

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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AN AXLE PLANT DICTIONARY
CHRYSLER ELDON CONDITION

At Axle Plant Dictionary

1. Abnormally dangerous working conditions: Eldon
2. Aisles: places where you slip and fall or are run over by a brakeless jitney.
3. Ballard: a machine. Harry Englebrecht.
4. Commies: (def. from Grapes of Wrath)
5. The Cross: a machine in Dept. 72.
6. John Dagenais: former Safety Man. A flunkie. "Fatty."
7. Dept. 72: Lynch Road Golgotha
8. Dept. 70: Old Smoky
9. Dept. 76: ~~Gartow's~~ ~~Swamp~~ The Dismal Swamp.
10. Dept. 78: Reverse Alley.
11. Dollar Bill Changers: machines that stop working when the third shift comes in.
12. ELRUM: angry black men
13. Harry Englebrecht: plant manager. A Ballard. Master of Chrysler stationery. A puppet who controls other puppets.
14. Foreman: a man who obeys orders. A small part of the System.
15. General Foreman: the foreman's foreman. A small part of the system. A man who obeys orders.

16. Group Insure. Clerk: ^{a punk.} the only person in the front office who walks around trailing water from behind his ears.

17 ~~16~~ Heat Treat:

18. Joe Hefner: former Personnel Manager. A high school principal ^{from North Dakota} who never learned Eldon is not in North Dakota, is not school and does not employ school children. A shallow man.

19 ~~18~~ Gary Hinz: Foreman in Dept. 78 shot down by James Johnson. A victim of the System

~~20~~ Management: ^{nonproductive} people who wear white collars and try to run an unrunnable system by the productive efforts of workers.

22 ~~20~~ ~~19~~ Joseph Kowalki: jobsetter, dept. 78 shot down by James Johnson. A victim of the System

20 ~~19~~ James Johnson: worker, dept. 78. Shot down Hugh Jones, Gary Hinz and Joseph Kowalski. A victim of the System.

21 ~~20~~ Hugh Jones: Foreman, Dept. 78. Shot down by James Johnson. A victim of the System.

(23) Rosa Hogan: janitor, dept. 75. Killed by ^{Eldon's} ~~Chrysler's~~ dangerous working conditions including an incompetent plant doctor. A victim of the system.

24. Management: unproductive people who wear ^{dress shirts} ~~white collars~~ and ties and try to run an unrunnable system by the productive efforts of workers.

- 25) E. O'Neill: Labor Relations Rep. A shallow man. When asked about the difference between Chrysler's safety slogans and the reality of Gary Thompson's death under an unsafe jitney^{O'Neill} replied "I haven't thought much about that."
- 26) Plant Doctor: none to speak of at Eldon.
- 27) Plant Protection: cops. Protectors of Chrysler property.
- 28) Carl Polsgrove: Plant Labor Relations Director. Displaced Person from Highland Park. A shallow man.
- 29) Radicals: people who are angry, but not enough to be revolutionaries.
- 30. Revolutionaries: people who are angry enough to be serious about changing the system, not just fixing it up.
- 31) Elroy Richardson: President, Local 961. A man far behind his times and with problems he can't handle.
- 32) Scab
- 33) Steward: a good one always defends his people.
- 34 Solidarity House: U.A.W. headquarters. A Bureaucratic toost
- 35. Straightener: a black man in Dept. 71 who lifts about ^{21,000} 38 lb. housings from stacks on the floor into a press and then picks them up again and lays them on a conveyor.

- 36) The System: Industrial Capitalism. America, 1970. The automobile companies. Chrysler. Eldon. Your Dept.
- 37) Gary Thompson: jitney driver, dept. 37 (B). Killed by unsafe working conditions at Eldon. A victim of the system.
- 38 U. A. W.: used to be a fighting outfit run by workers for workers. Now run by bureaucrats for themselves.
39. Unemployment Compensation:
- 40) Union: all of us.
- 41) Union Officer:
- 42) Worker: the important part of the System
- 43) Workman's Compensation
- 44) Workman's Compensation Rep.: A law student. Rarely in his office taking care of business because he's studying for a class, or he's studying for exams, or he's studying for the bar exam. After the bar exam he's so busy relaxing he's hardly ever in his office. Then he leaves Chrysler and gets rich handling Work. Comp. claims for workers.