

## Iron Ore

Eighteen thousand iron ore workers organized by the United Steelworkers (USW) have entered the fourth month of their strike, and sources close to the negotiations report that the companies "have no interest in reaching a settlement. . . . The union may be willing to give up an arm and a leg, but they (management) seem to want both arms, both legs, and several teeth."

Industry analysts report that it is an "open secret" that there will be a major rationalization of U.S. iron ore production regardless of what settlement is reached because "everyone knows that the problem is not the iron ore workers' demands but collapse of the demand for steel. . . . If you produce less steel, you don't need that much iron ore, so you don't need iron ore workers."

The workforce, mostly centered in Minnesota, is said to be extremely demoralized. With the steel companies, who own most of the iron ore mines, drawing down their ore reserves at a slower than expected pace, one industry spokesman ranted, "We can sit back and starve them (the workers) out. . . ."

## Mineworkers

Negotiators for the United Mineworkers Union (UMW) walked out of talks with coalmine operators last week, making a national strike all but certain. One source cautioned that even if a contract is reached before the Dec. 6 strike deadline, the coal operators have "no faith in the ability of the UMW leadership to sell a contract" to the rank and file.

# W. German Unions And Industrialists Unite For Dortmund Nuclear Rally

On Nov. 10, a 70,000 person rally for nuclear energy will take place in Dortmund, West Germany, sponsored by the West German Trade Union Federation (DGB), which represents 8 million West German unionized workers.

As the list of supporters grows the rally has gained the support of West German politicians and industrialists who agree with the unions that the rally is the only public answer to riots by environmentalists at West German and French nuclear power plants earlier this year. Most of the union backing for the rally comes from the huge 2 million member Metal Workers Union (IGM), the Chemical Workers Union (IGC), the Mine and Energy Trade Union (IGBE) which organizes both coal miners and the machinists who manufacture power generating equipment, and the Public Employees Union (OTV) which organizes the employees of municipal power plants. *The chairmen of these unions will all speak at Dortmund.*

The rally is definitive proof of the emerging labor-industry alliance for nuclear power that is shaping West German politics. Both conservative industrialists in the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the working-class membership of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) realize that the European environmentalists' demands for zero energy growth and labor-intensive jobs give them a common enemy, who is out to destroy both highly skilled jobs and advanced industry.

More than 100 American and Canadian union leaders, businessmen, and industrialists have sent support telegrams to the rally's organizers. Most of the telegrams have come from three key unions — the Teamsters, the United Steel workers of America, and the Building Trades, whose membership has purchased over 46,000 copies of the U.S. Labor Party special report, *The Plot to Destory the Teamsters — Who's Behind It — How to Stop It*, and 40,000 copies of USLP briefs on the expansion of nuclear power and revitalization of the steel industry.

The original organizers of the rally, the Joint Factory Council of the United Electricity Works, Westphalia (VEW), the largest West German utility, recognized the role of the Teamsters in bolstering support for the rally by sending a telegram to International Brotherhood of Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons, Oct. 31, asking him to endorse the rally.

### *Bonn Set A Precedent*

Planning for the Dortmund rally began shortly after a successful September rally for nuclear energy in Bonn drew 15,000 people instead of the expected 7,000.

The Bonn rally was organized by the factory councils of Interatom, the leading West German nuclear fuel cycle company, and Kraft Werke Union (KWU) the major West German reactor manufacturer. It was the joint factory council of VEW that started the ball rolling for the Dortmund rally. During a council debate over the rally, support telegrams from American steel workers in Pittsburgh and Ohio won the argument for the rally organizers.

As support for the rally grew, the DGB endorsed it and began telegramming every factory council in northern West Germany about it. The main KWU factory, organized by the Mine and Energy Trade Union, soon realized that so many of its workers and their families were attending the rally that it rented two trains to avoid creating a traffic jam on the highway to Dortmund.

The European Labor Party (EAP) intensified rally support by contacting over 300 large factory councils in the last month. In most cases, these councils were in factories 200 to 300 miles from Dortmund, and had not been notified by the DGB yet. The EAP has also been using the endorsement of the rally by two members of the Republican National Committee to convince conservative Christian Democrats, who support Chancellor Schmidt's nuclear energy program, that they must support the rally too.

# North American Labor And Industry Leaders Endorse Dortmund Rally

*The mass demonstration in support of nuclear energy scheduled for Nov. 10 in Dortmund West Germany continues to draw endorsements from the North American labor movement. Telegrams and support messages from North America have flooded the West German unions. The names of the most recent signers are included below. These recent signers are added to the list of 31 signers published in last week's EIR.*

Michael Snyder, Joint Council member,  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 25  
Ed Dennis, Business Agent,  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 81,  
Portland, Ore.  
Joe Edgar, International Council Chairman,  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 81,  
Portland, Ore.  
Steve Missonak, Secretary Treasurer,  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 250,  
Pittsburgh  
Corrine Zengar, Executive Board Member, International  
Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 2313,  
Rockland, Mass.  
Robert T. Leonard, Secretary-Treasurer,  
United Steelworkers of America, Local 12003  
Joe Ward, Chairman Grievance Committee,  
United Steelworkers of America, Local 1245  
Charles Paluska, Business Agent,  
Western Michigan Building Trades Council  
Al Josephs, President,  
Utah Building Trades Council  
Bob Dilger, President,  
Washington Building Trades Council  
Kenneth Uzzo, Executive Board Member,  
Laborers Local 721, Brockton, Mass.  
Russ Bassett, President,  
Northern Indiana Building Trades Council  
Paul Melody, President,  
Utility Workers, Local 2639  
Marchie La Grasta, President,  
Central Labor Council, Brockton, Mass.  
R.C. Stackey, former President,

Glassblowers, Local 169, Milford, Mass.  
Joseph Carvalho, Jr., President,  
Transport Workers of America, Local 469  
Richard Meyer, President, International Association  
of Machinists, Local 264  
Walter Brawer, trustee,  
International Association of Machinists, Local 1836  
Rudi Cumming, Vice President of International  
Mailers Union, Tenn.

## CANADA

Maurice Poulist, Chairman,  
Plumbers 144, Quebec  
Lawrence Smith, President, Oil, Chemical, and  
Atomic Workers, Local 9696, British Columbia  
John Nimme, President, Oil, Chemical, and  
Atomic Workers, Local 9682, British Columbia  
John Macken, Delegate, Oil, Chemical, and  
Atomic Workers, Local 9697  
John Liefersins, Secretary-Treasurer, Civil  
Service Workers, Local 275, British Columbia

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Joseph Gallio, Concerned  
Citizens for the Breeder Reactor  
David Nudd, Vice-President,  
Gateway Foods, Wisc.  
Dr. Schrum, former Chairman,  
British Columbia Hydro  
Charles Borders, senior Vice-President,  
Indiana Power and Light Co.  
Joanne Grey, Republican National Committee,  
Colorado  
Francis Shipman, Republican National Committee,  
New Mexico  
Robert E. Pegg, Chamber of Commerce,  
Simi Valley, Calif.  
Col. Thomas McCrary, Chairman, National  
Coalition of Independents on Issues  
Edith Holm, Republican National Committee, Alaska  
Clifford Grub, Republican National Committee, Alaska