

## **TEACHING LABOR'S STORY**

## Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement "Demands," 1969

All autoworkers on the Dodge assembly line were represented by United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 3, but some workers, particularly Black workers, did not feel equally protected and supported by their union. In 1969 a group of these autoworkers joined with community activists to form the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM). This is one of the first list of demands DRUM issued to Dodge management.

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Nº.	DEMANDS
1.	The removal of the racist murse on the 2nd Shift, being Mrs. Hollway.
27	The reinstatement of J. Rice & J. Beddles.
Ð.	All write-ups and penalities as a result of Wednesday's Union meeting be removed and payment of days off reinstatement.
(4)	That all past grievances be settled now.
5.	47 Black Foremen
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7.	3 Black Nurses ( 1 on each shift )
8.	The removal of the none English speaking Witch-Doctor we have at present. And replaced with a Black Doctor.
9.	3 Black Sisters from our hourly people, to be employed in the Employ- ment Office.
10.	1 Black supperintendent on the first shift. To replace Mr. Ed. (Bull- Dog Bauer).
11.	Upgrading 75 Black Brothers in your lilly white skilled div.
12.	3 Black Sisters in the Tool Crib "NOW".
13.	16 Black Brothers in the front office in jobs like pay roll and etc.
14.	5 Black Sisters in the Inspection Dept. on light jobs. "IMMEDIATELY"
(15)	All openly harrassment against Black Workers, be stopped immediately.
(16)	1 Black Safety Man.
17.	1 Black layout man in Inspection Dept.
18.	Removal of all safety hazards such as: grease and dirt on the floor and repair of the ragged metal platforms in Dept. 71.
19.	AND MOST IMPORTANT, A COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS OF SKILLED WORKERS1 THE COMMITTEE IS TO BE COMPOSED OF BLACK WORKERS, NOT UNCLE TOMS!

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