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Hot From (at STONE) in the Summertime!

Conversation overheard in the shop about this coming summer!

Louie: Summers coming and that means MORE MONEY because of the overtime. I CAN'T WAIT!

JOE: Yah -more overtime because Stone wont' hire anybody to do all the work that we will have to do. We'll be working our butt's off in this crummy place this summer, while our kids will be wanting to go to the beach, while we go to work.

Louis: But overtime means MORE MONEY, besides, you getting paid so much from Stone you don't need the money?

JOE: Not only do I need the money, you know as well as I that Stone would put you and me out on the streets in a minute if we refuse the overtime. Heck, if I dont work overtime, I won't be able to live in the winter with what these people pay. Anyway, theres so many people unemployed, that Stone could get people to replace us, and work the overtime!

Louis; I feel for those people without a job. You can't keep up with prices and bills with a full time job at Stone. I don't see how people keep up!

JOE: They DON'T. Everyone is falling farther behind, EVERYDAY, and Stone plus ALL the other companies use it to scare us about our jobs. If workers could only see that WE are the ones that produce everything, Its us who make all the money for the owners of Stone and Co.

Louis; Well, I'll work the overtime only because its my job thats on the line, but, I'm going to ask the other people on my shift "Why doesn't Stone hire all those unemployed people instead of working us (forced) overtime?"

JOE: And I'm going to ask why dont Stone pay us wages that are good enough that we can spend time with our families this summer, instead of making more money for Stone.

CATCH THE NEXT ISSUE FOR MORE FROM -Joe & Lou--The hot box twins.

WHAT IS PRODUCTIVITY?

How does productivity get increased?

1. Three Jobs Get Turned Into One Job. One worker must now do the same amount of work previously done by three workers.
2. Lengthening The Work Day or Week. One worker works 70 hours a week. 70 hours is cheaper for the capitalist than paying two workers (wages & benefits) for 35 hours of work each.
3. Speed-ups. All workers know what speed-ups are. The lines move faster and every second is accounted for. With speed-ups the health of every worker is endangered and their safety.
4. Tighter Internal Factory Organization. DISCIPLINE - workers are bullied into working faster - otherwise they will face disciplinary write-ups.
5. Product-Mix Agreements Are Violated. In the auto industry there are easy and hard ears. In a contract agreement, the line is mixed with a certain percentage of easy cars per hour and a certain percentage of hard cars per hour. This product mix determines the speed of the line. This is one of the ways the capitalist insures speed-ups without tampering with the machinery, that is to schedule more hard cars on the line than what was agreed on.

Under capitalism productivity is always increased in the interest of the capita-

lists. But there is a way to increase productivity in the interests of the workers. That is by improving the machinery and making it safer for workers. But under capitalism only technical improvements that increase profits are implemented.

Only under socialism, where the working class owns the means of production will technical improvements be used in the interest of the working class. Only under socialism will the increase in productivity be used to improve the working conditions and living conditions for the working class

KEEP BESSIE LOU CORNETT IN HARLAN!

Bessie Lou Cornett has been a long time fighter for a decent life for all working people. Born and raised in Harlan, Kentucky, Bessie's always fought and worked for better living & working conditions in the coal mines of Kentucky, in the neighborhoods for better housing and decent education and in the struggle for equality of Negroes. The recent mine disaster, in which over 20 miners were killed, is only one example of the fight for safer working conditions that the coalminers are waging.

The 1970's has placed Harlan, Kentucky

Bessie cont.

on the map as a center for the terrorism of the Klu Klux Klan. The KKK wants Bessie dead because of her work to help form unions and stop the terrorism of the KKK.

This is where all of us come into the picture. We can not allow Bessie to become another victim of the KKK. If we allow them to kill Bessie who will be next?! We must stand together for the defense of Bessie Lou and all other progressive people.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Right now - write letters, send telegrams, pass resolutions in your trade unions, PTA's, Block clubs, social clubs in support of Bessie - demand protection, demand that the Klan be stopped.

Send letters and resolutions to:

Gov. Julian Carroll
Governors Mansion
Grankfort, Kentucky 40601

Sheriff Billy G. Williams
Harlan County Courthouse
Harlan, Kentucky 40831

Representative
Tim Lee Carter
88th District
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

KEEP BESSIE LOU IN HARLAN! STOP THE KLAN!

MAY DAY CELEBRATION

In 1886 workers fought for the right to an 8 hour work day and won that battle. We celebrate that day as May Day (May 1st). We are still fighting that battle because of FORCED overtime (if you refuse to work overtime you get fired). 1976 is a year of major contract negotiations and one of the main issues must be "no compulsory overtime." On this May 1st employed and unemployed workers will celebrate May Day at Belle Isle starting at 12 Noon at the Band Shell. Come out and join the celebration of this important worker's holiday!

CLP - A Party Of The Working Class

The Communist Labor Party of the United States of North America was founded over the Labor Day weekend in 1974. Its membership is multi-national and consists of active leaders in the struggle of the working class dating back to the 1920's.

The C.L.P. is not like the Democratic or Republican parties that promise us all sorts of things, but continue to represent only the rich. Poor working people continue to suffer whether the Democrats or Republicans are in office.

The C.L.P. fights for the interest of the working class in the factories, mines and mills, in neighborhoods, schools and unions. We see an immediate need to organize for jobs, against war and to stop the growing fascist influence in this country. The fight against fascism brings us one step closer in our fight for socialism. Our Party's platform is based on the following demands:

1. A job for every worker at the expense of the Military Budget. End Compulsory overtime; strict adherence to a 35-hour Work Week. No speed-up. Guaranteed safe and healthy working conditions.
2. and all USNA Military Intervention.

3. Outlaw the KKK, Nazi Party and All Fascist Gangs.
4. Support the right to bear arms; fight against the spread of crim, pornography and dope in our communities.
5. Demand the right to organize into unions and to strike. Repeal all anti-labor legislation. End all price hikes and other attacks on the living standard of working people.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS, ARTICLES, OR SUGGESTIONS! Or for more information about the CLP please write to:

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