

# DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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CLP A P FRACTION REPORTS

TO: ALL UNITS  
FROM: AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA  
RE: UNIT EDUCATIONAL

The current stage in the unemployment and inflation campaign finds us confronted with a struggle to maintain our leadership. The CPUSA, the UAW, and the capitalists have changed their direction of attack from one of disregard to one of attempted cooptation. We must not be frightened by this. It is something we should expect and welcome as it will result in bringing the struggle to a higher level. The struggle for the United Front Against Facism will be strengthened and have a real beginning.

In order that all comrades get a theoretical understanding of how tactics operate within our strategy, Agitation and Propaganda has developed the following educational for all units:

WEEK 1 LEFT WING COMMUNISM, AN EPHEMERAL DISORDER - VI LENIN  
WEEK 2 THE RENEGADE KAUTSKY AND THE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION -- VI LENIN  
WEEK 3 STATE AND REVOLUTION -- VI LENIN

Questions for Left Wing Communism, and State and Revolution are located in the Outline for the Study of Marxism-Leninism.

Comrades, it is important that we continue our education as it relates to the practical problems we face. All theory and no practice or all practice and no theory can only result in us losing our way and failing to develop our leadership.

AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA

Recently the following questions were presented to the Agitation and Propaganda Bureau:

What is the campaign and what is the relationship of the petition drive to it?

What is the revolutionary struggle for reforms and what is the relationship of economic agitation to it?

What is the relationship of the campaign to the United Front and to the illegal network?

What relationship does "the danger of being exposed" have to the campaign?

Before answering these questions, the relationship of the Agi-Prop Bureau to the organization must be made clear. The Agi-Prop Bureau is a POLITICAL and ORGANIZATIONAL committee that functions to deal with the various aspects of the political problems that arise from the organizational application of agi-prop work. The Agi-Prop Bureau does not exist to answer the political problems of the units as they exist in general. Political problems in your unit must be fully discussed and any unclarity must be presented to your section.

The Agi-Prop Unit exists as a fraction of the City Committee, it takes its political direction from this committee and functions practically to apply this political direction. It exists to stimulate and aid Agi-Prop work in the organization.

For the Agi-Prop Bureau and the Agi-Prop Unit to function in any other way can only lead to political interference and factionalism in the life of the Party on the part of the Agi-Prop Bureau and the Agi-Prop Unit.

With this political understanding of the Agi-Prop Bureau and the Agi-Prop Unit we can proceed to answer the above questions.

According to Webster's Collegiate dictionary, a campaign is, "a connected series of military operations forming a distinct phase of a war," and

"a connected series of operations designed to bring about a particular result."

Both definitions are important to us. The first puts the campaign into the perspective of the struggle which we are involved in to Build the United Front to resist the fascist onslaught, turn it back, and go on the offensive. This the strategic goal. And this must be the light in which the campaign must be seen. The campaign is a means to this goal and not an end in itself.

The second definition speaks more directly to the campaign itself. According to the call laid out in the Peoples Tribune, Vol. 1, No. 1, the work of all units in this campaign should politically orient themselves to:

Forcing the government to provide decent jobs for every able-bodied worker.

Uniting in this struggle every possible mass organization that fights in the name of the people.

Bringing the masses of workers into the political struggle.  
RECRUITING THE MILITANT WORKERS INTO THE PARTY.

The last point is important. Again we emphasize that the goal of this campaign is to recruit into the Party, this is our immediate goal. The campaign is the means.

To organize our entry into this campaign, the City Committee drew up a plan which projected the work of the petition drive and the struggle to form unemployed committees and councils as the principle objectives of the campaign in its first phases.

Thus the petition drive and the resolution was to accomplish the following,

To provide a measure of common work and a common political line that all units in the area could organize themselves around.

To provide a agitational and propaganda base to project into the class.

To provide a base for making contacts, addressing unions, and community organizations.

To provide a point around which to begin to draw the masses into the political struggle; demanding action from the Common Council.

Thus the petition drive and the resolution were the vehicle and platform for our entry into the struggle. To facilitate this, each unit must include in their reports to their sections the progress they are making in the campaign. All petitions must be turned in to the sections. In addition to this, a report on the Agi-Prop work of each unit must be turned in with the unit report to the sections.

The Agi-Prop Bureau emphasis to each unit that the independent initiative of each unit in this campaign is a political necessity. Agi-Prop work must link the South, the Negro Nation, and Latin America in the struggles here. This is a political necessity.

As to the question of "the danger of being exposed", the Agi-Prop Bureau reminds each unit again that we must recruit militant workers into the Party. In order to do this at some point a contact must be aware of the Party Program. We must guard against treating this as a move to the left, but neither must it be a move to the right. Each unit must make a political analysis of the objective situation and thus bring condition, time, and place into play.

Finally each unit should study the Peoples Tribune, Vol. 1, No. 1, "Build the Party", and the Party Organizer, Vol. 1, No. 2 on the campaign.

AGI-PROP BUREAU



TO: ALL UNITS  
FROM: AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA FRACTION  
RE: CLP LEAFLETS

The recent Party Organizer Vol. 2, No. 8 points out the importance of Party literature among the masses. For us in this area the question of Party presence among the masses is extremely important. This memo shall attempt to clarify the function of CLP leaflets.

As with all things there are two deviations in the use of Party leaflets. The "Right" deviation is the non-use of Party leaflets. The substitution of legal work for "illegal" work. That is to say the struggle for party line in mass organizations only. An example of this is losing the struggle for bussing at a caucus meeting or local union meeting. At that point the struggle is dropped by comrades. This in essence is liquidating the Party line and ~~consequently~~ consequently Party organization. The CPUSA constantly does this and as a consequence has a liberal reformist line. The "Left" deviation is the exclusive use of Party leaflets. The substitution of "illegal" work for legal work. That is to say ignoring the struggle for party line in mass organizations. An example of this is issuing a CLP leaflet on bussing at a plant and then not struggling for bussing in union caucuses or at the local union meeting. This again is dropping the struggle for party line by comrades. This again is liquidating the party line and consequently party organization. The CLP is thus isolated from the class struggle. Comrade Lenin clearly pointed out the correct relationship when he stated, "For four years the Party has been saying: our organization consists of illegal nuclei surrounded by as wide and as ramified a network of legal societies as possible." (Against Liquidationism, "The Illegal Party and Legal Work", pg 215, Progress Publishers, Moscow 1973). Further on Comrade Lenin states:

"The Social-Democratic Party is illegal both 'as a whole' and in its every nucleus, and - MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL - in the entire content of its work, which is to propagate and pave the way for the revolution. Therefore the MOST open work of the most open nucleus of the Social-Democratic Party CANNOT be regarded as 'openly conducted Party work'.

"For example, the most 'open' nucleus of the R.S.D.L.P. in 1907-12 was the Social-Democratic Duma group. It was in a position to speak more 'openly' than anyone else. It alone was legal, and could speak legally OF A GREAT MANY THINGS.

"BUT NOT OF EVERYTHING! And not only, generally speaking, 'not of everything', but not, in particular, even of its own Party and its Party work - 'not of everything' nor of the most important thing." (Ibid., pgs. 218-219)

The function of the CLP leaflet is to present BOTH the Party line AND the Party organization to the masses. In view of this we must understand the various levels of organization from which CLP leaflets

can and will originate. The National CLP leaflet originates from the Central Committee. The Regional CLP leaflet originates from the Regional Committee. The area CLP leaflet originates from the City Committee. The section CLP leaflet originates from the Section Committee. The unit CLP leaflet originates from the unit. Along with the issuing of the CLP leaflet comes the responsibility for distribution. The distribution of CLP leaflets is a matter of centralism. The point of origin determines the comrades that are bound to distribute the CLP leaflet.

All CLP leaflets in this area will use the following address:

COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA  
PO BOX 783, LINWOOD STATION, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48206

On the latest nation CLP leaflet "Support Bussing - Not Facism" we must understand that all over the country, the facists are mobilizing the KKK, The American Nazi Party, etc., against bussing. No matter how "innocent" or "naive" the form of resistance to bussing is, its content is white chauvanism which raises various forms of bourgeois nationalism, thereby fostering a split in the working class and laying open fertile ground for organizing by the facists. In this area this is certainly true. To fight bussing is to support facism.

Due to a mixup on the number of leaflets given out, additional leaflets can be picked up at Cortland. There are 1000 leaflets for every four inches. Leave the number of leaflets you pick up and your name in the box.

Five copies of all leaflets, newspapers, pamphlets, etc., that have been written by comrades must be dropped at Cortland immediately after they are produced.