

# STEVE SHUKLA TOUR COMMITTEE

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

For more than 25 weeks, the National Union of Miners (NUM) has been conducting a national strike against mine closings in Britain. These closings threaten not only tens of thousands of jobs but whole communities as well. International solidarity is desperately needed as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government is bent on starving these workers back to the mines and breaking their union. To organize support, the National Union of Miners has issued an international appeal for financial aid and solidarity to which the Canadian Labour Congress has already donated \$17,000.

To organize support for this appeal, Steve Shukla, a 25 year old miner and member of the Armthorpe Branch of the NUM, is touring North America. Shukla will be in Vancouver October 12-16. Shukla has already toured the United States and the response has been very enthusiastic. Steve has spoken to workers at union meetings of the United Auto Workers in St. Louis, the United Mine Workers of America in southern Illinois and the United Steel Workers of America in Missouri, to name a few. All have contributed what they could in solidarity with the strike.

Unionists, NDP members and other supporters in the Vancouver area have set up the Steve Shukla Tour Committee to organize a large public meeting and other speaking engagements for Steve's visit here. (see enclosed leaflet) We are encouraging you to assist us in this act of solidarity by endorsing the meeting as an organization or as individuals, and by contributing financially to help cover tour expenses. (leaflet, mailing, travel, etc.)

All money in excess of expenses will be forwarded to the National Union of Miners and a financial statement will be issued to all contributors. After October 19, cheques should be forwarded to NUM directly. The address is Miners' Solidarity Fund, Cooperative Bank, Sheffield, England, [REDACTED].

Please contribute, endorse and help publicize the meeting by advertising in your publication and by posting the leaflet. Thank you for your effort.

In solidarity,



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For the Steve Shukla Tour Committee