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"Truth is the most powerful propaganda." — J.F.C. Fuller

## Worker-Owned Weirton Steel Prospers

The Weirton Steel Corporation recently posted 1985 profits of \$61 million from 41.2 billion in sales, surpassing its performance of the year before. Ranked amongst the nation's 10 largest steel producers and continuing to gain at a time



Worker-Owners are the Wave of the Future.

when many steel mills across the nation have shut down, it's not just profits that make this mill stand out. Weirton steel is also the largest 100% employee-owned company in America.

History was made on January 10, 1984, when the mill's 7,700 workers purchased from National Steel the 80 year old complex which dominates the company town of Weirton, West Virginia. To the surprise of analysts and the employees alike, the Corporation under its new owners yielded profits from the first. While most steel companies lost money in 1984, Weirton Steel managed a profit of \$48 million in the first nine months alone. However, it was a much different story for the workers and families of the West Virginia town just two years before.

In March, 1982, National Steel, then the country's fifth largest steel producer, made a stunning offer to sell the mill to its employees. The previous year had been mediocre at best for National which only saw prospects for the corporation going downhill. Indeed, the mill suffered a \$28 million operating loss in 1982. Furthermore, demand for tin plate, a major product of the Weirton mill, was steadily deteriorating. If the employees were not willing to buy it out, National indicated it would likely reduce the number of workers to 1,100, if not shut down the plant entirely. This would have wiped out the town's single biggest employer and devastated the community. The 26,000 residents of Weir-

ton were faced with stark alternatives.

Studies were made revealing that the mill could prosper only if employment costs were radically slashed by 32%. This meant a great sacrifice on the part of the workers. Nevertheless, they voted 6 to 1 in favor of employee ownership, buying the mill from National for \$386 million. The buyout did not come easy, and in order to get bank financing, the workers took a 20% cut in pay and benefits and agreed to a freeze of general wages for six years. In September, 1983, the employees accepted a plan whereby wages would be reduced to \$19.70 an hour compared with about \$23.00 an hour at other steel producers. This has been a very difficult move for them, but morale remains high. And as Walter Bish, president of Weirton's Independent Steelworkers Union, said, "The alternative to employee ownership was nothing at all."

The corporation's new chairman, Robert L. Loughhead, was one of the strongest supporters of employee control of the mill. He accepted his position because, "a large employee-owned company was the perfect environment to prove that employee participation could work." The labor relations he found upon arrival remained poor with much of the old management and old methods still in place. Loughhead broke down barriers between labor and management by setting up a new open communications system. Monthly meetings are now arranged between Loughhead, top managers, union

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# LETTERS

Dear Mr. Gallo:

It appears that the good vibes that I got from the first issue of **The Nationalist** that I came across were well founded. Your program answers quite a few of the needs that I have perceived as being left unsatisfied by the contemporary crop of organizations that constitute the White racist movement in America. I have become more and more convinced with time that a successful movement must appeal to the masses and in order to do that we must give emphasis to the people's economic and social well being. This aspect of things has certainly been neglected by and large in the movement and consequently this powerful initiative has been virtually forfeited to the Reds.

At last there seems to be a non-sense organization that is hit-

ting the nail right on the head! I'm sure you are aware of all these things though, so I'll get down off this soap box for now. Just let me say that I concur enthusiastically with your innovative program as presented in the Program and Constitution of the NDF.

Freedom for all Nationalist Political Prisoners!  
Yours for Racial and National Freedom,

Mike Morris  
Talladega, AL

Dear Gary,

The NDF approach is certainly unique. When you write its approach "has largely been ignored by American Nationalists until now", you have understated the situation if anything. I agree completely that direct personal contact is more powerful than other media. NDF has gained my respectful attention, but I have problems visualizing direct political action in the city of San Francisco. Problem one is finding a White working class neighborhood here. As non-Whites have poured into SF, the White working and lower middle classes have moved to the outlands. Working class areas in SF are mostly non-White, and the White areas are almost exclusively upper middle class.

My personal pre-occupation within the Movement is cadre building. I have been working not only at recruiting but also educating, training, toughening the spirits of raw recruits so that they they may become dedicated revolutionaries who will endure the long struggle ahead. Whether direct political action or some other tactic is employed by a Movement organization, its success in the long run depends on its internal process of cadre-building.

I do not see any explicit mention of the vital need to build cadres in your literature so far. I

have to ask you directly, then, whether you would personally emphasize this need to the extent I do.

White Victory,

Steve Meisen  
San Francisco, CA

**Editor-** Cadre-building or the recruiting and development of our leadership corps is obviously critical and this point was made in the next to last paragraph of the Gary Rossi article in the January issue of **The Nationalist**. However, it cannot be done in a vacuum as these leaders are being trained to lead the masses when the opportunity arises, so they must be trained in the fundamentals of mass politics which is organizing new units, meetings, demonstrations, etc. They must be taught how to write, produce and distribute propaganda; and how to manipulate the press, otherwise they will be manipulated by it. Personal recruiting of cadre is necessary and effective when a movement is beginning, but we want to rapidly get to the point where the NDF is so strong that the name alone will attract bright young activists to our National Revolutionary Movement. This is the advantage that the NF now has in Britain. The more people that know our message the better will be our recruits, so political activity is inextricably linked to cadre-building. That is why we are so eager to develop politically active units around the country.

Dear Gary,

I find your paper topical, informative and depressing (Joe Pearce for instance). The systematic elimination of our workers, setbacks, disappointments and the Nation drifting farther from your goals every day, leaves you little in the way of good news to write about.

I'm looking for the day when your paper is 30 pages "fat" and all "good news". At least you print it like it is which puts you one up on the **Washington Post**.

Best regards,  
D. Ray  
Redding CA

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leaders and a group representing nonunion salaried workers to discuss Weirton's performance and problems. Moreover, each week Loughhead gathers questions from workers on the shop floor in order to better critique operations.

People at every level of the corporation have given their unanimous approval of Weirton Steel's new methods. "You can feel the tide turning," said one union official, "Employees are now more interested in their work." Workers like Matthew Moroz echoed such praise saying that under the new system, "you can take a little more pride in your work". Now that employees receive a share of the profits, they see their good work rewarded tangibly. Walter Bish explained the readiness to sacrifice saying: "they wouldn't want to take cuts for a company that was pouring money into other businesses like savings and loans." Employee ownership has brought back the work ethic so often absent in this country today. The employees have proven the new program's effectiveness by deeds as well as words.

Under Loughhead, participation groups, similar to Japanese quality circles, meet regularly to offer suggestions that will improve the efficiency or products of the plant. An article on Weirton in Businessweek pointed out the progress made through examples of such groups in action: "In one case, employees... made suggestions about ways to reduce surface blemishes on tin mill products, thus reducing the rejection rate during quality inspections. And a participation group in the blast furnace department made suggestions that halved monthly costs for one maintenance procedure to \$13,000."

Meanwhile, in an effort to hold onto their once declining tin market, Loughhead has recruited a new sales force which stresses the quality of Weirton's products, and aims at 25% of the tin sheet market. Furthermore, they have expanded their customer list for all types of steel to 1,000 accounts from 800 the year before, selling to many markets, like auto manufacturers, previously off limits to Weirton because they were served by

other National plants. The company has also budgeted \$700 million for modernization over the next decade.

Businesses like the Weirton mill are helped by the federal employee-stock-ownership plan, or ESOP, which allowed for the worker buyout. Also, under federal laws governing ESOPs Weirton will pay low taxes for the next five years in aid to recovery. Although more than 5,000 of these plans are in effect throughout the county, most are relatively small scale profit-sharing programs set up for tax advantage.

Only about sixty of the 5,000 companies arose through employee buyouts, with none rivaling the operation at Weirton. Furthermore, the ESOP program does not allow for total worker control in management, and employees at Weirton are still

wary of their present position. Many remain disgruntled that a complete shift from the old management to employee ownership has not taken place. A present requirement that Weirton's board be controlled by eight outside director's until 1989 was pushed by the banks before they would lend to the company. The ESOP trust now holds 6.5 million shares, but only when distributed in 1989, will union members control 80% of the stock. It has been estimated that with the continued success each workers' shares will be worth more than \$100,000. However, until that time many employees must struggle with bills and cost of living increases while adjusting to the new wage cuts.

Capitalism has not been totally eliminated at Weirton, and another

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## Hunger Marches On in America

While rock stars were making the extraordinary sacrifice of playing for free at famine relief concerts designed to help Black Africans, the plight of hungry Americans goes virtually unnoticed. But hunger has been growing in America due to our declining economy and due to Reagan's changing of food stamp eligibility requirements in 1981. And the majority of the hungry are White-- not Black, as one would think from media specials on poverty.

According to a report released in January by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, hunger and homelessness in the cities increased sharply in 1985. Of the 25 cities surveyed, 85% reported an increase in homeless children. Another report released in February by the Harvard University School of Public Health and the Physicians Task Force on Hunger in America stated that the food stamp program serves only half of the poorest citizens for whom its benefits are intended, and it designated 150 counties (many in the Farm Belt) as "hunger counties". The Harvard report also said that hunger is getting worse in America.

Food stamps are not the answer, but work is, as only work can allow a person to live in dignity as well as provide for the family's physical needs. Under the NDF all those willing to work will be provided with employment at wages that will let them live comfortably and productively. There is, of course, another solution. If every rock star in America agreed to give up his \$100,000 a year drug habit then we would have enough to feed all of the hungry. But no, that would be asking for too much of a sacrifice.

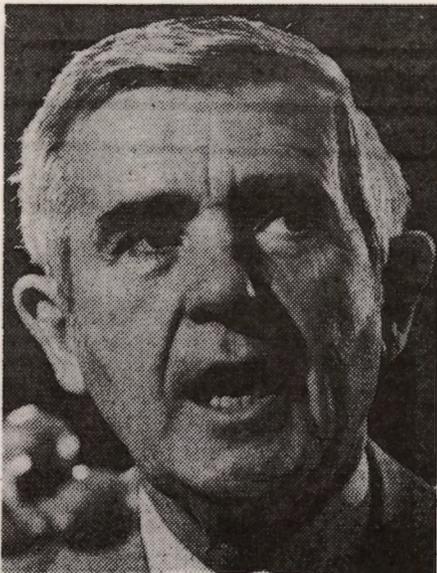
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# Reagan's Good Buddies

It is said that you can tell a lot about a man by the friends he keeps. Ronald Reagan's closest friend in the Senate is Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.). Laxalt is presently involved in litigation with McClatchy Newspapers of California over an article that stated that he associated with underworld figures. Laxalt may regret suing the newspaper as the evidence that has come out so far does not make him look good.

Laxalt has admitted that he obtained \$7 million in loans to build a casino while putting down only \$900 of his own money. Further, he has admitted that he either accepted campaign contributions or associated with several criminals including Alan Dorfman, Moe Dalitz, and Ruby Kolod. Dalitz, who is listed as a leader of organized crime by the California Attorney General, contributed money to Laxalt's campaign. Kolod, a convicted extortionist, worked for Laxalt in his run for governor of Nevada. Dorfman, according to the Justice Department, was a middle man between the Mafia and the Teamsters and a financier for both. He was convicted of bribery in 1982 and



Sen. Paul Laxalt  
Reagan's closest friend on Capitol Hill has been accused of hobknobbing with Organized Crime.

was gunned down in gangland style shortly thereafter. Dorfman once urged Laxalt to write President Nixon to ask that Jimmy Hoffa's prison term be reduced. Laxalt performed the favor.

Which brings us to the Teamsters and another of Reagan's good buddies, Jackie Presser, the current president of that union (the previous four presidents were convicted of various crimes of corruption). The President's Commission on Organized Crime released a report in January that said that the Teamsters is one of the four major labor unions controlled by the Mafia, and accused the Reagan Administration of creating the "appearance of impropriety" in dealing with Presser. The Teamsters were the only major labor union to support Reagan in the 1980 and 1984 elections. Presser was on Reagan's 1980 pre-inaugural transition team. In fact, Reagan was so grateful for Presser's backing that he and Attorney General Meese went personally in 1984 to the Teamsters headquarters building in Washington to thank Presser. Meese also attended a welcoming celebration for Presser when he arrived in Washington in 1983.

Meese claims that there is no connection between the dropping of the Justice Department's indictment against Presser last year and his friendship with Reagan. And if you believe that we have some property in Florida that you may be interested in buying.

Reagan never heard of Raymond Donovan before 1980 but they became fast friends when Donovan raised \$4 million for his first presidential campaign. This was an extraordinary feat and apparently Reagan knew better than to ask where the money came from. But once they became good buddies Donovan asked to be appointed Secretary of Labor. The Labor Department is second only to the Justice Department in affecting the Mafia's interests. Donovan's appointment was confirmed by Congress even though testimony came out linking him to Organized Crime. Donovan is now standing trial in



Jackie Presser

As president of the Teamsters Union he draws a salary of \$500,000 a year. He is good buddies with Reagan and various Mafia kingpins.

New York on charges of fixing minority contracts under a scheme run by the Mafia. To our knowledge he has not been invited to the White House recently.

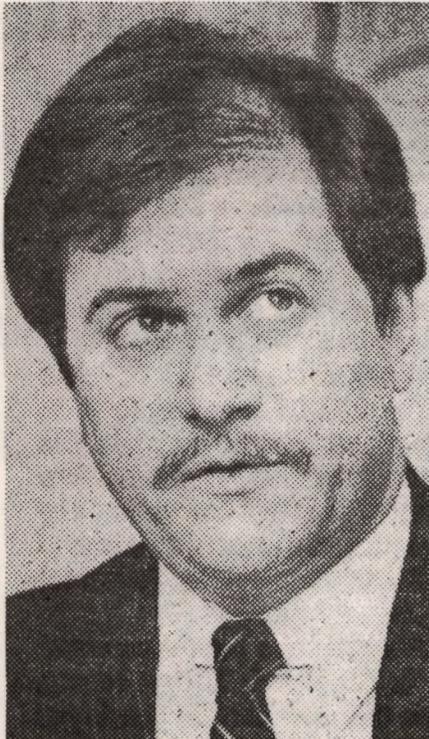
But someone who has is the ever present Frank Sinatra. Sinatra hosted Reagan's 1984 inaugural celebration-- a televised circus. Sinatra feels compelled to deny that he has connections with the Mafia every chance he gets, which brings to mind the Shakespearian refrain that "me thinks he doth protest too much."

And you wonder why we have never been able to defeat Organized Crime in America. The politicians take the American people for fools, and so far they have been right. But in Lincoln's words-- you cannot fool all of the people all of the time. Sooner than you think the people will tire of the hypocrisy, tire of the corruption, tire of the drugs and the rampant crime they bring. Soon the people will get angry enough to do something rash and radical. And the NDF will be there to lead them to a new dawn for our nation.

# Black Life After 20 Years of Integration

At the same time that the media-hyped celebrations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday were going on, another set of stories on a slightly different note, also hit the news. Surprisingly, these weren't concerned with King's efforts at racial integration. Instead, they implied he would probably have mixed feelings about the fate of Blacks in our society were he alive today. Bill Moyers in "The Vanishing Family--Crisis in Black America", a 90-minute "CBS Reports" television special, summed up this radical look at the degeneration of the Black family unit in recent times.

Moyers points out as he walks through a Newark ghetto, "You won't find in these neighborhoods the prime-time family of Bill Cosby." Like others, he tells us that while T.V. sitcoms like the Cosby Show portray a nice, up-scale Black family of the '80's, the "envy of anyone", such a reality is much rarer in society now than when King



**U.S. Attorney Joseph DiGenova Says there is "raw corruption" in Washington's Black government.**

declared his "dream" over twenty years ago. Cosby's attempted revival of traditional family values, self-discipline, loyalty, and the work ethic are lost on today's audience, Black and White alike. This is because, both peoples are suffering from multiracialism and the System which promotes it.

New evidence released by the media points to drastically lowered living and social standards for most Blacks in the 1980's as compared to the '50's and '60's, before our peoples were forced together on a large scale by the government. Stark statistics give proof to these conclusions:

1. In 1950, 16% of Black children were born to single mothers; by 1983 the figure had risen to 58%, compared to 12.8% for White newborns.
2. In December 1955, Blacks and other minorities had an unemployment rate of 8.2%. In December, 1985, Black unemployment was 14.9%. For Black teen-agers the rate was 41.6%, versus 15.9% for White teen-agers.
3. In 1983, about 46% of persons sentenced to prison were Black, even though Blacks constitute only 13% of the population.

Interestingly, this deterioration of the Black social structure has come in the midst of an employment explosion and with affirmative action hiring quotas in effect. In inner-city areas across the country, Blacks have formed into ghetto regions. According to William J. Wilson, of Chicago University (as quoted in the *Washington Post*), these regions have very high levels of "welfare dependency, violent crime, and illegitimacy." Many Black communities are "populated almost exclusively by the most disadvantaged... criminals, families with long-term spells of poverty and unemployment and welfare dependency."

With an 80% Black population, Washington D.C. provides an excellent example of this apathy and decay. Metro-area unemployment rates are less than 4 percent, and there are all kinds of jobs, skilled and unskilled, ready for the

taking. However, Asian immigrants and refugees, themselves a minority amongst the non-Whites, are rapidly taking over many trades. Meanwhile, poverty amongst Blacks is even greater now than during the fiery Washington riots of April 1968.

Twenty years of increased welfare has created a large class of unemployed Blacks, promoting rampant drug use and crime. The recent case of the brutal rape and murder of Catherine Fuller by a gang of juveniles in Washington illustrates the point. The eight young Black men convicted of the crime had all been unemployed, not because work wasn't available, but because they had a social system and relatives who could stuff their pockets with money. One of the men, Russell Overton, was reported in the *Washington Post* as having received \$60.00 a week from his mother, to help support his idle life in the park and his drug habit. When arrested for robberies the mother hired the lawyers, and when charged for murder, it was the mother's well-to-do employer who paid for an expensive criminal attorney.

Conservatives argue that getting rid of welfare will allow Blacks to become more self-reliant and result in healthier integration. But Black leaders and liberals fear this solution and do not want to see the governments' largesse to their constituents ended. In either case, welfare, or no welfare, we have seen that Black culture is being torn apart by race-mixing policies. Unfortunately, Whites must suffer from this as the crime, turmoil and decadence generated by Blacks spills over into our lives as well.

Wherever different peoples are forcibly integrated we see deadly consequences for both races. Now neither Black nor White can take pride in his race and racial heritage and so both peoples are left to live only as individuals in a historical vacuum. The moral degeneration and the lack of desire to achieve results directly from this emphasis on self and self-seeking. We see the evidence for it in our crime statistics and in our educational statistics and all around us

if we bother to look. Violent crime has increased by **260%** since 1960. SAT scores began to decline in 1965 (shortly after forced busing began in earnest) and only stopped falling 20 years later when in desperation teachers began teaching how to take the test instead of substantive material.

The fact that college enrollment for Blacks has skyrocketed, or that greater government positions are now open to non-Whites has made no difference. A case in point is the incredibly corrupt and incompetent leadership of Black mayor Marion Barry of Washington, D.C. Federal District Attorney Di Genova has declared that the Barry administration is fraught with "raw corruption". And in that it is typical of Black city governments around the country. However, this does not mean Blacks do not have leaders of their own fashion to look up to.

Making minorities follow our example is as foolish as having our children worshipping Michael Jackson or learning to "breakdance".

When Blacks were a much more homogenous population in the fifties, these problems were not nearly as prevalent. Nevertheless, this old kind of segregation, or even the practice of slavery in the last century, was not true separation, and it resulted in racial oppression and miscegenation. The National Democratic Front realizes that only complete separation of Blacks and Whites will result in societies where the races can live in freedom. This is why we support Black nationalists such as Louis Farrakhan who want positive solutions for our different peoples. They see separate nations as a way to repair Black culture and family values. A way that journalists like Bill Moyers intentionally overlook.

## LBJ the Murderer

In 1961 the body of Henry Marshall, a federal investigator, was found outside a small Texas town with five .22 caliber rifle wounds in his side. The local justice of the peace ruled it a suicide.

This is not some Yankee joke about Southern justice-- but an all too real illustration of how power is wielded in America. Henry Marshall was investigating the financier Billy Sol Estes and his ties to his Texan friend Lyndon Johnson, then Vice President and soon to become President upon the assassination of John Kennedy in Texas. Sol Estes was convicted of financial fraud in the early '60s and spent many years in prison, but last year he decided to talk to a grand jury about his relationship with LBJ. He told the grand jury that Johnson had ordered the murder of the federal investigator to prevent him from exposing Sol Estes' fraudulent business deals and LBJ's involvement in them.

On the basis of Sol Estes' testimony, the Court ordered that Marshall's death be reinvestigated. On August 13, 1985 State District Judge Peter Lowry ruled that the death of Henry Marshall was not self-inflicted, and he ordered the death certificate changed. Is it not comforting to know that in America justice prevails in the end?

to go into court and testify as expert witnesses on the question of insanity even though the profession does not recognize the concept. They are also willing to give psychological profiles of a foreign leader for our intelligence services even though they never even met the foreign leader. They pretend to be able to judge the violent tendencies of the criminally insane and so we let them determine which insane murderers and rapists should be let out of mental hospitals and onto the streets to rape and murder again.

The above may sound like a science to you but it does not to us. The people who enter and practice this pseudo-science are the ones who need their heads shrunk, and we are just the people to do it.

## The Sickness Called Psychiatry

Since the dawn of civilization man has been plagued by psuedosciences and the conartists who practice them, in much the same way as primitive man was manipulated by witchdoctors. It used to be astrologers and alchemists who played such roles, but they have been replaced by even more sophisticated frauds known as social scientists, psychologists, and psychiatrists. Psychiatrists are psychologists who graduate from medical school so they are doubly dangerous as they can dispense bogus drugs as well as bogus advice, and their patients question them even less because of the prestige of the medical degree.

To illustrate how much of a "science" psychiatry is let us review the latest solemn deliberations of the American Psychiatric Association. In November of 1985 the Association was considering revisions in its "bible" the **Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders** which is unfortunately recognized by the courts, hospitals and insurance companies as authoritative. It invited seven feminist psychologists and psychiatrists to a closed meeting to discuss the concept of masochism.

The feminists claimed that battered wives are often diagnosed as masochistic because they stay with their husbands even though they could obviously leave and escape the beatings. The feminists want therapists to conclude that these women are not masochistic, but rather that they are afraid to leave for fear that their husband will track them down and harm them or that they are too demoralized to leave. To make certain that therapists come to the proper conclusion they not only want to eliminate the word "masochism" from the manual, but they also want to do away with the concept altogether.

The head of the APA, Dr. Robert Spitzer, balked at such a radical change so after a bitter struggle a compromise was agreed upon: "masochistic personality disorder" was dropped and was replaced by "self-defeating personality disorder".

Creating science through political compromise is not new to psychiatry. It went through the same process with homosexuality. The powerful gay lobby forced the profession in 1973 to eliminate homosexuality as a mental disorder. Psychiatrists are "flexible" enough

# From the National Democratic Front's Program of Democratic Nationalism

In a true nation the people are emotionally united and feel as if they are a part of one great being. Such nationalism can be built only upon cultural and racial homogeneity as a man naturally and instinctively feels at one only with his own race. He can love only his own people and has an inherent distrust of those of other races. Unlike the multiracialists, we do not pretend that the biological nature of man can be altered to change these facts. Nor do we hate man as he is so as to want to change his true nature. We respect our people and what we have achieved and so we reject multiracialism as unnatural and hence irrational and destructive. We will struggle with all of our might

to protect the purity of our race and its civilization from those who wish to mongrelize it to advance some sick and wrong-headed social theory or to advance their own private interests. And we will support those of other races who also wish to preserve the physical purity and psychological strength of their race from multiracial degeneration.

land in proportion to the size of its population. Further, those who preach multiracialism will be given a multiracial state to live in.

Under a National Democratic government each race will be granted its own completely independent nation on the soil of America, as every people should have the power of self-determination. Each such state will receive an amount of

A great nation is one that combines the unity that comes from homogeneity with a tolerance and encouragement of new and unusual ideas. It also actively seeks out knowledge on the thought and methods of other countries and peoples so as to adopt valuable ideas compatible with its own culture to further the development of its civilization. A great nation is a Dynamic Order that adapts constantly to ever changing circumstances, hence ignorance is its greatest enemy.

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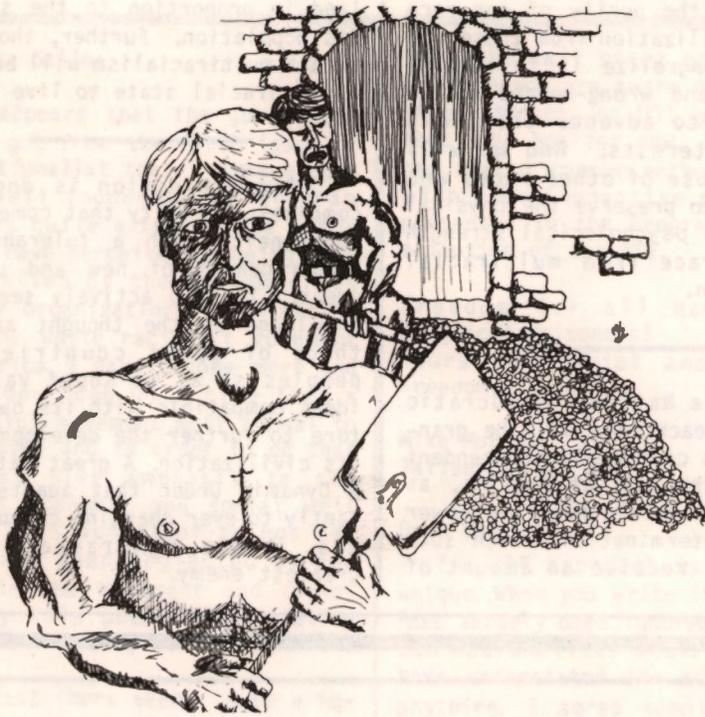


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# Weirton Works

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threat faces the survival of the employees' new found freedom. Some fear workers will eventually sell their shares, allowing voting power once again to gravitate to the outside stockholders ready to regain control of the corporation. Indeed many employee-owned firms, like the Vermont Asbestos Group, and more recently, U.S. News and World Report, are examples of companies which sold out to "traditional ownership" for money.

The Weirton Steel success story has obviously become an enigma for opponents of employee ownership. On the one hand, the left-wing socialists sees it as a threat to their idea of a state bureaucracy which must decide worker policy and maintain central control over industry. On the other hand, capitalists may attempt to claim employee-ownership as their own, but in the meantime pray for a sellout to the old bosses. But the NDF believes that if workers control the means of production in large companies no longer will materialistic individuals be able to monopolize and seek profits at the expense of the worker's happiness and well being.

Weirton represents a very small step towards a healthy employee-ownership policy in this country. The National Democratic Front believes that only through distribution of the wealth and the ability of workers to control the means of production will a positive work ethic and justice for employees return to this land. The Weirton mill shows this ideal is not fantasy, but very real, and can prosper in this nation even where control by the few is the rule. The workers at this West Virginia steel town chose the challenge in order to save their jobs. They also decided to struggle and sacrifice rather than resort to the ignominy of the welfare system. In the future as society continues to decay, workers more and more will be forced to seek this alternative. Under the NDF places like Weirton will be the norm and not the exception. We salute the worker-owners of Weirton Steel for leading the way.