

# DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

BOX 3 OF 16

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CHRYSLER ELDON SAFETY  
UNSIGNED STATEMENTS

## Letter of Protest and Statement of Charges

On April 16, 1970 and again on May 1, 1970, we had work stoppages at our Plant that were called by the bargaining committee in response to directives from our membership in numerous membership meetings. These desperate actions were taken to force local management to recognize and respect your bargaining committee and to gain some immediate relief in our critical areas of working conditions and hazardous conditions throughout our plant.

These actions of your top leadership were vigorously supported and carried out by our secondary leadership with the full cooperation of our membership.

Executive board action and membership action were taken to "provide lost time" for all members of our leadership that were disciplined by management. Brother Elroy Richardson, our President and other top officers saw fit to defy the directives of the executive board and the membership and only some were paid and these were only paid 40 hours per week. This pay for those selected by Brother Richardson was cut-off by Brother Richardson as of June 22, 1970. The Executive Board again met on to again direct Brother Richardson to reinstitute payments for lost-time for all that lost time, it still has not been done. These flagrant high-handed, and dictatorial attitudes on the part of Brother Elroy Richardson and other "top Five" officers are direct violations of our By-laws and constitution.

These are not the only charges against Brother Richardson and other top five officers but these are the most current.

Since Brother Richardson has seen fit to assume full responsibility and authority in the allocation of all local union funds, refusing to recognize the authority and directives of the Executive Board, and refusing to acknowledge the mandates of our members in membership meetings, these specific charges are filed against Brother Richardson as per Article 30 of Constitution.

By-law violations:

Article 3, Article 5, Article 6, Article 10 and Article 22, Section 5.

UAW Constitution Violation

Article 37 Section 6 and 7

Chrysler Corporation tells us that the plant First Aid is there for our protection when we're injured. They tell us that there are doctors and nurses there in First Aid to attend to us when we need it. That's what they tell us.

The reality is a little bit different. Quite a little bit.

Chrysler uses its doctors not to heal injured workers--but to patch them up enough to send them back to work. That happens all the time, to everyone. People get sent back to the line practically faster than it takes for the trip to First Aid. They come back favoring pulled muscles or with eyes watering or with mercurochrome painted over an open wound.

Sometimes the injuries heal by themselves ( no thanks to the "medical" treatment). And sometimes they don't.

Dominick Opel used to work in the Chrysler Forge Plant. Two years ago when he was 26 and a skilled trade apprentice, he lifted some heavy machine parts and popped his back.

The plant doctor, Skaff, told him to keep working and take pain pills and come in for heat treatments. Dominick did what the good butcher told him to do. He also kept working until he collapsed on the line and was taken to a hospital. Dominick had to have three back operations all of which were unsuccessful because of the damage he did to his back by working on it while he was injured. Dominick cannot work anymore even though he is only 28 years old. But he was a good Chrysler employee--he listened to the good doctor at Chrysler's.

Louie Gabanni, of Chrysler's Vernor Tool and Die, was an expert toolmaker. Louie made the mistake of getting grinding dust in his eye one day. The plant doctor, ~~EEK~~ Beckwith, wanted to play Ben Casey in front of a new young nurse. Besides, he had to send Louie back to work--fast. The doctor went to work. Within five days, Louie had to have the eye removed because the digging of the doctor ulcerated and got infected.

You would think that Louie would be a rich man when he sued the doctor for obvious medical malpractice. Don't bet on it--Not in Michigan where such incidents are common in the auto plants. The legislature has taken care that plant doctors and the corporations who hire them aren't liable. The legislature long ago passed a law called the "fellow servant doctrine." This means that any injury caused by a fellow employee cannot be sued upon except under Workmen's Compensation.

You don't get much money from Workmen's Compensation. And Louie has no right eye any more.

Rosa Logan was an office ~~XXXX~~ janitor at Chrysler's Eldon Axle Plant. In the fall of 1968 she was coming out of an office she just cleaned when she was hit by a jitney which was improperly loaded so that the driver could not see in front of him. Rosa had her leg severely cut and bruised. She was sent to the hospital where the doctors there told her to keep her leg up and stay off of it.

Well, you can probably guess the rest. Rosa was taken out of the hospital and taken in a wheel chair to the plant where she was stuck in the ladies toilet to clean shit when she was supposed to be in the hospital. Rosa did two days later when she developed blood poisoning in her injured leg. Management has been pretty quiet about this case. You would too, if you murdered someone.

So what's with these doctors who either ignore injuries or make them worse when they patch them up?

First of all, they are incompetents. That's the only kind Chrysler can get for the money it's willing to put out. We all know what the cost of medicine is these days. Doctors ~~XXXX~~ outside the plants can make from ~~XXXXXX~~ \$70,000 to \$100,000. But Chrysler pays only \$22,000. Why

Why would a doctor want to work for that? Maybe he's dedicated (!!--at Chrysler that's not very likely). Maybe he has an inferior medical education and can't be accepted on the staffs of hospitals. Maybe he is no good so that

he can't build a practice on the outside. Or maybe he goes off his rocker every so often. This happened in 196 at Sterling, in 196 at and 196 at . Or Maybe he's a plumber who got the wrong license in the mail from Lansing.

But that's not the only reason we're treated so bad in First Aid. Second-- and more important--it is the policy of Chrysler Corporation to keep lost work time low.

At the end of each month, the Corporate Safety Department puts out a graph which compares the lost-time record of each plant. Each (un-)Safety Man is graded on the number of lost days in his plant. A contest, like. He looks good and wins awards if he keeps the number of lost days to a minimum.

One way to keep lost work days to a minimum is to get rid of unsafe conditions--but that would cost money. And they are not about to spend money on us. Their bargain basement \$22,000 a year doctors show that.

They got a better way--for them--to keep lost time low. They force us to work while we're still injured--under the threat of firing. We spend a rough couple days until the injury gets better (if it does)--but Chrysler's safety charts aren't messed up.

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1. JIM LEE
2. LEE PARADISE
3. BRUNETTO

III Ad: Norma Holloway

Do you know anybody who can't speak much English, hates people who have to make an honest living by working, and is so fucking stupid and lazy that he can't earn a straight dollar on the outside?

You probably don't. Nobody can be that fucked up---except the doctors at the Chrysler Corporation. In each Medical Department there is an ass-hole wearing a white coat and pretending to be a doctor. Don't get sucked in. He knows about as much medicine as you know how to rape King Kong.

Eldon is very lucky to have Doctor Skaff. But his name really isn't Skaff. He had it changed. He used to be Doctor Aboassaly the butcher of Saudia Arabia where he worked for an Oil Company. They don't treat their employees like humans either so you can see that Chrysler was very happy to get Aboassaly for the plant doctor at Eldon. The butcher earns about \$22,000.00 for working part of the first shift plus two free lease cars and extra benefits which upper management get. He gets the same amount of money if he works hard or if he does nothing. We know how little he does. We are his guinea pigs whenever he feels like playing Ben Casey.

There is no doctor covering the second and third shift. Chrysler Corporation took a survey of sixteen safety men and three Anteaters and found out ~~there~~ that ~~there~~ no accidents ever occur after the first shift. But don't sell Chrysler short. They keep for our protection a sweat hog on duty on all shifts in the medical. But don't go there if your sick. Sweat hogs do<sup>n</sup> realize that if your all hunched over you may have a back problem---they think your licking your balls to get attention and a few minutes away from the line.

The third shift nurse is a real savage. Sweat hog Margaret Crearer is so mean and incompetent that the Army rejected her for a job of packing the ass-holes of dead Viet-Cong. But Chrysler was very happy to get her at Eldon. This bitch is so bad that the rats at Eldon stay out of Medical. She also fucks us workers by not writing anything in the medical charts like she's supposed too. But there is one exception---If you die in the plant. But then the unsafety man won't let your wife take your body home until the end of the shift. Can't have any lost time you know!!

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[ At the end of each month, the Corporate Safety Department puts out a graph which compares each plant in the corporation as to the amount of lost time. <sup>each</sup> Our (un)safetyman, that red-necked hillbilly bastard, Dagenais, is graded on the number of lost days in his plant as compared to other plants. A contest like. He looks good and wins awards if he keeps the number of lost days to a minium. They don't care about injuries, just don't lose any time when you get your arm cut off or the shit smashed out of your fingers.] Just keep working slave, no matter what. If you die on the line, they'll keep your dead ass on the line until the shift ends. But don't worry, Dagenais will punch you card--for your widow. You can always see the unsafety man in the Medical Department blowing the doctor and buying coffee for the nurses. This way, they won't make the mistake of sending someone home because of a plant injury. The brothers can't go home if they get a factory injury because that pimp Dagenais has to buck for his monthly record.

The safetyman makes his money by fucking sick factory workers. That sneaky son-of-a-bithh would do anything for a buck. You can see him on Woodward Avenue at night following the whores, selling rubbers <sup>for</sup> a dime profit. The blood of a factory worker is nothing for him to sell.

If you just leave the plant and go to your own doctor, the Workmen's Compensation man will deny your claim for benefits because he's in tight with the doctor and safetyman. All three of them have a circle jerk in the doctor's office to start off each day. If the Compman deniess your claim, there is no paper work for him to do. But if he pays your claim, he must file <sup>how many</sup> many reports to the State of Michigan and his superiors. Reports mean work. How many white collar workers do you know who will do anymore work than they have to, to help us workers.

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Sounds pretty bad dosen't it. Well let me tell you about

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really took a fucking. A real ear job. Louie would like to shoot a doctor --- but he cant---he aims with his right eye. Louie has no right eye anymore.

Here are a few things to remember. Any good doctor can make from \$70,00 to \$100,000 per year on the outside. We all know what the cost of medicine is these days. So why would a doctor want to work for Chrysler <sup>But</sup> for \$22,000. Here are some of the reasons: (1) An inferior medical education so that he cannot be accepted on the staffs of hospitals.

(2) He is lazy and stupid and people on the outside will not go to him because he is no good. (3) He is a "nut" and goes off his rocker every so often so that he cannot keep a practice if he has one. Chrysler has three doctors in this category of which two are still employed by Chrysler.

There are: Dr. Virgo who worked until the day before he jumped out the window of a shrink in downtown Detroit. Dr.

Lewis who is currently off his rocker again. Dr. Salva who ~~fixix~~ flips out about every 16 months. <sup>where</sup> *Is currently on the job.*

(4) He has been run out of ~~small~~ town and out of the local hospitals because of mistakes which have jeopardized the lives of people and the reputation of the hospitals in which they performed their atrocities.

But, no matter how bad a doctor is, he is still good enough for the Chrysler Corporation. We think the Egyptians were barbaric when they built the pyramids with slave labor ~~and~~ and worked these slaves until they died. Did you ever count the number of workers who die in a Chrysler Plant in just one year. Did you ever go to the Medical Department and get no treatment and no PDX coding and go back on the line until you couldn't work any longer. 3,000 years have passed since the Egyptians built the pyramids but yet the working conditions are about the same.

Never forget: your Health and life don't mean shit in this plant. Just keep moving those gears and don't miss any time from work.

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