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"WITHOUT A POLITICAL PARTY THE WORKING CLASS HAS NOTHING".....

## Milton Davis Fired!

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FELLOW WORKERS;

On August 27 one of our fellow workers was escorted out of the plant by "plant protection". About a week and a half later he received a letter in the mail from "Labor Relations". This letter among other things stated that he was fired effective September 4. The brother we are speaking of is Milton Davis.

Milton has worked at M.R.E. for the past ten (10) years. He was working on the 2nd shift doing heavy repairs in Dept. 88.

Milton was fired for threatening his forman (OTTO). We will state right off the bat that Milton did threaten this SOCIAL DEGENERATE. Oh, this forman is difinetely a degenerate and we shall prove this in the article on the next page. Further more it is our position that Milton Davis was fully within his rights to get this degenerate off his back the best way he knew how.

As always, we must arm the advance workers with a very brief understanding of the political setting that this situation is developing in. We must understand these events so that we know how to fight.

Very quickly we see that the economic situation in this country is becoming very ugly. All around us prices are sky-rocketing, while we find it increasingly hard to live off our small wages.

Throughout the country the capitalist are trying to make the workers pay for this crises by making us produce more goods ( speed-up means more profits). As the crises deepens the workers fight back. The capitalist solution is another bloody war. Every day in the newspapers Ford & Kissinger threatens war with the Korean working class or threatens to drop bombs on another country.

In the middle of this stands the Democratic's, Republican's and many Trade Union officals who have been proven to be servants of the capitalist. Woodcock, Frazier, Meany and the rest are not simply mis-leaders. They are bought and paid for by the capitalist, they are the labor lieutents lieutents of the capitalist.

All this means that we are fighting without a political party. We are fighting without real labor leaders. We repeat, we have no leadership!!!

Milton Davis became the victim of this situation. Because these labor lieutents represent their capitalist masters, those workers who don't go along with the company, are forced to "go at it along" in order to get some of the flunkey's off their backs.

Milton Davis is not the criminal ! He is the victum ! We can no longer fight without a political understanding of events, without organization and no plans of action. This situation must come to a end.

TO THOSE WORKERS WHO UNDERSTAND THE GRAVENESS OF THIS SITUATION WE SAY JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO GET MILTON DAVIS BACK TO WORK. AN ATTACK AGAINST ONE IS AN ATTACK AGAINST ..... YOU!!!

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# Milton Fired !

On August 27, Milton Davis was "escorted" out of the plant by Plant "protection". About a week and a half later Milton received a letter stating that he was fired effective September 4. The reason for Milton's discharge was threatening a supervisor.

Our position is that Milton's case represent another instance where management thru their flunkey's has pushed another worker to the breaking point. In this case it happened to be a worker who refused to be intimidated by these jackals.

Milton's immediate supervisor was OTTO BOWERS. Anyone who is at all familiar with "mr." Otto Bowers knows him for what he is - a SOCIAL DEGENERATE ! ! ! In addition "mr." Otto Bowers happens to be one of the most backwards and discriminating formans in the plant. Although a Negro minority himself, Otto treats the Negro minority and women workers with the contempt that matches the attitude of a Klansman. (we have plenty of these Klansman and ladies in the workforce, management and the union. We'll get to them in the very near future). But let us continue and expose Otto Bowers for what he really is.

"mr." Otto Bowers has on numerous occasions attempted to take pleasures with many of the women workers on and around the wire line. In particular he has gone to the length of stealing their home phone numbers and called them up at night begging and pleading for their surrender ! ! ! This fool has violated the dignity of so many women that on various occasions 2 Anglo women reported him to management, this is the gods truth! Scores of Negro women have had to "beat" this raving maniac off their backs. Yet management choses to build a case based upon struggles that took place between "mr." Otto Bowers and our brother Milton Davis ! ! ! But let us continue.

Many workers on the 2nd shift will recall a women worker named 'Jo' Bell who was fired about a month ago by "mr." Otto Bowers. Jo had been written up numerous times and once fired. She was working on a last chance basis. One has to wonder whether or not "mr." Otto Bowers approached Jo and upon being refused used his "power" to make her "pay" for her refusal. But let us continue.

"mr." Otto Bowers is also famous for his discriminatory practices. Every Anglo and Negro worker on the wire line and in heavy repairs understands this. Otto has made sure that the Negro and Anglo workers never get together by segregating them in different work areas. On one side the Anglo repairmen work on the other side the Negro repairmen work. This you can check out for yourself. Because of this segregation Otto is able to dish out petty priviledges to the Anglo workers. An example of this is the extra break time they get without any harrassment. To this very day this continues.

Although Milton Davis was one of the best repairmen and 'kicked out just as much steel as every one else" Otto consistently harrassed Milton about "being out of his job setting". Very frequently this would develop into a heated argument because Milton refused to back down.

These are some of the conditions that Milton was forced to work up under. You take any decent minded person and put them in these same conditions and they are forced to rebel. You take a Negro worker like Milton Davis who knows that this fool gives priviledges to one group of workers and try and make him pay for those priviledges and you have nothing but endless fighting. Right here it's interesting to note that on the same day that Milton threatened Otto an Anglo worker was on the verge of busting "mr." Otto Bowers in the head with a hammer. Yet Milton is fired and branded a hoodlum while "mr." Otto Bowers is still sniffing around "trying to see what he can get into". Is this not making the victim look like the criminal and the criminal like the victim.

To make things worse Milton cannot collect unemployment compensation for 13 weeks. The new bill that raised unemp. comp. for some workers disqualify's potentially thousands of workers.

Let those workers who see and feel the class struggle hieghtening around them rally for Milton Davis. Let those who are prepared to take a stand prepare to rally, petition & storm the Company and Union demanding that Milton Davis be immediately bought back!

FIRE "mr." OTTO BOWERS ! ! !

TO BE CONTINUED

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We are re-printing parts of a pamphlet written by V.I. Lenin entitled "On Strikes". THIS PAMPHLET IS AVAILABLE AND CAN BE GOTTEN FROM DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN THE PLANT OR YOU CAN MAIL 50¢ TO "EMANCIPATION BOOK STORE", 12024 Linwood Detroit Mich. 48206. As you will immediately see it is excellent reading material. the nuclei

## EDUCATION COLUMN

Capitalism is the name given to that social system under which the land, factories, implements, etc., belong to a small number of landed proprietors and capitalists, while the mass of the people possesses no property, or very little property, and is compelled to hire itself out as workers. The landowners and factory owners hire workers and make them produce wares of this or that kind which they sell on the market. The factory owners, furthermore, pay the workers only such a wage as provides a bare subsistence for them and their families, while everything the worker produces over and above this amount goes into the factory owner's pocket, as his profit. Under capitalist economy, therefore, the people in their mass are the hired workers of others, they do not work for themselves but work for employers for wages. It is understandable that the employers always try to reduce wages; the less they give the workers, the greater their profit. The workers try to get the highest possible wage in order to provide their families with sufficient and wholesome food, to live in good homes, and to dress as other people do and not like beggars. A constant struggle is, therefore, going on between employers and workers over wages; the employer is free to hire whatever worker he thinks fit and, therefore, seeks the cheapest. The worker is free to hire himself out to an employer of his choice, so that he seeks the dearest, the one that will pay him the most. Whether the worker works in the country or in town, whether he hires himself out to a landlord, a rich peasant, a contractor, or a factory owner, he always bargains with the employer, fights with him over the wages.

But is it possible for a single worker to wage a struggle by himself? The number of working people is increasing: peasants are being ruined and flee from the countryside to the town or the factory. The landlords and factory owners are introducing machines that rob the workers of their jobs. In the cities there are increasing numbers of unemployed and in the villages there are more and more beggars; those who are hungry drive wages down lower and lower. It becomes impossible for the worker to fight against the employer by himself. If the worker demands good wages or tries not to consent to a wage cut, the employer tells him to get out, that there are plenty of hungry people at the gates who would be glad to work for low wages.

When the people are ruined to such an extent that there is always a large number of unemployed in the towns and villages, when the factory owners amass huge fortunes and the small proprietors are squeezed out by the millionaires, the individual worker becomes absolutely powerless in face of the capitalist.

And so, in order to stave off their reduction to such extremities, the workers begin a desperate struggle. As they see that each of them, individually, is completely powerless and that the oppression of capital threatens to crush him, the workers begin to revolt jointly against their employers. Workers' strikes begin. At first the workers often fail to realise what they are trying to achieve, lacking consciousness of the *wherefore* of their action; they simply smash the machines and destroy the factories. They merely want to display their wrath to the factory owners; they are trying

out their joint strength in order to get out of an unbearable situation, without yet understanding why their position is so hopeless and what they should strive for.

As capitalism develops, as big factories are more rapidly opened, as the petty capitalists are more and more ousted by the big capitalists, the more urgent becomes the need for the joint resistance of the workers, because unemployment increases, competition sharpens between the capitalists who strive to produce their wares at the cheapest (to do which they have to pay the workers as little as possible), and the fluctuations of industry become more accentuated and crises\* more acute. When industry prospers, the factory owners make big profits but do not think of sharing them with the workers; but when a crisis breaks out, the factory owners try to push the losses on to the workers.

Every strike reminds the capitalists that it is the workers and not they who are the real masters—the workers who are more and more loudly proclaiming their rights. Every strike reminds the workers that their position is not hopeless, that they are not alone. See what a tremendous effect strikes have both on the strikers themselves and on the workers at neighbouring or nearby factories or at factories in the same industry. In normal, peaceful times the worker does his job without a murmur, does not contradict the employer, and does not discuss his condition. In times of strikes he states his demands in a loud voice, he reminds the employers of all their abuses, he claims his rights, he does not think of himself and his wages alone, he thinks of all his workmates who have downed tools together with him and who stand up for the workers' cause, fearing no privations.

Despite all these sufferings, the workers despise those who desert their fellow workers and make deals with the employers. Despite all these sufferings, brought on by strikes, the workers of neighbouring factories gain renewed courage when they see that their comrades have engaged themselves in struggle. "People who endure so much to bend one single bourgeois will be able to break the power of the whole bourgeoisie,"<sup>114</sup> said one great teacher of socialism, Engels, speaking of the strikes of the English workers.

When all class-conscious workers become socialists, i.e., when they strive for this emancipation, when they unite throughout the whole country in order to spread socialism among the workers, in order to teach the workers all the means of struggle against their enemies, when they build up a socialist workers' party that struggles for the emancipation of the people as a whole from government oppression and for the emancipation of all working people from the yoke of capital—only then will the working class become an integral part of that great movement of the workers of all countries that unites all workers and raises the red banner inscribed with the words: "Workers of all countries, unite!"

Written at the end of 1899

It was from this understanding that hundreds and hundreds of class-conscious workers and revolutionary intellectuals formed the COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY of U.S.N.A. "WITHOUT A POLITICAL PARTY OF IT'S OWN THE WORKING CLASS HAS NOTHING"

# Informers

by

FACTORY  
JACK

An informer according to "Websters" is one whose information implicates or incriminates another person. A more common term for informer is "snitch" and there is no doubt in my mind that Chrysler has an abundance of these snitches.

A snitch is a parasitical leech! Anyone who can get pleasure from snitching on their fellow workers has to be the lowest form of human lice. In the Navy they have a saying; " Loose Lips Sink Ships " Well we have about enough loose lips to sink an entire fleet!

It seems to me that a lot of information is collected and compiled by management through many workers carelessly running their mouths. Give this some thought the next time you're having a coffee in the lunch room or having a beer in the bar. The "thing" sitting next to you from management don't give a damn about you. We must really be in a state of total stupidity when we believe that someone who neglects their own home and families for the sake of money and power can really care about us, much less a low-life factory worker that's running around snitching.

Snitches are truly members of the U.A.W., meaning " U - Ain't - Well " and " U - Ain't - Welcome ".

Snitches are like a mad dog in heat, for they are very much the doggie type of person. They shouldn't be given that much credit, because a good dog will at least help you to attack your enemy.

One last point the snitches don't realize, no one trusts an informer, including those toilet fish in management. After all how can they trust you when you keep snitching on your friends and fellow workers ! ! !

signed: Factory Jack

( Brother Factory Jack; we truly believe what you have said above. We also call the snitches 'dime droppers', because they give out more information than you can get by dialing 411 ! Snitches also are working with company spys in the plant. The spy is different from the snitch, because he is paid by the company, while the snitches and dime droppers are the most unprincipled jack asses. ALL THE SNITCHES & SPYS IN A DEPT. SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO ALL THE HONEST WORKERS SO THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO US ANY HARM) the nucleus \* \* \*

## OUR POLICY

THE PAGES OF AWAKEN IS OPEN TO ALL WORKERS. OUR POLICY IS TO PRINT ALL LETTERS AND ARTICLES MAILED OR GIVEN TO US IN THE PLANT. AS A COMMUNIST SHOP PAPER IT IS OUR DUTY TO SPEAK TO ALL THE BURNING ISSUES WORKERS ARE FACED WITH.

AWAKEN IS PRODUCED SOLELY BY WORKERS AT M.R.E. WE ENCOMPASS A GROUP OF COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST WORKERS AT MOUND WHO FEEL THAT THE FIRST STEP FORWARD ORGANIZING OURSELVES IS THE PRODUCTION OF A NEWSPAPER ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUES OF THE DAY AND OFFER REAL SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS. FROM TIME TO TIME THERE WILL BE ARTICLES SIGNED NUCLEUS WHICH MEANS THEY ARE THE POSITION OF THE COMMUNIST NUCLEUS AT M.R.E. WE WILL ALSO CARRY REPRINTS OF ARTICLES FROM THE PEOPLES TRIBUNE, THE NATIONAL BI-WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY.

LASTLY WE SAY AWAKEN, WE'VE BEEN SLEEPING MUSH TOO LONG. LET US AWAKEN FROM THAT LONG SLEEP AND RAISE OURSELVES TO THE LEVEL OF MASTERS OF SOCIETY. WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT OUR CHAINS, WE HAVE A WORLD TO WIN!

WORKERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES  
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No state has ever maintained itself except by consent of the majority. Hence, consent is gained by bribery, by half truths and outright lies. The ruling class attempts to snare the masses in their propaganda traps by creating or co-opting hundreds of organizations ranging from the school system to the Masons. Because at least a part of the control of the people is through the schools, the Boy Scouts, etc., it appears to the people as if they are governing themselves. At times of crisis, such as these, the state is stripped of its fig leaf, and the symbol of authority is clearly not the people, but the police and all that stands behind them. Armed to the teeth, governed by no law, they force society to obey them.

### How Fascism Moves

How are the fascists moving in this bicentennial year? On both the legal and social fronts, the fascists are taking advantage of the dulling of the morality of the people in this country. A few terrible facts will show this dulling of morality. In the past year, the Los Angeles police have murdered 75 Negro youth. Recently in San Francisco police shot a 75 year-old Negro minister who refused to accept an eviction notice. The Northwestern pan handle of Florida is being ruled by terror—5 lynchings were recorded in one week. In Chicago, hundreds of uniformed Nazis and Klansmen have invaded the Negro community, beating women and children, smashing cars and property. But very few people are alarmed. A decade ago any of these acts would have brought the entire country up in arms.

The fascists are using the disorganization of society as a point of attack. Each of three cities—Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland—had more murders than the whole of Europe and the Soviet Union combined. The people have been trained to scoff at common criminality in high places. In the context of such degeneration, fascists such as George Wallace emerge as defenders of the "American way of life." His attacks on bureaucracy and government corruption continue to entrap many backward workers.

The gangs of thugs—the Nazis, the KKK, the Posse, etc.—play a specific role. Their terror and intimidation allows other fascist elements to demand law and order which means more brutal police control of especially the Negro proletarian communities.

### Fight Against Fascism

Just as one aspect of our history favors the development of fascism, the majority of our history opposes it. The people of this country are not used to being kicked around. They are not used to a declining standard of life. Theirs is not the psychology of the Prussian peasant who feared to oppose his age-old masters. On the contrary there are already thousands of instances of resistance. The country is gripped by a wave of economic strikes. The nationalities are fighting back on all fronts. What the revolutionary movement must master is the understanding that concretely anti-fascism means organized mass struggle against each and every instance of oppression.

The developing impulse of the various grass roots equal rights organizations to unite must be given full support. Further, there is a rapidly developing tendency to meet the violence of the fascists with violence. This too must be supported. We must win the masses over to the concept that it is not possible to reason with mad dogs. Above all, the struggle against the fascists must become a frame of reference to begin patiently explaining Socialism to the masses. We must show the workers that they are natural communists. Their deep longings for peace, jobs and equality can only be achieved through socialism. Only socialism opens the doors of history for mankind to create a reality from their age-old dreams.

While we pause to salute our revolutionary past, we take courage from the fact that capitalism—only 500 years old—has already lost over 1/3 of the earth to socialism. Whatever happens, a socialist USNA is the next point on the agenda of history. The increasing violence in our society is a sign of the weakness of the capitalist class. We are standing on the threshold of a new world. A socialist USNA will inevitably mean a socialist world. We are celebrating the 200th anniversary of a great revolution. We wish our country many happy returns of the day.

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