Uberizing Health Care

With all this flex time being asked for by management, you would think we are being turned into the Uber drivers of health care. Soon, they’ll say “Make your own schedule in health care.” Meanwhile we’ll all be scrambling to fill a schedule by fighting for a space on the understaffed shifts. Flexibility in the workplace just means the workers being more flexible in what they’ll accept. Between shifting schedules and flex time, it’s getting to be like the gig economy. We have to draw the line!

They’ve Known Since When?

According to a recent comment by the new acting CEO of Alta Bates, the hospital closure has been regularly delayed… since 2008! Month after month, year after year, we have been kept in the dark about what’s really going on, while they’ve been hitting the snooze button on their plans. While they’ve been sleeping, we’ve been living in the nightmare of anxiety! Now we know the plan, they have none except… some day.

Pullman Strike

George Pullman was a capitalist hated by all. The workers in his factory lived in a town he owned and bought goods from his stores at his prices. Then Eugene Debs came to town. He was a union organizer who organized workers in the American Railway Union. With the workers organized and feeling their own power, Pullman workers went on strike. There were 250,000 workers in 27 states who went on strike. The company hired thugs to shut down the strike, using guns and tear gas. The government called in the troops to break the strike. Finally the workers returned to work. They did not win immediate gains from the strike, but they were able to show the power that hundreds of thousands of workers have, together, when they go into motion. The lesson was not lost on millions of workers who, over the next decades, waged even bigger struggles to build unions and win basic protections for themselves.

Oakland Is Not For Sale!

Even after the week-long strike by Oakland public school workers last year, the fight is not over! The school board is preparing to shutter 24 out of 87 schools! And of course they’re mostly in the flat lands where the non-white working class community lives.

The board’s goal is to privatize our public schools so businesses can turn a profit. It’s up to us to show them Oakland is not for sale!

Parents and teachers have already started fighting back, to learn more, visit: oaklandnotforsale.com.

Hospitals – Factories of the 21st Century

When we think about bosses who squeeze their workers for all the value they can get out of them, we used to think about coal mines or auto factories. But more and more the hospital is looking like a factory. But after all, we know Sutter’s hundreds of millions in income doesn't come from nowhere. It's squeezed out of us as we're ping-ponged from one floor to another, while they pay us just enough to keep stringing us along. It's almost as if profiteers ran out of coal miners and auto workers to squeeze, so they have to find new places to turn into factories.

Come Talk to Us:
3:00PM-4:30PM, Tuesday
and 3:00-4:30PM, Friday

"Finally! Just picked up a surgery! Okay, looks like I have three minutes to get to the OR before they pick someone else."