

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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UNEMPLOYMENT PROTEST
TO COMMON COUNCIL JAN
1975

Common Council

① Set it up in advance

② Use what entries you have

e.g. Julie Smith knows Paul Levin
F+J knows Clyde Cleveland.



③ Tactical Decision

Air time

Do you want a resolution that
will pass.

TA must cover more
bases to get it
to pass.

Congress documents

F+J does not have to go to
his study group.

Resist

WE WANT JOBS

Brothers and Sisters,

We know ~~have~~ ^{today} 2,000 people laid off ^{are going to be} at Dodge Truck. We knew this was coming, ^{workers} from every plant in the city are in the boat.

Well what is Chrysler doing? What is ^{our} ~~are~~ city doing? What is the government doing? Same as always - they give us words, words, words. Well you can't ^{cut} words with a knife and fork! We need jobs! We must be willing to fight for them.

Over the past months DTRUM has been a part of the campaign to fight unemployment and inflation.

This began with an area-wide petition drive which collected over 20,000 signatures demanding a decent, secure job at a decent wage for every

DTRUM collected over 700 here in the plant

^{able-bodied} man and woman. On Wednesday Dec. 19 these ^{signatures} were presented ~~by~~ to ~~our~~ Common Council ^{with} that the demand

that a public hearing be held on unemployment, and in particular on the full implementation of ~~the~~ CETA (Comp. Emp. Train. Act). This federal law ^{so far has provided money} ~~supposedly~~ will provide for a mere 700 jobs in a city with over 300,000 unemployed!

Common Council has agreed to hold this public hearing on Friday, January 17 at 2:00. It is necessary for every one of us to be

It is the petitions
that got us this hearing
and it will be our presence at
that gets us jobs. ^{the hearing}

to DEMAND that the ^{burden} ~~problem~~
we are being forced to ~~face~~ shoulder
is lifted. We need as many
men, women, employed and unemployed workers
~~workers~~ as possible at this
hearing to make our voices heard,
and ~~WFD~~ force "our" ^{elected officials} ~~representatives~~
take action now.

WE DEMAND JOBS

IN CARS

brothers and sisters this ^{nightmare} "will not
go away tomorrow. Let's face it —
some of us could be out in
the streets for years! And it's
sure isn't going to get any
easier for those of us still
in the plant.

COME TO THE PUBLIC
HEARING AT
THE CITY COUNTY
BUILDING
AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY

JAN. 17, 1975

2:00 P.M.

SUPPORTED BY DTRUM

JOB S JOB S JOB S

On Dec. 18, 80-100 unemployed workers went to the Common Council with thousands of signatures demanding decent jobs. Three demands were put forward: ① decent jobs for the unemployed ② money for these jobs to be taken from the military budget ③ a public hearing at common council on the unemployment situation. At the present time 700 jobs are available thru CETA ^{comprehensive emp. training act} funds and only 430 have been filled. But we need more than a measly 700 jobs.

We need jobs for all the unemployed!

We as hospital workers still have our jobs, yet many of our husbands, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, & friends are laid off or face the probability of being out of work in the near future. The economic situation is going to get worse, not better. We too may be waiting in the unemployment lines. We must actively support the demand for jobs.

As a result of the action on Dec. 18, a public hearing has been set for Jan. 17

@ the city County Bldg. We must show up in support of the unemployed.

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DEMAND JOBS FORM AN UNEMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Jan 17, City County Bldg, auditorium 2:00 PM

HRUM

~~Not just
just city
politicians.~~

~~It's the politicians
that got us here &
it was our presence
that will get
us jobs.~~

~~From~~

Service Unit
(Hospital)

a result of 20,000 signatures & petitions
Workers Action Coalition for Jobs

We demand to know what the
mayor & Common Council ^{are} ~~is~~ doing ~~us~~ to get
more jobs for those that are unemployed! *

There will be a Public Hearing on Jan. 17

at _____ time at the 13th floor of the
City County Bldg. *Way, if Detroit has one of
the highest levels of unemployment has it
Detroit gotten more money and why haven't

more unemployed industrial workers been
hired, as opposed to ^{providing} more administrative

positions. We demand that the Common
Council and Mayor ^{demand of Washington that} ~~provide~~ more jobs ~~be~~
provided at
the expense of the military budget.

Fight for jobs!

Support unemployment councils!

CETA; money; # of jobs (unemployment) call to action
Agit; Exp; call to action

There are 340,000 unemployed in

immediate detail of this number is growing ~~and the~~ ^{with no} Ford

end ~~is not~~ in sight. Whether they call it a
recession, crisis, or depression it all amounts
to the same thing. Are you ready to have
your car repossessed? Can you see your kids
go hungry? Are you ready to be put out of
your house with a HUD foreclosure? Are
you ready to go to war in order to provide
more jobs? That is what Ford, Rockefeller

and other capitalists and misleaders ~~stand with~~ ^{have in mind}
as a ploy to ~~the~~ this econ.
~~this middle class situation~~ crisis. They want to

have us believe it's the Arabs who are at
fault ^{with the oil embargo} ~~by telling us it's~~ ^{but} ~~we~~ we know we

are being laid off because they produced too
~~much~~ ^{many goods} ~~→~~ speed up; overtime — and then can't
sell them.

They want to make us carry their burden on our backs.

What we need is more jobs for those that are unemployed. The CETA act (Comprehensive Employment Training Act, Public Law # _____) is supposed to provide for public employment ~~where~~ ^{in areas that have} ~~at least~~ ^{4 1/2% or} more unemployment. So far Detroit has only received \$ _____ which has provided _____ jobs. 700 or 2000 jobs for 340,000 unemployed! That barely puts a dent in the unemployment level, if in addition most of these jobs are going to hire more police ~~to stop~~ ^{which will} be used to stop us in our efforts to keep our democratic rights.

GLS

Fight ~~for~~ Unemployment

During the past few weeks petitions have been circulating in the mill demanding something be done about the unemployment crisis in this country. We must demand that the local governments start to provide ~~good~~ decent jobs for all working people. The vehicle to do this is already established. CETA (Comp. Empl. & training program) provides that in areas of 6.5% unemployment, We must demand that our local governments take action to get federal money to provide these jobs. We must also demand that this money be taken out of the military budget and not from social welfare programs.

Here at GLS layoffs have not yet started in a big way. But ~~can does anyone~~ with over 150,000⁽¹⁾ people laid off so far in Detroit does anyone doubt that layoffs at GLS will be ~~far~~ far behind? ~~We must begin now to do~~ This is a general economic crisis. We must begin now to take action to see to it that our basic right to a decent job is safeguarded. The formation of unemployed councils ~~is~~ something which we can all help to build to protect ourselves ~~against repossessions, joblessness~~ to see to it that we ~~still~~ can still eat, we still have a home, our property is not repossessed. This petition

This petition is ~~to~~ start a first

step we can take to depend ourselves.
on Jan, 17th ^{3:00} there will be a hearing
at Detroit Common Council around CETA
and a demand for by workers that the
Comm Council get this money from Washington
to provide jobs. More petitions will be
presented at that time to the Council.
When you see someone in your department
with the petition, sign it. Come to the
Comm. Council meeting & support the fight
for decent jobs.

Fight for jobs
Sign the Petition

Criticisms

- ① Leaflet cumbersome - may be need for 2 leaflets → breaking
it down (Petition Drive for 1, + Open Hearing in 2nd)
- ② Need to point out forcefully that open hearing in Jan.
was forced on Com. Council by the petition drive → taking
down ^{over} 20,000 petitions to Com. Council meeting by coalition
of workers.

Fight FOR JOBS ~~OPEN HEARING at Detroit Common Council~~

Too many bills, rising prices, too few jobs - and what is being done about it? Government officials, "representatives of the people", have made little if any effort to solve these ever increasing problems ~~but~~ ^{and so}, it is time for our voices to be heard.

On December 18, 1974 over 20,000 signatures were presented to the Detroit Common Council ^{by Working Action Coalition and others} in response to this outrageous situation. At that time demands were made for our rights to be recognized & our questions to be answered.

emphasis

As a result, an open hearing has been scheduled ^{so ~~the~~ ~~issue~~ ~~is~~ ~~being~~ ~~addressed~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~City~~ ~~of~~ ~~Detroit~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~State~~ ~~of~~ ~~Michigan~~} ~~for~~ ^{The DETA Program, which was passed a year ago} January 17, 1974 at ~~Detroit~~ ^{Detroit} Common Council Bldg. ↓ to force the Common Council

to provide us with jobs & to fight inflation. Come to the Open Hearing & defend your rights!
Demand Jobs!

Fight inflation!
Call for action!