

League of Revolutionary Black Workers
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To Black Workers everywhere,

Black workers in Detroit are locked in a vicious life-and-death struggle with the monsters of monopoly capital. As a result of our efforts large numbers of our people have been mobilized against the giant Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors complexes in our area where we work. Our great success in organizing at Dodge and Eldon both Chrysler plants (DRUM and ELDRUM) has led that company to mount a brutal offensive against its workers has caused great suffering on our people. This is an obvious attempt to crush our organization before we become powerful enough to crush our enemy. We have successfully struck the Dodge and Eldon plants and this has led to a number of beastly attacks on our people: (1) An attack on fifty members of D.R.U.M. by the Hamtramck pigs in the U.A.W. Local 3 hall where the workers were maced and beaten with axe-handles. (2) The firing of 26 Brothers and Sisters in connection with the Eldon strike. (3) An overall stepup in the harassment of workers in and around the plants which has resulted in a number of pitched battles between workers and management personnel in the plants. (4) Stepped-up harassments and infiltration by agents and provocateurs who have resorted to thug tactics in an attempt to intimidate us and promote adventurism.

To meet this attack we propose a counter-offensive on all fronts that uses all means available to us to fight back. A major tactic that we shall employ is a boycott of all Chrysler products. We propose to establish and enforce this through a total mobilization of our people and all those who sympathize with us. The boycott will proceed in stages: (1) We have already begun to obtain community support and commitments from broad segments of the community. (2) We shall begin to publicize the boycott via press releases, bumper stickers, wall posters and public speaking engagements in churches, schools, etc. (3) We expect commitments from all revolutionary groups in our area. (4) But most important, we will build a resentment at Chrysler for these outrages so that by the time the 1970 model came out it will certainly be unwise and unsafe for anyone to drive a new Chrysler car through the ghetto of Detroit.

We would point out that this is a tactical move and is based on the sound thinking that has brought us to the point of organization that we have reached. Therefore, we are asking all people who believe in justice and who support our cause to join with us in this effort. Further information will be forthcoming and you may write us concerning any questions or problems you may have. You may write at the above address or call 873-2550.

Yours in the struggle for the liberation of Black Workers everywhere.

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