

THE WORKING CLASS IS OPPOSED TO THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM OF THE RICH!

In the August 17th Samsonite Rubber Workers Newsletter the union bureaucrats joined bureaucrats from a number of other unions in calling on the workers to support a "Pro Nuclear-Pro Rocky Flats" "demonstration". What are our union officials doing supporting this well financed publicity stunt being organized by the government and the war and energy industry capitalists?

Rocky Flats is a nuclear bomb plant which is also poisoning the people in the Denver area with radioactive plutonium. In spite of all of Carters talk about "peace", arms limitations and SALT, Rocky Flats is being expanded to produce more bombs. And what for? For peace? No, the building of nuclear bombs is no more for peaceful purposes than are the governments plans to reintroduce the draft next year. The bombs are being built for war. And what kind of war? A war between the U.S. and Soviet Union to oppress other nations and decide which group of rich bandits, the U.S. monopolies or the ruling clique in Russia, will get the lions share of the loot from the plunder of the whole world. Currently there is growing contention between the U.S. and Soviet governments over control of the Middle East, in other words whether the U.S. oil monopolies or the Russian state oil monopolies will control every last drop of oil in the world and make the highest monopoly profits. For this the workers and peoples should shed their blood and slaughter each other? For this they should be patriotic and sacrifice? No! No amount of talk about "democracy", "Human Rights" and "peace" by Carter or about "socialism" and "communism" by Breznev can cover up the real greed which motivates their war preparations.

The interests of the American working class and the people do not lie in supporting the war preparations and wars of our own imperialists and their government but in opposing them. The interests of the working class and of world peace call for developing revolutionary struggle to weaken the imperialists and bring them down. Our enemy is here at home in the form of the tyrannical rule of the rich which grows every day more oppressive.

Indeed the American people have a militant history of opposition to the aggressive wars of the U.S. imperialists most recently the one in Viet Nam. Even just a few months ago over 15,000 people demonstrated at Rocky Flats demanding that the production of nuclear weapons be stopped.

Anyone who claims to represent the workers and supports the war preparations and nuclear program of the imperialist money bags is a disgrace to the working class.

The organizers of the "Pro Rocky Flats" demonstration not only support the war preparations of the imperialists, they support the energy fraud of Carter and the energy monopolies. They claim that nuclear power is necessary to overcome energy shortages. Really these gentlemen are so in love with the rich they don't know when to quit. The man on the street can tell you that the only energy shortages are the ones created by the oil billionaires to drive up prices. Three times since 1973 the oil companies have created oil or natural gas shortages which magically disappeared when the price got high enough. The U.S. is literally floating in energy resources. The state of Wyoming alone has enough coal to supply all the U.S. energy needs for 250 years. So why the push for nuclear energy? Because it employs hardly any workers who could go on strike and therefore is especially stable for war time, because it brings in big fast profits and because all cost overruns are easily passed on to the taxpayers and utility customers. For example the people of Pennsylvania will now be paying higher utility rates to pay for the Three Mile Island "accident".

In their mad rush for war preparations and profits the capitalist moneybags are introducing nuclear technology without solving any of the basic safety problems and thus poisoning thousands of people with radioactivity. Rocky Flats is a prime example. This plant releases radioactive plutonium which is poisoning not only hundreds of workers at the plant but literally tens of thousands of people in the Denver area. In Broomfield and Arvada, the nearest suburbs to Rocky Flats, cancer rates are as much as 20% higher than in Denver city proper or the nation as a whole.

There is nothing good in the nuclear program of the U.S. imperialists. Those who have endorsed the "Pro Nuclear-Pro Rocky Flats" demonstration have taken a stand against the working class and for imperialist war, capitalist profiteering and nuclear poisoning of the people. The workers should condemn the reactionary publicity stunt "demonstration" of the rich, their government and a handful of sold out union bureaucrats and actively develop a revolutionary movement against the war preparations and nuclear program of the U.S. imperialists.