Rose Rips 'Liberal' Mogk

by Carolyn Nelson

DETROIT, July 29 - "Mr. Mogk, do self-help programs and dividing up the city mean what you would have to have community people pick up garbage if the sanitation workers went out on strike?"

The questioner was a black youth in the audience in the debate here today between Gerry Rose, U.S. Labor Party candidate for mayor of Detroit in 1973, and one of his opponents, John Mogk, a liberal who has a reputation for support of "local community control."

"If city workers refuse to work," Mogk blustered in reply to the youth, "and the quality of life is threatened," he continued outraged, "it's up to the elected officials to do something about it!"

"If Mogk were mayor he would call on Detroiters to scab on striking sanitation workers. Rose immediately strode to the podium. "When there is a strike, we organize the working class and the unemployed to join that strike and support it," Mogk says that he believes in collective bargaining, but the city is bankrupt and selective bargaining under bankruptcy is a joke. Mogk takes in the audience but isn't an ally labor going on. We should be angry and go from this meeting and organize! The audience of 45, including Labor Party supporters, 600." The wavering in their minds of the city's governing institution in 1970 so that parents would fight teachers over wage increases when the schools were faced with diminishing funds. Mogk also sat on the committee that drew up the warring district plan for the school districts.

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