

But nevertheless, they charge that I am a dictator in this union. Well, that is a crock of you know what.

Three of those who follow the outsiders have filed charges to drum me out of this union. Those charges are now before the General Executive Board.

Those charges were brought under our constitution which is supposed to make me a dictator. The truth is that under our constitution, the general president is no different than a rank and file member.

And I ask the question:

How much more democratic can you get?

Well, I tell you this. I welcome and implore these two — one member has withdrawn his name — to bring their so-called evidence before the General Executive Board. I know where I have been and I know what I have been doing for our more than two million members.

So I say to those who have made loose charges and false accusations: you have not found a patsy in Frank Fitzsimmons. I never ducked a fight in my life and when the bell rings for this one — your general president will be on his feet in his corner and ready to swing.

I'm no outsider. I've worked from within for 44 years and I've worked to build and improve.

I am a Teamster through to the marrow of my bones. I serve that notice on the outsiders who would tear down and destroy this great international union.

That's the battle cry for all of us who have the Teamster dedication, and that's what makes me so optimistic about our future.

If it's a fight they want they'll get it and let me tell you who our troops are.

Thousands and thousands of retirees like Dick Piland who grew up on teamsterism and who still respond to the battle cry. Thousands and thousands of veteran leaders and rank and file. Seasoned veterans who know from experience that everyday has been a battle — yes, a way of life.

Thousands and thousands of younger officers and rank and file who are well-educated and articulate, who know that in unity there is strength. And who know that when the battle is going, our ranks always close.

Take that message back to those outsiders joined in the conspiracy to destroy labor and the Teamsters.

And day by day — hour by hour — represent that rank and file in the fine tradition which made the Teamsters the largest and best union in the world.

Organize the unorganized — at overnight transportation and everywhere else. And I tell you, that is an unbeatable battle plan. Our cause is just. Our dedication is unailing. And let the world know that in the Teamsters, the member on up to the general president, are one and the same — united, strong, and militant. Thank you.

World Focuses On Dortmund Rally For Nuclear Energy

A mass demonstration of West German industrial workers for nuclear energy scheduled for the city of Dortmund Nov. 27 is rapidly becoming a focus for an international labor-industry alliance now mobilizing to make sure that monetarist financier groups in London and New York do not succeed in their design for

economic "zero growth." When a similar demonstration occurred several months ago in New Hampshire in the United States, it dealt a significant setback to these financiers' American "ecology movement." The Dortmund demonstration now promises to be even larger, and is attracting active support from around the world.

Every major national trade union in West Germany, with at least 50,000 workers committed to be there, have endorsed the Dortmund rally. The leading West German nuclear reactor company, KWU, is renting two trains to transport all of its 14,000 employees to the site. The government of Helmut Schmidt, which has been under regular attack from the London-New York "ecology movement" targeted by the demonstration, is implicitly supporting the workers' mobilization.

Telegrams and support messages from North America have flooded the West German unions. A sampling of the signatories are the following:

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