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## THE **BATTLE** THE **JERICOL** MINES

## GARIER'S GUIS



HARLAN, KY-"I've lived in Harlan County all my life," says Bill Worthington. "During the 1930's I saw alot of gun thugs and machine guns. I saw alot of guns at Brookside. But never in my life have I seen a coal company use 'tanks' like this to break a strike.'

The UMWA has been on strike at the Jericol mines since eight months ago, when Jericol refused to sign the national contract. Since August, Jericol has been hiring men to cross the union picket lines, using a massive show of arms, including armored trucks (including the one shown here). In September, angry parents (above) blocked school buses in an attempt to stop the 'tanks' from using Kentucky route 38. "We are concerned for the safety of our children," said Dorothy Jones, one of the pickets. "We don't want them shot at by a bunch of scabs.'

Jimmy Carter wants "sacrifice" and "national austerity."

He wants wage limitations-7% a year on contracts—with inflation at 8%, as it is this year, this means wage cuts.

He wants to eliminate 20,000 federal jobs, and to reduce social services.

He has announced that OSHA will get rid of thousands of safety regulations-regulations which "raise the cost of doing business.'

He is threatening to deregulate industries like trucking-for the same reason, "to increase productivity."

Jimmy Carter also wants to be "fair." But this program, to be blunt, has nothing to do with "fairness." It is a program which will make workers pay for big business's economic crisis.

The rich won't "sacrifice." There are no limitations on profits—

which have soared this year.

There are no cuts in the massive defense budget—the biggest in history this year at \$126 billion.

So what will workers get in return? Tax rebates, says Carter.

But tax rebates are a farce—they are

the bait in the government's trap. The AFL says it is for mandatory controls, but others are falling in line. Douglas Fraser of the autoworkers says he'll get behind Carter-he "desperately wants anti-inflation

measures to succeed." Frank Fitzsimmons, the \$125,000 per year Teamster who is negotiating three national contracts this year (freight, UPS, carhaulers), says he'll back the program as well.

The rank and file, however, must say "No!" There is not a shred of evidence that this program will stop inflation. Business knows this. The reaction overseas to the Carter plan was a record drop in the dollar.

Sacrifice, productivity drives, wage cuts will do just one thing-boost profits.

## **MILLIONS**

In 1979, contracts affecting millions of workers expire—rubber workers, autoworkers, electrical, Teamsters.

These workers are Carter's target, but they can ruin his plan.

Carter himself has outlined the way to start-"If tomorrow, or next week, or next month, you ridicule them, ignore them, pick them apart before they have a chance to work, you will have reduced their chance of succeeding."

So-ridicule them, pick them apart, ignore them. Say, "No Way!"