

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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**CONVENTION SCHEDULES &
NOTES JUN 1971**

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Revised Program for the 32nd National Convention of the National Lawyers Guild, to be held July 28th through August 1, 1971, at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

WEDNESDAY Evening, July 28th, 1971

7:30 pm to 10:30 p.m.

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Peter Young, Los Angeles, attorney in Tucson case
Victor Rabinowitz, New York, Susan Jordan, Chicago
Jennie Rhine, San Francisco, attorney for Leslie Bacon
John McTernan, Los Angeles

Third Seminar: "Chicano Liberation --- View from Colorado"

Ken Padilla, Denver attorney, Moderator
Magdaleno Avila, United Farmworkers Organizing Committee
Speaker from the Crusade for Justice

Fourth Seminar: "The Law Schools --- Does Anyone Go to Class"

Carla Fortney, Los Angeles, Moderator
Steve Farber, Free Law School, Philadelphia
Marianne Nelson, Rutgers Law School
Gary Lesar, director, Northwestern Legal Assistance Clinic
Also speakers from Boalt Hall, Stanford Law School, Milwaukee Free Law School and People's Law School, San Francisco.

THURSDAY Morning, July 29, 1971 -- 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

First Seminar: "Working People and the Economy"

Steve Bingham, Berkeley, Moderator
Insurgent struggles in unions and a radical perspective on new organizing -- speakers from caucuses and radical unions and lawyers and legal workers who work with them.....
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Rene Hanover, Chicago, Moderator
Discussion of problems in prisons, employment discrimination, and related topics presented by Gay Liberation group from Chicago....

Third Seminar: "Destruction of the Environment -- A Radical Perspective"

David Pesonen, San Francisco, Moderator
Keith Lampe, director, Living Creatures Assoc. Northern California
Jack Loeffler, director, Black Mesa Defense
Other speakers to be announced

Fourth Seminar: "Trial Tactics"

Walter Gerash, Denver, Moderator
Catherine Roraback, Conn., attorney for Ericka Huggins
Gerald Lefcourt, New York, attorney for Panther 21
William Kunstler, New York, attorney for Chicago Conspiracy, Rap Brown, etc.
Other speakers to be announced.....

THURSDAY Lunch, July 29th, 1971, 12:30 PM

"American Foreign Policy --- Another Look at Imperialism"
Peter Weiss, Center for Constitutional Rights, New York, and Lawyers
Committee on American Policy Towards Vietnam.....

THURSDAY Afternoon, July 29, 1971 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Linda Borus, New York Guild Military Project, on Ft. Dix office ...
Eric Seitz, National Office, Nat'l Lawyers Guild, organizing and
legal work in Southeast Asia.....
Peter Weiss, Center for Constitutional Rights, New York, handling
military appeals.....
Ken Cloke, Los Angeles, veterans' organizing
Additional speaker on court-martial techniques

Second Seminar: "Women and the Law"
A strategy planning session for people involved in or interested
in the struggles of women for their liberation and, more specifically,
the use of legal skills in those struggles.....

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William Crain, New York Law Commune, Moderator
Paul Harris, Community Law Office, San Francisco
Mike Deutsch, Carbondale, Illinois,
Jim Keenan, Durham, North Carolina
Representative of Newark, New Jersey Law Commune

Fourth Seminar: "Repression --- the Struggle to Keep Moving"
Marge Buckley, Los Angeles, Moderator
Thomas Emerson, Yale Law School
David Rein, Washington, D.C.
Charles R. Garry, San Francisco
Susanne Neuschatz, Denver

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Symposium: The Future of the National Lawyers Guild
Moderator to be selected
Buck Davis, Detroit - Mary Kaufman, New York
Sharon Gold, San Francisco - Jonathan Lubell, New York

Friday, July 30, 1971 and Saturday, July 31, 1971

Plenary Sessions -- resolutions, election of new officers, program etc.

Sunday, August 1, 1971 --- New Executive Board meets.

REGIONAL OFFICE PANEL --- has been rescheduled for Saturday evening,
July 31, to be held during dinner at one of the residence halls.

Have your..... returned your.....

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National Lawyers Guild
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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

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 Ernesto Vigil, Crusade for Justice
 Jim Garcia, Community organizer
 Carla Gonzales, Santa Fe, N.M., La Gente
- Fourth Seminar: "Legal Education" (Engineering CR 2-26)**
 Carla Fortney, Los Angeles, Moderator
 Mary Anne Nelson, Rutgers Law School
 Gary Laser, Northwestern Legal Assistance Clinic
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 Gerald Lefcourt, New York., attorney for Panther 21
 Ben Smith, overview, political trials then and now
 Conrad Cunningham, Texas use of Dombrowski

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 Peter Weiss, Center for Constitutional Rights, New York, handling military appeals
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 Sid Rabinowitz, National Lawyers Guild, Counseling Service

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David Rein, Washington, D.C., Legislative Repression,
Charles R. Garry, San Francisco, Executive Repression,
Susanne Neuschatz, Denver, Peoples' Overview - Effect on the Movement.

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(Aspen Room, UMC)

REGIONAL OFFICE PANEL -- Saturday, July 31, 1971 6:00 pm (Kittridge Dining Hall)

Guild regional office staff and other interested people are invited to attend a workshop on the work of the regional offices: what are we doing, what should we be doing, how to build more effective communications between offices, and how do we find more substantial financial bases. People without meal tickets can get food at the snack bar down stairs or bring their own food to the dining hall.

GUILD CONVENTION OFFICE ADDRESS: 134-135 Buckingham Residence Hall, Kittridge Complex
(phones - 443-2211, extensions 8613 and 6912)

REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY : Buckingham Residence Hall, Kittridge Complex

THURSDAY: University Memorial Center.

(Late Registration Wednesday Evening at each seminar.)

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD CONVENTION 7/29/71

7/28/71--meeting with the following people:

Wini Leeds--Palo Alto; Jim Wolpman--Palo Alto (probably a very good attorney because he worked for 10 years in labor law before he decided to leave the area); Steve Bingham--San Francisco who is an attorney and who has done a lot of work with the Muni Drivers for Rank and File Control; Ducho Dennis--Muni Drivers for Rank and File Control (MDRFC); Roy Agler (MDRFC); Hosea Wilson (MDRFC--he appeared to be the primary spokesman for the group although Ducho Dennis also exercised considerable influence); Sam Berry--GM for Rank and File Control); Roy Geito (GMRFC); Eddie Williams (GMRFC); Mike Miller--law student from San Fran; Peter Franke--lawyer from San Francisco; Wally Mukler--Stanford; Dave McClain; Peter Haberford .

Discussion was had re the structure for the panel and it was decided to have a general political rap followed by specific incidents of organizing efforts.

7/29/71 Panel consisting of Ron Glotta, Wini Leeds, Hosea Wilson, Steve Bingham, Jim Wolpman

I will summarize the speech of Hosea Wilson to give the political position of the Muni Drivers and some of the vernacular they use. As an aside I would indicate that Wini Leeds described work with a group in the Partex Auto Parts who for now are represented by the Butcher's Union but they are looking to form an independent union which we might be interested in supporting if we are going to do basic organizing of the unorganized.

HOSEA WILSON

"Primary contradiction today is between wage labor and capital. The principle aspect of that contradiction is white chauvinism. We do not use the work racism because the imperialists have been able to twist that work for their use.

"Imperialism today is losing on every front. The National Liberation struggles in South Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos have proven that the imperialist military regime cannot maintain its grip on the resources of the world.

"We must call for independence within the Labor Movement today: Puerto Rican Independence; Negro National Independence. . . .

"We have only spontaneous movement today which causes weak leadership and a lack of unity and will. It is wrong to tell people to do their own thing. We must build a unified class struggle which means that we must have a Multinational Working Class Party. We cannot look to the future for the creation of such a party but must immediately call for such a party. We must deal with what people have in common--Blacks, Chicanos, Asians, Whites have their class position in common and it must be a unified struggle. We all sell our labor to the capitalist class. We must build a United Workers Party of a Multinational Character because the United States has a multinational working class. From this party can move to the seizure of state power and a dictatorship of the proletariat.

"Three principles for struggle: 1) Ground ourselves in the oppressed parts of the working class--blacks, chicanos, asians.

2) Constantly struggle to raise theoretical and organizational understanding.

3) Closer ties with other revolutionary groups all over the world.

Then he had a general discussion of reformism--the labor bureaucrats who talk that militant talk and walk that collaborationist walk.

Finally he repeated the call for a "party of a new type".

A general discription of the history of the development of the Muni Driver Group:

The union consists of 65% Black ; 30% white ; 5% other nat'l minorities
1968--the Union called for a strike for supervisory personel. It was not said but the odds are that supercevisors were primarily white. Nevertheless, the Rank and Filers fought the strike. The leadership of the union was Black and it was out of this one could see that "all black is not nec'ly good". The international supported this strike.

Out of this strike the Rank and Filers formed a caucus. They said they were opposed to "working outside the union" but instead wanted to take over the union. They drew up a program calling for a contract, by-laws, and a grievance procedure, all of which the Municipal Union had failed to provide in the past. Those demands were finally met. Also they pointed out that the "labor misleaders" had no educational program. They educated the workers on the "memorandum of understanding" that was being used and pointed out its weaknesses. Second strike was when janitors went out. The Rank and File Caucus shut down the buses in support of the janitors (who were weak in numbers) and this was the first time in recent history that such support had been provided. The Bureacrats however took over the negotiations and sold-out both groups; Mayor Alioto apparently even said that the "had good labor leaders" with whom he could "negotiate". The President intimidated the small janitors local and forced them back to work during negotiations and thereby broke the solidarity.

Note--Harry Brikdges had promised to honor the strike but manipulated himself out of it somehow.

Then there was a bust of cable car drivers which again resulted in a wildcat strike. Apparently this was the first strike without the sanction of ythe union. But the wildcat turned into a lockout thereby breaking the strike.

Mosea Wilson was charged with the wilfull destruction of prop which case was one.

Discussion with Ducho Dennis re the Congress:

The conversation arose which Ducho stopped me and asked about Chuck Wooten who had come out there and spoke with them. He then asked about the split, I put him saying that I was not prepared to discuss it in detail. He said that this is the third time that he had been put off: apparently Mike Hamlin had spoken with them and said that Don Williams would be on with them; Williams apparently came to San Frandisco and never called them; so I called Ravitz who called Cockrell who said to talk with them.

I then explained that the Congress intended to set up a National organization that the convention would be held on August 21, 22 and that there was a regional structure. Dennis said that he agreed that the creation of a Congress was necessary but that it implied that a conference had been held of Revolutionary groups had met and resolved fundamental difference which was not the case here--he had previously run this on Chuck Wooten.

He was also concerned about the structure which called itself the International Congress of Black Workers since his organization apparently included Chicanos, Asians and Whites--to what ~~what~~ extent would such regional differences be tolerated? I said that further discussion should be had over that question. He said that this process of resolving these differences is necessary to the creation of differences.

We also discussed the split between the League and the Congress. I explained the position of the League on "Revolutionary Nationalism" to the best that I could. Also I explained the idea of creating principled alliances with white groups to which League people objected. I also explained the objection that League people had to the Natioal Congress.

Conclusion: He still wants all the literature that we can send him
He particularly wants more copies of Watson's speech at CCC a few of which I had taken with me.
Mike Hamlin had previously mentioned work on unemployment and he wanted to see that work.
He indicated a desire to send people to the Congress and an immediate foblowup should be made for those arrangements.

DUCHO Dennis, 1071 Fell Street, San Francisco, California

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LIST OF LAWYER CONTACTS THAT WERE MADE:

1. Discussion with Ken Cloke, 116 Fraser Avenue, Santa Monica, California 90405 (3969801)
I found it hard to talk to him: either he was extremely busy or he was avoiding me. But I did corner him long enough to get a commitment that he would contact Don Willimas (?) --the regional director in Los Angeles re the Muni Drivers in San Francisco. I did manage to get him to sit through about one hour of the discussion with Ducho Dennis.
2. Harry Lore, 1420 Walnut Street Suite 600, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102 PH**215 9851750
He described some exccalant legal work that he did in Pa.. The Clothing Workers went out in protest against the Agreement that had been negotiated ~~with~~ with the Employers. At one point they had about 9000 people out--important because this industry generally considered the least militant around.
He filed a Civil Rights Complaint in federal court to dissolve the injunction then existing in state court.
The workers there did develop a Rank and File Organizing Committee.
3. Jack Drake P.O. Box 6144, University Alabama 35486
He has done a lot of work in Selma setting up cooperatives, etc . He is not a labor lawyer but he is willing to do some work if he can get some instruction on the law.
4. Reber Boulton, Inst. for Southern Studies, 5 Forsyth Street, Atlanta Georgia 30303 PH--5232471 and 8765257 Home add: 655 Penn
He knows Al Horne and thinks he can get Al to do some work. Reber will be a lawyer in about 3 months. He may be interested in setting up the necessary educational program.
5. Ben Smith New Orleans
He has a long history in labor work. He has represented Longshoremen and Maritime Union. He now represents about 40 locals. He should be very willing to help.
6. Mike Rosenfield, 505 Court Place Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15219 PH 412 3197707
He is a law student but who expressed considerable interest in the project. He said that also James H Logan who is in that office would be interested in this kind of work.
7. John S. Williamson 211 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee Wis. 53203 PH 414 2714500
He is an older attorney is hooked up with several Internationals including the Teamsters. He expressed interest in our work and said that he would be willing to help when asked.
8. Peter L. Gale of Rosenthal and Patti 1020 Robinson Bldg 42 South 15th Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19102
Unsure about him--seems liberal. Might contact if have a particular problem
9. One guy by the name of Steve Bingham is a very solid person in San Francisco and I will get this address and ph number which I do not have in front of me
10. Dan Lund of the Bar Sinister in Los Angeles indicated some interest and said that he had been approached in Los Angeles but had never followed it up. I cannot make an assessment of him..

ATTACHED IS A LIST OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO SIGNED AS INTERESTED
IN LABOR LAW AND THE LABOR PANEL

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(I'm in contact with Don Williams & the Black Congress, need materials for field
class with lawyers & law students in labor law - several people ready to work)

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HoSEA Wilson

1 Charged w/ willful destruction of property.

- Brown Act - Public Es have the rt to an open hearing.

- Attys moved scientifically to study w/ attys
Turned the workers on + turned the workers on.
Attys fighting for entire proletarian class.
They have stayed on the job.

Steve Bingham

Had for him to understand integrating pol. theory w/ practice. He now sees a scientific way to deal w/ pol. Mgr of Public Utilities was hearing officer.

Gigs at the hearing - + they were eliminated
Legal collective - collective leadership to effect getting work done.

Jim Wolpman - Palo Alto

Basic skills

U const.

Ec. surveys, etc - shared community library info, bk.

Learn about the industry

Section 7
NLRB
v. Nucor
Carriers
Sanctions
decision to
H. H. + protect
conceded activity

Ca - Hainy Fox - Clothing Workers went out on a wildcat strike - ag. the Nat'l U which had been confirmed w/ no participation. 9000 ppl out.

No org'n structure.

Injunction which was secured + injunction failed.

Filed a removal petition to go into fed. ct.?

Instead prepared a Civil Rts Complaint + got an injunction enjoining state judge from taking action.

Arbitration proceeding saying workers were violating no strike clause.

John Doe
Honorable
Workers
a R + F. Org Comm.

Hensch
David
Comm.

7/29/71

Wilson
Hosea ~~Wilson~~ in terms of their practice -
Rev. needs enthusiasm of all - must hear from
of audience.

Hist. Members for Rank + File Control Muni Bus Drivers
U - 65% Black 5% other minorities
35% White

1968 - supervisory personnel who were U in their U.
Leadership of U was 80% black. 20 min
U meeting.

Ppl opposed to the strike. Intimidated
down "reformist line". Not hung up on
"all black is all good". Must be a
multiracial struggle.

Formed a caucus + moved to take over the
leadership. Drew up a program - new K,
grievance procedures. Labor leaders
had no educational materials.

No by-laws until caucus demanded.

Educated rank + file re Memo. of Understanding.
M/Agreement was a sell-out.

Second strike - of jitters w/o strength. T+F
shut down buses + honored picket lines.

Resulted that local pres. became negotiators - sold
out bus drivers & jitters

Mayor Alioto said not concerned bec. the
had "good labor leaders"

Pres. intimidated the small local.

Harry Bridges was to honor that strike + did
not do so.

Bus drivers saw that city turned the drivers lost pay
over to other workers.

Bust of cable car operators + a wild cat strike as a
result. Bust sold out again. Wildcat turned into
a lockout (city shut cable machinery down). Very
bust of cable cars.

News before
had workers
shut down
w/o sanction
of the U.
Ppl were
fired
as a result

(over)

Struggle

Proposals For Nat'lizing the Struggle

A. There are workers in motion in this country - Patkling, N.Y., Los Angeles, Birmingham Ala, San Francisco, Baltimore, Buffalo
These workers are crying for lawyers & can't find them.
What can lawyers do:

1) Learn the law & use it. E.g. Section 502 & the Occ. Health & Safety Act 1970, Civil Rights Acts, (also sex discrimination)

2) UDC - coalition - attempts made to begin the process of building this as a nat'l org.

B. Diff types of org. - ^{action & forms thereby ppl can express the frustration they have} - have resp to do all.

1) Cadre organization - begin org.

2) Grass roots org - unions, w/c unions, community org.

Experiences for dev'g a new party in this country.

Practice

- Historical dev't =

1969 strike

1) Safety strike at Eldon; dept meeting in by-laws.

2) James Johnson - w.c. & criminal

~~3) Prison case - med~~

~~4) Election struggle~~ + then there was the war
John Bish Public Sch. - McQuinnery Skill Center. 1) School case - Paper City

5) Out of these combined struggles found
of org's were dev'd

a. LDC - Ad Hoc, Congress, MCLL &
the Guild

b. CCC - educational program - 700 people

c. MCLL - cadre org. dedicated to new,
struggle at the pt / production

6) Is it ^{related} to the Guild

Harry Bridges' lawyers
Guild useful -

1) Resources in Guild lawyers.

2) Frank Donner

3) Dave Scribner

VVAW

David Wenger

Ph. 477 8585

28461 Grand Duke Dr

Farmington Mich.

Call

1/29/71 ^{Wilson} ~~Howe~~

Labor Movement today:

Primary contradiction wage labor & capital.

Principle aspect - white chauvinism.

Imperialism -

Nat'l Liberation Struggles S.V.W, Laos Cambodia

Labor movement calls for independence

Puerto Rican Independence

Negro Nat'l Independence.

- Spontaneous movement - lack of unity of action & will. Weak leadership.

Cannot do their own thing.

Should deal w/ what we have in common

instead of Blacks for Blacks, Chicanos

for Chicanos - Break this down.

We all sell our labor to capitalist class.

Build a United Workers Party of a Multinat'l character bec. it is a multinat'l working class.

Move for a dictatorship of proletariat.

3 principles:

1) Ground ourselves in most oppressed parts of the working class.

2) Constantly struggle to raise theoretical & ~~theoretical~~ organizational understanding

3) Work w/ other rev. groups.

3 forms to rule: Tactics 1) Liberalism + 2) Force,

Reformism regards socialism as a distant goal.

"Begin to move - must have w.c. unity."
"Party of a new type"

Idealism = bourgeoisie

Materialism - proletarian class.

Org of left
neighborhood
educational
circles

7/29/71

Wini Leeds - Palo Alto

Group in Palo Alto who "represented" by Butcher's Union.

1) Not likely to see themselves as part of a mass movement.

2) Chicano workers in Fresno area.

California - central valley a large agricultural unit. Rural farm industry.

Mexican-Am - largest minority group.

3) Parker Auto Parts - 100 workers - Stable work force. Wages very low.

Teamsters org'd pt 3 yrs. But Teamsters did nothing + signed an open shop agreement.

Workers voted for a strike + walked out.

But w/o preparation + it was an illegal strike. Teamsters ignored them.

a. Co. leafleted Black community telling them new jobs. Chicanos knew it was a dividing tactic.

b. Picketed almost 8 months.

Palo Alto group entered.

Difficult to break down city client relationship. Pol. knew it was an imp. struggle but no coherent analysis so diff. to analyze proper tactics.

c. Co. filed ULP charges - NLRB sought a labor injunction. ULP charges were fought out. Handled unat. cases, election petitions, workman's comp.

d. Workers faith in the law. They came to ct as much as possible.

4) Labor law is blatantly so. poor gov.

Structured to funnel into a ~~old~~ bureaucracy.

5) Bpl recz that strike filed.

U needs a full person
time legal there.

- Winn Leeds Palo Alto Law Commune
- Jim Wolpman - Palo Alto Law Commune Labor Com
- Steve Bayhan - S.F. Tele. Ar. Law Collective
- Duco Dennis - Org - Rank + File Control Miami
- Mike Miller - Law student S.F.
- Roy Agler - R+F Control
- Sam Berry GM Rank + File
- Roy Gesto GM
- Rosea Wilson Minn Workers R+F Control
- Peter Franke
- Wally Minkler - Stanford - ~~Rank~~
- Eddie Williams GM R+F
- Dave McClain
- Peter Herbert

Principle contradiction is betw wage labor + capital.

United Workers Party of Multinational Character

3 Prin: 1) Not oppressed ppl of working class.

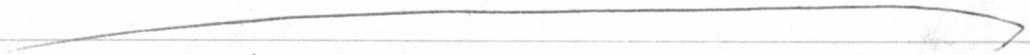
Blacks Nat'l Minorities

9:30 Thursday Night
Back Days Night

Harry Love - Pa, Penn.
Peter Gale Pa, Penn. -
Stan Vron - Newark.

Steps to creation of Congress

- ① Call a Conference of Rev. groups to resolve difference.
Groups on ec. issues
Groups demanding a move to Socialism
- ② Should there be representative from all sections including Bay area where different forms of struggles
- ③ What about sections where Third World organizations
- ④ This process leads to creation of a "Congress".

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- All pamphlets for CCC.
 - Experience in unit + what the League + Congress has done.

Bill Standa first Gen'l Counsel for Nat'l
Maintains Union.

Houston Texas Mandel + Wright - NMU.
Ben Smith represents the Longshoremans
+ NMU for a while

Bondine represented Transport Workers,

^W
Blalstone Swing Anderson + Smith ILWU

Goodman + Crockett -

Saper - Manning - Pa Penn.

Saper - 1199, Brewer's Workers,
Local 259 UAW

Rabinowitz - Am. Comm. Ass'n - aff'd of Teamsters

Abe Friedman - ICA

Harry Lore + Hobin Partner.

UAW Pa -

Local - ITE - Circuit Breaker

Strick Mtg

Am. Comm. Ass'n - Pa.

Davis Cohen + Harry Lore - rank & file
clothing workers,

Also reg. technicians &

No. of strikes: UAW has 71 strikes; GM Strike, Steel Strike, RR strike, Western U., Bell Tele., Garbage Workers, Longshoreman's Strike

Outline speech: Detroit is in the "belly of the monster"

Assumptions on which we work:

- 1) Armed rev. struggle is nec. in this country. That it will involve millions of people in that struggle & will be a protracted struggle.
- 2) That struggle at the point of production is absolutely nec. to any rev. in this country.
- 3) That Black ^{third world} workers at the pt of prod. will in lead that struggle.
- 4) That a massive class ^{and race} bias exists which ~~stop~~ limits the ability of much of the left to relate to these struggles. The U bureaucracy is not the working class.
- 5) That white workers are in struggle & continuing efforts must be made to break down what we call "white skin privilege" & racial divisions w/ the working class. Does not deny that racism exists but does deny that it is more prevalent etc in the working class.
- 6) That principled ^{alliances} must be dev'd betw. Black & White Rev. groups. That process also is a long slow process.