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POSTAL STRIKE AIDS ALL WORKERS!

ANSWER ANY TROOPS' USE BY GENERAL STRIKE!

The great historic importance of the postal strike is that it is the first major strike against the federal government. This unprecedented step was forced on the postal workers by the rapid decline in their living standard, caused by inflation--the same reason that many others groups of workers, such as the G.E. workers, have been and will be forced out on strike. The main cause of the recent inflation in the government's dirty colonial war in Vietnam. The same army that Nixon is threatening to use in breaking the postal strike is being used to suppress the Vietnamese workers and peasants in order to keep Asia safe for American business.

For the Right to Strike for All Workers

The postal workers are now leading the fight for the economic well-being of all government employees. The right of government workers to strike is being tested in numerous trade union battles throughout the country. Hundreds of striking teachers have been jailed in New Jersey, and half the city workers in Atlanta, Georgia have been fired for walking off the job. The right of workers to strike is always under attack. The only defense is the constant use of organized labor's economic power. The outcome of the postal strike can determine the union status of government workers for years to come.

For a Workers' Political Party

While the postal workers have received wide sympathy from the public, not a single Republican or Democratic politician has supported the strike--not one! Some liberal so-called "Friends of the Working Man", like Javits, have called for breaking the strike, and others, like O'Dwyer and Goldberg, have simply kept their mouths shut. In normal times it is easy for politicians to appear to be for the working man. But when the interests of the ruling class are really threatened, all these politicians line up against the workers. This is because the Republican and Democratic Parties are tools of the people who own and run this country. Workers must break with these parties and form their own party--a labor party loyal to and based on the trade unions.

Meet Nixon's Threats With a General Strike

To win this strike, the postal workers need an aggressive leadership, capable of bargaining hard against the government, going to jail if ne-essary, organizing mass support rallies, and appealing to other groups of workers. More than that, the postal workers need the active support of the entire labor movement. The New York trade union leadership has been half-hearted about supporting the postal strike. Central Labor Council head, Iushewitz, said they <u>may consider</u> actively supporting the postmen. Yet when Lindsay threatened to use the National Guard against the striking Sanitationmen, the Central Labor Council was forced to threaten a general strike. This helped to prevent the troops from being used. The same pledge must be made now. If troops are brought in, the entire city labor movement must go out on strike.

- ANSWER NIXON'S THREATS WITH A GENERAL STRIKE!

- THE RIGHT TO STRIKE FOR ALL WORKERS--ABOLISH ALL ANTI-LABOR LAWS!
- U.S. GET OUT OF VIETNAM NOW--FOR LABOR STRIKES AGAINST THE WAR!
- BREAK WITH THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES -- FORM A LABOR PARTY!

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