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Informant Spills Guts

FBI Helped Klan

by Kate Stacy

Ex-FBI informant Gary Rowe Jr. has testified to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that the FBI allowed the Ku Klux Klan and Birmingham, Ala. police to plan and carry out a vicious attack on civil rights activists.

The FBI knew about the plan three weeks before it was executed. They did not warn the Justice Department, the local or state authorities, or even the activists that the Klan planned the attack.

On May 14, 1961 sixteen freedom riders boarded two buses in Atlanta, Georgia. The freedom

to give the freedom riders "a reception they would never forget. We don't care if you kill 'em, burn 'em, bomb 'em out, we don't give a damn."

Rowe said the officer "told me they would allow us 15 minutes to get in there and do whatever in the hell we wanted to do and there would be no police officers to raise a hand to us. But after that time they would have to make a show of force to keep the government from sending troops in."

One of the victims of the Klan's violence described what happened:

"As we entered the white waiting room and approached the lunch counter, we were grabbed bodily and pushed toward the alleyway leading to the loading platform. As soon as we were out of sight of onlookers in the waiting room, six of them started swinging at me with fists and pipes. . . . Within seconds, I was unconscious on the ground."

After 15 minutes, Rowe reports, "one hundred police officers came on the scene. A Birmingham detective ran over and 'grabbed me by the shoulder and said, 'Goddamit, Goddamit, your 15 minutes is up, get 'em out of here.' 'I said, 'Okay, gang, let's go.'"

None of the Klansmen were arrested.

DEFENDS

The FBI defended its actions by saying, "The FBI had no authority to make an arrest without a warrant from the Justice Department." However the FBI never relayed the information that the assault was planned to the Justice Department.

The FBI spokesman went on to say that to get a warrant "we would have had to show that those who initiated the action acted in a conspiracy."

Three weeks before the attack the FBI instructed Rowe to set up a meeting with a member of the police force at a local restaurant. With two FBI agents sitting at the next table, Rowe (for the Klan) and the cop (for the police department) discussed plans for the attack.

The FBI had all the information it



"Freedom riders" were on this bus to Birmingham, Alabama in 1961. Racists ambushed it. A second bus got through to Birmingham—and was met by a mob of Klansmen.

needed to show conspiracy and to get a Justice Department warrant. It did not move on its information because it wanted the assault to take place.

All this happened in 1961. John F. Kennedy, a flaming liberal, was president. Bobby Kennedy was Attorney General. Many thought the government was on the side of the civil rights movement. But the government knew what was going on, and sat on its hands as the police and Klan teamed up against the civil rights activists.

Now it's 1975. A reactionary is in the White House. Someday the files will be opened on this era, the FBI informants will spill their guts, and we will learn the details we can only guess at now.

Then we'll learn what the special relationship is today between the FBI and the right-wingers who are throwing rocks at school children in Boston and Louisville. Are there FBI agents inciting those crowds?

When the whole pattern becomes clear the specific details cease to matter.

GERRY TAKES A TRIP

by Gay Semel

Last week Gerald Ford took a trip. He went to China.

As President, Richard Nixon had received national and international acclaim for his trip to China. Ford hoped to do the same. He hoped to breathe life back into his ailing campaign to remain President.

Instead he made a fool of himself.

His Chinese friends did little to help.

SCOLDED

Shortly after his arrival Ford was scolded by the Chinese. "Rhetoric about detente cannot cover up the stark reality of the growing danger of war," chided China's First Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping. Ford's response was a flash of his now famous idiot's grin.

At times Ford seemed totally out of it and mumbled meaningless remarks. At one point he turned to Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-hua and said, "It's nice to see you. I've been with you all day."

Chairman Mao seemed equally confused. He did not recognize Ford upon meeting him.

NOTHING

After four days of dining, tourism, high level meetings and convincing Mao that "Yes, he was the President of the United States," Ford accomplished nothing. No new diplomatic deals were nego-

ated; no new maneuvers; not even a joint message.

In fact the high point of the trip appeared to have been Betty Ford dancing at the Central Man Seventh College of the Arts.

Henry Kissinger, who had organized the trip, rushed to Ford's defense. "I told you before we left there would be no spectacular announcements," Kissinger told the press. But then what else could he say?

For Ford the trip was a bust—his prestige was even further eroded. In the broader sense, however, the trip seems to have calmed China's fears, at least temporarily.

For years the US has used the threat of China's growing influence to maneuver with Russia.

ALLIANCE

Now the US is building relations with China. This new alliance is based in part on mutual hostility to Russia.

China wants to use her friendship with the US as protection against Russia.

But China is nervous about her new friend. She watches anxiously as detente between Russia and the US deepens.

The Chinese ruling class wants assurances that detente with Russia will not put a stop to growing US-Chinese relations.

That much China got. Yes, Teng, China still has a friend in Washington.

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riders were integrated groups of civil rights activists who rode interstate buses and used the interstate terminal facilities. Their purpose was to break the color barrier preventing blacks from free and equal access to the public facilities.

The first bus was ambushed by a mob in Anniston, Alabama, and burned.

The second bus reached Birmingham, Alabama, where "Bull" Connor's police force allowed the KKK 15 minutes to attack the demonstrators in any manner they wished.

SET IT UP

To set the attack up, Rowe reported, a Birmingham detective introduced him to a city police officer. Rowe was a member of the KKK and an FBI informant at the time.

The cop told Rowe they wanted

Give to Fund Drive

As most Workers' Power readers know, over the past nine weeks the International Socialists have been holding their annual Fall Fund Drive. This year our goal has been to raise \$30,000.

There's only one week left in the drive, which ends December 15, for you to send your contri-

bution. So far we've collected \$23,000, 76% of our goal.

Your contribution, regardless of its size, will help build the International Socialists and the work we're doing to build the revolutionary party in America.

Your contribution builds the solidarity work for the Portuguese Revolution. It builds the growing rank and file movement

in the trade unions in the country. It builds a movement to fight the growing racism of the anti-busing forces.

It helps build a socialist revolution and finally a socialist world.

Strike a blow at capitalism. Send a check to the IS Fund Drive, 14131 Woodward, rm 225, Highland Park, MI 48293.

For The Man Who Has Everything...

Buy a Senator...

by Doug Warren

the world:

In this era of runaway inflation it is re-assuring to hear that some prices are plummeting. You can now pick up a Senate Minority Leader for the paltry sum of \$10,000 a year. At no extra cost to the buyer, the package includes voting rights of a Republican Senator from Pennsylvania and the somewhat-less-than spotless body and soul of a creep called Hugh Scott.

It was revealed last week that the proud owners of this luxury lackey are the Gulf Oil Corporation—a company which is fast establishing itself as one of the largest consumers of corrupt politicians in

SHAREHOLDER

Gulf is also a major share holder in Holden Roberto, a twisted little petty capitalist who is at present masquerading as a freedom fighter in Angola. He leads, or rather has re-invested his ill-gotten gains in, the totally mis-named "National Liberation Front of Angola." That is an outfit scientifically designed by the CIA to invade Angola and ensure...

A) that Gulf Oil keeps its bloody hands on the oil wells of the Cabinda area of Angola, and

B) that the workers of Angola don't get control of their own

country and do harm to other American corporations. After all some of these corporations don't have the money to buy a "liberation movement" of their own.

The invasion of Angola, by the way, comes from Zaire, which used to be called the Congo. It also used to have a prime minister named Patrice Lumumba until, as it was also revealed last week, the CIA had him knocked off because of his irritating habit of representing the people.

The other shares in Holden Roberto are held by the US government, the French government and...surprise, surprise... the People's Republic of China. Mao also makes a tidy sum on the

side by providing the "National Liberation Front of Angola" with the vast majority of its weapons.

BOARD MEETING

Readers will no doubt have noticed that there was a meeting last week of the board of directors of the Holden Roberto Holding Company in Peking, China. The main participants were an obscure small town American politician who has accidentally and temporarily crawled into the limelight... US chief executive Gerald Ford. And the frail and aging Chairman of China.

The press reported that Mao was "alert and lucid." That observation will bring considerable pleasure to friends of China who for some years have been struggling against the vicious rumor that Mao had become a doddering vegetable. That rumor should now be dead forever, unless you pause to consider that if you were to put a two by four block of wood alongside Gerry Ford, it too would appear "alert and lucid." □



Hugh Scott: for sale, cheap.

... Or a Country

Holden Roberto, right. Two members of the Holden Roberto Holding Co. Board of Directors, below.



labor notes

by Jim Woodward

Senator Robert P. Griffin is calling for a new Congressional investigation of the Teamsters Union. Griffin claims the inquiry would deal with gangster influence in the unions. But it is certain that if the investigation gets under way, it would be used against other unions as well.

In the late fifties, the Senate McClellan Committee held a similar investigation of the Teamsters, which resulted in passage of the Landrum-Griffin Act. The law didn't do much to curb gangster activities in the Teamsters, but it did severely curtail the use of sympathetic strikes and put other restrictions on the unions. The co-author of the Landrum-Griffin Act is the same Robert Griffin that is pushing for the new investigation.

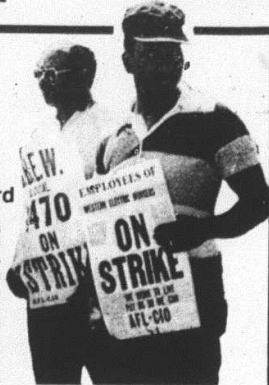
Deaths in Kentucky coal mines have doubled this year. From January through September, 37 miners were killed—that's up from 20 in all of 1974. In Western Kentucky, 13 miners have been killed so far in the 18 deep mines organized by the United Mine Workers. Only one miner was killed in those mines last year. The increase is largely attributable to the operators' increased production demands as the price of coal has soared, and to loose enforcement of safety laws by the federal Mine Enforcement Safety Administration.

Japan's unions of government employees staged an illegal eight-day strike to demand the right to strike. Railroads, the post office, and certain communications facilities were shut down. Over 850,000 workers were involved. But the union leaders backed down and called off the strike. The issue will likely be raised again next spring when wage negotiations are held.

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) has joined forces with striking Washington Post printers. The CBTU is urging all its members and friends to cancel their subscriptions to the Post immediately.

Back to slavery? The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that a ship's captain had the right to punish a crew member by holding him in irons, feeding him only bread and water, and fining him \$440. But, ruled the NLRB, the ship's captain went too far when he denied the crew member his right to have a union representative present when the punishment was ordered.

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THE YEAR THE YANKEES WON IT ALL

SCOREBOARD

New York Yankees \$75,000,000
New York City Employees 0

Once upon a time, everything the New York Yankees touched turned to gold. They seemed to win everything—games, pennants, world series.

Today they've lost their sparkle on the ball field—but not their touch. Only, instead of winning pennants their midas touch applies to ripping off NYC.

Three years ago the Yankees threatened to leave New York. The city, already crumbling at the edges, wanted to keep the team for prestige and "civic pride." They also hoped to make a profit by rekindling enthusiasm for the once great team.

They convinced the Yankees to stay by promising to rebuild Yankee stadium. At the time, New Yorkers were told rebuilding the stadium would cost the city \$24 million.

Thus far the project has cost \$75 million in direct costs and is still not complete.

Indirect costs over the next 31 years will add another \$150 million to the tab in interest payments, tax exemptions and payment on parking facilities.

BORROWED FUNDS

As everyone knows by now—NYC is broke. The entire project is being paid for with borrowed funds. The interest on these loans comes to \$5 million per year—enough to pay the salary of 400 full time city workers.

While the city builds the new stadium, the Yankees are suing NYC for property damage caused by the renovation.

Included on the list of damaged items are the playing field and the

64,850 old seats ripped up to make room for new ones.

In addition, the Yankees have bought the scoreboard and the rights to all advertising revenues—that too was part of the original deal. So much for the city's attempt to make a profit.

But that's not all. As part of the original proposal, the city promised to spend \$2 million to fix up the businesses and shops around the stadium. The current budget cuts axed most of this, leaving only \$300,000.

The city now plans to spend the \$300,000 on buying equipment for the Yankees.

\$215,000 will go for a tarpaulin to cover the field, \$65,000 for security devices, \$14,000 for supports to the scoreboard and \$7,000 to carpet the team's general offices.

PRIVATE TOILETS

The city has also agreed to pay for private toilets and catering facilities in Yankee V.I.P. boxes.

While New York City plays sugar daddy to the Yankees, 40,000 city workers have become permanently unemployed.

While fire houses are being

closed the only cutback in the seemingly unlimited supply of funds for Yankee stadium has been in neighborhood improvements.

While most construction projects in the city have been stopped or slowed for lack of funds—Yankee stadium plans to open on schedule next year. Why?

It seems that the Yankees' acting general manager Patrick Cunningham is also chairman of the New York State Democratic Party.

The Democratic Party runs—or misruns—New York City. So while the city falls apart around them, the Democratic Party looks out for its own. □

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CLUW'S PROMISE BROKEN

The first Constitutional Convention of the Coalition of Labor Union Women exhausted both its delegates and any remaining hopes for an effective organization.

The convention, held December 6-7 in Detroit, approved with minor changes the constitution drawn up by CLUW's President Olga Madar and other union bureaucrats who head CLUW.

The constitution puts CLUW firmly under control of the union bureaucracy, and effectively rules out activity by its members to fight for working women's rights.

If CLUW's leaders had not already gutted the chapters, this would have been a major defeat for working women. But the original widespread rank and file support and enthusiasm for CLUW has been strangled by the bureaucrats in its 21 month history, and the convention was more like a ritual killing.



Sergeants-at-arm plan strategy towards rank and file oppositionists.



Olga Madar, chairing.

by Karen Kaye

The convention began with a prayer which appealed to God to help CLUW's President and Vice President, Olga Madar and Addie Wyatt to prevent dissident elements from "disrupting" the convention.

It is said that the Lord helps those who help themselves. The bureaucrats helped themselves enough that divine assistance was unneeded.

For example:

- UAW delegates were told that unless they voted for the majority constitution, the union would not pay their way to the convention. [see accompanying article.]

- Several unions brought numbers of women who have never been active in CLUW. They were instructed to vote with the bureaucracy.

- The UAW's representative to CLUW's Executive Board is Odessa Komer, head of the UAW Women's Committee. She has never been to a meeting of her CLUW chapter.

- The Ohio Regional representative is Barbara Janis, ILGWU, of Cleveland. She too has never attended a CLUW chapter meeting.

The goal of the bureaucrats was explained openly by Olga Madar at the convention. She said that CLUW exists to train union women to be top officers in their unions.

Her purpose at the convention was to drive out everyone who does not agree with this.

RANK AND FILE ACTION

One such force was the Rank and File Action Caucus. It sponsored the minority constitution. That constitution would have made CLUW an organization of rank and file women to fight for their rights.

The only important instance of substantive debate occurred early in the day, on the question of membership.

Sharon Petersons, Madison, AFT Local 243, author of the minority constitution, urged that CLUW be open to "women in organizing drives and women on layoff!" as well as union women who are working.

She pointed out that there are 33 million unorganized women workers in the U.S. CLUW membership would strengthen those who are organizing.

Elinor Glenn of SEIU responded for the bureaucrats' constitution. In a speech that was a disgrace to the labor movement, she argued that "in organizing drives you'll often see the employer give cards to scabs."

Olga Madar wanted to prevent just "anyone" from joining CLUW.

Petersons was a member of the Rank and File Action Caucus at the convention. The caucus tried to build a united opposition to Madar's forces at the convention.

It included women from Detroit, Long Island, Boston, New York, New Jersey, Cleveland, Milwau-

kee, Seattle, Portland, and other cities.

The group intended to focus debate around three key questions: Independence from the international unions, membership, and democracy.

Several other opposition forces displayed an astounding ignorance on how to wage an effective fight. The whole convention spent hours bogged down on points of procedure and points of order raised by oppositionists. This made the bureaucrats very happy since it prevented debate on issues.

ACTION

A result was that what should have been the most important issue never came to the floor. This was the question of CLUW's chapters being able to take action without consent of unions involved.

Without this right, the organization cannot fight for rank and file women who are opposed by sexist leadership. For example, CLUW will not be able to fight for women's issues in contracts that are coming up unless the unions include them as bargaining demands.

Discussion of the constitution continued until 12:30 am, when election of officers began.

The bureaucrats' slate was: President, Olga Madar (UAW); Vice President, Addie Wyatt (AMCBW); Treasurer, Gloria Johnson (IUE); Recording Secretary, Patsy Fryman (CWA); and Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Miller (ACWA).

The Rank and File Action Caucus nominated Sharon Petersons for



Sharon Petersons, opposition candidate declined.

President. She declined, saying, "The Rank and File Caucus, which supports my candidacy has worked diligently at this convention.

"The constitution as adopted is almost completely opposed to everything I and the caucus stand for and I do not wish to run."

USELESS

CLUW is now useless as an organization for working women. It is entirely under the domination of the International union leaderships, the same leaderships that have failed women in the past. These failures are what inspired 3200 women to come to CLUW's founding convention.

But as CLUW chapters began activity CLUW's leaders found that they would rather be under the domination of the male leadership of their unions than leading working women who may challenge them.

This was seen clearly in the Sunday morning breakfast at the convention. All the union leaders invited to "A Tribute To Our Unions" were male bureaucrats.

These are the men who have sold out their women members time and time again. It was a fitting end to the tragedy of CLUW.

What We Think



The Last Gasp

At its first constitutional convention, the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) officially became an organization devoted to advancing women's careers in the trade union bureaucracy.

When CLUW was formed in March 1974 it held a unique promise to working women. At least in rhetoric, it promised an organization through which they could fight for their rights—rights which have been trampled on by the companies, undermined by the government, and ignored by union leaders.

CLUW was formed early in the current economic crisis. Women faced layoffs and harassment. In the preceding years most protective legislation had been wiped off the books. At the same time, the ideas of women's liberation had made an impact on working women, who wanted equal work, equal pay and job security.

The women at that founding convention took CLUW's promise seriously and began to act on it. Immediately the new organization was challenging the union bureaucracy, for it had contributed to the situation which attracted women to CLUW.

CLUW's leaders had to make a choice between their allegiance to working women and their positions in the bureaucracy. They chose the bureaucracy. The same women who created CLUW began the process of killing it, by suppressing activity. The worst blow came when they passed the rule that chapters could not engage in any activity not sanctioned by the unions involved. They clearly announced that it would be an organization dominated by the union bureaucracy.

The recent Constitutional Convention in Detroit was a formality. All power had been stripped from the chapters already.

The IS and its working women members had welcomed the formation of CLUW. It was the first national organization of women workers—it promised real steps toward liberating women. IS women were among the most active in building CLUW, its chapters and its activities. And they worked to defeat each step of the bureaucrats' stifling of CLUW.

At this convention IS women were active in the Rank and File Action Caucus and attempted to build a unified opposition to Madar and the bureaucrats. Unfortunately, the left was for the most part too divided and sectarian to work together.

CLUW will live on but its potential for 34 million working women is dead. It is clear that the trade union bureaucracy has little to offer them, though they constitute 40% of the U.S. workforce.

Another contract round is approaching, however, and its outcome will affect all working people. Rank and file groups are now forming in many unions to insure it affects them for the better.

Working women must be sure to get involved in one of these groups and organize for issues affecting women. Out of this struggle can be built the basis for a movement of working women that will fight to advance all women, not just the careers of leaders.

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Rule With A Heavy Hand

by Enid Eckstein, UAW Local 51, Wayne County CLUW

The UAW leadership like those of other unions involved in CLUW, wanted to make sure CLUW would come out of the convention controlled by the bureaucracy.

Attempts to assure absolute control of the UAW delegates began months before the convention. News of the upcoming convention was kept under wraps.

Little or no encouragement was given to rank and file UAW women to attend. And so the UAW delegation had at best 150 women. What a contrast to the more than 400 UAW women who attended the founding convention.

The UAW women this time were virtually hand picked. Many were bureaucrats.

One UAW woman told me that her local told her she better vote the way she was supposed to, if she knew what was good for her.

INSTRUCTIONS

If there was any question as to what the delegates were supposed to do, they were instructed at the UAW Caucus meeting Friday evening.

"We are here to adopt the constitution," said Odessa Komer as she held a copy of the

"majority" constitution.

Komer, international vice president of the UAW, continued with a 10 minute speech which was full of distortions as to the differences in the constitutions.

It was only because members of the Rank and File Action Caucus demanded a minority report that delegates had an opportunity to learn what the differences really were.

The delegates knew their job was to support whatever Madar did. "Don't waste our time discussing the differences, we know where we stand" was the overwhelming feeling.

At that point, the UAW caucus adopted the majority constitution. The remainder of the meeting was spent receiving instructions to the UAW cocktail party.

If delegates showed confusion during Saturday's proceedings and the endless procedural hassles, Odessa Komer was there to straighten it out. She simply went over to every delegate and told them how to vote.

The election of Komer and others like her to CLUW's leadership has given Madar and the UAW what they have wanted all along—an organization of women bureaucrats who will use CLUW as a way of furthering their careers in the bureaucracy.

REPRESSION, RESISTANCE GROW IN PORTUGAL

Two weeks after the abortive coup the Portuguese government is increasing repression against radical soldiers and the working class.

A military purge that began with the arrest of 100 left-wing officers has extended to sergeants and rank and file soldiers. Units that didn't participate in the revolt are included.

The purpose is to restore government authority over the military and destroy the radical movement of rank and file soldiers, including SUV (Soldiers United for Victory).

The government has also launched a search for armed civilians. In past months, growing solidarity between revolutionary workers and soldiers had resulted in the arming of many workers' commissions.

Workers were prepared to defend themselves from right wing forces. 30,000 arms had "disappeared" from the military.

GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

The government, nearly powerless before the coup attempt, is now trying to strengthen itself against another working class upsurge. To do so, a group of military officers led by Melo Antunes, known as the "Group of Nine," has forced through a new agreement among Portugal's three major parties.

These are the bourgeois Popular Democratic Party (PPD), the Communist Party, and the Socialist Party.

At a press conference Tuesday morning, Antunes called for unity, citing a clear and important danger from the extreme right. In his appeal he absolved the CP leadership of responsibility for the attempted coup.

Over the weekend of December 5-7 all three major parties made statements indicating willingness to form a government with the others.

Previous to the coup attempt the Communist Party had led mass mobilizations demanding the PPD be removed from the government. And the PPD had demanded the CP's ouster.

The coup itself was part of the CP attempt to form a government with the SP and without the PPD. But to carry out repressive policies after the coup the SP and the PPD are safer with the CP in the government assisting them with its influence in the working class.

At the PPD congress this weekend, the party's right wing won control and large portions of its left wing split.

REPRESSION

The parties have agreed to strengthen the Azevedo government. This government has the green light to step up its policies of repression against the working class and the left military. And now they have the help of the CP.

While this government may appear strong at first, the CP and the PPD won't be able to cooperate for long. The PPD, now more right wing, will demand greater repression. Such policies will produce revolt among the CP's working class base.

While top leaders in the government reached these agreements, resistance to repression has already begun. Construction workers denounced the wage freeze, which has wiped out the 45% raise they won in November.

The strong Portuguese working class has already begun organizations to defend civil



This statue of a bourgeois hero has been plastered with revolutionary posters. At last he has a useful job.

liberties and demand the release of arrested soldiers.

The arrested officers at Custodias jail in Oporto went on a hunger strike to protest prison conditions. Their families organized a demonstration at the jail in their support.

The working class resistance to the repression shows that already large numbers

of rank and file CP members are disoriented with the leadership's policy.

The Proletarian Revolutionary Party and other revolutionary groups must use the rightward direction of the CP to break its remaining hold over workers. They must create a revolutionary party to counter the growing threat to the Portuguese revolution.

British Women Meet

by Joan McBride

MANCHESTER, England—Over 600 British women attended a rally here organized by Women's Voice, the British International Socialists' women's paper. Excitement filled the room as women from all over

the country discussed the attacks on women workers and how women were fighting back.

Just as in the United States, women's jobs, the right to equal pay, and the right to abortion are all being hit. Workers in Britain are facing cuts in hospitals, nurseries,

educational and other social services as well.

Several women told of their experiences in building the abortion campaign and in attempting to raise the issue at trade union meetings. One group has been successful in getting support from the Hull longshoremen for the abortion campaign.

An Asian woman spoke of black women who are in the forefront of the struggle. She told of 17 Asian women at Imperial Typewriters who led 70 men on strike. She told the rally that "you can't talk about the emancipation of working class women without talking about the emancipation of black women."

ESSENTIAL

Sheila McGregor, women's organizer of the British IS, told the conference, "We must fight for feminist politics and make sure women are a voice in the working class. That is essential to the socialist revolution."

Women's Voice groups have been forming around the country, organizing women at work, in the home, in the neighborhood. This was their first national conference of this kind. It contributed greatly to the confidence of these women, as it was so obvious they were not alone in the struggle.



Some of the women at British I.S. conference.

Portugal at the Crossroads

By Tony Cliff.

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200 MARCH AGAINST SPINOLA

SAN FRANCISCO—Two hundred fifty people demonstrated against right-wing Portuguese General Antonio de Spínola outside the St. Francis Hotel here Dec. 1.

General Spínola was in town to address a group of rich people known as the World Affairs Council. He was organizing for his "Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Portugal."

This group aims to destroy the independence of Angola and establish a right-wing military dictatorship in Portugal.

The demonstrators were spirited. They knew that the fate of millions of people rests on the outcome of the current fight for workers' power in Portugal. They shouted "Workers of the world unite—Portugal is leading the fight." □

Black Man Framed

Christopher Moore, a 23-year old black man, from Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, was framed in the rape-murder of a white school teacher.

Moore, charged with first degree murder of Irene Hoffman, was recently convicted by an all-white jury and sentenced to die in the gas chamber this Friday, December 12.

The only evidence against Moore was a single fingerprint allegedly found on Hoffman's windowsill and some hair samples found on her body.

The fingerprint was one of several found on the victim's windowsill. The other prints were not investigated.

According to a witness who works in the Hancock, Miss. Sheriff's Dept., Moore's fingerprints were lifted off a desk in the Sheriff's Dept. and later placed on the windowsill of the victim.

The hair samples were described as "negroid" and were stated as being found on the victim's body where she had been raped. But according to the pathology report, Hoffman had not been raped at all.

There were also several witnesses who could account for the whereabouts of Moore at the time of the murder.

But regardless of these facts, Moore was quickly convicted by the all white jury and sentenced to die.

Moore has been granted a stay of execution and appeal. Send support and contributions to: The Christopher Moore Defense Fund, PO Box 932, Grambling, Louisiana. □

UAW Strike

TIFFIN, OH—More than 300 members of UAW 1644 have been on strike against Hayes-Albion Corporation since their contract expired November 15. Hayes-Albion makes brake drums for GM.

The company is offering only \$1 an hour raise spread over a 3-year contract, and has refused to even talk about extending health care or putting safety inspectors on every shift.

This strike follows a 7-day successful wildcat in October. Then, the company tried to bring in workers from out of state to disassemble equipment while laying off workers here at the same time. UAW representatives refused to do anything, claiming that they had a valid contract with the company.

Workers at Hayes-Albion are determined to win a decent contract. The company is trying to get an injunction against picketing, but as one worker said, "There's no way we're going back in until we get what we want—even if it takes all year." □

"Stink City"

NEW YORK — Mayor Abe Beame didn't hesitate to lay off 1400 city sanitation workers last summer, earning New York the nickname "Stink City." Now the mayor is suddenly concerned about health hazards caused by piled up garbage.

His concern is because members of Teamsters Local 813, who work for private sanitation companies in this city, are on strike. Beame has arranged for city sanitation workers to pick up garbage where the fire department declares a health hazard.

The union is demanding a \$65 a week raise over three years, plus sick leave and cost of living. The employers, a combine of 450 small companies, are offering only \$25.

Commissioner of Consumer Affairs Elinor Guggenheimer has warned the companies that they will not be able to pass wage increases on to consumers in the form of higher rates. Suddenly the city is concerned about consumers. But these "consumers" are mostly businesses!

Some scabs are being used, but the sanitation workers have invented a new game to deal with. It's played with a baseball bat—but it's not baseball. It's called "How to Educate a Scab."

Informant Reveals FBI-Aided Terror

by Kate Stacy

In official testimony last week an ex-FBI informant detailed numerous incidents of FBI-aided terror and violence against civil rights activists in the South.

Gary Rowe Jr. wore a cloth mask to prevent identification as he testified before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

He reported that FBI officials condoned his participation in acts of violence when he was a Klan member from 1960-1965.

The FBI knew three weeks in advance that the Ku Klux Klan and the Birmingham police planned vicious attacks on "freedom riders." Yet the FBI did nothing to stop the violence. Instead they simply showed up to take "unofficial" movies of the attack. [See article on page 1.]

In another instance, police provided Klansmen with illegal liquor which the KKK planted at an integrated country club. The cops then raided the club, arresting the people and padlocking the building.

KNEW AND APPROVED

According to the Rowe's testimony the FBI knew of and approved this plan in advance.

During the civil rights movement the FBI always claimed to be mere "observers" when activists asked for protection from racist violence. But Rowe's testimony shows the FBI was deeply involved in the violence that took place.

Rowe was the government's star witness in a trial of three Klansmen for "civil rights violations" on March 25, 1965. On that night, Viola Liuzzo, a white civil rights worker, was shot to death in Lowndes County, Alabama near Selma.

Now Rowe reports that he was in the car the shots were fired from. And yet the Klansmen were only tried for civil rights violations, rather than the premeditated murder that the government's star witness observed.

This happened despite Rowe's reporting to the FBI that a Klansman told him, "This is the night you've finally made the big time."

Rowe also detailed a 1963 incident in which a Birmingham judge returned to the Klan weap-



Racist mob in Alabama sets fire to bus carrying freedom riders. FIB knew and approved of KKKK terror.

ons that had been confiscated from them by the Alabama State Highway Patrol.

These Klan members were traveling to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa to support Governor George Wallace. Wallace had



FBI Informant Gary Rowe Jr.

proclaimed his intention to stand in the schoolhouse door to prevent integration.

When the judge returned the weapons he slapped Rowe on the shoulder, called him a "good American" and told him to "put them (the weapons) to good use."

KLAN AND POLICE

In addition, the FBI knew that Klan members had total access to police intelligence files on civil rights groups. The FBI knew the Klan used police cars on "night rides" keeping track of civil rights activities and planning violence.

Thus, under the cover of infiltrating the Klan and collecting evidence, the FBI played a major role in attacking the civil rights movement. They supported and condoned the Klan's terrorism because they hoped that fear would prevent people from participating in that struggle for freedom.

Their claim to be mere observers is in sharp contrast to the FBI's

willingness to arrest radicals and revolutionaries on the flimsiest of "conspiracy" charges during the anti-war movement.

The FBI moved against the KKK only when they threatened to get out of control. The murder of Viola Liuzzo and the murders of three civil rights workers in Philadelphia, Miss., by Klansmen are two such examples.

Already the government is trying to shift the blame for the FBI's role onto J. Edgar Hoover's personal character and the excesses of "individuals." As usual the cover-up began in the Oval Office of the White House.

In a press conference President Ford called the FBI campaign against Martin Luther King "abhorrent," and said "Whether or not we can identify the individuals, if they are alive, is difficult..."

Rowe, however, testifies that not only are many of the FBI participants in these activities still alive, many of them still work for the Bureau. □

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS SHAFTED

by Jim Woodward

Congress is about to pass a law giving construction workers greater power to close down entire building sites during strikes. President Ford has said he'll sign it.

Well—it looks like the government is doing something good for a change, right? Nope, because there's a lot more to it. In fact, the "common situs" picketing bill, as it's called, is part of a larger plan to gut the power of local unions in the construction industry.

The plan, according to an Administration official quoted in Business Week magazine, "is an attempt to come to grips with the basic problem that the building trades locals have too much power. It is, in effect, transferring power from the locals to the internationals."

LEAPFROGGING

The reason the government and business leaders think construction locals have too much power is that

they are able to exact high wage settlements, in many cases through the practice of "leapfrogging."

This means one local will settle for a certain wage increase, and then the next local will use that as a starting point for its bargaining. In the construction industry they can get away with this because the contractors are often small and isolated, and the International union officers do not have a great amount of control over whether the locals can strike and on what issues.

Enter John Dunlop, Secretary of Labor and former government wage controller.

Dunlop's plan, which building trades international leaders are willing to go along with, will set up a 25-member Construction Industry Collective Bargaining Committee.

Construction locals will have to report to that committee sixty days before their contracts expire. If the contract expires without an agreement, the committee can then order a 30-day delay in any strike. Finally, the committee will be

able to ask the international union and national contractors' association to enter the bargaining, giving them authority to approve a settlement.

To sweeten the bill and to make it more politically acceptable to the international building trades leaders, Dunlop is also sponsoring the "common situs" bill.

The "common situs" bill would allow construction unions to picket an entire building site, rather than their own particular entrance. That would mean they could close the entire site, rather than just pull off members of their own craft union.

It has been illegal for a construction union to picket an entire building site since the Supreme Court in 1951 stretched the term "secondary boycott" to include this practice.

CONDITIONS

The bill is laced with conditions to ensure that the new picketing rights are not used by the wrong people—that is, that they are not

used on the initiative of the local unions.

In order to picket an entire construction site, a local union would have to give ten days notice. And it would also have to obtain written permission from its international officers.

What it all amounts to is that construction companies and the government are willing to give up a bit more power to the international union officers which they know will be rarely used, in return for gutting the power of the local unions—their real problem.

The danger for construction workers is apparent. But there is also a danger for the rest of us. The government's intervention in this way into the internal affairs of the construction unions is new. If the government can pass a law further bureaucratizing the construction unions, why can't it do the same in other unions?

In fact, Dunlop is rumored to be planning government initiatives in the retail food industry and health care to hold down wages. □



Building a society run by working people is what the International Socialists is all about. Working people will be able to run society only by organizing to do it. It will not happen just because bosses are unnecessary parasites and oppressors. Socialist militants must lead the struggle where they work and where they live to wrest control from the capitalists. In this report, Glenn Wolfe, National Secretary of the International Socialists, tells how the

Last April 26 the AFL-CIO sponsored a rally against unemployment in Washington, DC. The union bureaucrats had planned a passive event where everyone would listen to politicians give speeches. But a militant and organized rank and file contingent won hundreds of followers at the march. This was made possible only through the work of IS members in countless rank and file caucuses in the midwest and east coast. The growing anger of ordinary working people came to the attention of the union officials and the media.

JOIN THE

Building The Rank And File Movement

THIS YEAR HAS SEEN A HOST of exciting developments for the IS. Taken together, they represent a great stride forward in the vital job of creating a workers' revolutionary party in the US.

This progress has been most marked in struggle in industry. A rank and file movement, led by a core of militant workers committed to the struggle for workers' power is developing.

They are building rank and file caucuses in their unions to take on the employers where the union officials won't.

This represents the biggest step forward for the working class since the 1930's.

This progress has been the greatest in one of the most important unions, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The Teamsters Union is the largest in the world. The most important Teamster contract, the Master Freight Agreement, is up this spring.

The outcome of the struggle over this contract is important to every American worker. It will set the tone for contracts that expire in several other major industries over the next two years.

PREPARED

Last summer a small group of Teamsters decided to prepare for this. Forty people from half a dozen cities held the first meeting of Teamsters for a Decent Contract.

The program it decided on and the actions it has taken have now

turned into a movement covering thousands of Teamsters.

This probably would not have happened without the IS. Those at the first meeting included IS members and friends who realized that, with organization, rank and file Teamsters could make a difference in what they got.

Other Teamsters work for United Parcel Service. They have a new national rank and file paper, UPSurge. It has been very successful.

By its third edition it had sold 10,000 copies. UPSurge has sponsored meetings in Chicago and Cleveland so far. They attracted more than a hundred workers.

IS members were in good

proportion of UPSurge's founders. They have seen it blossom into a popular workers' paper which reflects the concerns and fighting spirit of thousands of UPS workers.

UNITED ACTION

Telephone workers are organizing in the United Action Caucus. They are taking on "Ma Bell" with particular success in Louisville and Seattle.

Auto workers, especially in Chrysler and GM in Detroit, are building rank and file groups too. Soon rank and file auto workers will form a coalition for a decent contract.

Their contract expires next fall. Judging from past performance they can't rely on Leonard Woodcock to win a decent contract for them.

The growing rank and file movement is not restricted to a single industry. It represents the start of a whole new era for the working class.

IS members and the industrial committees of IS branches have played a crucial role in these developments. It isn't just auto, teamsters, and telephone either.

In steel, the post office, railroads, sugar mills, and among teachers and other white collar workers, there has been a high level of IS activity over the last year.

This is helping to put revolutionary politics on a solid working class footing in this country for the first time in nearly thirty years. □

Dear Comrades,

I am writing to tell you of my support of the IS and Workers' Power. The IS in Portland has been doing great! They've helped us organize a newspaper for workers called "Speeds and Feeds." Without their support and help this rank and file paper would never have been started.

Thanks to the IS, the Revolution has started.

On to workers' power, Portland, OR

Growth

THE IS HAS GROWN OVER the last year and a half, as the rank and file movement has grown.

In Massachusetts, West Virginia and Pennsylvania we have set up half a dozen new branches in the last year. In several other states new organizing committees have also been established.

The IS Convention in July was attended by hundreds of IS members and friends from across the country. There the organization began a drive to recruit workers during the fall.

Although not yet complete, the drive has resulted in a 33% increase in the size of the IS. One branch has more than doubled its size since October 1. Several other midwest branches are not far

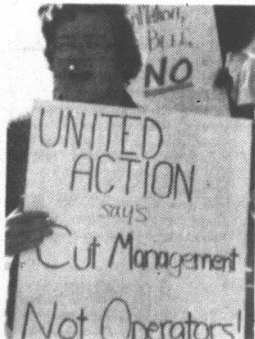
behind.

During the same period, as readers of Workers' Power will know and appreciate, we moved from bi-weekly publication of our newspaper to weekly publication.

This move followed a successful circulation campaign which increased paid sales by a third.

Workers' Power is a reliable source of information needed by class struggle unionists. Now that it is on the streets every week it is even more useful. This is already being felt in several key areas of struggle.

For instance, for the first time since the 30's, hundreds of copies of a revolutionary newspaper now find their way every week into the homes of militant teamsters. □



Telephone workers demonstrate in Louisville.

IS has been doing this in the past year.

In reading this report, it will be clear how much more effective individuals are in fighting the system when they are part of an organization. Today, there is no excuse for standing by and saying nothing can be done. This report will show what is being done by working people, and you will see why you should join us and get involved in the struggle for workers' power.



On one of the crucial domestic political issues of the day, busing, the IS has been ready to stand up and be counted. We support busing firmly. And we have acted too. In Louisville, at the height of the Klan-inspired racist riots, black and white IS members were on the streets organizing the counter-demonstration. They distributed 20,000 copies of a Workers' Power special edition. It exposed the poisonous racist activities of the Klan in trying to divide and weaken the working class.

THE IS!



Class Struggle- From Portugal To Post Office

FOR THE IS TO PROVE ITS ability to lead the class struggle requires activity in areas other than caucuses and branches.

During the summer IS was able to mount a co-ordinated protest against the pathetic contract handed down by the postal union's bureaucrats. A pamphlet, "Postal Workers Fight Back" was used as an organizer. Five thousand copies were sold in dozens of major cities.

Although the protest failed to prevent ratification, it succeeded in laying the groundwork for a regular, national rank and file paper of postal workers. It will be published in the new year.

Its task will be organizing, not around a single issue like the contract, but around all those issues facing postal workers.

1975 has also been the year in which the Portuguese working class emerged as a revolutionary force.

There, the question is not the development of a rank and file movement, but the timing for the armed workers' insurrection to control society.

This is the first time in decades that events of such significance have taken place for the international workers' revolution.

Along with US revolutionaries we have given absolute and total support to the workers' revolution.

We have raised thousands of dollars for the Portuguese working class and have taken the facts of their struggle into the US working class.

Only Workers' Power has brought the news direct from Lisbon every week. We also sponsored a speaking tour by a Portuguese revolutionary in eleven major cities.

WOMEN'S STRUGGLES

IS is also active in fighting for the rights of working class women. Our women members have been among the most active members of the Coalition of Labor Union Women. They have been in the forefront of the battle to turn CLUW into a movement of rank and file working women.

The union bureaucrats may succeed in killing off CLUW at the upcoming convention. But that will not prevent the drive to build a working women's movement.

This year, IS held the first two of a series of working women's Conferences in Cleveland, Seattle and Pittsburgh.

There hundreds of women, many active in rank and file caucuses, came together to exchange experience. They discussed both the struggle for women's liberation and for workers' power. □

"The IS has given me some long-range perspectives on what has to be done with this society. They have helped me tremendously in dealing with problems at work. They have taught me the value of the union and how to fight to make it a workers' union. As a result, I have become a much more valuable person, not only to myself, but to all the workers I come into contact with as well.

"As a result of the recent events in my life, I will be able to be an effective militant worker. I will be able to show people the correctness of our politics and the need to join this organization and to recruit other workers. We can make a revolution that will take this country from the ruling class and give it back to the people."

Seattle telephone worker

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

THE LAST PERIOD HAS TRULY seen IS putting down the foundations for a new workers' party. We have done this not just in the exciting mass arenas of the working class, but also in our internal organization.

We established an industrial committee as a major department of the national office. Our program for publishing workers' pamphlets has been greatly expanded.

Heightened discipline and activism in our branches are crucial to building a workers' combat organization.

INTERNATIONAL

No less significant are our growing ties with other revolutionary workers' groups throughout the world. Our connection with the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat in Portugal is well known.

Our comrades of the British IS continue to give us the help and support that only a party with their size and international influence in the working class can provide.

But the last year has also seen stronger ties developed with a

dozen other organizations. Most important for us has been the foundation in the spring of the Canadian IS. This new organization has grown swiftly.

In many ways this report is incomplete. Over the next few weeks the last five rallies of our membership drive will take place. Many other activities are in progress which would make a true end of the year report read differently.

But this report, like everything else in Workers' Power, is about building the movement.

NEW MEMBERS

One thing is clear from any analysis of IS over the last year. With more members, we could achieve more. The job we have taken on isn't just our responsibility. If you are a working class fighter, it is your responsibility too.

Our relatively small size has meant that we missed countless opportunities for taking the movement forward over the last year.

The working class cannot afford to miss as many next year. The

election, the bargaining round and the expansion of the Portuguese revolution into Spain means the coming year will be even more vital.

Regular readers of Workers' Power must now think seriously about joining us. IS is about acting, not reading.

No other organization is taking on the absolutely necessary fight to build a workers' party in action. We want you to judge us on what our politics mean in practice.

We want working class fighters to bring their experience into IS and learn how to be more effective fighters by being part of a combat organization.

Most of all we want to bring the struggle for revolutionary socialism into every workplace in this country. We want the principles of workers' power to have a large impact on the labor movement.

If you want that too, your place is in IS. You cannot do it alone. You need us. We have made large strides in the direction of bringing this about in the last few years. But make no mistake, we need you too. □

Teamster Officials Get Out The Red Paint

PITTSBURGH—International officials of the Teamsters Union have finally come to realize that Teamsters for a Decent Contract (TDC) is a barrier to their ability to ram a sellout contract down the throats of the members.

At a meeting of local Teamster officials in Washington November 25, chaired by Frank Fitzsimmons, TDC was discussed. The signal was that it was a "problem."

Apparently the first local that picked up this hint was Local 249 in Pittsburgh.

The local administration there is known as being anti-international. They have obviously decided to mend some political fences.

On December 1 at a stewards' meeting, TDC was painted red. So was Concerned Rank and File Teamsters (CRAFT), the local group that has been building TDC.

The aim is to discredit TDC. If it is defeated in Pittsburgh—one of the places where it is strongest—it will be seriously weakened across the country. The same tactic will be used elsewhere.

RESPONSE

The TDC organizers in Pittsburgh were quick to respond to the local bureaucrats' clumsy effort to discredit them.

Ten local members signed a

leaflet which read in part:

"It is clear to us that those individuals and officers who are attempting to discredit TDC by signaling out a few individuals and screaming 'Communist' are working for the International and Fitzsimmons.

"They are trying to destroy TDC and some of its hardest working members because they are opposed to the organization of the rank and file. They are opposed to our organization because they know that they will not be able to control us or our movement, and anything they cannot control they fear.

"We must no longer allow ourselves to be divided as these people are trying to do through use of red-baiting tactics. Division can only lead to defeat and another three years of living under a lousy contract rammed down our throats by officials who don't give a damn about any of us."

The attempt to discredit TDC will fail for one essential reason. TDC is necessary because the officials are not doing their job. No attempts to divert attention can cover up that fact.



Five Menominee Indians are to be tried for their occupation of the unused Alexian Brothers novitate last January, even though the Brothers agreed to give the building to the Menominees.

Menominee Trial Set

Preparations are underway for the trial of five Menominee Indians from Wisconsin. They are to be tried for the occupation last January of the Alexian Brothers novitate in Northern Wisconsin.

The occupation was intended to convert the unused building into a hospital for Native Americans, since such facilities are all but non-existent there. The Indians were finally driven out of the novitate by threat of armed force after a 34-day occupation.

All five are charged with armed robbery, armed burglary, and false imprisonment. Two are also accused of "conduct regardless of life." These men, like all minorities in

the US, are being tried in a climate of blatant racism. The jury will be all white. As one of the accused, a Vietnam veteran, said: "Your Constitution says that you should be judged by your peers and these are not my peers. There are people of a different race... set of values and culture."

The whole trial is an attempt to break the spirit of the Indian nations which struggle for their very survival. The Native American population has been cut in half in 100 years, and the US government, by denying them decent health care, education, and jobs, is showing that it intends to continue this genocide.

United Parcel Fires Five In NY

NEW YORK—On Friday, December 5, five United Parcel Service workers from the Midtown Metro NY District were fired for allegedly drinking on the job.

"It's a frame. None of us had anything alcoholic to drink and the entire incident is an effort to frame me," said Joe Nabach, one of the five.

Nabach pointed out that the only witnesses to the alleged incident are two UPS security men from the Long Island district who just "happened" to be eating lunch at the same restaurant in Manhattan as the five.

Nabach is a sponsor of UPSurge, the national rank and file newspaper. Shortly after UPSurge first appeared this fall, UPS management moved against Nabach in a more subtle way. They circulated a rumor that he was a management informer. That did not work, so now they are trying the "direct approach."

The steering committee endorsed a leaflet telling the workers' side of the story. The leaflet will be distributed throughout the Eastern region.

"We're confident that we'll all get back," said Nabach. "With the support of the ranks we'll be able to pull out all the stops."



Joe Nabach.

MEETINGS

UPSurge has been sponsoring meetings of UPS workers around the country. The response has been overwhelming.

The New York UPSurge meeting was held the day after the firing. And it is believed by many UPS workers that the company framed the five in order to frighten workers away from the meeting.

This tyrannical company feels justified threatened by rank and file workers organizing.

But UPS' plan didn't work. The meeting was highly successful. UPS workers came from Philadelphia, New Jersey, Boston, South Jersey, and NYC. An Eastern region UPSurge steering committee was elected.

UPSurge In Chicago

CHICAGO—The UPSurge group in Chicago is proving worthy of its name. The rank and file organization of United Parcel Service (UPS) workers has now held four meetings in this city. The first, Nov. 1 was attended by 10 UPS workers; the second by 30; the third by 140; and now 200 at the December 7th meeting.

Already UPSurge is working on a variety of activities. Working committees have been set up to prepare petitions on two issues: changing the union meeting times to Sunday so UPS workers can attend; and asking for elected rather than appointed officials.

Another committee was set up to handle distribution of the UPSurge newspaper. The meeting also adopted a platform, which is essentially the point of view of UPSurge newspaper.

Both the company and the union leadership seem threatened by this movement. They are asking a lot of questions, doing some red-baiting, attacking the paper, and harassing some of the leaders with vague threats. But the movement has already taken off, and it won't be easy to stop now.

Northeast UPSurge

NEW YORK CITY—Fifty UPS workers from all over the northeast met here Saturday, Dec. 6. The meeting was sponsored by New York UPSurge, the rank and file UPS workers' paper.

Everyone in attendance had experienced UPS' incredible harassment.

Jimmy Miller from Boston told how UPS had tried to fire him seven times. He said the only time UPS workers in Boston saw their union business agent was when he came to order them to work on struck goods.

BITTER

New York UPS workers were especially bitter about the Teamster union's complete unwillingness to fight UPS. A New York worker described how IBT officials broke their strike last year by ordering New Jersey Local 177 to handle packages for New York.

Anne Mackie from Cleveland, the Editor of UPSurge, called for a national rank and file movement of UPS workers and explained the need to join with other Teamsters in the TDC.

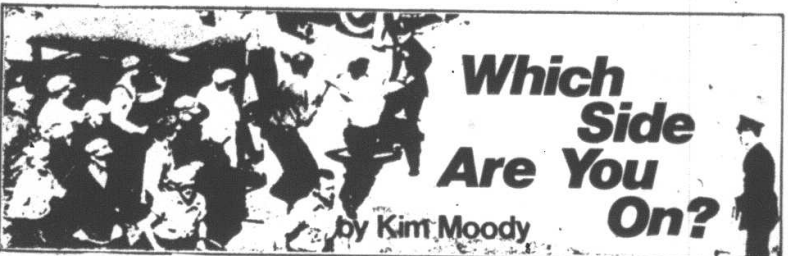
The meeting agreed the only way to fight UPS is with a national contract negotiated by a bargaining committee elected by the rank and file members.

EASTERN REGIONAL

Immediately the group agreed to set up an UPSurge eastern regional steering committee.

The first thing the steering committee will do is start a campaign in their locals for defense funds. These funds would pay workers unjustly suspended or fired by UPS.

Joe Nabach told the meeting, "If we get these funds UPS will be a lot less successful in terrorizing people with threats of suspensions."



Which Side Are You On?
by Kim Moody

Some Recovery!

Though you may not have noticed, America's economy is recovering. Some. After a year and a half of decline, it's growing. In the third quarter of 1975 (July-Sept.), the Gross National Product rose 11.2%. A very big jump in production levels. In October, growth was slower, but Wall Street and Washington seem satisfied that the economy is now on course.

For Wall Street and Washington experts, recovery is measured by profits. Profits are what capitalism is all about, and what the experts care about. And, by those standards, things are going well indeed.

Third quarter profits were 18% above the April-June quarter. Real profits (adjusted for inflation on inventories) were 15% above last year. These real profits are running \$120 billion annually—\$133.5 billion including inventories. In short, the capitalists are making money and all is right in heaven.

But, as the capitalists are so fond of reminding us, this money must come from somewhere. Forget, for the moment, that all goods and services are created by labor. Let's just assume that everything works the way they say it does. Even by their lopsided standards, it's clear that the workers are financing this recovery. And our cost may go up.

PRICE OF LABOR DROPPED

To start, a chunk of these profits came from a drop in labor costs. In the third quarter profits rose 18%. Labor costs fell 2.4%. They say the reason for this drop is a whopping 9.5% growth in productivity per worker. But this leap in productivity is not the result of some miraculous advances in technology. Nor did it come from any growth in capital investment. Productivity leaped because the bosses increased production far faster than they called back laid off workers or hired new ones. In other, less kind, words, a nation-wide speed up pushed down labor costs.

A recovery is supposed to bring some prosperity to all classes—workers as well as capitalists. At least that's the myth. In fact, things are not improving for most workers. Real wages are not rising with the recovery, in spite of a slower rate of inflation.

From January, 1973 to July, 1975 consumer prices rose 27.1%. Average hourly earnings rose only 20.2%—a loss of nearly 7%. Real wages continued to drop in September and October. Real weekly earnings dropped 0.6% in September and stayed the same in October. Over the year, they have fallen

1.9%. The drop in our real wages fattens their profits.

For the unemployed, the recovery is invisible. Unemployment has yet to drop below 8.3%. In October, it actually rose to 8.6%. As the capitalists' recovery grinds on, nearly eight million workers remain out of work. These unemployed workers help the capitalist's profits grow.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Wall Street and Washington like things this way. And, they intend to keep things this way. Business and government will fight big wage increases or even attempts to save existing working conditions. They want the recovery to continue, and they want labor to foot the bill.

1976 is a heavy year for bargaining. Trucking, electrical, rubber, auto and construction contracts all expire. Business Week magazine has uncomfortably pointed out that the possibility of a successful fight for higher wages. This would force business to look elsewhere for expanded profits. If workers simply hold on to existing working conditions, the companies' dream of endless speed up is spoiled. A shorter work week would reduce the good effects of mass unemployment on the bosses' profits. And Business Week and its readers know that the powerful unions bargaining next year can win those things.

But, Business Week found the silver lining on the cloudy horizon. The union leaders, Business Week has discovered, are men of reason. "Many unions are taking a moderate stand" in the up-coming negotiations they say. These labor leaders share the concerns of the bosses.

One top executive quoted by Business Week said, "I think that there is a greater recognition on the part of the unions of the importance of companies being in good health." The article also puts it another way: "Labor and management in the US remain adversaries, but they bargain within a framework of common beliefs."

The "common beliefs" the labor leaders and management share are agreement that workers will finance the recovery. Just as we paid for the recession. Fortunately, as the pages of Workers' Power show every week, there are growing numbers of workers who don't share these "common beliefs." Militant workers fighting together can put to rest the slickest plans of the bosses and labor bureaucrats.



'Why I Joined The I.S.'

Dear Workers' Power,

I joined I.S. and have been impressed with Workers' Power and wanted to share with other readers why I have made this commitment.

I'm a janitor at a local high school but I do more than just keep the building clean and warm. Because it is an "alternative" high school I am encouraged to relate to and help teach the students.

These people are students who can't put up with the regular schools or, more importantly, the regular schools are unable to cope with them and their problems.

One of the first things I noticed about the school when I first started working there was the inability of the students and staff to bring their energies together and work in a positive direction.

Even in an "alternative" high school the staff is responsible to higher authorities in the system. The principal wears a coat and tie and drives a Cadillac, while the rest of the staff wear jeans and work shirts and are always

struggling to keep their economy cars running.

There are lots of problems among the students' also. Most are very poor and none are above the "lower middle class" economic level. But still some think because they are white or male they are better than some other people.

The problem is the society we have all been brought up in. Racism and sexism and a lack of solidarity are constantly being encouraged.

The problems of this society have been relatively clear to me for a long time. But I thought that most of the attempts at solutions were piecemeal at best.

Two things that impress me most about the I.S. are the comprehensiveness of the program and the faith in working class revolution. The I.S. recognizes that working class unity can only be forged when the divisiveness of racism and sexism are shown in their true colors.

My parents and grandparents are working class and so am I. My father and grandfather have struggled in the railway unions. My family and, my class have struggled for generations against this oppressive system. I joined I.S. to carry on this struggle to victory.

Frank Bongen
Bloomington

Truth About Portugal

Dear Workers' Power,

I came to this country from Portugal four years ago. I heard Antonio Silva speak when he came to Oakland. Since then I have been working with the Portugal Solidarity Campaign.

I am glad Workers' Power has begun a campaign of solidarity with the Portuguese Revolution. The Portuguese newspapers in the United States try to play down the revolution and confuse people.

Instead of educating people, they deceive them; and here, as in Portugal, they try to play on the divisions between us. So it is good to read a newspaper that tells the truth about the Revolution.

The truth is now more important than ever. The 6th Government, with some of its leaders

already known to the people as traitors, will never make a revolution. But each week the real revolution threatens them more.

The counter-revolution already has its plans and agents, inside and outside the country.

Capitalism, which made a counter-revolution in Chile, turns now to our martyred country.

News from Brazil indicates that the "Democratic" Movement for the Liberation of Portugal (MDLP) is recruiting; offering 10,000 escudos (about \$400) a month to those willing to go to Portugal to agitate for fascism.

General Spínola, head of the MDLP, is on a speaking tour of the United States. Why? To convince the American ruling class that the only way to stop the Portuguese workers is through a

return to fascism.

It is crucial that American workers make clear their opposition to these fascists.

Our revolution is your revolution.

M.M.
Oakland, CA

SENATE BILL S-1

Dear Workers' Power,

Please accept my contribution to the I.S. Fund Drive. I really enjoy reading Workers' Power and think it's great. It covers topics and struggles in areas of great importance.

I think that Workers' Power should print more articles about how to build a mass movement to stop and smash Senate Bill S-1 and its reactionary blueprints for fascism and a police state.

Especially reactionary are the sections on anti-labor strike breaking, the death penalty and wiretapping in a "National Security" situation.

Workers' Power should concentrate on publicizing and gaining support for the freedom of brothers Martin Sostre, Ruben 'Hurricane' Carter, Delbert Tibbs and Phillip Allen who are all victims of racist frameups.

Also, Workers' Power should gain support for the freedom of sister Yvonne Wanrow, a Yakima Indian, charged with murdering a rapist. All charges must be dropped. Brother Dennis Banks should be supported and backed up as he is a fugitive from Pig State South Dakota.

Mike Fleming
Portland, Oregon

IBT Sell-out

Dear Workers' Power,

After reading the IBT union negotiating proposals there seems to be one article that tells the whole story: "Article 20. Union-employer cooperation, no change." This is also confirmed when reading the other articles. For example, the proposals on grievances, change of operations, and probationary and casual employees. When negotiating the national MFA, Fitz still has the same sell-out smell as in prior contracts.

Wake up. Keep the heat on by signing TDC petitions and Fitz will get the message. We need a decent contract.

D.L.
IBT Local 357
Los Angeles

Letters

to

Workers' Power

More On Joan Little

Dear Workers' Power,

Reading in your Nov. 21 issue, it was such a big thrill to me to read the story about Joan Little and her life.

I feel that she was very brave to bring out her past, like many people wish to leave behind.

I believe her story will reach out to millions, and change their way of life, or at least some of it.

More people should be like her, and, maybe, they would feel better. To get out what they feel

rather than keep it in and make themselves feel bad.

Keep up the good work.
Mary Halvey
Portland, Oregon

'I Can Be Very Vindictive'

Dear Workers' Power,

As if it weren't enough to rip off their workers and their customers, corporations feel a need to put out ads that treat us like idiots.

One of the worst is McDonald's. "We do it all for you." Right. McDonald's isn't interested in the billions they make from their cardboard hamburgers. They just want to do us a good turn!

The only honest ad is from Sunoco. "I can be very friendly." It doesn't say that they are friendly, just that they will be in order to get our cash.

Well, I can be very vindictive.

Interested

Dear Workers' Power,

I'm a black political prisoner incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Concentration Camp, Mk-Alister, Oklahoma ("Big Mac").

My reason for addressing this message to you is concerning an article in your October 24 issue of Workers' Power.

The article was written by sister Bobbie Harrison on 'Why I Joined the I.S.' I became very interested in this article and what this black sister was saying.

As I stated, I'm in prison, but I would like to become involved in the movement.

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High School Students:

FIGHT THE POWER!

Highland Park High School students know how to get what they want. They've just returned back to school after a militant and victorious strike that won them some of their demands.

For three days Highland Parkers held together and stayed out of school. Spirited demonstrations of hundreds of students from the

1982 Highland Park students walking in the Rain of Strife.

RIGHT ON RED TIDE!

Dear Workers' Power,

I am just getting over a traumatic experience. I was jumped by a young gang of high school kids.

I felt really bitter until I picked up a copy of Red Tide. I really understand the importance of a paper directed towards the working class youth and poor.

There has always been an explosive situation in school especially among the poor. They have no future to count on or any place to go. It is worse now with the crisis.

If we don't do anything, the

daughters and sons of the future will be the daughters and the sons of reaction.

Gangs are being formed to deal with the forced idleness NAZI's attempting to organize white youth to throw rocks at buses.

It is my hope that Red Tide spreads and provides an alternative, a socialist alternative relative to their experiences. The children of the working class and the poor should demand union jobs and youth centers run by young people.

David Wilson
Sacramento

Workers' Power Wants To Hear From You

What you like about the paper — and what you don't. What you think of the political ideas we present, and your comments on problems facing working people.

But please be brief.

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

'The world will never be the same.'

"THE AMERICAN WORKING class is coming out of a long but not so silent slumber. There are two hands on the shoulder of the sleeper. One is the hand of reaction, racism and fascist murder—the other is the hand of workers' control over their lives and their world."

"When the sleeper awakes he will choose one of those directions and the world will never be the same again. I know which world I want my children to live in."

Said Joe Nabach, UPS driver and member of the IS National Committee at an IS rally in Pittsburgh December 7.

The conclusion of Nabach's talk—"Join the IS!"

This was repeated by speaker after speaker.

Bobbi Harrison summed up by saying, "I was born with two strikes against me—I'm black and

I'm a woman. I've been fighting a long time.

"Two of the bosses' favorite weapons are racism and sexism. They're also two of my favorite figits."

WON'T GIVE UP

"We won't give up till they are won. They will only be won by a united working class. That is the only thing the bosses understand in their economic hearts. And we're going to destroy them."

At the end of the rally several people joined including one brother who said he joined because "Fear is a terrible thing to live under."

Other highly successful rallies were held in Oakland, California, the same night, and in Los Angeles Dec. 8.

Fred Hobby, of the IS National Committee told an audience of over 90 people in Oakland "The bosses want to divide society along lines of race, sex and even religion in order to cover its most basic division between workers and bosses."

"The IS is showing workers that our only hope for a better world lies in a fight against our real enemies, not other working class people."

In both Los Angeles and Oakland several new members joined immediately and many more expressed interest in joining shortly.

IS rallies are yet to be held in the following cities: St. Louis—Saturday, Dec. 13; Portland—Sunday, Dec. 14; Cleveland—Sunday, Dec. 14; NYC—Sunday, Dec. 14; Portland—Sunday, Dec. 14.

See your Workers' Power seller or contact the local branch for an invitation.



What We Stand For

The International Socialists are open to all who accept our basic principles and are willing to work as a member of our organization to achieve them. We stand for:

WORKING CLASS REVOLUTION

Working class revolution will destroy capitalism. Reform schemes cannot patch it up. The wealth produced by workers will be collectively controlled by workers to provide a decent life and freedom for all. Today that wealth is stolen from working people by the capitalist class. Socialism can be won only through workers' revolution. The capitalist state must be destroyed, so must its institutions: the legislature, army, police and courts. A socialist society will be ruled democratically by mass organizations of all working people.

MASS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE WORKING CLASS

Today the trade unions are the only mass working class organizations. We work for rank and file control of the unions to make them fighting instruments of workers against the employers. We fight for workers' action against the economic and social crisis of capitalism: Defend working conditions. No controls on wages. 30 hours work for 40 hours pay to fight unemployment. The right to a job at union wages for everyone. Organize the unorganized. Nationalization of industry without compensation and under workers' control.

BLACK LIBERATION

We stand for black liberation. Full equality for black people and all national minorities. Defend the black community and other oppressed peoples against all forms of racism, police terror and discrimination. We call for independent organization by black and other specially oppressed people to struggle for their liberation and to build unity among all workers that will lead to socialism. Independence for Puerto Rico.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION

For complete social, economic and political equality for women. Free quality childcare, birth control, and abortion on demand. Abolish oppression of gay people, and all sexual oppression.

YOUTH

Equality for young people. The right to good jobs for all youth. Stop police intimidation of young people. For schools controlled by students, teachers and community. For a revolutionary socialist youth movement.

AGAINST IMPERIALISM

We oppose US imperialism, its nuclear weapons and its alliances such as NATO. Unconditions support to movements for national liberation. We oppose Russian imperialism and its war bloc, the Warsaw Pact, which controls Eastern Europe. For an independent movement of the working class and oppressed peoples everywhere against imperialism, East and West.

FOR WORLD SOCIALISM

The first successful socialist revolution was made by the Russian working class in 1917. But the revolution was isolated, and destroyed by a counterrevolution led by Stalin. Workers' councils, political parties and trade unions were all crushed. Today Russia, China and the rest of the "Communist" countries are not socialist, but societies in which workers are exploited by a bureaucratic ruling class. We support workers' struggles in Russia, China and Eastern Europe for democracy and freedom. For workers' revolution to overthrow Stalinism and replace it with socialism.

REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

To win the fight for socialism the most militant sections of the working class must be organized into a revolutionary party. The revolutionary party is a political force linking workers in separate factories, unions and industries; helping to organize and lead them to take state power and control society as a class. All the activity of the IS is directed toward building such a revolutionary party out of the struggles working people are waging today.

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HOLIDAY GIFTS



WOMEN'S POSTERS "The Rising of Women is The Rising of Us All" (left), or same slogan, different graphic, \$1.50 each.

GREETING CARDS "In The Struggle We Are Becoming Free." Photo from revolutionary Portugal (at left). Five for \$1, or additional donation to Workers' Power Portuguese Solidarity Fund.

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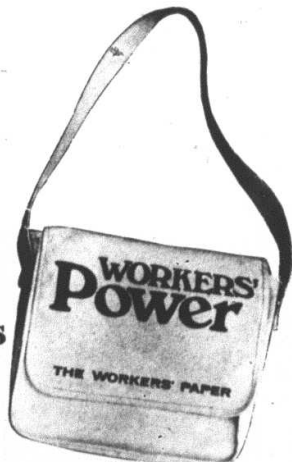
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The Meaning And Demeaning Of Work

"You'd think we're machines the way they turn us off and on"

In this book, Barbara Garson presents us with a forceful piece of her own special work. The book is filled with penetrating descriptions of the work and the workers who keep the grist mill of American industry rolling. Garson escorts the reader through a ping-pong factory, a lumber mill, a mink processing plant, and a dozen other enterprises in which working people spend their lives.

She interviews and chats with workers about their jobs and their lives.

The reader shares her insights into the nature of the production

All the Livelong Day: The Meaning and Demeaning of Work, by Barbara Garson; Doubleday, 1975

methods being used, as well as her vision of the changes that will be made when the fetish of production for profit is replaced by production for need. Special emphasis is placed on the needs of workers for meaningful and creative work.

GM LORDSTOWN

As an auto worker I was especially interested in her chapter on Lordstown, GM's ultramodern Vega assembly plant in Ohio which boasts "the fastest assembly line in the world."

In the following excerpt, Garson speaks with Indian Nut, one of several auto workers who have formed a commune.

"At two-thirty the nut burst in, wild-haired, wild-eyed and sweet smiling.

"New foreman, a real Gee-mad man. Sent a guy home for farting on a car. And another for yodeling.

"Yodeling?" I asked.
 "Yeah, you know," and he yodeled. (It is common in auto plants for men to break the monotony with noise, like the banging of tin cans in jail. Someone will drop something, his partner will yell 'Whaa' and then 'Whaa' gets transmitted all along the line.)
 "What about sabotage?"

LETTING OFF STEAM

"Sabotage, just a way of letting off steam. You can't keep up with the car so you scratch it on the way past. I once saw a hillbilly drop an ignition key down the gas tank.

"Last week I watched a guy light a glove and lock it in the trunk. We all waited to see how far down the line they'd discover it.

"If you miss a car they call it sabotage. They expect a sixty second minute. Even a machine has to sneeze.

"Look how they call us on weekends, hold us extra, send us home early, give us layoffs. You'd think we were machines the way they turn us on and off."

Sounds familiar doesn't it?
 This book's language is straightforward and to the point.

In its pages, workers reveal their struggles to overcome the most dehumanizing conditions.

Even when every ounce of ingenuity of the efficiency experts and mechanical engineers is put into the efforts to reduce work and the worker to a machine slave, the worker never becomes merely a part of the machine he operates. Rather, he makes the machine a part of himself.

BECOME INTEGRATED

Gradually the actions and various functions of the machine he operates, no matter how complex, become integrated into the much



more complex and flexible mind-body system of the worker.

Human beings who work (who know, think, act, feel, create, and judge) are the one absolutely indispensable element in the process of production.

This means that our ability to work, coupled with the conscious control of how, when and to what ends we will use this ability, is the key to workers power.

Our claim to the power to control our own lives and to control society as a class is legitimate because without work neither the individual nor society could long exist.

Our present bosses base their claim to control our working lives and the wealth we produce on wealth that was created by workers in the past.

In the form of accumulated wealth, it is being used to oppress and control working people in the present.

Once the majority of workers see this clearly, we will cancel the privileges and power of the ruling classes and replace the social system that goes with them.

A new society, based on workers' power and workers' needs will be

organized. In this way, we will rid ourselves of the pretentious foolishness and self-destructive conflicts that we have inherited from the past.

Work can then be valued realistically; as the human being's special and essential product.

All The Livelong Day makes this point with crystal clarity, while at the same time stimulating the reader's funnybone. I submit that this is an unbeatable combination. □

Floyd Bevins
 UAW Local 898

Free Speech For GM Workers

When you walk through the gates of General Motors, say goodbye to whatever rights you thought you had.

General Motors is one of the largest corporations in the entire world.

In July, August and September of this year alone, its profits were \$243 million.

Wendy Weinberg is fighting General Motors. Last summer she was elected District Committeeperson at the huge Chevrolet Gear and Axle Plant in Detroit. She serves plant 6 on the second shift.

When Weinberg ran for Committeeperson she promised that she would stand up for the workers who elected her. And she pledged that she would publish a regular newsletter to keep them informed.

She kept her promise. Every two weeks or more often she publishes and distributes the "Plant Six

General Motors employs hundreds of thousands of workers. For them, the facts of life at GM are very clear.

There is no freedom of speech. No freedom of the press. You are considered guilty until proven otherwise. You do what you are told. General Motors is a dictatorship.

Second Shift Newsletter."

"Its purpose," she said, "is to keep people informed about the major issues in the plant, the major problems between management and the workers.

"This is the only way that I can be a successful representative and that the people can defend themselves."

COMPANY: "NO"

The company quickly told Weinberg that they did not want the



Wendy Weinberg

newsletter. They took her into the office and told her no. Period.

Other union representatives advised her to drop it. One shop committeeman even told her that she "had no freedom of speech in

here."

Weinberg, however, did not give in. "I didn't run for District Committeeperson just to back off the first time the dogs started barking. I knew even before I got elected that if I did my job right, they would come after me."

They did. On November 18, Weinberg published a newsletter entitled "Defend Union Representation." In this issue, she described the actions of the most outrageous foreman in the plant, foreman Kicker.

He had tried to forcibly take a package containing confidential grievances from her.

As a result of this, General Motors charged Weinberg with "publishing false, vicious and malicious information about a member of management."

They put her on disciplinary layoff for two weeks. There was no effort to prove that these charges

were true.

Weinberg has filed a grievance which she is confident she can win, but it could take as long as eight months to get through the procedure.

In the meantime, they hope to stop her from publishing again, or to fire her if she does.

"I have also gone to the NLRB, the federal agency which has ruled that management cannot prohibit the distribution of union literature on non-work time in non-work areas. I think this clearly covers my case.

"I don't want to stop there, however. I believe this right is very important and I want to fight to win it. A newsletter can be a very important tool for the rank and file. It can bring us together, and keep us informed. It can help us fight back. □

Workers' Power

DETROIT IBT BREAKTHROUGH

by Kim Moody

DETROIT—"The teamsters' union is not just marble palaces and the highly paid parasites who sit on top of it. The union is this brother and that sister. It is the 2.2 million members of the union."

Dan LaBotz, a leader of the Teamsters for a Decent Contract from Chicago, spoke to an audience of 100 Detroit area teamsters on December 7.

He said that the fight for a decent settlement of the 1976 Master Freight Agreement was the beginning of the fight to get the union back in the hands of the rank and file.

The Teamsters for a Decent Contract (TDC) is a national movement that plans to force IBT leader Frank Fitzsimmons to come up with a contract that teamsters can live with for the next three years.

TDC has been holding meetings all over the country. It has received enthusiastic support from IBT militants in over 30 states and 150 local unions.

On the weekend of December 13-14 alone, there will be meetings in eight different cities, TDC organizer Steve Kindred announced.

BREAKTHROUGH

The Detroit meeting represented a breakthrough for TDC and for the rank and file movement.

The organizers of the Detroit meeting are members of Local 299, the home local of both Jimmy Hoffa and Frank Fitzsimmons. It has been torn by factional rivalry between pro-Hoffa and pro-Fitzsimmons forces.

For years, the Fitzsimmons forces have run the local with an iron hand. An atmosphere of violence and intimidation has reigned in 299. The murder of

Hoffa himself was only the best publicized incident.

That a rank and file meeting could be held at all was a breakthrough.

Detroit TDC leader Peter Camarata emphasized that it was going to take a fight to get a decent contract out of the current IBT leaders.

Camarata was asked where he thought teamsters covered by the Master Freight Agreement would be in April. "Out on strike," he said.

Camarata went through the union's bargaining proposals, noting that the most common "proposal" was "no change."

"You can read through these proposals and see mostly 'no change,' that is that they are not asking for anything."

STRIKE CLAUSE

The hottest response in the Detroit meeting went to TDC's demand for the return of the 24-hour strike clause.

Before Fitzsimmons gave it away in 1970, the Master Freight contract had a clause that effectively allowed teamsters at any one company, in any one city to walk out for 24 hours.

This gave stewards some leverage.

Camarata, himself a steward at Earl C. Smith, stated that without this clause the stewards no longer had any real power.

Drivers from the Interstate company told how they walked out when three of their stewards were fired recently. Because the strike was "illegal" the union, Local 299, gave them no support. However, by staying solid and spreading the strike, they won.

One driver reports that without the power of the strike, drivers are

being forced to go out in unsafe equipment.

PLANS

The meeting laid plans to carry their fight into Local 299. A resolution supporting TDC will be presented in the next local meeting. Another meeting of TDC will

be called in the near future.

Detroit TDC will organize itself by getting a representative from every freight barn in the area.

Also at the meeting were United Parcel Service workers who belong to Local 243. These UPS teamsters are actively supporting TDC and also building their own movement around the rank and file paper,

UPSurge.

Both freight and UPS workers insisted on the need for solidarity and mutual support.

The sense of the meeting was that the end of April would find freight and UPS teamsters on strike, fighting for good contracts and a union that belongs to the rank and file.



'A Decent Contract'

LOS ANGELES—One hundred Teamsters turned out here December 4 for a spirited demonstration against their union President Frank Fitzsimmons. Chanting "We want a decent contract," the demonstrators picketed for an hour outside the Hyatt-Regency Hotel where Fitz was speaking at a \$100 a plate dinner.

Although they did not see Fitzsimmons, the purpose of the demonstration was accomplished. All major TV stations and newspapers showed up. The demonstration was called by the Los Angeles chapter

of Teamsters for a Decent Contract. TDC has already held two public meetings in LA, and the group's contract petitions are circulating around the barns in the area.

A spokesperson for the TDC said, "We hope the rank and file keeps up the pressure on Fitz and holds a demonstration every time he appears in a TDC city. We want to squeeze him like a pimple to get a better contract for ourselves."

Los Angeles TDC has set its next meeting for January 11.

Williams Extradited

by Byron Gray

Black revolutionary Robert Williams has recently lost his six year battle to avoid extradition to North Carolina on trumped up charges of kidnapping.

Williams was indicted with four others for the 1961 kidnapping of Bruce and Mabel Stegell, a white couple from Monroe, North Carolina.

On December 1, the Michigan State Supreme Court rejected Williams' challenge to the indictment.

He must now return to North Carolina to face charges.

Williams' indictment was the result of a vicious frame-up in an attempt to keep him out of political struggle.

During the civil rights movement, Williams organized black self defense units to protect the black community from racist attacks.

ATTACK

In the case of the Stegell "kidnapping," Williams had allowed the couple refuge in his home during a confrontation between

whites and blacks in Monroe.

Whites were pouring into Monroe to prepare for an attack on the black community. Williams and his defense guards were ready.

The Stegells had driven into the dead end street where Williams lived. They were immediately surrounded by a crowd of angry blacks.

Williams came out of his home, convinced the crowd not to harm the Stegells, and let the couple into his home. They were released unharmed later that evening.

Williams and four others were then charged with kidnapping.

Knowing that he would not receive a fair trial, Williams fled the country and did not return to the US until 1969. Since that time he has been living in Michigan, fighting the extraditions.

The four other defendants charged in the kidnapping were tried and found guilty, but the decision was later overturned due to the exclusion of blacks from the jury.

But Williams is still being sought and harassed. The reason is simple.

By keeping Williams tied up in legal battle, he has been effectively



Robert F. Williams

excluded from organizing against this capitalist system.

After fourteen years, Williams must return to North Carolina and face charges of kidnapping. He has struggled long enough against this racist frame-up. He must now go free.

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