecho de que este sistema capitalista, semejante a toda cosa en el mundo, esta gobernado por leyes del desarrollo y no por la voluntad de cualquier politiquero. A pesar de que uno quiera, no se puede manejar un carro sin gasolina y tampoco importa quien es el chofer. Siempre que el sistema en este país consista en que la mayoría de la gente trabaje como esclavos en las factorías mientras los frutos de su labor van a los capitalistas, resultarán el desempleo, la decadencia,