

**WE'VE CARRIED THE  
RICH FOR 200 YEARS-  
LET'S GET THEM  
OFF OUR BACKS!**



**Jobs or Income!**

**We Won't Fight Another Rich Man's War!**

**Demonstrate July 4th!**

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1976 - Millions walking the streets looking for jobs and still more shoved out the door while plants close down. Those still at work, worked to death, chained to the bosses' machinery. Our cities falling apart. Our schools, hospitals, and firehouses shut down. Half-finished construction sites standing next to burned out tenements and the drums of another war beating louder. All this amidst lies of recovery and the fireworks of celebration.

No! This is not what we worked so hard for. No, this is not the future we want for our children. One thousand outrages slap us in the face. No, we can't live like this. And we won't.

Our class, the working class, men and women of all nationalities - we build and we produce. But their class, the capitalist class, takes it all. They own what they have never built - the mills, mines, and banks. Owning all, they take all we produce. And for us, only enough to keep us alive so we can slave for them some more.

They take our hard work and twist it. We work together. They steal, each as much for himself as he can, and try to keep us apart. Everything has a price for them. Their uncontrollable drive for profit makes this whole society run like it does. Crisis after crisis, war after war, injustice upon injustice. Ten generations of profits bled out of ten generations of our lives.

Our whole history proves this. We have fought for all that is worthwhile in this country. We are not animals but that's how they would have us live. No! Not in 1776, 1876, or 1976. Our history is filled with storms of resistance, battling back and standing tall. We are man and women. We will not be slaves. We are the backbone of the whole country, millions strong. They are a handful of murderers and slavedrivers, rotting even as they claw to grab more.

1976. These thieves call all of us to celebrate with them. National unity...all together and many happy returns. No! We shall not celebrate their rule. Despite all their sickening lies and broken-record hoopla, we have nothing in common with them. For them - 200 years of plunder. For us - 200 years of slavery and oppression. All they have they took from us. All we need we have wrenched from them through bitter battle. It is they and their never-satisfied thirst for profit that stand between us and our fight for a better life and a brighter future for our children.

Fellow workers! Today as before our class battles every last abuse - on picketlines and shop floors, in neighborhoods and communities and everywhere throughout society. Our fight is a just fight, our demands are just demands. In building this struggle on July 4th in Philadelphia, we will proclaim especially our demand for "Jobs or Income Now!" and our determination that "We Won't Fight Another Rich Man's War!"

We have the strength to mobilize. We have the ability to unite all the battles, all the people, all the anger at the way we have to live. The future belongs to us. We are the only ones who can push things forward, and we are determined to break through.

Now is the time to pull it together. All our forces. All our battles. As we have always fought them we will fight them on the day they choose to celebrate their bloodsoaked rule. We will come together, thousands strong, to expose their crimes and build our movement, on that day and for the great battles ahead.

On to Philadelphia!

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# RS - LET'S GET THEM OFF OUR BACKS! On To Philly!

The best the rich can offer us is another 200 years of what we face now. They say this is the best of all possible worlds, with a bright future if we play our cards right. But each hand is another attack; that's the only kind of cards they deal.

Every day the rich offer us a pick between wage cuts or unemployment, police repression or crime, abandoned houses or vacant lots. Each day we fight back against these attacks, not to choose one over the other, but to keep from being ground into the dirt. Through each battle against layoffs, speed-up, cutbacks in social services, unemployment, police repression and discrimination, we begin to understand the fight we are in, who our friends and enemies are, and how we can get more united.

This July 4th demonstration will mean a big step forward in the development of our movement. It represents an opportunity to unite the people, to expose the crimes of the rich on the very day they have proclaimed a celebration of their rule.

Behind the slogan "We've Carried the Rich for 200 Years--Let's Get Them Off Our Backs!" we will unite with more and more people to build our fight not to be crushed and for a better life.

In particular we demand Jobs or Income. How many? That's simple--one for everybody. The rulers say 5% unemployment is acceptable, but right now it's 8% and their response is: You want a job? Join the army or starve, take a wage cut, be a strikebreaker or pound the pavement. One million of our brothers and sisters stand behind each of those percentage points. No way is that acceptable.

As part of organizing for the July 4th demonstration we are circulating the Jobs or In-



come petition of the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee, at the unemployment centers and in the factories across the country. On July 4th we will be bringing over 250,000 signatures on this petition to Philadelphia. Along with this the unemployed and veterans will be setting up a Tent City in Philadelphia from July 1-4.

The rulers in the U.S. talk about peace while they prepare to throw us into war. They doubletalk to us about "peace through strength" and how all Americans have a stake in maintaining the U.S. world position. In particular this means uniting with them in their competition with the capitalists in the Soviet Union to redivide the world.

What all this means is that we should again support their war preparations and be ready to go out and sacrifice ourselves for their profits. Our answer to all this is We Won't Fight Another Rich Man's War, we won't sacrifice ourselves or our class brothers and sisters around the world who, like us, have nothing to gain from fighting for the profits of the rich. It's our class that we will do our fighting for.

This is a campaign in our interest. All of our battles, all our organizing will come together in Philadelphia on July 4th with a militant, disciplined demonstration, united to get the rich off our backs.

On July 4th the eyes of the country and the world will be focussed on Philadelphia. We will expose the lies of the rich, tear the mask of freedom and democracy from their face and tell the workers of the whole world that we refuse to live like this and we won't.

# Come to Philadelphia!

**Meet 10am July 4th, north side of City Hall,  
Philadelphia. Tent City, July 1-4.**

## **RICH OFF OUR BACKS-JULY 4th COALITION**

Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee, Revolutionary Communist Party, Revolutionary Student Brigade, NY-NJ United Workers Organization, May 1st Workers Organization (Ca.)

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