

AUGUST 77

THIS MONTH

The August Community Calendar highlights a few of the many hard-fought labor struggles currently being waged in the East Bay and around the country. People on strike locally face the same problems that the rank-and-file movement faces nationally. By publicizing these struggles we hope to learn from other workers' experience, and develop wider understanding and support for workers on the picket line. Although many labor actions are limited to a particular workplace or contract, the continuing fight for decent wages and working conditions, union democracy—and against the racism and sexism that keeps working people divided—has broader implications. It adds up to a growing rank-and-file movement for the democratic rights, unity, and power of the whole working class.

Handyman Strikers of ILWU Local #6 are calling for a Mass Picket on August 6 of Handyman Hardware stores in the East Bay and Peninsula (see Aug. 6 listing). The Mass Picket is in memory of Norman Lewis, a worker killed by a scab truck which smashed through a picket line one year ago when the strike began. The strikers are also urging a boycott of all Edison Bros. Co. stores—Handyman and at least nine other subsidiaries totaling over 1000 stores. See the back of this Calendar for the boycott list and more details on the strike.

Other strikes covered in this month's Community Calendar include:

Machinists Local #1518 striking Rylock Co. of Union City, with over 80 workers out since April 1.

Machinists Local #284 striking Caterpillar Co. in San Leandro, with over 1800 workers out since May 1.

Teamsters Local #302 striking Safeway's dairy plant in San Leandro, with 150 workers out, shutting down Teamster shipping.

Coors Beer union organizing drive and national boycott, by Local #366 Brewery Workers in Golden, Colo.

J. P. Stevens Co. union organizing drive and national boycott by Textile Workers Union involving workers in the South.

For more information on these important workers struggles, see the back of this Community Calendar!

MON 1 The Fight for the International Hotel continues with a hearing August 1 by the California Supreme Court concerning the most recent stay of eviction. If the stay is lifted, the eviction could happen immediately after. The International Hotel Tenants Association is prepared to mobilize against eviction. The protracted struggle by poor, mostly elderly Filipino working people against corporate developers needs our continued support. To be informed and to participate in the mobilization, call 982-4249.

"It is not the Homosexual Who is Perverse But the Situation in Which He Lives," 1975 German film, with director Rosa von Praunheim in person, at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St., (at Valencia), SF, 7:30 & 9:45 pm, \$1.50, ♪

1962: *Jamaica gains independence from British colonialism.*

TUE 2 "Los Payas" special Peña Concert, directly from Bolivia, the best interpreters of Andean music from their first US tour (20 gold records), 9 pm, \$4 (adv. tickets avail.), La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, ♪

Free Films, "From War to Revolution," "China and the New World," and "The New China," at the Asian Community Library, 1934 Park Blvd., Oak., 7 pm, everyone invited, every Tuesday.

Drop-in Rap for Older Women, at the Berkeley Women's Center, 2112 Channing Way, Berkeley (every Tues.), 9:30-11 am, women only.

Men's Drop-In Counseling Rap Group, at the East Bay Men's Center, 2700 Bancroft (at College), Berkeley (downstairs Unitas House), every Tues., 9:30-11 am, \$1 donation requested, childcare call 845-4823.

"Collecting Unemployment," legal workshop sponsored by Pro Per Collective, at West Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave., 3-5 pm, no fees, no appointments, donations appreciated.

WED 3 Benefit for Committee of Concern for the Traditional Indian, films: "Hopi Guardians of the Land" and "Hopi Voices," poetry by Gene Buron and bluegrass music by Done Gone, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 8 pm, \$2 donation, ♪

"Sweet Land of Liberty," documentary program focusing on attitudes of the Moscow-Pullman, Idaho, gay population and the community in which they exist, on KQED-TV, channel 9, 10:30 pm.

"Community Murals," Open Studio program featuring outstanding murals in Chicago, Boston, New York, and San Francisco, on KQEC-TV, channel 32, 8:30 pm.

1913: *Wheatland, Ca.: police and organizers of the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) clash and four are killed; police had been called to break a strike against poor housing and working conditions.*

THU 4 United Farmworker Benefit, films: "Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain," historical documentary about theft of Native American lands in Nevada, and "Fighting for our Lives," moving documentary on the Farmworkers' struggle, at Newman Hall, Dwight Way and College Ave., Berk., 7:30 pm, \$1.50 advance (La Peña, Leopold, or call UFW at 533-3477), \$2 door.

"If Everyman Had a Baby," a play by the Moving Men Theater Co., performed by five men with theatrics, puppets, music, and their own experiences to examine how men and women might change our concepts of raising children, at Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berk., Thursday thru Saturday, 8:15 pm, \$3, free childcare Friday, ♪

Pediatrics Well-Child Clinic, sponsored by Berkeley Women's Health Collective, 2908 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, 5-9 pm, donations, childcare provided, ♪

"Dealing with Insurance Companies on Auto Accident Claims," legal workshop by Pro Per Collective at 1606 Bonita St. (upstairs), Berk., 7:30 pm, no fees, no appointments, donations appreciated.

Peña Blues Concert with Freddy Roulette and Honey Davis Band, 9:30 pm, \$1.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, ♪

1898: *US annexes Puerto Rico, which is still a colony of the US today.*

1964: *US gov't fabricates the Gulf of Tonkin incident and then uses it as an excuse for armed intervention in Vietnam.*

1970: *Uruguay: Tupamaros guerrillas execute Dan Mitrione, torture expert with CIA-AID in Latin America. (The film "State of Siege" is about this event and the conditions surrounding it.)*

FRI 5 Peña Concert with two Australian singers Margaret RoadKnight and Jeannie Lewis, the best known interpreters of Australian contemporary songs, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk., 9:30 pm, \$2, ♪

"If Everyman Had a Baby," a play by the Moving Men Theater Co., see August 4.

"Small Claims Court" and "Street Law," Open Studio programs dealing with procedures for filing in small claims court, and USF Law School's Street Law Project with high school students, on KQED-TV, channel 9, 6:30 pm.

SAT 6 Mass Picket at Handyman Hardware Stores, in memory of Norman Lewis, a striking Handyman worker killed August 6, 1976, when a scab truck driven by a forger ran through a picket line in Tracy, California. The year-long strike and boycott against Edison Bros. Co.'s Handyman and other stores (see back of Calendar for boycott list) continues with workers of ILWU Local 6 calling for support picketing from 9 am to 5 pm at the Hayward store, 24055 Hesperian Blvd., and at the San Mateo store, 1880 S. Grant St. See the back of Calendar for more about this important labor struggle.

Rally & Picnic to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, with Daniel Ellsberg, Ying Lee Kelly, music, theater, 12:30 pm at Marx Meadows, Golden Gate Park, SF, sponsored by N. Calif. Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, 849-9020 for info.

Cuba Sit Friendship Festival, with exhibits, food, workshops on women and race in Cuba, children's programs, sponsored by the Committee for July 26th, at Neighborhood Arts Theater, 220 Buchanan St., SF, 12 noon to 5 pm, free, childcare, ♪

"If Everyman Had a Baby," a play by the Moving Men Theater Co., see Aug. 4.

Peña Reggae Fiesta "Obeah," 9:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., ♪

1945: *Hiroshima, Japan: the US, despite Japanese overtures for surrender, drops the atomic bomb on this civilian center, killing and injuring 160,000 people.*

SUN 7 "Los Papines," Afro-Cuban percussionists in concert, direct from Cuba on a premier US tour, also *Flor del Pueblo*, sponsored by the Committee for July 26th, at Oakland Auditorium Theater, 10 Tenth St., Oakland, 7:30 pm, \$3.50 advance, \$4 at door, 658-6538 for info, ♪

Dinner/Dance Benefit for Uprislings Bakery with Rhythm Bones at the Starry Plough Pub, Prince and Shattuck, Berk., dinner, 6:30 pm, \$1.50, dance 9 pm, \$1.50, raffle 50 cents, childcare, ♪

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SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE, recently returned from European tour, will perform *The Universe Hotel*, inspired by the International Hotel tenants' struggle against developers in SF at San Antonio Park, Foothill Blvd., and 17th Ave., Oak., 2 pm, free.

Diablo Canyon Occupation and Rally, at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in San Luis Obispo, sponsored by People Against Nuclear Power and the Abalone Alliance, carpools, 752-7766 for info.

Peña Concert: Malvina Reynolds in person from Berkeley, 9 pm, \$1.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, ♪

Peace & Freedom Party Study Class begins, with Marx's *Critique of the Gotha Program*, every Sunday 6-8 pm, 4483 Howe St., Oakland, 653-2932 or 658-6945 for info.

1970: *Marin County Courthouse, Ca.: Jonathan Jackson attempts to free prisoners on trial and takes several hostages—all except Ruchell Magee are killed when police attack the getaway vehicle.*

MON 8 Rally & March sponsored by the Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, with street theater, speakers, march starts at 14th and Telegraph, Oakland, at 10:30 am, and rally 2:30 pm at University Hall, Oxford & University, Berk., call 524-5619 for info.

"31 Exciting Days in the Peoples Republic of China," color slides and commentary by Jack and Daisy Quan, at the Oakland Public Library, West Auditorium, 14th and Oak Sts., free.

"The Last Resort," film about atomic power confrontation in Seabrook, N.H., West Coast Premier, at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St. (at Valencia), SF, 7:30 & 9:30 pm, \$2, ♪

TUE 9 "Los Papines," direct from Cuba, for the first time in the USA, Cuba's best Afro-Cuban music, 9 pm, \$4 (advance tickets available), La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., ♪

Free Films: "Hirohito: the Immaculate Emperor" and "Hokusai: 36 Views of Mt. Fuji," at Asian Community Library, 1934 Park Blvd., Oak., 7 pm, everyone welcome, every Tuesday.

"How to do Your Own Personal Bankruptcy," a legal workshop sponsored by Pro Per Collective, at South Berkeley Public Library, 1901 Russell (at Grove), 3 pm to 5 pm, no fees, no appointments, donations appreciated.

1945: *Nagasaki, Japan: to strengthen the demand for absolute, unconditional surrender, the US drops its second A-bomb, destroying Nagasaki.*

1967: *Pretoria, S.A.: South African Womens Day—20,000 demonstrate against the gov't's plan to require passes for African women.*

WED 10 "Ten Days That Shook the World," film portrayal of the events of the Russian Revolution by Soviet classic filmmaker Eisenstein, benefit for Comité Jane Vanini, a support group in solidarity with the women in the Chilean and Latin American resistance, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 7:30 and 9:30 pm, \$1.50, ♪

Drop-In Self-Help Presentation, with slide show, demonstration and discussion about women's health care, Berkeley Women's Health Collective, 2908 Ellsworth, Berk., 7 pm, \$1 donation includes speculum and literature, women only, ♪

THU 11 Wilson Pico with a Theatrical Modern Dance: "The Soldier, The Beggar, The Housewife," his first USA visit from Ecuador, 9 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., ♪

"Representing Yourself in Small Claims Court," a legal workshop by Pro Per Collective, see Aug. 4.

1965: *Los Angeles, Ca.: Watts Rebellion, armed uprising by Blacks.*

FRI 12 Peña Concert: Songs from Two Brothers, Dan Goldensohn and Gary Lapow, 9:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., ♪

"Hollywood Blacklist," Open Studio discussion with screenwriters blacklisted in Hollywood in the '50s, with Alvah Bessie, Lester Cole, Jeremy Lerner, KQED-TV, channel 9, 6 pm.

SAT 13 San Francisco 5th Annual Blues Festival, presented by Hi Tide Harris and La Peña, party and show with the performers of the daytime SF Blues Festival, all invited, 9 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., ♪

SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE, recently returned from European tour, will perform *The Universe Hotel*, inspired by the International Hotel tenants' struggle against developers in SF at San Antonio Park, Foothill Blvd., and 17th Ave., Oak., 2 pm, free.

San Francisco Blues Festival, live coverage from McLaren Park Amphitheater at 12 noon on KPFA-FM 94.

1818: *Birthday of Lucy Stone, women's rights leader and abolitionist.*

1831: *Nat Turner leads slave revolt in Southampton, Ga.*

1971: *George Jackson murdered by the State at San Quentin prison.*

SUN 14 United Farmworkers Benefit Block Party, with neighborhood bluegrass, jazz, salsa, Otis St. between Adeline and Grove (north of Ashby Bart station), Berk., 12-6 pm, free admission.

San Francisco 5th Annual Blues Festival, the second day of blues at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 8:30 pm, \$2.50, ♪

MON 15 "31 Exciting Days in the Peoples Republic of China" (part III) color slides and commentary by Jack and Daisy Quan, at the Oakland Public Library, West Aud., 14th and Oak Sts., 7:30 pm, free.

"Should You Write Your Own Will?" legal workshop sponsored by Pro Per Collective, at West Berkeley Senior Citizen Center, 1816 6th St., Berk., 1-3 pm, no fees, no appointments, donations appreciated.

"Viridiana" (Spain, 1961) & "Illusion Travels by Streetcar" (Mexico, 1953), two films by Buñuel, at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St., SF, "Illusion" at 6:50 & 10:10, "Viridiana" at 8:30 pm, \$1.50, ♪

1975: *Charlotte, NC: Black woman prisoner Joann Little acquitted of 1st degree murder charge; in self-defense she killed a white racist jailer who attempted to rape her.*

TUE 16 Martes Popular Cultural Encounter, Open Mike for musicians, singers and poets in struggle, register to perform 6-8 pm, program 8-11 pm, free admission, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., ♪

Japanese-American Free Films: "Gully by Reason of Race" and "Subversion," at Asian Community Library, 1934 Park Blvd., Oak., 7 pm, everyone welcome (every Tuesday).

"Superman Meets the Plutonium Tycoon!" an hilarious theater piece that looks at nuclear power from a feminist perspective, by Portland's Family Circus, on KPFA-FM 94, 9 pm.

Men's Drop-In Rap Group, East Bay Men's Center, see Aug. 2.

"Viridiana," and "Illusion Travels by Streetcar," two films by Buñuel, see Aug. 15.

WED 17 Benefit for American Indian Survival School, slide show, speakers, poetry and music at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 9 pm, \$2 donation, ♪

THU 18 Teatro Siembra, "Vientos del Sur," bilingual theater and music performance at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 9 pm, \$1.50, ♪

Demonstration Against Electro-Shock, at St. Francis Hospital, 900 Hyde St., SF, with picketing and testimony by ex-inmates and ex-workers, 12-2 pm, sponsored by Network Against Psychiatric Assault and Women Against Psychiatric Assault, call 285-6353 for info, ♪

Benefit for United Farmworkers, film "Salt of the Earth" dramatic historical account of the struggle of miners in New Mexico, at Newman Hall, Dwight Way and College Ave., Berk., 7:30 pm, \$1.50 advance (at La Peña, Leopold's Records, or UFW 533-3477), \$2 at door.

"Forming a Non-Profit Corporation," Pro Per legal workshop, see August 4.

FRI 19 Teatro Siembra: "Winds of the South," bilingüe y con musica at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 9:30 pm, \$1.50, ♪

1619: *Jamestown, Va.: arrival of first African slaves to the US.*

1953: *CIA stages coup in Iran, deposing the popular Mossadegh gov't and reinstating the Shah, beginning the fascist reign of terror that is continuing today.*

SAT 20 Peña Fiesta Salsa Alacran! at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 9:30 pm, \$2.50, ♪

1st Anniversary Celebration of Peoples' Cultural Center, with Bay City Reds (jugglers), Blackberri (gay folk singer), Rowgies (West African Highlife Band), at 721 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, \$2.50, childcare provided, for info call 431-9329, ♪

SUN 21 16th Jornada por Chile, *The Crisis of World Capitalism and the Case of Chile*, with Douglas Dowd, author and Prof. of Economics at S.J. State; and Patricio Barrueto, economist for the UP Government, Chilean music, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 8:30 pm, \$1.50 with wine and empanada, ♪

1831: *Nat Turner leads slave revolt in Southampton, Ga.*

1971: *George Jackson murdered by the State at San Quentin prison.*

MON 22 "Sacco and Vanzetti" & "The Front," two films on the 50th anniversary of the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, labor organizers framed as "terrorists," at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St., SF, "Front" at 6:50 & 10:35, "Sacco & Vanzetti" at 8:30, \$1.50, ♪

TUE 23 Chinese-Asian American Free Films, "Golden Mountain on Mott Street" and "Pieces of a Dream," at Asian Community Library, 1934 Park Blvd., Oak., 7 pm, everyone welcome (every Tuesday).

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"Sacco & Vanzetti," and "The Front," two films at the Roxie Cinema, see Aug. 22.

1927: *Sacco and Vanzetti, Italian immigrant workers, executed. Framed for murder and armed robbery in the anti-immigrant, anti-communist hysteria of the 1920s.*

WED 24 Benefit for Campuses United Against Apartheid, a South African cultural presentation with the Watoto Dancers, a South African Gumboot Dancing Group, slide show, speakers and poetry, 8:30 pm, \$2 donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., ♪

1954: *Pres. Eisenhower signs Communism Control Act, outlawing membership in US Communist Party.*

1970: *Madison, Wis.: Army Math Research Center bombed as protests against the Vietnam War escalate.*

THU 25 Festival-Nueva Cancion Latino-America program offering some of the best of Latin American music, with performers representing ten countries, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 9 pm, \$2, ♪

"Collecting Unemployment," Pro Per legal workshop, see Aug. 4.

FRI 26 Picket of Marine Corps Recruiting Station sponsored by the California Coalition to Free the Camp Pendleton 14. Free the Pendleton 14! Smash the Klan! Support the right to self-defense! Expose the Marine Corps coverup! Recruiting station at Third and Market, SF. We need money and help. For info call 863-3100.

Malvina Reynolds' 7th Birthday Celebration, benefit for KPFA, featuring Terry Garthwaite, Tony Brown, Rosalie Sorrels and others, held simultaneously at the Starry Plough and La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 8:30, broadcast live on KPFA-94 FM, ♪

1839: *The ship Amistad, seized by African slaves who revolted against their captors, lands in Mantauk, LI (Africa).*

1920: *After a century of struggle, the 19th Amendment adopted, giving the right to vote to women.*

SAT 27 An Evening of Solidarity with the Indian People will be presented at Everett Junior High School, 450 Church St., in SF. The event will focus on the upcoming United Nations Conference on American Indians to be held in Geneva, Switzerland in September. Russell Means of the International Indian Treaty Council will speak on human rights violations of Indian people, genocide, and the theft of Indian lands and resources. There will also be poetry by Simon Ortiz, music by Pueblo Unido and Malvina Reynolds, the African Dance Ensemble, and Solidarity Statements from community, national and international organizations. \$3 donation will be used to send Indian delegates to the Geneva Conference. 8 pm, childcare provided.

Peña Fiesta: authentic African High Life Funk with Hedzoleh Soundz from Ghana at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 9:30 pm, \$2.50, ♪

1968: *Chicago, Ill.: 500 arrested during police riot at Democratic Nat'l Convention.*

SUN 28 Benefit for Grassroots: a new film on Puerto Rico, "Paradise Invaded," at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 8 pm, \$1.50 donation, ♪

SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE, recently returned from European tour, will perform *The Universe Hotel*, inspired by the SF International Hotel tenants' struggle against developers, at Ho Chi Minh Park, Derby St. (off Telegraph), Berk., 2 pm, free.

1955: *Emmett Tils, a 14-year-old black, is kidnapped and lynched in Mississippi.*

1966: *Namibia, Africa: SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization) launches armed struggle to free Namibia from South African control.*

MON 29 "Opium War Lords," inside documentary film about narcotics trade in Southeast Asia's "Golden Triangle," made by BBC filmmaker Adrienne Powell in 1975, at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St., SF, 7:30 & 9:55 pm, \$1.50, ♪

1758: *First Indian reservation established in New Jersey, gov't later sells land and shifts Indians to upstate New York.*

1970: *Los Angeles, Ca.: the National Chicano Moratorium against the Vietnam War becomes a riot when police attack the peaceful crowd watching the program resulting in many injuries and the death of journalist Reuben Salazar.*

TUE 30 Japanese-American Free Films, videotape "Gold Watch," at Asian Community Library, see Aug. 2.

Martes Popular Cultural Encounter, open mike register to perform 6-8 pm, program 8-11 pm, free admission, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., ♪

"How to do Your Own Uncontested Divorce," a legal workshop sponsored by Pro Per Collective, at 1890 Alcatraz, Berk., 3-5 pm, no fees, no appointments, donations appreciated.

WED 31 Benefit for the Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery, film, "Attica," music from Lenny Anderson, Ricardo Montalvo and others, speakers, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berk., 8:30 pm, \$2 donation, ♪

ETCETERA

Russian and Soviet Painting Exhibition at the De Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF (Aug. 6 through Oct. 9), with 156 paintings from 14th-19th centuries, and 20th century Socialist Realism works and rarely-shown Avant Garde artists, call 558-2887 for info.

The Gay Community Center—East Bay is open and wants to represent the needs of the East Bay gay community, with office hours 6-9 nightly, General Community meetings Sundays at 1 pm, and other programs. The Center is located at 2714 Telegraph Ave., Berk., 848-9220.

The Son Francisco Mime Troupe returns from European tour Aug. 12 to present the premier performance of their new play, *The Universe Hotel*, at noon in SF's Civic Center Plaza, McAllister & Polk Sts. (free), 18 "Free Shows in the Park" will follow on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 8. (See Aug. 13 & 28 listings for East Bay shows, or call 285-1717).

Oakland Summer Theater, sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Dept., presents *Stop the World, I Want to Get Off* August 11, 12, 13-18, 19, 20, at Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon St., Oak., 8 pm curtain, tickets \$3 at 273-3896 or Bass outlets, ♪

"Theories of Ideology," a summer program sponsored by the Institute for Social & Cultural Studies, will feature courses on *Everyday Life in the United States, Art & Culture, and Political Theory and Strategy*, and forums, workshops, and cultural events, August 7 to Sept. 3. For registration or further information, call ISCS at Epic West, 2640 College Ave., Berk. (549-1844).

Self-Help Clinic for Women, begins first Thursday of every month, sponsored by Feminist Women's Health Center, 2930 McClure St., Oakland, 7 pm, \$10 for four weeks, 444-7664.

Free Hot Lunch for anyone over 60 at High St. Presbyterian Church, 1941 High St., Oakland, Mon-Fri, 12 noon, sponsored by Senior Citizen Nutrition Project, call 261-7839 for information.

Senior Meals program offers meals to senior citizens at the Bishops, 1437 Harrison St., Oakland, dining room opens 1 pm, meals served at 2:30, six days a week, free (60 cents donation helps to defray costs).

WE NEED HELP!

If you see the need for the Community Calendar to continue, we need your help working on distribution, listings, layout and design, typing, and writing, on a regular basis. This can amount to a commitment of 3-4 hours doing distribution each month, up to a commitment to two meetings each month and responsibility for one aspect of the calendar production. Skills are not needed, although some typing is helpful. We want the various communities of the East Bay to be represented in the Calendar work group. To find out more, call 652-7111.

MACHINISTS LOCAL #1518 STRIKES RYLOCK CO.:

Eighty workers have been on strike for over four months against Rylock Co. of Union City, an aluminum door and window manufacturing plant. The plant is located around the corner from the Union City Police Station, and the strike has been a violent one. Strikebreakers have been escorted into the plant daily by the police. However, the police were "shorthanded" when strikers asked for protection from scabs who threatened pickets with tire irons and knives. Scabs have brandished guns and pickets have been shot at and hit by cars. Twelve strikers were arrested on May 13 for "resisting arrest" in what union members describe as a police attack. Rylock has also hired private security guards—Richardson Co.—to enforce the strikebreaking.

The contract Rylock offered would freeze wages, take away from cost-of-living allowances, vacations, severance pay, and health benefits, according to union representatives. Rylock also wants to hire new workers at wages well below the union scale and base seniority on merit, not length of employment. The company pays its 20 women workers less than the men, although this is not a critical issue in the contract.

Rylock Co. is said to practice racism as well. The company has never hired Blacks before, but now most of the strikebreakers recruited have been poor Blacks. This may have been a move to stir up racial antagonisms. However, last week five Blacks quit and denounced the racist conditions inside the plant (such as all-white parties) to strikers on the line.

The workers on strike refuse to be intimidated and are holding strong, despite being denied unemployment benefits by the state and subsisting on \$65 a week strike benefits. They urge people to boycott Rylock products and note that Rylock also owns Duraflame (fireplace logs) and California Cedar Co. (pencils).

Supporters are welcome to find out about the strike and show their solidarity. Pickets are set up at 1285 Atlantic Ave., Union City (Whipple Exit) weekdays 7 am to 4:30 pm.



MACHINISTS LOCAL #284 STRIKES CATERPILLAR:

Over 1800 workers at Caterpillar's San Leandro parts plant have been on strike since May 1. Despite a court order that prohibits shutting out non-bargaining employees and limits pickets to three at each gate, pickets have kept scabs out and shut down the plant entirely on occasion, keeping foremen and management out when they were trying to smuggle out parts in the trunks of their cars. Strikers call the company's contract proposal a "take away" offer which would undercut cost-of-living wage increases, attack seniority through "temporary layoffs," and allow speed-up and "cycle-timing" harassment to continue. Workers also want a more effective grievance procedure and an end to mandatory overtime.

The rank and file has rejected two offers and the negotiating team has rejected a third. Now, however, the International office of the union has sent their V.P. to negotiate directly with Caterpillar's V.P., who flew in from their main office. They propose a vote on Caterpillar's "final, final offer" by a mail ballot. Rank and file strikers say the mail ballot would be undemocratic, denying discussion and questions to the negotiating team in an open meeting, and might allow "funny stuff" to occur with the ballots.

Caterpillar is the 36th largest corporation in the U.S., with \$383 million in profits for 1976, and it has the second largest holdings in South Africa. Its largest shareholders are the First National Bank of Chicago and Morgan Guaranty Trust (both Morgan family holdings), and the Chase Manhattan Bank (of the Rockefeller family).

Information for these reports on local strikes came from talking to union members on strike. These strikes are but a few of the many labor struggles going on locally, and new events are occurring daily. We encourage rank-and-file activists to keep the Community Calendar informed of regular activities and special events.



Rising Up Angry Comics

TEAMSTERS LOCAL #302 STRIKES SAFEWAY:

About 150 milk truck drivers and dairy workers at Safeway's San Leandro plant are out on strike. At press time, the strikers have carried their struggle to Safeway's Richmond and Fremont warehouses, as well as retail stores throughout the Bay Area. Workers from other locals have honored the pickets and virtually dried up all supplies to Safeway stores. Safeway refuses to negotiate until picketing at these facilities is withdrawn.

The Local's Secretary-Treasurer is calling all picketing except at the dairy plant "unauthorized," despite a Teamsters Joint Council sanction. Pickets say "we're getting plenty of support from the rank and file, but not from the union leadership."

The Local #302 workers walked out when Safeway's first and "final" offer was put out by the local's leadership as a "take it or leave it" contract. It calls for four 10-hour days, with the three days off not being taken together. It amounts to squeezing two routes a day from each driver instead of 1, according to strikers on the picket line. They weren't much pleased with a 10-hour day, pointing out the struggles workers had gone through in the past to win the eight-hour day. Pickets in Richmond stated their intention of continuing to seek support from other workplaces—until arrested if necessary—saying that "fighting Safeway with pickets limited to one empty warehouse would be like going into a fight with both arms and legs tied."

DON'T SHOP AT HANDYMAN!

We received this leaflet from the Handyman strike in Tracy:

On August 6, 1976, one of our members, Norman Lewis, 33, was killed on the picket line at the Handyman Corporation warehouse in Tracy, California, by a company supervisor, leaving a wife and five young children.

Our members went on strike at Handyman August 4, 1976. On August 6, 1976, Leslie Laeger, Handyman company supervisor, drove a 27-foot van right through the picket line, crushing Norman Lewis to death.

Our members at Handyman have been trying to negotiate a union contract ever since they voted in a U.S. Labor Board election on February 26, 1976, to be represented by Local 6. They are not asking for the moon—just a standard contract with the going wage rates and conditions.

We've reduced our demands; we've offered to submit the whole issue to a neutral arbitrator. But Handyman has rejected all our efforts to settle.

We are asking you to help persuade Handyman to return to negotiations and work out a fair agreement, or to arbitrate the dispute.

We are asking you to help make sure that the tragedy of August 6, 1976, is never repeated at Handyman or in any other labor negotiation.

Please help us by taking your business elsewhere. This is the only language Handyman will understand.

Boycott the following stores: Edison Bros. Stores; all Handyman Hardware store outlets; Leed's Shoe Stores; Baker's Shoe Stores; Burt's Shoe Stores; Size 5-7-9 Shops; The Wild Pair; Joan Bar; Boutiques; United Sporting Goods.

Local 6,

International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union
255 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

We also ask that you write to Handyman's parent company, Edison Brothers Stores, P.O. Box 14020, St. Louis, Mo 63278, letting them know of your decision not to patronize Handyman until this dispute is settled.

BOYCOTT J. P. STEVENS!

Manufacturing companies have thrived in the Southern states because of their anti-union "right to work" laws. Many companies have moved from the North to the South because they are assured of an unorganized workforce—this means no guarantee of seniority, health and social security rights as well as low wages. The successful enforcement of anti-union policies in the South is clearly a threat and limitation to Northern workers as well.

From 1971 to 1973 the North lost 446,000 manufacturing companies while the South gained 313,000. The reasons are clear: 7% of the workforce is unionized and the average salary of factory workers is the lowest (for the same work) in the country.

The textile industry is one kind of manufacturing concentrated in the South (three-quarters of the industry is located there), and J. P. Stevens is the second largest monopoly in this industry. In 85 Southern plants it employs 44,000 people, of whom 80% are Black. For 14 years workers have been trying to organize. In the past the company has managed to stall negotiations (for years sometimes), despite rulings by the National Labor Relations Board, fire union organizers and sympathizers, and pit white workers against Black workers.

In August, 1974, 3500 workers in the Roanoke Rapids, South Carolina, plants voted to be represented by the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union. Because the company could simply move the work to another plant in the face of a strike, a national boycott was called with the support of the AFL-CIO in June, 1976, to push negotiations. Now there are organizing drives going on at about 25 Stevens plants. In the plants Black workers are providing militant leadership, and there is growing unity between Black and white workers. The main issues: protection against brown lung—a suffocating respiratory disease caused by inhaling cotton dust—poor pay, and lack of job seniority.

The boycott caused Stevens' corporate earnings to drop 17% between November of 1976 and February of 1977. Some retail stores are afraid of the boycott after the success of the Farah pants strike and boycott. A continued consumer boycott and active support from other unions for ACTWU will open up the South to further unionization.

For more information: ACTW, 15 Union Square, New York, NY 10003.

Boycott J. P. Stevens:	Peanuts (comic strip figures)	Angelo Donghia	Merryweather	Hip-Lets
Sheets & Pillows	Tastemaker	Blankets	Tastemaker	Spirit
Beauti-Blend	Utica & Mohawk	Forstmann	Table Linen	Towels
Beauticale	Designer Labels: Yves St. Laurent	Utica	Simtex	Fine Arts
Fine Arts		Carpets	Hostery	Tastemaker
		Contender	Big Mama	Utica
		Gulistan	Finesse	

BOYCOTT COORS

Support Workers' Human Rights

1467 Coors workers in Golden, Colorado, went out on strike April 5 around their right not to be discriminated against on the basis of race, sex and age. Coors imposes a personal examination with a lie detector on its employees; they ask questions about political affiliation, sexual habits, vices, personal history, etc., as a means of intimidation and discrimination against Blacks, Chicanos, women, and older people. Coors also employs a private police force, which can apply search-and-seizure tactics against people on company property, and the company maintains the right to discharge workers arbitrarily for bad attitude.

The National Labor Relations Board has already cited the company for unfair labor practices, but it will take an effective national boycott to bring about a change.

Coors has played a reactionary role nationally through the Right to Work Committee, an anti-labor organization dedicated to breaking unions, and through the California campaign to defeat the Farmworkers' Proposition 14. (This proposition was put forward to protect the farmworkers' right to organize in the fields.) Coors also bought Florida television time for Reagan's presidential campaign.

Coors has tried to isolate its employees by saying that the consumer does not care about human rights. We can't afford not to care. Boycott Coors Beer!

To send support and for more information write: Brewery Workers Local 366, 4510 Indiana, Golden, Colorado 80401.

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