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UAW, NCLC settle lawsuits

The United Autoworkers and the National Caucus of Labor Committees announced on August 16 the settlement of lawsuits pending since November 21, 1974. Since New Solidarity International Press Service, the publisher of Executive Intelligence Review, was named as one of the defendants in this case, we present here the official announcement of the settlement released jointly by the UAW and the NCLC:

The International Union. United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) and the National Caucus of Labor Committees, the U.S. Labor Party, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Jenny Leonardo, Nancy Spannaus, Allan Yue, Ken Mandel, Campaigner Publications, Inc., Tony Chaitkin, the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization and The International Press Service have reached a settlement of their longstanding lawsuits. An action was commenced in 1974 by the UAW, who contested the use of the name "New Solidarity" for the newspaper of the National Caucus of Labor Committees. The United Auto Workers distributes to its members a publication entitled "Solidarity". The defendants counterclaimed for damages alleging certain civil rights violation and assaults that allegedly arose from the acrimonious relationship between the UAW and its members and the defendants and members of the defendant organizations.

The settlement provides that the UAW's claims and the defendants' counterclaims be dismissed. The settlement agreement also provides that the United Auto Workers will not contest the use of the name "New Solidarity" by the defendants if it is used under certain terms and conditions. namely the display in its newspaper of the word "New" of at least equal size as the word "Solidarity". The defendants agree that they would not challenge the United Auto Workers' rights in the name "Solidarity."

Both the plaintiff and the defendants call upon their respective members and associates to restrict their conduct within the bounds of free speech permitted by the First Amendment and condemn any use of physical threats or acts against the other by their members.

The settlement of the lawsuit does not eliminate or ignore the deep political and ideological differences which exist between the plaintiff, UAW and the defendants, the National Caucus of Labor Committees, The U.S. Labor Party, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Jenny Leonardo, Nancy Spannaus, Allan Yue, Ken Mandel, Campaigner Publications, Inc., Tony Chaitkin, The National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization and The International Press Service. While recognizing these differences, the UAW will not characterize the defendants, their officers (or programs) as Nazis, communists, terrorists, brainwashers, or anti-Semites. Similarly, defendants will not use vulgar or grossly exaggerated characterizations of the UAW, its officials, or programs, or characterize the UAW in ways that imply that it is anything other than a U.S.-Canadian labor organization.