



PROTEST CLINTON'S ANTI-LABOR APRIL 27 SUMMIT

U.S. corporations ship our jobs to countries where workers are forced to work in slave-like conditions. They super-exploit prisoners in jobs formerly done by union workers. Welfare reform is nothing but a scheme to boost corporate profits by forcing wages down. They demand cuts to get government off our backs, but are quick to call in their government judges and cops for injunctions against strikers. These rich executives not only buy off judges and hire scabs, but also own the media that helps to break our unions and community struggles. All these corporate union-busting practices displace workers and undercut gains unions had won over generations of struggles.

Now Clinton, Congress, the Pentagon and corporations are calling a summit in Philadelphia on April 27 to boost voluntarism, another way to displace workers and further lower living standards.

Volunteers do many wonderful and necessary services in this country. The problem arises when volunteers acting out of the goodness of their hearts are used to replace skilled and unskilled workers, driving even more workers and their families into poverty and insecurity. Last year, Congress and Clinton forced through numerous human services funding cuts against our communities. This year, they extol charity?! Werent unions first organized on the conviction that workers shouldnt have to rely on charity to survive?

Our communities need decent schools, housing and youth centers built and maintained by trained, reliable workers. Our communities need caring, reliable health and child care, staffed by skilled, adequately-paid workers. Our urban, rural and suburban communities need clean, safe, affordable public transportation. Our needs are many. The government can fund the needs of the people by reversing the huge tax breaks Reagan enacted for the rich, and downsizing the Pentagon budget -- the peace dividend they used to talk about in the 80s.

The insatiable greed of corporate executives and large stockholders is driving down our living standards. The gap in income between the wealthy and workers has widened tremendously the largest disparity of all industrialized countries. Instead of benefiting from increased productivity and technology, the average worker lives in dread of a pink slip or a plant shutdown. We demand our rights as free human beings not to be enslaved by corporate power and greed.

April 27th is an opportunity to tell Clinton, Bush, the Pentagon and corporations what workers need. Besides labor unions, this protest will include community groups against welfare cuts, organizers against police brutality, activists for lesbian and gay rights, anti-war and environmental activists, and others. It would be a mistake for unions and labor activists not to raise our demands, many of which would benefit the whole working class:

NO CUTBACKS IN MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND SOCIAL SECURITY; REAL JOBS AT A LIVING WAGE WITH UNION RIGHTS FOR ALL; PASS THE ANTI-SCAB LAW OVERTURN THE ANTI-WELFARE LAW; JOBS, NOT CHARITY!

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