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## 750 Strong Support Auto Mechanics Strike

Auto mechanics in the Seattle area, on strike for 12 months, led a march through the north area of downtown Saturday afternoon, April 1.

Workers from many unions and trades joined the march in solidarity with five unions: Automotive Machinists, Lodge 289; Auto Sheet Metal Workers, Local 387; Auto Painters, Local 518; Teamsters Garage and Automotive, Local 44; and Teamsters Salesmen, Local 882.

750 men and women marched past large auto dealerships—S.L. Savidge, Frank Hawkins, Westlake Chevrolet, and Frederick Cadillac—to protest the anti-union stand of these employers. The march ended with a fund-raising dinner at the Labor Temple, where more than \$2,000 was raised to give material support to the strike.

### The Issue: A Closed Shop

The mechanics are demanding a closed shop where all workers will be obliged to belong to and support the same union.

The security of the union and the strength of the workers depends on this issue being won.

The employers know an open shop divides and weakens the workers' ability to protect their rights on the job. In an open shop non-union workers resent having no voice in what is negotiated by the union, while the union workers resent those who do not pay dues but receive the same benefits.

This strike is a concrete example of how the interests of employers are in total opposition to the interests of workers. It clearly shows the need for rank and file workers to organize themselves into a strong union.

This strike also points out the importance for workers in other trades to actively support the Auto Mechanics strike. If the Auto dealers get their way, employers in other industries will think they can do the same. But if the mechanics win, employers will know they can't run over workers who are organized and united to achieve a common goal.

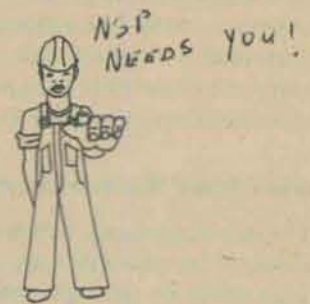
### What You Can Do

To support the strike, workers are encouraged to join the mechanics on their picket line in front of auto dealerships on Saturdays from noon to 4:00 p.m. And for heaven's sake don't dare cross any picket line, and boycott the anti-union dealerships.

The mechanics and their families can use all the financial support we can muster. Donations, no matter how small, should be sent to:

Auto Trades Strike Support  
Committee  
2701 - 1st Ave, Room 300  
Seattle, WA 98121

Finally, talk about the strike with family, friends and fellow workers. Make sure to point out the issue so folks are clear on just how important it is for the mechanics to win. If they win, we all will be in a better position when time comes for our respective contracts to be negotiated.



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