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## SELL OUT CONTINUED

The quality is bad and we mean bad, because Chrysler along with GM and Ford care more for quantity than quality. Meaning the faster and the more cars that they get out of the workers, the more profit they make; so speed-up is the main factor in the loss of quality. For absenteeism it stands to reason that workers who are absent most are workers who do the hard, the heavy, the fast and the worse jobs in the plant. They don't come to work because they dislike their jobs and the harrassment and all the rest which goes along with being exploited workers on the line. While we know 4 days may appeal to some it is not a good benefit. The company comes out far better than the workers. If Chrysler and U.A.W. Woodcock and Fraser were really going to help us, we would get the \$1.25 we asked for and not \$.51. Something would be done about racism, speed-up, 30 hour work for 40 hour pay, instead of 10 hrs. a day, 4 days a week. Something would be done about harrassment, penalties, firing, hiring, advancements and the countless other demands which aren't being met. The national U.A.W. contract has proven to be national U.A.W. sell-out time. If not already, local agreements will have quick ratification along with the national agreements unless Chrysler doesn't need the cars. This could mean a strike may be the answer to slow down production.

To point out what we mean, Local 3 has not as of yet settled the local agreement. About 1/2 of the little things the Local 3 bargaining team has asked for has been settled. This could mean we face a strike or Liska and the negotiating team may be forced to give up many things of some kind of value in order to vote on the ratification of the national agreement. Having known how Chrysler workers have been laid-off and financially hurt from paying strike fund fines, dues and knowing how you feel about the \$300. or more Chrysler workers will receive after the ratification vote, there is little doubt that workers will again be forced into another 3 year lemon contract.

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**BLACK REVOLUTIONARY  
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# DRUM

DODGE REVOLUTIONARY UNION MOVEMENT

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## HELP YOURSELF

DRUM is now sounding the beat of I.B.A. The International Black Appeal is a charitable funding apparatus which will address itself to the problems of Black and poor workers. With conditions getting worse by the day — unemployment is on the rise, poor wages, terrible housing, drugs, non-existent skilled trades for Black workers and few recreational facilities — there is clearly a need to remove these wretched conditions of Black workers. While some attempts have been made by various social services, one of these have addressed themselves to the concrete problems of Black workers.

As of now the main thrust of the I.B.A. has been in the development of a strike and defense fund for Black workers who face the many hazards involved in the daily organizing of Black workers — one of these being fired from the job. I.B.A. will address itself to your needs since the union and other sources have failed. Some of the things to which we shall address ourselves are:

1. Setting up a strike & defense fund to deal with assisting Black workers in organizing against the inhumane and racist conditions in the plant.
2. Assisting those workers given time-off for organizing activity. We find that those workers who are organizing for improved conditions are many times the target of attacks by management.
3. Attempting to somehow aid those Black workers on sick leave who are unable to get funds.
4. Assisting the families of those Black workers organizing in the plant effected by lay-offs.
5. Helping those Black workers organizing in the plants who are off work pending hearings on their grievance cases.

## I.B.A. CONTINUED

I.B.A. will become a self-sustaining, self-help organization for you — the Black worker. Of course, this is unlike the United Foundation which is run by white racists who are unconcerned about the welfare of Black workers. The International Black Appeal will also set up emergency food and health centers, legal defense services, housing and recreational facilities. I.B.A. will help us support our own community. We are calling for the support of all Black workers at Dodge Main as well as other plants in and around Detroit to make I.B.A. a success.

Talk to the brothers and sisters in DRUM and find out what you can do to really help yourself. Call or go by the I.B.A. office at 12019 Linwood or call 866-1266. Attend the I.B.A. meetings on Sundays at 12:00 noon at the same office.

### HELP YOURSELF — SUPPORT I.B.A.

## LISKA

Dear Ed Liska:

I am sick and tired of you expressing your sick racist ideas in *Dodge Main News*. I think it's about time you started to practice what you preach. Once a writer for the paper, I well remember why articles were censored. What I would like to know is: How long will we continue to let you go on spreading hate, lies — campaigning, making, and smearing distasteful remarks about members of our Local. Do you remember writing months ago how the Local union paper is published to help promote the union and to inform members of union activities. You went into something about misleading people, causing trouble and also encouraged writers to help build a good union. What about you? I can also remember when Jodi L. (Reb.) Wade was editor of the paper; writers including yourself, weren't able to throw criticism, use distasteful names, or use the name DRUM in the *Dodge News* which you have done lately. Perhaps that is the reason Jodi no longer is the editor

I could point out something in about every paper written including the special papers (which I might add comes out of the so-called local union funds and which you say must be above reproach in all aspects) you used to campaign at election time to give your racist opinions about DRUM. You go on to say in your article of Jan. 9, 1971 that corruption and illegal acts dealing with union funds are a Federal Law Violation under the Landrum Griffith Act. You also state that the so-called smear sheet makes flagrant shotgun charges against people about local finances. I don't know who you're trying to impress, but it's pretty common knowledge to most people that local 3's funds are being ripped. You say it's interesting to note that the name or names making those flagrant statements are missing. Well, so is the name of the group you are referring to. Why didn't you say it was DRUM? You have used the name before. Could it be that you are the one who lacks courage? We of DRUM know you do, or perhaps you want a chance to bring about that law suit you told me about when I told you to your face I wrote one article you didn't like. Well, Liska, DRUM has had a policy not to disclose the names of writers of articles for many good reasons, but it damn sure ain't the lack of courage.

You wrote that the Xmas party was a fine Xmas party for Local 3 members and their children. You want people to believe as you tell it that the one blot on the whole party pertained to children and parents going through the lines 9 times. How ridiculous!

Even your side kick, head-scratching Andy Hardy, wrote a different view in the same paper by saying there weren't enough toys for those children who showed up — which is true. You know you didn't get enough but you don't want to own up to it. Well, don't blame the members and their children for your mistake. Not only that, you go on to congratulate the parents who understood. The truth is that they did not understand and I know the children didn't. At least you should say you are sorry. You also forgot to say you went over the membership's head by having the party anyway and that is why it failed. You forgot to say also that you were against the Xmas party in '69 when the members of Local 3 demanded one, but you took it out of their hands like so many other things and thought it was a good political move this year. You said we

You said we would be fully informed on all agreements and progress on national negotiations but why haven't you spoken of the progress of our local settlements? Why aren't you telling of all grievances you throw out; why haven't you said anything about what you're doing behind the doors in Negotiations at Dodge Main? Why don't you inform the workers that you have had about 10 months to negotiate for a local agreement, but you haven't gotten 1/2 the work done yet, and less known, the little you're asking for and what you're giving up. I could go on and on about you, Liska, but before you go criticizing anyone why don't you clean up your own house. As to signing names to this, I'll stick to DRUM policies, but I'll personally deliver this letter to you.

Signed —the drummer—

**LONG LIVE DRUM**

### JOIN DRUM FIGHT THE SELL-OUT

The negotiating team of Chrysler and the U.A.W. put their heads together for over a week, closing out everyone including the news media. In all the time they have had, they couldn't get things settled until about an hour before the strike deadline at 10:00, Tuesday, Jan. 19. They then informed the workers that a settlement had been reached. By this time most workers had decided to walk out. We are sure Chrysler and the U.A.W. negotiating team could have let the workers know there wouldn't be a strike long before the deadline. Chrysler Corp. saved well over 2 million dollars because most workers were not informed that there would be no strike. So many of the workers, many of them being glad to go home early, walked off the job. Both lines were stopped and most of the workers who didn't leave were sent home anyway.

Even the people who were informed were not sure whether to walk out or not, because the union officials told workers that part of the strike was settled and that the salaried workers' contract was still not settled. At the time of this writing, it's still not settled. Black workers are not to be fooled over such tricks or be lead to believe that the new 4 day a week, 10 hour a day work week is going to help workers any more than anything else in the contract will help us. It seems pretty funny that the union which fought so hard in the early days to get an 8 hour work day would suggest more hours on workers in view of the Chrysler trouble with absenteeism and quality when they know damn well the reason people don't come to work and why quality is so bad.