

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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UNEMPLOYMENT FLYERS

FLASH!!!

AS THE FREE PRESS ARTICLE STATES, WORKING PEOPLE IN THIS CITY ARE DEMANDING ACTION ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION. REPRESENTATIVES OF CRAF TOOK THE PETITIONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH HAVE SO FAR BEEN COLLECTED AT CADILLAC TO THE COMMON COUNCIL YESTERDAY AND THE PETITIONS WERE TURNED IN TO THE COUNCIL ALONG WITH PETITIONS FROM OTHER PLANTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS. THREE DEMANDS WERE RAISED AT THE COUNCIL: 1. JOBS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED 2. MONEY FOR JOBS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE MILITARY BUDGET 3. PUBLIC HEARING AT COMMON COUNCIL ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO A PUBLIC HEARING

JANUARY 17 AT 2PM, 13th FLOOR OF THE CITY COUNTY BUILDING. LET'S BE AT THIS HEARING WITH A GOOD REPRESENTATION FROM OUR LOCAL. LET'S TAKE EVEN MORE SIGNATURES ON THE PETITIONS TO THE JANUARY 17th HEARING.

FIGHT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED!!!
FIGHT FOR UNITY!!!
FIGHT FOR PEACE!!!

CRAF

12-19-74 80 Protest Scarcity Of Public Jobs Here

BY ELLEN CRZEACH
Free Press Staff Writer

About 80 unemployed workers jammed the Detroit City Council chambers Wednesday to criticize what they said was inadequate federal funding of public service jobs and to demand local action to fight unemployment.

Members of the group, called the Workers' Action Coalition for Jobs, presented council members with a stack of petitions containing thousands of names and asked for a public hearing on unemployment and on an \$8.7 million federal program which created over 700 jobs in Detroit.

"These jobs just aren't enough," said Aaron Pitts, a spokesman for the group. "I don't know why Mayor Young and the council don't ask for more we desperately need them."

IN EARLY October, the federal government gave Detroit funds to create public service jobs for people out of work or underemployed.

Pitts said the workers' group feels there are too few public service jobs to make a significant impact on Detroit's massive unemployment.

"We protest the increased government handouts to banks and corporations, while we are made to bear the crisis on our backs through unemployment and inflation," the petitions read. "Despite the fact that there is such widespread unemployment and rising inflation, the government has failed to promise a skimpy 80 jobs under the new Public Works Act."

In referring to the handouts to banks and corporations, the workers' group had in mind such things as increased defense spending.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT rate for the Detroit area through Nov. 15 was 13 percent, but city officials expect layoffs in auto plants to drive the figure up to 17 percent for December.

Ralph Rosenfeld, director of the Mayor's Office of Manpower said, "We agree there should be more jobs. The problem is at the federal level. Money needs to be spent on these programs."

Rosenfeld said the government should give aid to economic disaster areas like Detroit in the same way it helps in natural disasters.

Council members protested that they just approved the money and had no control over the number of jobs, but they set a public hearing for mid-January.

"They haven't told us anything so far," said Pitts, an unemployed worker from Chrysler. "We'll just wait for this and see."

ABOLITION OF EVERY POSSIBILITY OF OPPRESSION & EXPLOITATION That is our slogan!"

(A continuation of the International Afrikan Womens Conference) Held July 5-7, 1974



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Voice of Concerned Workers at GLS

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*Jemison's a Company Man
Lay-offs coming as fast as they can
Let's get together with a plan
And elect a Worker's union man!*

Al Jemison, 2nd Vice-President of the union's Grievance Committee just got bought off by the company. Whose interests has this man been representing as he worked on the Consent Decree for the last six months? We've sure been paying his salary. Now, all of a sudden, he represents the company?

When Chambers and our Democratic slate delegates attended the International Convention, September, 1975, they certainly didn't represent our interests. How many of us would have voted not to speak out against International President Abel giving away our right to strike, against the consent decree and its restrictions on job bidding and transfers for new employees and inadequate back pay, and against the dues increase. Local 1299 delegates didn't once speak to these issues. Only Chambers spoke "for" 1299 and that wasn't from the floor, but from the stage, where he sat with some of Abel's staff men and others among the "chosen few". And what did he support — the 25% and more salary increases for the International officers. Abel's salary jumped from \$60,000 to \$75,000, the salaries of the Vice-President and Secretary from \$42,000 to \$55,000, and those of district directors, from \$25,000 to \$35,000. (Their generous expense accounts weren't even mentioned.)

Although Chambers insisted that the salary increase didn't necessarily mean a dues increase, the dues increase, too, slid through the well-oiled Abel machine. (As we know every other time we get our pay checks.)

As we consider who to vote for in this upcoming election, let's look carefully at what the grievanceman we choose is going to represent. Abel said he gave up our right to strike until 1980 so the company wouldn't stockpile before contracts, and then lay us off, if we didn't strike. Well, we're now moving into the second lay-off this contract year, so what did we get from ENA other than a \$150 bribe that won't even pay one month's rent? The right to strike is what got us the good things in our contract and now that right is gone. We must start now electing union officials that will fight with us to regain our right to strike, to vote on contracts, to really end discrimination (not like the Consent Decree), to work a 40 hour week - no forced overtime (especially when others are layed-off), and to really enforce health and safety standards. Let's elect officials who bother to seek out what the workers think and want and are willing to put their own positions out on the table for workers to see. Only by active participation in the union and the forging of real unity will our interests, rather than those of the company, be served.

CAMBODIA

The answer to unemployment and inflation is not death and destruction. We are sick and tired of US military adventures in Indo-China and the Mid-East. The latest moves on the part of both Democrats and Republicans to whip up justification for more arms and troops in Cambodia is a cheap and cruel trick. Poor and working people in the U.S. gain nothing by our government supporting dictators in other countries. In fact the current inflation was brought about by the government issuing paper money to cover the debts from Vietnam. No country can be free if it oppresses another.

NO MORE ARMS IN VIETNAM, CAMBODIA OR LAOS! NO MORE WAR!

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LA VOZ DE OBREROS INTERESADOS DE GLS

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MARZO 25

¡ELECCIONES ! ELECCIONES ! ELECCIONES !

En considerar por quien vamos a votar en esta elección que viene, tenemos que ver cuidadosamente que es lo que va a representar el "grievanceman" que vamos a elegir. Abel dijo que iba a regalar nuestro derecho de salir en huelga hasta 1980 para que la compañía no pudiera almacenar el acero antes de los contratos, y luego despedirnos, si no salieramos en huelga. Ahora ya vamos hacia otra despedida por la segunda vez en este contrato, y que sacamos del ENA, nada más que un cohecho de \$150 que no paga ni un mes de renta. El derecho de salir en huelga nos dió las cosas buenas en nuestro contrato y ahora ya ni tenemos ese derecho. Tenemos que empezar a elegir oficiales de la unión que van a pelear con nosotros para reganar nuestro derecho de salir en huelga, para votar en contratos, para verdaderamente terminar la discriminación (no como el decreto de consentimiento), para trabajar solamente 40 horas por semana - nada de horas suplementarias forzadas (especialmente cuando otros están despedidos), y para enforzar las medidas de salud y seguridad. Vamos a elegir oficiales que toman el tiempo para buscar que es lo que piensan y quieren los trabajadores y que pongan sus posiciones afuera para que todos lo vieran. Solamente con nuestra participación activa y la formación de una unidad verdadera van a ser nuestros intereses realizados y no los intereses de la compañía.

CAMBOYA

La respuesta al desempleo y la inflacion no es la muerte y la destruccion. Estamos hartos de las aventuras militares de los EE.UU. en Indochina o el Medio Oriente. Las ultimas acciones de los Demócratas y Republicanos, ambos para justificar mas armas y tropas en Camboya es puro truco, un truco peligroso. El pueblo obrero y pobre de los EE.UU. no ganan nada cuando nuestro gobierno apoya los dictadores en otros paises. El hecho es que la inflacion actual se lleve a cabo al brotar el gobierno dinero de papel para eubrir las deudas de Vietnam. Ninguir pais es libre mientras oprima a otro.

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