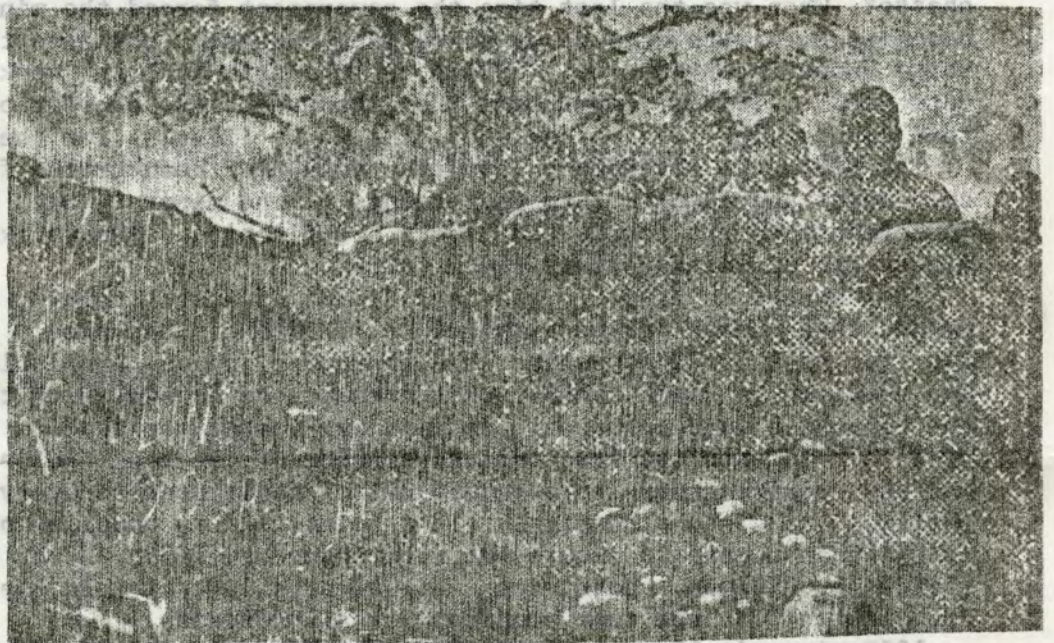


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VICTORY TO THE MINERS

DOWN WITH TAFT-HARTLEY!!!

Two days ago Jimmy Carter got on T.V. and announced to the country that the Taft-Hartley act would be invoked against the 160,000 coal miners out on strike.

Carter talked about national disaster, he talked about disruption of industry, about layoffs, about energy crisis, and he talked about the 'law' and 'patriotism'. He stood before the people of this country, and told us he was neutral only one week after telling the miners to accept a contract that would have taken away their right to strike, taken away their full medical insurance, and left miners who retired before 1974 with a lousy \$275/mos. pension.

Not one word came from Carter telling the BCOA (Bituminous Coal Operators Association) to give the miners what they need and in this way to end the strike - always it was the miners who should capitulate. Not one sentence about people freezing or layoffs because the mine owners won't offer up a decent contract. Why didn't Carter talk about the tremendous profits these coal operators make from the miners who have to risk their lives, daily, in the mines. Why didn't he say anything about the people of this country having been dragged from one crisis to another, over the last 4 years, at the hands of the energy companies... about the disruption of our lives when there was no gas for transportation 3 yrs. ago. THIS IS NO NEUTRALITY - THIS IS DOING THE COAL COMPANIES' BIDDING!

How many miners lives have been saved by the government closing unsafe mining shafts? When was the last time the government forced the mine owners to pay benefits to miners crippled by black lung disease? When was the last time the White House intervened in a strike to make sure that the workers just demands were met!? It has always been the miners with the support of the people of this country who have gotten these things by fighting for them.

The BCOA, the government, and the media have been trying for 3 months to turn cold homes and layoffs into indictments of the miners. But, in fact, they are indictments of the forces the miners are fighting. The strike is a weapon the miners are wielding against these forces.

It was used in 1973, in the coal fields of West Virginia, when miners demanded that enough gas be supplied to EVERYONE in the area - directly challenging the lies of the oil companies that there was "no gas available". And it is being used now to fight against BCOA attempts to do away with the 'right to strike' - the companies want to be able to fire any worker who leads a picket. It's being used to hold onto the free medical clinics of the coal fields - the companies want to require miners to pay \$350 out of their pockets every time they or their families walk into a hospital. It's being used to equalize pensions - \$275/mos. is all that's paid to miners who retired before 1974. After 1974 miners started receiving \$350/mos. Both seem small after a life time in the mines. The miners are fighting for the same pensions for all retirees.

1800 mines in 15 states are closed right now. And the miners are standing strong in the face of the Taft-Hartley. They have faced some real hardships to continue their strike. Pensions of retired miners have been cut off. One retired miner was gunned down by company thugs while delivering sandwiches to strikers on a picket line. The miners need and deserve the support of the people of this country. With their refusal to work and with the risk of their lives they are fighting the coal bosses.

Over the next few days the Revolutionary Student Brigade will be taking up collections for the miners. We ask people to give generously - but even pennies and dimes will help. We also ask that anyone who wants to help in this collection and other activities in support of the miners. Stop by the table or give us a call at 776-5146.

A special benefit showing of the film 'Salt of the Earth' will start at 3:15 in the afternoon on Friday - rooms 325-6 of Coffman Union.

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DOWN WITH THE TAFT-HARTLEY AND ALL GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

COLLECTIONS:

TO GO TO THE MINERS

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