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THE WOBBLIES (1 HOUR 29 MINUTES)

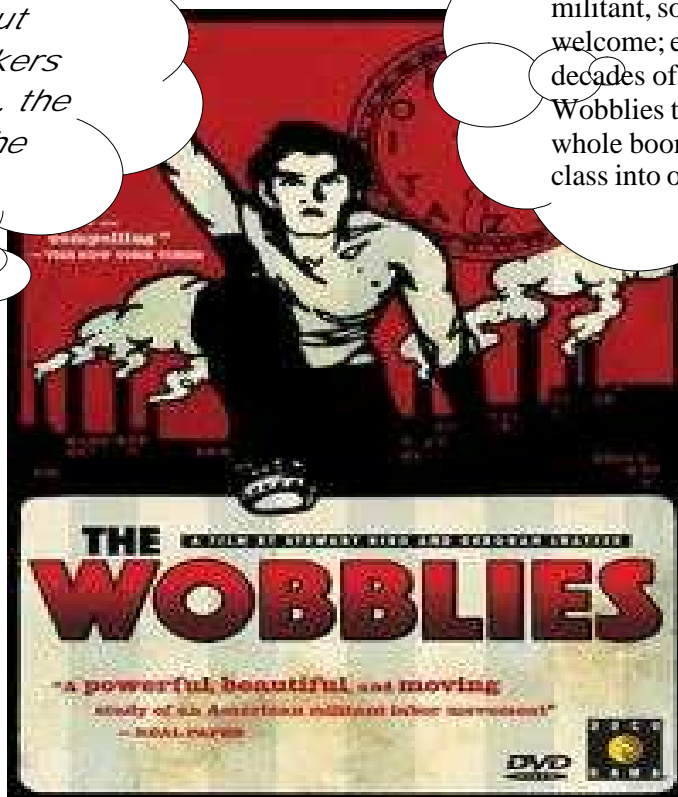
January 14, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.- potluck

7:00 p.m. – *The Wobblies* -as important as a historical document as it was influential as a documentary film. The International Workers of the World (IWW), nicknamed The Wobblies, are a labor organization that is still in existence today. Though its significance has waned considerably since its heyday at the turn of the previous century, the problems they sought to counter at the time--unchecked corporate greed, an atomized global workforce, worker abuse, unsafe working conditions, and so on--are still very much with us. *The Wobblies* presents the history of the vibrant labor organization from the bottom up. While it was certainly important to relate these oral histories from the perspective of the rank-and-file workers, it was a choice borne partially out of necessity; when the filmmakers shot most of the interviews for the film in 1976 and 1977, the leaders (Big Bill Haywood, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn) were all dead. The film's interview subjects were even in their seventies up to early nineties at the time, so in one sense it is crucial that they chose to rescue this piece of labor history when they did.

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*Hmm ... a film about
the Industrial Workers
of the World, a.k.a. the
Wobblies, a.k.a. The
One Big Union?*

THE WOBBLIES - In the currently depressing US political situation, any recovery of the militant, socialist tradition is welcome; especially the first two decades of the century, when the Wobblies tried to organize the whole booming, unskilled working class into one industrial union.



*Ok. So now do you know what time it is? That's right.
It's time to organize.
Join us. Another world is possible.*



For a World Without Bosses

Industrial Workers of the World

The Wobblies

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