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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.

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.

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.

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.

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