

Motor City Labor League

The Motor City Labor League (MCLL) supports the workers of the metropolitan area.

We reject the bosses and the union bureaucrats, who, in order to fill their own pockets, never stop finding ways to divide workers. Now they're pitting old against young, white against black, men against women, skilled against unskilled, workers against students. We reject these divisions. There is only one fight-- we all have a common struggle against the rich bosses of this country.

WE BELIEVE WORKERS MUST CONTROL THE POINT OF PRODUCTION BECAUSE,

- (1) Issues of working conditions, safety, speed-up, job discrimination are sacrificed for a few cents per hour. We get the pennies, and the company gets absolute, iron-clad control of the local plants.
- (2) While real wages fail to increase, union dues and union staff salaries continue to go up.

We support progressive local strikes and wildcat strikes. These strikes indicate the failure of the unions during the past thirty years. There are safety signs, but no safety; there are grievances unresolved, unseen and unknown; there are deaths, injuries, and continual speed-ups. The list goes on and on.

Local strikes and wildcats are always sold out because the local unions are too closely tied to the national leadership which is bureaucratic and anti-democratic. In the past they have always pushed for settlement under pressure from the companies.

Most labor lawyers called to represent wildcatters have close ties with the union bureaucratic structures. For large fees they sell out the wildcatters to benefit the dual union-management team.

The Viet Nam War and the protection of the bosses' interests all over the globe have caused a unique economic crisis: inflation, recession, and high war taxes, while domestic crises continue to expand. These same forces have also shown students, teachers, ministers, and community people that the struggle is a common struggle against the rich people of this country. Viet Nam is after all a rich man's war fought by the poor and sons of workers.

There are people now fighting on many battle fronts: blacks (such as the League of Revolutionary Black Workers), and women fighting for their own liberation; young people fighting against the war and the draft; workers fighting against union-management discipline. MCLL is an alliance of people who recognize that workers are on the front line in the fight against the bosses.

We have set up an office at the old Salesian High School, 60 Harper Street, Detroit, Michigan 48202-- the telephone number is 872-0042. This office hopes to aid in the struggle in the following ways:

- (1) Provide information about the different local plants on strike-- their problems, their successes, and their techniques for dealing with local issues.
- (2) Provide community support for these strikes in whatever form is desired by the strikers. Resources are available, such as mimeograph machines, etc.
- (3) Lawyers are available who are independent of the Internationals and who will work solely for the benefit of the local strikers.
- (4) We are committed to providing any support or resources requested by the local strikers in their battles to control the decisions which directly affect their lives.

Give us a call if you need emergency support. Let us know what you think of the proposal and what specific activities you want us to start.

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