

# Let's Keep the Momentum Going!

Thanks to everyone who helped spread the word for the Local 235 Rally at the AAM Headquarters Thurs., April 24th. It was fantastic! We used the stockholder's meeting to publicize our right to decent wages and benefits. And it happened BECAUSE at the UAW Local 235 union meeting we passed a motion to organize the march and rally.

One reporter said the rally had "an old-fashioned feel to it." That means when the union was stronger than it is now -- well UAW strikers are reviving that tradition today!

It was great to see strikers and their family members turn out. Region 1 called the other locals in the region and encouraged them to come out, and they did, including Region 1 Director Joe Peters. UAW members from other regions and community supporters were there. Our rally was disciplined even when provoked by one police officer who manhandled and unfairly arrested one of our members.

The press is still not stating our case enough. We DO NOT make more than Chrysler and Ford axle workers. We ARE NOT demanding special treatment, we are demanding PARITY. When you talk to the press, tell them Dick Dauch is lying when he says we are three times more expensive than our counterparts – Ford and Chrysler axle workers!

We need to keep up the "street heat."

1. Let's get the UAW to reschedule the Hart Plaza Rally (up the street from the GM building) to show GM we mean business! They can bring Dauch down to earth if they really want to! The International said the rally was "only postponed." So let's get a date and keep the momentum going! New York workers also need a rally in downtown Buffalo in front of the City Hall!

2. GM seems to be rotating assembly plants to try to keep production up. Poletown is back this week. Can something be done about this? Yes, let's set up information picket lines and hand out a leaflet encouraging our fellow workers to work to rule and check for the upmost quality. This is perfectly legal because we are not asking them to shut down. We are just giving out information. We can also give them support because they do not yet have a local agreement!

Let's go to Poletown on Fri., May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:15am-6am, 1:45pm-2:30pm. Meet us to car pool at Local 235 at 5 am (and 1:30pm) or meet us at the east gate on the I-94 service drive by the overpass west of Mt. Elliott (park at the Dan & Vi store south of I-94 and cross at overpass). We will call the NLRB office and inform them we will be distributing an informational leaflet (we are not stopping Local 22 members from going into work or impeding production.) Check with L. 235 on May 1<sup>st</sup> to see if Poletown has gone down due to a GM local strike.

Three Rivers strikers should also set up an informational picket at the Fort Wayne Plant which has been getting axles from Mexico.

Solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong!

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