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On August 17 and 18, rank and file steelworkers from around the country gathered in Chicago with many friends and supporters. There they laid the plans for a demonstration against I.W. Abel, president of the USWA and his policies. This demonstration will be held in Atlantic City on Sept. 23; the opening day of the USWA Constitutional Convention.

For years the rank and file steelworkers have protested the undemocratic nature of the USWA, and the rampant discrimination in the mills which the USWA leadership has refused to challenge. This rank and file movement which is growing and organizing rapidly is now centering its attack on the two most dangerous Abel policies-the ENA (no strike) and the Civil Rights Consent Decree.

The ENA is a blatant attack on the most basic right of workers-the right to lay down their tools and strike to improve their standard of living and conditions of work. The robbery of our right to strike is an attempt to leave steelworkers defenseless in the face of rapidly increasing inflation and unemployment. The U.S. steel monopolies are attempting to place the burden of their crisis on the backs of the workers and they have found support in the Abel leadership of the USWA.

The Civil Rights Consent Decree, while being heralded by the steel monopolies, the government, and the union as the complete elimination of discrimination in the mills is nothing but a racist hoax. Faced with a growing rank and file movement of minorities and women in the mills, the company, the government, and the union conspired to stop this struggle with a minimal program. The decision was reached with no participation by the minority and women workers who have been leading the struggle in the mills. The decree is being implemented by committees that have only token representation by minority and women workers. The meager backpay settlement is being used as a bribe to prevent any future discrimination suits. The consent decree was not made by the people fighting discrimination, is not being implemented by these people, therefore is not a part of the genuine strugglt against discrimination and should be thrown out.

The steel industry is being used as a testing ground for policies like the ENA and the Consent Decree, because of its lack of basic democratic rights such as ratification, the long standing history of discrimination in the mills, and the collaboration between the Abel international leadership and the steel companies and the government. If they succeed these attacks will spread. They are a threat to all workers, minorities and women.

With steelworkers in the lead workers from other unions and industries and from the community are organizing a demonstration against Abel and all attacks on working people, minorities and women. The Chicago rank and file conference pledged its support to the mineworkers and the UFW struggle and the African Liberation Movements and recieved enthusiastic support from them for the struggle in steel.

This demonstration in Atlantic City will show Abel and other traitors that the people will smash any attempts to impose these types of policies on them!!!

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