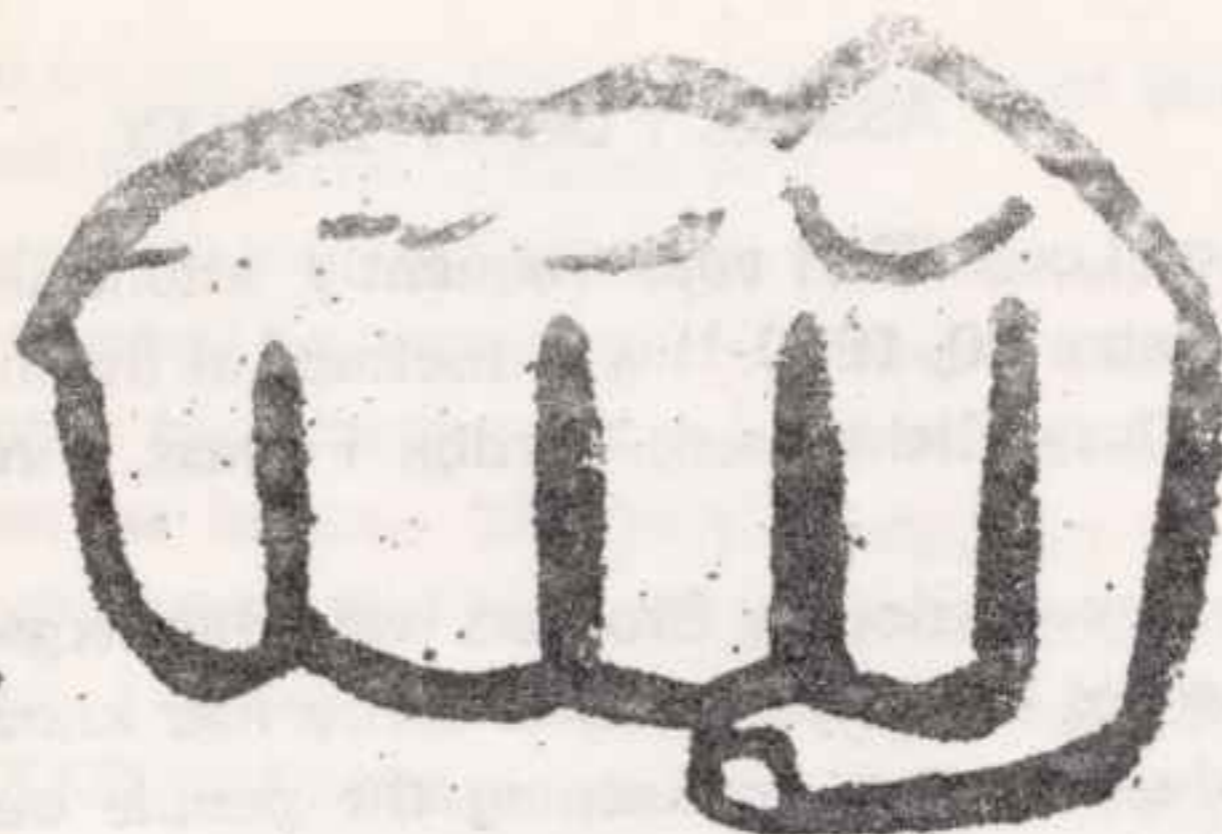


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**LEAGUE OF  
REVOLUTIONARY  
BLACK WORKERS**

**THE E.L.R.U.M. ROAD IS THE ONLY ROAD!**

The ELRUM road is the only road! Why do we say this? Black workers slave eight to ten hours daily, five, six and possibly seven days a week, in the modern day 20th century plant-ations called Eldon Gear & Axle, Hamtramck Assembly, Jefferson Avenue Assembly, Mound Road Engine, Huber and Winfield foundries, Plymouth, Mack Stamping, Dodge Truck, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, the Ford Rouge Complex and American Motors. We are slaving under the most oppressive conditions ever known throughout the history of mankind. If we take a brief historical view of Blacks working in the many plant-ations, we find that we've been given the hardest, heaviest, filthiest and most dangerous jobs. Jobs which "white workers have traditionally refused to take." Skilled trades, the millwrights, electricians etc., all have been lily-white at all the plant-ations. Supervision at most plants is totally white or has kneegrows who are unconcerned about the welfare of their fellow Black workers. Black Workers slave under all types of unsafe conditions:

1. Racist white and kneegrow Uncle Tom foremen constantly harrassing Blacks.
2. The floors are always slippery form oil and grease; tools and nuts and bolts are scattered over the floors.
3. Ventilation is so poor until it seems that there is none at all.
4. You must be on the look out for faulty jitneys because brakes are faulty, horns don't work and they travel at unsafe speeds.
5. Union representatives are never around, if they are it's only to see that you keep the line rolling.
6. Black workers are constantly paying out their hard-earned cash for checkoof union dues, which are being paid to the donothing UAW.

A certain amonut of money is ripped off for the United Foundations who are always totally unresponsive to the needs of the Black Community.

The conditions listed above are just a few of the intolerable conditions which Black Workers slave under. The death like yokes are a constant challenge to our Black manhood. The few white racist, capitalistic vultures who own the means of production constantly exploit our labor through the use of such willing lackeys as racist white general foremen, foremen, union flunkeys and stewards as well as Labor RelationsMORE AND MORE BLACK WORKERS ARE FINDING IT NECESSARY TO TAKE THE E.L.R.U.M. ROAD, THAT IS THE ROAD OF BLACK INDEPENDENT REVOLUTIONARY ACTION ADDRESSING ITSELF TO THE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS THAT THEY LABOR UNDER ON THEIR RESPECTIVE JOBS!!!!

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### ASSAULT ON INTEGRITY

To my brothers and sisters of Local 9961 who frequently attend union meetings, but were unable to attend the past meeting of September 20, 1970. It was disclosed at the meeting that certain illegal activities were going on under President Elroy Richardson, Gordon Francis, Financial Sec'y and James Franklin, Recording Sec'y.

Many of our union officers and revolutionary Brothers were discharged, and received no strong support from the membership or the parties mentioned above. Elroy had knowledge of the walkouts and even advocated them, but nitted when it came to keeping the people out too long. For the fear of the International putting the Local in receivership. The fear that receivership could have connected the Executive Branch of our Local with the misappropriation of funds.

J.C. Thomas at the past meeting inquired why the charges hadn't been presented to the membership, because they were part of the communication which was to be read to the membership. Elroy stated that he didn't receive the communication that was sent by certified mail. At that point J.C. Thomas produced a signed receipt of acceptance which James Franklin had signed. After a short verbal battle, Elroy produced the mail and Franklin began to read the charges. After the charges were finished, J.C. Thomas inquired about the other two sets of charges. At this point Elroy ignored Thomas's request and instructed Franklin to proceed to the next order of business. J.C. Thomas informed Elroy that he was violating Robert's Rules of Order. However, Elroy emphatically stated, "I am President." Consequently, Sims rose to the floor and instructed Elroy that he was out of order and that J.C. should have the floor. Elroy debated with Sims and realized that Brother Sims was right. So he ordered the Sargent-at-arms to show Sims to the door. However, the Sargent-at-arms, realizing that Elroy had gone totally mad, refused and stated that Elroy was completely out of order. To even compound matters, Elroy dismissed the meeting without a show of hands. Obviously, Elroy is incompetent in dealing for the basic needs of the Local membership. He has totally disrespected rules and the People!

### BROTHER RAPS ON DOPE

For all you niggers, pimps, players and potential drug users, adhere to what I have to rap about. Historically, the White Ghost (dope) has been a black problem. In essence a way to escape the political, economic and social deprivations of life. The White Ghost didn't become a national problem until the white communities became victimized.

Now I shall put emphasis on particular aspects of the dope problem which are very detrimental to Blacks. Our heads have got to be 100% straight to eradicate the evils that are constantly keeping us down. Look at our economic situation, our gains haven't been great. We've been trying for 400 years and the honkie race has used every way possible to suppress the black people. You see Brother and Sister, you let the pusher and the system pacify you to the point that we won't raise hell about better jobs, better housing, better working conditions etc. So brother, and niggers hung up and strung out on the White Ghost QUIT! TAKE TREATMENT! DO SOMETHING! to save your life. Let us all unite to combat this evil or we all will perish.

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YOU'LL NEVER BE THE MAN YOUR MAMA WAS!

Part II

In the last article we related to you about the inconsistencies of Super-Tom James Preacher Caver. His Super-Tomming activities have substantiated our last article.

Historically, Super Tom Caver has always kissed the honkies' ass for a more favorable position in this racist corporation. For instance, when he was jobsetter in Dept. 82 he kissed the honkies' ass and told on the men about things that weren't his concern. In similar fashion he Super Tommed his way through the whole production office, when he became 3rd shift production steward. As a matter of fact, every constituent of Super Tom Caver, knew that his only goal was to become foreman. To become a tool to implement the honkies' program. To become a kneegrow Super Tom who would be more racist against his own people than any group of KKK could possibly be against Black People.

Super Tom Caver is the perfect product of white racist Amerikkka. He's a whitey oriented Kneegrow whose mind has been taken over by white nationalism.

Now he's foreman and the worst foreman that Black people have ever had in Dept. 72. He disregards the few union principles that were beneficial to his constituents. He subtracts time from Black workers for being one or two minutes late after break, He emphasizes that all he cares about is getting a piece count. But he totally disregards the fact, Blacks have been systematically oppressed, suppressed and under paid. Furthermore, Super Tom Caver has intimidated, harrassed and literally threatened to commit physical abuse against a fellow Black Worker. As a matter of fact, Super Tom Caver perpetrated physical abuse against a white racist general foreman of the inspection department, for trying to hold up his production. Obviously, Super Tom Caver is pushing for a higher position. However, ELRUM holds to the fact that Super Tom Caver is pushing for a coffin on 13 Mile Road.

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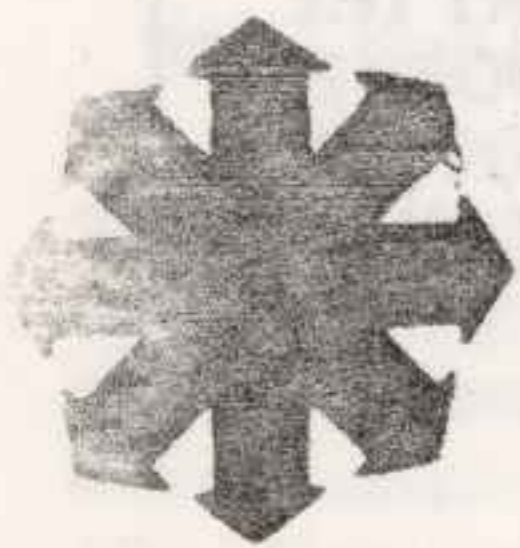




# *International*

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## GENERAL PURPOSE AND PROGRAM

The conditions of black and poor people are worsening in this country. Unemployment is two to three times higher, recreation facilities are inadequate to non-existent, employed wage holders suffer from lower paid wages, little to non-existent in skills, housing is extremely scarce, drugs are rampant, and racism has its ugly hand constantly in motion.

The existing agencies, be they Department of Social services, United Foundation and its Torch Drive, courts, hospitals, etc., by their own admission have tremendous problems in alleviating, let alone removing, the wretched conditions of the black and poor people.

As a result, some groups have attempted self-help endeavors only to see them fall for lack of funds. That is to say, some of the existing agencies and government structures have failed to, for whatever reason or bureaucratic red tape, insure life to the programs. In addition, the civil disturbances of 1965 in Watts, California; Detroit, Michigan; and Newark, New Jersey, and subsequent disturbances through the present have epitomized the need for self-help black and poor people to develop a structure that will be in less jeopardy of their programs folding.



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**THE CHARACTER OF THE BLACK WORKERS STRUGGLE IS REVOLUTIONARY IN ESSENCE!!!**

The twenty black people that were left at Jamestown in 1619, by the Captain of a Dutch Frigate were the beginning of the involuntary importation of Human Beings into this country. The beginning of the FEAR, SUFFERANCE, TORMENT, and DEGRADATION, that are a part of black people today. The beginning of long hours of work and not enough or no pay at all, the beginning of the Revolutionary process we find ourselves a part of today.

The 352 years that have passed since 1619 have been filled with FEAR, HUNGER, DEATH and STRUGGLE. Fear that we would be lynched or tortured if we broke away from the HELL we found ourselves in, fear that our women would be taken away, and used at the will of the slavemaster, fear that our children would be sold, and afraid that we would never again see those who were dearest to our hearts. Hungry for those who were left behind and wishing we were with them in our rich home-land, hungry because we never had enough to eat and hungry most of all for FREEDOM! FREEDOM! FREEDOM!

Black people in this land have always felt the presence of death, premature death of the young, because of too much work, too hard, too soon, death of loved ones who didn't run fast enough while trying to escape the plantation, death of black babies who were taken away from their mothers at birth and most of all death of all hope to be free.

But through-out this period of history, STRUGGLE has been the most dominant force, though fear, sufferance, torment and degradation were present, the will and struggle to be free of all these evils was manifested, this will was manifested through HARRIETT TUBMAN as she dedicated her life to helping her brothers and sisters escape the cruel whip of the master after she had escaped herself. This will was manifested through FREDERICK DOUGLASS after he escaped and urged his people to revolt against the slavemaster, this will was manifested through BRO. MALCOLM, RAP and GENERAL BAKER, AND THIS WILL IS STILL MANIFESTED THROUGH "ELRUM,



DRUM and THE LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS." But most important this will will be manifested through YOU!!! the masses of Black workers, until victory is assured.

Brother James Johnson expressed this will to be free when he returned to the plant with his M-1 Carbine. Yes, James Johnson was obsessed with the will for himself and his people to be free, and when he shot that first shot, perhaps he thought of Sister HARRIET TUBMAN leaning over the bodies of slaves that had been slaughtered by vicious, white racists. When he shot again, maybe he thought of the Brothers in the Scottsborough Case who were incarcerated for the crime of looking at a white woman, or perhaps he thought of Jonathan Jackson as he tried to shake off the yoke of oppression. . . . . or just maybe he thought of four little Black girls blown to bits while praying in church!!! NO, Brother James Johnson was and is not deranged, make no mistake about it! But rather one of the millions who have sought to be free. You may ask, what does this mean to me, the Black worker at Eldon, our only reply can be it means only what we've (ELRUM) been saying for the past 2½ years and what Black people have been saying for the past 352 years, "NOW IS THE TIME FOR BLACK WORKERS, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY TO UNITE".

As we look back, we see that though millions have struggled before and failed to achieve that past freedom for Black people, they have only heightened our desire and made us know that we can only win with a united effort.

**SUPPORT BROTHER JAMES, HE TRIED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU!!!**

### JAMES JOHNSON – DOING IT IN JAIL

Bro. James Johnson, along with other Wayne County Jail prisoners, Michael Harris, Lawrence (Pun) Burns Palmondon, Norman Richardson, Carolyn Traylon and Nora Ware are suing the Wayne County Jail administration as a result of the deplorable conditions and inhuman treatment of prisoners, many of these prisoners (which are predominantly Black) have not even been convicted of a crime, but in most cases are too poor to meet the high bonds delt out by the courts. Although Bro. James is charged with murder, his desire to struggle has not been repressed! The suit names such conditions as improper medical supervision ( resulting in a high suicide rate ), over crowded cells, sometimes up to six men in a two man cell (resulting in wide spread homosexuality and homosexual attacks by guards and deputies). Poor and improper diet! THINK!!!! You like many others may be arrested on a bullshit tip and placed in the middle of these conditions! THINK!!! SUPPORT BRO. JAMES JOHNSON, WE WILL WIN!!!



# and PLANT LOCAL news

Management, in a move to combat the militancy of Black workers towards the injustices and inhumane conditions at the plant, has moved Labor Relations man Walter Ector, previously on days to the midnight shift in hopes that his token presence may quiet down or remove completely the more rebellious Blacks on that shift.

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Sister Marie Banks of Department 80 on the afternoon shift got her foot caught in a chain under the line. The reason for this avoidable accident was the absence of a guard rail which is very much necessary in order to insure the safety of workers in that area. As a result of this, Sister Marie suffered severe lacerations of her foot. This incident speaks directly to the concern of Chrysler for the safety and well-being of its employees.

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Brother Eugene of Department 72, another victim of the unsafe working conditions at the plant, loss the use of his hand from a very bad cut when he slipped in a grease puddle in the middle of an aisle and cut his hand on the jagged edge of a water chute. Brother Eugene was taken to Henry Ford Hospital.

At the past union meeting a worker asked Elroy who gave him the right to use money belonging to the union to print slandering remarks about ELRUM. Elroy replied by saying that if ELRUM slanders him he has a right to slander ELRUM. A second white worker asked Elroy about the money that was taken out of his check when he had paid the money to Paul Taylor. Elroy couldn't answer so Charlie Horton answered by saying the Company made a mistake. The meeting was over at about 3:30 or 3:45. Workers who called the hall were told by Gordon Francis that the meeting would be over in a few minutes and that all the people were concerned about was getting their money. This was said to keep other workers from coming to the meeting.

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Elroy Richardson, trying to strengthen his position as president with elections growing close has unleashed his latest underhanded tactic designed to keep him in office. The tactic we are speaking of here comes to us in the person of FrankMcKinnon. Frank McKinnon has been all around the plant posting leaflets showing his concern for the welfare of the rank and file and his utter contempt for the conditions at the plant. The scheme being for McKinnonto show his true colors and exhibiting his two-facedness and disregard for the rank and file. In this way (Elroy hopes) most of the burden of the unions inability to address itself to the problems of the workers, and take that load off Elroy.



# **BLACK·SPORTS**

The League of Revolutionary Black Worker's Basketball Team playing its 2nd game came off the court with a resounding victory 116-111, Sunday February 21, 1971. This game was a rematch between the League and Staff of the North End Family Center, that was lost by the League 103-96. The League's team was led by the brilliant shooting of fowards James Edwards (of ELRUM) and Vince Proctor who scored 33 and 31 points respectively, and the all-around floor play of Ted Guss also a worker at Eldon.

THE NEXT GAME WILL BE PLAYED SUNDAY MARCH 7, 1971 AT THE CENTER LOCATED AT 150 BELMONT.

## **BLACK WORKERS**

### **REVOLT....**

# **STOMP**

# **RACISM**

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"Put Your Enemies In Seclusion"



## LAP DOGS AT THE CLINIC

Now is the time for the Black Workers at Lafayette Clinic's local 1836 of the sell out AFSCME' Council 7, to unite, and launch a campaign to rid themselves of the racist and oppressive conditions that exist at this clinic, and other mental hospitals, where the racist paranoid honkies run and manipulate the black workers and patients with the same skill as a person who is emptying a pail of garbage.

Many Black workers are ready to unite with other black workers from every occupation, and rid themselves of the two faced, lap dogs and racist who just happen to be some of your own disloyal co-workers, the white, slave-holding administration, and the racist A.F.L.-C.I.O. (AFSCME).

For those of you who feel that you are black enough to take control of your own union, here are a few facts you should know.

First of all, here are the names of the people that were appointed by Council 7 to sell you out as a negotiating team: Charles Young was appointed (not elected) as the chairman, J. Fuller is the secretary-treasurer, Edna Parks is the chief steward. WILL THESE PEOPLE REPRESENT YOUR INTEREST??? NO!!! They will sell you and your mother out for the few bones that the administration will throw at them. This is why they are called lap dogs.



Here is a little test to see if you can correctly answer these questions. If you can correctly answer the following five questions, you are on the road to a higher level of understanding your job.

1. Why and who initiated the organizing of the local 1836?
2. Where is your binding contract?
3. Who elected or appointed your union stewards and negotiating team?
4. Since your union stewards know your problems, why aren't they on your negotiating team?
5. Are the members of AFSCME, aware of the new action that is taking place at Lafayette Clinic, between the appointed lap dog negotiating team and the administration (the answers will appear in the next edition).

### THAT HOUSE NIGGER ON 3-5

The only "Negro" head nurse that you have in this hospital, is the one on 3-5, and unfortunately she happens to be a dangerous house nigger. An example can be made of the way she has the male nurses sent home from the schizoid ward, because they wear green, gold, or light blue pants which does not seem to be up to Aunt Thrasher's standards.

This house nigger spies on the men to see that none of these men eat any of the state's food. This is a contradiction, since most of the men are tax paying Michigan state residents.

As all good house niggers, this head nurse loves her master, and status in the nursing quarters. She also serves as an instrument of division by selling you workers for a pat on the head, and gifts from the administration.

Long ago the man had chains wrapped around our arms and legs. Today the honky has chains wrapped around the minds of the black people at Lafayette Clinic.

The solution to this problem is to unite with your fellow black workers, and strengthen your forces, so you can defeat all Toms and honkies. Brothers and sisters at Lafayette Clinic, LETS GET DOWN. You can unite or perish. Join the Lafayette Revolutionary Union Movement.

**BLACK POWER**

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### A FAIRY TALE

*Once upon a time, shortly after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, as usual the liberal minded honkies decided, "We must do something to appease the niggers, but what would be the appropriate trick." The head honky Bass decided to establish a council. As usual we were thankful for whitey who gave us a chance to show that we were humane(since they killed King), and above all we were able to sit and relate with Bass.*



People were appointed. Realizing that you needed a Tom--whitey as usual chose one of the most influential Toms in the clinic.

He was appointed, and as a result this Tom had too much to handle, so the next few Toms were elected very democratically.

You know its hell when you more stronger niggers, become susceptible to tokenism, but it was done.

It has now been rumored that the brothers and sisters on the council have become uncontrollable. "What do we do now? Should we sabatoge the entire organization. Should we do this?" said the Toms to each other. Yes, but we must unite. Don't continue to let yourselves be used. Get off of that damn council. You are under a microscope, and the honkey is doing all of the examining.

Stand up as a rebellious field nigger--who needs the house niggers who know all of the passage ways into the plantation. Homes consist of a group of people in unity--do we have unity? Prove yourself to be self-respecting black women and men. This land can be ours if we unite.

The End



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