Working Conditions Top Strike Issues for Auto Rank-and-File

"We're striking for more than the economic package and fringes Rether talks about," striking Ford auto worker told News & Letters. "Sure we need those things, but more important than those are the actions that we're fighting for—a union that can't ever be satisfied; against daily intimidation and abuse by the bosses; against being isolated from our own daily push up the plant that never lets up but keeps gridding you down harder and harder, year by year until you just can't stand it any more."

The sentiment of this Ford worker is shared by others in GM and Chrysler, but these problems are nowhere in sight on the big negotiating table surrounded by corporation and union bureaucrats. And as the five-week auto strike dragged on the administration showed fairly clearly the aims and problems of the rank-and-file workers and the UAW bosses in solidarity with the union and Reuther. All auto workers know this is a "soft," or selective, strike. The huge Ford Rouge plant in Dearborn, has a few token pickets at most of the plant gates, but there are none on any other car. Here, all of the white collar workers go in, as do the executive crews, outside contract workers and others agreed on between the companies.

In addition, Ford of Canada keeps on working, producing cars for export, while the wildcats are sitting around with the cars coming off the assembly line.

WORKERS LEFT OUT
The workers, left out of any decision making, feel helpless to do anything about their situation and have the attitude that nothing will happen until "Walter and Henry come to their senses." Even then, they know it will be to negotiate the big package, and not on their present day-to-day problems. They have mixed feelings, because they know that "common enemy," as well as the fact that they have to fight this strike together with the union and Reuther.

This spirit of solidarity is the main strength of the auto workers, they say. A strike is about anything, but it is the unity of the workers that can win or lose the strike. Workers know when they're fighting management, the public and even the skilled auto workers. They have a greater sense of solidarity that they know they can't win the fight by themselves. They need workers in all industries to make a direct impact on production by walking out in unison and made any one of their strikes a long-term sit-down strike.

When a rival skilled trades group tried to hold a three-day ballot for a rally shortly after the Ford strike began, only a handful of skilled workers showed up. The overwhelming majority stayed away, practicing labor solidarity.

While the strikers will continue to put up a solid front against the companies, they still have plenty against Reuther and the UAW bureaucracy. The drive for a union strike for Reuther is very hard for the strikers, who want to hit the companies as hard as they can. While they place wages high because they know the cost of living has wiped out any gains they have made, far more important is the push-up and the yearly Automation which is in view of everything. This, however, is not even on the bargaining table.

Workers at Chrysler and GM, meanwhile, already have had a taste of what it's like for workers who don't like it. At these plants,
The previous unheard voice of millions of black people across the whole world thinking about what to do with the white people. My answer is not to stay here, but to find the opportunity that white people have to treat them like human beings.

WHITES MOVE AWAY

But many whites don't want to do this. They would rather live near their jobs than the whole world thinking about what to do with the black people. My answer is not to stay here, but to find the opportunity that white people have to treat them like human beings.

OPPOSE "SEPARATISM"

The whites who say, "I'm from the South and I'm a Southerner," are those who don't want to change. They want to keep things just the way they are, without any change. The whites who say, "I'm from the North and I'm a Northerner," are those who want to change. They want to make things better for everyone, not just for themselves.

YOU MIGHT ASK YOURSELF:

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A number of the older workers had overlooked the difference between now and 1956, so had the general foreman. For the worker, he said, it was a disaster to lose a year and a half seniority. The foreman tried to explain to the worker what the unions were doing to improve working conditions.

**NEW JOBS**

The company had started to put in some floor matting, which had been one of the biggest issues in the summer. The workers were able to get the job done in a more efficient manner and to improve the working conditions.

The workers were now getting the credit they deserved for the work they had done. The company had started to recognize the workers' efforts and to give them credit for their work. The workers were now able to get the credit they deserved for their work.

**ON THE LINE**

**PRESSURES REACH EXPLOSION POINT FOR AUTO WORKERS**

By John Allison

Experience has taught us the root causes of all problems. It is important to recognize that the causes are very simple and that they can be solved. The problem is that the cause of the problem is not always clear. The solution is to focus on the root causes of the problem and to work to solve them.

As a result of this dispute, the supervisor received a blow from the workers. The workers came to the foreman's rescue. They told the supervisor that the company was lying and that the Plant protection was called and one plant guard was struck. At this point, the Highland was blow out of the factory. The workers, then handcuffed him, and proceeded to beat him to a pulp.

WORKERS PROTEST

The other workers who were at the scene of the event, she also about to protest against the police brutality. When the workers, alarmed at the reaction of the police, appeared to be in danger, they warned not to pull them. Their lives were in danger, and the cause was the workers in the plant were in an indignant and fighting mood. The police beat a quick retreat.

The long hot summer has not run its course in the 45 regular days. As workers were back, where the chief steward collects every member dues. And you know you have to be militant now than it was when the company was checking off our dues. We are working without a contract enough to hire them. Her strike action has been so effective that it takes two Negroes to do the job of one.

At this meeting, Mrs. Elliot refused to allow the employer to have the anti-union statement, to return to work. On the basis of this, all of the Black employees and several of the white employees elected to remain out on strike.

These employees have continued to strike since July 20 with very little financial help coming from the Maryland Freedom Union. These workers have the courage and the fortitude to persist in the battle for their rights. Their strike will provide a significant benefit, and the restoration of their dignity as workers.

**FUND FOR UNIONS**

We of the Maryland Freedom Union need to aid these employees financially in order that they may continue their strike. So far the only Negro employers who run the sweat shops are really working against the union. We hope our financial help will be the beginning of a new era.

**The need for funds is urgent in order to break the bonds of economic slavery.**
THE NEGRO REVOLT

A white worker in our shop asked a Negro worker why he didn’t vote for Kennedy. "Because I’m not a fool," he replied. "What they mean about Negroes having power, they’ll get power, all right," the young Negro replied:

"You want to know why Negroes voted for Kennedy? Among other things, we have Emmett Till’s lynching in mind. The memory of those Mississippi whites who laughed at the trial, and who might do the same to him, will spend one day in jail. Neither will this fellow’s rights ever again be violated."

The white worker said he didn’t have to tell any more, and took off down the hall.

Negro Worker
Detroit

I noticed that the police in Detroit were able to protect our area from March 28th to area that. The day after last Harlem almost exploded here and that the police there had to be called in as if to say you can do what ever you want north of 45th street and south of 96th. And I noticed that the majority of the people, what he cannot ignore are the ceaseless struggles of the Negroes, especially the massive uprisings in the ghettos, especially those that have done more in the last few weeks than the war escalating, every new stage of escalation.

The LBJ’s "Dirty War" on Vietnam is worldwide. It has grown and intensified with every new stage of escalation—because the LBJ’s must escalate, they must escalate or he will lose his war. The people more and more speak out against the war and they have done more in the last few weeks than the war escalating. The people more and more speak out against the war and they have done more in the last few weeks than the war escalating.

Yet the war has not been stemmed, and Vietnam, while forced to make deep discontent with the war in his recent policy speech in San Antonio, nevertheless used that same speech to make deep discontent with the war, because we have only 1 per cent approval for his handling of the war. More and more congressmen join the ranks of the critics, as they sense the deep dissatisfaction of the voters and so it grows closer.

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Worker
New York

For the opponents of popular and new politics, this means serving the very useful purpose of providing observable evidence of the strength of which such future experience will be an example. As Marxists and exponents of popular initiative, what right have they to say that the anti-semitism of the one and the racism of the other can be laid to rest once and for all? It seemed to me that what marked most of the outbreaks of the "anti-white" was the fact that they were not against "whiteness" but against the cops.

Worker
New York

Could anything be more ridiculous and insulting than a television commercial where the words of a Lyndon B. Johnson getting on TV as the President to say to all the people to be law-abiding, while with his laws he is practicing lawlessness; where the sons of lawyers are burning down homes and murdering women and children?

Reader
California

The Aug.-Sept. 6 issue is up to date and all articles are ready for the copy that arrived here; good going, very good going it is.

I am very much taken with your "From The Barrel of a Gun." It shows tremendous experience upon the theory of politics. As Marxists, should we not be the first to observe such apparent concessions in variably attended essential simplifications?

J. E. Work
Massachusetts

Oct.

News & Letters

Opposition to Vietnam War Is Deep and Total

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willing to play big power politicians at Geneva in 1954 and compelled the Vietnamese to accept the division of Vietnam in two. Those two states have now become independent, but the Vietnamese inspired by the ideas of freedom, continue to hold the giant of capitalism to a bloody and indefinite stalemate.

ALLIES OF THE WHITE MAN

The allies of the Vietnamese people struggling for self-determination are all those in our own lives everywhere, in the technically undeveloped countries and within the technically advanced ones alike, who are also fighting for freedom. We, who have laughed at Vietnamese people inspired by the ideas of freedom, continue to hold the giant of capitalism to a bloody and indefinite stalemate.

Vietnam is a war of indomitable wills. The Vietnamese people, who have been fighting for freedom, are now faced with the most powerful force in world politics, the United States. The American war machine is the most powerful that has ever existed in the history of the world. It is the only one that can be effective for the embattled South Vietnamese people in their 25 year fight for self-determination.

The Negroes fight against the Vietnam war of indomitable wills in a different way. They are fighting against the American war machine, which is as powerful as the United States. They are fighting against the American war machine, which is as powerful as the United States.

Each new poll shows greater discontent—the latest giving Johnson over half have been in the first nine months of this year. And with the war cost already running 124 billion a year, it is estimated that another 124 billion will be spent on the war before the war escalates, each new peace march is bigger than the previous one. Each new march is bigger than the previous one.

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Woman Worker
New York

"We should move to convene a Black Caucus or Panel whenever and wherever a significant number of black people are gathered." It was partially out of the above reasoning that a Black People’s Convention was organized in Chicago during the period when the National Conference on Black Power was being held. Even more important was the realization of the racism of which the NGNP pro-conferences and plans were a vehicle.

Thursday evening after NGNP’s ‘kick-off’ * * * (where local SNCC and CORE picketed * * *) approximately 100 black people met at Palmer House Room No. 844 to discuss the true meaning of Black Power to black people. It was decided early in the meeting that there would be another course of action for those black who were not NGNP followers of black power glitter. We swung into motion immediately.

Keynoting a BCP rally Fri-
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**TWO WORLDS**

By Raya Dunayevskaya, Author of Marxism and Freedom

Instant Vulgar Materialism vs. Marxist Humanism

Editor's Note: The following letter by Raya Dunayevskaya was sent to the philosophical journal, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, for publication. It was printed in its entirety in the Journal's 1967 special issue on "The Young Marx—A Reappraisal".

Fortunately, Marx's world outlook, which he originally called "throughgoing Naturalism or Humanism" and elaborated in a series of masterful entries in the Critique of the Gotha Program, in 1844, is now available in several English translations. These speak to the great metaphysical and methodological problem of the term "humanism." Marx defined it as "in the manuscripts of 1844, alienation involves a specific economic transaction between an alienor and alienee." ("The Young Marx—A Reappraisal")

Unfortunately, Prof. Hodges didn't limit himself to what we might call "the vulgar materialist interpretation." He was careful not to single out those who dare to defend the young Marx in the revival of Marx studies over the two years that passed since the criticism. This must not go unchallenged. Here is what he writes: "It has been a matter of principle for each of the major revivals of Marx studies in this country to claim intellectual independence of the USSR..."

In 1963 the major Russian philosophical journal suddenly launched an attack on the Humanism of Marx. A woman, 

TWO WORLDS

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"Who would it not be a good time to proceed 'advisors'—clear and military aid to Latin-American oligarchs? (Continued from Page 7)

FIRST ENGLISH PUBLICATION IN "MARXISM & FREEDOM"
Oct. 23 will mark the 11th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution; Nov. 7 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. Both were repudiations of the former by over-production, a multi-party system of government and a new type of society. They were repudiations of the old private capitalism but away from the economic structure toward a Marxist humanism.

The revolt lasted only two days, but the effect it had on the Russian tanks. Even after the bringing in of Russian troops, the Workers’ Councils chose to function, to be the political focus.

TRANSFORMATION
How could a “workers’ state” be so significant? What Hungary had exposed for all to see was that Russia was not at all a new form of society as had been transformed. So the transformation which led the leaders of the Soviet Union speak of when they review the Russian Revolution is not the year of the Revolution. “We were one people in the world and now we are one of the most advanced,” world how Anaximander I and his followers, members of the Central Committee of the Russian Workers’ Councils, from engaged in the transformation. The change we speak of, however, is one that is not from Marxist theory and practice of human liberation to the total rejection of the practice of state capitalism.

The practice of the workers councils was replaced by the practice of Stalin’s party, by state councils producing and producing. After 30 years of Stalin came Hungary, the Hungarian Revolution, not Krushchev’s speeches, was the real de-stalinization. By establishing their kinship with the Russian Revolution, not the present dogmas of the Central Committee, the Hungarian workers kept alive the Marxist idea of freedom.

SCIENTIST SCHOLAR
New York, N.Y. Socialist scholars met on Sept. 9-10 at the New York Hilton Hotel (the choice of setting being symbolic) for the annual National Economic Development” (an academic euphemism for imperialism so it won’t sound so bad). Black power and Black consciousness, while not quite as strange as it is, is still quite strange. It would be more than ironic if it had not to be taken into account the hundreds of thousands of young who are the first to be radicalized in the society instead of being for and the revolution.

The gains were both economic and social. The teachers gained an $850 increase in salary for the 1967-68 and another $850 for the 1968-69 years. The teachers gain—were working conditions. The teachers gained a voice in changing their union’s by projecting ideas out of the society as a whole.

URGENCY IN THE AIR
When Bob Fitch from Berkeley up got to speak he expressed some of my feelings on the air to day people are not enough academicians, even in our own lives as well as of the potential for change. Donaldson even went so far as to say that in this black community, only the dispossessed.” Black power, from this session at least, seemed to mean “revolutionary tactics” but not revolutionary.

Both of them repeatedly wrote off the white man as a dead man being just as reactionary as the one that he who know nothing of the content. The conference itself seemed to have not even mentioned the unfor- matic of student and intellectual.

SCHOOL STRIKES
New York, N.Y.—The 14- day teachers strike ended on Sept. 23, in partial victory. The United Teachers’ Union, which sponsored the teachers, ended up with an agreement that does not accord with the goals which it set. Nevertheless the strike did bring about improvements. In this respect, the teachers have won a great victory. In the other respect, the teachers have not.

The teachers union confronted, and possibly destroyed the Tay- ler-Law system that many of the negative results of the strike by public employees in New York City. The teachers who stood solidly behind their union, showing a new awareness of class solidarity and the importance of class solidarity.

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TEACHERS SUPPORTED
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Unpublished English Excerpts from the Writings of Marx

Editor's Note: In this, the centenary of the publication of Karl Marx's Capital, we continue our publication of excerpts from the unpublished writings of Marx. The selection is from his work on condition and labor...
Working Conditions Are Top Issue for Auto Workers

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The matter of money appears significant because of the importance to the union leadership than human relations. The company doesn’t take men and women fighting on picket lines to keep them off the job or from growing down plants, it just takes a big treasury, a few dollars for strike funds to auto workers and their families.

UNION LEADERSHIP

More and more, the international union is taking over the bookkeeping in the districts that have their own strike funds, picket crews, and handle most of the work involved in the passing out of strike benefits. Reuther has been very active in the international union and its computerized operations, leaving practically nothing to do except prepare a couple of hundred strike picket lines. And as one worker pointed out: "If you only need pickets, a few dollars, you don’t need any picket line at all."

protests negations at Chrysler and GM with union representatives is supposed to avoid a repeat performance this time. The next step in the national package. But all the protest indications indicate this will not happen. The UAW Constitution requires simply not willing to negotiate anything with autoworkers about the fighting history. And as one local union negotiating teams do meet and waste time; they’re designed to have this happen.

This is the first time in his life, Reuther said that UAW has held a special convention while there’s a strike going on, a striking Ford worker said. Something like that had never happened before after the division between the rank-and-file and the leadership — Reuther and the government — was worked out between the companies.