

SUPPORT SHERATON STRIKERS'

On Mon., Feb. 11th at 6:30 p.m., the U of Maryland Athletics Dept. is giving a banquet in honor of the football team--at the only hotel in Prince Georges Co. whose workers are out on strike. To all those planning to attend the banquet, PLEASE DON'T CROSS THE PICKET LINE. To all workers and students, JOIN US in solidarity with the strikers on the line.

The strikers are holding strong. For over a month, they've been out walking 24 hrs. a day--fighting for a living wage and to keep their self-respect. They were certified as a union back in August. Negotiations up til January have led to nothing.

Management boasts openly they'll bust the union in six months. They're offering terms like a penny-an-hour raise. They won't even guarantee to stop practicing discrimination. They say they won't be bound by arbitration, yet they insist on a no-strike clause.

The strikers--mostly Black women, many of whom have families--were earning about \$2/hr. That's 60¢ less than downtown DC hotels are paying now. But this strike means more than wage increase because a breakthrough here will lead to the unionization of all hotel workers in the County. Management knows that. That's why they are paying strikebreakers MORE than they're willing to settle with the union for. That's why they've brought in Burns guards and PG Co. police to harrass the strikers.

When you remember Sheraton is a subsidiary of ITT--largest multinational corporation in the world--you know they can pay their workers more than \$2/hr. ITT coughed up the money to put Nixon back in office; ITT helped pay for the recent coup in Chile.

We are all coming under increasing attack by big business like ITT--skyrocketing food prices, higher rents, the energy crunch, layoffs, tuition hikes. But we are also fighting back. Truckers, farmworkers, Farah pants strikers, GW Hospital workers, Trailways bus drivers, students -- and workers at the Sheraton -- have shown the way.

JOIN US AT THE PICKET LINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11 at 6:00 P.M.
SHERATON MOTOR INN
Rte. 450 & the Beltway - Lanham, Md.

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