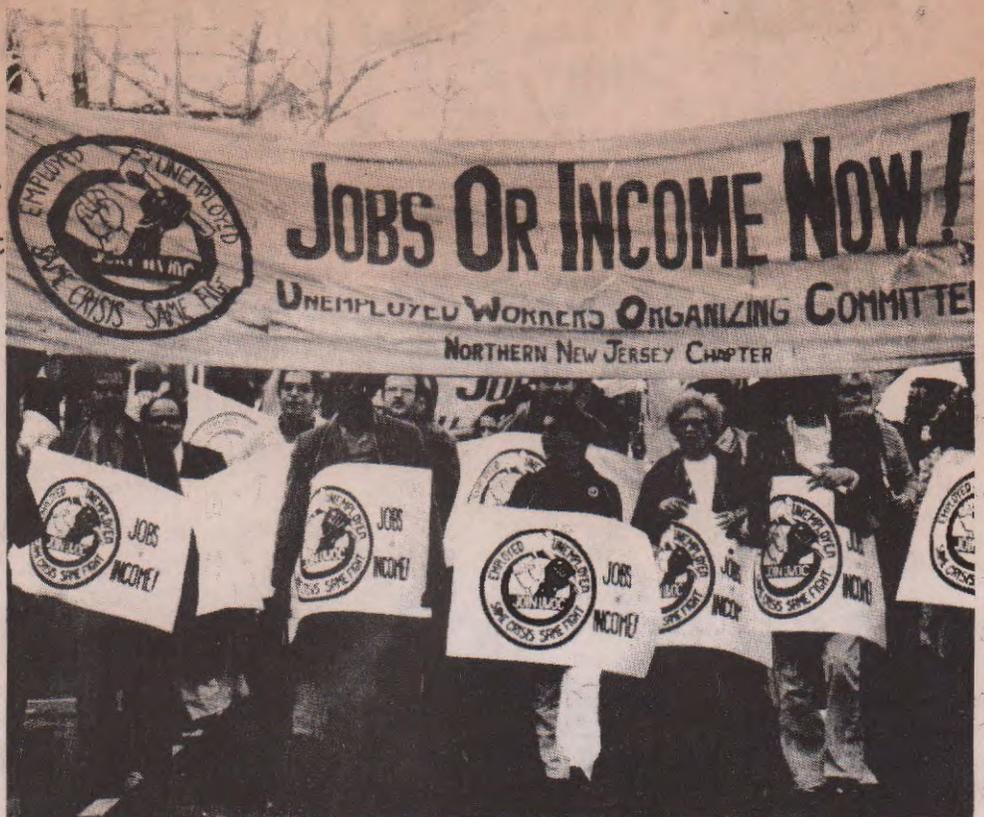


## 1000 March on White House

# The Call Carter Wouldn't Answer

On Saturday, March 5, over 1000 workers demonstrated in Washington, DC, demanding NO CUTS IN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, DEFEAT CARTER'S SLAVE LABOR BILL and JOBS OR INCOME. The demonstration brought the 2 month long fight against the benefit cuts right to the steps of the White House.

The march was a mighty display of the unity of the working class. Workers of all nationalities and of all ages were present. There were people who had just been laid off and others who hadn't been able to get work for up to 2 years. There were groups of employed workers from many plants and cities marching. A contingent from the United Workers Organization took part.



The march went to an indoor rally site and the marchers broke out into a chant "We Want Jobs, We Want Jobs" for 5 minutes. The chant thundered through the hall.

A speaker from the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee, a national organization that had called the demonstration, hit hard at the benefit cuts and the vicious bill Jimmy Carter had proposed (see other side.) "It's a sugar coated bullet," he said. "It will shorten the benefits and the third provision will force unemployed workers on extended benefits to take any minimum wage jobs that pay more than our unemployment check." After his speech, other speakers denounced the cuts and Carter's bill and called on the people to unite and fight back.

Then, led by a truck carrying over a quarter million signatures on petitions for Jobs or Income and against the cuts, and an empty chair with a cardigan sweater reserved for Carter, the march wound its way through the neighborhoods of Washington to the White House. The demands of the march clearly spoke to the anger of the people in the communities. Hundreds of people took leaflets and raised clenched fists in support of the demands. Scores of people joined. Cars beeped their horns in cadence with the chants of the demonstration.

As the White House came in sight, the chanting grew even louder. Passing the marble palace of the top AFL-CIO officials, the chant went up, "George Meany, You Ain't Here, Our Demand is Mighty Clear. No Cuts, No Way. Make the Bosses Pay." At the White House a picket line, 1000 strong was formed at the gates. Although it is "against the law" for more than 100 people to picket the White House at one time, the police were powerless. A delegation went inside to speak with Carter only to get the cold shoulder from Aide Number 17. In the meantime, Carter having finished his telephone calls to hear "What People Think." played tennis in the backyard, refusing to acknowledge in the slightest the just demands of the workers. But the point was made. Carter and Congress knew we were there and that their attempts to drive us down would not go down without a fight.

The unity and determination of the demonstration was a sure sign of the things to come -- growing resistance in the face of the owners' economic crisis. With the expiration date of the benefits fast approaching, the fight will intensify. It has to become a dividing line between the working class and the employing class. If we close ranks, and build this fight as one united class, we will be that much stronger.

EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED UNITE SAME CRISIS, SAME FIGHT

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# No Cuts in Benefits!

## KILL THE SLAVE-WAGE BILL

His name is Bill. He worked at an auto plant. (Or a steel mill. Or in the garment center.) Then the layoffs hit. 10 months pounding the pavement looking for a job. Last week at the unemployment center, Bill went to sign for his check. And finally they had a job for him. "What's the pay?" "\$2.75 an hour, with a 5¢ raise after six months." "You're crazy. I won't work for that. I want a union job at union wages. Not slave labor." "Well Bill, since you refuse to work, you will get no more unemployment benefits."

This horror story is not fiction. It is fact. It is just what Jimmy Carter, speaking for the owning class, has put forward as their answer to unemployment.

There is a bill before Congress right now, being discussed and voted on this week. This solution to our problems has 3 parts ---

- 1) Cut unemployment benefits back to 52 weeks from 65. And they call this giving us 13 extra weeks.
- 2) Establish a national plan to determine the amount of benefits city by city instead of state by state. And--
- 3) Throw anyone who has collected more than 39 weeks off of benefits entirely if they refuse a job paying more than the minimum wage if that is more than they get on unemployment. And they mean any job, in any line of work.

This is what the government has come up with for us, and the AFL-CIO tells us to go along with it.

### FIGHT THE BENEFIT CUTS--KILL CARTER'S SLAVE LABOR BILL

Since the word came down in January that unemployment benefits were being cut back, unemployed workers have been up in arms. And this latest bill adds fuel to the fire. The unemployed have taken the fight into the streets, to the halls of Congress and to unemployment centers from Maine to California. In this area, the United Workers Organization has taken it to the factories, shops and offices and met the same angry response our unemployed brothers and sisters have.

This week is a key one in this fight. This is the week that the whole employing class wants to make their drive for benefit cuts and slave wage jobs nice and legal.

We workers have to make this the week our demands get louder and clearer than ever. In Boston, when Jimmy Carter goes before a town meeting, he will meet unemployed and employed workers telling him to wipe the smile off his face and stop this attack. In ten cities across the country, the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee has called for big demonstrations to Stop The Benefit Cuts--Kill Carter's Bill. In both New York City and Newark, demonstrations will take place this Wednesday at 3 PM. We in the United Workers Organization call on all workers throughout the New York and New Jersey area to turn out for these demonstrations.

### AFL-CIO TOP LEADERS BACK SLAVE WAGE BILL

Many workers have asked "What are the heads of our unions doing about all this?" George Meany and the big chiefs of the AFL-CIO have come out in support of Carter's bill, saying that nothing can be done. Nothing can be done about an out and out attempt to drive down the living standards of all working people? This isn't the voice of labor. That is the voice of capital talking. And the fact that these "leaders" are using our unions to actually endorse an attack on us is something that can not go unchallenged. We have to raise this in our unions and go against these misleaders.

### WORKERS OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

Raise your voices in opposition to these cuts. Come to the demonstrations this Wednesday. Oppose the stand of the AFL-CIO officials. Unite to fight.

## DEMONSTRATION

### NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
1515 BROADWAY (44 STREET)  
4:30 -- 5:30 PM

### NEWARK

FEDERAL BUILDING  
BROAD STREET  
12:00 NOON--1:00 PM