

AFFIDAVIT

I, THOMAS BRACY, of 2501 Cadillac Street, Detroit, State of Michigan, being first duly sworn, do hereby state as follows:

1. I am employed as a highload driver at Dodge Main Assembly Plant, Hamtramck, Michigan; I am a member of U.A.W. Local No. 3, and acted as a challenger in the U.A.W. Dodge Local No. 3 Officer delegate elections of March 18 and 19, 1970.

2. On March 18, 1970, while acting as a challenger, at the Local No. 3 election, I observed that throughout the early part of the day repairmen made repairs on voting machines without the presence of challengers, and I further observed that later in the day as DRUM challengers complained about this practice, it deminished but did not altogether cease.

3. On March 18, 1970, while acting as a challenger at the local no. 3 election, I observed that retirees were being allowed to vote even though they had with them either only their union badge without their check-off card, or only their check-off card without their union badge, and this practice was allowed to continue by the election committee inspite of my repeated objections that this was improper procedure in that what was required was that retirees exhibit both their check-off card and their union badge before voting.

4. On March 19, 1970, while acting as a challenger at the Local No. 3 election, approximately 10:00 A.M., I approached an election committee member and renewed my protest regarding retiree voting procedure (referred to in paragraph # 3 above); after which said election committee ^{MEMBER} went downstairs and returned shortly with word that henceforth both union badge and check-off card would be required as a precondition to voting.

5. On March 18, 1970, while acting as a challenger at the Local No. 3 election, I observed that a voter was permitted to vote inspite of the fact that he presented only a check-off card and did not present a union badge, and I was subsequently informed by said

worker that he had retired and was no longer a union member but was sent a letter by the union to come and vote.

6. Throughout the day on March 18 and 19, 1970, while acting as a challenger at the local No. 3 election, I observed that levers on voting machines very frequently malfunctioned and were the subject of many complaints on the part of voters.

THOMAS BRACY

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this _____ day of April, 1970.

Notary Public

County of Wayne, State of Michigan

My Commission Expires: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

Raymond Johnson, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

IDENTIFICATION

1) That he resides at 12749 Northlawn, Detroit, Michigan, 48204; That he is employed at the Dodge Main Plant of Chrysler Motors Corporation, in department 9110; That his badge number is 9612; That he was a candidate for Financial Secretary for Local 3 on the DRUM Slate.

DEFECTIVE MACHINES

2) That he arrived at the Jos. Campau polling place at 4:30 A.M., March 18, 1970; That Wilson Blunt, Secretary of the election committee, told him that the election machines were not working properly; That a half-hour or more passed before any of the machines were in working order; That the defective condition of the machines was challenged in his presence by challengers Lewis Zachary and Robert Fields.

IMPROPER REPAIRS

3) That the owner of the machines, Mr. Worlock, who was in charge of their repair, had a flask-shaped pint bottle of whiskey in his back pocket, and had apparently been sampling it; That Mr. Worlock didnot make proper efforts to repair the machines but departed, leaving only a single repair man and Mrs. Worlock to look to the condition of the machines.

ELECTION IRREGULARITIES

4) That voters who had signed cards of registry upon arrival at the polling place were, contrary to regulations, permitted to depart before voting; That challengers Zachary and Fields challenged that irregularity in his presence.

DEFECTIVE VOTING MACHINES

5) That a voter informed him that the DRUM levers on a machine at Local 3 polling place were blocked by a bar of metal; That he discussed the difficulty with Mr. Blunt and Mr. Blunt acknowledged that the problem had existed, but alleged that the matter had been repaired.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST DRUM SLATE

6) That at 10:30 A.M., March 18, 1970, when he was at the Jos. Campau polling place, Helen Bodenar, Chairman of the Election Committee, demanded that he depart; When he protested that other candidates were present and were being permitted to remain Miss Bodenar demanded also the departure of one (1) Lafayette Philaw, but allowed candidates Lisko and Hardy to remain; That he demanded Miss Bodenar the justification for her demand, but she ~~gited~~ cited no authority except for Article 22, which gives only discretionary power to the election committee.

RETIREEES

7) That he observed that senior citizens came into the polling place, proceeded to the retirees table, showed no indention, but were permitted to vote anyway; That Hershel Figgs and Lewis Zachary, challengers for the DRUM Slate, challenged this irregularity in his presence; That Miss Bodenar permitted the senior citizens to vote even over the challenge; That later upon further protest the procedure was finally corrected; That these events transpired between 12:00 o'clock noon and 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 18, 1970.

DEFECTIVE MACHINES

8) That ~~at~~ 5:55 P.M. on Thursday, March 19, 1970, he saw the broken glass on the voting machine that challenger Zachary protested to the election committee about; That the election committee refused to investigate the challenger's complaint that levers for the DRUM Slate would not stay down.

RAYMOND JOHNSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this _____ day of _____, 1970.

Notary Public, Wayne County, Michigan

My Commission Expires: _____.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

AFFIDAVIT

Lindsey Head, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

IDENTIFICATION

1) That he resides at 2501 Seyburn, Detroit, Michigan; That he is employed at the Huber Avenue Foundry of The Chrysler Motors Corporation; That his department number is 9310; That his badge number is 2865; That he was a challenger in the local #3 elections for Ron Marsh and Don Jackson, candidates on the DRUM slate.

CAMPAIGN IRREGULARITIES

2) That at 3:45 in the afternoon on Thursday, March 19, 1970, he was distributing campaign literature on the east side of Helen Street, across from the polling place at the corner of Helen and Marcus; That while Raymond Hines from the United Auto Workers Flying Squadron was at the south end of the polling building, Calvin Hopkins run into the polling building with campaign leaflets showing from his pockets; These campaign leaflets were on behalf of the UNITED MEMBERSHIP SLATE; That after Hopkins entered the building, three working men entered; That each of these working men was given campaign literature as they entered by Lawrence Wolf, who was standing on the sidewalk at the entry way to the building; That to terminate these irregularities he was obliged to leave his literature on the east side of Helen Street and to summon Raymond Hines to the polling place so that Mr. Hines could put an end to the unlawful distribution of campaign literature.

LINDSEY HEAD

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this _____ day of _____, 1970.

Notary Public, Wayne County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: _____.

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS.
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

This is my true and sworn to statement made on March 19, 1970.

My name is CHARLES ROBERTS. I live at 6371 Belfast, Detroit, Michigan. My phone number is 491-4714.

I was running for the office of Trustee and for the office of Delegate in the Union elections which were to take place on March 18, 1970 at the Union Hall of Local 3 on Joseph Campau.

I arrived at the Union office at 4:30 A.M. March 18, 1970 in order to observe the elections. First, I saw WALUK (Spelling??) working on the voting machines to get them ready for the election, which was to start at 4:30 A.M. I saw 35 voting machines but only three were working. I asked Waluk why the machines weren't ready. He said the reason was that his crew was drunk. He said the trouble was with the fuse. He then left (around 4:45 A.M.) for the Huber Plant to set up the machines there - again, voting should already have been under way.

I talked to HELEN BAGNER (spelling??), Head of the Election Committee. (She is white.) I suggested that since time was short that she postpone the election. She said no, the election would proceed.

I observed about 25 people (the room holds a hundred) walk away in disgust, because they had to be at work, and they didn't want to be late. These people had their voting cards ready to vote already and they were already checked off on the voting lists as

having voted, but they hadn't.

Prior to the time these people left, they asked to have the election postponed; they were told no.

Aside from these 25 people - others also walked out in disgust.

All of these events occurred between 4:30 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. on March 18, 1970.

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CHARLES ROBERTS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public
in and for the aforesaid County and State, on this
_____ day of _____, 1970.

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Notary Public
Wayne County, Michigan

My Commission Expires: _____, 197_____

RECEIVED MAY 5 1970

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: MIKE ADELMAN; RON GLOTTA; RON REOSTI
WRITER: THOMAS M. MEYER - Wayne County Neighborhood
Legal Services
Research Department
D A T E : MONDAY 4 May 1970
SUBJECT
MATTER: D R U M ELECTION CHALLENGE

I obtained the following report from General Baker concerning the UAW Convention which he attended:

1. The Credentials Committee read the DRUM delegate election protest on the floor of the Convention along with its recommendation to deny and the motion to accept the Credentials Committee report carried unanimously.

2. The DRUM delegate (one of two alternate delegates elected by DRUM) was an acting delegate for two days at the Convention only after one of the other delegates left the Convention) and this occurred after the motion to accept the Credentials Committee report so he could not register a dissent to its acceptance.

General wants to know, and I am not sure (See CONSTIT. ARTICLE 32), what the next step and time limit is for appealing from the denial of delegate protest by the Convention, on one hand, and for challenging the officer results at the membership meeting on the other. There has not been a general membership meeting since the election. The next one will be the third Sunday in May (17th). With respect to that meeting, it now appears that W.L.A. cannot be counted on to challenge the officer elections, although there is still that possibility (I will check with Goodman firm who is handing protest for WLA).

Please determine the answers to General's questions and decide whether we should have another meeting before the May 17th membership meeting to plan strategy or whether you wish to contact General directly or through me, etc.

THOMAS M. MEYER

April 24, 1970

MEMO

RECEIVED APR 27 1970

From : Tom Meyer
To ; Ron Addman, ^{le} Ron Glotta, Ron Reosti
Subject : Drum Election; Affidavits

We have 12 specific affidavits and 24 one page form affidavits. A copy of the form affidavit is attached. Of the 12 non form affidavits, 7 are by challengers, 4 from candidates, and 1 from an election employee.

The employee's (black female) affidavit is not too helpful. The worker quit in disgust because her election supervisor (white) was too "upity" and "bossy". She swears that she was witness to an incident in which a voter complained that a lever was not functioning, that she called over a challenger and an election official, that the latter entered the booth and re-appeared reporting that a piece of metal was placed over the Ron Marsh lever which he then removed. (see affidavit of Louise Beard)

The candidate's and challengers affidavits reveal the following categories of improprieties:

1. Only two or three machines out of thirty were operating when the election began and consequently a number of voters left the voting grounds to return to vote later.
2. Machine malfunctioning was massive and occurred throughout the election. Four of our affidavits allude to specific machines by number, others affidavits make the allegation in general.
3. At least half of the affidavits reveal instances in which machines were tampered with by repairman or election officials without the presence of challengers.
4. About half of the affidavits reveal allegations concerning eligibility of voters. Specifically, throughout the first day of the elections and up to 10:00 A.M. of the second day, retirees could vote by displaying either their union badge, or their paid up dues receipt or 1970 check-off card, instead of both. At 10:00, on the second day of the elections, after repeated protests by DRUM, and after an informal conference among election officials, the procedure was changed to require both of the above.

None of the affidavits contain specifics as to the name or badge number of ineligible retirees who voted (violation of election rule No. 2)

5. About half of the affidavits reveal challenges which went unheeded. It is difficult to determine whether any challenges were accepted as such, for lack of information and printed standards concerning challenge procedure.
6. Two or three affidavits contain specific allegations concerning improper campaigning (too near the polls) or candidates appearing on the election floor. (violation of election rule No. 17)
7. A few of the affidavits reveal non co-operation by election officials in terms of making available in a timely fashion copies of election rules and procedures (copies of the March 18 to 19th election rules were not made available before March 19) or responding to challengers or compelling persons on the floor (repairmen, officials, etc) to disclose their identity upon request.
8. Counting of votes did not start promptly upon the close of polls on the second day of election as Rule 26 requires. Instead, counting took place on the following day in the presence of one DRUM challenger who was alerted as to the count through a phone call to Don Jackson, DRUM vice-presidential candidate. When the polls closed at 6:00 P.M., voting did not begin because it was claimed that Lewis Zackery, a DRUM challenger, had not voted. Zack had attempted to vote earlier, but encountered trouble with his machine and demanded that the vote be voided and that he be allowed to vote on another machine. He was told that he should complete his voting on the same machine. An impasse ensued. For some reason, the conflict was never resolved, and by 12:00 A.M. that night votes had still not been counted and DRUM challengers were still in the hall. Sometime after 12:00 A.M., the DRUM challengers were ejected from the hall by Hamtramck police after Ed Eiska (union president) and Helen Bodner (election committee chairman) read a statement to the effect that the election had been "suspended" and challengers had to depart from the premises.

~~Two~~ ^{two} of the ejected DRUM challengers ~~is~~ ^{are} an affiants, ~~another~~. Lewis Zackery, however, has not returned to us the affidavit which I filled out with him and which he was to keep to fill in specifics and return. I have made two appointments with him, both of which he broke. I have told General Baker and Chuck Wootten who promised to contact him but have not gotten back to me. Also attached is a copy of one of the five telegrams sent by the credentials committee of the UAW convention denying the protest.

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Telegram

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AARON PITTS, LOCAL 3 UAW GET S IG

8430 LASALLE DET

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF THE 22ND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE UAW INVESTIGATED PROTESTS OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION 3 UAW. THE COMMITTEE FOUND INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO ORDER NEW ELECTION. PROTEST IS DENIED

CHARLES MEEKS CHAIRMAN KEN SIMMONS SECY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

uplicate of Telephoned Telegram

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AFFIDAVITS

Figgs - good

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3a - STUCK machines - no route
✓ ✓ ✓
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- captain of challengers, drum state
5:45 - 15 ~~Power~~ left the city ✓ ✓
3 malfunctioning machines chrome - no specifics
4 repairmen prepare the challengers drawing or identify themselves,
5 retrieve city the proper credentials (rule 2a)
6 protest ignored
7 Power provides the machine quantity + ~~tapping~~
8 tapping also identify

1. inconsistencies in affidavits + basic info - redraft them!
2.

CAPTAIN

- 1-5
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1. Hushel & FIGGS - capt of challenger
2. Lafayette Attygen - candidate delegate
3. Ezekiel Benton - challenger
4. Tyrone Davis - challenger

Donald JACKSON 36
17500 PINEHURST, DETROIT 862-2359.

candidate for vice-pres.

Dodge main Assembly

challenge has to be made by non union candidate before polls open.

March 18, '70 polls open 4:45 - 6:00 p.m.

- ① He arrived at polls at ~~4:45~~^{4:30} stayed 30 minutes
Polls supposed to open promptly. Only 3 machines were
operating when polls opened. Fuses were being blown.

Challenge system - candidates must write down challengers
names for the ~~day~~^{election} on separate sheets before election starts.
Then those guys can do theirs. Challengers can check
machines before voting hours. Election committee sets
machines + unseals them.

When he left, at 5:00 - only 3 machines working.
AT that point they started the election.

- ② During the 1/2 an hour - following:
about 200 there trying to vote. Confusion.
lines formed. Names checked off. Then card given
& person whose name checked. After that - confusion. No
attempt to systematically collect cards. AT least 25
persons behind tables milling around booths not inside
Booths. This doesn't include those on election committee.
one person on STAFF of machine owner per machine. ("Election
committee - 9 persons on committee - their STAFF man the
booths) Private STAFF of Accountant supplier booth watcher.
The persons behind the booths could have voted &
retained their cards to vote again if anyone
noticing.

- ③ Retirees to vote must 1st go to lower floor of some
Bldg to be checked off. They're given a card to

Show they're authorized to vote.

They were using table office check-off cards - they just had retiree cards. During the 12 hr he was there, he discovered some retirees at retiree's table ~~forly~~ (1 table is retirees) old cards. He went ~~a part of group~~ to challenger went to retiree table + told ~~office~~ chairmen of election committee, Helen Dagner, don't it. Jackson overheard this conversation. She said it's OK. ~~A~~ Card not needed (when a person's vote is challenged - approval to vote on paper, not marker, votes held but marker votes counted). She didn't advise persons to vote on paper.

Subsequently, throughout the day this went on. Challengers repeated challenges to Mrs Dagner.

On this morning at 10:50 (March 1944), Ron March Jackson, Helen Dagner went downstairs to see if union where retirees check-off + union Sec advised her that retirees must ~~1st~~ be checked off downstairs. Dagner said very well. From 11:00 AM on - the retirees were properly required to get checked off first.

GERALD WOOTEN^T Age 25
20017 INDIANA, DETROIT.

DODGE MAIN. RELIEF MAN, 5 1/2 YEARS

March 18, 1969, about 4:50 ~~pm~~ a.m. Election to begin 4:45 a.m.
observed voting from behind the check off tables for about
1/2 hour.

When arrived, none of lines at all were moving. No one was voting
About 5:00 ~~pm~~ a.m., plant 4's lines started to move.
By time he left, some, maybe one half were operation.
Didn't notice any repairman, didn't know who fixed.

Skilled trades lines - either lines 3 or 4 or both
Group of 7-12 guys who had been checked off + been issued
cards but hadn't voted. They stayed around 5-10 minutes then
placed cards back on table and said they're leaving +
could be back.

Adult WILLIAM HARRIS.

201 Pasadena Detroit

Highland Park Place Stream 868-5400

arresty and Czarnocki

+ officer waters

Called in Duck's name

100 hour bond

juvenile - released

17 Andre Perry

146 Fort St.

Creating a disturbance as a disorderly person.
witnesses - on Hamilton + Delores.

Blamecka - 832-2266 -

Dave Katz

~~Anders~~

McLary -

superior name. Lieutenant McLan

THOMAS BRACY, Age 31
2501 Cadillac, Detroit (922-7384)
Dodge main Highroad driver
challenger for DRUM state.

on March 12,

- ① observed repairmen fixing machines w/o challengers present early in the day, but as DRUM challengers complained about this, this practice decreased.
- ② ~~Retirees~~ Retirees were allowed up until 10:00 AM Thursday to vote even though they either had a retiree membership card and but no office approval slip or an approval slip w/o a membership card. Previously, affiant had complained about this to staff but complaints not heeded. Also office workers came upstairs and ~~proceeds~~ appeared the procedure. AT 10:00 affiant approached the committee lady who finally went down to office + word emerged that both could be required henceforth.

The office said if they had a check off slip, they could vote even if no membership card. One guy w/ a check off office slip told affiant that he belonged to union previously, but had retired + no longer member of union (you must be paid up union member to vote). The guy had been sent a letter by union to come + vote. Guy had no badge # - just a slip from office.

- ③ quite frequently levers wouldn't function properly.

1 of election
committee

Name Geraldine Smith 8892 Dryden, Detroit
left MC Day
lights going on + off on Wednesday

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she left - then - asked to sing machine

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