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April 10, 1972

John A. Fillion
8000 E. Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48214

Dear Mr. Fillion:

This is to confirm the fact that you will participate in a panel discussion on June 2, 1972 concerning the subject of External Union Democracy. The panel discussion will be held at the Wayne State Law School. Other panelist are: Michael Adelman, Clyde Summers, John Taylor and Marijana Relich.

Thank you for agreeing to participate and if you should have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Glotta

RDG/rmd

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April 11, 1972

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Ron Glotta
c/o Detroit National Lawyers' Guild
715 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, Michigan 48207

Dear Ron,

Sorry I failed to get a chance to talk with you recently in Buffalo. I had to make it back to Pittsburgh for a thing on Saturday evening and had to catch a plane.

There seems to be some interest locally in the proposed National Labor Conference, as well as in the subsequent NEB meeting. There is only one major suggestion I can think of for making the conference worthwhile for everyone, and that concerns composition of the panels and workshop leaders. In Buffalo I received the impression in the labor workshop that four people were speaking as one, and so basically only one viewpoint was presented. More meaningful questions into strategy and tactics might arise if more than just the Motor City Labor League and its relatives were saying how to get your stuff together. With this caution, I still must hand it to you for taking the initiative.

Someday soon maybe something could arise in Pittsburgh or Cleveland or some such forgotten center for the labor movement, if those of us around these areas can learn at places such as the Detroit conference. Right on.

Free Angela and All
Political Prisoners,


Jim Logan

JHL/ji

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April 12, 1972

Ron Glotta
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Detroit, Michigan

Dear Ron:

What the hell is going on in Detroit? We have been hearing the most godawful rumors. Here is a sampling: The MCLL has split and half of it has gone trot; part of the Black Workers Congress is thinking of merging with the R.U.; the League of Revolutionary Black Workers is about to join the Communist League. (I'm not completely sure about that last; it may just be a figment of my imagination. The others I know I heard somewhere.)

There is still going to be a conference, right? There better be. I've structured the next three months of my life around it.

Our local labor committee is an immense hassle. Every time we add a new member, we have a new faction. There are three active ones now: left adventurists, right revisionists, me and Marty floundering in the middle (the others communicate with each other through us), and Jim somewhere off to the side lobbying for a little sense of humor. (I didn't really mean that about revisionists and adventurists; I love everybody.)

Can you send me anything else written up on the conference?

Please write.

Love,

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April 24, 1972

Mr. Jim Logan
505 Court Place
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Re: Labor Conference

Dear Jim,

Enclosed please find a copy of a article that has been written about the Labor Conference by Buck Davis. I think the contents of the article indicates that our entire effort is to provide as many points of view as possible. Although we haven't yet confirmed attendance, we are making every effort to see that David Livingston from New York, and Myra Wolfgang from here in Detroit will also be participating in the panel. Because we haven't received final confirmation, we weren't able to put their names in our public articles of this nature. But, with the addition of those names, you can see that there will be a tremendous diversity of view points in terms of a discussion of the labor movement.

I would very much appreciate it if you would make every effort to see that as many people as possible would come from both Pittsburgh, and Cleveland. If you need any help in organizing this effort please get a hold of me.

Yours In Struggle,

Ron Glotta

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TO

Bart Bartovic
Wayne State University
Law School

FROM

Ronald Gatta

SUBJECT

DATE 4/18/72

MESSAGE

Attached please find material
on Labor Conference -

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REPLY

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TO

Ken Cock

FROM

Ron Glotta

409 Griswald at Jefferson
4th Floor Standard Federal Savings Bldg
Detroit 48226

SUBJECT

National Labor Conference

DATE

5 / 9 / 72

MESSAGE

Enclosed please find a copy of the
brochure which has been mailed out.

This is to confirm your appearance
at Wayne State University on 6/1/72 at
9:30 A.M. Thanks again. ▽

SIGNED

Ron

REPLY

SIGNED

DATE

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May 9, 1972

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Harold J. Gibbons
300 S. Grand Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri, 63103

Re: National Labor Conference

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Enclosed please find the brochure that has been mailed out.

This is to confirm your appearance on June 1, 1972 at 9:30 A.M. at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. If there are further arrangements, please call me immediately.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Glotta

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May 17, 1972

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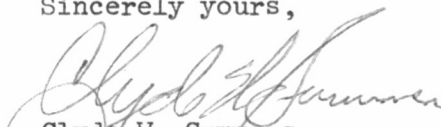
Dear Mr. Glotta:

Have the plans for the Labor Conference at Wayne State matured any further? I am not very clear on exactly what the title and general thrust of the panel which is scheduled for the morning of June 2 is to be. When you last wrote me, you had tentatively scheduled Chip Yablonski and Michael Adelman, but it was unclear to me exactly what you had in mind that each of us should cover.

You also mentioned the possibility of a panel or debate on the evening before, but I do not know what the status or thrust of that may be.

I would appreciate knowing as much as possible what you have in mind you would like to achieve with the different sessions so that I can try to direct my remarks to that end. I would also like to be able to do at least some specific preparation for the discussions, if possible.

Sincerely yours,



Clyde W. Summers

CWS/ebm

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May 24, 1972

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Clyde W. Summers
Yale Law School
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Mr. Summers:

In response to your letter of May 17, 1972, enclosed please find a copy of a brochure regarding the Guild National Labor Conference, on June 1-2, 1972.

It is somewhat difficult to outline precisely what the direction of the discussion concerning Internal Union Democracy will be. Yet, we do have a broad concept. There will be some discussion as to the importance of protecting Internal Union Democracy; as you probably know, it is the position of many union officials that expanding internal union democracy merely weakens the ability of the trade union to carry on its struggle against the employer. At the same time, it will be necessary to discuss in some detail the nature and extent of those remedies which individual workers have vis-a-vis their union.

Perhaps, it would be helpful to discuss the participants and their own individual directions and experience. Marijana Relich is an active trial attorney who represents many local unions and who is also active in a law suit concerning Women's Rights. John Fillion is on the U.A.W. legal staff and generally takes the position that the U.A.W. is the most democratic union in the country, and therefore it is necessary that all remedies be directed towards the exhaustion of internal union procedures and not the bringing of civil lawsuits. John Taylor, on the other hand, is an attorney who was in fact active as a production worker from approximately 1969 through 1971 when he became black-listed and now is unable to get a production job. He is active at the present time as a lawyer. Michael Adelman, our moderator, has brought numerous unfair representation actions plus other civil rights actions for workers fired as a result of struggles in the shops.

As to what we would like to achieve, our goals are primarily to acquaint a number of lawyers with this area of the law and this area of discussion. Guild lawyers in the past have often directed their attention to political trials, such as the Conspiracy Seven or Black Panther Trials, and within the last ten years have not spent a great deal of time protecting the rights of individual workers. A great deal of interest, however, has been expressed on their part in that many want to begin to acquire some of the skills necessary to represent workers who are now asking for protection at an increased rate. We want to give present a comprehensive discussion of the context in which these legal struggles occur and a general perspective as to what the areas of litigation are and what the possibilities are.

Incidentally, Chip Yablonski will not be able to come as a result of his present work load.

As to what will be happening on June 1, 1972, the following panelists have accepted: Harold Gibbons, Ronald Glotta, Kenneth V. Cockrel, and David Livingston. That panel will attempt to discuss the present role of the trade unions within the labor movement and the effect of the new economic policies. It will also, of course, discuss the role of the trade union and the attempt of the employer to impose industrial law and order. Finally, it will discuss the absence of the trade union in attempting to organize unorganized workers.

Sincerely,



Ronald D. Glotta

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This will not be included
w/ the letter because we
do not have approval
from any of the
participants.

Natl Lawyers Guild

1st Day - State of the Trade Union Movement
Rabinowitz
Harold Gibbons
Ken Cockrel
Myra Wolfgang
Pete Kelley

Workshops:

- 1) Organizing the unorg'd.
Public employment
Does one join an Internat'l?
- 2) Third world people w/ the
t. u. movement
- 3) Working Class women - their
rights & their struggles
- 4) Is the t. u. movement a
radicalizing force?

2d day - What is union democracy?
- Clyde Summers -
Joe Rowell
Mike Adelman

The role of law

Case study of UMW
Chic Talbot
Arthur Miller
Len DeLoach

3d day

Summary & feedback

Letter
inviting
to table

Joseph A Yablonski
Wash. Research Project, Miner's
Project
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Wash DC 20036

Letter of invitation

~~Mr.~~ Robert Shippers — prostatic cancer.

Mrs. Grey

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