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ROHR!

A. Why are Rohr workers on strike?

- 1) No seniority=wage cuts. Workers are switched to other departments with a loss of seniority, which means cuts in pay.
- 2) Layoffs. Since its high of 12,3000 workers in 1967, Rohr has cut down to 10,8000 in all its plants, while the amount of work has been increased.
- 3) Rohr has plants in Mexico, Watts, and Alabama with no unions where workers are payed near starvation wages, while others are thrown out of work. Rohrs Mexicali plant employs 45 welders at \$4.50 a day, while they would have to pay welders in the U.S. as much as eight times that much. (But just barely at the government standard for a decent life for a family of four). All this while the head of the company Burt Raynes makes over \$187,000 a year!
- 4) Rohr bosses offered a new contract that cut two days off vacation time, gave a maximum 4% cost-of-living increase, and prohibited strikes or slowdowns "for any reason whatsoever."

The Rohr workers aren't going to sit back and take it!

WHAT'S HAPPENED

- 1) For the first time in the company's 31 year history, the main union went on strike last Monday, Nov. 30 and through mass picketing completely closed down Rohr plants in Chula Vista and Riverside.
- 2) Rohr immediately got an injunction from the court limiting the number of union picketers to three. Some of the strikers were arrested.
- 3) Over one hundred strikers had a demonstration at the Chula Vista police station protesting the way the police were supporting the company.
- 4) Wives, children, and a few students had a picket line. The women took the lead in the most militant harassment of the strikebreakers.

ROHR WORKERS NEED STUDENT'S HELP

Some students work at Rohr already; many more will work there in the future (if Rohr doesn't layoff everyone). A victory for the Rohr workers could have a big effect in our own ability to get jobs with some kind of security. All of us need to get involved in fights against increasing unemployment.

Also an alliance between workers and students can be the most powerful force in changing the problems of this country---unemployment, racist oppression, downgrading women, and the war in Vietnam. A worker-student alliance has the members and strength to insure the changes take place. Just recently hundreds of campus workers and students helped campus workers at Temple University win a wage increase above the federal guidelines and eliminated a wage differential between men and women workers.

WHAT WE CAN DO

- 1) Come to the picket lines at the foot of "H" St. in Chula Vista between 6:30 and 9:00 AM.
- 2) Demonstrate at the San Diego Union against their biased news reporting and running ads to hire scabs.

FLASH

A recent court order limits the number of picketers other than union members (who are limited to three), to seventy-five people. This is but a

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