

UNITED WORKERS CAUCUS of Local 72

STATEMENT of PURPOSE ~ AUGUST 1980

THE UNITED WORKERS IS A GROUP OF LOCAL 72 MEMBERS WHO WORK TOGETHER AS AN ACTIVE CAUCUS WITHIN THE LOCAL. WE CONSIST OF BOTH RANK AND FILE MEMBERS AND SOME ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. A NUMBER OF US HAVE WORKED OVER THE PAST YEARS IN PRINTING THE FIGHTING TIMES, SOME HAVE RUN AS STEWARDS OR FOR UAW CONVENTION DELEGATES, AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN STRUGGLING FOR BETTER CONDITIONS AND EQUALITY ON THE JOB.

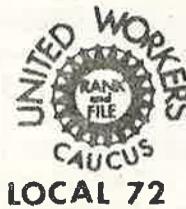
**"This is a DIRECT ORDER -
PULL'UM UP AND GET
BACK ON THE LINE!"**



WE ARE UNITED IN THE CONVICTION THAT THE RANK AND FILE OF THE UAW NEEDS AN ENERGETIC AND INDEPENDENT VOICE THAT IS WILLING TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST MANAGEMENT ABUSES. WE STAND FIRMLY FOR IMPROVING THE WORKING CONDITIONS AND CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS OF UNION MEMBERS, FOR COMPLETE RACIAL AND SEXUAL EQUALITY ON THE JOB, AND TO BETTER THE CONDITIONS OF ALL WORKING PEOPLE IN THIS SOCIETY.

AS AN INDEPENDENT RANK AND FILE CAUCUS WITHIN LOCAL 72 WE ARE UNITED IN OUR COMMITMENT TO A FIGHTING, DEMOCRATIC UNION. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPTS BY THE INTERNATIONAL TO DICTATE TO UAW LOCALS, EITHER AT CONVENTION TIME OR CONTRACT TIME. WE STAND 100% FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE RANK AND FILE AND FEEL THAT THE FIGHTING TIMES AND THE UNITED WORKERS CAUCUS CAN HELP SERVE THAT PURPOSE IN A POSITIVE WAY. WE WANT TO UNITE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF LOCAL 72 WHO HOLD SIMILAR VIEWS AND WE ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE LOCAL WHO WANTS TO WORK WITH US IN PURSUING THESE AIMS.

FIGHTING TIMES



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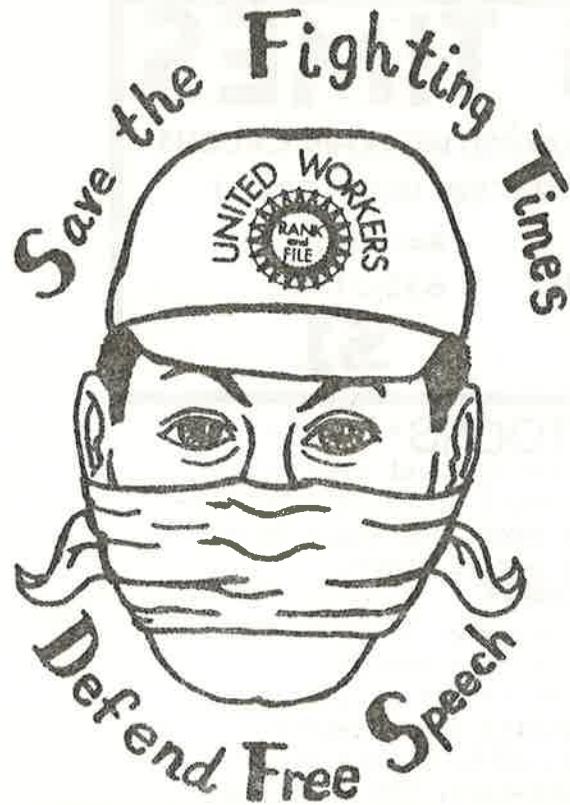
***** RANK & FILE CARTOONS *****

UAW locals and rank & file groups should feel free to reprint or adapt these cartoons. We would appreciate crediting the United Workers Caucus. Any donations would be appreciated and can be mailed to the address above.

ABOUT THE CARTOONIST

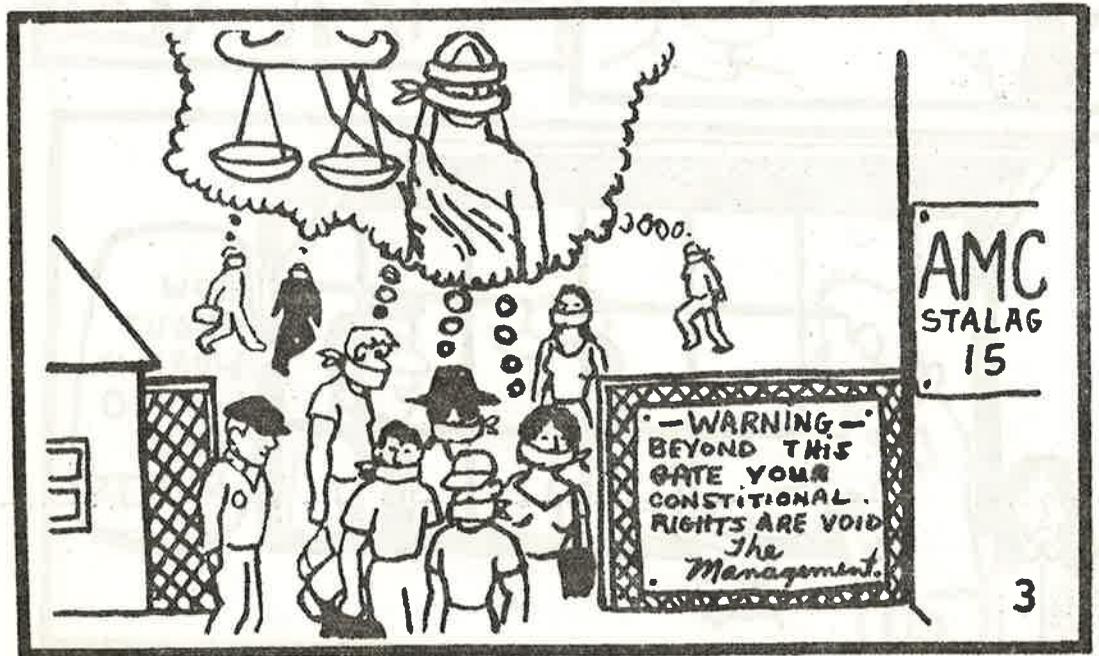
Dave Mattson was hired at AMC in 1972. In 1976, along with other AMC workers, he lost his job in Milwaukee and was forced to transfer to the Kenosha plant. He is currently a trim assembler and a member of UAW Local 72, Kenosha, WI. Since 1976, he has drawn cartoons for the rank and file newsletter, the Fighting Times, and draws portraits of his fellow workers and their families.

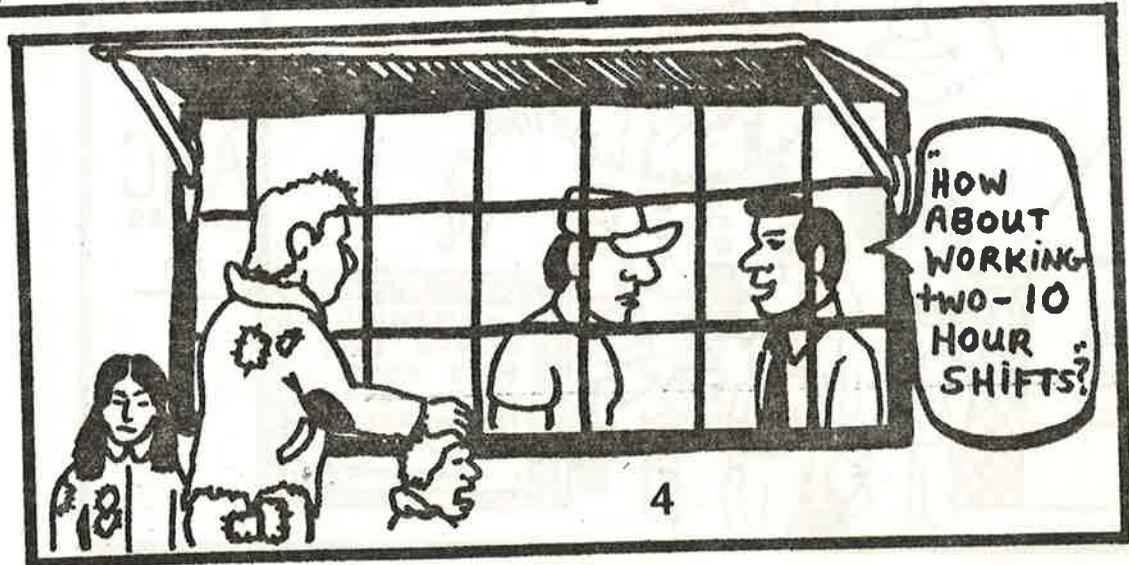




In May of 1980, AMC charged the 3 editors of the Fighting Times with violation of the National Labor Relations Act. AMC claimed that the informational content of the rank and file publication violated the NRLA. The Board dismissed the complaint, but in August, 5 supervisors turned around and filed a civil suit against the same 2 stewards and chief steward for \$4.2 million for slander. All 5 supervisors had been designated past SCABS OF THE MONTH by the publication. The foremen's actions ranged from calling a black worker "a lazy M-F nigger" or branding 3 union sisters "a bunch of pussies". The suit charged the editorial board members with a campaign of harassment, intimidation, ridicule, and vilification against supervisory personal of AMC.

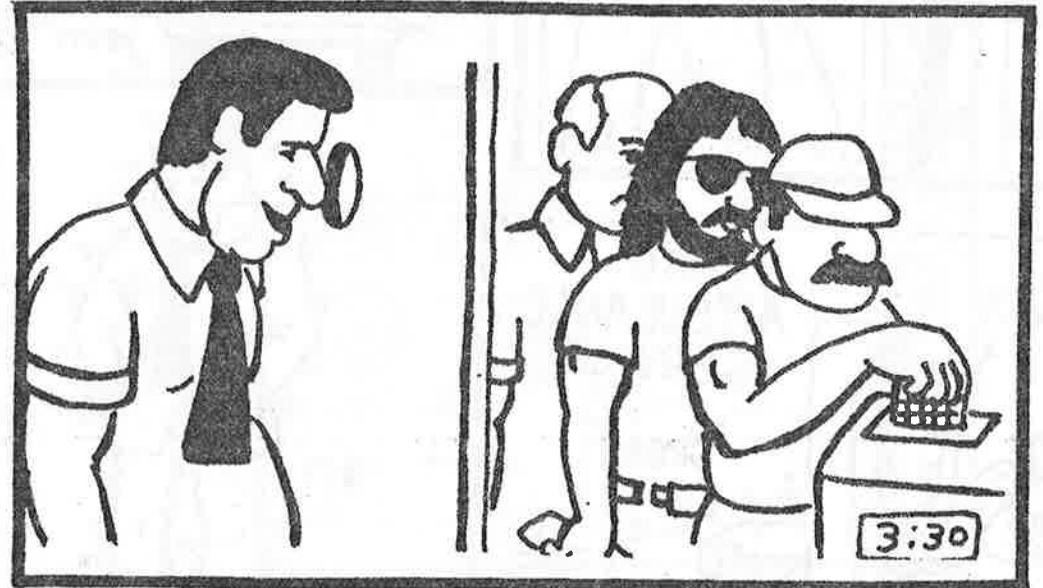
The intention of the suit is clearly to silence our free press. Unfortunately TELLING THE TRUTH costs. Attorney fees will run into the thousands of dollars. Letters of support or financial donations will be appreciated and can be mailed to the United Workers Caucus.







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