

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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UAW LOCAL 3 ELECTIONS
1970

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Special

PIGS IN THE POLLS

This has been the most blatant election in the history of Local 3. All of our Black workers who thought that U.A.W. was democratic should have had that facade wiped away.

On Wednesday morning at 5:00 A.M. when the polls opened only 3 voting machines were in working condition and all day Thursday levers on various voting machines were broke. Ron Marchs' lever was broken all day long and Don Jackson lever was broken all evening. Gerald Wooten's lever was out off and on all day and many delegates levers were broken. Plugs were being kicked out of their sockets and lights going out on machines. Curtains were flying open in the middle of votes, registering the vote before the voter was finished. Many votes were lost because Black brothers became frustrated and left the Local hall because of all the confusion. A Hamtramck Fireman came in and began opening every voting machine and refused to show any I.D.

In the past 2 elections in which D.R.U.M. has participated the election was stolen from us by a Pollack named Anthony J. Waluk, who had been parading as a Certified Public Accountant. In this election we moved to serve Waluk with a law suit for relief and damages. It was because of this law suit that the old methods of cheating could not be used.

We were expecting the Reuther machine to do something to stop the D.R.U.M. push. Since it was obvious that we had the popular support and that we had Waluk up tight that they had to resort to hit and run, breaking levers here and there in order to destroy the DRUM vote. Walter Reuther will go to any end to see to it that DRUM does not take control of Local 3 and it is obvious that he intends to use any means necessary to keep the likes of Liska and Andy Hardy in control of that Local. The United Membership slate is so pitiful that Andy Hardy was chased away from every plant gate that he showed up at even his base at Huber Foundry. At the Front Main Gate, Andy Hardy dared not show up during the rush from fear of being trampled by angry Black workers. Liska only moved as far as the corner of Denten on Jos. Campau also because he feared the Black workers. United Membership tactics were not to pull out its supporters on Wednesday while the hall was in chaos but rather wait until Thursday for the big push. On Thursday morning our challengers were given special rules for challenging which were not even present on Wednesday. United has planned to have orderly proceedings on the day of its big push for the white vote. On Thursday night after the polls closed, the D.R.U.M. challengers discovered 2 (two) voting machines were out of whack. One had a broken glass on the side allowing anyone to run up tallies on the side with out voting. Conditions were so bad that two sisters working for the C.P.A. quit in the middle of the election. Hamtramck Police Dept occupied the Union Hall accompanied by Union Helen Bodnar and Ed Liska. The Police Dept forcibly evicted all of our challengers leaving 15 voting machines wide open at the expense of the Hamtramck Police Dept. One of our Challengers was forcibly evicted from the hall. The election was suspended as Walter Reuther sent his special henchmen from solidarity house. Charlie Brooks was maning the polls with the Hamtramck Police.

It is our duty to see to it th&t the Black workers at Local 3 know the conditions under which the Reuther gang operates. This election should not be considered seperately. The Delegate election at Local 600 took place on the third of March, the week in which the plant was closed. Almost no one voted except retirees. At Eldon Ave. last week, at Local 961, we saw Skilled Trades steal that election from our E.L.R.U.M. brothers. We must understand that these are not isolated incidents, that the Reuther gang has a thing going on.

But we must not let the thugery and theft of the Reuther gang dampen our galliant enthusiasm, that we should expect time and time again the fact that they will stoop to no end to stop us. We should never forget the galantry of our Challengers who have fought every step of the way inside of the Polls. We should never forget the vigorous effort and hard work displayed by so many Black workers, the drivers, the flag bearers, the chanters, the hustlers, the community supports, the students, our beloved Arab Brothers, our Candidates who so galliantly campaigned, all of our friends, and even some of our enemies, who made our jobs simpler by their stupid mistakes.

So Brothers and Sisters, remember our motto:

DARE TO FIGHT! DARE TO WIN! DARE! DARE! AND DARE AGAIN! FIGHT! FAIL! FIGHT AGAIN! FAIL AGAIN! FIGHT ON TO VICTORY!

Down with the Reuther gang and to the well with Liska and Hardy.

ATTENTION: THE REUTHER GANG HAS ALREADY, AT THIS TIME, OCCUPIED LOCAL 3.

REMEMBER :

**TAKE the FLAG
to the POLL with YOU**

**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**

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
- 167 SAMUEL POWE
- 175 LAFAYETTE PHILYAW
- 185 EUGENE WATKINS
- 195 LEON PICKETT
- 197 GEORGE CARTER
- 198 DON GAITOR

