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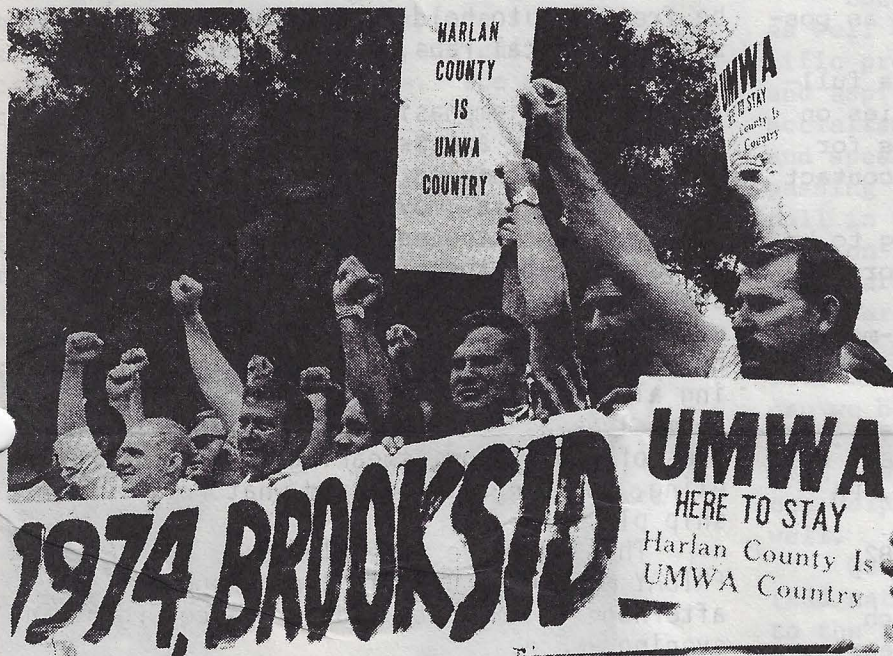
MOVING ON



Towards a Socialist America

the US is UMWA country

Photo by Jim Tramm, Atlanta



mineworkers strike set for november 12

Frank Ackerman and Ted Lieverman

News from the contract negotiations between the UMW and the coal operators definitely points toward a strike on November 12. The possibility of a Taft-Hartley injunction against the union is being openly discussed, and the Federal Energy Administration is apparently considering a coal allocation program that, in their own words, "dampens the effect of the strike."

The NIC and Middlesex NAM have been busy preparing for the strike. The following lists what's being done and assistance available for local work.

1. Len Stanley, Anne Lawrence and Frank Ackerman have been appointed by the NIC to coordinate UMW support for NAM. Anne and Stefan Ostrach in Philadelphia will run a national clearinghouse of information and will be in

constant contact with the union and our contacts in the coal fields. They intend to publish a weekly strike bulletin for all NAM chapters and independent left groups doing strike support. They should be contacted for all up-to-date information (addresses below).

2. In addition to NAM chapters and pre-chapters, we want to stay in touch with all progressive groups interested in strike support. Send immediately to Stefan and Middlesex NAM a list of all such groups that chapters and individuals know of--particularly those already engaged in utility fights, strike and labor support, rank-and-file caucuses in other unions, CLUW chapters, etc.

3. The Energy Taskforce and Middlesex NAM are preparing an organizers' manual for use in the strike. Besides suggested tactics and research aids for local areas, it will contain information on the top 20 coal compan-

ies, a history and political discussion of the union, an analysis of the political economy of coal, and a detailed summary of the UMW contract demands. This should be ready by Oct. 31 and will be mailed to all chapters.

4. They are also preparing a national leaflet, sample drafts of which will be extensively mailed out within the week for criticism and suggestions. They expect to have it printed and sent out the first week of Nov.

5. Within the week chapters which have indicated they will be doing strike support will receive some research material helpful in selecting local targets.

6. Once the strike starts, a speaking tour of rank-and-file miners may be arranged for the east coast (at least). Chapters and groups interested in sponsoring such an event should contact Anne and Stefan as soon as possible.

7. The NIC is still looking for a full-time organizer for UMW-related activities on the east coast. Anyone with candidates for this temporary, low-paying job should contact Frank Ackerman.

8. Everyone should start planning to be leafletting and picketing the early morning of November 13 when the strike begins. Start getting that old-time on-strike-in-the-morning feeling!

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RIC-NIC meeting

The Expanded NIC meeting will be held January 3-5 in the Midwest. Part of the NIC stayed after the last meeting and suggested the following as a perspective, format, and agenda for the meeting.

The agenda should not be a shopping list of everything available to talk about, but should concentrate on a few areas with time to go into them in depth - specifically, a half day for each topic. The general format for each topic would be 1) presentations and discussion (1 hour), 2) small group workshops (1 1/2 hours), 3) reports from workshops, discussion and resolutions. There should also be free time to hold more informal meetings, small political raps, and getting-to-know-each-other.

The main emphasis should be around developing theory and program in: community and workplace organizing, economic program, building a multiracial movement and anti-racist programs, and strategy for party building. In addition to these areas the Expanded NIC should be determined to strengthen regional structures, and the best way to do that would be to have a session on leadership, developing all the NIC and RIC people's concept of themselves as leaders, talking about techniques of organizing, speaking, writing, traveling, and fundraising, and what role leadership plays in NAM.

The tentative schedule is:
FRIDAY morning - Greetings and Reports
afternoon - Community and Workplace Organizing
evening - Free
SATURDAY morning - Leadership
afternoon - Women's and Men's Caucuses
Economic Program
evening - Free (some cultural program and discussion of culture could happen evenings)
SUNDAY morning - Party Building
afternoon - Building a multiracial movement



FINANCIAL REPORT

The Big Red NAM Machine is on the move. Activity flourishes around the country. Nationally we have initiated programs of support for the PSP, AIM and the Spanish underground. Chapters are gearing up for the UMW strike, targetting local utilities and energy corporations for action and education. A major offensive is in the works around inflation and the attack on the living standards of working people.

Locally the tempo of organizing is increasing on many fronts, including redevelopment and rent control, workplace struggles and strike support, health and childcare, the continuing war in Indochina. The sinews of revolution grow stronger.

But revolution (and reform) costs money. More money than we have. Though we have limited expenditures, they have been outstripping income since the national convention. Dues may shore up the difference in the next month, but they cannot continue to meet the needs of a growing and active national organization.

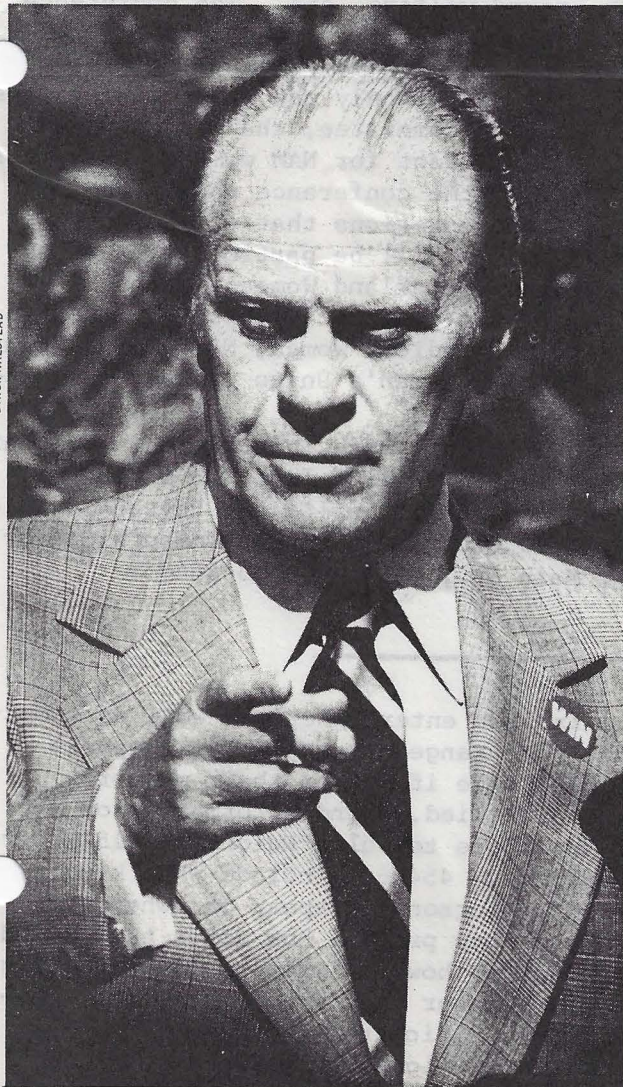
We must work now to provide a sound financial base if we are to take off and sustain our growth.

This means fundraising--a responsibility all chapters and members share, not just NIC representatives. Most successful fundraising will be done at the local level. National fundraising--gala events, the Easter egg hunt for "rich liberals"--has limited possibilities. We can raise money best where we are best known--in our communities.

Local fundraising can raise visibility as well as money--if we fundraise around specific programs that respond to people's needs and aspirations, and not simply a call for socialism. Parties and rummage sales, forums and speaking engagements, literature sales, passing the hat at public meetings--all can pull in cash. Another is door-to-door canvassing on a regular basis, talking to people we have rarely reached in the past.

Part of that money should be earmarked for the national organization. Only when serious and persistent local fundraising goes on can we be sure of a steady and sufficient income. In return, the NIC and national office will provide chapters with suggestions that can help them raise the money they need as well.

Questions about or suggestions for local (and national) fundraising should be addressed to the NIC finance committee chairperson: Marilyn Katz, 85C Hyperion Av., Los Angeles, CA 90026.



DORCK HALSTEAD

Become a NAM Sustainer

The New American Movement is a growing and vital organization on the left with over forty chapters across the country carrying on a variety of programs on community control of redevelopment, rent control and utilities, strike support, workplace organizing, building mass-based community organizations, campus struggles, and anti-racist and anti-imperialist work. We need financial support to aid in developing programs and building a working class movement for socialism. You can help by contributing money every month to sustain our growth.

- Yes, I would like to contribute \$__ per month.
- I would like to know how to join NAM and/or start a chapter.
- I'd like to keep in touch. Put me on the mailing list. Here's \$__ to help cover costs.
- I'd like more information on NAM.



S-F Conference

Plans for a national conference on Socialism and Feminism are underway. The Dayton Socialist-Feminist group, which was asked to coordinate the initial phase of organizing, has been contacting Socialist/Feminist unions and organizations around the country to solicit their ideas and to invite them to join together to form a conference steering committee. Response so far has been generally positive. If a substantial number of socialist/feminist groups respond positively to the call for the formation of a steering committee, definite planning will get underway. The first steering committee meeting will be in Dayton on November 16 and 17. Though no definite scheduling can begin until then, it is hoped the conference will speak both to the need for program planning and strategy as well as to the need for more developed theory. It is hoped that workshops can be kept to a small number, will meet for several hours each day, and will focus on such concrete questions as

a strategy toward CLUW, organizing child care workers and health care workers, possible program around welfare, etc. The conference will also probably have strong presentations of women's culture--poetry, plays, films. Though NAM would be only one of several groups on the steering committee, the Dayton women feel it is important for NAM women to have positions on what the conference should be, and in many of the questions that will evolve. The groups which will be participating thus far are Berkeley-Oakland Women's Union, Lexington Socialist Feminist Groups, Twin Cities Women's Union, Radical Women, NAM Women's Caucus, and Valley Women's Union in Western Massachusetts.

People wishing more information, who want to be put on the mailing list, or who have ideas/responses should write to: Dayton Socialist Feminist Group, c/o Dayton Women's Center, 1309 N. Main St., Dayton, Ohio 45405.

Speakers Bureau

Looking for a lively speaker to sparkle up your next chapter forum? Well, as part of the continuing process of development on a national level, Julia Reichert, Dayton NIC member and noted filmmaker, is putting together a NAM speakers' bureau. The purpose of the speakers' bureau, besides developing a greater NAM presence on the radical speakers' circuit, is for political education and fundraising.

It will include entertainers as well as speakers on a wide range of subjects. Chapters should determine if any of their members would be qualified. Send information on a likely candidate to Julia Reichert, 215 Superior, Dayton, OH 45406. Include what kind of subjects the person can speak on, what type of audience they prefer, how often they could be called upon, how far they would be willing to travel, whether they would need money beyond expenses, a picture, if possible, and a resume for promotional purposes.

REGIONAL MEETS

Industrial Heartland

Joni Rabinowitz

The first regional council meeting of the Industrial Heartland was held on Oct. 5-6 in Pittsburgh. Following discussion of chapter reports, the question of regional development was discussed. We agreed that our primary task for the first year will be to set up a viable communications network among ourselves, develop a useful resources list, and build the region by traveling and corresponding with contacts in the region. Concrete coordination of regional activities will probably consist of coordinating speakers, films, etc. Particular emphasis will be put on coordinating activities relating to NAM national program -- energy, PSP and workplace organizing.

Substantial discussion centered on the elements of successful traveling. It was agreed that extensive contact must be made with individuals in a certain place, before people set out to travel. The goal of traveling should be to encourage the formation of new chapters -- travelers should emphasize specific chapter activities which we can work together on. In some cases a traveler might be working with an existing organized core -- in others, he/she might be asked to speak at mass meetings. Different people took responsibility for contacting specific contacts in the region. We also agreed to encourage people in places where chapters do not exist to write articles for the newspaper and to sell the newspaper.

Tentative plans were made for a regional conference in April. Pre-chapters, non-chapters and other interested people would probably be invited to attend, in addition to existing chapters. While everybody felt that a conference could have many positive results, the focus of the conference was left in abeyance. We expect to solidify these plans at the next RIC meeting, after we get some chapter feedback. Questions related to the conference included: Should the conference be discussion or proposal oriented (i.e., should we be aiming for political unity?) Should it focus on one topic or several? Should discussions be strategy or theory oriented?

Other topics discussed included: relationships with the National organization and the newspaper; and finances.

Regional Interim Committee members were chosen: Carol Atkins (Yellow Springs), Joni Rabinowitz (Pittsburgh), Logan Martinez (Dayton), and Ian Harris (Philadelphia Resistance). Joni will be coordinating the region.

FREE SARAH!

With the victory in the Banks and Means case, the American Indian Movement has made the demand for the release of three South Dakota prisoners its number 1 priority. Sarah Bad Heart Bull, Robert High Eagle, and Kenneth Dahl were convicted of riot with arson for their role in a demonstration protesting the acquittal of Sarah Bad Heart Bull's son's murderer. The presiding judge has refused to set bail for their appeal. The case focuses on the routine injustices handed out by South Dakota courts to Indian people. A nationwide petition campaign has been organized to mount pressure for these prisoners' release. The Wounded Knee Task Force of Minneapolis NAM is coordinating NAM's participation in this effort. The task force is also setting up a speakers tour of AIM speakers. Write the task force (2421 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55406) or call Tom Schade (612-377-8596) if you wish to have an AIM speaker in your community or want information on the FREE SARAH campaign.

AIM also reports that its presentation to the United Nations for Indian national sovereignty has been postponed until spring or summer to allow for better preparation since the government has mobilized a bevy of Justice Department and Interior Department lawyers to rebut the Indian case.



DIRECT ACTION ORGANIZING

Each chapter should order at least one copy of Direct Action Organizing: A Handbook for Women by Heather Booth, numbers 1 and 2, and one copy of Direct Action Organizing 3 by Steve Max from the Midwest Academy, 600 West Fullerton, Chicago, IL 60614. \$2

The first two organizing handbooks discuss strategy, planning, questions of constituency, targets, how to plan actions of different kinds, how to begin organizing and a number of other issues that are central to mass organizing. The third discusses different kinds of tactics and the criteria of class, effectiveness, lasting effect, etc. with which to judge them. Together the three pieces, written in the last year, provide a foundation for mass work of many kinds.

NAMLIT

Two recent publications are presently grazing our shelves in rapidly thinning herds, but if you act now with speed and determination, you may still be able to corral these soon-to-be classics before they all stampede down the echoing canyons of history.

The first is Discussion Bulletin #8, the dynamite post-convention issue with sections on "Building NAM: Activity and Analysis," "Building NAM: Strategy and Direction," "Feminism and Socialism," and all those unforgettable resolutions from Lexington with commentaries and workshop reports. The cost is a mere dollar apiece (or 25 for \$24.98).

The second is "Party and Class/The Continuing Debate," the gorgeously laid out reproduction of the Boyte/Ackerman-Silber debate in the Guardian, along with hitherto unpublished summations and the Lexington resolution on party-building. The graphics alone are worth the price of this tasteful addition to your home library--only 50¢ apiece, or 10+ for 30¢ apiece. Even in these days of runaway inflation they remain bargains you can ill af-

ford to pass up (and their price might triple by the end of the year).

Additional materials available from the National Office:

Revolution and Democracy--pamphlet written by Frank Ackerman and Harry Boyte. 50¢ per copy; 30¢ @ for 10 or more.

The Political Perspective of the New American Movement--written at the 1972 Founding Convention with recent changes and an introduction. 25¢ per copy; 10¢ @ for 10 or more. Discussion Bulletins #2 (50¢), 4, 7 & 8--bimonthly compilation of articles and reports on a wide range of topics important to NAM. \$1 per copy.

Attica--pamphlet prepared by Amherst, Dayton and Hocking Valley chapters. 25¢ per copy; 10¢ @ for 10 or more.

On Integrating the Personal and the Political--paper written by Judy Henderson for 1972 Thanksgiving conference on Socialist Feminism. 10¢ apiece.

And from the newspaper:

New American Movement--monthly newspaper of NAM, providing a Left analysis of the news and debate on strategy for the socialist movement. 35¢ apiece, or a 1-year subscription for \$4. Available from 6025 Shattuck Avenue, Oakland, CA 94609.

Have you paid your DUES?!

The first installment (one-third of the total) of national dues is due Nov. 1. The structure is explained on page 103 of the latest discussion bulletin, but a quick rundown here is in order. Members earning: less than \$4000/yr owe \$18/yr, between \$4000-\$8000/yr owe \$33/yr, between \$8000-\$12,000/yr owe \$48/yr, over \$12,000/yr owe \$63/yr.

Each figure includes \$3 yearly subscription to the newspaper. It's based on one-half of one percent of yearly income, but in each bracket it's pegged to one figure--\$3000, \$6000, \$9000, and \$12,000. It should be seen as a minimum, particularly for members whose incomes fall over the median figure for their bracket. Chapters should send in a list of all dues-paying members (names and addresses) along with their checks, and indicate what bracket and for how much of the year they are paying. Otherwise our bookkeeping will become hopelessly snarled, and we won't be able to send money and addresses to the newspaper. We strongly urge chapters to send their dues in as quickly as possible.

NAM QUESTIONNAIRE

By mid-November the NAM questionnaire will be written and in the mail to chapters and members-at-large. After a discussion at the last NIC meeting about security (who might gain access to it and what information might prove useful to them) and relevance (what information is useful to us), the decision was made to limit our intelligence-gathering to a single questionnaire focused primarily on chapter practice.

The questionnaire is not intended, therefore, to be an onerous obligation or simple catalog of past work, but a thoughtful and detailed examination of chapter activities, emphasizing the strategies and tactics employed, the ways the work was structured, lessons and skills learned, problems and mistakes encountered--an examination that proves as useful to you as to us.

The forthcoming NAM organizers' manual will include case studies of NAM campaigns--successes and failures--to provide concrete examples to guide our organizing efforts. Questionnaire responses will offer a basis for the NIC to choose specific campaigns for elaboration and inclusion in the manual.

BREAK IN

The systematic pattern of harrassment and disruption continues. The National Office has been broken into, vandalized and robbed twice more (5 times in all)--on Oct. 12 and 29.

The fourth break-in was the messiest and most disruptive. Locked and reinforced doors were forced, records and files scattered, and the office foamed with a fire extinguisher. A radio, postage scale and electric stapler were purloined. Cleaning and resecuring the office took a week.

The work and reinforcing made the fifth entry more difficult--but it wasn't sufficient to stop them. Doors were again forced, files opened, and two typewriters and a second postage meter stolen. A small fire was set, but burned out harmlessly. Ironically, the new security system arrived the following afternoon.

Through all this, despite a demonstration, calls and protests, the police have continued to dismiss the break-ins as the work of neighborhood juveniles, as economically insignificant (unworthy of more than cursory attention), and as proof that we ought to protect our own property better. As one cop advised us, "You should station somebody in the office with a shotgun, and if anyone pokes his (sic) head in the door, blast it off. It's all perfectly legal."

The break-ins have had strong repercussions on our "liquidity crisis." The value of property stolen is about \$600; the cost of securing the office--wood, new doors and locks, a security system--runs to another \$600. These expenses don't include the hours of labor provided by members of the Minneapolis chapter, or nights spent in the office. We urge chapters and individuals to send immediate and generous contributions to help us pay these expenses and insure that this deliberate campaign of harrassment does not deter our functioning. All substantial checks (over \$15) should be sent by registered mail.

FOCAL POINT

For comprehensive, up-to-date coverage and analysis of the Indochina war plus interviews with revolutionary leaders, everyone should subscribe to Focal Point, a newspaper for the anti-war community published every three weeks by the Indochina Peace Campaign. Subscriptions are available from IPC, 181 Pier Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90405, for \$4 yearly, \$8 for institutions, free for prisoners. It is also available in bulk for groups doing anti-war activity.

Student Alert

ANNOUNCING the formation of an informal regional student structure within NAM. The purpose of this structure is to build NAM chapters on campuses by encouraging local traveling to campuses, to collect information about student contacts, and to encourage political discussion on the role students play in a socialist movement.

HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- 1) Chapters: please send Steve Carlip and Laura Burns (53 Shepard St., Cambridge, MA 02138) lists of any contacts you have on campuses, along with any information about them.
- 2) If you live in the West, volunteer to be regional student contact. This will involve collecting information about student contacts, and finding people to do local traveling.
- 3) Plan to do some local traveling to campuses in your area. Please notify Steve and Laura of your contact and your plans.

If you can't do all of the above, please at least send us your contacts so we can send someone else to visit them. Thanks!

--Steve and Laura

September 30, 1974

Durham, North Carolina

Duke University

The Chronicle

NAM pickets Allen building

By Dave Yonke

Members of the New American Movement (NAM) picketed in front of Allen Building Saturday morning, asking the Board of Trustees to change their plans for Duke's new hospital.

About twenty NAM members marched peacefully and uneventfully on the sidewalk while Duke's Board of Trustees met inside. Picketers carried signs saying "Worker's Make Health Care, Duke makes profit and inflation", and "Worker's power--Yes, Duke power--No."

There were no incidents. There about five Public Safety officers present.

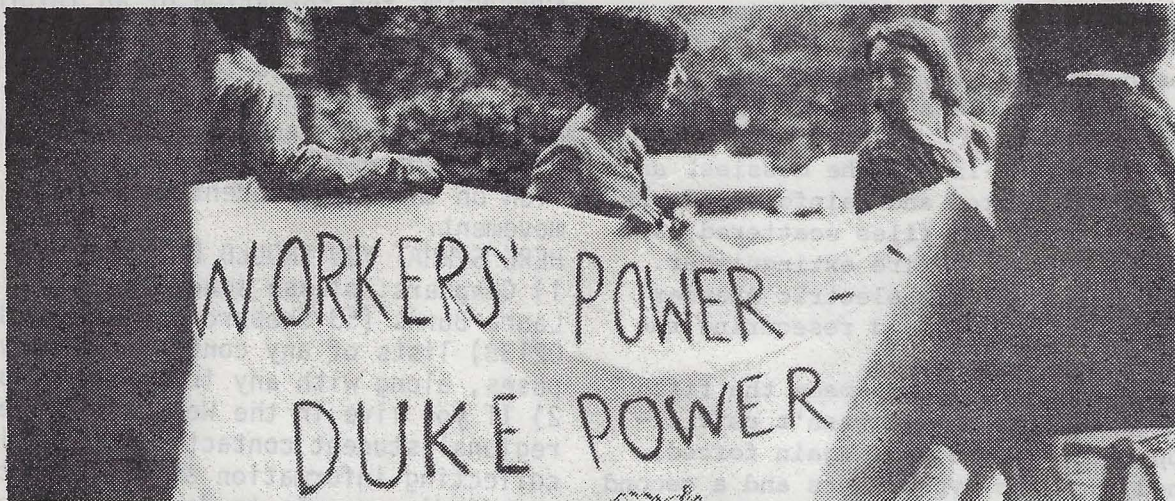
Demands cited

Paul Bermanzohn, spokesman for the coalition, cited four demands and asked President Terry Sanford and Board Chairman J.A. McMahon to sign statements saying they oppose the plans for the new hospital.

Bermanzohn, a recent Duke medical school graduate, called the hospital "an inflationary monster" that "nobody really needs, except Duke, for its prestige, power, and attention."

In a press conference held after the picket, Bermanzohn said that McMahon, who is president of the American Hospital Association, has been "zooming around the nation giving talks on how health costs are rising and how something must be done, while at the same time Duke Hospital has been a major culprit in the scandalous increases in health care costs."

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Singing traditional worker's songs Saturday, 20 members of NAM referred to the proposed hospital as the "inflationary monster." (Photo by Frank Owen)

-NAM hospital protest-

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Cost increases

Bermanzohn said that "Duke's emergency room fees have increased 50 per cent in the last year and Duke's outpatient fees have increased an average of 47 per cent over the summer." The plans for the \$91 million hospital would "increase the cost of private rooms from the current \$151 a day to \$262 a day in 1980," he said.

Expressing NAM's concern for the hospital workers, Bermanzohn said that "the hospital employes are trying to organize a union local while Duke lawyers are fighting against their recognition." He added that "Sanford and McMahon say they're behind the workers, and they appear liberal and pro-union, but are actually fighting against labor unions."

"The people must be aware what their leaders are doing" Bermanzohn said. "Terry Sanford and Alexander McMahon must be held accountable for their actions," he added.

Union recognition

The first of the coalition's demands to Duke's Board of Trustees is for "Duke unions to be recognized," said Bermanzohn. They also asked for a 15 per cent wage hike to university workers, which Local 77 has been demanding.

NAM's third demand was for improved patient care. Bermanzohn said "Duke has been more concerned with

its prestige and research, while letting health care go downhill."

The group's final demand was for the board to change the present hospital plans while the project is being stalled because of high interest rates.

Bermanzohn said the present plan's resulting health costs increase is one that "ordinary citizens simply cannot afford, either in 'out-of-the-pocket costs' or in increased insurance payments. The only people who would benefit from such astronomical rates would be the banks and insurance companies," he said.

Whose side

"Terry Sanford, which side are you on?" asked Bermanzohn: "Rockefeller and the corporations or the welfare of the people who work here and come here for health care?"

Bermanzohn then brought statements expressing "clear and unambiguous opposition to the plans for the new Duke \$91 million hospital" to the meeting of the Board of Trustees, asking President Sanford and Chairman McMahon to sign them.

When asked if Duke Security was employing extra men because of the NAM press conference, a Security Officer replied: "Whenever there's a congregation of people we have to take extra security measures. The real question, though, is who's gonna win the football game today?"

NIC NOTES

The National Interim Committee met Oct. 11-13 in Philadelphia. The following is an episodic summary of the meeting. Complete notes will appear in the next D.B.

Friday night was spent setting the agenda and giving chapter reports. The reports were mixed: some areas have experienced growth and increased activity based on strong local organizing, while many smaller chapters have floundered or folded.

Frank Ackerman opened the Saturday session with an analysis of stagflation, the current state of the economy. His argument centered on the thesis that the normal pattern of the business cycle under capitalism has been interrupted (see his article in the current issue of Dollars and Sense). Following a discussion the NIC reviewed various program proposals and committed itself to developing a long-range national program around the economy--one which would unite local campaigns and provide a national focus.

The initial steps will be taken by the NIC Economic Committee (Patty Lee, Len, Frank, Roberta, John J.), by producing local organizing materials and suggestions in the new Organizing Manual, Discussion Bulletin, and Moving On. The foci will be unemployment, taxation and energy.

The NIC also called for a "Week of Teach-ins and Community Forums on the Economy" on Feb. 2-9. The Economic Committee will draw up suggested agenda and coordinate resources and speakers.

The NIC reviewed our participation in Puerto Rican Solidarity Day, expressed support for continuing the Solidarity Committees after the event, and discussed problems that had arisen between Interboro NAM and the Puerto Rican Solidarity Committee in NYC.

As part of implementing the national program resolution passed in Lexington, the NIC proposed the following guidelines: 1. an overview of what NAM is doing in each area and a sketch of overall trends and problems in implementing program; 2. an outline of what kinds of knowledge and skills are needed in each area; 3. an examination of how work in each area contributes to strategies for long-range goals and goals in the next year or so. They will be discussed at greater length at the Expanded NIC.

To facilitate discussion, several people were mandated to write long-range strategy papers by the next NIC meeting (Frank, Miles, Mark, Patty Lee and Saralee). Others were mandated to write papers on overcoming immediate and surmountable organizational problems and on short-range goals (Linda, Richard, Joel, Harry).

The NIC resolved that 25% of all fundraising for special national projects or programs be sent to the national office for general organizational maintenance.

The revised section on racism in the Political Perspective was reviewed. It will be included along with an updated introduction in a new printing of the Perspective.

The women's caucus focused on plans for the spring socialist feminist conference, offering ideas and suggestions to Julia Reichert who is working on the conference. At the next meeting the women's caucus will discuss Eli Zaretsky's articles in Socialist Revolution and the Discussion Bulletin. The men's caucus discussed an article by David Fernbach, "Towards a Marxist Theory of Gay Liberation" and the importance of learning to counter anti-gay attitudes. They also talked about the Socialist Feminist conference and interpersonal dynamics during the NIC meeting.

The NIC committees now have chairpeople to help them function between NIC meetings and to write reports for the entire NIC. Anti-racism-Mike Downing, anti-imperialism-Saralee Hamilton and Pattylee Parmalee, Organization committee-John Welch, Political Education-Judy MacLean, Fundraising-Marilyn Katz, Energy-Len Stanley, Socialist Feminism-Julia Reichert, Economy-Frank Ackerman, Workplace Organizing-Mark Mericle, Campus Organizing-Steve Carlip.

The question of moving the office is still unresolved at present. It is unlikely that it will be moved to Chicago and feasibility studies are currently being done in Pittsburgh and Boston. Since the meeting there have been some promising applicants for staff positions which are under review.

A motion passed to pay the newspaper staff \$200 a month. This means that chapters must pay their debts to the paper, and the NIC must work on additional funding. As a policy for the paper the NIC mandated:

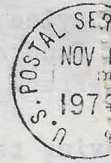
- 1) that the paper continue its excellent, and improving coverage of major political, social, economic and labor developments; and
- 2) that chapters be encouraged to send in regularly a new kind of organizational reporting, with stories of new chapters, detailed and exciting accounts of local events and actions, interviews; and that such reporting become a major part of every paper.

Bob Nelson (Pgh. NAM) spoke of the upcoming tour by Spanish leftists of which NAM is a co-sponsor with several chapters hosting them. He suggested that NAM pursue friendly relations with the Spanish CP and that NIC members should meet with them during the tour.

The campus committee is working to develop contacts and do traveling. They are producing several pamphlets (NAM's successes in campus organizing, how to organize a student chapter, and "Toward a Revolutionary Student Movement") to strengthen and promote growth in the NAM campus network.

The NIC decided to send a delegation to the next meeting of the National Interim Committee for a Mass Party of the People to discuss their relationship to NAM. There was some discussion of the idea of a "federation"--which might focus on an economic program as a step in the party-building process--that will continue at the next NIC meeting.

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