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DUC FRACTION MEMO

MEMO TO ALL UNITS

FROM: DUC FRACTION

Comrades, there have been many questions around DUC and this memo will try to answer some of them.

Firstly, we must look at DUC and see it as an organization of the working class that developed from the struggle around the closing of Jefferson. At that time there were no mass organizations speaking in the interests of the working class about the question of unemployment. Also historically unemployed councils have represented the thrust from below in the defence of the working class during periods of economic crisis.

Secondly, we must look at the relationship of the DUC to the Party's campaign on unemployment and inflation and in relation to the United Front Against Fascism from below. The DUC is a way to organize the working class in "active defence" of itself and against the bourgeoisie's drive towards fascism. However, as history has proven over and over, the proletariat must maintain its independent leadership while uniting the broad masses into a people's front against fascism.

With this in mind, we urge all comrades to help develop the DUC and here are some suggestions as to how this can be done.

- 1) The following material should be read to get a historical perspective on what unemployed councils and unemployed committees did and operated in the past.

THE ROLE OF UNEMPLOYMENT COUNCILS IN THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE 30'S
Written by Kalamazoo Workers for Action (Available at China-Albania)

Section entitled "Resolution on Work Among the Unemployed" from the book THE COMMUNIST. (Available at WSU library)

Not only should comrades read this material, but it can also be used with contacts in study-action circles.

- 2) If the DUC is to respond to all attacks on the working class it must be kept informed. Therefore comrades should send to the DUC office, 13300 Mack, Det. 48215 all articles, etc. that deal with attacks on any section of the class. DUC should be called immediately at 821-0207 whenever anything breaks loose involving the class. DUC must also know what is happening in the plants so that we can support the struggles of employed workers and build the bridge between the employed and the unemployed.
- 3) All comrades should have DUC brochures to give out and whenever possible they should bring up the existence of the DUC in mass organizations. At places of work and in neighborhoods, comrades should struggle for the formation of Unemployed Committees and once there are such committees, that they join forces with the DUC.
- 4) To help keep comrades abreast of what's happening at DUC, the DUC Newsletter will be distributed to the units. If more than one copy is needed, more will be available at the office.

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At this time the level of consciousness and the spontaneous resistance of the class do not reflect the objective conditions. Much of the class feels that things will get better soon and that this is just another economic slump like in 1959, 1969-70. There is not an understanding that this is a world wide overproduction crisis and that war is eminent because the bourgeoisie cannot get out of this crisis without imperialist war. This is reflected in the difficulty in organizing large numbers of people into DUC. However, the objective conditions are steadily worsening and the bribes and bandaid reliefs are being taken away. It is our job to educate the class and show the absolute necessity for the organization of the working class in defence of itself.

ORGANIZE THE WORKING CLASS IN "ACTIVE DEFENSE" OF ITSELF

BUILD THE DETROIT UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL

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