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**STRIKE BULLETIN FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1976 1200 HOURS**

### SUPPORT FOR ECHEVERRIA IN MEXICO GROWS AS PEASANT AND WORKER FERMENT SPREADS

The response to Echeverria's speech within Mexico has been immediate. Peasant mobilizations in the state of Sonora against the right-wing latifundists are now taking place. Outside of Mexico City, 2,000 workers at a Datsun auto plant are on strike, with worker and peasant strikes breaking out in several parts of the country.

Support from politicians and newspaper editorials keeps rolling in. Significantly, the presidential candidate of the ruling PRI party, Jose Lopez Portillo, stated, "Now is the time to define which side one's on, and I'm with Echeverria." Members of the Monterrey group and its allies have been caught off balance by Echeverria's unprecedented open attack, but are presently meeting "to give our response." The battle is on.

Speaking to peasants yesterday, Lopez Portillo reminded that the fight of Mexico and all the countries of the Third World is the same: "We must act, united...to prevent the imperial looting which subsists in the world."

TELEGRAM TO THE POC IN DETROIT AND  
TO THE STRIKING TEAMSTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Duisberg, Federal Republic of Germany, April 3, 1976

Dear Comrades,

We too support the American workers' organizing against austerity, and the organizing for debt moratoria and the International Development Bank, and for further human development. To the extent that we, the working class in the USA and in Europe, assume this responsibility for a human society, we can jointly stop the development of worldwide Nazi-fascism under the Atlanticists.

(Signed)

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SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISORS FORCED TO GO WITH MEDIATOR

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has acceded to union demands for a mediator in a direct response to the political mass

strike potential. The mediator will be former San Francisco mayor George Christopher, an old-line Democrat. The transit workers have not agreed to the Board of Supervisors' request that they remove picket lines during negotiations. Today Assemblyman Ken Meade will call San Francisco's Congressional delegation and motivate his debt moratorium and EEA legislation.

#### STRIKE UPDATE BRIEFS

Sales of New Solidarity yesterday: 7,050. Organizing income: 3,582 dollars. Member contributions and loans, LC dues bring total income to 6,377 dollars.

, 1,900 IUE workers on strike in St. Louis at Wagner Electric, over contract negotiations.

, Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA) announces demands in upcoming contract talks: 8 per cent increase. Fifty thousand workers of 500,000 textile workforce are unionized.

#### , Teamsters:

- , Seattle press links IAM strike of 3,600 workers in 13 states to Teamster strike.
- , Chicago West Side steel plant discusses sympathy strike.
- , American Farm Bureau head, Allen Grant, telegrams Ford to invoke Taft-Hartley.
- , North Carolina Commissioner of Labor calls on Ford to invoke Taft-Hartley.

#### PHILADELPHIA LABOR PARTY TO HIT TEAMSTER MEETING WITH 1,000 STRIKE BULLETINS

Philadelphia is carrying the Mexican fight to a mass meeting of Teamsters at 12 o'clock. Informational lines are already up in four locals. Teamsters are responding, "You're supporting this strike and coordinating strikes all over the world? What's happening in Japan and Italy?"

#### UAW OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE EMERGENCY MEETING AT FORD ROUGE COMPLEX

An emergency meeting was called this afternoon by local UAW officials in the huge 40,000 member Ford Rouge local 600. The meeting, which will be held Sunday, April 5, will discuss possible action to prevent further erosion of jobs through company-practiced outside contracting. Immediately threatened by this practice are several thousand jobs in the assembly and engine divisions of the complex. Labor Party organizers have been invited by local 600 members to rally in support of the EEA.

#### PARTIAL ACCORD TEAMSTERS SETTLEMENT WINS UNLIMITED COL

In a settlement affecting an estimated 140,000 of the 450,000 striking teamsters, officials of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters announced that the agreement, which includes a 1.65

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dollar an hour wage increase, 17 dollars a week pension and health benefits over three years and an UNLIMITED COST OF LIVING provision in the second and third years, would also apply to those teamsters with interim agreements. The new contract also affects an approximate 60 per cent of those affected by the negotiations. Sources within the Transport Employers Association indicate, however, that at least two-thirds of the teamsters under their jurisdiction are without a settlement. The Transport Employers Association is the largest of the three principal negotiating trucking groups. The two major trucking groups with settlements are the Motor Carriers Labor Advisory Council and the Irregular Route Carriers.

#### STATE WORKERS DEFEAT CONNECTICUT DRIVE FOR LONGER HOURS

Forty thousand state workers delivered a crushing defeat to Connecticut Governor Ella T. Grasso's initiative to extend the official state employee work week from 35 to 40 hours without a commensurate pay increase. The bill to lengthen the work week was defeated in yesterday's legislative session.

#### TRANSIT PACT UNDER ATTACK, CHALLENGED BY EMERGENCY FINANCIAL CONTROL BOARD

Fearful that even the relatively miserable new transit pact will spark off uncontrollable demands by the city's 250,000 municipal workforce in contract negotiations this spring, "labor experts" close to the New York Times disclosed yesterday that the pact will be seriously challenged by the fascist state Emergency Financial Control Board. Expecting a renewed strike initiative by the Transit Workers Union if the pact is rejected by the Control Board, State Mediator Theodore Kheel blasted any attempt to disrupt the new transit contract as "stupid."

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