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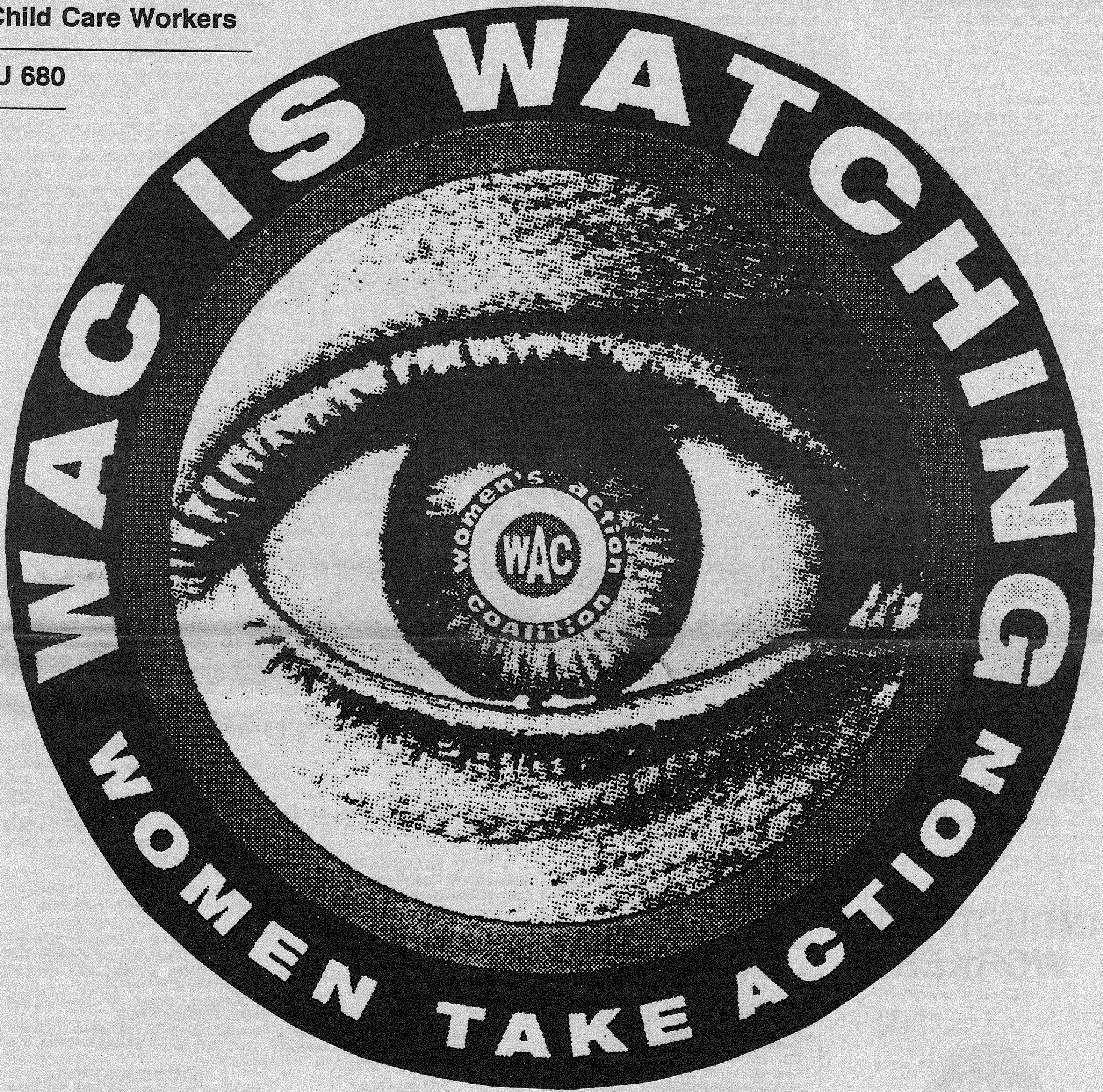
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Women's Action Coalition Waiting Ends Now!

Child Care Workers Demand \$30 Billion

The new Women's Action Coalition (WAC) is spreading like a ghetto fire through the explosive tinder of North America's most oppressed workers. WAC started as a response to violence against women, and they identify violence as a whole range of crimes including economic exploitation.

Violence, for example is the fact that 42% of US mothers are not awarded any child support, single mothers are 200% more likely to be in poverty than single fathers, and a wage-earning single mother must live in poverty to pay for day-care.

Formed in late January, the new group immediately attracted women of every color and job classification who may not agree on everything but have one thing in common: A belief that direct action gets the goods.

WACs use their worker status to infiltrate their targets. Dressed in the fashionable and appropriate work clothes of the times, you never know an action is planned until WAC women suddenly drop their anonymous behavior and shout their demands.

After taking over Grand Central station, where 4 were arrested for hanging a banner, WAC moved to 42nd street and passed out pink Mothers Day cards. The inscription read:

Mother Dear, we're sorry
You live in the U.S.A.
Of all the developed countries
Only this one won't pay
For pre-natal care, or day-care
Not to mention a living wage.
Child support is not enforced
And we are in a RAGE!

"I think we can use the day to explain

the economic conditions of women," said a member. Bystanders eagerly joined in the chants and fist-waving.

After two decades of feminist struggle, many women workers are frustrated both by their continued low wage status in the economic depression, and by recent state protection of harassers and rapists, such as the Anita Hill hearings and William Kennedy Smith trial. The U.S. state under "Mr. CIA" Bush has increasingly allied itself with right wing Christian ethics, and Bush's 1992 election campaign will be based on "family values." In response women across the spectrum of the working class are rising to defy the Beast.

The first action was at a courthouse where WACs marched on the sidewalk and attended the proceedings of an assault victim. More women rushed to join WAC's future actions, at pro-choice rallies and court events. WAC members also organize letter campaigns and direct action against media sexist exploitation.

"I want people to understand that women are angry and that we're not going to be defined by men anymore," says a WAC member.

A first meeting in Toronto attracted 600. Chapters have sprung up Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco.

A direct action group addressing economic injustice, WAC is a sister movement of the IWW. Rebel women of the IWW might do well to help WAC carry their actions into the workplace. Women workers can only gain wage equality by direct shop floor action, whatever political gains they make in the halls of government. And the IWW will welcome and support all organizations of child care workers who want to claim a fair wage for their labor. Child care is the most important work of all and deserves the best pay as well as self management by the people who do the work!

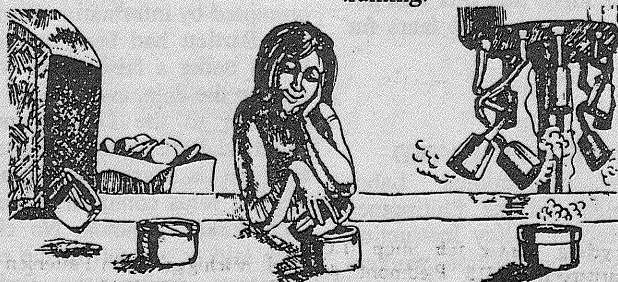
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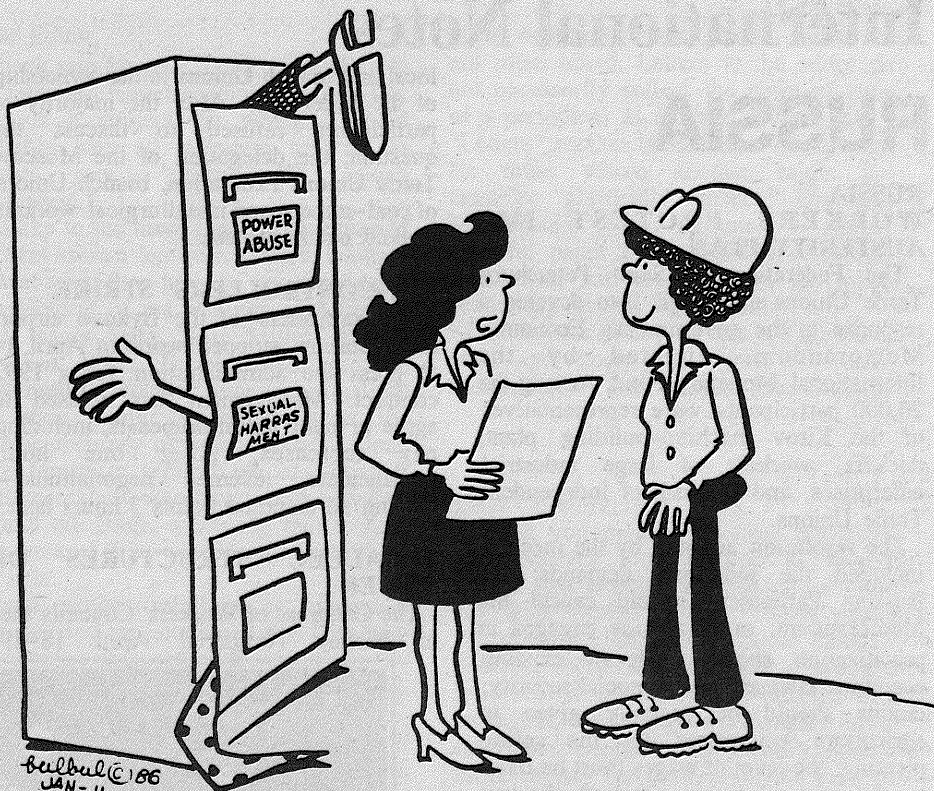


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Canadian Women's Conference

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The 20th Annual Conference of the National Action Committee (NAC) of the Status of Women, held in Ottawa June 5-7, 1992, gathered delegates from 550 women's groups across Canada.

Canada's largest feminist organization, NAC seeks to represent the interests of 52% of the population that is not represented in the government and institutions of patriarchal society. NAC is an umbrella organization for coordinating, networking and research. NAC lobbies the federal government and members of Parliament on feminist issues yearly.

There was a conscious effort to broaden and radicalize the organization. A Wobbly observer noted that the delegates were younger this year than before. Delegates expressed that not enough progress is being made, and that more direct action tactics are necessary.

Many were excited about the emergence of WAC (Women's Action Coalition). A WAC representative who was present so inspired Toronto delegates, that they immediately returned home and organized a WAC action with 600 women.

The issue of racism was high on the agenda, with the rights of aboriginal and immigrant women gaining increased recognition.

The Women's Agenda produced by the conference is an annual Declaration of Principles and Call to Action. It calls for:

- Elimination of Sexism, Racism, Homophobia, Class, Age, and Disability Discrimination
- Global de-militarization
- Control of Our Bodies
- Elimination of Violence Against Women, to include "a thorough review of the Criminal code, family and immigration laws and judicial practices related to the prosecution of sexual assault cases...mandatory judicial education, removal from the bench of judges who display bias...law protecting the rights and privacy of sexual assault victims, elimination of the statute of limitations in incest cases, and legislation outlawing violent pornography."
- Publicly funded, universal health care, child care, housing and social security
- Publicly funded, universally accessible education at all levels including adult education, literacy and second language training.

"We support an education system that discourages the hierarchy of various types of employment and the stratification of society..."

"We support the rights of all distinct communities... to control their own educational approaches and systems."

- Recognition of "the immense value of women's unwaged labour, whether performed in the home, on the farm or elsewhere, and whether devoted to housework, parenting, child care, care of the elderly or other dependents, or community service."

- "end the system of indentured domestic service maintained through Canada's immigration laws...(policies that) subject women, particularly from Third World countries to restrictions and conditions that exploit and abuse them. Women coming to Canada to perform domestic labour should be admitted as immigrants and guaranteed the full protections and benefits other workers have."

- "We refuse to be pitted against each other, or against our sisters in Mexico and the United States, in competition for jobs that are spiralling down in terms of wages, skill levels, conditions, benefits and security. Continental economic restructuring should be done responsibly, through a social development pact that will improve the lives and employment conditions of all the peoples..."

- "...control over our work environments, and the right to organize and join unions with no barriers (including limitations on the right to strike) to that right."

- "...affirmative action, including legislated mandatory employment equity, recognition of comparable credentials and skills from outside Canada."

- "...freedom from harassment in the work place. Dismissal on the basis of gender, marital status, pregnancy or sexual orientation must be prohibited. We want maternal and parental leave, regardless of sexual orientation, and access to work arrangements such as job sharing and paid leave to meet family responsibilities."

- Coalition building with other movements such as labour, peace, and environmental

"A feminist perspective is central to the struggle for equality and justice. This is the basis of our interactions, alliances and coalitions with other social movements."

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International Notes

RUSSIA

RUSSIA WORKERS PROTEST IMF AUSTERITY PLAN

The Federation of Saint Petersburg Trade Unions met April 2 to develop a response to the government's Economic Memorandum, dictated by the International Monetary Fund. Among the 20,000 participants were representatives of the Kirov machine-building plant, dockers, workers of large industrial enterprises, and activists of Independent Trade Unions.

The resolution adopted by the meeting included the following demands: the Russian Parliament should cancel the Memorandum; organizations engaged in privatization should abide by existing economic laws and ensure social security; credits should be urgently given to agriculture enterprises for the spring planting; the level of wages must be fixed on the minimal living standard; the law on privatization should be re-examined.

Russian workers are also demanding democratic unions. The Presidium of the Russian Independent Trade Unions' Federation (the reorganized official unions) met in Moscow April 5. Several member organizations (unions of ship-building, miners, geologists, machine-builders, river transport, ore-miners, agricultural workers, fisheries, the Federations of Trade Unions of Moscow and Komi Republic, etc.) put forward a motion accusing the Federation's leadership of authoritarian methods. However, the Presidium refused to allow such discussions on the agenda.

Controversy broke out during discussion of a proposal to transfer all social insurance funds and union properties from

local and branch Unions to the ownership of the Federation. After the majority of participants refused to discuss the question, the delegation of the Moscow Trade Unions Federation, branch Unions of coal-miners and metallurgical workers walked out in protest.

AIR-CONTROLLERS' STRIKE

Air-controllers of the Bykovo airport near Moscow stopped working April 14 to press the administration for a 1992 contract. Management has refused to agree to many union proposals, including pay increases. After one hour, management resumed negotiations—settling all disputed points 3 hours later.

PARALLEL STRUCTURES OF POWER

The Congress of Workers' Councils met in Nizhny Novgorod April 18-19.

Delegations from 54 cities took part in it. Delegates discussed the possibility of proclaiming themselves the authoritative deputies of the Workers' Council as a parallel body of power opposed to the existing Russian Government administration. As it turned out, the Russian Council of Workers was created—the Russian Workers' Government as it was called at the Congress.

The Congress adopted a decision to organize workers' brigades at enterprises to safeguard the property and defend worker activists. The question of a general political strike to demand that the government resign was discussed, but delegates decided more preparatory work was needed before such action was taken.

In Estonia, "Russian-speaking" and other workers struck April 28 for two hours on the call of the Independent

Trade Union Center. The Baltic and the Estonian power stations reduced the output of electricity to minimum. Teachers at 11 of 13 Nazra schools stopped work. The strikers' chief demand was the immediate creation of a Parliamentary Commission including representatives of the city Council of the North-East of the Republic, MPs representing the Russian-speaking population, representatives of the Russian Democratic movement of Estonia, Trade Union organizations of the North-East, authoritative representatives of Russia, and UNO experts.

The commission would address protection of civil rights of the Russian-speaking population. Other demands included restoration of economic ties with the countries of the Commonwealth (former Soviet Union), abolition of the 56th article of the Estonian Constitution Draft which discriminates against non-Estonian population, and stabilization of finances.

The strike was supported by a number of enterprises in Tallin, Silumaa, and other cities. (KAS-KOR Digest, Moscow)

RUSSIA TEACHERS STRIKE

Teachers in at least seven Russian cities are on strike, protesting government austerity plans that are slashing funding to education, health and other social services as the government pursues its efforts to implement a market economy. Thousands of Moscow teachers blocked streets April 22nd as part of these ongoing protests. Teachers are demanding an end to the cutbacks, and a halt to the practice of transferring educational buildings to private ownership. Health care workers are facing similar attacks, as supplies of medicines have dried up and health care workers have been denied wage increases even as prices rise by 700 percent and more.



ISRAEL HOTEL WORKERS STRIKE

Israeli hotel workers held their first strike in 30 years in May. The one-day strike called for pay hikes of 5% in each of the next two years. Strikers refused to provide meals, maid and telephone services to hotel guests in protest over a breakdown in wage negotiations.

If the strike does not produce the desired results more extensive actions will occur in the future, said Hotel Association Chair Sasson Efrati.

NIGERIA RAILWORKERS

Nigerian rail workers shut down the country's rail service in late May after management let a 7-day deadline pass without paying workers 74 million Naira (US \$4 million) in wages in dispute. Joseph Nwajei, Secretary General of the Nigerian Union of Railwaymen (NUR) said the sit down strike would continue as long as necessary. He said striking workers need money for food and rent and will no longer listen to government and corporate appeals for "a positive and realistic dialogue."

POLAND RAILWAY WORKERS HOLD MASS DEMONSTRATION

More than ten thousand railway workers held a demonstration in Warsaw May 27 to protest the Polish government's lowering of wages and other allowances. The workers presented a petition to the Sejm (parliament) demanding the government adhere to railway laws and regulations on free rail travel for railway workers and retirees.

REFUGEE NEWS -- NO BORDERS

According to a recent German high court ruling, Turkish Kurds cannot seek asylum in Germany solely on the basis of their being Kurds. According to the court, the fact that Kurds are persecuted as a group in Turkey "cannot be established". What's more, the court stated that the recent attacks by Turkish security forces on villages in Turkish-occupied Kurdistan were not directed at the Kurds "as such". Therefore, to apply for asylum in Germany, Turkish Kurds must document specific, individual persecution.

INDONESIA REPRESSION --

Repression faced by Indonesian workers in union struggle are revealed by events at 3 factories here earlier this year. The factories, Sanjo Brake Industries, Medan Canning and Frozen Industries, and P.T. Sumatera Rotanindo, are notorious for their bad pay and conditions.

Strikes took place in January and February over issues which included payment under the minimum wage of Rp1930 (US\$1) per day; forced overtime without extra pay; no holidays; arbitrary sackings; poor health and safety conditions; refusal to pay compensation for accidents.

During protests at the office of the government union, the SPSE, 30 workers were taken away by the military and police for interrogation and intimidation. Workers were accused of stealing, sacked and suspended without pay.

One of the workers, Herwin described his treatment during 8 days' detention. Herwin was taken to military headquarters in Medan, where he was savagely beaten. As he was being kicked in the head and stomach, the officer told him, "There is no law here, only jungle law!" After the beatings, they shaved off all his hair and forced him to eat money. After this he was given chores to do: cleaning the floor, toilets, military cars. At night time he was placed in a cell with no window and which was too small to lie down in. Later he was transferred to another department of the military, where he was forced to take off his clothes and submerge himself in an open sewage channel. All the time he was held, his family wasn't informed by the police or military.

Herwin was arrested with five other people; they were accused of instigating the strikes. Despite their release in early March, Herwin thought that this was not the end of his persecution and fears for his life.

PHILIPPINES WORKERS RIGHTS VIOLATED

In May, the International Labor Organization called on the Philippines Government to repeal Policy Instruction 20, which restricts construction workers rights. That policy distinguishes between "project employees" hired for particular construction jobs and "non-project

employees" hired by construction companies on a standing basis, permitting the former to be discharged at will (including for union activity). Contractors classified nearly all employees as project workers, thereby denying them rights to collective bargaining, security of employment, etc. Although the government maintains that project workers are now allowed to organize, workers at Algon Engineering Construction were fired after they joined a union. The ILO Freedom of Association Committee reiterated that all workers, whether permanent or fixed term, should have the right to join organizations of their choice.

AUSTRALIA REPRESSION -- UNEMPLOYED

The Federal Court ordered Federal Police to return computers worth about \$17,000 seized in a raid on the Launceston Unemployed Workers Union two months ago (see June IW). During the hearing, Justice Northrop was critical of police actions in the case. "This is still a free country," he told them at one point. The court gave the police 14 days to return the equipment in exchange for the UWU's agreement to supply passwords necessary to access financial records. The union had previously offered to supply the passwords and to allow the police to copy relevant files in return for the restoration of its equipment. The computers are vital to the operations of the UWU and an associated desktop publishing business.

Police instead sent the equipment to Melbourne for an unsuccessful attempt to break into the files. UWU spokesperson Bill Bartlett says the attempt to crack the computers' security system "would not have succeeded in a million years."

The Federal Police also revealed for the first time that the March 19 raid had been prompted by information from one person that Bartlett had been employed by the UWU under a false name while he was also on the dole, and had not declared his earnings to the Department of Social Security. Bartlett denies these claims and says he is surprised warrants for the original raids could have been issued on such flimsy grounds. No charges have been laid as a result of the raid.

Protests against the Federal Police treatment of the Launceston UWU can be sent to Senator Michael Tate, minister for

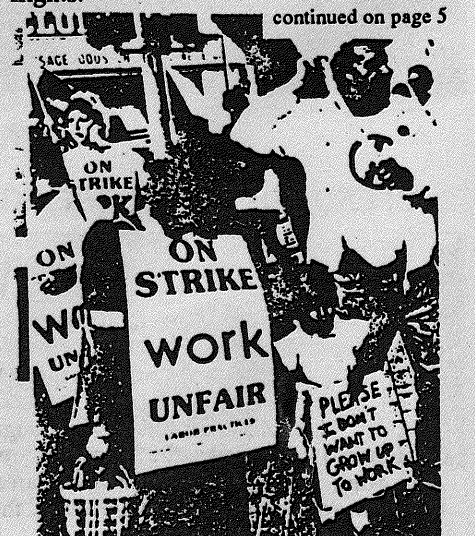
justice and consumer affairs, Suite MF40 House of Representatives, Canberra ACT 2600. Fax no: (06) 273 4136.

AUSTRALIA THEATRE WORKERS

Familiar faces such as Geraldine Turner, Jacki Weaver and Julia Blake were on the picket line on May 22 as plays and musicals around the country were delayed by actors' protests against employer attempts to impose individual contracts in place of the standard contract in operation since 1982. In return for a wage rise of around \$60, the theatre bosses also want concessions including an end to rules protecting job opportunities for local actors. Some theatres, including Sydney's Belvoir Street, were not affected because they had reached satisfactory agreements with the actors. The recently amalgamated Actors, Theatre Workers and Journalists Union warns that big-money productions like The Phantom of the Opera could be hit if the actors are forced into further industrial action.

AUSTRALIA TRANSPORT WORKERS

Striking Qantas ground staff returned to work here on May 22 after the company reinstated two workers accused of stealing food from the catering service. The workers had taken some fruit and cakes for a tea break under a long-standing arrangement sanctioned by lower management but apparently unknown to the higher-ups. The strike forced the airline to cancel a number of international flights.



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AUSTRALIA

Union clerks win strike

By Rose McCann

SYDNEY - Late on the afternoon of May 8, clerks employed by the Building Workers Industrial Union (BWIU) and the Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association (FEDFA) learned they had won their strike. The 36 clerks had been picketing for six weeks over the principle of workplace seniority in redundancy and in protest against the victimisation of two workers, including an FCU delegate.

Two weeks earlier, the clerks and the NSW leaders of the BWIU-FEDFA agreed to a proposal for independent arbitration put forward by federal officials Stan Sharkey and Jack Cambourm. Both sides accepted an arbitration panel consisting of NSW Labor Council secretary Michael Easson, Paula Sharkey and painters and decorators union official Alf Rankin.

While the FCU members did not win payment for the time they were on strike (a demand they were forced to drop as a precondition for the panel meeting), they did win voluntary redundancy, seniority in redundancy, pro-rata conditions for part-time workers and the reinstatement of retrenched workers, including FCU delegate Judy Whitehead.

The BWIU-FEDFA management refused to allow the panel to rule on the issue of the sacking seven weeks ago of a young BWIU office worker for receiving a week's pay in advance - a common practice known as a "sub" in the building industry.

This issue will now go before the NSW industrial commission. The FCU members are demanding that the young man be reinstated with full back pay, and have voted to levy themselves to make up his wage until he receives compensation.

International Labor Shorts

URUGUAY

GENERAL STRIKE

Montevideo, home to half of Uruguay's three million residents, was paralyzed by a 36-hour general strike that began at noon on May 12. The strike was called by the Inter-union Plenary-National Convention of Workers (PIT-CNT) to protest the government's recommendation that the private sector freeze wages. This was the 6th general strike since March 1990, when the government instituted austerity measures based on agreements with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

VENEZUELA

Venezuela's 1.2 million public employees agreed to a temporary truce May 15 after a week of staggered short strikes and marches in demand of higher wages.

COLOMBIA

800 UNIONISTS MURDERED

800 activists of the CUT have been murdered since the Colombian labor federation was founded in 1987, according to a recent appeal for international solidarity by the union. And death threats continue to be issued against union members in alarming numbers. Among recent incidents is the May 18 kidnapping of the wife of the leader of the CUT's bank workers union.

JAMAICA

Some 1,200 public sector nurses in Jamaica have been on strike since Apr. 27 demanding that the Health Ministry readjust pay scales. Nurses at the bottom of the pay scale in Jamaica earn roughly between \$1,700 and 2,000, while at the top of the scale, salaries range from about \$4,800 to \$5,780.

EL SALVADOR STRIKE

According to a report in Proceso (June 3), public sector unions are stepping up their demands for improved conditions. In San Salvador, an open-ended work stoppage began May 1, lasting until the 9th, with 95% support among municipal employees. Workers at the National Pension Fund for Public Employees (INPEP) struck May 19, demanding an end to discriminatory treatment and management efforts to bust their union. INPEP president Ricardo Alvarenga Valdivieso accused the workers of following the FMLN line, and declared that he would only negotiate with the

unionists "if they behave properly and refrain from being rude."

Other work stoppages aimed at higher salaries were seen in the national telecommunications company (ANTEL) on May 13; in the Treasury Ministry June 1; and again among teachers belonging to ANDES, also on June 1. This latest strike had been on the horizon since early May, when ANDES rejected the Ministry of Education's April 25 proposal to raise salaries by category, based on seniority and job classification, under the condition that no strikes would occur during 13 months. The strike seems to have been defeated, however, by the refusal of another union also representing teachers to join the work stoppage.

BRITAIN

WORKPLACE PESTICIDE FATALITY

A British chemical worker died April 2 after being sprayed with a highly toxic chemical in an accident that a formal inquest said could have been prevented if stricter safety measures had been used. Louis Drake, 64, was attempting to unblock a clogged pump carrying the hazardous chemical dichlorophenol (DCP), used in the manufacture of weed killer. Drake had received no formal chemical safety training during the 16 years that he had worked at the A.H. Marks chemical factory in Bradford, West Yorkshire, England.

An investigation by the *The Independent* newspaper revealed that senior A.H. Marks officials were aware of the hazards in blockage-clearing procedures for nearly two years, but failed to act to protect workers. Company safety records show that between January and September 1991, at least five workers suffered chemical burns while attempting to unblock pipes.

Czech

A-Kontra is a Czech anarchist paper with international reporting as well, a medium for various left and Roma initiatives. A Roma paper is also produced in their offices.

Through the demagogic anti-communist and anti-left propaganda of the right wing parties, the general public supports nationalist and racist currents. Even militant fascists receive recognition, sympathy and often direct support from the population.

At times there is the feeling of a pogrom against Cubans, Asians and above all Romas. Romas are a people often falsely referred to as gypsies, and are victims of much racist violence. There have been a number of deaths. Leftist groups are under massive pressure from all sides.

A-Kontra is an important part of the counter-publicity, and is under pressure. The newspaper's office has been destroyed a number of times and the people threatened.

Recent Events

October 89: The first appearance of anarchists since the 1920s, a demo against military service.

May 90: 2,000 attend anti-fascist concert put on by Czech Anarchist Federation.

Aug 91: A-Kontra office stormed by fascist skinheads threatening people and damaging computer.

Dec 91: Demo against "Millionaires Ball." Guests pelted with rotten fruit thrown by 600. Heavy collisions with police.

Mar 92: A-Kontra lease terminated. Since then they are in their office illegally.

SPAIN

JOBLESS RATE HIGHEST IN WEST

Spain's jobless rate is the highest in western Europe, after several years of a tripartite pact between Spain's largest unions, employers and the government. According to UGT (the "socialist" trade union) action secretary Apolinar Rodriguez, "Unemployment is 17 percent, the highest in the European community. Moreover, 33 percent of our workforce is employed only on a part-time basis, and this, too, is the highest rate in the EC."

Rodriguez's remarks came one day after the end of a 24-hour general strike called to protest a draft bill that slashes unemployment benefits for Spain's 3 million jobless. However, the UGT and CC.OO. (the "communist" labor

federation) said they hoped to continue talks with the "socialist" government aimed at finding a solution to the country's labour crisis.

The general strike paralysed the country, even though many unions did not participate in it. The UGT and CC.OO. have threatened to resume strike action if the bill reducing unemployment benefits is not amended. (Inter Press Service)

ZIMBABWE

WORKERS FIRED

BLACK MARKET RECOMMENDED

"Zimbabwe has started reviewing its laws, particularly those governing the commercial sector, in order to absorb productively the increasing labour force," according to a recent press release distributed by inter-press service. "The government strategy aims to encourage development of the informal sector as an alternative source of employment."

Zimbabwe's "economic reform" calls for 32,000 public sector workers to lose their jobs. Many workers in the private sector have either been sacked or placed on a 3-day week, especially in the textile and clothing industries. Unemployment is estimated at 30 percent of the labor force.

The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) supports Black Market schemes. "People want to assist themselves by selling or engaging in backyard industries but are not allowed. Our position is that, instead of arresting them, emphasis should be on health," says ZCTU legal adviser Noah Marechera.

International Notes

CAPETOWN

44 STRIKERS ARRESTED

June 5 - After an employment agency complained they had flouted a court order restraining them from intimidating scabs. Police said the workers were arrested for "interfering with temporary workers."

MALAWI

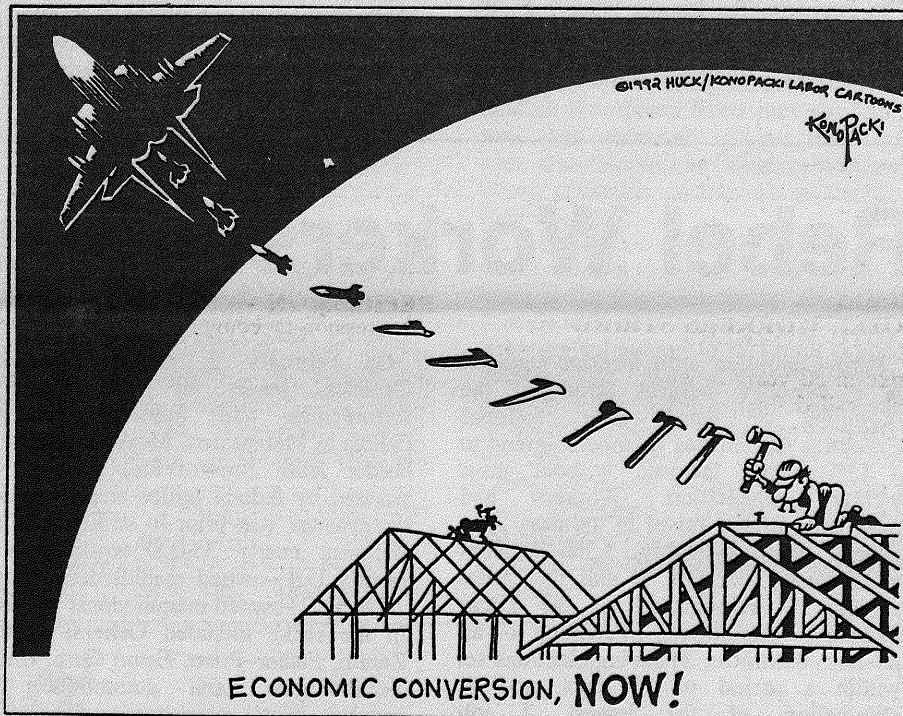
UNIONIST IN PRISON

Chakufwa Chihana, secretary general of the Southern Africa Trade Union Coordinating Council, had been held without charges since his arrest April 6th, apparently in retaliation for a speech critical of Malawi officials.

CHINA

UNION LEADER IN HOSPITAL

Han Dongfang, China's 29-year old independent labour leader, was hospitalized for several weeks after he was beaten by unidentified officials as he left a Beijing court in mid-May. China's new labour code, adopted in April, denies Chinese workers the right to join or form organizations of their own choice, and hundreds of independent unionists are still in jail. But despite harsh treatment, independent labour groups still operate in the country and plan to commemorate the third anniversary of the Tiananmen massacre. Dongfang spent 22 months in jail for his independent union activities, and was released in April 1991 on health grounds.



LESOTHO REPRESSION

The International Labor Organization also ruled on a case brought by the Lesotho construction workers union, CAWULE. In May 1990, CAWULE struck Spie Batignolles, a French multinational. The company dismissed all 334 strikers, and was upheld in this by the Lesotho courts. The International Federation of Building and Wood Workers charged the Lesotho Government of collusion with the company in a series of attacks and acts of intimidation against the union, including the arbitrary arrest of CAWULE General Secretary Sello Ts'Ukulu July 20, 1990; on the same day heavily armed police attacked union committee members at the Bokong Ha Katse Hydroelectric Dam construction site, shooting 7 trade union officials; union officials were frequently charged with inciting strike action, including internal security charges. The ILO ruled in favor of the union, and also asked that the Government return all union property confiscated during May Day celebrations and called upon the government to refrain from interference with the union in the future.

SOUTH AFRICA UNIONS ESTABLISH COMMUNITY FUND

The union-controlled trust dedicated to investing in "socially responsible" companies started operating June 1. Although exact figures have not yet been released, millions of rands have already been placed with the fund.

FIJI MINERS STRIKE

Despite their picket lines being raided by armed riot police and strikers being jailed, evicted from their company-owned houses and physically attacked by company thugs, 700 workers at the Vatukoula gold mine in Fiji remain on strike after 15 gruelling months. The workers walked out February 27, 1991, after the company refused to recognize their union, the Fiji Mine Workers Union (FMWU). The Australian-owned Emperor Gold Mining Limited (EGML) refuses to discuss with the FMWU improvements in the mineworkers' low wage levels and appalling housing or an end to the apartheid-like practice of paying Europeans very high wages and providing them with the best houses. On April 3, 1991, the company sacked 420 strikers.

The government has backed the company at every turn. Although production has resumed with the use of scabs protected by riot police, inexperience has led to poor productivity. EGML has lost up to \$20 million. May 3rd, Fiji's High Court again sided with the company, ruling that 436 workers sacked since the beginning of the strike had been dismissed legally and could not be considered to be on strike. It refused to allow the FMWU to legally represent them.

International Notes

KOREA UNIONIST ARRESTED

Yang Gun-Mo, President of the Korean Federation of Hospital Workers' Unions, was arrested May 28 for a so-called violation of the prohibition of third party intervention when speaking to members of the Seoul National University Trade Union.

INDIA UNIONS CALL GENERAL STRIKE

Indian trade unions have stepped up their agitation against the government's free market "reforms," declaring a country-wide industrial strike for June 16. The strike call against the policy that allows privatisation and closure of loss-making state enterprises, came despite government assurances to protect workers' interests.

IRAN WORKERS BATTLE ISLAMIC REGIME

Oil workers won a 50% wage hike for production workers after a 17-day strike in January. White collar workers were granted an 80% increase, prompting a short-lived attempt to continue the strike which was abandoned when two key refineries declined to participate. In March, 1,500 oil workers in the town of Ramhormoz struck and held a rally calling for higher wages. According to Iranian Refugee Workers' Association, 6,000 people joined the rally which was attacked by the police, resulting in 57 arrests and many injuries.

In February, the Iranian labor ministry announced that the minimum wage would rise by 36%, as of March 17, from the

present 1,667 rials (\$1.2) per day to 2,267 rials (\$1.6). The decision is the direct result of wide-spread dissatisfaction and protests in workplaces over low wages, and particularly the recent successful strike in the oil industry. By government's own admission, around two thousand strikes and workplace actions took place last year. But the announced rise does little to reverse the effect of the sharp fall in workers' purchasing power as a result of Rial's massive devaluation last year and the ensuing price rises. According to the central bank, the inflation rate for 1991/92 now stands at 21%. However, on the basis of market prices, the real rate is in fact in three digits. The devastating effect of inflation was topped up with the scrapping of various subsidies, cuts in public services, and higher taxes and fees, such as effectively charging for school education. All this meant that workers' shopping bags were even emptier than ever.

Around 300 workers of a contract company in Bandar Imam Petrochemical Complex struck in early March for higher wages and other welfare demands, only a few days after the government announced an increase in the minimum wage rise. The strike ended after two days, when management agreed to immediately raise wages and the year-end bonus.

A sit-in on February 29 by the employees of Kayhan, Iran's largest daily, caused a 5-hour delay in publication of the paper. The sit-in, in support of demands for higher wages and the replacement of some managers, came only two weeks after a 36% increase in the minimum wage, reflecting strong dissatisfaction with the pettiness of the wage rise.

Iranian workers also face very poor health and safety conditions. Last year, 11 workers died and two were seriously injured in a massive explosion in July in a textile factory in Tehran. In another

factory in the town of Garmsar, many workers were killed in what the official press described as an "accidental event." The factory was shut down for some time, and reopened in a special ceremony officially described as a gesture of "empathy" with the workforce and the relatives of the deceased. Iran has one of the highest workplace injury and fatality rates in the world, according to Worker Today, a publication issued by exiled Iranian socialists. An industrial safety specialist said in an article in the official weekly Kar-o-Kargar (15 July 91) that while "two workers lose their lives in British mines for every ton of coal produced, in Iran the comparable figure is 100 workers."

Since the summer of 1991, the Iranian government has stepped up its persecution and arrest of labor activists in the city of Sanandaj in western Iran. The latest detainees include Saeed Saedy and Zahed Manouchehri, who are being held incommunicado, with no information being let out about their condition. Saedy, a welder, has been an activist of the Sanatgar Union and was among the speakers at independent May Day rallies held in Sanandaj over the last few years. Manouchehri is a garment worker and has been an activist of the Tailors Union and was among the organisers of Sanandaj May Day rallies.

Worker House (the centre for Islamic Councils, the government-set up organisations in the workplaces), has announced that, along with Hak-Ish union in Turkey and Pakistan's National Labour Federation (NLF), it would build a single Islamic trade union to defend the interests of Moslem workers. The union hopes to eventually include the Moslem-inhabited republics of the former Soviet Union and other Moslem states. (information from Worker Today)

Other U.S. media sources reported at least 25 executions in June by the Islamic

regime in Iran. Riots have been frequent since April as the government forcibly evicts people from their self-built homes. Islamic state media denounced the rioters as hooligans, and accused them of sabotaging the Islamic Revolution. Commercial centers have been looted, and buses, banks, and police stations were burned in various cities. More than 80 government buildings were burned in the city of Meshad.



GERMANY SQUATTER / AUTONOME NEWS

In November 1990, the eviction of squatted houses in the former East Berlin touched off a huge confrontation around the area of the Mainzer Strasse. At least 200 squatters were arrested after 2 nights of street fighting which brought down the Green-Social Democrat city government. Recently, a 27 year-old man and his 24 year-old brother were sentenced to 1 year plus 3 and 6 months respectively, on charges of attacking police officers. As with the recent WNC rulings in Holland, the 2 probably gave incriminating statements in custody, or were not masked during the confrontation, as most

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Rebel Workers & Mexico

AUTO WORKERS

Ford-Cuautitlan auto workers engaged in a two-day wildcat strike at the beginning of April, after National Executive Committee members agreed to a 15% wage increase without prior worker consultation. Workers had negotiated higher raises in the past. At a general union assembly, 3,500 workers unanimously decided to end the strike pending 1) elimination of the Local Executive Committee, 2) naming of an ad-hoc committee, 3) having elections set within a period of 15 days, and 4) elimination of the lowest 3 job classifications to regroup the workers in the four highest paying classifications. The workers also agreed that if their demands were not met or if there were firings as a result of the strike, they would close the plant down again.

On March 18, Eduardo Reyes Garcilazo, an 18 year old auto worker at the Ford-Cuautitlan plant, was killed when a full company hired bus in which he was travelling on the back door steps collided into a metal material rack. The CTM union is demanding that the company provide severance pay to his family, and change bus lines.

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TEXTILE WORKERS -- MAKING STRIKES ILLEGAL

More than half of the strikes at 55 textile companies were declared "inexistent" by the government forcing workers back to work after nearly 2 weeks of strikes. Manuel Garcia Urrutia of the Authentic Labor Front (FAT) claimed that such action highlights the fact that the labor authorities are trying to give an image of labor peace in Mexico within the framework of the free trade agreement. "They want to let potential U.S. investors know that it's a crime to strike in this country."

MAQUILADORAS -- ARRESTED UNION NEGOTIATOR

On February 2, Agapito Gonzalez Cavazos, leader of the Union of Journeymen and Industrial Workers (SJOI) in Matamoros, Mexico (across the border from Brownsville, Texas), was arrested by federal police and accused of tax evasion, just prior to strike deadlines affecting nearly 35,000 workers in 62 mostly U.S.-owned maquiladora plants.

The U.S.-owned maquiladoras involved in the strike included General Motors, Zenith, Fisher-Price, Eaton Corp, United Technologies, and automotive part suppliers. Total compensation for workers in such plants including wages and benefits average \$2.73 an hour, as compared with less than \$2 an hour in other border cities, according to Fred Quintana of the Maquiladora Association of Matamoros.

The SJOI had been able to negotiate salaries 130% higher than in other maquiladoras, according to the Colegio de la Frontera Norte. Other benefits include 56 hours pay for 40 hours work in plants more than 5 years old; annual cost of living adjustments; and guaranteed pay for plant closure.

In a lame attempt to simulate international solidarity Owen Beiber, president of the United Auto Workers, sent a paltry \$15,000 for strike support (the UAW has over one billion dollars; it's a lot like the IWW sending a third of a cent), and denounced the arrest stating, "the arrest of a top union leader in the midst of crucial negotiations is conduct we have come to expect in countries such as South Africa or Korea. [Imprisonment] at such a key moment in contract talks is curious at best."

One day sitdowns, slowdowns, and other shop floor actions at the US facilities of General Motors, Zenith, Fisher-Price, Eaton Corp, United Technologies, and automotive part suppliers would bring the release of Cavazos a lot quicker than Beiber's thin rhetoric.

The SJOI was demanding a 30% wage increase. After Cavazos arrest, workers agreed to 20-25% increases.

Agapito Cavazos could be given a term of 3-9 years in prison. The Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras is demanding

Agapito's freedom and safe return to Matamoros, respect for labor contracts, and legal action against maquiladoras that violate labor and environmental laws. Contact Susan Mika of the Coalition for more information: 512-735-8155

WAGES & ECONOMIC NOTES

Wages in Mexico for 1991 are the lowest in their history, according to economists of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. From 1982-1991, buying power for a Mexican worker earning minimum wage dropped 67%. An "industrial" worker's purchasing power has decreased by 48% during the same period. The Mexican government's biggest promise to U.S. corporations under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is of low wages enforced by making striking illegal.

Since 1989, Mexico's unemployment rate has been a steady 13.5%. Over 100,000 people have lost their jobs in the steel and energy industries. Lay-offs due to "modernization" according to the Miguel Agustin Center for Human Rights, are high. Meanwhile, under-employment has grown in the "informal industry". Between 1987-89, average underemployment growth was 6.9% and has risen to 8% for 1991. This translates into 14 million people being underemployed. Each year 1,500,000 Mexicans enter the job market, but even the most optimistic economic figures claim only 600,000 jobs are created a year. According to Bank of Mexico figures the number of jobs per maquiladora factory has fallen 17% over the past 8 years.

All this means starvation wages: the "basic food basket" (beans, oil, flour, sugar, etc.) recommended by the Mexican government has a cost 89% higher than the minimum monthly wage.

POSTAL WORKERS

8,000 Mexico City postal workers marched on the president's house in January to protest company-union decisions made without rank and file participation. Workers protested that the union has agreed to: eliminate relief workers, change the classification of cashiers from the bargaining committee to

confidential worker, eliminate vacation days taken Monday through Friday, and change worker's schedules at last-minute notice.

TELEPHONE WORKERS

Switchboard telephone workers of Mexico's National Telephone Workers Union (STRM) charged the union and newly-privatized company (Telmex) of signing an illegal agreement which would eliminate nearly 35,000 switchboard positions.

In a Mexican newspaper ad, the Union Commission for the Installation and Maintenance of Switchboards denounced that the union and company have already eliminated jobs by allowing confidential workers to do bargaining unit work, and then blaming poor service on the workers.

"We are not the first telephone workers to have lost our jobs due to 'modernization' despite promises of respect for our labor rights. Our issue has bearing given that the STRM has been considered the 'model of modern unionism' and has supported changes in the face of the free trade agreement." The protesting workers have a hearing before the National Labor Relations Board of Mexico.

MORE UNION STRUGGLE

The National Teachers Coordinating Council (CNTE), the largest democratic current within the National Teachers Union (SNTE), has charged the National Executive Committee of assigning them less than half the executive positions in the recent restructuring of the organization. Democratic union representation in the Executive Committee is essential to have influence over the distribution of union dues, proportional representation, and local union leadership claimed Jesus Martin del Campo, Secretary of Research.

Other sectors of the CNTE say that the Council should not accept any executive position, but focus on worker mobilizations including work stoppages to achieve their demands. Demands include a 100% wage increase, real union democracy, and a rejection of President Salinas's "Modernizing Education" plan.

More International!

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of the other people arrested could not be charged after the eviction.

Also in Berlin, the man who ordered the Mainzer Strasse eviction, mayor Walter Momper of the Social Democrats, recently got a second taste of vengeance from Berlin autonomists. Having only recently recovered from an earlier attack by a group of masked youths in Kreuzberg who gave Momper a few whacks to the head with a stick, poor Walter got attacked again on January 20. Momper was supposed to give a reading from one of his books in the alternative youth center "Objekt 5" in the city of Halle. About 20 autonomists held a demo outside the cafe, shouting "We Won't Forget the Mainzer Strasse!" When Momper arrived, he was shouted out, and people threw paint on him and his car. No doubt feeling like quite an idiot, Momper got back in his car and beat a hasty retreat. The reading was cancelled, and all of the autonomists successfully escaped.

2 autonomists active around the squatted "Rote Flora" complex in Hamburg were arrested in July 1991 by plain-clothes pigs who said the 2 men had put cement blocks on a rail line in an attempt to derail a passenger train. Ralf and Knud were charged with "attempted murder" and held for 6 months in preventive detention. Recently, a Hamburg court ruled against state prosecutors and said the 2 had been unjustly held. The 2 were given (only) 1800 marks compensation and were set free. Although they still face lesser charges, they are hopeful of acquittal. Clearly this case is just a state fabrication designed to discredit the Hamburg autonomist scene, particularly after the unpopular eviction of the Flora Park by the Hamburg city government last summer. The charges are clearly foolish, since no one in the autonomist scene would ever advocate such a stupid act like derailing a passenger train.

Pakistan Police Violence

Violence attacks on women are a tool of state oppression in Pakistan. The latest of many cases is the rape and torture of 2 women in Karachi: Veena Hayat and Khursheed Begum.

Kursheed Begum was returning home from a court hearing of her husband, who was arrested 8 years ago for being active in the Pakistan People's Party. After attending court Kursheed was seized, blindfolded, abducted, raped and tortured by 2 men in police uniforms.

Kursheed has since spoken at demonstrations at Lahore and Islamabad, resulting in the arrest without charge of her teenage son and ransacking of her home.

We urge you to send letters of appeal to Prime Minister M. Nawaz Sharif, through the Pakistan Embassy in your country. Demanding

- 1) Arrest of rapists whom Kursheed recognizes as police officers
- 2) Transfer of her son to hospital
- 3) Release of her son
- 4) Disbanding of the Special Courts and the Terrorist Courts

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Eastern Europe Ponders Los Angeles

BUDAPEST - With CNN and Skynews broadcasts booming in 24 hours a day, the citizens of Budapest - and most of eastern Europe - have now seen with their own eyes the quality of life in the United States. Many here were glued to their television sets as the Los Angeles riots unfolded, wondering just how far events would go.

Despite the attempt by CNN to play down the underlying causes of the riots and focus almost entirely on the "healing process," to emphasize the anti-Korean attacks, and to conveniently overlook the question of just who the dead were and how they were killed, the real message still got through.

After years of clumsy propaganda from

the old regimes about the horrors of modern capitalism (in fact, an attempt to direct attention away from the failures of the domestic bureaucratic system), these days most people here take with a grain of salt reports of poverty, crime and drug abuse in the west. Now, however, some of that cynicism has been dented.

One early response came from a number of activists, mainly intellectuals, members of the Hungarian Left Alternative, who drafted a statement on the significance of the events for eastern Europe.

"Another myth has been shattered," they wrote. "African Americans living in the ghettos and slums of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Atlanta, New York and other American cities in their despair in effect went into mass protest for

elementary human rights and against the fact that they are defenceless before the absolutism of power.

"American capitalism has shown its real face, little known in eastern Europe - against poverty and wretchedness it knows only one 'remedy,' state oppression and police terror. But violence can only give birth to violence.

"We Hungarians have lost our last illusions. If American society is unable to help the poor of the United States itself, how will it help the people of eastern Europe?

"We have understood the message of the war in Los Angeles: capitalism with a human face does not exist at all."

From Around The Union

LV Wobs Face Bosses, Unions, Liberals



Keystone Cement, Teamsters, Wobblies, UPIU, LV CASE

We have become embroiled in the problem at Keystone Cement, and things will be heating up. Our position on the burning of hazardous waste is in direct conflict with the powers that be at Teamsters Local 773, and the local UPIU (United Paperworkers International Union).

The Keystone cement issue is a major battle with national implications. Aging cement plants are being turned into hazardous waste incinerators. The Lehigh Valley has 5 other cement plants and it is assumed that every plant will be applying for a permit to burn haz waste, to keep up with the competition. It has been estimated that if such plans proceed, LV will become the nation's largest source of mercury emissions.

Our IWW Branch is involved in a 3-way battle. We are coming into conflict with old line unions, the company and the coalition. We are trying to educate the workers about toxics, which pisses the local unions off. We are militant in our attitude towards the company. And we frequently butt heads with coalition members because of their passive actions. We have had to educate the coalition on workers issues.

The similarities between N. California and Lehigh Valley are the same and not the same. We do not have a large source of radical help here. As a result we do not run the show. In a situation like this you sometimes have to make friends where you can. This limits our attempts to move the coalition towards direct action. But make no mistake we are involved, agitating within the coalition and within the plants.

Following is information about the participants in the struggle.

Keystone Cement

In existence since 1928, Keystone uses an outdated, expensive "wet process." This requires an astronomical amount of fuel. Every other cement company in the United States has converted to a more cost-efficient dry process. Keystone remains alone with outdated technology.

Keystone has been burning 2 categories of hazardous waste to cut down on fuel costs. In 1990 Keystone applied to the Pennsylvania DER for a permit to burn hundreds more kinds of hazardous waste. Keystone calls burning "recycling," but toxic emissions released into the atmosphere include mercury, cadmium, arsenic and lead - despite the fact that an elementary school is within a mile of Keystone. Their original request was pared down to 57 types of hazardous waste.

In April 1992, Keystone admitted to the Pa. DER that it had burned hazardous waste over the established limits. As a result, plant manager Jim Longenbach was found to have cooked the books. He was fired by the company. DER then suspended all permits and Keystone reverted to burning coal, claiming fuel costs of \$117,000 per week.

In May 1992, an environmental judicial review board reinstated the 2-category burning permit, saying that to revoke this permit would be a death sentence for the company. The permit to burn 57 is now on hold. Keystone says it would take a \$50-60 billion investment to produce cement without haz waste fuel.

Keystone employs 250 workers. Hollywood guy Burt Sugarman owns Keystone through his holding company, Giant. Sugarman has collected huge profits while seldom plowing money back into his plants. The truckers at Keystone are represented by Teamsters Local 773. Plant workers are organized by UPIU.

The UPIU

Without a doubt UPIU has been found to be a weak, ineffective representative for the workers at Keystone and at ESSROC cement. In the case of Keystone, UPIU has sided with the company, and enlisted support from right wing congressman Don Ritter. A letter from UPIU's Jonathan Wolfel to Ritter states that environmentalists are misled.

UPIU has not been able to get a contract at ESSROC for 8 years. ESSROC workers believe if they struck, the company would replace them within hours. Keystone workers, realizing their jobs are on the line and their backs to the wall, have gone for whatever job security they can get. The recent hearings confirmed that some Keystone workers already have cancer and want to stay on the job just so they can collect health benefits.

The issue has a psychological side. The Lehigh Valley was once the world's major cement producer. After generations, workers feel that cement jobs are a birthright. Many believe the loss of prospects in the cement industry is the fault of environmentalists, and refuse to consider that Keystone management has gutted its own company.

Teamsters Local 773

The election of Ron Carey has not yet brought any positive changes to Lehigh Valley. Old line Teamsters still cling to their positions of power. The power is manifested in a "padrone"-like relationship between local Teamster bigwigs and their rank and file bordering on contempt.

FW Lenny Flank and I spoke with Don Landis, President of Local #773, and Brad Yeakel, Business Agent. Landis relates that the rank and file must be saved from itself: "I not only have the worker himself to care about but their families. Some of these guys are off the wall and are willing to sacrifice everything even when there is no chance of winning a contract demand." Landis is however willing to listen to what you have to say.

Yeakel is an in-your-face, blustery tough guy Teamster. He still thinks that the big boys, government and business, will come to their senses and cut labor in on the deal. He refuses to admit that unionists like himself are merely fighting a rear guard action, covering the total retreat and defeat of labor all over N.

America. Yeakel related that he knows the IWW is doing solidarity work in the Lehigh Valley but he isn't impressed. He mentioned that we had better not ever show up to support the workers on a Teamster picket line without first asking him.

LV CASE

The Lehigh Valley Coalition for A Safe Environment was formed to fight the burning of hazardous waste in cement kilns. The coalition is made up of several small environmental groups plus the IWW, LV Greens and recently LEPOCO. In the beginning the going was tough but support for LV CASE has really increased.

In the courts and in matters of research, Keystone Cement is taking a well deserved beating. Attorney Charles Elliot has initiated proceedings against Keystone - as a result, Keystone admitted to the DER that it was violating laws. This was done so the documentation would not have to be turned over to the Coalition first. Local newspapers have criticized Keystone for violating the public trust.

Keystone workers have written letters to the local papers, blaming the environmentalists. FW Lenny Flank replied to this issue by scoring the unions for not representing the workers. Teamster B.A. Brad Yeakel replied that "psuedo experts" have no role in the issue. I then replied that incompetent management at Keystone are to blame for the problems. These letters were published in EASTON EXPRESS.

I have written to Yeakel stating my opposition to his "crusade" to save jobs for the workers even if it kills them and the community. I offered to schedule a meeting with him and 1 other Teamster plus 2 UPIU reps to meet with 2 IWW reps and 2 LV CASE reps.

What happens to the workers when the plant shuts down? (And it will shut down.) No easy answers here. Keystone management must be held accountable for their actions. They should be pressured to set up training programs for their workers. They must be pressured to pay benefits to their workers even after they shut down.

The Teamster leadership in the Valley is not likely to take our efforts sitting down. It is not our intention to destroy the Teamsters or interfere in their business. As a former Teamster, I know full well the benefits of being unionized. I also realize that it does our Branch no good whatsoever to squabble with the Teamsters. However if something is wrong you have to make a stand. In this case the UPIU and the Teamsters 773 are wrong.

A classic worker/environmental struggle is brewing here. Whatever the outcome, we will try to keep IWW members informed. We would appreciate suggestions or comments on how to deal with this situation.

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From Around The Union

IWW in Leicester & Austria

Wobbly activities in Leicester and this part of England have been at a rather low level (non-existent) since 1981 when the Oldham Group dispersed -- the reasons being that members changed interests and that contact with GA in Chicago was lost. However, upon my arrival here, I have come into contact with several former Wobs who were members of the Group.

I have met them at the Leicester Secular Society (the oldest Secular Society in England, formed 1851). I have also met a former Wob at Woodcraft Folk which is a child's group formed about 50 years ago as a non-militaristic response to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

In any case, after talking with the former Wobs and handing out some IW (which reminds me that I have not received my bundle order lately), they have displayed some interest in re-joining -- but time will tell. I have also been leaving some IW at a local leftish bookstore for people to take. The bookstore has also stocked IWW literature and did sell the 1992 IWW Calendar. I also became involved with local May Day activities. I had a table (alongside of the Secular Society's table) where I sold about \$48.00 worth of literature. I also made some additional contacts, mostly people who would like me to speak about the IWW to members of their left-wing

political groups. Finally, I have been asked by a radical history group to give a talk on the IWW, and I hope to stimulate some interest among the attendees, at least enough to buy some literature and subscribe to the IW.

I should also mention that my daughter has sold over 20 little red songbooks. I made a deal with her that for every songbook she sells for \$1.00 she can keep 20 pence of it. With such incentive she immediately went out and canvassed the neighborhood.

Aside from my activities, FW Nattkamper in Vienna Austria has also tried to stimulate interest in the IWW. He attended his local left May Day parade (as opposed to the May Day parade put on by the Social Democrats), and gave out literature. He also attends a discussion group, through which he hopes to be able to get some students interested in the IWW. He had thought of attending the IWA conference, but did not do so; however he does report that the conference was not a big success -- only 12 delegates showed up.

In a couple of months time I hope to have some more IWW news.

-Fred Lee

Branch News from Chicago

The Chicago General Membership Branch invites all Wobblies, their families and all friends of the IWW to our 1992 Union picnic, to be held on July 11, 1992. The picnic will start at 12:00 PM and will be held at the south end of Lincoln Park, by the Garibaldi pedestal. For further info, call Art at 1-708-771-4548, weekday evenings only.

FAREWELL, FELLOW WORKER

Theo Waldinger, one of the half-dozen old-time radicals who helped Fred Thompson reorganize the Charles H. Kerr Publishing Company in the 1970s, died in Chicago in May at the age of 89.

Born in Vienna, Austria in 1903, Theo became a radical at the age of eight, when his older brother Ernst -- a well-known poet and translator of Emily Dickinson and other US poets -- took him to a socialist-led hunger march. For the rest of his life he remained an active fighter for working class emancipation.

After escaping the Nazi invaders of Austria he lived for a time in Paris before emigrating to the US in 1939.

A remarkable working class intellectual -- his acquaintances and correspondents included Sigmund Freud and Wilhelm Reich -- Theo was an accountant by trade, and it was originally in that capacity that he helped revitalize the old Kerr Company, whose chairperson he became in 1987.

Earlier this year Kerr issued Theo's translation of the memoirs of his anarcho-syndicalist friend Augustin Souchy: **Beware! Anarchist! A Life For Freedom**. Under his administration Kerr also issued such titles as **Rebel Voices**, **Memoirs of a Wobbly**, **Solidarity Unionism**, the Wobbly poems of Carlos Cortez, the **Selected Writings of T-Bone Slim**, and **Solidarity Forever**.

Shortly before his passing, Theo completed an autobiography that is scheduled to be published in Austria next year. --X322339

LABORNET

LaborNet is the newest affiliate network of the Institute for Global Communications. LaborNet's goal is to increase awareness among the labor community of computer networking, and to assist them in coming online for information sharing and collaboration with the intent of enhancing the human rights and economic justice of workers. From an environmental and health perspective, LaborNet is concerned with workplace and community health and safety issues that relate to workers, their families and the communities in which they live. Trade issues have encouraged hemispheric collaboration between labor organizations, particularly with regard to the environmental and labor impacts of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

LaborNet has created an electronic labor calendar for the San Francisco Bay Area using the IGC Networks that is faxed bi-weekly to over 130 labor union locals in the Bay Area. The calendar is now operative through the new (d)atabase Events Listing from the main menu.

LaborNet is committed to connectivity between local, national and international computer networks, and is building

partnerships with a number of key networks and bulletin boards. The Right-to-Know Computer Network (RTK NET) is promoted nationally as a key resource for labor activists concerned with health and safety issues. For networking among the AFL-CIO, we promote LaborLine BBS at the George Meany Center in Washington, DC. GeoNet provides wide international access and contact with International Trade Secretariats. In Canada, SOLINET is a partner network for building North American union solidarity.

LaborNet is supporting efforts by workers at U.S. Sprint -- IGC's packet switching network -- to organize a union, in the face of fierce management resistance and harassment. LaborNet and IGC, along with Working Assets, are the founding members of "Sprint Concerned Customers' Association," allowing Sprint long-distance and SprintNet packet-switching network customers to voice their support for a communication workers' union at U.S. Sprint. For more information about this campaign and how to join the Association, see 'labor.newslines' or 'labor.orginize'.

FinnFest 92

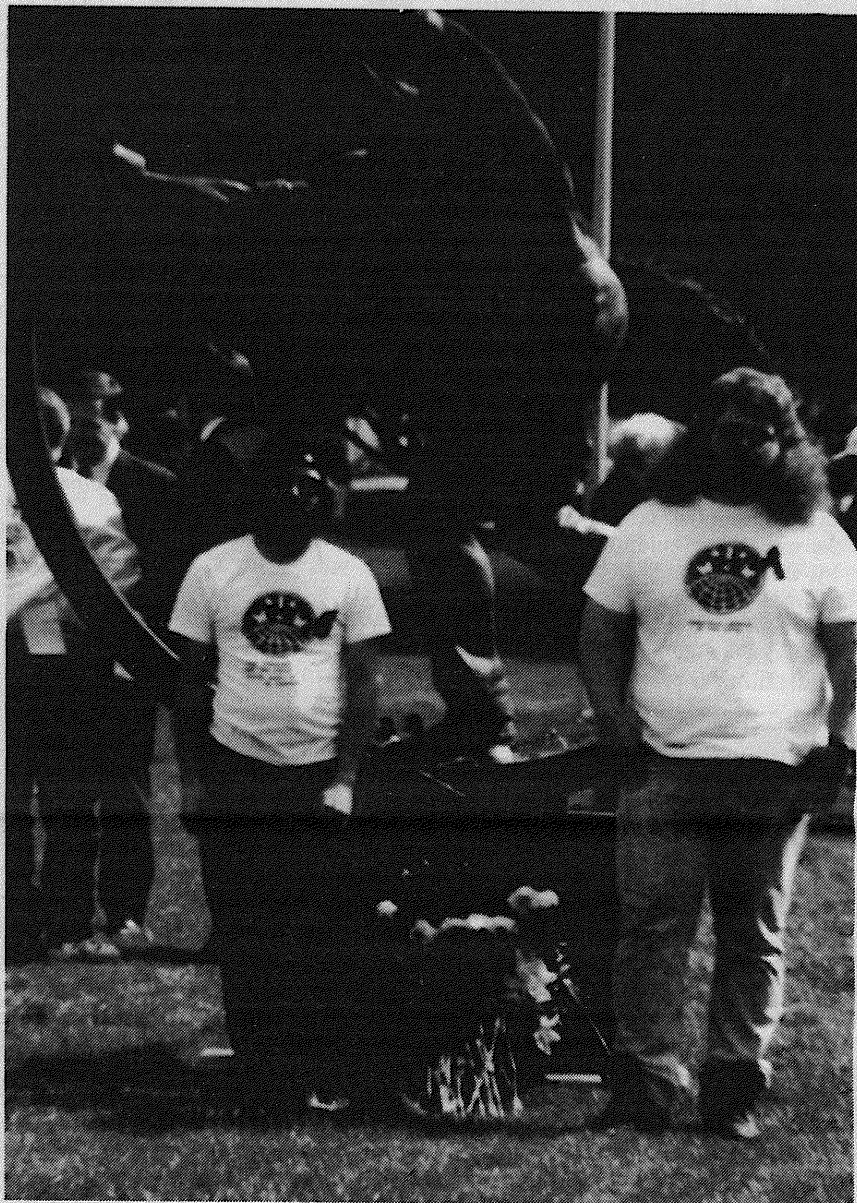
Fellow Worker Harry Siitonen of San Francisco, will be presenting "A Historical Sketch of the Finnish American Labor Movement Through Its Songs," at FinnFest 92 in Duluth Minnesota July 23-26. The Finnish-American cultural festival takes place in a different city each year, and will be held at the University of Minnesota, Duluth campus.

FW Siitonen will appear Friday July 24 at 10:30 a.m. at Life Science Auditorium #175. The program will include labor and radical songs in both Finnish and English translation, with commentary. A number of familiar songs from the IWW Little Red Songbook will be sung in both languages, accompanied by accordionist Dennis Halme. Included will be songs of T-Bone Slim, popular Wobbly song

writer, columnist and poet who died in 1942. T-Bone was born of Finnish parents in Ashtabula, Ohio, and his real name was Matt Valentine Huhta.

Also, FW Siitonen invites all former readers of *Industrialisti*, the Finnish language Wobbly newspaper which ceased publication in 1973, and/or their descendants who plan to attend FinnFest to join him in a Koffee Klatch on Sunday morning, July 26 to get acquainted and renew old friendships. For time and place of Koffee Hour, contact FW Siitonen on the Duluth campus, or watch for flyers posted at FinnFest.

For registration or information about FinnFest, contact: FinnFest-USA 92, PO Box 762, Duluth MN 55801.



FW's Lenny Flank, Jr., and Mike D'Amore at the Lehigh Valley Worker's Memorial. The Memorial honors area workers who have been killed or injured on the job.

Notice: All IWW Members Assembly 1992 Agenda

The General Executive Board has received this letter:

"I have been instructed by my branch to request that two issues be placed on the 1992 General Assembly agenda. They are, the questions: "What is the definition of a branch locality?" In other words, who is eligible to join a General Membership Branch? The second question is, "What constitutes a Job Shop?" Or, what are the criteria for issuing a shop card to a particular workplace. Both of these questions have been issues in the last year

or more and we would like to get them clarified.

Our branch may come up with language for resolutions regarding these questions that we would propose to the Assembly and/or referendum. It is our understanding that agenda items must be recorded at least two months prior to the assembly, hence this letter.

Thank you for your attention.
For one humongous democratic union,
R. Miles Mendenhall
IWW Chicago GMB Secretary

Paterson Strike

Haledon, NJ -- The Paterson Silk Strike of 1913 will have a final chapter added to its history on July 4th when Passaic County Union members, descendants of the Silk Strikers, and devotees of Paterson history will convene at Botto House in Haledon at 10:30 AM to stage a dramatic re-enactment of a 1913 Strike Meeting.

Following the program at Botto House, a march will take place.

Noted folksinger Joe Glazer will perform "Ballad of the Paterson Silk Strike." Actors will portray Big Bill Haywood, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and Carol Tresca, who spoke from the Botto House's balcony during the strike.

The American Labour Museum is sponsoring the event to observe the 200th anniversary of the city of Paterson, New Jersey.

Simi Valley Speaks Out Against Racism

Progressive Labor Party Helps Racists

The news hit the street that a white supremacist group, led by Richard Barrett's Nationalist movement, was seeking a permit to march from the civic center to the county courthouse in Simi Valley in order to show support for the verdict in favor of police brutality in the Rodney King beating case.

An ad hoc committee against racism was formed by some Simi Valley residents, including a few groups from LA and San Francisco. A coalition was formed for a counter demonstration against the white supremacists. Among the participants in our coalition were, Kids Against Racism, a group organized by junior and senior high school students, NOW, Radical Women, NAACP, IWW, Parents & Residents of Simi Valley, People Against Racist Terror (PART), ACT-UP, and the Chicano Moratorium Committee.

The coalition decided to have a peaceful rally with an open mike and songs. It was important not to attack the white supremacists because they wanted to get attacked so they could sue the city for not protecting them if they had a permit to march. They get their money to travel around that way, trying to provoke others into fights.

We had a good turn-out of about 500 people. Most were Simi Valley residents, and many had never been to a

demonstration before. Everything was going nicely with us at the courthouse, the white supremacists being a block away across a large field, at the civic center. Most of the people were at our rally, and only a few were watching the white supremacists. Coalition people were exchanging opinions and ideas, getting to know the various groups, young people talking to old people, anarchists educating the socialists and a lot of consciousness raising going on with the speakers and all, until the Progressive Labor Party showed up.

There were about 20 of them and they quickly formed their little formation with their flags and tee-shirts, very uniformed, and with the discipline of storm troopers marched through our rally, across the field to the other fascists, and started hitting them with their little poster sticks. A couple of bottles and cans were thrown, one newsman got hit, and the police rushed the white supremacists off in police vans to protect them. All the news media covered this (staged?) event, giving the impression that the PLP was the counter-demonstration.

Richard Barrett, leader of the white supremacists said, "These are your peace demonstrators. I have the American flag," implying that the public had a choice between the two. If I had a choice between the white supremacists and the PLP, I think I would choose San Quentin.

Some years ago, after PLP helped destroy SDS, among other groups, they had a convention in Cambridge, Mass. Having been away from the anti-war movement for a couple of years, I wasn't aware that the SDS was then part of the PLP, and I was invited by a friend to go. I was helping to start a defense committee for Billy Dean Smith, a black GI arrested for fragging an officer in Viet Nam (He was later found innocent). I was told that vets would be there from around the country, so I decided to go and spread the word about Billy and the defense committee.

At the convention, I started asking questions about how they chartered 4 passenger jets for the trip to Cambridge when they had only made \$84 at their fund-raiser for the trip. They just got angry and wouldn't answer my question.

I did meet a lot of vets; in fact we had the biggest workshop at the convention and most were not PLP. One of the big shots in PLP took the list of names we gathered for the defense committee to make copies, and I never saw him or the list again.

There is nothing like the PLP to turn people off to the left, either people they recruit or the public in general. They couldn't do a better job if they were organized by the CIA (and don't count that out!)

Well, they came back to our rally and tried to start disrupting there. For a while

we on security had our hands full, trying to get people back to the rally. We actually had to form a line in front of the police to keep PLP from breaking up our rally. I yelled that these people from the PLP were anti-working class and are just serving the goals of the pigs. After the PLP realized they were outnumbered and that some of the people surrounding them may not have been pacifists, they broke up and left. We went on with our rally for another 2 hours.

It was good seeing a working class/middle class, previously apathetic community come to life. Some of the local groups at the rally were motivated by rocks thrown at their kids while riding in Simi Valley buses in L.A. Many of us Simi Valley residents have removed our "Simi Valley" license plate frames. Even in this community most people were shocked at the Rodney King verdict, and many showed up to let the world know it.

We let people know that the root of the problem is people sitting in big mansions thinking how to exploit the workers some more, for yet more power and greed. I talked to many people about Industrial Unionism and passed out all of the pamphlets that I had.

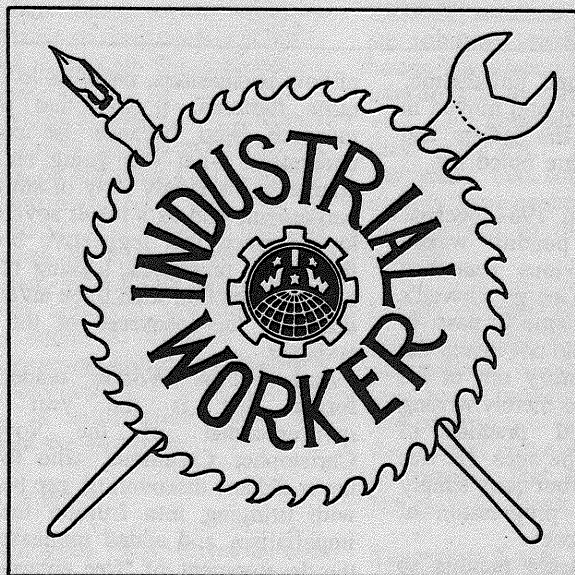
The only divisions are class divisions. The only struggle is a class struggle. - Dennis X 341557

IW Sticker Designs!!!

More IW Sticker Designs!!!

Here's one sent in by CoWorker Skip Melcher, and another by CW D. Sacz...and a third design by CW John Hanna, who informs us that the wrench depicted is called a spud wrench, used by ironworkers.

Quick! Send in your own designs! We'll print them all in IW in August, then ask our readers to choose their favorites!



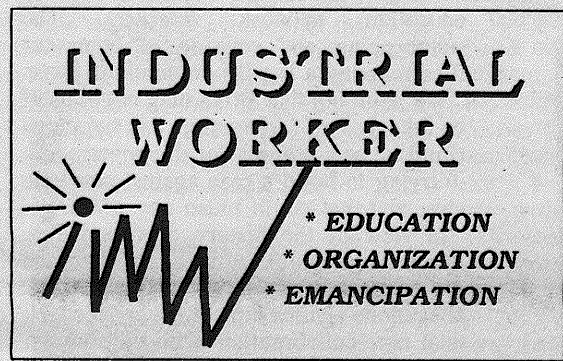
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DOWN on the Unemployment Line

Having recently been thrown on the streets (my boss insists I wasn't fired, my contract just wasn't renewed), I headed down to the local unemployment office to make my claim. I expect to have a job come August (I bridge teaching areas, and so get hired as a two-for-one), but June isn't a great time to land work in the education industry. Since I've grown accustomed to eating, its the dole for me.

Seven forms and five days later I got to talk to a person, who told me it would be at least two weeks until they could decide if I'm eligible for their munificent "benefits." They handed me three more forms, criticized my job search plan (did anyone ever land a job off their leads?), and gave me a rule book telling me,

among other things, that the Feds will tax my benefits, if and when they arrive.

But I did better than the poor sap ahead of me. After working for 18 solid years, the last five with the same boss, he spent most of last year in jail. He landed a new job pretty quick when he got out. But he was laid-off after a few months, and now he was trying to claim unemployment for the first time in his life (I'm a repeat customer, myself). So even though he'd been paying into unemployment for years, he didn't have any earnings during the three months they look at to determine eligibility. He clearly thought the government was screwing him, despite the clerk's explanation of why it was just

and bureaucratically proper that he should be left without any income to pay his rent and food. And, of course, he was right.

They actually process people pretty fast here--both times they got me in and out within half an hour or so (much better than six years ago, when I was last on the dole). But the office was still full-up with a constant stream of unemployed fellow workers being put through their bureaucratic paces.

I scattered some Industrial Workers on my way out. Fittingly, it was the May issue with the 4 Hour Day agitator and the book review on how U.S. workers work too damn hard. Perhaps they'll set some of the slaves to thinking. -X331117

Phoney Self Management

For the past few years management at my workplace has been attempting to convince the slaves we're all in the same boat pursuing the same goal and that we therefore should strive to work together to achieve that goal. The goal of course, is to beat out the competition and become "numero uno" in the greeting card industry (incidentally making beaucoup bucks for the owners while the vast majority of us should remain content with the paltry wages we are paid for our lives.)

Anyway the mechanism chosen for the accomplishment of this management project is a scam known as Customer Focus (affectionately known as Customer Bogus by more skeptical workers). One of the institutions erected to carry out this program is the Employee Forum an alleged space where employee representatives from the various departments can get together to discuss ideas on how to solve problems, improve the quality of work life, etc. There are however several serious flaws in the forum. The representatives are not chosen by other workers but are volunteers or selected by department managers. The personnel director is present at all meetings and some departments are represented by management people.

The Forum has no power to negotiate on the behalf of their constituents so management can accept or reject any recommendations of the Forum. It has been made quite clear that anything concerning employee compensation is off limits as far as serious consideration is concerned. No wonder many of the slaves are less than enthusiastic about the project.

This lack of enthusiasm has been duly noted by the "powers that be" to the extent that a few weeks ago one of the senior VP's held a series of propaganda meetings at which he laid out for our benefit a rosy scenario about how the goal of the program was to eventually eliminate the corporate hierarchy and empower employees (was he saying that the State would one day "wither away?") He then went around the room to get feedback. There were some who questioned the seriousness of management in the pursuit of this goal. The response as one would expect was, "Trust us!"

When yours truly brought up as tactfully as possible (more for the benefit of my fellow slaves than for management) that the main problem with the program was that it was imposed from above, management asked the rhetorical question: If we had not come up with the idea where would it come from? Needless to say I wasn't foolish enough to come back with the obvious response: If it had come from the slaves, you guys would have made note of these trouble-makers and gotten rid of them. Just as they got rid of workers who tried to organize a union at the warehouse not long ago. (One has to be careful about how much one reveals to the enemy.)

Management in many desperate industries is increasingly turning toward this phony workplace democracy scam in order to counter worker disaffection. It has been historically proven that workers are more productive and engaged in their work lives when they feel that they are not just a pair of hands. Management hopes to give workers the illusion of our involvement and thus enlist us in the project of our own exploitation for the benefit of the owners and the real managers of capital. But the old watchwords that the emancipation of the workers is the task of the workers themselves, is just as true today as it was when it was coined in 1884. Management's project is not our project. If we want real self-management we are going to have to go for it ourselves. - Irving DeNaile, Chicago



**WHAT DO YOU CALL SOMEONE WHO
DOESN'T OWN THE PROPERTY THEY
LIVE IN, AVOIDS THE POLL TAX,
PAYS NO RENT, AND
EXPECTS THE TAXPAYER
TO FOOT THE BILL..?**

Your Majesty



US Feds Hassle Student Activist

Williams College student Brian Coan was visited by a Secret Service agent Thursday, May 7, at Brian's track practice. The agent attempted to interview Coan, informing him that the Federal Government was conducting an investigation of him. Coan refused to be interviewed. On Friday May 8 2 agents came with local police and served Brian a summons to appear before a Federal Grand Jury on May 28 in Springfield, MA. Although the summons didn't mention a specific charge, the Secret Service agent who delivered it said that it was related to a charge of threatening the life of the President.

Brian, a senior, has been involved in community and campus politics while at Williams. He founded the campus anarchist/anti-imperialist group Autonomie Forum. He is also associated with *Arm The Spirit* and *Love and Rage*

publications. Locally, Brian has been involved with the squatting movement on New York's Lower East Side. Brian has stated that he has no idea why he would be accused of threatening the President.

There is a long history of Federal Grand Juries being used to silence activists. The Press is barred; on the stand, those accused can be compelled to respond to questions on any subject, regardless of its relevance to the charges, or else face imprisonment on contempt charges. In the past activists have been forced to divulge private information about friends and family. Many others have gone to jail for refusing.

The Secret Service agents and local police entered Brian's apartment before he had time to answer the door. A Secret Service agent copied all of the files Brian had stored on the campus mainframe network (available on the public education network *Internet*). The subpoenaing and copying of computer files remains a legally contentious issue.

We point out that Brian may not himself be the target of prosecution, his summons could be as a witness for the government in trying to build a case against someone else: and that could mean any of us.

In view of the history of Grand Jury Proceedings against political activists, and the seemingly specious nature of the allegations against him, Brian has pledged total non-collaboration with the inquiry.

Letters of Protest should be sent immediately to US Attorney Kevin O'Regan, 1550 Main St., 5th Floor, Springfield MA 01103. Info Contact: Brian Coan (413) 597-2627. Brian's attorney: Stanley Cohen (212) 979-7572.



Left Side

Most of your daily newspapers have an "almanac" column with briefly states the headlines of five, ten or a hundred years ago. Yours truly happened upon one of these columns where the particular date in 1937 when the Chicago police massacred 16 strikers at the Republic Steel Corporation and maimed 90 others. Most daily papers are anti-union but this particular daily excels in its anti-labor slant. The small item mentions in part, "...an attempt to shut down...the plant led to a battle between strikers and police."

Having seen the newsreel footage that, unsurprisingly was never shown in Chicago at the time, I can assure you that it was about as much a battle as it was a turkey shoot. The unarmed strikers were massed in front of the plant participating in a legal and peaceful picket line, offering harm to no one when an equally numerous number of police, who were

incidentally outside of their jurisdiction, formed military phalanxes and moved in on the strikers with all the sadism and brutality that the police are noted for.

Battle indeed!

Seven years ago, when 1984 became 1985, all the media pundits waxed gloatingly that the previous year had passed without any of George Orwell's dire predictions having come to pass. In his novel, *1984*, Orwell did not invent the concept of *rewriting history* out of his fertile imagination but was merely writing about the time-honored practice of "historians" throughout the ages. He was not doing any predicting, but quite simply caricaturing the logical progression of such time-honored practices.

The fact that these media pundits so glibly dismissed Orwell's warnings to the populace in general, and did so successfully, stands as an unpleasant vindication of Orwell's "prophesies."

However, to reassure you that your withholding taxes are in capable hands and are still being well used, this should put you at ease. Especially with that branch of the government that keeps a watchful eye on subversive elements. Among those who have enjoyed the attention of the thought police are the Spanish painter, Pablo Picasso, who besides having the distinction of being an innovator in the arts, also has the lesser-known distinction of having an extensive file on his activities for the past 28 years. That file is still active despite the fact that the aging Pablo has been painting cubistic portraits of the saints for the past 18 of those 28 years.

It was a former king of England who, in order to keep the bloodline of the royal family pristinely royal, was imported from Germany and spoke very little English, was quoted as saying, "I hate all boets and bainters!" Judging where those sentiments came from, your scribe being

of both persuasions, needless to say, feels quite flattered. It was that particular monarch who because he could not understand what was going on, did not adhere to his kingly duty of sitting in on parliament, and as a result sovereigns no longer grace that legislative body with their royal presences, leaving them with no other function than to be an additional drain on the resources of the English taxpayer.

And, Fellow Worker readers, don't forget this is the year of the quincentennial of the voyage of Christopher Columbus, who though he never did any discovering, can be credited with bringing into fruition the age of imperialism and added immeasurably to the development of "free enterprise." Be forewarned that "historians" will be shoving their versions of history into you right up to their armpits, without vaseline.

It was good ole Chris who can be credited with having started the 500-year campaign of genocide against the indigenous peoples of this Hemisphere, not to mention the forced relocation of millions of kidnapped Africans.

Those artists, writers and other cultural workers who are the descendants of those who suffered the genocide and diaspora are in a quandary when applying for government funding for their cultural projects. They are being left with the unmistakable impression that if they do not want their funding sources to dry uyp, they had better soft-pedal any inclination on their part to present their own versions of the "500 Years of Discovery." They are ominously admonished to keep on the good side of the Ministry of Truth.

Knowing that a good bite of your tax money goes to support the military establishment, you should be interested to know that the portion of your wages that you never get to see is in the customary capable hands. According to page 31 fo

the Defense Department's annual report to the president and congress, Sawyer Air Force Base is not in Michigan but in Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula belongs to Canada. Maybe they are trying to get rid of Detroit. Or perhaps their proof readers have all gone AWOL or they are still drafting illiterates. Perhaps some fast-talking Indian with \$28 worth of glass beads might be able to get back more than just Manhattan Island and we might not have to put up with the Columbus Quincentennial at all.

Lest you good readers labor under the thought that all your tax money is going down the drain, be assured that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is safeguarding your interests. This particular agency seizes the assets of failed banks so they do not fall into the hands of other unscrupulous entrepreneurs. The tax-paying denizens of Freedomland are now the proud collective owners of, among other things, the negative of a never-released movie made in 1985 (Orwell can't always be right), this country's largest cemetery of former slaves, and 800 units of Brahma Bull semen. This last-mentioned item might provide an interesting alternative to the other male bovine by-product that our politicians regale us with on a daily basis.

Another one of George Orwell's "prophesies" was the establishment of the "Ministry of Truth" whose function was to feed the proper misinformation to the masses. Your scribe feels that Orwell's prognosis has been right on target and that the Ministry of Truth has been well established for some time now. The media pundits who told us 7 years ago that Orwell's predictions did not come to pass have, indubitably, received their instructions from that very Ministry of Truth. -C.C. Redcloud

Life for Redwoods! ...or Death

Battle of the Albion River Bioregion Day 30 (?) Report

2 more Earth First! tree-sitters took up positions high in redwood trees in the forests bordering the Enchanted Meadow, a flood plain wetland area surrounding the top of the Albion River estuary, which separates the Albion and Little River communities. Early this morning Badger took up a position occupied for 14 days and nights by Emerald, and a new tree-sit location was established by Dark Moon. They are part of an attempt to prevent the extension of a new road being built into a L-P logging operation in coastal Mendocino County. Badger and Dark Moon are the 7th and 8th tree-sitters in a series that began April 27.

In a related action this morning, L-P contract loggers reportedly captured a man called Bear, a ground support person for Dark Moon, and bloodied his nose. Bear was placed under citizen's arrest and turned over to a Mendocino County Sheriff's deputy. Over 60 arrests have been made since the community non-violent direct action protests began April 24. Forest activists joined neighborhood opponents of the logging as soon as the cutting began.

The locals have called Earth First! the "eco-paramedics," referring to their coming to give aid in an emergency. No incidents of violence by protesters against either persons or equipment have been reported. The only violence reported besides this morning's bloody nose was a brief incident last Thursday, in which a logger tackled from behind and knocked to the ground a protester who was leaving a forest area. The logger quit his attack when an L-P security man pointed out that there were witnesses with video cameras taping the action. Minutes earlier, logging had been stopped by the presence of 8 protesters who entered the forest to interfere with the cutting of trees dangerously close to tree-sitter Little Tree.

Tree-sitter Coyote came down from his platform overlooking Enchanted Meadow Friday evening, was detained briefly under citizen's arrest by L-P security, but escaped to safety. He was seen attending the Jerry Brown For President Rally held Sunday in nearby Mendocino. An L-P contract logger slaughtered his tree about 30 minutes after he had left it. This was the same tree which had been occupied by Little Tree from May 4-12, when Coyote replaced her.

Little Tree and logging-area neighbor Zia Cattalini spoke with Jerry Brown after a post-rally press conference. Brown accepted an information package from Cattalini, and said he would look into the matter. During the press conference Little Tree had asked Brown if he would come spend a couple of days sitting in a tree to help stop L-P from cutting around the Enchanted Meadow, to which he responded, "I'd like to think about that."

Cattalini emphasized that, "We're not opposed to all logging. Many of our friends and neighbors earn their living as loggers. But the Enchanted Meadow and the surrounding redwood forests are special places that deserve to be preserved as a sanctuary." There are many species of wildlife here, including the Northern Spotted Owl and salmon. "There are small pockets of remaining old-growth redwoods 500 years old and older. That means they were alive when Columbus landed," she said.

Bari & Cherney Falsely Arrested RV Blocks Gate Day 35 Report

While a tree sitter calling himself "Dark Moon" spent his 12th day perched high up in an ancient redwood, 13 were arrested Thursday during the 35th day of continuous protests against the controversial logging of the forests surrounding the Enchanted Meadow wetlands of the Albion River. 4 of the arrestees, including Earth First! activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney, were falsely arrested, and subsequently released at the scene. Those arrests were made at the request of L-P security man D. W. Goss, who erroneously asserted that a court injunction barred protesters from coming within 100 yards of L-P property and employees. The 4 were released after Mendocino County Supervisor Norman DeVall checked a copy of the court order, and showed the deputy sheriff in charge that the 100-yard setback was not in the current order.

Judi Bari, maimed and in constant pain as a result of a still unsolved car bombing 2 years ago, was forced to walk a distance before being placed in a paddy wagon, while her young daughter watched in anguish. The 4 who were falsely arrested said they will consult an attorney about filing a suit against L-P for false arrest.

Said Cherney, "L-P's lawsuits are out of control, just as their logging is. They're trying to clearcut protesters." The 9

remaining arrestees included Bruce Anderson, editor and publisher of the Anderson Valley Advertiser, and Polly Montoya-Girvin, a woman who spent 5 days in April perched 80 feet up in an ancient redwood tree slated for slaughter by L-P.

The 9 were arrested when they asserted their claimed right to use Slaughterhouse Road to access the Albion River and Enchanted Meadow. As an act of conscience, they crossed a line marked by orange spray painted bushes indicating the L-P property boundary, expecting to be arrested.

The morning protests began when a mysterious overturned RV blocked L-P's main access road to the logging area. Although L-P security men were able to drive their pickup truck past the travel trailer into the logging road, they told logging contractor employees not to do so, apparently wishing to project an image of being a victim of the protesters. No one took credit for the blockage, though there is a rumor that a group calling itself "Stumps Suck!" is in town.

L-P has filed a lawsuit against 3 environmental groups, 15 named individuals, and 100 John and Jane Does. The suit alleges that L-P and their contractor Robert Pardini have suffered financial losses due to protesters trespassing and interfering with the disputed logging. They are seeking damages and an injunction against the protesters. The defendants are calling the lawsuit a SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation), which Ralph Nader has called "blatant attempts by corporations to bully citizens into silence." The opponents of the logging are mostly residents of the neighborhoods adjacent to the logging, aided by Earth First! activists.

Battle in Court Day 40 Report

3 more protesters have taken to the Ancient Trees to protect the grove called "Raven's Call" as the 40th day dawned over Albion's continuing Enchanted Meadow protest. Veteran Tree Sitter, Dark Moon, continued to occupy his Redwood perch, blocking a road cut in progress on Bear Claw Ridge while community support remained strong and growing daily.

Attorney Cunningham countered Mayfield's pleas for a narrow interpretation of the law on the protester's admitted trespassing and alleged

"interfering with economic relationship" with arguments for a broad consideration of issues pertaining to the protester's motivation to commit civil disobedience. Defense witnesses took the stand to testify to the prescriptive rights the Albion community has enjoyed for many years of unobstructed recreational and educational use, about the false arrests and thuggish behavior of L-P & Pinkerton guards, the singling out of media members for mistreatment and assault, and the overall ecological importance of the remnant old growth habitat and the sensitive estuary and wetlands of the Enchanted Meadow area.

Other issues involved the cumulative impacts to the entire watershed. L-P has stated they intend to cut 75% of their holdings in the Albion drainage. According to John Teie, Resource Manager for the Ukiah Office of California Department of Forestry (CDF), 80% of Mendocino County's commercial timberland has been cut since 1975 and L-P has cut over 90% of their holdings.

In an unusual move, Judge Luther took a tour of the plan area on Saturday, May 30th, where he was greeted by over 100 local residents holding signs and singing songs. Accompanied by both Attorneys, 5 media members, 2 protesters, defendants or neighbors, and L-P's Western Division Forester, Chris Rowney, the Judge made 14 stops to see the scenes of recent protests: He was shown 600 year-old logs, felled the day after he lifted CDF's stop-work order, driven along a new road cut through the forest and shown the Enchanted Meadow's Salt Marsh Estuary.

When Luther asked 2 protesters in a boat on the Albion River how the fishing was, they answered: "What fish?" He was also shown an osprey nest with young currently sitting in residence at Raven's Call.

Court resumed on Monday and Tuesday, with no decision yet on L-P's restraining order or the cross-complaint filed by the Friends of Enchanted Meadow, requesting a reverse injunction to halt the Corporate Behemoth's unfettered, irreversible damage to the public interest in a healthy, sustainable forest with its dependent wildlife.

New testimony is expected to focus on the damaging effects of L-P's liquidation-style logging to the local economy due to the impending timber gap it causes.

'Albion Nation Uprising' Community Spirit Will Win!

What has been termed the "Albion Nation Uprising" is in fact another manifestation of a struggle that has spanned 4 decades in this rural area on the north coast of California. The fight against the corporate state, and their minions in government at every level, has been fought on various fronts since the mid-60s. But the spirit of the resistance of the Albion Nation preceded christianity. The spirit of resistance against a central government, a dominating religion or philosophy has preceded history itself. It's a struggle that will never end as long as there are egos, governments, religions and philosophies that do not recognize the inherent independent spirits of human beings.

The independent thinkers that call the Albion Nation their home; the fisher folk, the crafts people, the inventors, the artists, gardeners, builders and tinkers, have been resisting the domination of their lives by the forces of western culture for generations here in Albion. The current fight centers around the Albion River watershed: an intact river system that has provided habitat for wildlife, spawning grounds for steelhead and salmon, and solace for the people of Albion since before recorded time.

Our adversaries in this fight are Louisiana Pacific Corporation and the bankrupt legal system that is allowing L.P. to decimate one of the last relatively healthy river systems in the state they call

California.

Our allies have come from as far away as Ohio and Canada. They consist of Earth First! activists, anarchists, radical independents, free thinkers, and individuals who have dedicated their lives to resisting the corporate state and the wanton destruction of the planet. The struggle will continue until the dominating system that allows outside control of OUR resources is supplanted with local control of OUR Rivers OUR Forests OUR Lives.

The central legal issue is whether or not L.P. is allowed to "harvest their timber resources" without following a precedent setting case that requires them to file a modified Timber Harvest Plan (THP) following the modified California Department of Forestry (C.D.F.) rules that were developed while these THP's were in litigation.

An incidental legal issue, but even more centrally important to the struggle for local control, is the right to access the river and forests through trails and paths that have been open to the locals for generations.

Regardless of the outcome of either issue in the courts the rebellion will continue, and in fact will never end until the status quo is overthrown.

The current uprising has brought many diverse people together from within the Albion Nation. The support from throughout the community has bogged

the minds of many of the activists that have come from areas outside the bioregion. The individual commitment that has been generated by the current struggle has allowed contributions to flow to the activists in the form of money, (always important and necessary to fuel the fires of rebellion), food, both bulk food and prepared meals for the tree sitters and support people, clothing, and other materials necessary to continue the struggle.

Artists have contributed their time and talents, local carpenters have built tree sitting platforms and climbers have set the platforms high in some of the last remaining old redwood trees on this watershed. Other folks have added to our strength by doing childcare, organizing rallies of support, and picking up those people who have been arrested at the jail.

The spirit of the Albion Nation permeates our lives and bonds us together in a monumental struggle that will end in one of two ways: the destruction of our planet and the extinction of the life forms that inhabit this world or, the overthrow of a philosophy that has allowed the corporate state to bring this planet to the brink of destruction.

It is our belief that the spirit of the Albion Nation will eventually overcome the power of the corporations and their government stooges. One example of the spirit of the Albion Nation overcoming the power of L.P. was when Little Tree,

a courageous young woman who sat perched high in a tree as an act of practical and symbolic resistance to the raping of the watershed, was replaced by Coyote, a young Native American man. L.P. security had kept Little Tree virtually surrounded for 3 days and nights. Trucks were kept at the base of her tree around the clock and the prospects of replacing her or resupplying her had almost completely diminished. She had been harassed and the rope that she was to use to repel down from her platform was tied by L.P. security to the base of her tree, preventing escape or resupply. The local sheriff eventually convinced L.P., after a crowd of about 40 people arrived on the river in support of her, to allow a climber to go up the tree to "re-secure the platform" for safety reasons. And the next day the spirit of the Albion Nation again overcame the power of L.P. by replacing Little Tree with Coyote despite the continuing presence of their security forces.

The actions have included tree sitting to block progress of L.P.'s destruction of our home, demonstrations, lock downs to machinery, and blockades of access roads. We have a permanent base camp established near the timber harvest area which we will be using to prepare for the summer of continued resistance. Join us in this struggle. Bring your imagination. Leave your ego at home. -Toe Tapper

Pulp & Paper Mill Workers IU 490

AUSTRALIA

Pulp & Paper Mill Declared Unsafe by Union 1,100 Out!

By Ian Jamieson/ GreenLeft

BURNIE -- "It's not just our problem, or a problem for the unionists at Robe River," says Brian Green, a metalworkers' union delegate at the strikebound Burnie mill of Associated Pulp and Paper (APPM), a subsidiary of the New Right-managed North Broken Hill company. "The strategy and tactics of the mill bosses are a cancer. It has to be stopped," Green said.

The long-expected industrial war at APPM finally erupted here in mid-May with an indefinite strike by the 1100-strong work force after boilermakers were arrested for trespassing in their workplace. The strike quickly took the form of mass picketing as hundreds of unionists rostered themselves for a round-the-clock watch on the plant's 10 gates, with supporters including business people, farmers, pensioners, entertainers and unemployed people. Picketers have erected huts near the main gate in expectation of a long dispute.

Faced with a fight affecting the entire future of Australian trade unionism, the ACTU has promised at least \$5 million to support the Burnie mill workers' campaign, though some executive members have been hesitant to get involved. The Burnie workers have raised calls for a widening of the dispute to involve other NBH subsidiaries, including Pasminco Mining and Smelting and other

APPM mills including Wesley Vale.

APPM has made it clear it is out to destroy trade unionism at the plant, following the precedent of the Robe River iron ore mine 6 years ago. Using the pretext of award restructuring, a process in which the work force has cooperated fully, the company has renounced most of its over-award agreements and conditions and employed up to 50 security guards to enforce its will.

The company is refusing to recognise union delegates and officials and insisting that workers negotiate individually with company industrial and legal officers over pay and conditions. A recently retired mill worker said many had been expecting an assault such as this.

"For around 18 months now, APPM has been planning this. They brought Yankee paper in to forestall industrial action and expected us to quake in our boots. They've used guards and their dogs to intimidate us, they've arrested our union representatives. But this is our livelihood and our town, not theirs.

"My father was a boilermaker here for 35 years, I served 29 years, and my son has had a job here for 7 years. I'm here on the picket line to protect his rights."

The decision to strike was unanimous after APPM called police to have boilermakers arrested when they refused to work with staff who had not been properly trained to run boilers. The company ignored a directive of the Industrial Commission and pressed on with attempts to force boiler operators to train company staff to run the boilers, a strategic part of the mill. The company

wants to insure itself against union activity by having office staff do essential blue collar jobs.

Previously the company had sacked and then reinstated the operators, members of the FEDFA, over the same issue. On May 13, the company tried again, ordering the operators to attend a training course and leave the boilers in the hands of office staff. When the operators refused, 4 were arrested for trespassing, along with a safety officer.

With the boilers tended by inadequately trained personnel, the rest of the work force walked out and, in a mass meeting at Burnie Civic Centre, declared the site unsafe.

Even the police have objected to the company's behaviour. Police minister Frank Madill told parliament the police were misled and will require a request in writing before intervening again in the industrial situation at the mill.

Central to the dispute is the ideologically driven refusal of APPM to negotiate with unions, a course apparently advised by some Liberal Party figures and right-wing think tanks. Repeated union calls for negotiations have been met with stony silence. The AIRC has been unable to force the company to negotiate.

Even conservative trade unionists are aghast at the company's approach, as it tries to substitute brute force for existing industrial procedures, using civil writs against officials, and even a writ against the police for failing to attack the picket line. It is using workplace flexibility as a stalking horse for an attempt to break down safety and training standards and drastically reduce the work force, substituting contractors for wage workers through much of its operations.

Workers are unlikely to accept a ruling by the IRC's Paul Munro that he can't intervene until the picket is lifted and work resumed. "Why should we lose our right to bargain when Munro hasn't ordered the company to lift its ban on unions?" one picketer said.

Public support for the strike is strong. Wesley Vale pulp workers are considering industrial action and those at Triabunna have pledged support. The picketers are receiving donations of food, firewood and other supplies from local residents and businesses and messages from unionists around the country.

Community support

In a massive display of solidarity, 1500 people marched through Burnie on May 18 to protest against APPM's industrial terrorism.

The meeting was the first chance for the local community to show the depth of its support for the strikers at the 50 year-old mill, a vital part of the local economy. The workers and residents voted unanimously to support 4 conditions for lifting the picket:

* No return to work until safety is guaranteed.

* All charges against mill workers and union officials must be dropped.

* Pulp workers may be represented at all levels by union officials.

* The existing award and subsequent interim agreements must be respected by the company.

Response to the ACTU's national appeal for a \$5 million strike fund has been strong. Pledges of support have come from unions around the country and internationally.

Wives, relatives and other supporters of the strike have organised a Support the Pulp Employees Committee (SPEC), which meets weekly to plan its activities. It may be contacted on (004) 318 715. Messages of support to the unionists and donations to the fighting fund may be sent to the local office of the Transport Workers Union, 59 Main Rd, Wivenhoe Tasmania 7320.

Sustainable Forestry

The New Forest Industry

Institute for Sustainable Forestry

Certification: Pacific Certified Ecological Forest Products (PCEFP) is a project of the Institute for Sustainable Forestry, a non-profit organization headquartered in Briceland, on California's north coast. The Institute has drawn on the knowledge of ecologists, foresters, fisheries biologists, watershed restoration workers, fallers, planters and numerous others to devise standards for ecologically produced lumber and other forest products. The Institute's other programs include public education, research and development on sustainable forestry practices, restoration forestry and hardwood utilization training programs for timber workers and foresters, and networking with others doing similar work.

Sustainable Forestry: Up to now the concept of sustainability has not addressed the forest's needs for biomass to maintain soil fertility and biodiversity.

It is therefore necessary to redefine sustainable forestry as forestry that can safely be practiced while still ensuring that the forest's needs are met before any biomass is removed in the form of harvested trees. Given the need to restore forests and former forest lands impacted by industrial logging to a state of health, the requirement for regenerative biomass will differ depending on the severity of such earlier impacts. Accordingly, all management plans must be site specific.

Diversity: To assure the long term viability and health of forests, it is considered essential to manage for the greatest diversity of ages and species, both flora and fauna.

Fire Management: Given that the forest's health depends on there being diversity of species and ages and given also that most wild fires will be subject to efforts at suppression, it will be crucial to plan forest management for prevention of destructive fires - necessarily this must include the possibility of prescribed burning within managed areas.

Criteria for Sustainability To establish ecological and economic sustainability in the forest products industry, the following criteria are established to provide a forest products certification procedure for landowners, registered professional foresters and timber operators.

In healthy ecosystems, maintenance of forest conditions will be practiced. In disturbed areas, restoration of the ecosystem will be promoted.

Ten Elements of Sustainability

@ Forest practices will maintain and/or restore the aesthetics, vitality, structure and functioning of the natural processes, including fire, of the forest ecosystem and its components.

@ Forest practices will maintain and/or restore surface and groundwater quality and quantity, including aquatic and riparian habitat.

@ Forest practices will maintain and/or restore natural processes of soil fertility, productivity and stability.

@ Forest practices will maintain and/or restore a natural balance and diversity of native species of the area, including flora, fauna, fungi and microbes, for purposes of the long-term health of ecosystems.

@ Forest practices will encourage a natural regeneration of the native species to protect valuable native gene pools.

@ Forest practices will not include the use of artificial chemical fertilizers or synthetic chemical pesticides.

@ Forest practitioners will address the need for local employment and community stability and shall respect workers' rights, including occupational safety, fair compensation, and the right of workers to bargain collectively.

@ Sites of archaeological, cultural and historical significance will be protected and will receive special consideration.

@ Forest practices executed under a certified Forest Management Plan will be of the appropriate size, scale, time frame, and technology for the parcel, and adopt the appropriate monitoring programs, not only in order to avoid negative cumulative impacts, but also to promote beneficial cumulative effects on the forest.

@ Ancient forests will be subject to a moratorium on commercial logging during which time the Institute will participate in research on the ramifications of management in these areas.

-Institute for Sustainable Forestry, PO Box 1580, Redway CA 95560.

The ISF is preparing a "Good Wood" booklet to list suppliers of Ecologically Harvested wood products.

B.C. Pulp Mills CANADA 12,500 Out!

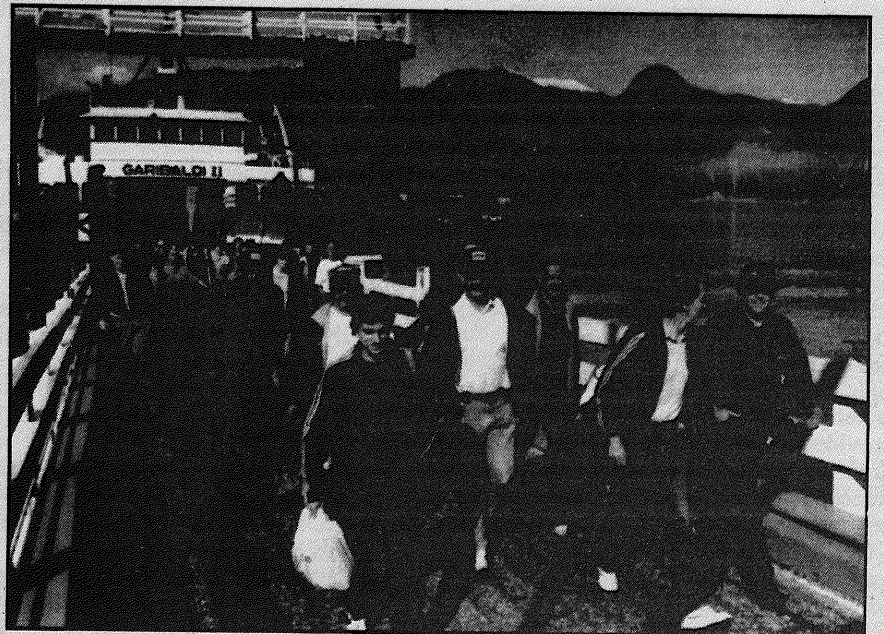
Vancouver - Canadian Paperworkers Union, and Pulp Paper & Woodworkers of Canada walked out of 19 British Columbia mills June 15. A key dispute is over companies' demands that workers give up their floating 24-hour holiday which, like the 3 days at Christmas, closes the mills around the clock. Wages are also an issue as workers rejected a management offer of 30 cents per hour and 70 cents in the second year.

Most of the Canadian wood pulp industry has been in decline for a decade, as mills become obsolete compared to highly automated mills in low wage countries like Brazil and the southern US.

Pulp & Paper workers like others have not had a real wage increase in a long time. Multinational companies drained profits out instead of investing in new equipment.

B.C. forest industries are under intense pressure from ecologists to clean up and stop clearcutting, measures which are incorrectly perceived as being expensive. B.C. provides about 16% of the world's wood pulp, and 32% of its newsprint. This is also the first major labour action since the pro-labour NDP government was elected in B.C. in 1991.

Some analysts say the strike will help the industry by cutting supplies and pushing up prices. The workers are reportedly prepared to stay out all summer to win their demands.(MV)



Pulp & Paper Workers Walk in BC

LETTERS

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Dear Editorial Collective,

Thank you for sending us *Industrial Worker*, which was received in January 1992. We appreciate this gesture very much, and would like to maintain this relationship.

The Workers Library would like to appeal to you to send us any additional publications that you have produced, in exchange for our own publications. Other South African publications that may be of interest to you could also be made available. The exchange is much preferred by us due to financial constraints.

The Workers Library is interested in publications that deal with labour issues. However historical publications including sociological, industrial, women, political, environmental, geographical and world economics would also be welcome.

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Fellow Workers,

I have recently joined the IWW and I'm interested in participating in the current discussions about updating the OBU's message. From what I've read in other papers and in the GOB, there are many people who are joining the IWW and there is some dispute as to just what kind of changes should be made (I understand that there is a general consensus that some sort of change is overdue).

The scariest thing I have read about proposed changes had something to do with changing "the revolutionary watchword" from "abolition of the wage system" to something like "living in harmony with nature"! Eek! Sounds like someone who doesn't work for a wage has - for some nutty reason - infiltrated the Wobs! Exploitation of labor for wages is the foundation for a system of exploitation of everything, including nature. I hope the IWW keeps the traditional line on this issue. However, the "abolition of the wage system" still doesn't seem to me to be enough. After all, anyone who has worked on an assembly line knows very well that such a system of production cannot be anything but repressive. Along with the abolition of the wage system, the large-scale production of the industrial factory must go!

And since I brought up the subject of infiltration, what's this shit I read in the current issue of IW about "Peru Insurrection Gains Momentum"? It's sad to see that the Wobs have been infiltrated by the Revolutionary Communist Party, and even sadder still to see the IW being used to spread propaganda for the Sendero Luminoso, the most oppressive, elitist "revolutionary" movement in the world (that includes the Islamic fundamentalists and the Khmer Rouge). What other group rounds up a village and forces the villagers - at gunpoint - to listen to poetry written by Mao, in Chinese (with no translation!)?!! The Shining Path are much more involved with the assassination of labor leaders (in a country where unions are illegal) than in armed struggle with the government of Peru. Not to mention the fact that the

Luminoso is only one of several revolutionary groups in Peru, and not even the largest, or most successful. Between the four most successful revolutionary movements, almost half of the country is under rebel control. Entire valleys are comprised of autonomous communities, who are constantly under attack from the military forces of the Sendero Luminoso.

In short, the Shining Path is comprised of a bunch of bloodthirsty fanatics, and any mention of their organization without bringing up their counter-revolutionary elitism is a grave disservice. I suggest that the person responsible for this article is either a Remote Control Parrot or a complete fool.

I have to apologize to anyone who may be offended by the strong wording above, but - fer petesake - do some research about these yahoos before printing anything more about them. This is a group not only worthy of contempt, but one that actually needs to be defeated by the workers who will be much worse off under Gonzalo rule than they are under the Peruvian government. I would think that the IWW would stand by the workers of Peru rather than those who wish to enslave them.

I think I'll close for now, and I look forward to receiving your replies no matter what you have to say. I think the IWW still has a lot to offer to the political scene and I hope to become more involved as the OBU grows in Texas. Solidarity,
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Letter

Greetings & Salutations!

This is Daren down here in San Diego & I thought that the readers of your publication would be interested in knowing about a project I've recently started. It's the International Circle A Contact Zine. The purpose of which is to foster & encourage a greater amount of communication amongst the anarchist community at large & to help break the feeling of isolation for anti-authoritarians in small towns & such -- a position I'm sure quite a few of us have felt at one time or another. It's a cross between a pen pal zine and the international blacklist that will come out on a monthly basis. To put your classified ad in (limit 50 words) send your name, address & 50 cents to cover printing & postage costs. Outside of USA A's please send the US\$ equivalent of 75 cents in IRCs. (When mailing coins please have them taped to an index card or something.) To Daren Clare Perez, PO Box 179218, San Diego CA 92177.

Any bands, travelling nomads & such please get in contact with me if you even think you might be coming here & I'll do my best to book you a show, set you up & generally make your visit as good as I can. Thanks & have a nice day!

Dear FWs,

Since the IW has an international standing, why not publish a series of interviews with all the presidential candidates. Or, at least a notice that they refused the invitation.

"Read the Industrial Worker" remains the watchword -- and where the freedom of the press is only warranted by action -- let the presses roll. For OBU, Herb Miller

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your letter, responding to my letter on "reverse sexism" to the IW. This is a subject on which I could probably harp ad infinitum but, as the Taoists say, "much talk, much exhaustion."

I'd like to see more men peruse some of the best known feminist authors, taking a look at what they have to say about men. I'm thinking of the writings of Adrienne Rich, Mary Daly, Kate Millet, Andrea Dworkin, Susan Brownmiller, etc. Are these really advocates of gender equality? Are they really concerned about the historic accuracy of their accounts? Many male feminists remind me of Christian fundamentalists who have never bothered to read the Bible, assuming that it must be a book of final wisdom because others say it is.

I see gender relations as extremely complex and am convinced that both men and women have suffered oppression. To achieve an honest gender equality, with no hidden advantages for either gender, would require (probably) many years of negotiations between some of the more fair minded representatives of the men's and women's movements. In the meantime, I think it's important that we seek an open dialogue and hear from people from vastly different points of

view, especially those whose views are not often heard. Letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the point of view of a periodical at all, and I think that a "Letters" section should be a forum even for those whom another might not consider "politically correct." Even the Minneapolis Star Tribune, a simply dreadful paper from an IWW or radical standpoint, has not practiced too much censorship in this department.

I think your policy on this is a mistaken one, and hope that you eventually reconsider.-- Best wishes, John Simcox.

Dear Co-workers,

When you preach old time populism, conservatives look at you as though they'd just smelled a fresh cowpie and say with injured dignity, "Now you're introducing class into political debate." No shit, sherlock. We've got a president who vetoed unemployment benefits in a recession, wants to give tax money out to the richest people in the country, spends more money on military bands than on Head Start, and they think we're the ones injecting class into politics? We already have a politics of class in this country -- we have a government of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich. -Molly Ivins

Thugs After Shoshone Land

On February 8, thugs were hired to begin stealing the livestock of Mary and Carrie Dann, 2 sisters of the Western Shoshone Nation (Nevada).

April 9, County Sheriffs and thugs came into the Dann's grazing area. Members of the Dann Band and supporters of the Western Shoshone Defense Project tried to push the cattle up into the mountains, but the mercenaries succeeded in forcing the herd into a corral. After Carrie Dann took action to stop them, the thieves backed down and released the herd. Also in April, Chief Yowell was indicted by a federal grand jury for a horse roundup on Western Shoshone land.

The attempted thefts are the latest of a long history of tactics designed to steal more land from the Western Shoshone Nation.

A base camp for supporters has been set up, and a Standby Alert List of supporters who can join the protest has been organized. For information: Western Shoshone Defense Project, General Delivery, Crescent Valley, NV 89821.

Please write letters of protest to President George Bush, White House Washington DC 20500; Sec. of State James Baker 2201 C St., NW, Washington DC 20520; and to Senator Daniel Inouye, US Senate, Washington DC 20515.

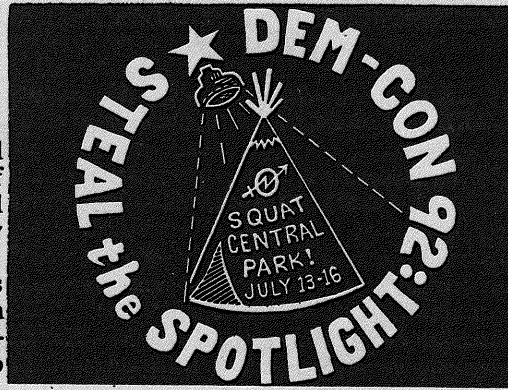
Central Park to be Liberated July 13-16

As the eyes of the world are on the convention of the Democratic Party, a unique opportunity will exist to dramatize

the human right to live in public places, when the system denies us housing!

Dem-Con 92 is a coalition of many groups planning to liberate Central Park and to stage street actions. Homeless people are encouraged to get involved and set up a Tent City. A street sweep is expected to get homeless out of the way for the Convention. People bringing sleeping bags and tents will be requested to donate them to the homeless.

Dem-Con organizers encourage people who can't come to New York, to liberate self-help housing across the land in solidarity. Funds are needed, send to: Con-Dem-92 Committee, Tompkins Sq. Station Box 20950, NYC 10009.



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Yellowknife Gold Miners Strike!

Pregnant Woman Charged with Causing Police to Injure Her

A pregnant woman holding an infant in her arms, who was knocked to the ground by riot police may be charged with assault. A squad of 50 RCMP used tear gas, clubs and shields to disperse a crowd of striking employees at the Giant gold mine. The strikers responded with rocks. The squad of riot police was flown in by the government to the northern community to deal with the strikers. Yellowknife residents have the fiercely independent attitude of hardy pioneers, an attitude which has no respect for far-away bureaucrats and bosses. Combine this northern independence with the stubborn determination usually shown by miners in all places, and it is understandable that no local police

personnel could hope to get away with abuse.

Police say the woman is responsible for any injuries she or her children may have suffered, because she refused to move, and threw rocks. Police may charge the woman with assault and child endangerment.

Witnesses say police treated the woman badly.

Safety is a key issue in the strike. Deaths are routine at the Giant mine, one of the largest gold mines.

The 240 striking Mine workers at the Giant mine are represented by United Steelworkers of America, and information can be had from USA District 3 Vancouver, 604/873-3905.

Flight Attendants Lockout

"I was five months pregnant and I worked a bomb threat flight," says Nationair flight attendant Vivian Siman. Safety rules and working conditions are being ignored by Canada's 3rd largest air carrier. Attendants are routinely forced to work over their contract 18-hour maximum duty day -- spending as much as 23 hours in continuous duty. At Nationair, flight attendants do not receive a 4-hour minimum day's pay, and they are paid only for time in the air. And there is no compensation for overtime!

"If you have to look after 40 passengers, many of whom have never flown before, you are working your butt off," says flight attendant Siman.

The company locked out its flight attendants in November 1991, in the middle of negotiations. The union (Canadian Union of Public Employees) was demanding:

* minimum 4 hour daily pay

* wage increase from \$15,000 to \$18,000 per year

* bonus for giving up days off

* 12-hour limit on callbacks

The workers are becoming more radical and militant with each passing day on the picket line and with each new company trick. Management has hired scabs and used court injunctions in an attempt to break the union.

In January 1992 the airline division of CUPE announced a boycott of Nationair.

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NATIONAIR

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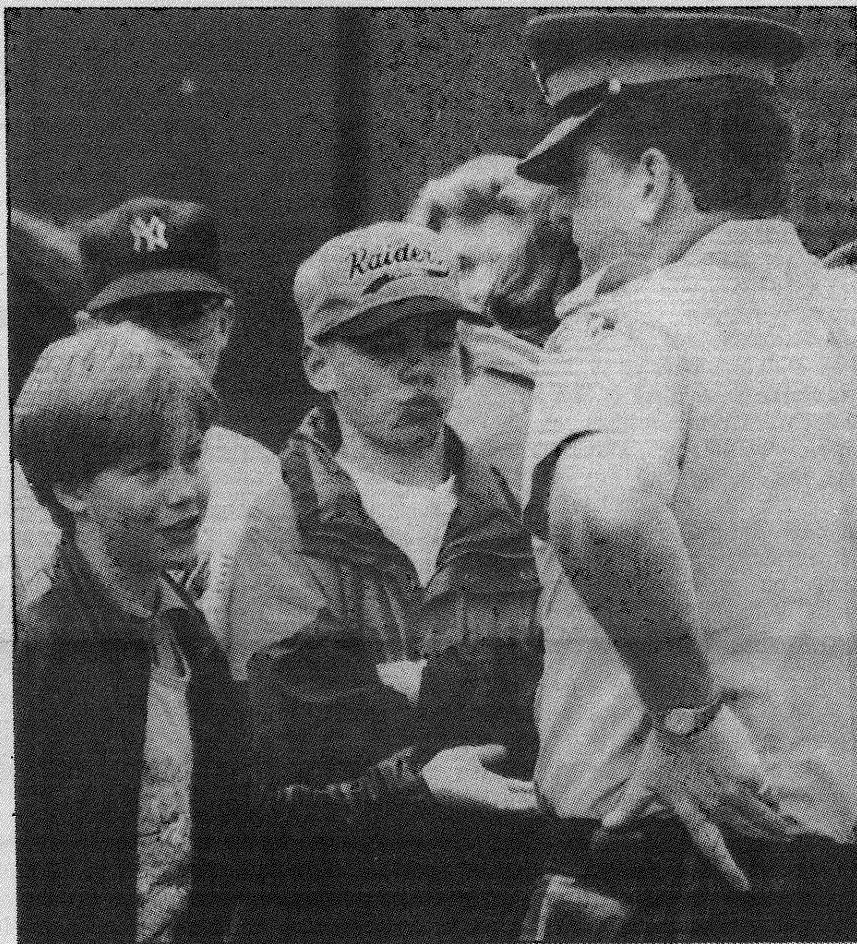
School Kids Strike

When 1,900 Ottawa area elementary school teachers ran a work-to-rule campaign, students walked out of schools across the city. Teachers Federation of Carleton spokespersons said the union chose work-to-rule because it would hurt the students less than a full walkout.

The students were angry at the cancellation of extra activities such as evening dances. At some schools students were bussed home early because they refused to enter the buildings. Other students walked or hitch-hiked home, or spent the day elsewhere.

"Teachers came out and told us we were going to be suspended," said a 13-year-old. "We just sat down and refused to move. The teachers are cancelling all the fun activities so why should we listen to them?"

About 1,500 students, mostly from grades 7 and 8, participated in spontaneous strikes at 10 schools. 20 students received one-day suspensions. There were no arrests.



Elementary Students Direct Action

1600 Strike at Toronto Star

Members of the Southern Ontario Newspaper Guild (SONG) struck on June 8. The paper continues to publish with fewer pages. The Union seeks raises of 3 and 4 percent over the next three years, and wants to limit contracting out. The union also wants a clause to protect reporters from being forced to write stories for advertisers.

96 more SONG workers at 20 regional community newspapers were in a strike position as of June 19. The *Toronto Star* was seeking a court injunction to limit pickets, so trucks could pass out more easily.

Black & Visible Minorities Speak

A full **Judicial Inquiry** into the Police shootings of Black people in Toronto and Ottawa is high on the list of recommendations Black and Visible Minority communities across Ontario have given to Premier Bob Rae's special envoy, Stephen Lewis.

Recommendations included:

* Ensure economic development (not simply jobs, though those are necessary too) for Black communities

* Economic development entirely in the hands of the communities themselves through community businesses and community organizations

* Restore credibility in the justice system which is failing Blacks and thus all Canadians

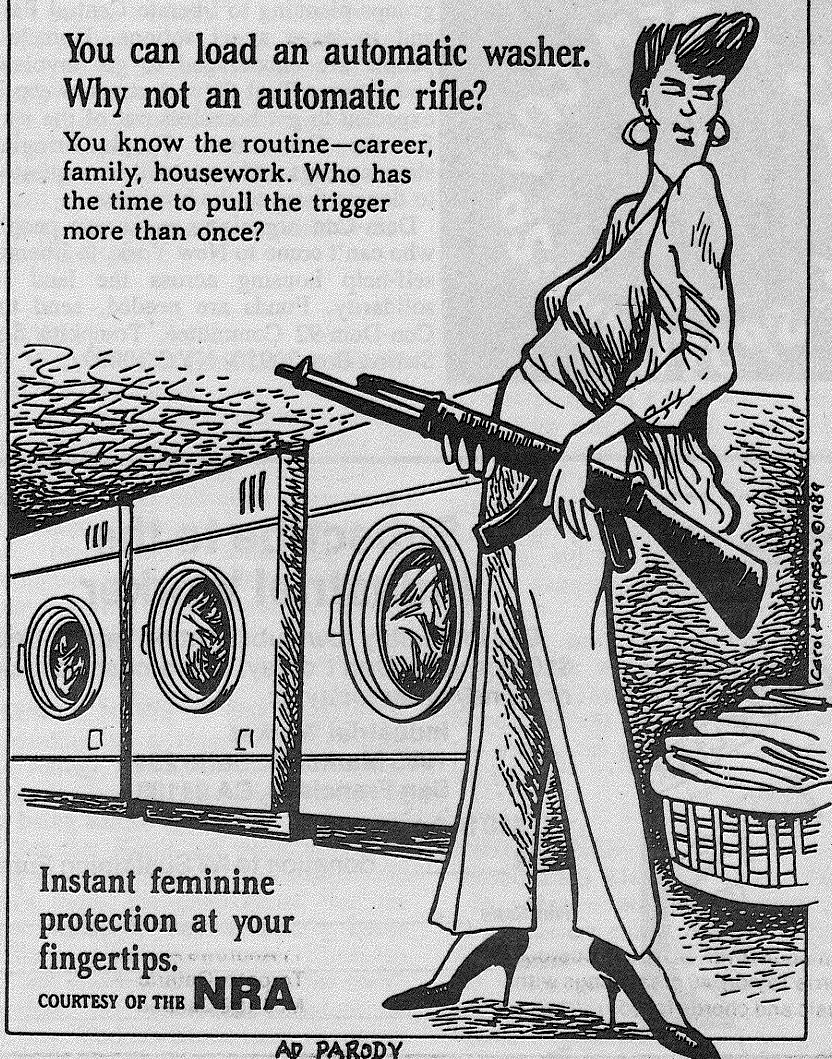
* More Black social workers, probation officers, police, judges, jury members; the education system to train these people

* Dust off those previous reports and implement their recommendations. (*The Spectrum*, Ottawa)

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Listen to the story I have to tell
Of how we gave those bosses hell.

Boss says he's a friend of mine
Takes care of his workers all the time
But when I asked him for a raise in pay
My dear old buddy told me, "No way!"

Said, "I'd like to but I can't raise your pay

I ain't never gonna get rich that way
I know you're my buddy but can't you see

That you work here to make money for me!"

I got tired of my boss's lies
And I decided to organize
And now I'm having a real good time
With my Sisters and Brothers on the picket line.

If Boss brings scabs to take our pay

And you want to ruin that scabbie's day
Take a piece of machinery home with you
And that scab won't have much to do.

And if a scab tries to cross our line
When he sees us he'll change his mind
A great big crowd of union friends
That scab won't come back here again.

We, all of us workers, stand as one
We'll stand together until we've won
For shorter hours and higher pay
We'll picket this plant until Judgement Day.

And so goes the story I have to tell
Of how we gave those bosses hell
The moral of my story is plain to see
There's strength in Solidarity!

And one day when our union's strong
We'll take this factory and make it our own
Management might make a fuss
But one day the bosses will be working for us!

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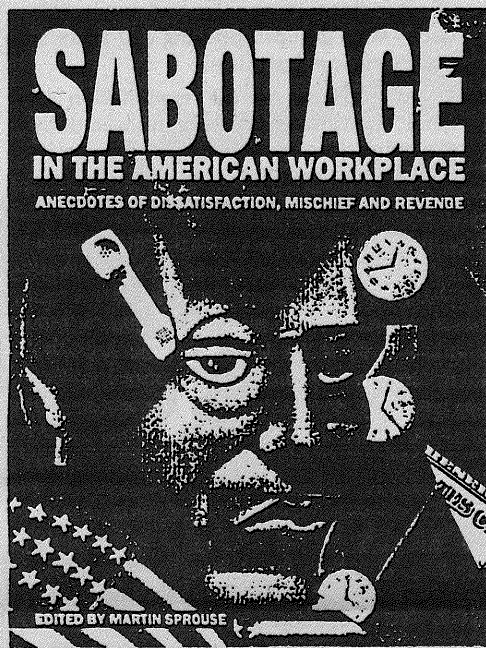
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The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

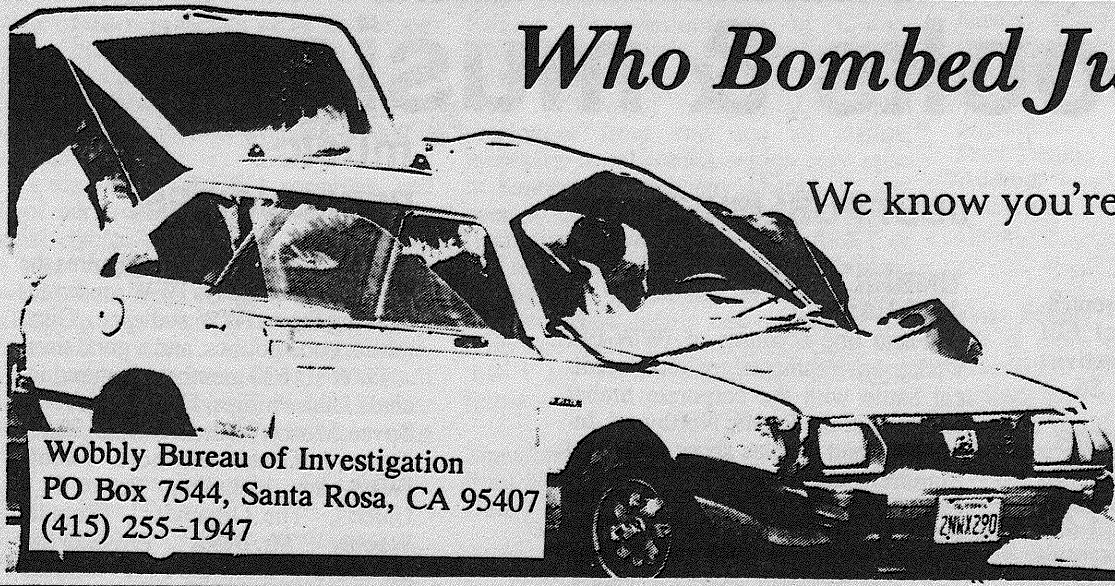
Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the means of production, abolish the wage system, and live in harmony with the Earth.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

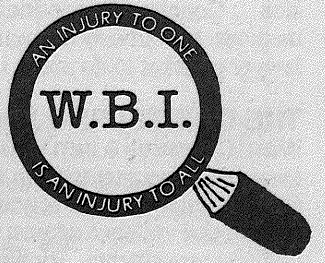
Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.



Who Bombed Judi Bari?

We know you're out there still...



The following resolutions were adopted by the 1991 IWW General Assembly:

1. "The 1991 IWW General Assembly reaffirms the IWW's opposition to all forms of human oppression, including but not necessarily limited to those based on race, ethnicity, gender, nationality, creed, age, physical ability or sexual orientation.
2. "While the IWW gives its full support to international cooperation between workers, the IWW declares its opposition to the Free Trade Agreements between the

governments of Canada, the United States, and Mexico. These agreements have highlighted the inequalities that exist among workers internationally, and therefore we find that our best response is to organize workers internationally. We support direct action taken by workers in opposition to these agreements."

3. "On the occasion of the Columbus Day Quincentennial, we endorse the sovereignty of all indigenous peoples and are in solidarity with groups opposing 500 years of Euro-centric colonialism."

4. "In addition to the exploitation of labor, industrial society creates wealth by exploiting the earth and non-human species. Just as the capitalists value the working

class only for their labor, so they value the earth and non-human species only for their economic usefulness to humans. This has created such an imbalance that the life support systems of the earth are on the verge of collapse. The working class bears the brunt of this degradation by being forced to produce, consume, and live in the toxic environment created by this abuse. Human society must recognize that all beings have a right to exist for their own sake, and that humans must learn to live in balance with the rest of nature. This will only be accomplished when the working class takes control of human production and redirects it to the long-term benefit of all rather than the short-term profit of a few."

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Real Democracy—All policy decisions are made by the members themselves by referendum. All branches maintain full autonomy on matters within their jurisdiction. Job branches (IWW groups composed of workers at a single job-site) set their own demands and strategies in negotiations, free of meddling internationals or sell-out business agents.

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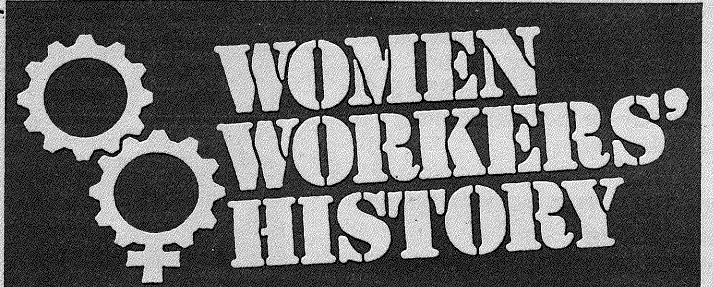
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Chapter 64

Red Scare

Early on the morning of Dec. 21, 1919, Emma Goldman was placed aboard the S.S. Buford, a creaky old army transport ship bound for Russia. Since her immigration to the U.S. in 1885, she had been among the nation's most controversial women. Radicalized by the 1886 Haymarket tragedy, she had been a courageous champion of workers' freedom, active in defense of the Homestead and Pullman strikers, in the San Diego free speech fight and in other labor struggles. Now, because of her unpopular ideas, she was being deported. Two hundred and forty-eight other immigrant radicals were on board with her. Others would follow her.

"On the night of Jan. 2, 1920, 10,000 American workers, both aliens and citizens, most of them trade union members and many of them union officials, were hauled from their beds, dragged out of meetings, grabbed from the streets and from their homes, and thrown into prison by the federal police under the direction of Attorney General Palmer and his aide, J. Edgar Hoover."** The raids took place simultaneously in 70 cities.



Company spies aided Hoover's men by pointing out the active trade unionists to be picked up. Many of those seized had been active in strikes and in union affairs.

The *New York Times* proclaimed on Jan. 2, "200 Reds Taken in Chicago. Wholesale Plot Hatched to Overthrow U.S. Government." The only real plot was the one hatched by big business to weaken the labor movement with the assistance of the U.S. government. Big business regarded the American trade union movement as "an un-American, illegal and infamous conspiracy."** So did Attorney General Palmer. The raids served their purpose — weaken organized labor, keep wages low and postpone the organization of basic industry.

* *Labor's Untold Story*

** John Kirby, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, in a 1913 pamphlet quoted in *Labor's Untold Story*

Dear Boss,

A Raise In Pay Keeps Strikes Away

A Message from Your Loyal Employees