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CLP Fights For...

Round II of the layoffs has hit us even before round I stopped. Even those of us with 10 years seniority are likely to be hit. In the company's greedy drive for profits it is cheaper to work us to the bone, stockpile, then lay off. We are then unable to buy back the products we've produced. This happens all over under capitalism. Women and minorities are always hardest hit. Last hired-first fired! Recently a sister was denied unemployment. She took her baby to the MESC office. The claims examiner told her that since her baby was there they assumed she didn't have full time child care and couldn't seek employment. She was denied compensation!

In the July union meeting a resolution which would have helped organize an unemployment committee at GLS was opposed and defeated by our union mis-leaders. GLS workers need a fighting unemployment committee not only to protect laid off brothers and sisters but to deal with the resulting speed-up and

harrassment. When 1299 neglects to notify laid off members of important meetings, we should organize. When the company lays off some and works the rest of us to the bone to keep up, we should organize. When the company refuses to recognize plant wide seniority and the union can't deal with all the grievances, we should organize!

Socialism means decent jobs for all. Under socialism workers run the factories and make the day to day decisions which keep them running. To build a really fighting unemployment committee is the first step we must take towards this goal. We must deal with all the problems which layoffs bring. We must demand a job for every able bodied worker! Those without jobs should not suffer for lack of relief!

**BUILD AN UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL!
JOBS WITH PEACE!**



President Chambers is part of the present mis-leadership of the ISWA. I.W. Able has let steel companies cut back the number of steelworkers from 565,000 in 1945 to 364,000 in 1974. Accidents have risen 80% from 1961 to 1969 and 125% since 1970. Steel profits rose 145% from 1970 to 1973 and 85% in the first quarter of 1975.

The fact that Chambers supports Ables secret deals like "no strike" is just proof that he has totally sold out workers rights. Chamber's gang is part of the gang of labor lieutenants who do the work of the capitalists. These capitalists and their lieutenants will stop at nothing to take away our rights. Today they are getting ready to institute fascism: total domination by large capitalists who use terror and force to bring wages down, inflate prices, make war on other nations, and squash our democratic rights. This is the real meaning of Chambers & gang rigging meetings, threatening members, and setting up firings.

We must fight back! If we are organized and united we can throw this gang out in April. This would be a great contribution to workers at GLS and all across the country.

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

The pages of the Great Lakes Steel Tribune are open to all workers. Our policy is to print all reasonable letters and articles mailed to us 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.

The Great Lakes Steel Tribune is produced entirely by workers at GLS. We are a group of communist and non-communist workers who feel that the first step forward in organizing ourselves is the production of a newspaper able to speak to the issues that confront all of us and to offer real solutions to these problems. We urge workers to contribute articles or information about their departments, to call us or talk to us in the plant. All names will be held in the strictest confidence.

The Tribune staff feels that in this way all of us can understand our common interests and therefore come to unite around a common program. We must make our goal the building of a united front of the working class which fights for all democratic demands. WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNITE! WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT OUR CHAINS!!

JOBS WITH PEACE

THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY (CLP) PUTS FORWARD THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS AS A BASIS FOR A UNITED WORKING CLASS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE PRESENT CAPITALIST CRISIS:

1. A JOB FOR EVERY WORKER AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MILITARY BUDGET.
2. SUPPORT BUSING - SMASH THE KKK, THE NAZI PARTY AND ALL OTHER FASCIST GANGS; NATIONALIZE EDUCATION!
3. END ALL DEPORTATIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS.
4. NO USNA MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA OR THE MIDDLE EAST.
5. NATIONALIZE THE ENERGY INDUSTRIES.

FELLOW WORKERS! OUR SALVATION IS NOT IN THE DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN PARTIES; IT IS NOT TRADE UNION MISLEADERS - WE MUST FREE OURSELVES!

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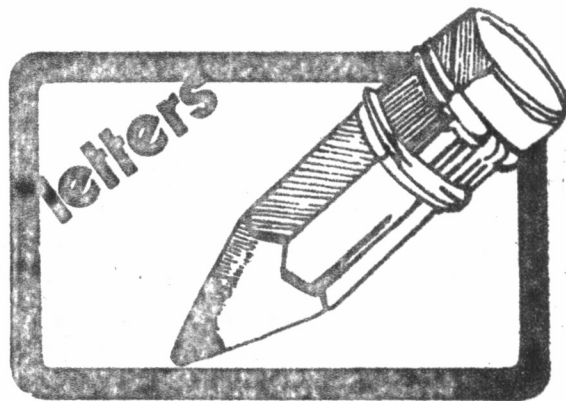
SOMETHING TO CHECK OUT...

The Steelworkers-- A movie

This is a full length feature film documenting the struggle of the Korean people to rebuild their country after the War of 1950-53. The movie has been brought to this country by Higher Ground Cinema and to the Detroit area by the CLP.

The Steelworkers is an important film not only because it never has been shown in this country before, but because it clearly shows the struggle of the Korean peoples to transform their lives through their new roles in production and be masters over their own destinies.

Come check out this movie at the CLP forum. We'll tell you where and when in the next issue.



I heard that the GLS Tribune is put out by the Rank & File Caucus. True?

No. The GLS Tribune is an independent shop paper issued by the Communist Labor Party unit at GLS. However we actively support the actions of all groups or organizations at GLS which defend and fight for the interests of the working class. The Communist Labor party fights for jobs, peace, democracy, national liberation, and socialism.

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PCL Lucha Por ...

Todavía no se han acabado los desempleos de la última vez y nos están llegando otros de nuevo. Aún a los que tenemos diez años con la compañía, nos está afectando. En su codicia de realizar super-ganancias, la compañía encuentra que es más barato hacernos trabajar como un buey y acumular los productos y después desocuparnos. Entonces, cuando nos encontramos desocupados no podemos comprar todos los productos que nosotros mismos hemos hecho. Esto pasa en todo el mundo bajo el sistema capitalista. Las mujeres y la gente de minorías nacionales son afectados más que todos. Son los últimos para obtener empleo y los primeros para estar desempleados.

No hace mucho tiempo que a una hermana le negaron sus beneficios de desempleo. Ella llevó su niño a la oficina de empleo y el examinador de las reclamaciones le dijo que como ella traía su niño consigo debía a que no tuviera alguien quien lo cuidara diariamente y así no podía buscar trabajo. Le negaron su compensación.

En la junta de la unión en julio, una resolución que podía ayudar a organizar un comité de desempleo en el G.L.S. fue derrotada por nuestros líderes falsos. Los trabajadores de G.L.S. necesitan un comité de desempleo cual luche no solamente

para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que están desempleados sino también que pelee contra el resultado de apuramiento y hostigamientos. Cuando la unión 1299 niegue avisar a los miembros desempleados de juntas importantes, debíamos de organizarnos! Cuando la compañía desocupe a algunos de nosotros y trabajen los demás empleados más duro, aún, debíamos de organizarnos! Cuando la compañía no reconozca la antigüedad de toda la planta y la unión no puede atenderse a todos los agravios, debíamos de organizarnos!

El socialismo representa trabajos decentes para todo el mundo. Bajo el socialismo, los trabajadores corren las fábricas y hacen las decisiones diarias que mantienen las plantas abiertas. El primer paso de defender nuestros intereses y resolver todos los problemas que el desempleo nos trae, es tener un comité valiente de desempleos.

Tenemos que demandar un trabajo decente para todos que puedan trabajar. Además, esas personas que no pueden trabajar, no deben sufrir por la falta de bienestar.

**CONSTRUYE UN COMITÉ DE DESEMPLEO!
TRABAJOS CON PAZ!**