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OPEN LETTER TO LOCAL #3 MEMBERSHIP RON MARCH SPEAKS



**VOTE FOR
DON JACKSON
DRUM'S
CANDIDATE
FOR
VICE-PRESIDENT
#11**

Brothers and Sisters,

On April 8, 1969, elections for the position of Vice-President will be held at our union, U.A.W. local No. 3. There are two major candidates running for this office. One is Don Jackson, a militant, alternate steward in department 9170, who is the candidate of the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement, and who represents the basic interests of the overwhelming majority of the super-exploited Black workers in this racist factory. The other is Willie Fowler who is the front man for Walter Reuther's number one Black flunky, Horace Sheffield, and running dog for the racists who control the U.A.W. and Chrysler Corporation.

Normally it would be quite clear which of these two candidates we should support and vote for. But the white racist U.A.W. bureaucracy has tried to throw sands into the eyes of all the Black brothers and sisters suffering under the tyranny of the Hamtramck Assembly sweatshop. They have spread a false rumor that I, Ron March, support Willie Fowler instead of the DRUM candidate, Jackson.

Although brother Fowler is related to me by marriage, our political views are quite different. It must be understood that my goal is the total liberation of Black people. Unfortunately, brother Fowler is more concerned with his personal ambition than he is with the fate of his brothers and sisters. This is why he has allowed himself to become the puppet of the U.A.W. sellout artists in the first place. Even though Fowler is a political enemy of Black workers and myself, the Reuther machine has used our family ties to project Bill Fowler as a man who also believes in the total liberation of Black workers. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Time and time again, the racist elements in this union have attempted to use my political views to promote the selfish ambitions of a few petty, unscrupulous individuals in the Local No. 3 membership. But this time they have gone too far. Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to clarify my position and to disassociate myself from those who would use family ties and social relationships to further their own selfish political ambitions.

U.A.W. Pressure

It has finally been recognized by the U.A.W. that a Black revolution is sweeping the auto industry. The official union leadership, made up of known racists, has publicly declared its determination to destroy Black unity by Black workers by any means necessary. Recently, the U.A.W., frightened by the increasing awareness and unity among Black workers, saw a need to deny that open racism existed in the plants. In order to spread this outrageous lie, they mailed 350,000 letters to U.A.W. members condemning Black militancy and used the newspapers, radio and T.V. to intimidate our movement.

They then began to pressure those under their control to violate sacred family relationships in order to maintain white supremacy within the U.A.W. This is a shameful and disgusting fact, but the gangsters who run "our" union have no concern for basic moral principles when their own corrupt power is threatened. They will lie, steal and cheat if necessary to maintain their position of domination over the masses of Black laborers.

In order to maintain the racist character of the U.A.W., the bigots in power support those Negroes who would sell out their own Black fathers for thirty pieces of silver. All Negroes in the U.A.W. leadership should understand their role in the struggle for Black liberation; but they don't. The Negroes who rise to the top have been those who are willing to shuffle and grin and dance to the tune played by the white racists. And while they rise in fame and fortune, the majority of Black workers sink into greater exploitation under the heavy, hazardous, unhealthy and continually degenerating working conditions in the plants. These Negroes are growing fat by helping the white racists pick our bones.

Horace Sheffield and Nelson Jack Edwards are prime examples of Negroes rising on the backs of Black workers. Edwards is the highest appointed Negro in the U.A.W. power structure and his record shows that he highly condones racism in the union. Jack Edwards is in charge of the foundry division of the U.A.W. But what has he done to aid the plight of foundry workers, 95% of whom are Black? The answer is obvious. Today conditions in the foundries are intolerable with silicosis and other lung diseases so rampant that the workers die ten to twenty years early and never get a full breath of air after their 35th or 40th birthday. Black foundry workers are dying while Edwards sits at his fancy desk in his fancy office talking about how much things are "improving."

Negro Traitors

There is another Negro traitor working for the heartless U.A.W. white leadership. His name is Horace Sheffield. Sheffield is used to execute Reuther's racist demands upon the Black community. Anything Black people are for, Sheffield opposes. Sheffield regularly denounces any form of Black militancy. In the Democratic Convention of the first Congressional District, Sheffield's man Fowler was used to divide the Black delegates in order to destroy Congressman John Conyers. Sheffield recently opposed the concept of community control of our school system. His organization, TULC, Tom house on Grand River, recently opposed the concept of running a Black man for mayor of Detroit and instead endorsed Cavanagh.

The list can go on and on and on. These Negroes are just a few of the vipers who leach off the Black community. It is because of their underhanded, dirty work that they are paid by the white racists who run the U.A.W. It is because of their scheming and treachery that it has taken so long for Black people to begin to unite and fight racism and exploitation by both the company and the union.

The time has come for Black workers to wake up and refuse to be fooled by the tactics of professional Negro sell-out artists. The time has come for us to support men for their political positions, not for their family or social relationships. The time has come for us to once and for all throw off the yoke of white oppression and to oppose all those Negro opportunists who allow themselves to become the agents of our enemies.

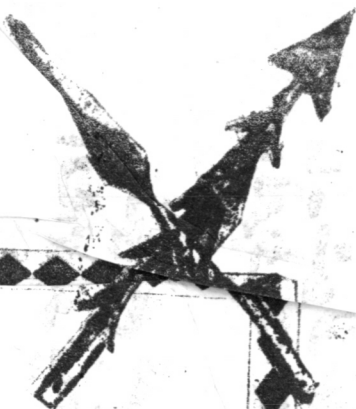
Understanding this brothers and sisters, there is but one candidate to support in the April 8 election — DON JACKSON!

Dare to Fight, Dare to Win!



Ron March
DRUM Central Committee

VOTE



7 PRESIDENT
 RON MARCH

8 VICE-PRESIDENT
 DONALD JACKSON

14 FINANCIAL SECRETARY
 GERALD DAVID WOOTEN

25 TREASURER
 CARLOS WILLIAMS

31 TRUSTEE
 CHARLES ROBERTS
34 BETTY "BOO" GRIFFITH
37 GROVER "DOUG" DOUGLAS

45 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
 DON GAITOR

48 GUIDE
 LAFAYETTE PHILYAW

VOTE

DELEGATES

- 50 EARL ROBINSON
- 55 "BIG MITCH" McCLELLAN
- 61 CHARLIE "THE PAINTER" GRANT
- 63 JIMMY SQUARE
- 66 RAYMOND JOHNSON
- 79 GERALD D. WOOTEN
- 83 CHARLES ROBERTS
- 99 RON MARCH
- 100 WILLIE JAMES HUTCHINSON
- 103 GROVER "DOUG" DOUGLAS
- 110 JOYCE BIVINS
- 111 PORTIA REDMOND
- 132 LEE CAIN
- 135 GEORGE E. SMITH
- 140 ALBERT E. HICKS
- 143 KENNETH ROY MASSENGILE
- 149 RICHARD JACKSON
- 151 JEROME HARVARD
- 166 DONALD JACKSON
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نداء إلى العمال العرب

إخواننا العمال العرب في مصنع كرايسلر هامتراك:

إذ جمعية العمال السود الثوريين (DRUM) قد قامت
بترشیح قائمة الانتخابات الفرعية .

إننا ندعوكم لانتخاب السيد: ران مارش Ron March
مرشحاً لرئيس الفرع وانتخاب بقية القائمة المرشحة لهذه اللجنة

إن السيد مارش يؤيد العمال العرب ويحرص على استمرارهم في عملهم

هذا وكنتف لكم لأول مرة أن القائمة المضادة (UAW) تؤيد
وقفل على شراء سندات لإسرائيل .

يشرف مرشحو (DRUM) بدعوتكم لانتخابهم وتأييدهم - إن
ما نريد أن نرىهم يعارضون هذه الأعمال المعادية للكتلة
العربية الثورية .

انتخابكم للسيد ران مارش وقائمة مسمار في نفس
العضوية والاستمرار .

انضموا مرشح جمعية (DRUM) للرئاسة وقائمتهم معاً .

موعد الانتخابات : الساعة الخامسة مساءً
حتى .

السادة
بومي ١٨ - ١٩ آذار (مارس) الجامعي
غرفة الاقتراع رقم (٤)



**GET BEHIND
JACKSON**

**Drum's Candidate
for Vice-President**