

# **DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS**

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**FOLDER 14**

**DRUM CONVENTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENT 1970**

# A BLACK WORKERS convention

## WHAT IS A CONVENTION?

A Convention is a meeting or a gathering or an assembly for some purpose.

## WHAT IS A DRUM CONVENTION?

A DRUM Convention is an assembly of Black workers for the purpose of forwarding some of the concepts which DRUM has always stood for - namely electing an all Black slate.

## WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO HAVE SUCH A CONVENTION?

Such a Convention is necessary because never before in the history of Local 3 have black workers had any real choice of candidates to pick from. We have always been handed this slate or that slate none of which represents the best interest of Black Workers. We all remember how we used to go to the polls with a hand full of slates trying to pick out all of the black candidates from all of the slates and vote for them. Many of us probably remember flipping a coin to see who to vote for because all of the candidates were so bad. We were forced in many instances to vote for stone cut throat pollacks, known white racists and head scratching Uncle Toms because we had no alternative candidates. Coupled with the fact that the two so-called opposing slates represent the same thing and therefore should be considered one and the same. That the composition of the W.L.A. in 1970 is the same as the Blue and Gray slate in 1968. We also contend that the blacks in the United Caucus and those in the W.L.A. are nothing but a chorus of oily tongued tar babies who are concerned only in their own self-interest. We further contend that the Black workers of Local 3 know better than anyone else who stands for what, who has been fighting and who has not. And lastly this is 1970, hard times are upon us and black workers caught hell during boom time and we can guess what is in store for us during doom time. It is the above stated facts which make a DRUM Convention a necessity.

## WHY HAS THERE NEVER BEEN A CONVENTION BEFORE?

There has never been a Convention before because never before has there been any group of workers or caucus who have been honest enough to stand before the body of black workers for a popular vote. The rest of the candidates wouldn't dare participate in such an affair because the black membership remembers clearly all of their backstabbing acts.

## WHAT IS THE CRITERION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DRUM CONVENTION?

The Criterion is that you have the following qualifications:

1. That you be black.
2. That you be honest.
3. That you be committed to Black Liberation.
4. That you support DRUM's program.
5. That you have a history of Plant struggle.
6. That you have integrity.

(An honest person can be bought - a person with integrity cannot be bought)

## WHERE WILL THE DRUM CONVENTION BE HELD?

At St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Corner of Woodward at Holbrook.

## WHEN WILL THE DRUM CONVENTION BE HELD?

Saturday, February 28, 1970 at 10:00 A.M.

### WHERE

### WHEN

St. Joseph' Church  
Woodward & King

Sat. Feb. 28  
at 10am

BE THERE AT 10:00 A.M. SHARP

# A BLACK WORKERS convention for local 3

Pre convention registration form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

tele. no. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

badge no. \_\_\_\_\_

seniority \_\_\_\_\_

shift \_\_\_\_\_

plant \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a meal ticket? \_\_\_\_\_

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**DRUM**

ATTENTION: FILL OUT THIS PRE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM. TURN IT IN FRIDAY  
FEB. 27, IN FRONT OF THE PLANT, OR BRING IT WITH YOU SATURDAY, FEB. 28, TO THE  
CONVENTION.



RAMOND THOMPSON

BLACK WORKERS CONVENTION

PRESENTED BY D.R.U.M.

D.R.U.M. SLOGAN - DARE TO FIGHT! DARE TO WIN! FIGHT, FAIL, FIGHT AGAIN, FAIL AGAIN, FIGHT ON TO VICTORY! LONG LIVE BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS RACIST LAND! DEATH TO THEIR ENEMIES! LONG LIVE THE HEROIC BLACK WORKERS STRUGGLE! LONG LIVE D.R.U.M.!

AGENDA:

8:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.      REGISTRATION

10:30 A.M.                      OPENING REMARKS AND COMMENTS,  
MIKE HAMLIN, CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

   KEYNOTE ADDRESS,  
KENNETH COCKREL - (CENTRAL STAFF OF THE LEAGUE OF  
REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS)

   STATEMENTS OF SOLIDARITY FROM THE LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY  
BLACK WORKERS AND OTHER FATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

   PROGRAM DISCUSSION

   PROGRAM VOTED ON

12:30 - 1:15 P.M.              LUNCH BREAK

1:15 P.M.                      OPENING NOMINATIONS

   EXPLANATION OF POSITIONS

   VOTE ON NOMINATIONS

   DEPARTMENTAL BREAKDOWN - WITH PREPARED IMPLEMENTATION  
INSTRUCTIONS

   SPEECH BY 2 TOP OFFICERS

   OATH BY SLATE