

# drum

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DODGE REVOLUTIONARY UNION MOVEMENT

## Drum Demands

People have asked, Chrysler Corp. has been seeking, and the black workers have sometimes been confused about the direction of D.R.U.M. The editorial staff of D.R.U.M. has communicated with the black workers and their demands have been compiled. It should be understood by the readers that the voice of black unity must be heard, and its results are inevitable.

D.R.U.M. was formed not only to put an end to racism at Hamtramck Assembly, but also to extend our fight to the entire Chrysler Corp., General Motors, Fords, and wherever racism exists. D.R.U.M. was founded by black workers from the grass roots. From the enthusiastic response from the brothers at the plant, we know that our voice has been heard, and our position accepted by many. Before peace and tranquility can prevail, our demands must be met and our goals achieved, by any means necessary.

Time like nature is an ever changing progression for man. And here in 1968, Chrysler Corp. is still practicing 18th century slavery. This is why D.R.U.M. must list and have its demands met now.

### DEMANDS

1. D.R.U.M. demands 50 black foremen
2. D.R.U.M. demands 10 black general foremen immediately
3. D.R.U.M. demands 3 black superintendents
4. D.R.U.M. demands a black plant manager
5. D.R.U.M. demands that the majority of the employment office personnel be black
6. D.R.U.M. demands all black doctors and 50% black nurses in the medical centers at this plant
7. D.R.U.M. demands that the medical policy at this plant be changed entirely
8. D.R.U.M. demands that 50% of all plant protection guards be black, and that every time a black worker is removed from plant premises that he be lead by a black brother.
9. D.R.U.M. demands that all black workers immediately stop paying union dues.
10. D.R.U.M. demands that the two hours pay that goes into union dues be levied to the black community to aid in self determination for black people.
11. D.R.U.M. demands that the double standard be eliminated and that a committee of the black

rank and file be set up to investigate all grievances against the corp., to find out what type of discipline is to be taken against corporation, and also to find out what type of discipline is to be taken against Chrysler Corp. employees.

12. D.R.U.M. demands that all black workers who have been fired on trumped up racist charges be brought back with all lost pay.

13. D.R.U.M. demands that our fellow black brothers in South Africa working for Chrysler Corp. and its subsidiaries, be payed at an equal scale as white racists co-workers.

14. D.R.U.M. also demands that a black brother be appointed as head of the board of directors of Chrysler Corp.

The power base for these demands will be as follows:

1. Legal demonstration at Local 3 and Solidarity house.
2. Legal demonstration at Highland Park (Chrysler Corp. headquarters)
3. Legal shut down of Hamtramck assembly.

It should be understood that these tactics will take place before July 19, 1968 and will be supported by the entire black community. The white power structure must also understand that

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# WILL YOU BE NEXT

## Chevrolet

Yes, you black workers of General Motors, Stop, Look and Listen. We black brothers realize we are being exploited by the ex-slave owners children. Something must be done. These pigs not only exploit our brothers here in the united states, but they also help exploit us as far East as South Africa.

To be specific; Chevrolet Gear & Axle displayed a typical example of individual racism. Recently a black soul brother was injured in a slave camp. The brother's finger was cut severely and he was sent to first aid to seek medical attention. After being damaged by these unquilted white racist pigs he was sent back to his job. Without refusal, he worked the rest of the night with one hand, only because he did not acquire his citizenship. The following day the brother consulted his family doctor, received proper medical attention and was told to refrain from using his hand. Two days later the brother received a western union from Chevrolet stating, and I quote; 'Please be advised that you have been released as an unsatisfactory temporary employee due to absenteeism.'

Signed R.M. Beck  
Chevrolet Gear & Axle  
Upon receiving the letter the brother went to the plant to find out the real deal. After entering the office of plant two he was greeted by a white clerk. He then stated who he was and his business there, and asked to see

the committee men. The brother didn't have ninety days in so he refused to call the committee men. Then the brother asked to speak to the plant superintendent. After waiting for some time the superintendent came on the scene. When the brother tried to talk with him man to man instead of black boy to white superman he could not accept this. He opened the door to the lobby and called

the klu-klux-klan (plant protection) and said, quote; 'throw this guy out of here.' Not until then did the brother show his true color - Black Black Black a matter of minutes, ten or fifteen klu-klux-klan men were there. Being a real soul brother he would not take the pushing around from the klan men so he struck back. He defended himself equally as violently as they attacked. Soon many black brothers had gathered and wanted to know what was happening. Then and only then the white faggots realized no one was Bullshitting decided to get back. This is only one display of these racist pigs' methods. This particular company has exploited and oppressed black men and women for decades.

Now black brothers we must unite and destroy this racist system by any means necessary. One way is to stand up and be counted as Black Men, not as boys, toms, or puppets.

Stop, Look @ Listen

## Fords also

So Ford Transmission in Livonia, if you really mean what you say about giving the brother a job get rid of your race haters.

And another thing, if you want to know who is backing George Wallace of Alabama for president just walk thru the Ford transmission plant in Livonia and you will see the W. Wallace for president badges that they are wearing. All this is going on and the Ford Motor Company says nothing.

Henry Ford if asked business put up or shut up. I do not agree. Henry, who is the Ford Motor Co., has said he was going to hire the black fore unemployed. This the company has been doing but how many of these new employees are kept on the employment roll.

The brothers are hired in the front door and fired out the back. We all know this so who do they think they are fooling with their phony hardline about the unemployed.

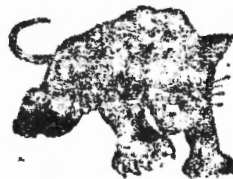
If Fords really meant what they say then they can start right now by getting rid of those race hating foremen, general foremen, superintendants and labor relations personnel especially at the transmission and chassis division plant in Livonia on Plymouth Road.

Observe what happens in depts. 95, 57, 50, 48, 80 and general stores or tool cribs, tool chasers and the package dept. When the number of brothers in these depts. gets high the foremen start writing up brothers until the Co. fires him or they will keep picquing on the brother until he loses his temper and gets fired for 'getting down'.

### drum'S DEMANDS

they are the cause of our militancy now by their inhumane treatment of black people. And if our demands are not met then our militancy must take another form.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE,  
Editorial staff of D.R.U.M.  
Voice of the Black worker.



# AT HUBER

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Brothers/Sisters/And Fellow Workers... I'd like to comment on the double barrel standards that a certain true racist foreman revealed last Friday 8-28-68/2nd shift-R.G. Bld. 6Cly. Line... One of the few white workers on this line requested to leave early so that he could attend a wedding and it was granted like magic. A brother requested to see the doctor because he had a strip of thr... and he didn't think he could work the whole night so he had to be in a... The doctor was busy so the nurse took care of him... sent him back to work. This foreman... the Bro'... physically... able so he... T. a black man... in pain and requested a pass... his personal physician... bigot sends him on

the run-a-round 'go see the gen'l foreman' who said 'it wasn't up to him but his foreman' @ his steward who tried to be honest and protect the bro's job (which is rare) gave him some good advice. By this time the brother decided to take matters into his own hands and commence to jar this whitey's nerves with some black magic talk/like kicking some ass/er/If this foreman thought that he (a whitey at that) was going to tell him if he was sick or not. Finally he was given a pass out with a doctor's signature needed to return to work. While this took over 2 hours the white worker had been finally, he was given a release pass after two hours. We've got white/unite/ Yours in the struggle for Black Liberation.

JOHN D.R.U.  
SUPPORT D.R.U.M.

# BIGOT

Leading White B...

Dick Gertis is a white general foreman on the 4th floor department 9150. This Honky has the reputation of being 'Nigger Hndler'. On several occasions, he has let it known that he can keep a 'Nigger in his place'. The stockade which is 80% black, has been victimized by his racist like treatments. In front of his Supt., mag, and several other white supervisors, he said, 'I'm in charge of that dept. (I'd work the shit out of the niggers). He was upgraded supervision by the racist structure from the line a year back only because he the racist Honky in the g... This type of upgrading is typical today.

When the Wildcats began in July of '67 he earned the name 'Nigger Dick' because victimized and demoralized black workers at will, with the consent of his white racist peers. Any where there trouble in 9150 area, there 'Nigger Dick' using tactics Hitler himself would be proud

This type of racism is typical of the racist corp represents. Drum would like inform 'Nigger Dick' that may know how to handle niggers and colored boys and girls but Black men and women will not tolerate your bullshit longer.

JOHN DRUM

local was the only black representative to patronize these bars during the people's boycott. Drum would like to thank J. Smith for showing us his true role as a tom.

A committee of black workers is now negotiating with these bars and your continuous black people are hired would appreciated.

Thank  
John Dr

# APPRECIATION

As of this date we of Drum are very proud to say that your participation and ongoing support

has not only brought on Black

...ness which is essential to Black unity. We, of Drum, have used your paper for personal vendetta. To the contrary, we have tried to fulfill in our lost brothers' minds that they are all black therefore they are being watched. Bootlicking, foot-being watched. Bootlicking, foot-shuffling Toms will not be tolerated in any community.

At this time, the Editorial staff of Drum would like to Thank you again for your contributions and support. And would like to add, that this paper is 'your' paper and our love for freedom is your love for freedom. But, we must caution you that the white man will not give us our Human Rights just for the asking. We must ask first then we must be prepared to move forward in the direction

of obtaining our goals. Drum has presented some initial demands (page of this edition) we have also shown the direction (same edition) now we must all prepare ourselves to move

Remember, 'The spirit of the People is greater than the mans' TECHNOLOGY'.

JOHN DRUM

# Boycott

Drum would like to thank our black brothers for demonstrating unity in the boycott of two racist bars across from the plant. With over 90% participation by the brothers, the boycott must be called a victory.

our black brothers for participating in our efforts to unify black workers. These bars have been under constant pressure from our F.E.P.C. committee with no success. Drum's boycott was called through your news leaflet for your cause.

John Smith  
John Smith, a loyal tom for our

# SELL-OUT

## SELL OUT.

The Executive Board has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that it isn't an effective body. Instead they want to play politics. We hear the same thing all the time, 'go back to work and the Union will take care of everything.' DRUM has exposed the truth and now the union is asking the members not to listen or take part in our protest. They say the strike is not approved by the local or the U.A.W. BUT THE Union in turn will do nothing to assist us in our struggle for justice. George Morelli of the International is dictating a mode of attack by having the local put out a leaflet using Mc Carthyism tactics

in denouncing D.R.U.M. We are aware that everytime a black man stands up for his rights he is met with 'name calling', which is to imply that he is associating with other extremist groups. No one will buy this because we know that if 3 black workers can't get Morelli to negotiate, why should Liska listen to him. Stupid Liska he is a damned poor president. Liska only defeated Domanski with black people's help and now he is stubborn enough to say that he is not going to call them black but colored, as he has for the past twenty years. He needed their help to become president but now he shows no concern for their problems. Knowing all the facts D.R.U.M. demands that all black members of the Executive Board protest to this ridiculous leaflet being circulated by the Board.

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