

AWA W A K E N

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"WITHOUT A POLITICAL PARTY THE WORKING CLASS HAS NOTHING".....

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MOUND Rd. ENGINES

Cheryl Sanford

FIRED — HIRED

WITH THE LATEST INCREASES IN THE WORK FORCE MANY MANY WORKERS HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM THE GENERAL LABOR POOL AND RELOCATED AT DIFFERENT PLANTS. In particular quite a few women workers from M.R.E. have been re-instated at Warren Trucks (Dodge Trucks).

On Monday Aug 11, 1975 Cheryl Sanford a former Mound Engine worker was fired. The official reason on her PERSONNEL SEPARATION NOTICE was "Discharged - Refused to obey orders". Ain't that something, 'refusing to obey orders'.

It is rapidly becoming clear that Chrysler is attacking us on a national scale. Our party has gotten report from Trenton Engine to the plant in Belvedere to the firings at Eldon Gear & Axles to the out of seniority lay-offs at Dodge Main to the refusal of M.R.E. management to allow us all our stewards back. It's not just our "own" capitalist but all the auto gaints are on the wild. The case of General Gordon Baker at Ford Rouge represents management at it's worse, totally breaking an agreement dating back to May 4, 1945!!!

Therefore we must see Cheryl's discharge as part of a series of attacks against all workers. Cheryl's discharge happened like this. , Monday when she went into work she was put on the line putting installion on under the dash board. This installion was made out of fiberglass. If you every worked with fiberglass you know what's coming next. Anyway Cheryl told her numbskull forman that the fiber glass was causing her to break out in a rash all up and down her arms. The forman told Cheryl "GIRL DON'T BOTHER ME I'VE GOT 20 SOME PEOPLE TO WORRY ABOUT". Cheryl told this knuckle head that she would work any job on the line but she was not going to mess with that fiber glass. He then replied "You want to be moved, ok i'm going to get you out of here". He then called over another forman, marched her down to the office and discharged her.

Managements arrogant attitude must be stopped. These attacks against us (the real union) cannot go unchallenged !!! Isn't it clear that these pirates of industry are trying to "whip us into place" in order to squeeze more profits out of us without the threat of us fighting back ? Every where in the world you suppose to be innocent until proven guilty except in these hell holes the bosses call factories".

The president of Dodge Truck union (Local 140) was able to get Cheryl back to work at MOUND ENGINES. Cheryl is now working on the 2nd shift in dept. 88. This still does not satisfy us. Cheryl missed a week of work without any money because of managements stupidity. The president of Local 140 and the officials at our local should get her back pay for that week. Cheryl was right - management was wrong like it is the majority of the time.

END HARRASSMENTS

BACK PAY FOR CHERYL

OVERTIME

Have we so soon forgotten the oppression and tricks of management and supervision that we let ourselves fall into the same old trap? Have we so soon forgotten the lay-offs and the kick in the pants we received in the past? Have we so soon forgotten how we were forced to produce enough engines to stockpile and then thrown in the streets? How many of us bought new cars, had work done to our homes, bought furniture and made new bills because we didn't carefully look at what was behind all the overtime we worked. When you're making money you spend money. Can we so soon forget those bills that management left us with, while we wondered when we would be called back? We must not fall into the same trap again. Let us look this question of overtime squarely in the face.

To make things perfectly clear we are totally against overtime. We oppose it and think that the union should immediately fight against it.

WHY

Last year during August and Sept management worked the hell out of all of us. Six days, 10 hours is what the majority of us worked while Rods, Blocks, Heads, Chunks and Skilled Trades worked up to 7 days 12 hours. Come Oct. the word was out that lay-offs were coming and boy did they come - and hard.

The reason why our capitalist (not just Chrysler, all the industrial capitalist) work us overtime is because they make extra profits. Instead of hiring jobless workers it's cheaper to work us long hours and not pay out more benefits to other workers. So what ends up happening all the time is that we are forced to overproduce these engines and then get thrown in the streets. Overtime isn't simply a question of calling everyone back that's laid-off. It goes way beyond that. The key question to overtime is not working ourselves out of a job.

Chryslers rescheduling us for overtime is not something that is just taking place here. Throughout the country thousands upon thousands of workers have been called back. These Auto Kingpins are stockpiling on us and already preparing for the next lay-offs. Our party's (C.I.P.) position is that they intend to work us about 5 months out of a year while they rake in big profits from our overtime. We therefore take the hard line which is the correct line on overtime - NO OVERTIME PERIOD.

The fight against overtime and speed-up is all part of the fight to keep all of us working. Our capitalist think that a job is a privilege for us. This is just not true, being able to work and provide for our families is a right that all people have.

Finally we feel that the whole work week should be reduced with 40 hours pay.

We can clearly see the coming storms that are in the near future. The lay-offs are coming again. Hundreds and hundreds of us will not make it to Christmas. If these capitalist can stockpile on us throughout Sept. we can look for the lay-offs coming in late October.

The ultimate solution to the question of lay-offs is that the working class take the power of the government, state and production away from the capitalist and run society for itself. Right now we should prepare ourselves to petition and force our union leadership to halt the overtime and fight for a 32 hour work week with 40 hours pay. WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT OUR CHAINS.

OVERTIME KILLS JOBS

Safety Glasses -

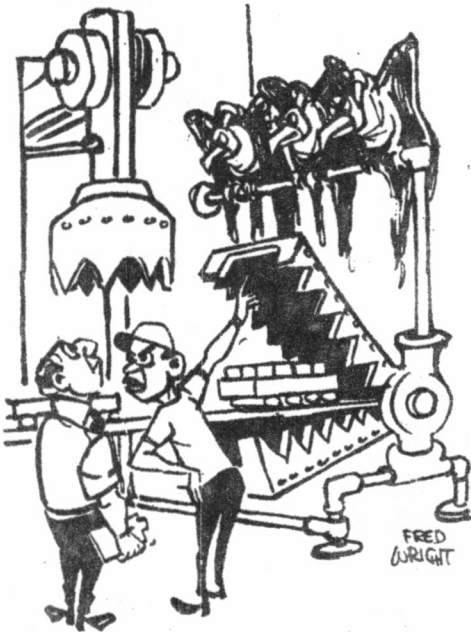
What's
THE
Deal?

OVER THE LAST 3 WEEKS MANAGEMENT HAS BECOME ABSOLUTELY MAD AROUND CHECKING US FOR OUR SAFETY GLASSES. AS you very well know management has the guards checking people at the gate to make sure that everyone has the "proper eye protection". Since when did management become so concerned about our safty and health?

About a month ago a representative from the Occupational Safty and Health Administration (OSHA) inspected M.R.E. and charge management with well over a hundred safty and health violations. These violations range from hilo's with faulty breaks and steering to poor ventalation to "supervision and employees" not wearing safty glasses. hy

Management was either fined thousands of dollars for the violations or thier insurance went up - one of the two or maybe both. Anyway they blew there tops and issued a memo stating that employees would be disciplined up to discharge for not wearing thier safty glasses. While we urge all workers to wear the proper eye protection at all times we ask why management hasn't corrected all the violations. They jump on the one violation that they can discipline us on. Many brothers are still driving jitney's (hilo) that could end up seriously injuring someone because of bad breaks.

signed; Feed Up With Foolishness



"Okay, so it's safe. . . . Then what are those things waiting for?"

DETROIT

THE REAL ENEMY

Violence is nothing new to the inner city slums of the large northern cities especially during the summer when the ranks of the unemployed are swelled with youth unable to find jobs; begining with Watts and later in DETROIT and in Newark, major rebellions were fought on the streets.

In almost every case these spontaneous uprisings were the result of police violence against national minorities, and in every case, the outbreaks offered the capitalist a chance to turn Anglo-Americans against Negroes. Once again the capitalist has turned worker against worker. On the evening of July 18, on the northwest side of Detroit, Obie Wynn, an 18 year old Negro youth was shot in the head by an Arminan bar owner who claimed that the youth was "tampering" with a car. This incident triggered off two days of demonstrations, of violent confrontation with police. The core of this struggle was the job-less youth. That was made dramatically clear when hundreds of working class youth stood on the corner of livernois and Chalfonte, toe to toe with roit-clad police throwing stones and bottles at them.

These events do not happen in isolation, but comes at a time when facist gangs such as the KKK and Nazi Party are moving to surface in Detroit, when Negro families are being openly harrassed by these facist.

We must ask why this is happening at this time? Unemployment in Detroit is presently at 14.7% in the metropolitan area, which means close to 30% in the city. To make things clear 30% means out of every 100 people 30 of them don't have jobs. Among the minority youth unemployment is pushing 85% !!! While the capitalist brag about the economic crises being over unemployment is still skyrocketing. Thus it becomes absolutely necessary that the capitalist prevent the workers from uniting around our common troubles. in order to keep the finger from pointing at the real criminals - themselves. This is the reason why the newspapers tried to make the situation a Black vs white incident. Obie Wynn is dead and the youth still don't have jobs!!!

One of the tragic sides of the history of our country has been the violence and terror used against the minority peoples.

THE NEGRO PEOPLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE MOST OPPRESSED VICTIMS OF THIS CAPITALIST STATE. THE NEGROES HAVE BEEN FORCED IN THE SEGREGATED SLUMS OF THE NORTHERN CITIES. THEIR CHILDREN ARE FORCED TO ATTEND THE WORST SCHOOLS, THEIR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE GOOD ONLY WHEN THERE IS AN ECONOMIC BOOM. EVERY ILL OF SOCIETY IS BLAMED ON THE NEGRO. HIGH CRIME, SAYS OUR CAPITALIST IS THE DOING OF THE MINORITY WORKERS. WHEN A NEGRO MOVES INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD THE REAL ESTATE PEOPLE WHIP UP THE CHAUVANISM AND TELL THE ANGLO-AMERICANS THAT THEIR PROPERTY VALUE WILL GO DOWN. ON AND ON THE CAPITALIST HURL THOUSANDS OF LIES AGAINST THE NEGRO WORKERS. AND WHEN HE FIGHTS BACK HE IS LABELED A THUG. A GANGSTER OR A CRIMINAL!

Obie Wynn murder is a sad repeat of a story that goes back to the beginning of slavery in this country. Unable to escape the shadow of the plantation and the lynch rope that the capitalist and their thug like the KKK keep over their heads, the Negro workers along with the whole of the working class must fight these fascist back.

Fresh in our minds must be the way Hitler used the Jews to establish a fascist dictatorship over the entire German working class. We must not allow this to happen here. We must unite as a class, for our enemy is united as one. Our slogan must be unity. The Negro workers are not the cause of our oppression and exploitation, the capitalist are.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR THE NATIONAL MINORITIES
JOBS WITH PEACE

OUR POLICY

THE PAGES OF AWAKEN IS OPEN TO ALL WORKERS. OUR POLICY IS TO PRINT ALL LETTERS AND ARTICLES MAILED OR GIVEN TO US IN THE PLANT. AS A COMMUNIST SHOP PAPER IT IS OUR DUTY TO SPEAK TO ALL THE BURNING ISSUES WORKERS ARE FACED WITH.

AWAKEN IS PRODUCED SOLELY BY WORKERS AT M.R.E. WE ENCOMPASS A GROUP OF COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST WORKERS AT MOUND WHO FEEL THAT THE FIRST STEP FORWARD ORGANIZING OURSELVES IS THE PRODUCTION OF A NEWSPAPER ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUES OF THE DAY AND OFFER REAL SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS. FROM TIME TO TIME THERE WILL BE ARTICLES SIGNED NUCLEUS WHICH MEANS THEY ARE THE POSITION OF THE COMMUNIST NUCLEUS AT M.R.E. WE WILL ALSO CARRY REPRINTS OF ARTICLES FROM THE PEOPLES TRIBUNE, THE NATIONAL BI-WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY.

LASTLY WE SAY AWAKEN, WE'VE BEEN SLEEPING MUSH TOO LONG. LET US AWAKEN FROM THAT LONG SLEEP AND RAISE OURSELVES TO THE LEVEL OF MASTERS OF SOCIETY. WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT OUR CHAINS, WE HAVE A WORLD TO WIN!

WORKERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES
UNITE !!!

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