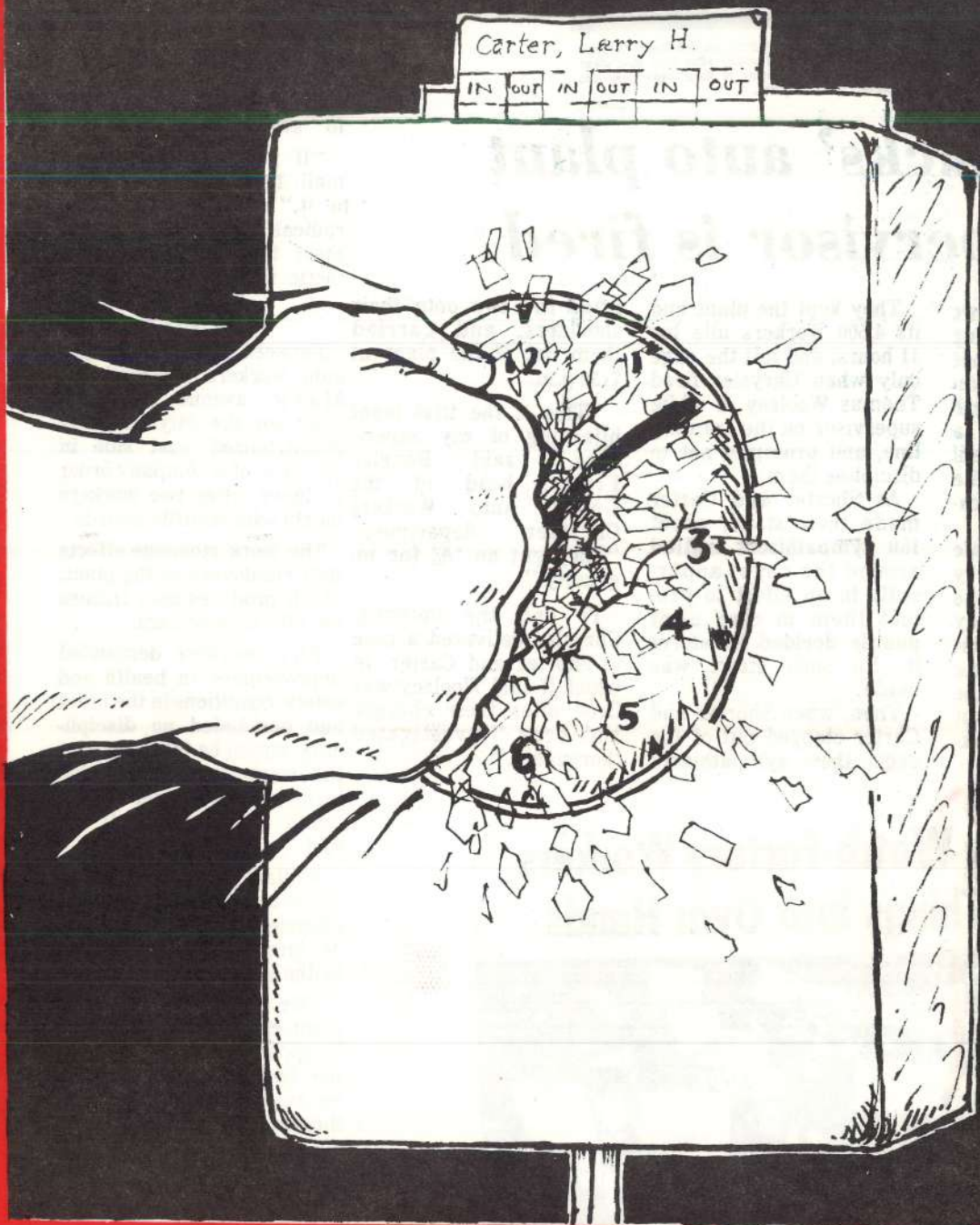
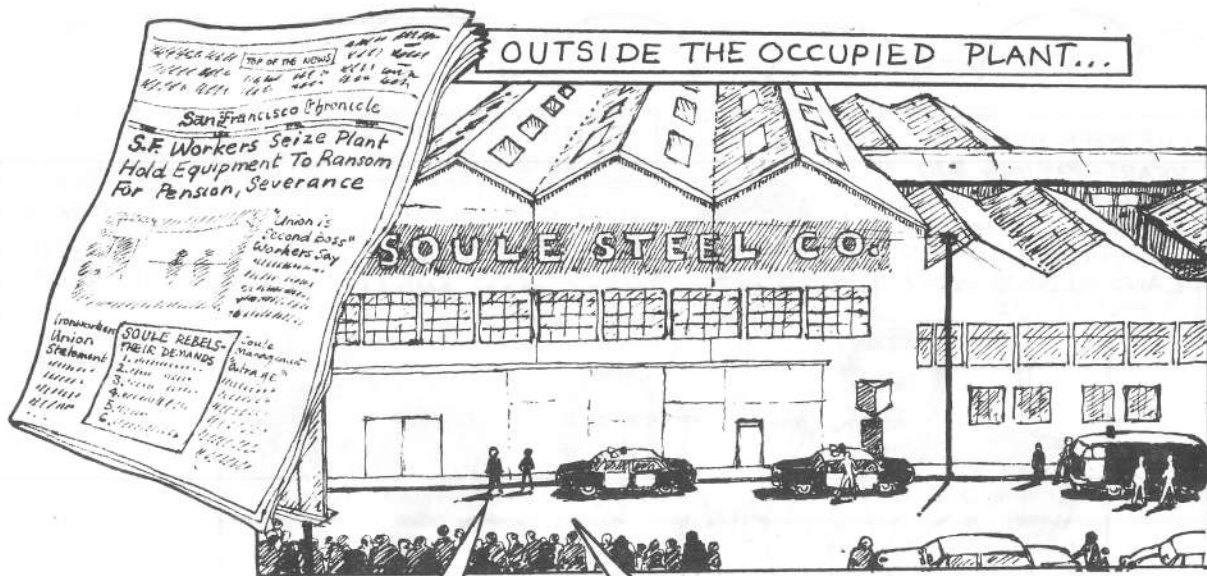


# RUNAWAY SHOP

# COMICS



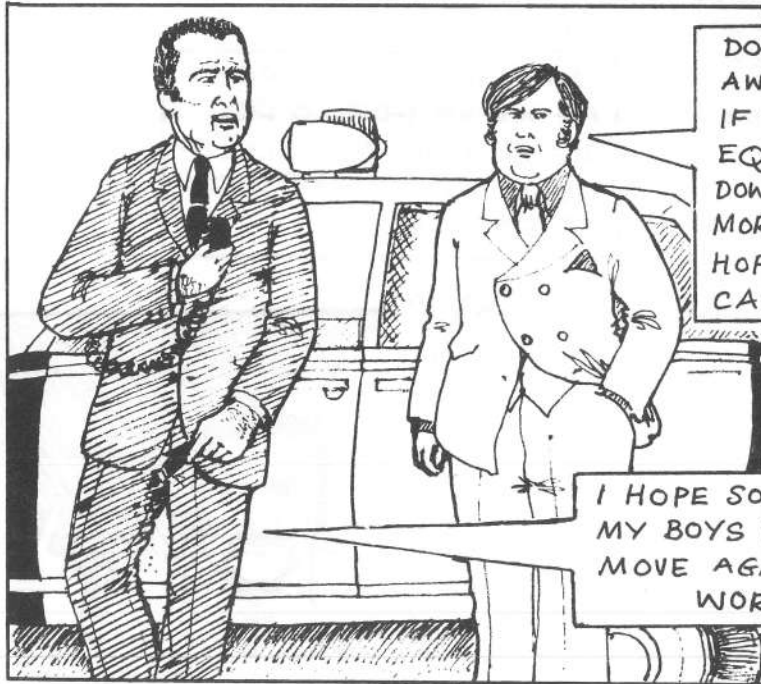


OUTSIDE THE OCCUPIED PLANT...

THOSE GUYS IN THERE ARE REALLY PISSED OFF! AND LOOK AT THAT CROWD! IT SEEMS LIKE THE FRIENDS AND FAMILIES MEAN BUSINESS, TOO!

YEAH - A BUNCH OF THEM GOT INSIDE BEFORE YOU GUYS ARRIVED, AND THEY LOCKED THE GATES ON US! THEY HAD US COLD!

...A POLICE CAPTAIN AND A MANAGER TALK NERVOUSLY



DON'T SEND YOUR MEN IN RIGHT AWAY. IT'S BAD P.R., AND BESIDES, IF THEY WRECK THE ANODIZING EQUIPMENT THAT'S \$1,000,000 DOWN THE DRAIN, PLUS MILLIONS MORE IN UNMET CONTRACTS. WE'RE HOPING THE UNION CAN TAKE CARE OF ALL THIS.

I HOPE SO TOO. SOME OF MY BOYS DON'T WANT TO MOVE AGAINST THE WORKERS.

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? TO FIND OUT, LET'S LOOK IN ON A CONVERSATION IN THE SKYROOM CAFETERIA, SOME TIME EARLIER, DURING LUNCHEON...

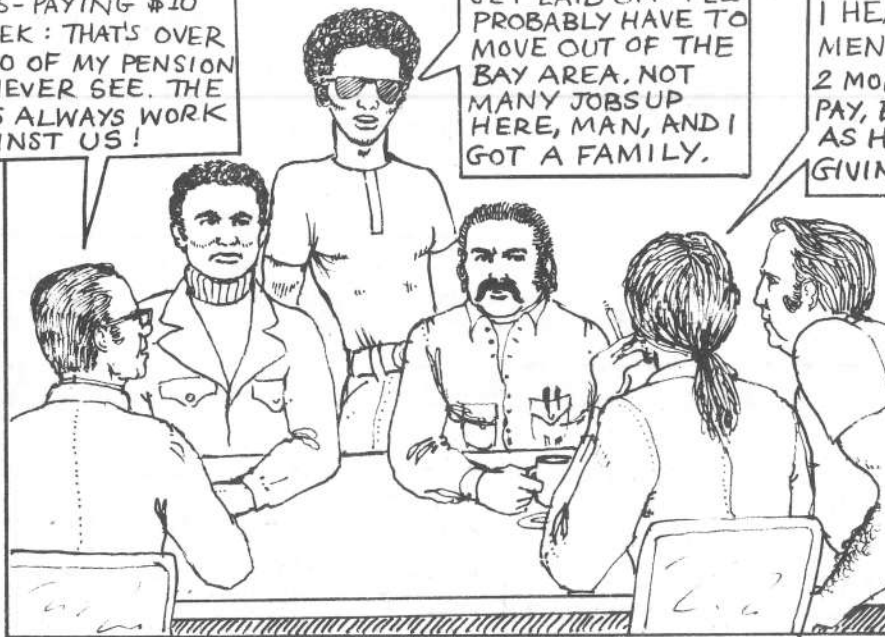




I'VE BEEN HERE 11 YEARS - PAYING \$10 A WEEK : THAT'S OVER \$5000 OF MY PENSION I'LL NEVER SEE. THE LAWS ALWAYS WORK AGAINST US!

YEAH, AND WHEN I GET LAID OFF I'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF THE BAY AREA. NOT MANY JOBS UP HERE, MAN, AND I GOT A FAMILY.

I HEAR THE FOREMEN ARE GETTING 2 MONTHS SEVERANCE PAY, BUT THEY SURE AS HELL AREN'T GIVING US ANY!



I'M JUST SICK OF WALKING IN HERE EVERY DAY AND TAKING ORDERS FOR EIGHT HOURS! I WANT TO LIVE!

YEAH, MAN, LET'S FACE IT: WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING OURSELVES - NOBODY'S GOING TO DO IT FOR US.





WHY DON'T WE SIT IN? THAT WAY THEY LOSE PROFITS AS LONG AS WE'RE IN HERE NOT WORKING, AND THEY CAN'T SELL THE EQUIPMENT OUT FROM UNDER US. WE CAN HOLD IT TO RANSOM FOR OUR PENSIONS AND SEVERANCE PAY--OR OUR JOBS.



BUT THAT'S ILLEGAL! THE COMPANY DOESN'T OWE US ANYTHING! YOU GUYS ARE--ARE--  
**COMMUNISTS!**

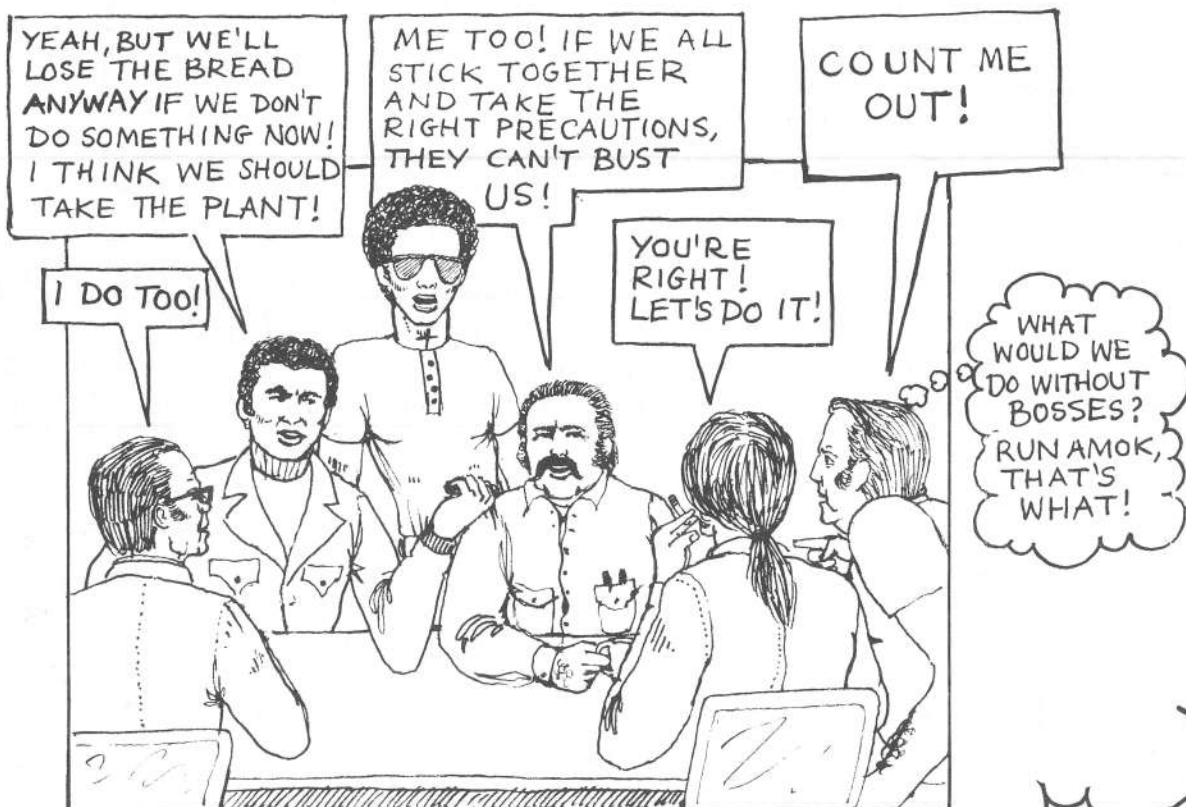


WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THEY DON'T OWE US ANYTHING? DO YOU THINK THE OWNERS BUILT THIS PLANT AND ALL THESE MACHINES BY THEMSELVES? HELL, NO! IT WAS US, AND OTHER WORKERS LIKE US! THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT THEY PAY US IN WAGES AND WHAT THEY CAN GET FOR WHAT WE PRODUCE THEY KEEP! AND THEY USE IT TO BUY MORE WORKERS LIKE US AND MORE MACHINES, TO KEEP MORE OF THAT DIFFERENCE, AND SO IT GOES, MAN! COMMUNIST, SHEEEIT! THEY DO IT TO YOU THE SAME WAY ALL OVER THE WORLD--RUSSIA AND CHINA TOO! WHAT'VE WE GOT TO LOSE?



MORE'N FORTY BUCKS A DAY, THAT'S WHAT! AND MAYBE GETTING BUSTED!

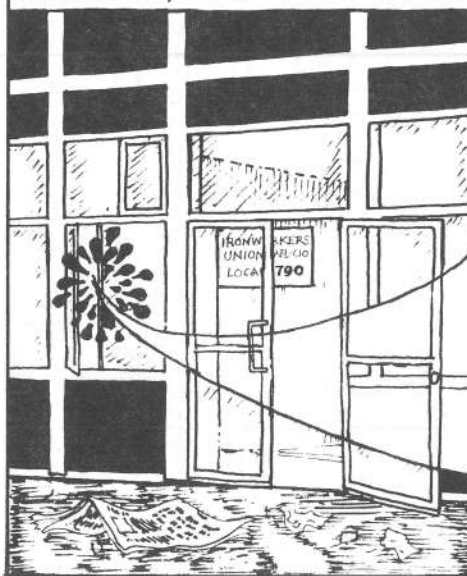




SO WORD SPREAD THROUGH THE FACTORY GRAPEVINE, MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE WORKERS' HOMES AFTER HOURS. A PLAN WAS WORKED OUT. THE RESULT, YOU'VE BEGUN TO SEE. NOW, BACK TO OUR STORY, WHERE TWO WORRIED MEN LOOK ON.....



MEANWHILE, AT 55 FILLMORE...



I MIGHT LOSE MY JOB AND HAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK!

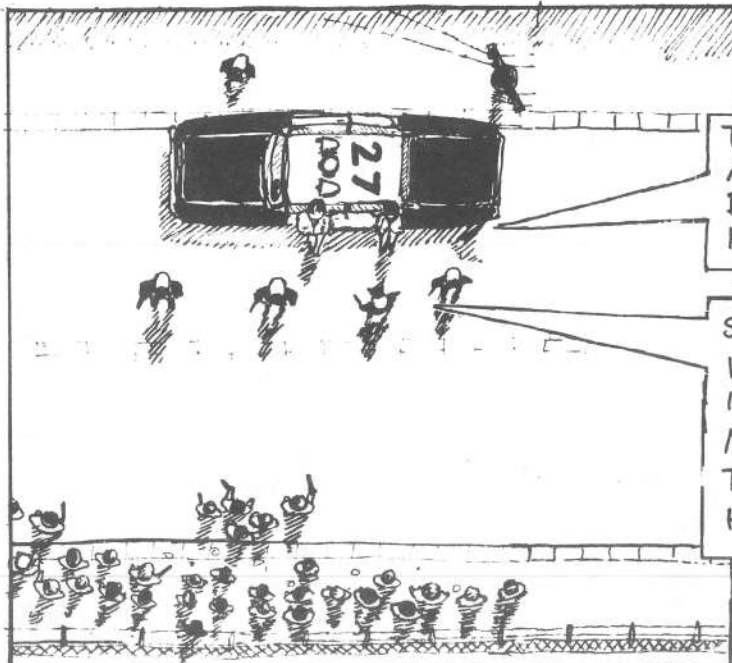
THE PAPERS SAY THEY THINK WE'RE JUST ANOTHER SET OF BOSSES--THEY TOLD SOME OF THE STEWARDS TO GO TO HELL!

AND THEY'RE EVEN DEMANDING THAT WE SIGN OVER LEGAL CONTROL OF THEIR PENSION FUNDS TO THEIR ASSEMBLY!

YEAH- WHAT'S THIS "ASSEMBLY" CRAP ANYWAY? SOUNDS LIKE THAT SHIT WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT "SELF-MANAGEMENT"!

WHAT'LL THE INTERNATIONAL SAY WHEN THEY FIND OUT WE LOST CONTROL OF THE MEN AT SOULÉ?

OUTSIDE THE PLANT...



THE UNION REPRESENTATIVE IS ON HIS WAY DOWN HERE RIGHT NOW--YES, WHAT IS IT?

SIR, IT APPEARS THE WORKERS ARE HOLDING SOME KIND OF MEETING INSIDE. THE OFFICE WORKERS HAVE JOINED THEM.



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INSIDE THE PLANT, THE OCCUPYING WORKERS,  
THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, HAVE ASSEMBLED....

HEY! HEY! QUIET! LISTEN!  
I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING!  
I GOT SOMETHING TO SAY!  
WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO NOW  
IS GET CLEAR ON WHAT  
WE'VE DONE SO FAR,  
WHERE IT'S GOT US, AND  
WHERE WE CAN GO FROM  
HERE. THE WAY I SEE IT,  
WE'VE ALREADY BROKEN  
WITH THE UNION, NOT  
JUST THE COMPANY. WE'  
RE ON OUR OWN! IT'S  
SCARY, BUT TO TELL YOU  
THE TRUTH, I FEEL GREAT!

RIGHT ON! LET THE GOOD  
TIMES ROLL! AIN'T FELT THIS  
GOOD SINCE I DON'T KNOW  
WHEN, AND I MAY NOT FEEL  
THIS GOOD AGAIN!

WAH-HOOO!

YEAH MAN! TIME IS  
RIGHT FOR DANCING  
IN THE STREETS!

THE WAY I SEE IT, WE CAN'T  
TRUST THE UNION ANY  
MORE THAN THE COMPANY!  
I SAY, WE DON'T LEAVE  
UNTIL WE GET SEVERANCE  
PAY AND A PENSION REFUND  
FOR ALL OF US - IN WRITING -  
FROM THE COMPANY AND  
THE UNION BOTH!

I SAY, WE DON'T LET GO  
OF THE EQUIPMENT  
UNTIL WE GET THOSE  
CHECKS IN OUR HANDS!

WE'D BETTER GET  
CASH - WE CAN'T  
TRUST THEIR CHECKS!

HEY PEOPLE, THERE ARE A LOT OF LIES BEING  
TOLD ABOUT US OUT THERE, AND THERE ARE  
PLENTY OF PEOPLE LIKE US OUT THERE WHO  
WOULD GIVE US FOOD, MONEY, AND ANY KIND OF  
HELP THEY COULD, IF THEY KNEW WHAT WE  
WERE REALLY DOING, AND WHY. AND IT COULD  
REALLY HELP US WIN IF OTHER PEOPLE WOULD  
DO THE SAME THING AS WE'VE DONE - OR AT  
LEAST GET IN TOUCH WITH US: LIKE THE GUYS  
AT SAN JOSE STEEL - THEY'RE IN THE SAME SPOT  
WE ARE --- AND THERE MUST BE A LOT MORE!

IF WE DON'T SPEAK FOR OUR-  
SELVES, THE UNION WILL PUT  
WORDS IN OUR MOUTHS. WE  
NEED A COMMITTEE TO PRINT  
UP OUR OWN STORY AND GET  
IT OUT, AND TO MAKE CONTACT  
WITH ANYONE WHO'S WITH US.

THAT'S NOT ALL WE NEED. WE  
NEED TO ORGANIZE SECURITY AND  
SELF-DEFENSE, CLEANUP, FOOD...

WE SHOULD SET UP A QUIET AREA  
WHERE PEOPLE CAN SLEEP AT ANY  
TIME OF DAY. WE'LL NEED A 24-  
HOUR WATCH AT THE GATES.

IF THEY USE TEAR-GAS, WE  
CAN BLOW IT AWAY WITH  
THE BIG PROPELLER!

I GOT A GUITAR - I'LL START THE MUSIC!

WE SHOULD HAVE A DANCE!

AWRIGHT!

LOOK! WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF SOME BUSINESS AT THE GATE. WE CAN'T ALL TALK AT ONCE. SOME OF US WILL HAVE TO GET THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY SOULÉ AND THE UNION: SOME OF US WILL HAVE TO PICK UP THE MONEY, AND CARRY OUR MESSAGES TO THE OUTSIDE.

RIGHT- BUT WITH ANYONE WHO TALKS FOR ALL OF US, WE SHOULD ALL DECIDE WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO SAY BEFOREHAND. I DON'T WANT ANYONE MAKING DECISIONS IN MY NAME- WE MADE THAT MISTAKE BEFORE--- WITH THE UNION!

SAME WITH THE OTHER COMMITTEES. THEY SHOULD REPORT BACK TO THE ASSEMBLY EVERY DAY- AND IF WE DON'T LIKE THE WAY THEY'RE DOING IT, WE SHOULD PICK NEW PEOPLE TO DO IT INSTEAD.

THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE MEETS, LATER THAT DAY

WE SHOULD GET THE PRINTING EQUIPMENT DOWN HERE FROM THE OFFICE AND MAKE SOME POSTERS!

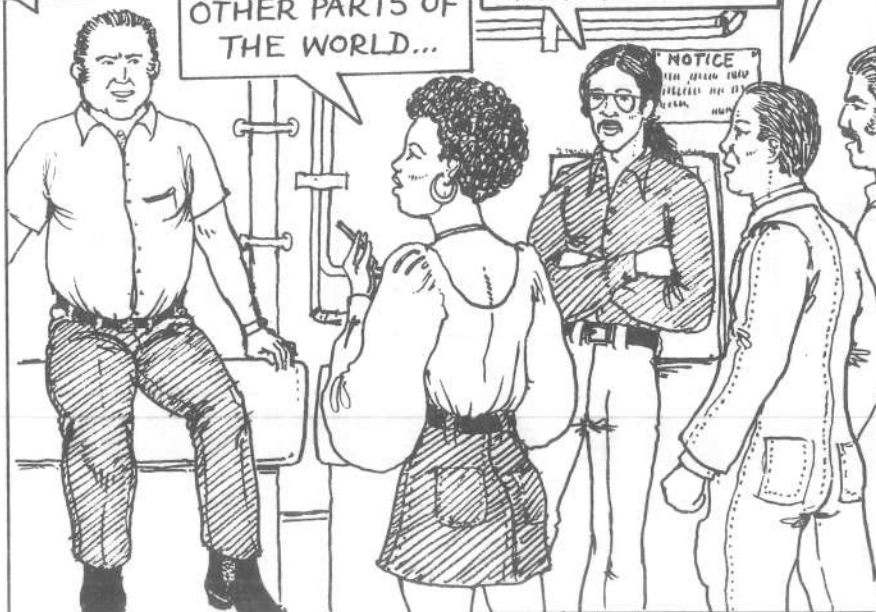
THEY SURE ARE! DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE WORKERS IN THE FRENCH WATCH FACTORY WHO TOOK IT OVER AND RAN IT FOR THEMSELVES? THE RADIO AND T.V. WORKERS STRUCK IN SYMPATHY,

PEOPLE MUST BE DOING THIS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD...

SO EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY KNEW ABOUT IT!

THEY SAT IN AT TWO PLANTS IN DETROIT LAST MONTH!

HEY-WE JUST GOT WORD! THE GUYS AT SAN JOSE STEEL HAVE OCCUPIED AS WELL!

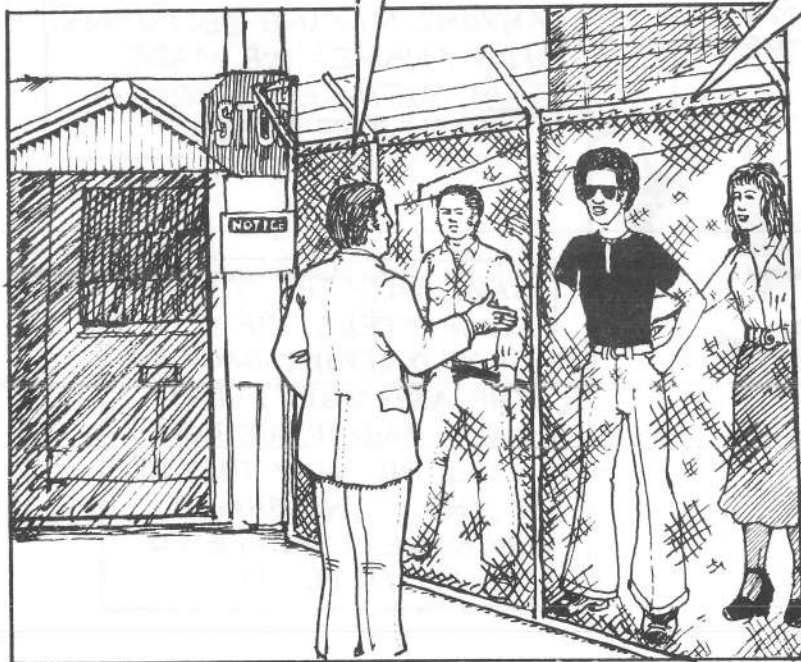




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LET US IN! WE CAN TALK THIS OVER! MR. SOULÉ SAYS IF YOU COME OUT NOW, HE MAY BE WILLING TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS. WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO REPRESENT YOU - BUT ---

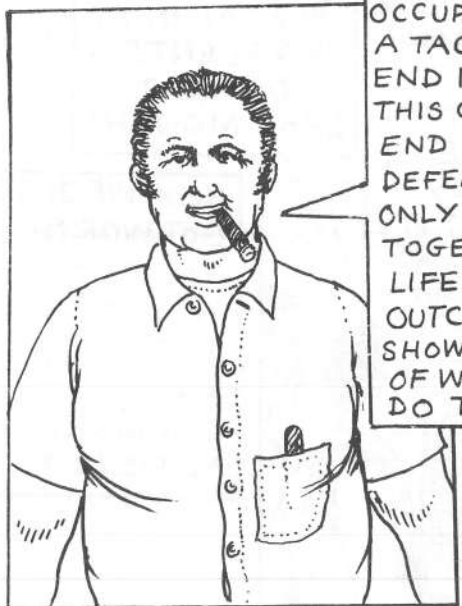
CRAWL BACK UNDER YOUR ROCK, BUREAUCRAT! FROM NOW ON, WE SPEAK FOR OURSELVES! YOU AND THE OWNERS NEED US - WE DON'T NEED YOU!



HEY RED - DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON THAT ASSHOLE - COME BACK INSIDE! YOU'RE MISSING THE PARTY!

READERS! OCCUPATIONS ARE A TACTIC, NOT AN END IN THEMSELVES. THIS CARTOON DOESN'T END IN VICTORY OR DEFEAT, BECAUSE ONLY ALL OF US TOGETHER IN REAL LIFE CAN DECIDE THE OUTCOME. WE'VE SHOWN YOU A VISION OF WHAT WE MIGHT DO TOGETHER---

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO PLAY!



WE PRODUCED THIS COMIC BECAUSE WE WANT TO BEGIN PRACTICAL COMMUNICATION WITH PEOPLE WHO WANT THE SAME THINGS WE DO. WE ARE ANGRY AT THE POWERLESSNESS, ENFORCED BOREDOM, AND POVERTY OF OUR LIVES. WE WANT TO CHANGE OUR LIVES. WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER THE "RIGHT" OR THE "LEFT." NEITHER OF THESE LABELS DESCRIBES WHAT WE WANT. WE ARE REVOLUTIONARIES BECAUSE WE WANT TO OWN EVERY MINUTE OF OUR TIME - WE WANT TO OWN OUR LIVES, NOT SELL THEM TO SOMEBODY ELSE. WE ARE INTERESTED NEITHER IN EACH PERSON OWNING AND MINDING THEIR OWN SMALL BUSINESS, NOR IN THE STATE OWNING AND MINDING EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS, BUT RATHER IN DIRECT SELF-MANAGEMENT. THIS MEANS THE DEMOCRATIC MANAGEMENT OF SOCIETY BY FEDERATED ASSEMBLIES OF FACTORIES, OFFICES, FARMS, NEIGHBORHOODS, ETC. WE SPEAK ONLY FOR OURSELVES, AND WANT TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS WHO WISH TO DO THE SAME FOR THEMSELVES.

-TCB

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ISAAC SHORTER, left, and Larry Carter carried from Chrysler plant by jubilant fellow workers Tuesday after they shut plant down for 13 hours, forcing the firing of their supervisor and winning total amnesty from Chrysler.

The United Auto Workers, negotiating a new contract with Chrysler, sent representatives to the plant to talk to the two men.

# Defiant Workers Seize Auto Plant

## Detroit

A key Chrysler Corp. plant was closed indefinitely yesterday after workers, led by what a high United Auto Workers official described as "radicals and extremists," seized part of the facility.

It was the third time in three weeks a Chrysler plant had been closed by action in defiance of both the UAW and the company. UAW vice president Douglas Fraser said he told the automaker to "sweat this one out."

"If you give in to blackmail, there won't be any end to it," Fraser said. "Any radical and extremist movement that has a successful tactic will use it again."

back in operation Wednesday.

Chrysler spokesmen because of the startup new car production, a continued shutdown would be felt until the beginning next week.

About 50 supporters, many of them not plant workers, carried picket signs in front of the gate that were passed to them by workers inside. They chanted, "men, women, black and white workers will unite a fight," as they marched.

## Pair 'hijacks' auto plant until supervisor is fired

DETROIT (UPI)—Two black workers picked up hammers and wrenches Tuesday, locked themselves in a wire mesh cage and shut down a major Chrysler plant until the company fired a white supervisor accused of racial discrimination.

The workers—Isaac Shorter, 26, and Larry Carter, 23—turned off the power that runs the body conveyor, a critical first part of the assembly line at the Jefferson Avenue plant that produces about 40 cars including the luxury Imperial each hour.

They kept the plant and its 4,500 workers idle for 11 hours, and left the cage only when Chrysler fired Thomas Woolsey, a white supervisor on the framing line, and promised not to discipline them.

As Shorter and Carter made their stand, about 150 sympathizers milled around the cage, apparently in an effort to protect them in case plant guards decided to storm it. No such effort was made.

Then, when Shorter and Carter stepped out of the cage, their sympathizers

lifted the two onto their shoulders, and carried them out of the plant at 7:30 p.m.

"This is the first plant hijacking of my experience," said Douglas Fraser, head of the United Auto Workers Chrysler department. "They get an 'A' for ingenuity."

To end the uprising, Chrysler delivered a note to Shorter and Carter, in which it said Woolsey was fired after their charges had been "investigated thoroughly."

## PLANT

Between 150 and 300 angry auto workers occupied the Mack avenue stamping plant on the city's heavily industrialized east side in defiance of a company order to leave after two workers fought with security guards.

The work stoppage affects 4800 employees at the plant, which produces body frames for all Chrysler cars.

The workers demanded improvement in health and safety conditions in the plant and demanded no disciplinary action be taken against the workers occupying the facility. They vowed to stay "until all our demands are met."

William Bavenger, director of industrial relations for Chrysler, said the firm had no intention of capitulating to the workers.

"We intend to get the plant cleaned out as soon as it appears we can do it in the best possible fashion," he said. "We hope to have them out of the plant before the day is over and the plant

"If anyone had told me a year ago that I'd be a proper English company director, I'd have said that they were stark-raving mad," says 22-year-old Morice West, leaning on her broom handle reflectively. "Come to think of it, I'd still say they were stark-raving mad!" She is one of the directors of the newly established Fakenham Enterprises Limited, a common-ownership company which emerged from the firm where she was an employee. A director sweeping floors? Ah, yes, but it's her floor.

In March of 1972, the owners of the Sexton Shoe Company decided to close down their factory in Fakenham, England, and the 44 women machinists who worked there were given notice. At first, the decision was accepted by the women as just another one of those cruel surprises that happen in business, but then, at the last minute, an idea took shape.

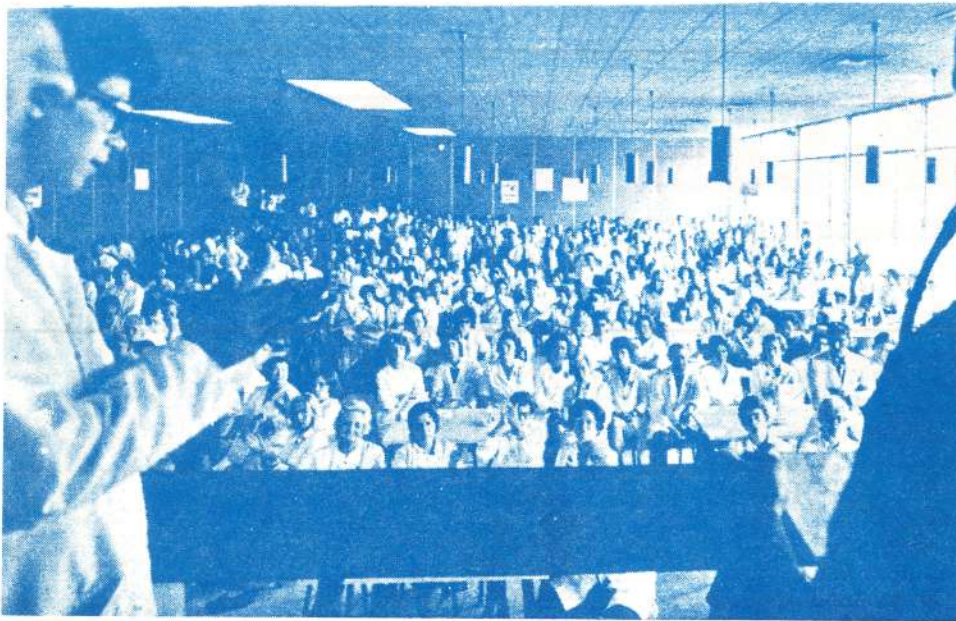
"It all began about three o'clock on March 17, 1972," recalls Nancy McGroff, the former Sexton manager, now Fakenham Enterprises' managing director. "As we were getting our last paychecks, some of us decided that we absolutely had to stay. We had to do something to keep our brains alive and our skills alive." So, that evening, nine of the women responded to the closing of the factory by deciding not to leave.

Long before the decision to close, their boss had entrusted the machinists with the factory building's only key. "When he realized what was happening," Pat Dawling gleefully recalls, "he kept trying to persuade Edna to go for a drink to see if he could get the key from her. But Natalie had it all the time... hidden in her girdle." When the men realized that neither persuasion nor verbal threats would work, he left, and the barricades went up. The work-in had begun. Though the women were breaking the law, the factory owner, perhaps fearing adverse publicity, chose not to have the women forcibly evicted.

## French Watch-Factory Workers Take Things Into Own Hands







One of the assemblies of the Lip workers. Factory is run by such democratic organizations controlled by the workers.

## Expelled Workers Start Own Plant

### Besancon, France

Workers of the bankrupt Lip watch factory, expelled from the plant by police, took over the city gymnasium yesterday to turn it into a new workshop.

Representatives of the 1300 Lip employees said they will complete conversion of the Jean-Zay Gymnasium halls into a makeshift watchmaking plant over the weekend and start producing 100 to 200 watches a day on Monday.

Trade union leaders of the Lip personnel said their salesmen will continue selling the watches throughout France despite a warning by an appeals court that, pending settlement of the bank-

ruptcy litigation, sales of the watches by the evicted employees were illegal.

Georges Seguy, secretary general of the Communist-led General Labor Confederation and Edmond Maire, secretary general of the French Democratic Workers Confederation told a meeting attended by 6000 persons the occupation of the Lip plant by police and its closure Tuesday heralded a new wave of labor conflicts.

Seguy and Maire were participating last night in a protest meeting at Paris's labor exchange against the seizure of the plant which the workers have run for 119 days under a self-management project.

United Press

San Francisco Chronicle 13  
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Demonstrators at Besancon protest the evacuation of the Lip plant seized by workers.

## Strike Cancels

### French TV

Paris

The French state broadcasting network yesterday canceled regular television and radio programs because of a staff strike in support of the workers at the bankrupt Lip watch factory.

Radio listeners were given a program of recorded music while in the evening all three television channels scheduled a re-run of old films.

Reuters

Chronicle \*\*\* Fri., Aug 24, 1973

## Uruguay Strike Fails

### Montevideo

Troops broke a general strike called to protest President Juan M. Bordaberry's assumption of dictatorial powers and Uruguay's capital gradually returned to normal yesterday.

Fuel supplies were moving after soldiers dislodged strikers from the big state-owned Ancap refinery, and port workers were back on the job.

Many private factories, hospitals and offices were still occupied.

Associated Press



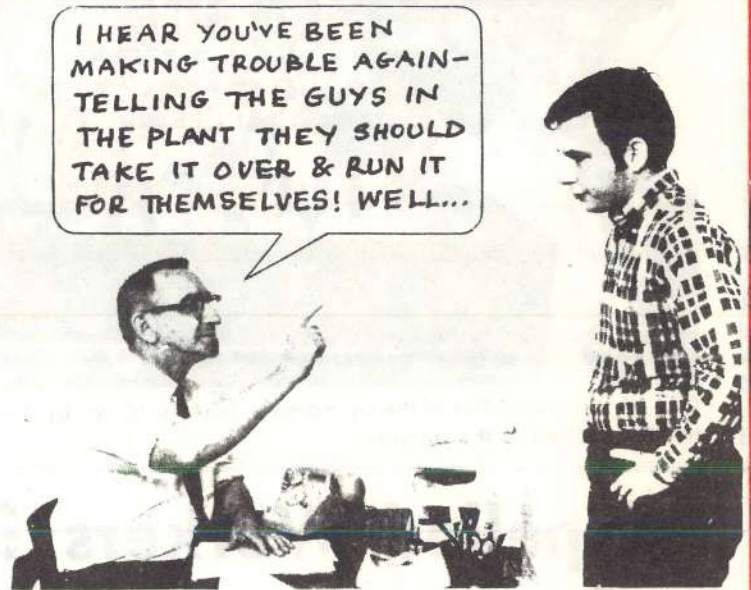
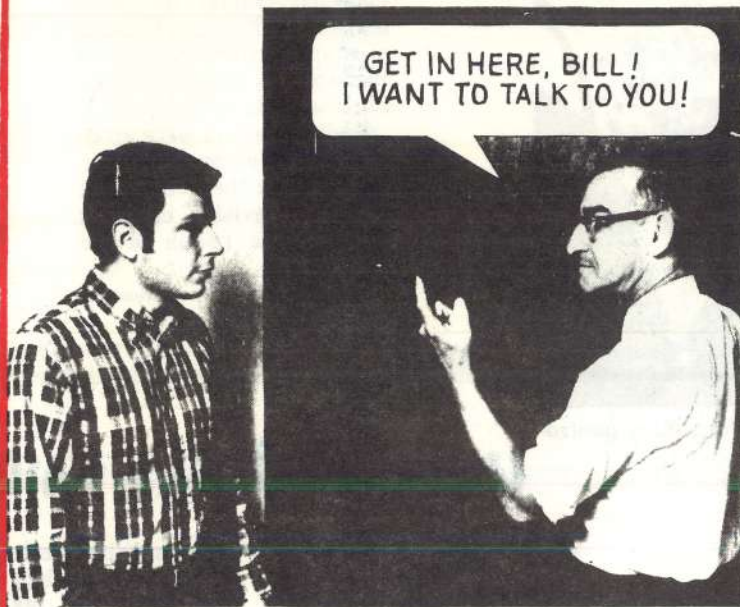
Workers have taken over the factories. Allende, the military and the rightwing all agree; the workers should give them back!

During the last few weeks the industrial centers of Chile have seen mass activity. Many factories have been occupied and industrial councils (cordones industriales) have been

set up. In several places the upsurge has gone even further, workers' councils (comandos comunales) are actually running and planning production for more than just an industrial sector.



# The day Bill's boss shit his pants



## TIRED OF YOUR JOB?

TIRED OF STEPPING UP TO  
BIG PAY AND FINDING IT  
WON'T BUY BACK YOUR LIFE?  
TOO GREEDY TO BE EITHER  
A WORKER OR A BOSS?  
WHY NOT STOP MAKING THE  
OLD WORLD AND START  
MAKING THE NEW ONE!  
YOU MAKE IT---  
**TAKE IT!**