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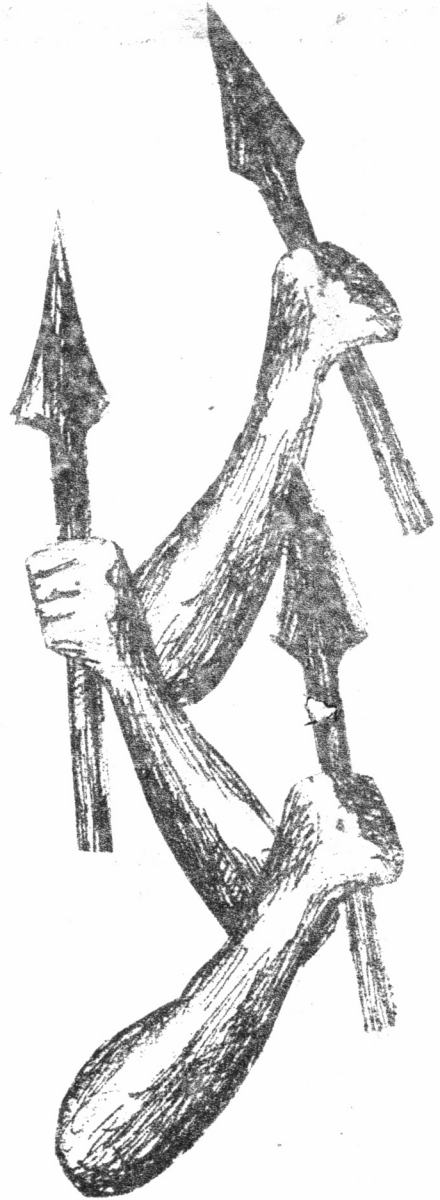


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VOICE OF THE LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS.

# SPEAR

DARE TO FIGHT!

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VOLUME 1 NUMBER 1

## NOW IS THE TIME!!!

DRUM, FRUM, and ELRUM are organizations of and for the super-exploited; over-worked; last-hired, first-fired; sick-and-tired Black workers of Detroit. These organizations are dedicated to the development of unified disciplined, and effective action by Blacks acting in their own interests. We believe that this can best be accomplished through a LEAGUE of REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS.

The movement to establish the LEAGUE of REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS has begun, each copy of SPEAR placed into the hands of a Black worker is an extension of that movement. Those Brothers and Sisters who are interested in a truly militant organization that is dedicated to the cause of Black labor and Black liberation should contact the LEAGUE of REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS now.

Concerned Black workers can and must begin to read and discuss the issues presented in our publication, SPEAR, in order to find out more about the real condition of Black labor in the plants and factories in Detroit, and what we, as Black workers, must do to change our condition. Pass the word until the idea of the LEAGUE of REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS has spread throughout your plant. See to it that a copy of SPEAR is placed in the hands of every Black worker in your department and plant. Establish contact with Brothers and Sisters on other shifts and at other plants.

Our movement has begun and it will not be stopped. VICTORY IS INEVITABLE! With these thoughts in mind, let's get it on, help organize the LEAGUE of REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS.

You can help it to grow strong by the following actions:

1. Keep in contact with the members of your unit.
2. Establish a unit of the LEAGUE of REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS at your place of employment, if none exists.
3. Turn in all news to the reporter in your unit.
4. Contribute articles and literature for publication and help build a Black Workers Library
5. Read the literature issued by our movement and other revolutionary publications.
6. Attend our political education classes.
7. Be alert to conditions in the plants and in the community.

JOIN THE LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS NOW!!!

WE WILL WIN!!!

## Organize!!!

Every working day, Black Brothers are confronted with dozens of examples of the honky's intention to extract every possible bit of vitality, youth and energy from our bodies. And every working day we are confronted with examples of the unwillingness of the weak-kneed racist honky-dominated unions to protect us.

We see that white so-called workers are given preferential treatment in regards to hiring, job-placement, promotion, development of security, etc. Still Black Brothers, catching hell

from both the company and the union, are expected to pay their monthly dues to support a worthless, spineless, racist union bureaucracy that is working hand in-hand with the company.

Many of our Brothers have been sucked in by the "Black and white, unite and fight" rhetoric but most of us—and all the thinking Brothers—know that neither the company, the unions nor the so-called white workers give a damn about the Black worker, and that each is concerned only with their own selfish interests.

The company wants to extract bigger profits out of the backs of Black workers through speed-up and automation (niggeration); the union bureaucrats want a stable company-union relationship so that the company will continue to support their position of privilege; and the so-called white workers want to maintain their position of petty privilege which was acquired by virtue of their being born with 'white' skins.

As for the union bureaucrats, just so long as they are permitted to maintain their position of privilege and at the same time continue to be paid--- AND PAID WELL---for doing nothing, then nothing is exactly what they will do. Black workers are abused by management on a day-to-day, hour-by-hour basis and the unions are either unwilling or unable (and perhaps both) to correct this condition.

A classic example of union-company collusion, and the failure of the union to act in the interests of Black workers was

illustrated in an incident where on Brother, a Chrysler worker, went on sick-leave and upon returning to his job was approached by his shop-steward. The steward said that the foreman had asked him to talk to the Brother about laying off so much. This was ridiculous, especially so, because the Brother had presented a legitimate medical excuse to the company. What actually happened in this case was that the union bureaucrat (shop-steward) acted as a representative of the company by bringing a

Furhter, most of the younger Brothers don't even know who their shop-steward is, or what he is 'supposed' to do--not that it makes any great difference, because anytime we have a problem there's no one to tell but the Brother or Sister next to us and he, or she, already has the same problem. Strangely enough, it often does more good to tell the foreman that he's piling too much work on you than to tell the union 'rep'. At least the foreman just might bring you a new pair of gloves or something.

Until now, we as a body did not feel that we had the means to bring the racist-inspired abuse of Black workers to a screeching halt, but this was mainly because we underestimated the real strenght and of Black workers, and our failure to understand our strategic position in relation to industry. The reality of the situation is that the industrial might of Chrysler, Ford, G.M., and the rest of U.S. industry is dependent upon the back-breaking labor of exploited

ating away their youth and working under the inhuman conditions of honky-owned industries in the U.S. and elsewhere.

We are now, and always have been, in a powerful position in this country and the reason that this is true is that although we perform the most objectionable jobs in industry, thses jobs that are unacceptable to the so-called working-class white are also the most essential jobs in the honky's system.

The only thing that prevented us, in the past, from exercising our power for the benefit of our Black Brothers and Sisters was the lack of organization. This is why the company and the unions have kept us hung-up in this 'Black and white, unite and fight' nonsense. Historically, whenever Blacks and whites have united for whatever the reason the whites have dominated and used the organization for the benefit of whites and the subjugation of Blacks.

Recognizing the need for independent Black labor organizations controlled by and for the benefit of Black workers, we have taken the initial step in this direction. We intend to utilize to the fullest our, until now, latent strength and power with apologies to none. We do not fear being labeled "reverse racists", in fact, the term is a welcome alternative to some of the labels that have been assigned to us during more than five centuries of exploitation and oppression in this barbaric land.

WE WILL WIN!!!

# The Spirit of Rushie Forge

Let it be understood that the indomitable spirit of Rushie Forge lives on in DRUM and in the heroic Black workers' struggle.

Rushie Forge is a man who like many of us has suffered all his life from abuse heaped upon him and his people (Black people) by this murderous system. Rushie Forge has finally reached the point where he can stand no more, and in a blind rage of fury he lashed out at his tormentors of the miserable, wretched Tom that the enemy (White man) put up to do what he himself (whitey) was afraid to do, i.e., confront Rushie Forge.

This is what happened: For a long time now Rushie Forge as dominated the floor whenever the beast placed him on the line. All over the work area workers were fired up to take no more shit from whitey or his Toms. In the last three months Rush had been moved to five or six different jobs and all the way from the first floor to the seventh. Everywhere the revolt was the same with Rushie; firing up the workers until the company realized that they had to get rid of him.

Everybody knows that there is not a White man in the whole Chrysler system bold or crazy enough to confront Rushie. So, what they did is this, they found an old Tom who weighed in excess of 230 lbs. and who had spent 20 years in the Army to do their dirty work. This Tom's name is William Young.

On the morning that Rush reached the end of his tolerance he came into work as usual and found his card missing from the card rack. He was told to go to Labor Relations. In Labor Relations the brother was met by William Young and told that he was being suspended for five days. Rush knew that this meant that they planned to send him a telegram discharging him once they got him out of the plant.

So he asked Young what was the reason for this suspension and Young replied, "I

have been advised by the Company not to say anything." This was alright so Rush told Young that he wanted to return to his work area and get his lunch and coat. Young replied, "No, you just shut-up and get out of the plant." Whereupon all the years of abuse come back to Rush at this moment.

He lashed out in a torrent of hatred that had been stored up in all his years in Birmingham, New York and Detroit. Despite the fact that one of our brothers was holding him, Rush managed to slap William Young back 30 feet into a stock skid where he cut his hand. Young was also stabbed twice (not seriously) with a chisel even though brother Chuck Wooten was holding Rush and pleading with him to spare Young his miserable life.

All this happened while Young's White masters were standing around watching and when

Young finally escaped Rush started looking for whitey. Needless to say the wretched, cowardly devils of management took to flight and one of them even jumped in a car on the line to escape the enraged brother. This was a very comical sight; a car moving along the line with a terrorized, running dog whitey trying to escape.

The aspect to this is that Rush has a wife and two beautiful children whom he has been forced to abandon for the moment. We will see to their security and all those who want to help may send donations to: Rushie Forge, 9049 Oakland Ave., Detroit, 48211 or contact: Mike Hamlin, TR 3-2550.

The important thing though is to remember the spirit of Rushie Forge and let that indomitable spirit live on in all Black people and all those who would destroy this monstrous beast that oppresses and exploits us all.

**LONG LIVE RUSHIE FORGE!**

**LONG LIVE HIS GLORIOUS SPIRIT!**

**WE WILL WIN!**

# SPEAR

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VOLUME 1 NUMBER 2

## CALLING BLACK WORKERS

Black Brothers and Sisters, let it be understood that a vicious affront has been launched upon Black people by Chrysler Corporation and the so-called U.A.W. Twenty-five Black workers have been fired by Chrysler Corporation for "misconduct", understand that now "misconduct"! The same twenty-five Black workers have been accused of conspiring to hinder the ingress and egress of Black workers into the Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle Plant.

The leaders of E.L.R.U.M. (Eldon Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement) have been accused of harassing white racist foremen, general foremen, and superintendents. They have been accused of starting fires on the plant property and of causing the plant manager of Eldon to suffer from a nervous condition. Chrysler Corporation with the advice and consent of the U.A.W. contends that all of the aforementioned events have occurred since the appearance of E.L.R.U.M. and because of this Chry-

sler Corporation has discharged twenty-five Black workers.

On Tuesday November 5, 1968 a single page leaflet was printed and distributed at the Eldon Plant calling on Black workers to unite to fight against racism. On Sunday November 10, 1968, Black workers at Eldon met and formed the Eldon Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement, Why? Black workers at Eldon have been catching pure hell from the white racist Chrysler Corporation every since the plant has been in existence.

Black workers have been attacked by the racist plant protection guards at the plant. Black workers have been framed up and discharged, intimidated and unjustly represented.

These are the conditions that led to the creation and development of E.L.R.U.M. -- These conditions existed long before E.L.R.U.M. These conditions were so entrenched that Black workers were forced to exist with their backs pressed up against the walls. These conditions existed

while the U.A.W. looked on in glee completely pacified by the meager handouts made to it by the Corporation. It goes without saying that Black workers as a body have not been able to come to court and to present its case with the ease that the Corporation has and even when they have, even the courts have denied them. The contest on a court level between Chrysler Corporation and Black workers does not even begin to be a quest for justice but merely the giant Corporation once again using its' might in a court of so-called law to crush the legitimate demands, aspirations and grievances of Black workers.

Chrysler has taken us before the courts in an attempt to make us the oppressed and exploited Black workers appear the villain. Therefore, we in all sincerity ask you, the Black Community and Black workers everywhere who suffer from a similar plight, who are the culprits doing the harassing? Who is oppressing and causing inhuman and undue inflictions? Who are the profitters and who are the savage, and the unjust? Is it the Black toiling masses or is it the barbaric Chrysler Corporation? We further contend that Black workers at Eldon have been consistently conspired against by the Corporation and the so-called U.A.W.

On Wednesday January 22, 1969, Black workers at Eldon staged a mass protest at their local union hall, Local 961 of the U.A.W., At this rally a list of grievances were levied on the Union

President, Rickard. His reply to the Black workers was that all grievances must be submitted to the so-called grievance procedure and that other than that he could do nothing an out and out lie--he was completely non-responsive. Many Black workers took the rest of the afternoon off. Chrysler Corp. had braced itself for strike action as far back as the 21 of Jan. 1969. All gates to the plant which normally stayed opened were now closed with electrical openings devices. Special camera equipment had been installed all over the plant with telephoto lenses. New lighting systems were installed at every gate. And the Detroit Police Department was put on 24-hour patrol of the immediate area of the plant with special units on stand-by alert including the notorious Tactical Mobile Unit.

We contend that this is indeed a conspiracy, a conspiracy to greet the just and legitimate demands of Black workers with brute force and barbed wire. And further we contend that these acts were done in active concert with the U.A.W. to deny Black workers due process of legitimate grievances. It was obvious that such a provocative act on the part of Chrysler and the U.A.W. could only heighten the vengeance of Black workers. with the gleeful consent of the U.A.W., they have also been served with injunctions and attempts have been made to bring "contempt of court" citations against them.

It is because of these facts



that we issue this urgent call to Black workers everywhere to help us in our just struggle against these barbaric actions by Chrysler Corporation. Twenty-five Black men and women have been discharged for carrying out their just grievances and all of this has been sanctioned by the U.A.W. In the name of the LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS, which consists of member groups D.R.U.M., F.R.U.M., AND E.L.-R.U.M., we appeal to you for your dauntless support. Chrysler Corporation and the so-called U.A.W. are both guilty of double-faced, back-stabbing and must be exposed as such to the entire Black Community and wherever Black people are.

On the one hand, Chrysler floods the Black Community with finished Chrysler products for sale to Black workers, and on the other hand, they harass, oppress, and wantonly discharge Black workers in their plants. At the same time the so-called U.A.W. stands up with Walter Reuther in the forefront as some kind of champion of equal rights and on the other hand bleeds Black workers for Union dues every month and becomes the vocal, partner of Chrysler Corporation in its brutal attacks upon the Black, super-exploited, toiling, masses.

The U.A.W further sends its agents and tools throughout the Black Community attempting to take over every Community-based Black group. It must be clearly stated that the U.A.W? means the Black Community nothing but harm and should be opposed wherever

it shows its head, be it at the Trade Union Leadership Council, the Solidarity House, the 1st Congressional District, or the Jefferies Home Community Group.

We are calling and appealing for Black workers everywhere to join with us in our just fight.

WE MUST UNITE OR PERISH. We must cast away all fear and DARE TO FIGHT DARE TO WIN. With our strategy of struggle we can not lose---FIGHT, FAIL, FIGHT AGAIN, FAIL AGAIN, FIGHT ON TO VICTORY

LONG LIVE BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS RACIST LAND! DEATH TO OUR ENEMIES!

LONG LIVE THE HEROIC BLACK WORKERS' STRUGGLE!

GLORY TO OUR STRUGGLE!

LONG LIVE THE LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS!

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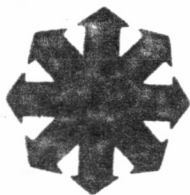
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## SALUTE TO A BLACK PATRIOT

HAIL: JAMES JOHNSON JR.; Black Man; Black Worker; Black Hero; Black Patriot. Add the name of Bro. James Johnson to the illustrious list of Black workers who have, in one form or another, sacrificed beyond call to advance the principle of Black autonomy towards gaining enough leverage so as to eradicate the pernicious placement of Blacks within the entire labor family. The names ring out like golden coins: Bro Rushie Forge, Bro. Chuck Wooten, Bro. Sid Lewis, Bro. Ike Jernigan — and now (in unyielding collision with industrial harrassment strides Bro. James Johnson Jr.). These heroic Black Brothers epitomize the infinite frustrations in which all Black and Colonized workers are daily drowned as they attempt to earn the meager substances that serve merely to keep families off the welfare rolls. These brothers are united by one common distortion, a variation common to all Third World and poor workers; they are powerless to deal directly with the authors, the initial sources of industrial atrocities — the industrialists. For standing between them and justice are the sell out Trade Unions. But these Brothers dared to act, to lash out at oppressive conditions, to express dis-satisfaction with unresponsive union postures, to eliminate, in some fashion, the proxies of the industrialist exploiter.

On April 26, James Johnson will stand before the bars of justice (?) to determine whether he will be allowed to be a freed man (freedom came for Bro. James when he dared to act) or whether he will be further incarcerated by the guilty, blood stained captains of industry — the present rulers of the universe. Bro. James is charged with murder and perhaps it is true that he eradicated obnoxious perpetrators of industrialist barbarisms. But the tale is much deeper than that, the story spans far beyond the death of three people, far beyond a merger of state punitive forces directed at one who had stood his fill of facist conducted genocide. The story is as old as Black/white relations. The plight of Bro. James characterizes the similar plight of all Blacks residing within the racist fascist confines of the empire building western hemisphere. For it is a historical fact that present day Blacks residing on this continent are the sons of Blacks who were the "wards" of an older and not less cruel set of masters — the planters. And it is also a historical fact that because of the blood bath that took place between the sons of Europe, who were in direct economic opposition, "economic opposition" that led to horrendous struggle (planters versus industrialists) Blacks in America who had participated in this the 2nd struggle for liberation to take place on these shores — the fight against British Imperialism in which Blacks had been the first to participate — merely traded off one set of masters for another. And it was for the latter that Bro. James had toiled in the 20th century slavery; that set of depraved abusers of humanity who pay homage to Capital and Capital alone.

... (a recipient of major defense contracts to assist in the genocide of the Vietnamese people) some three years, finally, after months of personal heckling, arrived at his saturation point and found it necessary to resolve matters in a very revolutionary way. After surviving an especially appalling period of management desecrations — layoffs, speedups, a worsening of already dangerous safety conditions, and various other forms of intimidations — and after enduring a personal vendetta from mercenary agents of corrupt higher-ups, and after barely escaping with his life from an automobile accident, and after being ordered back to work before complete recovery by venal medical authorities in the employ of Chrysler Corporation . . . (Bro. James had taken a vacation that was previously granted him and upon his return to work after this two week holiday (recuperation)

found himself discharged; the dismissal was such a flagrant violation of existing policies that even without union representation the company was "forced" to reinstate Brother James; it was at this point that the personal harrasment to Bro. James speeded up to the extent that the only comparable basis for establishing a parallel was the speedup of the conveyor on which he toiled at breakneck speed); and after being removed from this job to one of an even greater physical liability (and discomfort), removed only to be replaced by a new hire-in, Bro. James shrieked his displeasure for which he was suspended with union representation in attendance; So, on July 15, 1970 Bro. James left the plant a suspended worker and returned — an armed guerilla; the final result was — THREE DEAD MEN.

But as adverse as the described conditions were, Bro. James' case cannot, must not, be accurately portrayed from this limited scope. For Bro. James is a Black man residing in racist white America — within the Black colony. And this runaway slave has traveled the entire circuit: born in the south, servant for the Armed Forces, and escaped to — THE GHETTO. A victim of the usual inferior educational system, inadequate housing, poor medical facilities, a victim of, in a word, RACISM, American style. Attempting to support an aunt and a sister, Bro. James' employment was more than important to him — it was essential for the very survival of he and his family. And, perhaps all the manifestations of Racism, the emasculation of minority males, along with the special brand of cruelty being meted out to him in particular, temporarily drove him past the point of sanity . . .

But faced with the hideous conditions of the Wayne County Jail, of which James has been a resident since that ill-fated day, soon turned him away from the twilight zone back into the realm of normalcy. Residing in that pig sty of a jail along with some one thousand (1,000) other inmates, mostly kidnapped from the streets of the Black colony, and various other uninvited guests (rats, roaches, bedbugs, etc.) Bro. James soon revealed his true revolutionary spirit. Bro. James, just for the record, has of yet to be "convicted" of anything but because of his lack of status in this racist society he has had to assume the role of "CONVICT" for over eight months. No bail. But the newly born revolutionary spirit that has laid claim to him would not let him alone, would not permit him to sit idly by to be further victimized without putting up a fight, and so in conjunction with six other persecuted persons (Michael Harris, Lawrence R. Plamondon, Norman Richardson, Carolyn Traylor, and Nora Ware) James has filed suit against the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, Sherrif Lucas, and various other and sundry functionaries challenging the right of the county to inhabit with people that crummy hovel that right from the top

violates nine (9) State Housing & Health Codes. This hideous monstrosity of what erected in the roaring twenties where persons are placed in 6 X 8 cages in some time tandems of three (two to sleep on hard cots and the other on the urine saturated floors)

So a free man goes to trial to see if his new founded freedom will be exercised in the midst of this explosive, racist society or at the lowest hub, the very name of civilization subterranean in context. While, at one and the same time, the true criminals those persons who must accept the responsibility for (And thank God for fighting Black men) the continuous development of James Johnsons throughout the length and breadth of this foul land lie back, far removed from the sordidness of the whole messy affair, lie back, and insist on the full forces of the law (their law) being brought to bear. But let them sleep on in their complacency if they will. For that list, that illustrious list of heroic Black workers shall continue to grow, and in a minute, in a minute we shall all be James Johnsons, we shall all arrive at where reality is. Long Live Brother James Johnson. Long Live Black Workers In This Racist Land. And, in all honesty, how many of us have had that urge, have had to repress that urge, that urge to strike out, to fight back against the inhumane system that annually kills some thousands of Black workers, that breeds the spirits of some hundreds of thousands, and that, finally, mentally enslaves the entire population to a rotten decadent reality of a nightmare? Hail Brother James Johnson REVOLUTIONIST. He dared to struggle; He "dares" to win.

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