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YALE STRIKE ENTERS THIRD DAY

OVER 80 STRIKERS ARRESTED AS STUDENTS RETURN TO CAMPUS, JESSE JACKSON TO LEAD LABOR DAY MARCH ON YALE

New Haven, CT—As the strike at Yale entered its third day, thousands of strikers flooded the streets around Yale's as freshman began moving into their dorm rooms. More than 80 strikers were arrested in 3 separate acts of civil disobedience that shut down three major intersections around the old campus.

So far, Yale Corporation has refused to provide their employees with decent pensions, competitive wages and job security.

On Pensions

- The average Yale pension for a union employee who retired in 2002 with 20 or more years of service receives \$621 a month. Virginia Henry a custodian at the Peabody Museum has worked for Yale for 29 years. When she retires at 65, her Yale pension will bring her only \$8328 a year.
- Yale's pension fund enjoys a \$200,000 surplus. In fact, Yale's pension surplus is so large that they could pay for a decent retirement for workers without any additional money.

Harvard vs. Yale

- Yale pays far less than other major universities. Even accounting for benefits and cost of living Harvard workers still make 35 percent more than their counter parts at Yale.

Strike Activity for August 30 through Labor Day:

Sunday, August 31

Labor in the pulpit. Rev. Jesse Jackson will deliver sermons at Varick AME Zion at **11:00 a.m.**, 246 Dixwell Ave. and 2nd Star of Jacob Church at 201 Chapel St. at **6:00 p.m.** Strikers will be speaking at sixteen church services throughout the city. Call for list of participating houses of worship.

Monday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Labor Day march and rally with Jesse Jackson, SEIU President Andrew L. Stern, HERE President John Wilhelm kicks off from “Q house” on the corner of Dixwell Ave. and Admiral avenues. The rally will take place in front of Beinike Plaza on Wall St.