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LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS

As a result of the brutal and vicious attacks launched against the Black workers of Chrysler Corporation's Hamtramck Assembly, and Eldon Ave. Gear and Axle Plants, Causing great suffering by our people from whose backs that company has extracted untold profits, we of the LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS have no choice but to fight back with all means available to us. Therefore, we are issuing a call to Black people all over this country to rally to the support of the 26 Black workers discharged by the Chrysler Corporation in connection with the just protest that took place at the Eldon plant, and workers similarly brutalized throughout the Chrysler network.

We propose to establish and enforce a total boycott against all Chrysler products until such time as these 26 workers are reinstated and the corporation indicates a willingness to come to terms with Black workers on their many and varied grievances. We intend to show Black people and the world what a vicious enemy of Black people the Chrysler Corporation is, despite the fact that it has been masquerading as a friend and savior in helping to establish the so-called Black capitalist enterprises, like Ed Davis and the five other proposed Black dealerships, as well as dabbling with Northwestern High School in its deceitful adoption plan.

This is a time of record profits for Chrysler and this is a time of record exploitation and oppression of Black Workers since the two go hand-in-hand under capitalism. They are a direct result of the conspiracy between the company and the U.A.W. which has reduced the Black worker to a super-exploited, super-subjugated beast of burden, with less rights than a common street dog.

As a result of this conspiracy, the Brothers and Sisters of Hamtramck and Eldon were forced to struggle in an attempt to form some kind of organization to bring relief from the monstrous vise that they were trapped in by these white racist thugs. To stifle this movement and break the spirit of the protesting

revolutionary workers, the mad-dog conspirators arbitrarily discharged the afore-

mentioned 26 Black workers for alleged misconduct in a feeble and futile attempt to intimidate the Black workers into submission, so that once again the plantation-type atmosphere could return.

Furthermore, for sometime now, Lynn Townsend's lackeys have been holding a fraudulent legal injunction over the heads of the leadership of the heroic Black workers struggle in an attempt to stop us from organizing. They have also resorted to the thug-tactic of hiring agents of the Detroit Gestapo Police Department as private detectives for the purpose of harrassment and intimidation.

It is quite clear to us that Chrysler Corporation is engaging in a desperate bid to frustrate any efforts of its Black workers to organize and, in fact, is trying to establish the ideal racist conditions which are proving so lucrative in its South African operations. As poor Black people, under the yoke of one of the monsters of monoply capitalism and imperialism, we have always anticipated this showdown stage of our life-and-death struggle and we enter into it with new determination to see it through. This boycott will be sustained until justice is done in the aforementioned manner.

WE WILL WIN!!!