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- d. unions encourage individualism and class division
  - 1). secrecy and patronizing perspective in
     grievance --- entire grievance procedure
     is individualistic
  - 2). look only to "breech of rule" by worker and not underlying causes
  - 3). accept bourgeois metaphysical definitions of human being i.e., people are innately competetive
  - 4). promote cynicism around class unity and view self-interest as selfish rather than pointing to class, and common struggles i.e., nurses
  - 5). protective only of union members and not and not workers as a whole
    - a). screen probationary and part-time employees
    - b). technical and professional workers
      will abandon you
  - 6). accept capitalist that some workers have more essential importance over others in terms of providing equitable economic gains
  - 7). use bourgeois examples (i.e., trips to Rome)
    for reasons for extended vacation or
    wage increases
  - 8). do not openly or seriously attack coucuses
  - (underground groupings) because they serve to build suspicion and break down the building of collective understanding, analysis, leadership, confidence, support, etc.

- 4. Summary of Strategy (to divide and conquer work force)
  - -- present facade of struggle; i.e., stirke over petty and few issues by eliminating as much off the table as possible
  - -- work within management guidelines and essentially play a game with peoples' lives; cause to great demoralization and defeat
    - -- protect their own power, position, opposition and collaborate with management to nail opposition
    - \*\*\* DEMOCRACY or more importantly, lack of democracy is key
      - a. Union is undemocratic through
        - 1). secrecy --i.e., bargaining committee and caususes
        - 2). process --i.e., go to membership last with little
        - 3). make deals to management that define inter-union polotics -- i.e, contract definition of grievance committee
      - b. Democracy is essential in uniting the class
        - -- intimate to the essential view and understanding of dialectical, resposible relationship of leadership to workers and vice versa
        - -- a new form must view this as key in building collective power that speaks to workers' needs
- II. Goals of the Struggle
  - A. a new form of struggle that deals collectively i.e., power moves and challenging management perogatives
    - 1. speed-up
    - 2. daycare i.e., designation of resources, budget and priorities
    - 3. patient care
    - 4. collective grievances that mobilize people rather than let them down, talk, and pull them through a long process
      - a. sexism
      - b. racism
      - c. professionalism
      - determination of supervisors (if they are even necessary) 7 technology; how it effects workers, nations and their relationship managements rights -- acceptance of the has to be struggled against to build collective power i.e. "unauthorized literature"

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B. Class unity in a hospital

-- view all workers as essential and demand for egalitarian material gains
-- above all, see workers as producers and part of a whole rather than
isolated wage earners

- C. worker patient relationship -- working conditions relate to patient care
- D. propaganda massive in terms of above and in relationship to other hospitals and contacts

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#### A). The Economics

- 1). struggle for economic gains within system is economistic because it does not challenge the relationship between owner and worker; it merely asks the owner to give more to the worker of what is really his in the first place
  - a). workers do understand that they are being ripped-off, but that is a far cry from uderstanding that the owner should not be making a substantial profit for the risk he is taking

b). In the service industry, the biggest myth to be shattered is that of non-ownership and non-profit

- 2). The struggle for economic gains can become more transitional in in demand by agitation around the usage of the budget and budget priorities -- this beginning to imply
  - a). workers as producers
  - b). workers having somes policy rights
  - c). workers challenging 51/2%, much mor a & p needed around and also in context of imperialism
  - d). In wage demands there is room for socialist egalitarian perspective again because of 51/2% -- for struggle around who gets how much and on what bases unions attempt to divide with bourgeois ideology -- we must counter!!!

#### B). Politics

- 1). economic demands are not innately economist demands when they challenge worker/management relations and deal with budget priorites i.e., speed-up deals with working conditions
- 2). class unity -- through workers as producers instead of wage earners
  - a). illuminate deviciveness of professionalism
  - b). build analysis of pure economic demands which serve to strengthen capitalism through reformist changes and no basic threat or challenge i.e., wage inequities

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c). deals with pt./worker relations and how the product is produced; how the service is delivered

d). build workers doing for themselves rather than having all essentials done for them i.e., union reps.; man, etc.

-- this builds collective work

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- 3). worker/patient relations -- build as legitimate concern and then power around dealing with it
  - a), class base between pt. and worker
  - b). relationship between work conditions and pt. care
- 4). relations with other hospitals and other forms
  - a). Metro is not an isolated incident
  - b). expand peoples politics beyond own concerns
  - c). deal with the health system in U.S. i.e., MMAC and other hospitals
  - d). examine Stethotruth and the role of unions
- 5. build collective power through other forms
  - a). keep union as protection for other form
    - (1). legal protection because only legally recognized body to represent workers (question of Stethotruth has to be dealt with -- they organize to put unions in workplaces, but from what perspective and when do they see that perspective needing to be changed?)
    - (2), what does this mean about strategy?
      - -- power relation
      - -- elections
      - -- process
  - B). BUILD FORM THAT ORGANIZES AND REPRESENTS WORKERS

#### C). Organization -- i.e., future goal; "Workers' Council"

- 1). set-up committee not fixed in the union bureaucracy but supported and protected by the union
  - a). union is functionally legal protection, but for the union to protect, the committee has to have strong support from the workers
    - -- it is essential for people to understand the limits of the union and understand its possible role a legal protection, otherwise workers will not support committee (and some of their transitional demands) and union positions will try to manipulate and divide people

b). not fixed into the union so that it can expand and respond to the workers needs creatively and furthy

- c). bring together and build and expand leadership of membership, not necessarily those who hold union positions
- d). committee must be formed and function above ground from the git!

(1). if underground, it is a caucus

- (2). members will be more willing to support and understand and struggle with how the committee fits "into" the union -- and will more likely struggle to keep it when things come day
- (3). people will not begin with basic distrust as a force dealing for power versus the union
- (4). can expand more easily if more people are involved with its open and above the board history

e). members of committee must be elected by the membership

(1). committee member must have a constituency which clearly relates to them (possibly throuth the signing of a petition to be able to run for election)

(2). must breakdown an election for popularity or because no one else will do it (do not create districts for which someone has to represent it)

(3). committee members should represent department perspectives

- (a). this is somewhat a given because the people in the the dept. are most likely where they draw most of their constituency
- (b). cannot set-up to functionally pit dept. against dept.
- (c). cannot be set-up rigid so that it bars workers' ability to draw conections between depts. and eventually how all workers (and depts.) are essential and yet pitted against each other through system
- (d). must be set-up to make it possible for more than one person (if exist) in a dept, to be elected

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-- building an understanding of goals is a slow process taken in stages

i.e., peopled may feel screwed, but have been socialized to accept management's relation to worker ( -- the union deals with this contradiction effectively through reformist demands that give the facade of dealing with how the worker is being screwed, but this does not make the worker challenge this socialization)

- -- build strength of new form through tactic of political prisoners in S. Vietnam, where they demonstrated within jails which didn't materially change their conditions other than more repression for themselves.
  - a. build spirit! unity! and a collective process of of building and supporting leadership
  - b. expose bourgeois/capitalist concept that gains are won materially, isolated and immediately -- this is important in building workers understanding of the base they are building and the need for stages
  - c. management, at a level, will not understand why frustration from the bourgeois view of the struggle are not breaking down the ability to organize people (esp. because they will have exacerbated those bourgeois concepts)
    - -- managements reaction, in what ever form, will serve to unite workers
- P.S. must do two immediate leaflets
  - a. limits of trade unions as concretely relates to contract negotiations
  - b. leaflet for non-union workers (must develop strategy for allies)

\*\*\*\* bonus question - - how do we unite with Joann C. and Helen J. and why?

(e). possibly have members run at-large and from depts. -this gives choice to leaders in how they want to build
their constituency and breaks down departmentalism
workers

(4). committee would get its support and leadership from the members!

(a). understand and respond to their needs

-- often spontaneous with the analysis of building spirit and leadership and not with an idealistic view of immediate gains, i.e. Richard's dept. walkout at Dodge Truck i.e./political prisoners in S. Vietnam and their

(b). organize around the political goals in stages, putting things out there and continually learning from the class

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#### III: Tactics & Strategy

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A. Contract, Negotiations & Agitation around it

- 1. learning, organizing and developing experience
  - a. learned bureaucracy and tactics, strategy and limits of trade unionism (and better understanding of how that could be used)
  - b. gather more information and therefore understanding of union from management information
  - c. understand the sector of the class in wider context and perspective
  - d. understand how contract has negative aspect to non-union workers and have begun to build some bases for drawing union and non-union workers together i.e., nurses and techs through understanding of budget through contract negotiations and bargaining bulletins

#### 2. series of bargainging bulletins

a. experience in A&P

b. broke through some barriers of secret negotiations

- c. educates on contradictions, weaknesses of union and possibly can begin to build towards at least the understanding some of the goals
  - 1). weakness of union, i.e. it does not contend for power because it accepts managements! limits and stays in capitalist system

2). weakness of union, i.e. does not deal with worker frustration; channels demands into accommist demands which do not deal with basic contradictions button protein

3). goals that can begin to be touched; patient care and how it is delivered, workers as producers, and the relationship between worker and employer, how that is accepted and not challenged

# Low Strike Losses Reflect Trend in Labor-Brennan

CHICAGO — (UPI) — Lost time from labor strikes is the lowest in nine years, reflecting a trend toward innovative approaches in labor-management negotiations, according to U.S. Secretary of Labor Peter J. Brennan.

Brennan said that for the first half of this year, there was a loss of only 1.1 working days per 1,000 workers. He said there has been a drop in the number of major strikes. But even those that have occurred have been short, he said.

In the speech before the Executives' Club of Chicago, Brennan attributed the "industrial peace" to new and better methods at the bargaining table; to labor and management viewing their particular problems in a broader context; the improved economic status of American workers; the dim view stockholders take of strikes and to what he called the "more" factor.

"NOW THE 'MORE' FACTOR increasingly means so-called non-monetary demands, such as better and safer work environment, job-enrichment, or a modification of compulsory overtime," he said.

"Well, until recently, that 'more' could always be expressed in so much extra per hour."

Brennan said the emerging trend was based on recognition that a strike should be considered only as the final move in labor-management negotiations and should not be used as a substitute for hard bargaining.

"It is a trend toward innovative approaches, within the framework of collective bargaining, including voluntary, third party arbitration.

"Perhaps most important of all," he said, "this is a trend based on mutual respect, responsibility and restraint."

Proposed Agenda 1) Metro Hospital - 45 mins. Items a) Factual Up-Date

Discussion of IL questions from last meeting

c) Discussion and prop. It report to org. 2) Party Building Paper - 30 Mins Discussion of J.L. draft. Continue process for submission of paper to org. 3) I.W. C. - 40 MINS a) BB - 6LOC organizing document - 20 mins b) M.s. - Lynd lesflet - 10 mins - Paper "on striker" - 10 mins

4] WEU - 20 mins -Up-date; possible strike.

5) Lending Forces - RU - 20 Mins

6] I.P.C. - JT/RG - 15 Mins. Information & beginning of strategy discussion re: I.P.C. & M.C.L.C.

7) SXP Week End - 10 mins

8) Discussion of 10/28/73 Educational - 50 mins

Commodes, if we start on time & stay in the time limits, we will finish at 6:30 p.m. Please think about what you've soin to sung before you

Comrades.

All will surely agree that S & P practive and politics Mov should be put in front of the organization concretely and aggreesively in the pre-convention period. The pprpose is to insure that the substance and "tone" of the political struggles that occur will be strongly influenced by our jCommission and the sector of the class we belong to--the sector that is the leading and most progressive force in the working class of people in this period.

During the period immediately prior to the December, 1972 Convention TUG practice and politices dominated; at every Membership meeting in the fall of 1972 various members of TUG concretely described their organizing activities to the entire membership. The result was the substantial strengthening of the power and influence of TUG in the oroganization.

S&P must become more visible in the MCLL in this period. I propose as tactics toward that goad the following internal notebook contributions and organizational activities.

#### I) Internal Notebook

- a) Lynch Assembly leaflet -- BB, MS
  - 1) copies of leaflet for the org. along with BRIEF description of the process and something on a&p in the workplace

One page outlines

b) Metro Hospital report -- RV,LE
c) Social Services/WEU report == JL,JB

One page outlines
of the struggles
at these places

- d) Industrial Work Committee
  - 1) article On Strikes in the current period

a) Statistics (attached)

b) Free Press article re: Chrysler stock (attached)

cd from "Strikes" and "On Trade Unions" - Lenin

d) Bert Cochrane article on cycles of worker militancy, "American Labor in Mid-Passage"

#### II) Organizational Activities

a) Lynch Complex leaflet

1) leaflet for the entire Lynch complex describing all the various struggles around the various local contracts at the plants in the complex. Cf. the LRBW concept of CHRYRUM.

## LAST WEEK'S WINNERS AND LOSERS

# essimistic Prospectus Drives Down Chrysler Stock

BY DAN MILLER (C) 1973 Chicago Daily News

Earlier this fall, Chrysler Corp. President John J. Riccardo was musing about the fickle stock market and the paltry value investors had assigned to the stock of the nation's third-largest Motors hasn't paid a dividend since 1965, but its current profit auto maker.

Chrysler had just completed showing off its lineup of 1974model cars and trucks for the automotive press amid predictions of increased sales and improved profitability. The future was rosy, but Chrysler stock seemed nailed to the floor, trading around \$23 a share, or a mere three times current earnings.

DESPITE MEETING with market analysts on several occasions, Chrysler Corp. had failed to rally analysts' support in recommending Chrysler stock for purchase by big institutional investors, the investors whose big money is necessary for a sustained price advance.

"All you can do," Riccardo said with stoic resignation, "is keep making a profit and hope somebody begins to notice.'

Evidently a few people did, because Chrysler stock inched steadily higher over the succeeding weeks to around \$28 a share. Then Thursday the brakes were thrown on Chrysler.

In a prospectus outlining an upcoming debenture offering, the company said it could report a loss of as much as \$26 million in the third quarter. The company blamed the red ink on a nine-day United Auto Workers strike, other unauthorized work stoppage during the summer and a parts shortages. ..

The result: Chrysler expects to fall 25 percent — or 135,000 units — below targeted shipments of North American cars and trucks.

Investors responded by selling off Chrysler stock this week, bringing the price down \$2.25 a share, or eight percent, to \$25.871/2.

That puts Chrysler stock at four times current earnings, compared with about 10 times earnings for the Dow Jones industrial average, of which Chrysler is a component.

Other auto stocks also are selling well below the Dow's average. American Motors and Ford are at five times current earnings, and General Motors, the biggest industrial concern in the world, is selling at seven times earnings.

AUTO EXECUTIVES are at a loss to explain it, especially in light of current dividend policies, GM is yeilding a whopping 6.8 percent, Chrysler 5.4 percent and Ford 5.2 percent. American picture appears strong.

Henry Ford II claims that his company's stock is ignored because GM attracts blue-chip investors, and risk-oriented investors prefer Chrysler or AMC. Ford is half-way between,

and there's no money left for its stock, Ford claims.

AMC's President William Luneberg complains, "If I knew what the hell went on in the stock market. I wouldn't be working

And Roy Chapin, chairman of AMC, writes off the whole bunch: "Analysts are like sheep. They get on one track and follow each other around. But it's a cycle and it changes. I just hope to hell it changes soon.

National Semiconductor and Avon Products app antly haven't been able to shake the effects of news develop ments that triggered stock activity two weeks ago.

More than a week ago, National Semiconductor told share holders that September-quarter sales more than doubled, an that "a strong increase" in profits is expected. Last week the stock added \$22.50 a share, or 32.8 percent, closing at \$91.

BUT INVESTORS trimmed another \$7.25 a share, or 7.3 pe cent, from Avon Stock, following a \$9.50 plunge the previous week. It was more than a week ago that Avon said third-quarte profits would be flat.

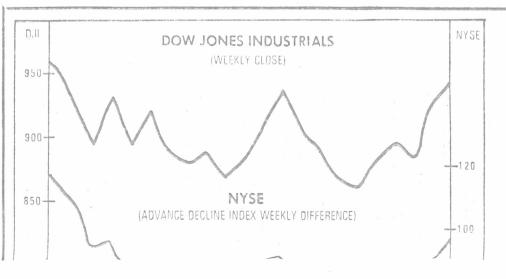
Investors have been whittling away at several high-price stocks like Avon, and many analysts are predicting an end the two-tier stock market, in which a relative handful of high multiple stocks attract most of the buying support.

Among the high-priced losers this week: Simplicity Patters Co., down 13 percent to \$49.371/2, International Flavors & Flavors grances, down 8.2 percent to \$89, and Chesborough Ponds, down

7.6 percent to \$70.

Petroit Free Press

Ideas for Investors



# Market: Time For a Breather

Right behind the adages of death and taxes comes one from Wall Street - the market never goes straight up, or, for that matter, down.

In the past seven weeks, we have witnessed a straight-up ascent by the Dow Jones Industrial Average aggregating more than 110 points, or a percentage gain of almost 15 percent.

### Tracking. the Trends

Our studies, however, indicate that we have probably seen the bottom of this seven month decline and any further setbacks should meet with strong bullish support by investors currently on the sidelines who missed the bottom in late August.

One convincing indication of this burgeoning market is broad market strength that is continuing to be evidenced by the advance.

#### WORK STOPPAGES RESULTING FROM LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES 1

Period	Number of stoppages		Workers inv stoppa		Man-days idle during period		
	Beginning in period	In effect during period	Beginning in period	In effect during period	Number	Percent of estimated working time	
1961	3,655 3,963 4,405 4,595 5,045 5,700 5,716		1,450,000 1,230,000 940,000 1,640,000 1,550,000 1,960,000 2,870,000 2,650,000 2,480,000 3,300,000 3,200,000		16,300,000 18,600,000 16,100,000 22,900,000 23,300,000 42,100,000 49,000,000 42,900,000 66,400,000 45,000,000	0.11 0.13 0.11 0.15 0.15 0.15 0.25 0.28 0.24 0.37 0.25	

The data include all known strikes or lockouts involving six workers or more and lasting a full day or shift or longer. Figures on workers involved and man-days idle cover all workers made idle for as long as one shift in establishments directly involved in a stoppage. They do not measure the indirect or secondary effect on other establishments or industries whose employees are made idle as a result of material or service shortages.

2 Preliminary estimates.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

#### WORK STOPPAGES-MAJOR ISSUES AND DURATION: 1968-1970

Issues data based on stoppages beginning in year; duration data on stoppages ending in year

	WORK STOPPAGES		WORKERS INVOLVED 1 (1,000)		MAN-DAYS IDLE DURING YEAR (1,000)				
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DURATION All stoppages	5,045	5, 690	5,664	2,657	2,362	3,072	53, 575	37,312	51,71
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<sup>:</sup> Workers counted more than once if involved in more than 1 stoppage during year.

Source: Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; June or July issues of Monthly Labor Review, and annual bulletin, Analysis of Work Stoppages.

#### SELECTED MAJOR EXPIRATIONS IN 1972 1

Month	Employer	Union (s)	Workers covered	
anuary	McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Douglas Aircraft Company and McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company, Eastern Division	Machinists	16,500	
	Philadelphia Apparel Producers Association	Ladies' Garment Workers	10,000	
	Sugar Companies Negotiating Committee (Hawaii)	Longshoremen and Warehousemen (Ind.)	10,000	
February	General Telephone Company of Cali- fornia	Communications Workers	15,700	
March	Food Employers Council and Independent Retail Operators (California)	Retail Clerks	40,000	
June	Allied Underwear Association, Inc.; Manufacturers Association of New York City; and Negligee Manufacturers Association of New York City, Inc. (3 Agreements)	Ladies' Garment Workers	36,000	
	Atlantic and Gulf Coast Dry Cargo Ves- sels, Companies and Agents; and Tanker Companies (2 Agreements)	National Maritime Union	13,000	
	League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes of New York	Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union	20,000	
	Pacific Maritime Association	Seafarers	13,700	
	Zenith Radio Corporation	Independent Radionic Workers (Ind.)	10,000	
July	Brown Shoe Company (2 Agreements)	United Shoe Workers; and Boot and Shoe Workers	11,05	
	Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company	Peninsula Shipbuilders Association(Ind.)	15.00	
August	- ID in-Composition Fort	Machinists	15,50	
September.	Company of	Insurance Workers	17,70	
October	Olin Corporation, Energy Systems Division (Charleston, Ind.)	Firemen & Oilers; and Chemical Workers	14,55	
November .	. Television Commercials Contract	Screen Actors Guild	22,00	
	Commercial Radio Broadcasting; Network Television Broadcasting; Television Recorded Commercials; Transcriptions (4 Agreements)			
	Master Contract, Laundry Industry (New York and New Jersey)	Clothing Workers	15,0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Unless designated as independent (Ind.), unions are affiliated with the AFL-CIO. Worker coverage data are estimates by the parties when forwarding the contract to the Bureau and

do not necessarily reflect current employment

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.