

YOU Must Organize Now!

And if we don't organize to fight back, who will? What will save us this time around? Water-gate Nixon? The unions? -- Why they've gone down without a whimper, one right after the other, from the biggest to the smallest. Not one of them can get a thing for their members -- from a pay raise to a decent grievance procedure -- without doing the kind of organizing we're talking about. So what's left? Mayor Belk? The "Keep the Big Boys Honest" con men?

If it's not YOU, just who do you think is going to do the job?

Mayor Campaign Only The Beginning --

The Rumley-for-Mayor drive has begun that fight here in Charlotte. Our campaign -- YOUR CAMPAIGN -- is part of a national movement to unite the working class to get the things we need for a decent life. And this time around to make the bankers and speculators foot the bill.

Our organizing in auto plants and housing projects, in schools and unorganized shops is bringing employed and unemployed workers together with students, socialists, and ghetto youth. To fight for what we need as human beings.

That's the alternative that the Rumley-for-Mayor organizing campaign offers you. To fight and organize your neighbors with us. Or let "someone else" do the job.

When you've had a chance to think this over, to count your other alternatives, one by one, give us a call. We need you.

JOIN THE WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT.

ORGANIZE WITH US AND VOTE RUMLEY FOR MAYOR,
OCTOBER 9, 1973
PRIMARY ELECTION

Join The Campaign...

Help Build a Workers' Government!

The National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO) is the organization that is YOUR organization. NU-WRO is uniting working people all over the country around the same program as the Rumley Campaign.

The main item your organization needs right now is YOU. NU-WRO is teaching people how to run the economy, lick the depression, and organize society for expanded human development. NU-WRO is the beginnings of a working class government.

Call us and find out about Charlotte NU-WRO meetings held each Saturday.

Charlotte Labor Committee
P.O. BOX 1606,
CHARLOTTE, N.C. 28201,
PHONE: (704) 376-3321

Support YOUR campaign. Send a donation c/o the above address.

RUMLEY for MAYOR



- * CREATE DECENT PRODUCTIVE JOBS FOR ALL.
- * \$150 A WEEK MINIMUM WAGE WITH ESCALATOR.
- * BUILD HOUSING, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS.
- * PAY FOR IT BY TAXING BANKS AND BUSINESSES.
- * UNRESTRICTED RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND STRIKE.

WHY A SOCIALIST CANDIDATE ?

The National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) is running Jim Rumley and ten other working class candidates in elections across this country. Everywhere the campaign focus is the same--to educate and organize the working class to take power in this decade.

And we can't wait any longer than that. Already this country and most of the world, in fact, is firmly in the grip of an ever-tightening economic Depression. Like the '30s -- only with no escape hatch this time.

Depression -- 1970's

One thing we've noticed lately is how using that word -- Depression -- doesn't startle people anymore. Even in the South, where the collapse has been slower in showing its full face, people sense that something's wrong. Really wrong, this time around.

Partly the story is told by the long lines of tight-lipped grocery shoppers, approaching the cash registers with a fear of the unknown usually reserved for grade B science fiction movies. The empty shelves and our matching empty pocketbooks have turned us all into meat boycotters -- and gasoline boycotters, for that matter -- but not by choice!!

If you make the mistake of wondering, by the way, what to do about this situation, how you're going to feed your family, the only help your elected City Councilmen can give is advice left over from the last Depression on how to plant a vegetable garden. Beyond that, it's "Eat less!" all the way.

Your Kids' Future --

But there's still more to this story. Like the schools, for instance -- or rather what's left of them. Overcrowded, dismal places which kids hate to attend as much as parents hate to pay for them.

Places where drugs and riots are more familiar than the multiplication tables. These things are the students' only source of excitement in this place where the real excitement of a decent education, of creativity, is criminally denied them.

An economy on the skids has no use for real education, for people who can think. All that's needed these days is someone who's willing to do a boring job, faster -- and cheaper -- than his neighbor. For jobs like these, work/study programs in the high schools will do just fine.

The rest of this Depression picture needs only to be suggested. The "Your money or your life" medical care system, for instance. Or housing which gets more expensive, the older and more decayed it gets. Even though it seems like these things have been getting worse for a long time now, you can probably remember that it wasn't always this way. There was even a time, long ago, when the buses ran on schedule.

Unemployment Moves South--

So what's the difference this time? Partly the difference can be read on the faces of the steady stream of Northern workers coming South. Many of these same workers, not too long ago, were your next door neighbors. Five, 10, or 15 years ago they packed up and headed North to the assembly lines of Detroit and New York City looking for the "good" jobs unavailable in the South. Now they're coming back and bringing their families and friends with them, trying desperately to escape the growing unemployment lines, the speed-up and the forced work/slave labor programs which have brought workers in the North to their knees.

That's the beginning of what a Depression looks like. If you're old enough, you can probably remember seeing these things before. But don't kid yourself. These are still just the cracks. People in Charlotte and in the South are going to be seeing more things like this -- not less.