

# **DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS**

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**MCLL INTERNAL NEWSLETTER  
1971-72**

NEWSLETTER - JAN. 2, 1971

1. IPS: J.T. went to Wash. D.C. 2 weekends ago to represent us at an industrial health conference at the Institute for Policy Studies. This was a follow-up to the Sept. Antioch College conference which was attended by MB, BD, DF, KM & JT. Several important contacts were made at Antioch with folks in Chicago, W. Va., Kentucky, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and New Jersey. The IPS was formed by ultra-left liberals in the early 60's, and is into funding and obtaining funds for "radical" research and organizing projects. JT presented a proposal for the Huber area clinic which seemed to be well received. Our "clinic" is getting more and more national exposure and we're looking good nationally. But if we don't tighten up and get the motherfucker operating pretty soon, we'll be looking bad nationally.

2. Thurs., 12/30, 700-800 copies of the last edition of Changeover were distributed door to door at residences around the Huber plant by Bonnie B, BP, DF and KM, along with a number of good people from the Moss house.

3. MIC: The purpose of MIC is to unite in struggle the social elements in and around the Chrysler Lynch Road complex-- the community and the plants, both of which are involved in intense struggle with the company-enemy, Chrysler Corp., and the capitalist system. MCLL's support of Jordan Sims is one tactic for establishing solid rapport with Eldon workers. A local headed by Jordan is a local that needs and wants the clinic which serves the needs of workers in the battle against the robber baron company.

MCLL distributed 1000 copies of Changeover at Eldon on 12/23.

MB and KM have been establishing contacts in the community and have attended court, tax commission hearings and pollution workshops with community folks. MB got on with a hip, older man with a long-left history. 800 copies of paper into community. Some seeds have been sown, but,

MUCH MUST BE DONE. The data compiled from the survey must be analyzed. The entire organizing process in and around the clinic must be written precisely and specifically. We must begin an intensive search for medical personnel. We must obtain funds. Practically none of this basic work has been accomplished; unless and until it is done we cannot expect anything more than minimal results from our organizing in the Lynch Road complex, i.e., organizational failure.

4. Labor Component--Met 12/18 and will meet again 1/2 and every other Sat. thereafter. At the 12/18 meeting the decision was made to recommend changing the name of Research and Development to Research & Information--and this has been effectuated. The task of this Section will be to develop basic factual material upon which organizational perspectives and positions can be based. Also discussed were the Eldon election, the Federation of Independent Unions and JT's D.C. trip.

5. GM Demo on W. Gd. Blvd., MON., 1/3/71 at NOON.

6. Happy New Year from all of us to all of us.

MCLL Internal News Letter  
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Due to the unreliability of mail delivery, it has been decided that the internal news letter should not be mailed. This sets up a problem in distribution. This week it is hoped that most of the membership of MCLL will receive their copies at various meetings and work sessions during the weekend; however, this means cannot be depended on in the future. In the coming week a more systematic means will be established and it is hoped all members will cooperate in solving this problem.

Again all members, components, task forces, etc. should remember to get all information to be reported to Camilla or Sara by Thursday evening.

I. CCC - The planning committee of CCC met Sept. 7th and ~~during~~ <sup>the next</sup> regular meeting will be Monday, Sept. 13th at 630 W. Boston.

A. The preparation meeting for the Sept. 14th session will be Saturday, September 11th (instead of Sept. 13th as previously reported) from 10 am to 1 pm at 630 W. Boston. The film SALT OF THE EARTH will be shown and table topics will be announced and have the opportunity to talk together.

B. The training session for the entire year will be held October 2nd and exact time and place are as yet not confirmed, but everyone should keep this entire day free.

C. General Staff member of CCC should be completing phone calls to CCC membership reminding them the Sept. 14th session.

D. The regular September session of CCC will be Tuesday, 7:30 at Central Methodist.

II. General Staff Meeting, Sunday September 5, 1971

A. A decision was made to have the Weekend and at the time that this is being written efforts are underway to secure a place and thus confirm a date. The date of the weekend shall be announced.

The substance and scenario for the weekend will be communicated in Components and Work Forces, and the input and responsibilities for that weekend will likewise be worked out, developed and communicated through G.S. to membership at GM and at component and work force meetings. Considerable time was spent 9/5 in preparation for the formulation of our definitional objectives and responsibilities to be assumed by all members for that weekend. This effort is a continuing one and decisions that evolve shall be communicated as stated above.

C. LDC, principally through LC & SM, has ~~continued~~ <sup>continued</sup> to relate to Burger King employees and their organization, Black Inner City Caucus of Detroit (BICCD), which was formed in 4/71 and consists of young, Black workers (18-24 years of age), 80-85% of whom are women. They are combatting All-Pro Enterprises, a Black capitalist recipient of a \$2 million dollar grant from the Gov't and fronted by Jock Brady Keyes; many promises made to workers re managerial training, benefits etc... none of which have been delivered on. Movement is afoot toward the establishment of an independent union.

D. Next GM meeting will be Sunday, 11 am at 630 W. Boston on Sept. 19th & this date is an absolute!! No GM 9/12.

### III. Newspaper

A. There is a name -- CHANGEVER. This name was used by PAR for 4 issues of a paper, but now has been given to us.

B. The paper will be twelve pages ~~and~~ length and ready for distribution at the CCC session. BUT one does not just will this and it happens. There are a phenomenal number of hours of work to be done this week end. Various technical problems have been met and our being overcome; however, everyone's help is needed...any spare minute or not so spare minute should be spent at 715 E. Grand helping with the newspaper...THIS A A PRIORITY.

C. At this time there are two major dates to be set aside for distribution. On Wednesday, Sept. 1th at least 6 persons are needed to distribute the paper at Huber. On Thursday, Sept. 16th, copiss will be mailed to the CCC membership and again at least six if not more are needed for this.

D. Following the publication of CHANGEVER there will be a criticism session. Also there will be a training session in newspaper skills for those who were unable to attend the last session and for those who need it run through again. The material necessary for these sessions can be picked up at 715 E. Grand.

IV. KM, JT, DF, MB & BD attended a Community & Industrial Health & Safety Conference at Antioch College in Ohio, Sept. 4th & 5th. Valuable knowledge and experience ~~was~~ gained for MIC from folks with extensive Clinic experience. What we learned and decided to implement will completely change the character and direction of MIC. We have ceased the search for a doctor and will staff the clinic on a volunteer basis. We will also hook up with Medical students and interns and organize them to participate in the clinic. We will also jam Medical Institutions in the area to gain the use of their facilities. Another contact from the conference has a manual to teach non-technical folks to monitor pollution levels and a doctor from Neder's Industrial Health group offered to teach classes at MIC. Valuable contacts from all over the Midwest were made at Antioch and will be pursued.

MIC will conduct a survey in the Huber area starting Wed., Sept 15th and continuing on. It will take a total MCLL effort.

The next meeting of MIC will be held at 715 E. Grand, Monday Sept. 13th at 10 am.

V. All members of MCLL should read the position paper by Ken, Mike and John on the split in the League...This is quite important and copies will be made available.

### CALENDAR

Saturday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - CCC prep. session 10 am - 1 pm.  
CHANGEVER workday - all day

Sunday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - GS meeting 8 am  
CHANGEVER - workday - all day

Monday - Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - CCC - Planning Committee - 8 am  
MIC Task Force - 10 am  
CHANGEVER to printer 9 am

Tuesday - Sept. 14<sup>TH</sup> - CCC - 7:30 pm.  
Wednesday - Sept. 15<sup>TH</sup> MIC Survey begins  
Distribut. CHANGEOVER 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.  
Thursday - Sept. 16<sup>TH</sup> Mail CHANGEOVER out  
MIC Survey  
MIC Survey  
Friday - Sept. 17<sup>TH</sup>  
Saturday - Sept. 18<sup>TH</sup>  
Sunday - Sept. 19<sup>TH</sup> - G.S. 8 am  
GM 11 am.

INTERNAL NEWSLETTER  
September 18, 1971

The method of distribution for the internal newsletter in the future will be as follows. Newsletters will be available at 715 E. Grand Blvd. at 9:00 AM Saturday mornings. They will be in a box in the bookshelf in the Guild office. Each member will be responsible to pick up his or her newsletter and should sign the sheet. If you pick up a newsletter for some one else you should put your signature next to their name.

This next week all information for the newsletter should go to Sara no later than Thursday.

Because there will be two General Membership meetings this weekend (8:00 AM Saturday and 11:00AM Sunday) this letter will be short. The report of the GS will be presented at these meetings.

I. MIC 12

A. GM meeting concerning MIC will be 8:00 AM Saturday.

B. The upcoming Community Survey to be taken over the next two weeks will be explained at this meeting.

C. It should be noted that Judge Raschid threw out the Huber pollution duit stating that the plaintiffs had other remedies (what they were is not clear). Wingerman, the plaintiffs lawyer, might appeal the suit.

II. WEU - there will be a recognition hearing in front of James McCormick as fact finding officer. Mike Adelman is the attorney.

III. CCC - All MCLL members should be sure to get in their registrations for the coming year and urge/coerce others to do so.

IV. CHANGEOVER - All members should be selling as many subscriptions as possible. This is very vital for the continuation of the paper. Also donations should be sought.

V. Internal education - Mike Royko, a columnist for the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, has written a fascinating biography of Mayor Richard Daley. Its primary importance lies in the fact that is an excellent study of power: its accumulation and exercise. Also it shows quite clearly the relationship between business interests and government. The name of the book is BOSS.

MCLL INTERNAL NEWSLETTER  
October 9, 1971

I. General Staff - The general staff met on October 3, 1971. It discussed and approved the internal education program which is set forth in this newsletter. It appointed BD to prepare a critical evaluation of the Nixon demo and MCLL's role in it. Lessons for the future. It determined that a CCC-BWC-MCLL meeting must take place. The results of that meeting you saw and heard on Oct. 5th, at the CCC meeting. It again approved the weekend of the 24th for the retreat and appointed Lynda to secure a place. It discussed MCLL's role in the Oct. 13th Moratorium. The report was presented at the October 3rd general membership meeting. The GS will meet again October 10th at 630 W. Boston.

II. Labor Component - meeting: Oct. 10th, 6:30pm, 715 E. Grand.

III. Mass Action-Education Component - meeting: October 16, 715 E. Grand

IV. CCC

A. October 11th - Margaret Burnham Cocktail Party, 19190 Parkside, 7:30 pm. MCLL people will be expected to make some sort of donation.

B. October 12th - monthly meeting, Central Methodist, 7:00 pm (for ~~xxxxxx~~ CCC general staff members)

C. The four independent members of the planning committee are Nancy Waggoner, Valerie Brannas, Sandra Buist and Hugh White.

V. MIC

A. HELP - An urgent plea for help with the Huber community survey has been issued. Even an hour would be beneficial to the project. Call Marge to indicate when you are available.

B. The James Johnson workman's compensation hearing will be Oct. 18th, 21st and 22nd, 8th floor Griswold Building, Referee Conley's room. JT and RG are handling this.

C. Sunday, October 10, 11am, 630 W. Boston--Labor Educational

VI. Changeover - Assignments are being made for articles for the Nov. 1st issue. Copy deadline will be Oct. 20th. October 29, 30 and 31 will be Changeover work weekend. A definite schedule is being drawn up.

VII. Alliance - 3 for Three (food co-op): Drop by the new store at 17714 John R. Donna or Bonnie will be there daily from 12 to 3pm except Sunday. All groceries should be picked up by 3 pm on Saturdays. The new phone number is 867-5855. If you are interested in joining or know anyone who is, the fee is \$2 for yearly membership.

VIII. An interesting political education can be gained through a visit to the 17th floor of the City-County Building. The jail suit that you might have heard about on Channel 4 news is being heard from Tuesday to Thursday. Tuesday is very important--so try to make it. Also it is a grand opportunity to view the inimicable courtroom style of Justin C.

IX. Wednesday, October 13th is Moratorium Day. Activities will be announced Sunday.

Calendar

October

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| 9     | War-Price Dinner   |
| 10    | 8:00 am - General Staff meeting<br>11:00 am - Educational<br>6:30 pm - Labor component |
| 11    | 7:30 pm - Margaret Burhnam party   |
| 12    | 9:30 am - Jail suit<br>7:00 pm - CCC   |
| 13    | Moratorium<br>9:30 am - jail suit  |
| 14    | 9:30 am - Jail suit  |
| 15    | 8:00 pm - Mass Action-Education  |
| 18    | James Johnson hearing  |
| 20    | CHANGEOVER copy due dat  |
| 21    | James Johnson hearing  |
| 22    | James Johnson hearing  |
| 29-31 | CHANGEOVER work weekend  |



In both the objectives which it sets for us and in the burden it places on each MCLL cadre, the internal education program is ambitious: that in less than a year we forge the collective capacity to act as a Marxist-Leninist leadership which is factually informed, theoretically coherent, and confident of its praxis; that each week we absorb more than one hundred pages of often "difficult" material.

The particulars of the program are, of course, provisional. Dates will be switched, readings substituted, sections expanded or trimmed, better methods discovered, and the like. The governing purpose is fixed: to possess Marxism, to use its methods to understand our historical context, and to base our actions in this understanding.

Some specific comments on goals and methods:

#### Goals:

1) To understand the basic vocabulary and concepts of Marxist theory and to learn something of its historical development -- which is only another way of saying to learn something of the history of socialist struggle. Examples: By reading Rosa Luxemburg's pamphlet "Social Reform or Revolution" we can learn the fundamentals of the Marxist critique of "evolutionary" socialism, pick up what we need to know about the history and fate of the Second International, and lay the basis for our own rejection of left-liberals and social-democrats like Woodcock, Mike Harrington, and most of the CP. By reading Lenin's What Is To Be Done? we can understand what made the qualitative leap of Bolshevism necessary and lay the basis for our own discussion of such topics as democratic centralism, the role of the vanguard party, and the relationship between revolutionary socialist and the trade unions. By reading Marxists on the national question we can learn something about the earlier stages of imperialism while preparing our own position on the resolution of the racial contradiction in America.

2) To understand the structure and politics of the UAW (and by extension, of contemporary American trade unionism). On the line or not, a nitty-gritty knowledge of union practice and politics will be essential for the work of all our cadre. It would be stupid and un-Marxist to formulate a "theoretical" position on trade unionism without knowing the role the union plays day by day in the lives of working people, without knowing the degree, nature, and methods of labor officialdom's control, etc.

3) To understand the history of working people in America, their attempt to form class organizations, and the relationship of the left, especially Marxists, to this history. Where did the AF of L come from? Why was it dominated by a reformist leadership? Why did no mass socialist party arise in America as in Europe? Why did the IWW fail? Was the CIO drive potentially revolutionary? What role did the CP play in the 1930s? How and why were they offed? What has been the historic relationship between organized labor and Blacks? What pattern has there been in the use of female labor? What is the current composition of the American work force? How is it changing and why? How do all of these questions apply in the specific case of Detroit?

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY POLITICAL EDUCATION SESSIONS

- October 10 : The Communist Manifesto
- October 17 : UAW Constitution & By Laws
- October 24 : "Combat Liberalism"  
"How To Be A Good Communist"  
"On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People"  
"The Leninist Theory of Organization"
- October 31 : How the UAW Functions
- ~~November 7~~ : National Liberation, Socialism, and Imperialism
- November 14 : How the UAW Functions
- November 21 : Introduction to Marxist Economic Theory
- November 28 : Social Reform or Revolution
- December 5 : What Is To Be Done?
- December 12 : On the New Left
- December 19 : History of Chrysler Corporation
- December 26 :
- January 2 : The State and Revolution
- January 9 : "On Contradiction"  
"On Practice"  
"Where Do Correct Ideas Come From"
- January 16 : Radical America, Volume 5, #4 (on women)  
"Women: The Longest Revolution"  
"The Political Economy of Women's Liberation"  
"The Grad Coulee Damn: Women's Oppression in the Movement"  
"The Woman Question As A Class Question"
- January 23 : The Working Class, Labor Organization, & the Left to 1917
- January 30 : The Working Class, Labor Organization, & the Left to 1917
- February 6 : The Working Class, Labor Organization, & the Left 1917-1945
- February 13 : The Working Class, Labor Organization, & the Left 1917-1945
- February 20 : The Working Class, Labor Organization, & the Left 1945-1972
- February 27 : The Working Class, Labor Organization, & the Left 1945-1972
- March 5 : History of the Detroit Ruling Class and its Future

March 12 : History of the Detroit Working Class and its Future  
March 19 : Black Awakening in Capitalist America  
March 26 : On the Black Workers Congress  
April 2 : The Enemy  
April 9 : Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism  
April 16 : Empire and Revolution  
~~April 23~~ : Revolution in the Metropolis  
April 30 : Revolution in the Metropolis  
May 7 : On People's China  
May 14 : The CPUSA -- History, Program, Tactics, Future  
May 21 : The SWP -- History, Program, Tactics, Future  
May 28 : IS, RU, and Other Independent Working Class Oriented Sects  
June 4 : Retreat Weekend ?

4) To develop a Marxist understanding of the Black liberation struggle in America. Despite the attention which the white left has lavished on the Black movement in the past ten years, there is probably more confusion and simple stupidity passing for revolutionary wisdom on this subject than any other. As a Marxist-Leninist organization with a principled day-by-day relationship with a leading Black organization, it is absolutely essential that we develop what amounts to a scientific understanding of such questions as: What is a vanguard? What is revolutionary nationalism and what are its bourgeois deformations? What is the revolutionary potential of the lumpen-proletariat in the modern American context? What are the contending ruling class programs for containing and subverting the Black movement?

5) To develop a Marxist understanding of the women's liberation movement. What is the current configuration of the movement? Its objective basis? How should Marxist deal with the cultural nationalist ideology of some elements of the women's movement? Is there an objective necessity for sexism in capitalist society? How has male chauvinism influenced the history of the American left? How can a revolutionary organization confront and transform the sexist attitudes and practice of its members?

6) To understand the basic outlines of world-historical development in the 20th century, that is to say, the age of imperialism. What has been the course of the Soviet and Chinese revolutions? What are the prospects for national liberation struggles in the coming period? Will they lead to socialist development in the liberated countries? How will the insurgence of the third world influence the course of the struggle in the metropolitan centers of imperialism? What would be the configuration of an international socialist economy which grew out of the profound uneven and combined development of neo-capitalism? How do we make the wind blow the right way so there aren't anymore Weathermen?

#### Methods:

1) Every Sunday 1-1½ hours of general membership meeting time will be devoted to internal education. This time is intended for discussion based on the readings, but will usually be kicked off by a brief presentation. These sessions will be taped and made available both to cadre who missed the set and to new members as they join.

2) The Political Education Section will usually have a page or two in the Bulletin offering a perspective on the current week's reading and focusing the expected topics for discussion. In addition, everyone should be encouraged to write analysis, reviews, criticism and the like for the Bulletin.

3) From time to time we'll probably want to "retreat" for a weekend for a more intensive level of political education.

4) While time severely limits what we can do together, what we do together can be the basis of common independent study. There are a few periodicals, which, for example, we should probably all take and read. (e.g.: Radical America, Monthly Review, Socialist Revolution, New Left Review).

5) A question: are these readings and articles which are read at the meetings can or should be used for political education?

6) Any individual who, for whatever reason, would like additional time to rap down the readings for Sunday need only ask.

Requests, Functional and Otherwise:

1) There is a check-off sheet which list all the books, pamphlets, and articles which we'll be asked to read for the Sunday sessions for the entire year. To make ordering simple and to minimize costs, cadre should: get the list, check the material he/she/they have, indicate if they are doubling up (eg, Jim & Donna), sign it, and get it back to us soon (by Monday?).

2) Anyone who would like to be responsible for all or part of a Sunday session presentation should let Buck or Jack know; many will be drafted.

3) On Uneven Development. Uneven development, that is, differences in experience, political understanding, technical skills, and self-confidence, always exist in revolutionary movements. It can be reduced by the way a particular organization is shaped -- MCLL, for example, excludes people who may be revolutionaries of some sort but who are hostile to Marxism-Leninism. Through education and mutual development we keep uneven development at a tolerable level by trying to eradicate it. But it's always there. For example, I (Jack) have an adequate grasp of basic Marxist theory, can make good speeches to some audiences, and know how to run a mimeo; but I have never worked a production line, know very little as yet about the shop level functioning of unions, don't know how to type-set or do lay-out, keep getting lost in Detroit, and write terrible leaflets. After a year of practice with my comrades talents and skills will have been exchanged, but aspects of uneven development will always remain. One of the major sources of the general fuck-up of the new left has been its confusion about how to deal with the reality of uneven development. One "solution" has been to pretend that it doesn't exist, that we are all equally able (or unable!) to do every assignment, meet every situation. It has usually been the case that this stupid "ultra democracy" has been a means by which an irresponsible and "informal" leadership has dominated its flunkies.

Another "solution" to uneven development has been a crack-pot authoritarianism which locks people into their special talents, rigidifies practice, and ruins organizations.

A socialist approach to the uneven development of cadre might be built on such principles as: 1) our immediate responsibilities to the movement require a division of labor within the organization based on current experience and skills, 2) our long range responsibilities to the revolution require that we fashion an organization composed of cadre each of whom has as much experience and as many skills as possible, 3) the higher the understanding and confidence of each cadre, the greater agency of his or her comrades as they act through the organization. To paraphrase Marx: the development of each is the condition for the development of all.

It's in this spirit that we should engage in political education.

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October 10, 1971

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- I. CHANGEOVER - Assignments for the November edition are going out. The deadline is October 20th.

Also a style sheet will be distributed. Stories not written according to the style sheet will not be accepted. Another work evening for the newspaper rooms at 715 is being planned. Also the schedule for the weekend of Oct. 29-31 is being prepared.

- II. JAMES JOHNSON WORKMAN'S COMP HEARING - The hearing will be held Oct. 18, 21, 22, 8th floor Griswold building, Referee Conley's room.

\*\*REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR LIST TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT BY THIS WEEKEND (10/16) AS TO POTENTIAL MONTHLY CONTRIBUTORS TO MCLL!!!

GENERAL STAFF--Met prior to GM meeting on Sun., 10/10, and the following is a Brief Summary of matters discussed and not detailed at GM meeting:

A. Re: Eldon--(1) JT's and others grievances are going to arbitration in 11/71;

(2) The investigation of the Eldon election was white-washed;

(3) As you all know, James Johnson's Comp. case begins 10/18, Monday. We need 30-50 people there; a Press Conf. is being planned for 10/20; and leaflets are to be distributed 10/18 at Eldon and outside the Comp. Bureau.

B. A fairly detailed report of Financial needs of CCC, 715, Changeover and MIC was made by RG, and it is plain that we need a concerted effort to get monthly sustainers from non-member allies, as well as other sources of revenue--e.g., proposals to get grant \$, a more long term economic development program.... FJ is working on a book that will combine heavy photography + BP poetry. Interested readers may inquire at next GM meeting as to our projected, annual needs, economically. (Space here does not permit).

C. It was noted, again, that we should all carry Changeover with us, and especially to public sets such as the Sat. night (10/9) set with Jones, Foreman & Joyce.

D. The School Issue was discussed at great length, and a meeting was scheduled (and held--see below) for the night of 10/10.

SCHOOL CRISIS--RG, FJ, VS & CR met 10/10 and discussed many of the implications of the Roth (he's the Federal Judge) case both locally and nationally and devised the means of trying to get a better handle on the piece. 10/11, VS & CR went to Pontiac with the KVC to discuss the Pontiac decision with the lawyers up there and to get their views and tie-in with the Detroit case (the 2 cases have been handled independently of 1 another) and to learn about NAG. 10/11 VS & CR met with a local NAACP person active in the suit; and further information has been and is being gathered re the Det. Board and State Board's position. This is not the place for a detailed analysis, but people should be hip to the fact that the Citizen's Committee for Better Education--the folks who are active organizationally, principally in northeast Detroit & who spearheaded the recall campaign of Detroit Board members who pushed for decentralization--are in the case; and, after prolonged resistance to any busing plan, etc... (the expected racist, reactionary position), when they got boxed in by appellate decisions and findings of de jure segregation therefore making some form of "relief" necessary, they quickly led the push for a very expansive, metropolitan busing scheme along with the NAACP. Strange bedfellows, yes; the question is who is gonna' get fucked. Our investigation is continuing; and, the question of our organizational response is not yet determined.

JAILSUIT--The Courtroom resembled that of a war crimes tribunal last Weds. when all the Defendants were present occupying 1 row in the Courtroom and being grilled by the Judges. The criminals are boxed in because the Court order requires failrly immediate renovation which cannot get underway--though contracts were signed 10/14 for construction commencing 11/1--because the jail is so overcrowded. Thereafter, in an informal conference a major people's victory appeared on the horizon with a discussion of the release of 200 folks (16% of the inmate population) who are on low bonds so as to clear out a couple of wards for work to begin. Thurs., however, proved that the situation is less promising as it was announced that the Feds. agreed to remove their 79 prisoners from the jail and as the punks in informal conference began again discussion of transferring a number of inmates to other county jails. At this point, we are permitting continued informal conferences which are to resume on Tues. On that day or very soon thereafter we will either begin to get results or force them back into open court where shortly thereafter heavy contempt proceedings shall begin. They are jammed, for sure; and some concessions that will benefit inmates are going to be granted---yet, the impact we thought possible on Weds. has been greatly diminished.

We will try to let folks know when the contempt proceeding begins as many may wish to see tricky Billy Lucas chopped.



MCLL INTERNAL NEWSLETTER

Nov. 1, 1971

For ease of distribution, the newsletter from now on will come out on Sundays. It will be available at 10 a.m. Members are asked to be at the membership meetings at this time to pick up the new newsletter and read it in preparation for the meetings.

Included in the newsletter will be reports from the General Staff, the components, Internal Education material, section reports and other material individual members would like to distribute to other members. The latter is quite important. It is hoped that members will use the newsletter as a means of disseminating personal analyses and information about literature of importance.

The deadline for information to be included in the newsletter is Friday, 5 p.m. The co-ordinator for the newsletter is C. Cavis and material should be given to her personally at 931 Beech, 965-9735. All material one page or longer should be typed on a stencil. (We are trying to arrange it so all members will have stencils for this purpose.) Other reports should be given in final form, i.e., sentences, paragraphs, etc.

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GIVE 'EM BACK, COMRADES

Two weeks ago when JT gave an educational on the UAW Constitution and By-Laws he distributed as an exhibit copies of the "Election Committee Membership Report". He asked that they be returned when read because they're in short supply. This is just a reminder. But please give 'em back, comrades, to Marge or John.

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M.I.C.

Please note the attached insert on "M.I.C. Week" Nov. 10-17. If M.I.C. is to succeed--and it must!--we'll need everyone's help and best effort.

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INTERNAL EDUCATION

Mandel's "Introduction to Marxist Economic Theory" will be the subject of the educational Sunday, Nov. 7, 1971. Jack Russell has ten copies of this bokklet at \$1. These are the only copies in town and going fast, so act now.

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Nov. 1, 1971

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CHANGEOVER

The November issue of CHANGEOVER will be available at 715 E. Grand Wednesday morning. Everyone should pick up their copies as soon as possible and start getting it on the street. Subscriptions should be gotten and a dime for each paper sold.=====

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MASS ACTION-PROPAGANDA COMPONENT

The first meeting of this component under the new structure was held Oct. 19. A discussion of the meaning and implications of the new structure was held. Section reports followed with the previously discussed decision concerning the internal newsletter resulting. It is hoped that two regular monthly meetings can be set for the component and certain agenda items determined in advance. It is also planned that these agenda items will include reports on issues of concern to MCLL so that a broader, in-depth knowledge of such issues can be obtained. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 15, at 73 Palmer, 8:30 p.m. The two scheduled agenda items are reports on the anti-war movement (history, current status, etc.) and a report on busing.

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REMEMBER:

During the week-end it was decided that each member should make a list of skills she/he thought were necessary for each MCLL member to have. These lists should be ready by the next (Sun., Nov. 7) general membership meeting to be turned in.

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INTERNAL EDUCATION

The program for Sunday, Nov. 14, will be Kevin Murphy on the hierarchy of the UAW.

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INTERNAL NEWSLETTER  
Nov. 14, 1971

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MIC

Commitments made to help with the MIC survey have not been fulfilled by a number of MCLL cadre. It should not be necessary to emphasize once more the importance of this survey and the importance of MCLL cadre supporting it with their time. The survey will continue through this week with others outside of MCLL participating. Let's get together on this now.

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CCC

Another outstanding night for CCC and the problem of finances continues. We must be thinking of more funding for CCC soon (immediately).

Book club educationals will be held on Tuesday night.

- Group A - the Glotta's
- Group B - Chuck Rutledge's
- Group D - the Biederman's

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ELDON

The carrying out of the new election has been placed under Mirelli. The procedure promises that racist officers will be elected. The response of MCLL is most important.

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PAC

PAC held its first meeting Thursday night to plan its first activity. The fact that this was a book club project (a means of drawing members into action-oriented programs) was emphasized. Also it was noted that this was the beginning of a program and that form and structure should emerge. Several projects for raising money for the strikers in Laurel, Miss. were suggested: a mailing to CCC members stating that admission to the Dec. meeting would be 2 canned goods; cannisters at the book club for specific items; a large fund raiser with "Salt of the Earth" and speakers; a one-to-one arrangement for paying individual strikers utility bills; and research into the Masonite Co. here with an eye to local action.

A city-wide meeting with a number of organizations sending representatives will be held tonight at 7 p.m., the Unitarian Church.

INTERNAL EDUCATION:

Once again (!) the schedule of sessions is being changed, or, more precisely, being returned to almost the sequence given in the Newsletter of October 9th. The next seven sessions are as follows:

- November 21: Introduction to Marxist Economic Theory (Ernest Mandel)
- November 28: Reform or Revolution (Rosa Luxemburg)
- December 5 : What Is To Be Done? (Lenin)
- December 12: Discussion of the History of the New Left
- December 19: National Liberation, Socialism, and Imperialism (Lenin)
- December 26: History of Chrysler Corporation
- January 2 : The State and Revolution (Lenin)

There are both practical and political reasons for this sequence. First, I share the general sense that the Mandel pamphlet on Marxist economic theory is sufficiently important so that we should extend our discussion, especially since many had not been able to finish. Thus another session, this time focusing on some basic definitions, e.g., surplus value, organic composition of capital, and key concepts, e.g., tendency of the rate of profit to fall, permanent technological revolution, etc.. For those that missed getting copies, more of the Mandel pamphlet will be available at 715 from Buck for buck.

The long essay by Rosa Luxemburg and the three short books by Lenin form something of a unit. Written in a twenty-year period between 1898 and 1917, they are among the most important documents of Marxism during the crucial period before WWI and the Soviet Revolution. Because they are rooted in a particular period, are specifically polemical, and are written for a cadre audience, I anticipate some will have a Jones on ploughing through. I hope to have time to write some contexting material for the Newsletter to help, but comrades should realize that the most important reason we're reading these works is they pose questions which are important for the here and now: What is the function of a revolutionary newspaper? How do Marxists relate to trade unions? What clothes does reformism wear? What do we mean by the dictatorship of the proletariat? What is an oppressed nation? and so forth. The positions taken by Rosa and VI are not gospel (they disagreed on some major points) but they do "context" the raps we should be having in useful ways and incidentally represent part of the history of our struggle. Reform or Revolution is available from Comrade Pearl today. National Liberation, Socialism, and Imperialism is at 715 for \$ 1.65. The other two Lenin books are on order and will be here soon.

Before too much longer I feel we'll be needing a general discussion of how useful the internal education has been so far. Obviously there are problems; comrades might be making notes toward a general meeting criticism of where we are.

Jack

Nov. 21, 1971

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MASS ACTION PROPAGANDA COMPONENT

The major topic of the Nov. 18 meeting of this component was MCLL and the anti-war movement. The focus of this discussion was a report by FHJ. A fuller report on this session will be contained in the next newsletter with a written report from FHJ. The next component meeting is scheduled for Nov. 29. The major subject will be busing with VS leading the discussion.

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CCC

Vickie Garvin will be the January speaker because of problems in ordering "The Enemy". The book will be "Red Star Over China".

A letter is going out to the membership explaining the financial crisis. For the next three meetings \$1 admission will be charged, but all donations for transcripts, etc. will be done away with.

An education program in the Northwest around the Hock incident will start the third week in January. This will be a series of five meetings.

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WOODCUTTER'S STRIKE

A letter is being sent from PAC to the membership of CCC explaining their activity. Attached to this letter will be an analysis on Masonite now being prepared by Bill Bunting. The deadline for collection of goods is Nov. 28 with the trip coming shortly thereafter. It is hoped a major fund raiser can be held Dec. 10.

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CHANG#OVER

Assignments for the December CHANGEVER are being given out. Please note and observe deadlines. The paper will come out Dec. 14.

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WEU

The following is an article written for CHANGEVER BUT NOT run. However, it was thought to be important for MCLL members to read.

The International Union of Civil Rights and Social Service Employees is in a death struggle with the state management apparatus. The WEU local is now the center of the struggle. The Michigan Civil Service Commission (CSC) is moving to destroy the Union by terminating recognition and dues check-off.

In 1969, two years after emerging, WEU was restricted to the Wayne County Department of Social Services (WCDSS) but was granted limited recognition and dues check off. (The Michigan constitution gives the CSC full authority to determine all wages, hours and conditions of employment for state workers.)

In February 1971, the CSC passed a regulation that unions must have 25 per cent of the workers (including management) in an appropriate employment unit on dues check off to qualify for continued recognition. The Department of Social Services unsuccessfully attempted to submit false figures to the CSC, showing that WEU did not have the necessary 25 percent in WCDSS unit.

In May 1971, the CSC initiated a hearing before a commission hearing officer, James McCormick from Traverse City, on whether WEU met the criteria for continued recognition and whether WCDSS Employment Unit is appropriate. McCormick recommended to the CSC that the WCDSS Unit be determined inappropriate and that WEU'S recognition dues check off be terminated because they did not meet the recognition criteria in any appropriate employment unit. The Department of Social services, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the Michigan State Employees Association (MSEA) supported the recommendations.

MSEA is a company union in every sense. AFSCME has long been engaged in maneuvering to either force WEU into AFSCME or else eliminate them to provide an open field for organizing the WCDSS workers.

WEU was granted until July 9 to submit a written brief to the CSC with the understanding that the CSC would hear oral arguments at its July meeting. On June 24, Michael Adelman, WEU attorney, was assured by Civil Service that the matter would not be considered prior to the July meeting. On June 25, the CSC voted to eliminate the WCDSS Employment Unit and to terminate WEU'S recognition and dues check off.

WEU filed a lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court before Judge Edward Bell, obtaining a restraining order against the CSC. Just prior to the court date the CSC agreed to continue recognition and dues check off until the Union could argue its case before the Commission. The suit was dismissed without prejudice on that basis.

The CSC has since ordered McCormick to hold further hearings in September. As of this writing, the decision of McCormick is pending. But as Jim Bish, WEU president, states, "We have no illusions. We know that the state is dedicated to our destruction as a progressive union movement. We'll see."

The International Union of Civil Rights and Social Service Employees is an Independent Union composed of two locals: the Welfare Employees Union (WEU, Local 101) and the Civil Rights Local 102. WEU represents some 600 state workers in the Wayne County Department of Social Services. The Civil Rights Local represents another 100 Civil Rights workers in the Michigan Rights Commission.

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Late Bulletin: WEU show-cause hearing will be held Friday, Nov. 26, 2 p.m., Judge Edward Bell, 1411 City-County Building.

11/20/71 - Newsletter

## MIC REPORTS

Woodcock has ordered a new Run-Off election at Eldon, a victory at one level, but at another level an attempt by George Merelli and Solidarity House to re-install an all white slate of union officials over an 85% black local. M.C.L.L. and B.W.C. cadre acting through LDC are deeply involved in this struggle writing and organizing distribution of leaflets, etc. Success of the Sims forces at Eldon will make the road easier for M.I.C. since our presence will result in fuller cooperation from the Local Union in referring workers with Group Insurance and Work. Comp. problems to our Center.

MIC has received a good response to MIC week, more so from people external to MCLL than cadre. We now have about 140 completed which is about 70 more than when MIC week started. Some people still want a chance to get out and talk to the community so we will continue surveying for the next week, and possibly longer. Compilation and analysis of data is also beginning.

Some possibilities exist around purchasing a building on Van Dyke but we need several thousand \$ for a down payment. Contributions or personal loans will be accepted.

People interested in checking out a hospital workers strike Monday at 12 noon for recognition at North Detroit Gen. Hosp: (organized by Damon Hartley et al) should contact Marge.

INTERNAL EDUCATION:

This Sunday will mark the eighth internal education session since the current program was adopted. We should evaluate our practice thus far and revise the content and structure of the program accordingly. I propose that at least one hour on DECEMBER 5th be devoted to a general membership discussion of the program. For this to be useful, everyone should begin now to formulate criticisms of internal education and suggestions for revision. To initiate this process, I'd like to do three things here: 1) Set down some of the comments on and/or criticisms of internal education which have already been made together with my reactions to them, 2) Make certain structural suggestions, and, 3) Set down one possible version of a revised program.

I. Problems

1) Internal education does not sufficiently meet the needs which arise from people's day-to-day organizing work.

I have mixed feelings on this. Obviously the only valid final justification for political education is the improved capacity and practice of cadre, but the program as designed placed heavy emphasis of basic Marxist theory, the assesment being MCLL cadre needed that most of all. And in most cases the immediate needs of folks out there won't be "met" by learning the basics of Marxism. Learning about use value, exchange value, the rate of exploitation, and the like, are essential steps on the road to understanding how the society works, but at first that knowledge just simply won't be useful to the comrades who are trying to solve the practical problems of the Food Co-Op. Nor will reading The State and Revolution do more than give a frame for understanding the particular activity of the State on the busing issue.

This is not to say that those problems should not come up in the pe sessions; of course they should. Nor is it to say that our initial accumulation of Marxism won't at certain points have immediate organizing utility. For example, I think those who are working with the Alliance may be helped significantly by having and increasingly sophisticated class analysis of neo-capitalism. And certainly what is learned in our own internal education should show-up immediately in better table work at CCC.

2) We're going too fast. We don't have time to do the reading. We leave a subject before many have mastered it.

Enough folks have said something like this to convince me that the pace should be slowed down somewhat. Would 75 pages/week be sane? Of course the number of pages is only a crude estimate of the time-demand.

The counter-pressure is our definition of MCLL as a leadership organization. MCLL is not at this point a Marxist/Leninist organization. It is a formation of revolutionaries who see the need to build a revolutionary party, who represent great potential, and who have set themselves several ambitious short-term tasks. Because of what we are, we want to become what could properly be called a Marxist/Leninist force, and are taking steps to achiveve that, but we're not there yet. Thus the urgency to push ourselves forward.

*Some ppl say that in China ppl use m-l on day to day basis*



the theory  
3) We study/abstracted from the history. The historical references of something like the Mandel piece on Lenin or Reform or Revolution are obscure to us.

Because Marxism has meaning only in action, most of its leading works -- and particularly the writing of Lenin -- carry the texture of the immediate context in which they were written. But for all of us who were educated in the schools of the Cold War, this is a real problem.

I'll try to write "preface" articles in the Newsletter for readings such as The State and Revolution or What Is To Be Done?. Would a brief reading list on the history of Marxism be useful? Or how about a one or two session series on the same subject?

4) The setting of the sessions is distracting. By noon on Sunday the General Staff is wasted.

A real problem. I'll save my suggestions for the section on structural revisions.

5) There's something wrong with the atmosphere of the sessions.

This concern takes two contradictory forms. One is that there is an unhealthy "teacher/class" division emerging in the discussions. The other is that those who present material are not leaderly enough in structuring the sessions. My own view is that different pedagogical styles are appropriate for different subjects or readings. For example, for Mandel's Introduction to Marxist Economic Theory a form close to a lecture is probably correct. There the goal is to communicate certain basic concepts. But for something like "The Leninist Theory of Organization", what is needed is debate and exchange on formulations like the "mass/advanced workers/revolutionary nuclei" tricotomy. And again, with something like What Is To Be Done? the correct tact is probably a combination: historical introduction, and then struggle around certain of Lenin's formulations. At times on the weekend we came close to really good exchange on some subjects, but at the same time that sessions was also characterized by a puzzling non-participation by the majority of MCLL, including some of the general staff.

6) The program seems to be all theory and history. What about the more practical skills we need to learn?

What about 'em, indeed. See the separate page in this Newsletter on this. I'll only add that what ever we do on practical skills should be considered as an addition to the internal education on theory/history, not a partial substitution. One or one-and-one half hours a week is in my opinion an irreducible minimum for political education.

7) There's a lack of discipline in the sessions. People ramble on and get side tract on details.

This is complex. We need to distinguish between being sloppy about

how each of us is using collective time, and the necessity of each cadre to have questions answered, even though those questions may not be neatly formulated. But I do feel that several times we've been taken on long excursions into relatively unimportant questions, and that often this has been the result of people not having done much of the reading. Everyone should consider it basic weekly work to do the reading formulate basic questions or points of discussion before they come to the session.

8) Far more than half the air time on Sunday is taken by men. Women who have read alot, or have long experience, or both don't seem to participate enough.

On reflection, this remark seems true. How come? We should discuss this.

We are a new organization. We are no longer a small group. We are unevenly developed. We have yet to make some of the most basic decisions which shape revolutionary organizations. We function in a very complex political context in a confusing and demanding time. All of this means that our common study will bear many and often conflicting demands. I can think of at least six different kinds of activity which can and do occur in the internal education sessions:

- communication of information / historical education
- practice in using basic Marxist concepts
- preparing leadership for mass work
- internal struggle to establish organizational policy
- preparation for struggle with other left elements
- acquiring of a world historical perspective

Obviously none of these activities (or others I've missed) can be neglected, but we do a poor job as yet in self-consciously discriminating among them.

## II. Structural Suggestions

I need help here. I'm not particularly good at understanding group process. Two possibilities do occur. Perhaps they have merit.

1). The group is too large to have a productive discussion for 1½ hours on difficult subjects. How about two groups of twelve? By component? By sex! There are practical problems, especially Sunday fatigue, but the present situation is next to intolerable.

2) It's really a drag to try to meld the educationals into the general membership meeting. Is it possible to imagine another time? A week night when we're all free (haha), or Saturday?

### III. A Possible Revision of the Content of the Program

I've come to think the schedule of sessions doesn't have enough organizational logic to it. How about building our study around a very few basic questions? How, indeed, about these:

#### WHAT IS MARXISM ?

- The Communist Manifesto (Marx & Engels)
- Introduction to Marxist Economic Theory (Mandel)
- The Teachings of Karl Marx (Lenin)
- Introduction to Socialism (Huberman & Sweezy)

#### WHAT IS LENINISM ?

- What Is To Be Done? (Lenin)
- The State and Revolution (Lenin)
- National Liberation, Socialism, and Imperialism (Lenin)
- "The Leninist Theory of Organization" (Mandel)

#### WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS ?

- Labor's Untold Story (Boyer & Morais)
- Labor Radical (De Caux)
- "The Demand for Black Labor" (Baron)
- several pamphlets on special subjects

#### WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING ?

- Revolution in the Metropolis (political economy of US in 1970s)
- modern metropolitan Detroit
- the UAW
- various perspective papers on organizing


Besides these sections we might consider sub-groups within the program which could more directly address the particular needs and interests of cadre. These would probably meet every other week, be composed of maybe six to eight folks, and concern subjects like: CHINA (history of the revolution, economic organization, Sino-Soviet dispute, cultural revolution...) or LABOR AND THE LEFT (CIO history, Blacks and trade unionism, CP strategy in 1930s & 1940s, current left organizing) or WOMEN (Marxist perspective on sexism, women in socialist countries, women and modern work force, current feminism...) or many other such subjects. Interested?

JACK RUSSELL

11/26/71

1. Re MIC--MIC met 11/27 and while this is not a formal report it is an update on some activities. MIC Week went 2 weeks, but not really inasmuch as no surveying was done the 2nd week. In all 140 homes were surveyed; about 68 had been surveyed before MIC Week began. The overall goal was to survey 340 homes. DF and CD are working on compilation and analysis is going to be done by some close-in, non-MCLL members with developed skills. Compilation and analysis is to begin this week. MB has looked for a location for the office, and can find nothing to rent while places for sale require \$500 down. Also spoke to Mrs. F. who has agreed to Changeover interview.

2. Eldon--A really great campaign is taking place and more and more support is developing around the issue of understanding how the union has and continues to mess over the membership. 3 sets of 2500-3500 leaflets have been distributed in the plant and copies of these will be passed out to all of us today. They are going through the plant in the most effective manner possible, that is internally through stewards and alot of rank and file members. The heightened consciousness and sense of struggle was made manifest at last Sunday's meeting when the membership challenged the Woodcock decision and kicked McKinnon's ass (not literally, but damn near) when he tried to say #961 could not challenge the Woodcock decision. People were running the Constitution, chapter and verse, on him, challenged the chair, and the trick V.P. got up, gavelled the meeting to a close and ran like a scared squirrel to his rear office while workers restrained one of the brothers who was going to do him in. About 100 folks at that meeting, and KM dug it too.



3. James Johnson trial began Monday and played to a full house in their cramped quarters. The Comp. Board had never seen their closed club so invaded before and throughout the building were repeated murmurings, etc. Chrysler attorney moved to bar JT from the proceedings, claiming first he wasn't an attorney. JT coolly showed him his bar card. He then said JT wasn't listed previously as counsel for JJ. Failing here, the heavy corp. lawyer boldly moved on to forge new and daring legal precedents, challenging the subpoenas served on the grounds that subpoenae fees were paid by check and not cash---like the asshole had seemingly read Rosa's piece and wanted to retreat from any vestige of a credit economy. The ref told him to hang it up, and Monday was a good day. So good, the local sheriff refused to bring JJ in on Tuesday (how'd that jail get so fucked up??) so the ass kicking was put off a day until Weds. during which time JJ, his sister, RG and others carried the day. Court resumes at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Griswold Bldg. (Griswold & State) before Referee Conley on the 8th floor, for Dr. Fitzgerald, our psychiatrist, and at 3:30 P.M. for the enemies sick shrink. Those of you not at Ford's Demo we will see at the Comp Dept!

4. Food Coop is having a coop membership meeting Weds. night and all members should attend as this will be a good opportunity to measure the enthusiasm, interest, and potentiality of the many folks who are participants in this growing and exciting activity.

G.S. Meeting--11/21

In order to combat the problems occasioned by continuous meetings for G.S. members from 8 a.m. to the end of G.M. [hereinafter to be referred to as G/M] meetings, GS is seeking to conclude meetings by 10:00.

1. A report was made on a trip taken by 3 comrades, and a summary will be presented to G/M on 11/28
2. Some discussion was had on the planned Thanksgiving weekend in Davenport, Ia., by the New American Movement, and a report on this will be made available too.
3. A meeting was scheduled for G.S. on 11/27 to deal exclusively with the serious problem of finances; however, it was necessary to postpone that meeting as preparatory work could not be completed due to illness. Such a meeting will doubtless be had this week.
4. The Ford Demo, WHICH IS TOMORROW, was discussed, and it was agreed that MCLL and PPT would both sponsor it and that we would so advise YAWF of our intention to have a demo and that they could do their own leaflet if they wished and attend as well if they wished. They had made inquiry as to such a demo.
5. The next edition of Changeover was discussed, and the Fedorko/Sims (divided but to be united) Centerfold decision was made, as discussed at 11/21 G/M.
6. We had been asked to do a cocktail party fund-raiser for SCEF around Fred Collins, a draft resister, on 12/13 or 14. Because of the conflict that would be posed with Dec. CCC, it was agreed that we would convey our regrets as to our inability to do so now as well as our promise to do one later around Carl Braden when he comes in for CCC.

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REMEMBER THE FORD DEMO

REMEMBER AGIT & PROP <sup>Component</sup> SECTION MEETING, Mon., 11/29, at 8:00 p.m. at BEECH ST, and READ the VS outline distributed FIRST!!!

The following outline was prepared by MIC and submitted to G.S. earlier this month and has been typed and prepared for distribution to GM via this newsletter.

MIC ORGANIZING PROGRAM

- I. Goal
  - A. Obtain cadre
    - 1. Unite plant & community elements
- II. Plant Organizing
  - A. Formation of caucus[es]
    - 1. White workers
    - 2. Growth into autonomous bodies
  - B. Caucus Program (for Eldon)
    - 1. Merrilli
    - 2. Safety and working conditions
      - a. Safety
      - b. Group Insurance
      - c. Workmens Comp
    - 3. Dues
    - 4. Elections
    - 5. Local union administration
      - a. Constitution
      - b. By-laws
  - C. Organizing Tactics
    - 1. Intensive information program
      - a. Proposed Cuacus Program
        - 1) Leaflets
        - 2) Changeover
        - 3) Personal contacts (J.T.)
      - b. Safety and Working Conditions
        - 1) Attract workers to center
        - 2) Criticism of union
  - D. Principal Obstacles
    - 1. Racism
      - a. Skilled trades
    - 2. UAW
      - a. Co-opt
      - b. Attack
    - 3. Chrylser
      - a. Attack
- III. Community Organizing
  - A. Center Activity
    - 1. Child care center
    - 2. Food Co-op
    - 3. Senior citizens
      - a. Transportation
        - 1) Xmas shopping
        - 2) Doctors
        - 3) Groceries
    - 4. Possible pollution demo
    - 5. Legal Counselling--draft, criminal, landlord/tenant, workers' benefits, social security
    - 6. Educationals--anti-pollution, health, film
    - 7. Open house--2-3 months after opening
  - B. Propaganda
    - 1. Changeover--2 pages per issue re community affairs and re plant issues

C. Principal obstacle--racism

IV. Strategic Goal

- A. Unite plant and community elements
  - 1. 1973 elections
  - 2. Other forms unknown
  - 3. Community/Plant staff personnel

V. In-Center Literature

- A. Newspapers--Changeover, BWC, UNC
- B. Leaflets
  - 1. Current MCLL leaflets
  - 2. Eldon Wildcat
- C. Brochures [By 11/30/71] \*\*\*\*\* (will they be ready???)
  - 1. "Anatomy of a Labor Struggle"
  - 2. First Aid Handbook (Brenda Reeber)
  - 3. Worker's Benefits (R. Glotta)
  - 4. CCC

VI Current Organizing

- A. Pollution Suit-- Mrs. Fedorko, Wenger, Nov. 11 hearing, current pollution
- B. Center Office--Temrowski, alternate site, personnel [cadre requested]
- C. Survey
  - 1. Current status
  - 2. Need new approach
  - 3. MIC Week
    - a. MCLL cadre
    - b. Outside help--Allicance, CCC, others
  - 4. Team Approach
    - a. Organizing tactic
    - b. Safety

Discussion and decision needed on VI, C.

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NEWSLETTER, 12/3/71

1. Stage I of the Eldon campaign, which is a petition drive for a membership appeal of Woodcock's directive for a new run-off election, is progressing well. One sign of success is symbolized by the fact that management is beginning to bust folks passing out leaflets in the plant. Pres. Frank McKinnon also threatened steward Eddie Thomas with political extinction if we don't win this one. Merrelli was in the Hall all day Thursday, something that hasn't happened in years. After the Petitions are sent to Woodcock's office, Stage II, the actual election campaign, will begin.

Stage I Now don't you all get upset because Stage II might seem to portend that Stage III will be a run-off election that is on its face seemingly in opposition to the objectives of for, as Howard Cosell has commented: "Never, in all my years, throughout the many continents, has this reporter seen such unabashed boldness as is reflected by that clever group of workers that have become known in the trade as the Eldon Avenue Worker Militants." And, as Dandy Dan has said, "Yeah Howard, it looks like they're tryin to setemup."

2. Medical testimony and closing arguments were heard this week in the James Johnson workmens comp. case. Adelman made the closing argument. The case went well and the umpire seemed favorable. Hate letters are flowing into the Glotta & Adelman firm.

3. Once again in the news we find our very own, incorrigible and inimitable and irrepresible, but beloved JT: His Eldon discharge grievance went to the "Impartial" Arbitrator Tues. and Wed. Chrysler described JT, Alonzo Chandler, Robert McKee and James Edwards as "born troublemakers, with an anti-Chrysler, anti-UAW attitude." They also said: "H. John Taylor, although white, is no less militant than the leaders of Elrum." (Whereupon our very own JT was heard to murmur: "Far fucking out. You got it, Jack.") The "impartial" hearing was held at Chrysler Headquarters in Highland Park. The "impartial arbitrator" is chairman of the Labor Relations Law Committee of the State Bar of Mich. Another member of the Committee is Lowell Perry, former head of Chrysler Labor Relations and now Personnel Director for the entire Lynch Road complex.

4. The Det. Chapter of the Nat'l Lawyers Guild has offered to send 3 attorneys to San Jose for 2 weeks to help in preparation for the Angela Davis trial. At this moment it looks as if Ken Mogill, Dean Robb & Tom Meyer will be leaving on Mon., 12/6.



INTERNAL NEWSLETTER  
December 21, 1971

On December 1, the Mass-Action-Prop. Component held a meeting. The two major agenda items were the busing issue and the Ford Demo held earlier that day.

A discussion of the complexities of the busing issue included the exploration of several strategies: through the Alliance, A Mcll approach, city, city-suburbs. The final decision was for VS aided by CR to investigate the possibilities and clarify MCLL's position on the issue.

The discussion of the Ford demo revolved around criticism-self-criticism. What the demo accomplished, what should have been accomplished, the role of MCLL cadre in the demo, the question of busts were all topics involved in this session.

1. LDC--

A. Held a press conference on 1/4 at 409 (new name for 2761) to speak out re the 1/2 shooting and killing of Charles Smith, an unarmed 18 year old youth murdered by off-duty cop Michael Reggish. Mattie Smith (mother) had slightly scraped Reggish's car; he pulled her out of car and was beating on her when CS exited, said "that's my mom.." and got plugged. Press conf. chaired by SM and JCR and KVC also participated along with eyewitnesses and community members from this white, southwest Detroit area (near Fleetwood). Family and neighbors are white workers, some of whom are unemployed. Family is from Ky., which is where CS was buried.

~~They were arrested to take by a white cop who had a gun. He was arrested about 2 years ago.~~ No warrant has yet been issued against the cop. There shall be follow up by LDC. The Press Statement is attached to this newsletter.

B. 2200 leaflets were put out at Eldon by LDC in support of J.U. Sims, covering 3 shifts last Thursday. Copies of the leaflet shall be distributed at GM.

C. Efforts are underway to raise big buck for LDC and if seed money comes through the operation could be rejuvenated by mid-or-late February.

2. We all extend a warm and comradely welcome-return to #7 (GC) whom we are very happy to have back with us.

3. MIC met Wed., 1/5, 10 a.m:

(1) It was decided that CD would begin an analysis of the compiled data from the MIC survey with the first approach being that of info for funding proposals.

(2) There was a valuable discussion of each members present time commitment in relation to MCLL and the MIC project. The focus of the discussion evolved to the question of more people relating to the community hoping to establish more of an organizational relationship than strictly personal ones.

4. CCC- Monday, Jan. 10, 7:30 pm, prepartation session for CCC General Staff, 630 W. Boston.

- Tuesday, Jan 11, 7 pm, Central Methodist, Vicki Garvin speaking on RED STAR OVER CHINA.

5. Labor Component

The Labor Component met at 7:30 pm, Jan 2, 73 E. Palmer #7. Present were MB, KM, JT, DF, RG, JR, JB, CD & BPF

1. CD's assignment to R&I was discussed and her relationship to the component.

2. BPF ran articles planned for CHANGEOVER and asked for Labor Component suggestions and ideas. He also discussed possibilities of organizing in Kalamazoo, Mich. Two of his buddies ~~from~~ from Nam live and work there and are ready to move. The main man, John Crowe, works in the children's unit in a mental hospital. ~~Accx~~ According to Bp, Crowe could do some good work for MCLL given some direction and assistance. Although the time/distance problem prevents us from putting cadre into the set, it was decided that BP would maintain contacts in K-zoo. Other contacts were discussed and anyone knowing contact in that part of the state should contact BP.

3. BWC- MCLL meeting. BWC proposed forming a Labor Federation to be operative Jan. '73 for the purpose of strengthening the labor organizations we have and serving as a vehicle to expand our labor organizing and unionization activities. BWC presented three models for consideration:

1. A federation composed only of unions (WEU, the International, etc.)

2. A federation composed of unions plus caucuses from unions not connected with us.

(3) A federation composed of unions, caucuses and labor orgs. such as BWC, MCLL etc. (DOC?)

We discussed the dangers of practicing dual unionism (bad thing) inherent in Model 2 & 3 because they allow caucuses dissident from the leadership of other unions to join. Also discussed was the weird arrangement that might result from Model #3. Difficulty was seen in distributing power, etc. The component favors model 1 at present because of the problems discussed. It is clear however that much discussion is necessary before the final decision is made. We decided to press for a meeting of MCLL-GS, members of the Labor Component, JB and BWC counterparts to clarify things.

(4) The Labor School sponsored by WEU--see JB for info.

(5) The situation at NW Genl Hospital: MB is to research NWGH specifically and others the hospital scene in Det. generally. MB is to contact Rita Valenti of the Medical Workers Committee--a progressive group working at NWGH.

(6) Eldon--1/11 and 12 run-off as directed by Woodcock. The members of local 961 rejected this as illegal.

(7) Labor Component recommended trip to Chicago for medical conference (MB and RG went).

(8) Strategy for the Sun, Jan. 9 Van Dyke Homeowners Pollution Forum was discussed. KM & JT are speaking. Copies of Changeover will be available at the end of the meeting.

(9) It was decided that MCLL would relate to the Industrial Heartlands Newsletter and JT would submit an article.

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I believe that internal communications have not improved since restructuring. I am not sure whether or not the situation is worse than before restructuring. One prominent reason for this uncertainty is attributable to the fact that I have not had "communication" with anyone on this subject.

Not a single written report has been submitted since restructuring. Apart from previously established and continuing procedures worked out with JT (covering Lab. Comp. activities) we have yet to even reach the level of being mechanistic.

All this must change and soon. With the ebbing of a serious internal crisis, the completion of the 5th edition and the March CCC, it is a good and necessary time for us to work out an effective basis for interchange. I intend to personally contact each of you during the first week in April so as to evaluate our practice during the next three weeks. In the interim you should carefully judge whether information from your section, component or other work and activity is being adequately communicated throughout the organization; whether you are satisfied with flow of information from GS and from other components and sections; and, in general whether you feel aware of what is going on or not.

"Inadequate communication" cannot continue to be a valid organizational criticism for it insults us all and what we are about and also because it tends to camouflage questions of greater political substance.

#### I. 3/5 GS REPORT:

1. Food Coop: A lengthy discussion was had about the Food Coop and demographic and employment research is presently going on (by B. Arnold). The subject is scheduled for further discussion at 3/16 GS meeting. The following is a resume of the general topic of prior conversation: There are 350 buying units or families subscribing. Membership is now closed to all except indigenous people. Possible programs which were advanced are: (1) women's medical and children's immunization clinic; (2) a workmen's comp. program; (3) vets and draft counselling. The concept of a "community union" was discussed as a basis of formulating demands based on legal rights and community needs and organizing around a collective bargaining approach rather than around alternative institutions and the rendition of services. The use of community institutions, such as churches, was discussed; and two competing forces were recognized: on the one hand it is a basis for gaining legitimacy, while on the other hand the reactionary (and sometimes illegitimate) basis for such institutions was noted. The 2 communities in the area have very different racial compositions: Nolan is 47% black while State Fair is 2% black. There is an Arab community that is victimized by racism (and a like situation exists at Dodge Main). JT is moving into the area. And, thought is being given--and should be given--to the placement of our office out there. The intrusion of other forces into this loose and potentially expansive form was considered. Also, the necessity for clarifying relationships between us, Alliance, the Coop task force, and the Coop itself was emphasized. A chart of the Principles of Relationships between cadre organizations and mass forms is under preparation for A & P and important for our thought and application here.

2. The Lawyers Guild is sponsoring a Labor Conference in Detroit, I believe on 6/1 to 6/3. We could co-sponsor this national conference if we wish to do so. (Buck attend the National Exec. Board meeting in San Diego recently where this subject of co-sponsorship was agreed upon. The Guild meeting, by the way, was probably the most political NEB ever). The choice is ours and initial responsibility falls on LDC Section for consideration of the question.

3. The communication from the investigating committee of BWC was read and discussed. It was decided that the matter should be discussed fully at the 3/5 GM so as to help to formulate a response.

II. 3/9 GS REPORT:

1. Response to BWC: A draft of the paper, written by FJ and then processed through a smaller GS committee was distributed and discussed. Certain changes were agreed upon and the following decisions then made: (1) Copies to be distributed to the local Organizing Commission and to the Investigating Committee; (2) Jr. to be listed as the contact person; (3) and we were-- in the communique--to ask for a meeting with the local commission and to also invite the investigating committee if they desired to attend. (\*\*The letter, by the way, was then re-typed and it was distributed on Sunday, 3/12. Everyone should make it a point to read it, and VS may be contacted in order to make such arrangements).

2. DOC: JJ's presentation to GS at CCC was very good and fruitful and promising discussions were had with him before and after the session. A newspaper conference is being held in Champaign, Ill. (I think the weekend of 3/17, but it may well be 3/24) and the possibility of a joint carload to the conf. was discussed; joint activity around the Lordstown strike was also mentioned (and GS is presently scheduling discussion on Lordstown for probably 3/19 with thought being given also as to how to tie in say a local GM demo with the war); additional matters based upon DOC & their labor strategy, and us and our evolving labor strategy are being discussed at an all-day labor Component meeting Friday, 3/17, which is being followed on Mon., 3/20 by a labor secretariat meeting. Papers concerning this subject are of interest to everyone and JR. should be contacted so that you might if you are not in the Component have access to them. Also, discussed was the possibility of a joint response to the recent 5th Estate "analysis" of the Nixon trip. DOC has spoken to RG and BK re need for more systematic legal assistance; also they wish our help and expertise re how to set up a more limited CCC in Macomb County.

3. WEU: There is a Conference on 3/18, the call to which is attached. You should HELP to distribute and publicize the conference as GS emphasized how in our view this is the most advanced political form in an important political sector and we should do what we can to further promote positive relationships there. Linda Johnson is the new Pres. of WEU.

4. CME: For those unable to attend Sun. sessions because they are working afternoon shifts, it was agreed that private sessions should be held to maintain their participation and Jr, VS & LC are going to cover these meetings.

Procedures for passing upon the membership sessions were agreed upon and are as follows:

A. During the week of 3/12 to 19 assigned cadre will meet with all participants, individually

or in groups, to discuss the contents of CME sessions, and for a two-way exchange of questions, concerns, etc.

B. After 4/9 there will be 2 types of meetings:

1. Meet individually with those we know we are not now admitting and have principled discussion and state how the relationship can/should develop hereafter in our judgment.

2. The "all but invitation" meeting: Positive, serious discussion of what membership means, etc.

C. Final meeting of those from #B,2 who are accepted and the advancement of provisional work assignments.

\*\*\*HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM PARTICIPANTS IN CME THAT YOU HAVEN'T COMMUNICATED????

5. Dodge Main-- A 3 way campaign is being waged for election to steward. Competing are: (1) a pro-Sims group; (2) an anti-Sims group; and (3) a 5th Estate supported group (backing Wm. Leach). This matter is scheduled for discussion at GS on Thurs., 3/16.

### III. 3/12 GS REPORT:

1. CME assignments among GS members made and to be coordinated with GM members participating in CME for conducting the 3/12 to 19 meetings. VS & BD are to contact GM participants--obviously very soon so as to coordinate these meetings. Certain groupings have been drawn--such as health workers have, at least in part, been placed together for these sessions. An additional note, that came out at an earlier GS meeting, was Jr's suggestion that in the future we should plan CME around say occupational groupings.

2. LC & RG are going to attend the Buffalo guild conference this coming weekend; and shall try to arrange their participation on Sat as will have to attend the Fri Lab. Comp first.

3. CCC: It was decided that the Davises would do the Mon. night prep session and that SM would be responsible both Mon & Tues for explaining BWC's withdrawal.

4. FJ writings: F had earlier stated his desire to write a couple of pieces and submit them to GS for comment and discussion. One to the Free Press on the recent suicide of a (Flint?) teacher was heartily endorsed and y'all can read it in the rag; the other, re the 5th Estates "Nixon" article was tabled so as to discuss content with F and to consider the proposal re a joint response with DOC. (The content of this latter matter is of particular political importance and if someone would be good enough to get me the 5th estate article + F's proposed article, I would be happy to include each in the next Newsletter. I don't know if that's a bogue formulation of how to move something or not).

5. NEWS: There are a number of questions re News and where it is headed, and questions of some complexity are under consideration.

6. Finances:

a. A draft of a sustainers letter is done.

IT IS OBLIGATORY ON EVERY ONE IN THE ORG. WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED A FULL AND COMPLETE LIST OF POTENTIAL SUBSCRIBERS TO DO SO NOT LATER THAN WEDS., 3/22!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

b. RG spoke with a number of people who promised to commence weekly contributions, but who have failed to do so. Even though the amounts might be nominal this is a very important matter to us organizationally and we have to be able to rely on one another as comrades to deliver on commitments made. We are in the process now of working out the methods for tightening our thing economically, recognizing that we lose efficiency and productivity because of economic hardship--one example that comes to mind is just the number of cadre who need better medical attention but do not get it for a number of reasons--one of which is economic. GS intends to talk about and work out a responsible and necessary dues structure, sustainers list, etc... but in a very immediate way we all need to exercise fiscal responsibility.

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AGENDA: DOC; CME; FINANCES; RG; AS PCT. DELEG: BUFFALO: NEWS: CCC: SM ON DEMO/CENT; FJ writings; Movie Review; Agenda-making;

1. Food Coop: Not on agenda as scheduled. JT and VS have not had time to meet, but hope to do so Thurs. (Later in meeting it was agreed that we would put Food Coop on Thurs' agenda and that an outline of the subject would be distributed among GS on Weds.).

2. Wildcat: Also put on agenda for Thurs with outline to be distributed Weds.

3. CME assignments: Discussions to be had by designated cadre members with individual and groups of CME participants during the week of 3/12 to 19 and VS & BD to include assigned evaluators and observers in these discussions also.

4. FJ writings: (1) to 5th Estate--Decided to ask FJ to hold off so we can see how the letter fits into a possible joint DBC-MCLL approach and also to discuss certain disagreements with contents. On this latter point, Jr., who has some criticisms of the content, took the position that we have not yet reached the point where we should be telling people not to submit a letter under their own, as opposed to our, name. JCR voiced some disagreement with this; and after it was determined that they will not publish again for 2 weeks it was agreed that this will allow us time to discuss content anyway. (2) to Free Press--write on!

5. Agenda making: VS to try to bring in suggestions on THURS.

6. DOC: Need some thought re possible joint activity re Lordstown and we should be thinking about how to link this to the war. Lab. Comp is meeting all day Fri & Secs. meeting Mon. Copies of 54 pages have been made and need study. Decided: Lab. Comp. Secs will try to have the subject in a frame that will allow for intelligent discussion 3/19, Sunday.

7. Movie Review: Decided: RG, JT, BD, BP & SM to meet soon (no time specified) so as to formulate recommendations, c/sc and a means for dealing with the situation.

8. (GS approves MCLL position on Stress)

9. Finances: (1) RG never got list of machines, etc. (and LC proceeds to draft and submit); (2) draft of sustainers letter done and decided to place emphasis on responsibilities in this area in next 2 Newsletters. (3) Discussion re contributions and hard-line vs. soft-line toward those who failed to deliver on commitment--esp.ly after in at least 1 case it was said to be in mail. DECIDED: There is a need to discuss DUES and this is to be placed on an upcoming AGENDA. ALSO, RG is to write out a proposal on this.

10: NEED to also discuss and determine: (1) WHEN hold a CONGRESS; (2) WHEN elect GS!

11. NEWS: Earlier questions, all underscored by recent happenings: (electoral; "united front;" where draw cadre from?). Need for help re 4th session (LC to do a leaflet); need to assign someone during SM's absence. Examine EME folks. Decided: Based on Mon. nite SM to come in with recommendation as to how to proceed--THURS. meeting.

12. Buffalo:RG & LC to go after Lab. Comp. Friday.  
 13. CCC: Davis" to do prep session. SM to explain the withdrawal of BWC both Mon & Tues.  
 14. Need to discuss SM's schedule  
 15. Need to discuss JCR & GS  
 16. Need to review items previously agendized but not covered--e.g., charting out time & activities.