

# DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

BOX 1 OF 16

FOLDER 8

UAW LOCAL 3 ELECTIONS  
1968

DRUM

VICTORY VICTORY

In the election for trustee held yesterday at U.A.W. Local 3, DRUM's candidate Ron March won a resounding victory; never before has there even been an election in which the Hamtramck Police Department has moved to openly harass, hamper and completely frustrate the efforts of our black brothers as in this election.

At 5:00 AM in the morning when the trucks and cars, with Ron March posters on them, arrived to carry workers to and from the union hall the cops immediately began to give out tickets - this was a delaying tactic used by the cops attempting to frustrate our efforts. Many brothers were constantly harrassed by the cops but all the delaying tactics of the cops failed. No other cars and trucks supporting other candidates were touched.

As far back as the beginning of the week Chrysler Corporation stooges were seen tearing down leaflets and posters supporting Ron March and leaving all of the rest of the campaign literature up. The Hamtramck Police were also put on special detail to rip down DRUM posters up and down Joseph Campau and even in the alleys behind the bars. When our black brothers stormed the Union hall to find out why from the UAW Local 3 officers they receive no answers.

Even with this harrassment from Chrysler Corporation, UAW and the police, Ron March and DRUM was victorious. Ron March according to honkies who controlled the election committee tallied 563 votes more than any of the rest of the candidates. Bro. Ron will now have to be in a run-off election next Thursday, with Joe Elliot who ran second with 521 votes. DRUM also finds this very very hard to believe seeing that almost every car loading and unloading at the Union hall was a Ron March supporting car.

It is obvious and it goes without saying that since Chrysler Corporation, the UAW and Hamtramck Police Dept. were all conspiring to defeat DRUM, then there was definitely some cheating going on at the polls.

White Racists can't stand defeat.

The polls closed at 5:30 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. the final tallies came in with Bro Ron March out in front despite all of the harrassment and intimidation. At about 6:15 p.m. the fascist polish pigs at the Hamtramck Police Dept received the word that in spite of their outright racist tactics all day long that bro Ron March, DRUM's candidate, had won. The polish pigs of the Hamtramck Police Dept jumped into their cars and rode to the back of the bars on Jos Campau and Clay to wantonly beat over black brothers with double edged ax handles and spraying them with the deadly mace. The pigs had lost at the polls and therefore chose to win with brute force. The pigs stormed through George's Bar beating and dragging our black brothers out of the bar arresting them, on trumped up charges. At this point a group of about 50 black workers moved to the Hamtramck Police Dept to demand an explanation of the attack and to clamor for the release of the brothers who were arrested. The Hamtramck Gestapo squad forced the group of black workers back away from police headquarters. Our black brothers then retreated to the Union hall to further discuss the matter amongst ourselves.

Once in the Union Hall, to our surprise in walked the Mayor of Hamtramck and the Police Commissioner of Hamtramck - two of the most notorious Polish pigs that has ever stalked the face of the earth. These pigs entered under the pretext of explaining, as though black workers were naive enough to listen. Once inside the Union Hall the set up was operative. The Mayor and Police Commissioner supposedly in the Union Hall unprotected with 50 enraged and angered black workers. Canon Ball (a notorious racist) ran outside and led a police charge into the Union Hall. The

Polish Pigs entered the Union Hall spraying Mace and swinging axe handles. The pigs smiled as they sprayed mace in our black brothers faces. The attack was unwarranted and inhumane. The Union Hall is suppose to be a meeting place for all Local 3 members and not a training ground for fascist pigs of the Police Department. The Union has allowed this to happen - a Union official (Canon Ball) led the police charge. DRUM's position is to re-double our efforts in our just struggle at Hamtramck Assembly and Local 3.

D.R.U.M. says we shall never be cowed or bulled by trickery, deception or brute force. And that Chrysler Corporation, the U.A.W. and Hamtramck Police Department and all other parties involved in this conspiracy shall be held completely responsible for all the consequences arising from this and other attacks launched upon black people.

D.R.U.M. strategy is we repeat.

Dare to fight. Dare to Win. Fight, Fail; Fight again, Fail again.

Fight on to victory.

# CRU COMMITTEE FOR A REAL UNION

In our last letter we of CRU stated that we hoped a candidate who met the needs of the people of Local 3 would emerge, a candidate who could help make this local a real union instead of a social club. This candidate has emerged: his name is Ron March. Because he will help all the people, because he will strengthen the local, we urge everyone to vote for him.

As you all know, Ron March has also been endorsed by DRUM. We would like to set the record straight. CRU is not part of DRUM. We are an independent group of white rank-and-filers. As such we do not agree with everything DRUM says. When DRUM says all white people are PIGS, CRU says NO. We do agree with many things DRUM says though. Hamtramck Assembly is run by racists! Anyone who thinks this isn't true should ask themselves how many white people get placed on the line in the body shops! Blacks should fight against racism! There is some reverse racism in DRUM but then no one in this country is truly free of racist feelings.

We also feel that there are things in this plant and in our local that the black workers and the white workers must fight against. Our local does very little to protect us and does much less in the way of services for us than it should. The line runs too fast, the job loads are too heavy, there is too much compulsory overtime. We all know this, the local officers must know it, yet nothing is done.

Ron March can help change this. He is very militant - a quality which this local has lacked for some time. He has served six years in the army, attended the University of Hawaii for two years, and taken courses in accounting at D.I.T. Accounting is an important qualification for a trustee of a local with \$80,000 a month income and no money. Ron March is hated by management and by the do nothings among the local officers. This is a qualification: Ron is hated because he will not kiss ass to management and their cronies among the local officers.

To help break up this crony system, to get ourselves a real union, CRU urges everyone, white and black, to vote for RON MARCH #10 for TRUSTEE.

(labor donated)

LOCAL 3 WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY MONEY ???

VOTE FOR RON MARCH FOR TRUSTEE

Local 3 has at various times paid Hamtramck's city employees wages. These employees are all lily-white. Upwards to \$40,000 in one month has been lent to the City of Hamtramck to pay the wages of employees inclusive within the Hamtramck Police Department and the Hamtramck Fire Department and other service employees salaries.

This is the same Police Department which brutally assaulted black workers at Local 3 Union Hall and George's Bar, due to the fact that a candidate supported by the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM) had not only received more votes than any other candidate, but as a result of this vote, he is now in a run-off election for Trustee against Joe Elliot, who used to be a part of the old Domanski Clique. Honky Elliot was part of all graft and corruption that is still going on.

To be specific, Bingo --do you realize that Bingo is played at Local 3 once a week for money? This is in direct violation of the state law. Bingo is illegal in the State of Michigan--why not in Hamtramck? At Benz Bar, which is better known as Local 2 1/2, you can buy whiskey on any given Sunday to appease the Polacks liquor appetite. Benz Bar is next door to the police station. Can any one explain to DRUM or Ron March supporters why the police and the Mayor of Hamtramck would raid the local and spray mace on black workers waiting on the results of the elections but will not go next door and enforce the liquor laws.

Why is Cannonball supporting Joe Elliot?

Cannonball is the same honky who went to the police station at the time that our brothers were waiting on the results of the election and told that outrageous lie that the brothers were holding the Mayor and Police Commissioner hostages and these same two honkies had guns. Have you ever heard of unarmed men holding a hostage who had a gun? Getting back to his support for Elliot, Cannonball receives more money, paid by Local 3 members for phony union business, than anyone in the Local. By having Elliot in this job, Cannonball is assured the right to carry on these acts of graft, corruption, and out right stealing.

Who else supports Joe Elliot?

The forces in this plant who have endorsed the Presidential candidacy of George Wallace. Mainly the racist lily-white skilled trades, lead by Local 3's leading bigot, Joe Kozma, who already sits on the Executive Board, and all he needs is another racist, Joe Elliot, to sit on the Board with him. Think of how bad off we will be with the two pigs sitting together.

Ron March will speak for the Black majority and for all reactionary honkies who think that by continually electing racist, money loving, do-nothing ass pigs, that conditions in this plant will be better, should think again.

BLACK BROTHERS VOTE FOR RON MARCH

RON MARCH FOR TRUSTEE

DARE TO FIGHT, DARE TO WIN

FIGHT, FAIL, FIGHT AGAIN, FAIL AGAIN,  
FIGHT ON TO VICTORY

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE  
DRUM POWER TO RON MARCH

1968

ELECT -----

# 'RON' MARCH

for TRUSTEE

#10 on the Ballot

Voting - THURSDAY,

SEPTEMBER 26th, 1968

DODGE LOCAL #3 HALL

5:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

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BROWN

OCT 16TH



DRUM (the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement) is supporting a candidate for the office of trustee this coming election on Sept. 26, 1968. We of DRUM recognize the importance of having revolutionary Black Brothers running for office and exposing the true nature of the racist union through the election campaign. As we all know when black workers begin to rally around revolutionary Black candidates it won't be long before Black workers take over the local. What we need is Black representation, and we all know 't.

BLACK BROTHERS AND SISTERS, let's all get out and vote on election day. Ron March has been chosen by DRUM to run for trustee. He is capable and willing to give some real BLACK representation. Remember, a vote for Ron March is a vote for freedom.

RON MARCH FOR TRUSTEE  
"Go Forward with March"  
"Vote #10 to win"

DRUM PLATFORM

1. The complete accountability to the black majority of the entire membership.
2. All union decisions will coincide directly with the wishes of that majority.
3. Advocating a revolutionary change in the UAW (including a referendum and revive the grievance procedure.)
4. Public denouncement of the racial practices within the UAW Hamtramck Assembly and the entire community.
5. A refusal to be dictated to by the International staff of the UAW.
6. Total involvement in policy by the workers as opposed to dictatorship by the executive board.