

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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CLP CITY COMMITTEE
REPORTS 1975

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Dec. 2, 1974

To: All Units

From: City Committee Bureau

Re: Unit Plans, Reports and Content of Unit Meetings

Comrades

In order for us to move forward in our work as consciously as possible and thus provide correct leadership for the class, we must make an objective assessment of the real world, the subjective forces at work, the forces at hand and apply our understanding of our program to these as a guide as to how we should move forward. The City Committee developed the area plan as a guide to our actions as an area coming off of the objective situation and applying Marxism-Leninism to it.

All Units must develop or redevelop unit plans to guide them in their work. This unit plan must fall within the guidelines as defined by the area plan and implement it and the program of our party. Specifically the unit plans after assessing the objective conditions in the plant, hospital or community should deal with at least the following questions and areas:

1. Relationship of the unit to winning the Vanguard to the Cause of Communism.
2. Relationship of the Party to the United Front Against Fascism.
3. Relationship of the campaign to the work of the Party Unit overall.
4. Projection of the Party in the work of the unit overall and in the work of the unit in the United Front.
5. Unit work around the Peoples Tribune, use of the Tribune in all of the work of the unit.
6. The units activities, views on how recruitment will move ie Study action groups the workers school, unemployment council and or committee, caucus, mass organization. What exactly are the ways in which the unit sees moving on recruitment.
7. Role of leaflets, shop paper, caucus, in activity of the unit.
8. What organizations does the unit project work in or around.
9. Relationship of the unit to the unemployment committee and or council.

Comrades in the subsequent reports that the units turn into the sections it is necessary that they report the political happenings within the overall context of the program and the area plan and within the particular context of the unit plan. These reports should bear a direct relationship to the unit plans, reporting on political perspectives off of the unit plan and how it has worked in practical activity, successes and errors made in either the implementation of the unit plan or in the unit plan itself. These reports must be political in nature for we must put politics in the lead and then report on the organizational successes or failures of the political perspective.

As well comrades it is necessary for all units to focus in on the questions of the use of the Tribune, recruitment and the campaign. These areas should flow throughout all discussions in the unit, all agenda items. We must focus our attention on these areas or else we will not move forward in our work. Also in our work we must see to it that criticism- self criticism can be brought up at all times. Comrades, history demands that we lead the proletariat to victory over its class enemy, the bourgeoisie, in order for us to do this we must move out there into the struggle. In so doing we will make mistakes, however no moving and taking this leadership would be the greatest mistake of all. We cannot sit on our hands until

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we have everything figured out, on the other hand now that we have moved into the struggle we must consciously examine the situation and plan how we are to move over the next period. The process of this planning however, should not halt our successful drive to give leadership to the growing struggle.

Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win!

We Qme
has all forms
of struggle

We can make ppl failed to bring
B Political analysis for
Area.
If units did not
bring papers.

11/1/75 Det. CCTee

TS Struggle already started - 3 months ago.
Been over Peters' several times.

JS. Demo. at Roma Hall - was absence of banners oversight. Do
we see these ppl as Fascist.

① P. of
NB this
is a
slow process.
② mode of
communication
outside org'l
Context.

A. We are doing this to unite the wkq class.

B. Examine if these bureaus - no collective in color
& more in bureaus.

③ Community Lo. = CCTee never functioned as a collective.
Philosophy class identified certain of the problems.
Focus on "making every factory our fortress".
How do we provide leadership - d.c. as a pt tool.

RV. Demo really started in CCTee.

Mobilization of Party keeps breaking down.

GB - M.A.D. in Northeast - this discussion must take place through the Party.
Why did not all units bring their leaflets etc? Bec. no
political org'tw.

JS - What are we doing this demo for?

RV - Need particulars.

IL.

Criticism by AI G. = lines div'd around pt we mobilize in the
streets? Was it legal or illegal?

What was political purpose of demonstration?

Mo - Sat. - TS - said community was bring posters.

VS said phone calls made. Huber Unit had CRT signs.

Ford lounge had CRT signs. Lyne did not bring banner.

TS - Signs did not identify anyone.

② Open to other types of org.

JS Failure of CRT to have effect. Group who shows up as CRT.

Breakthrough

John Little
 Cadre School
 Wks' School
 G.R.'s case.

Base Area

- TS - WE Shift, Lynch Rd Complex, Etc.

- RV - Chase Huber, Ford, Mond. News wk.

What about
 the article of area?
 need a
 what do we
 want for?

Bed nuclei -

- ① GB speak
- ② Social, breakfast
- ③ Bars
- ④ Cadillac Wks support.

① the need to get out a special leaflet
 to the St immediately.

② Must politically explain this Comrade's
 Where does org / resp lie?

Goals: ① Increase PTB
 ② Recruit 5 ppl

11/1/52 D.T. C.G. for

April 5, 1975

Comrades:

In our fight to improve the communications in the Party and to abolish liquidationism in our ranks, the City Committee Bureau is asking all comrades to use the following questions as a guide in making UNIT REPORTS. Please answer all the questions in the first section in all unit reports and give us the information requested in the second section whenever it is appropriate.

We hope that this form aids the comrades in the most necessary tasks of writing reports, handing them in regularly and developing our discipline in the preservation of our Party. In this period of growing fascism, this is a most urgent task.

UP OUR VIGILANCE!

FIGHT LIQUIDATIONISM!

BUILD THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY OF THE U.S.N.A.!!

I. SECTION ONE TO BE ANSWERED IN EVERY REPORT.

1. Study circles: How many people, what is being studied, what struggles have occurred, what is the motion of the group as a whole

2. Study-action Circles: (same as above) Indicate the action in which the group is involved.

3. What education you have been having in the Unit and what struggles, outstanding questions have been raised.

4. People's Tribune: What distribution to contacts, what articles have you written, what articles have been helpful, incorrect, or in some other way outstanding. What other distribution have you done other than to your contacts -- plant gates, shopping centers, book stores, etc.?

5. Struggles in the working class.... How have you or others in the unit or close to the unit been reacting to these struggles? What struggles have been raised around you?

6. Are you or the unit or any fraction putting out any newsletter or other propaganda? (include leaflets) What has been the response, etc.?

7. Fractions in which you work.... What have they been doing? What is the progress? Has there been any education? Who do they report to?

8. Mention any left presence in the community, mass orgs., etc.

9. Campaign Activity: What have you been doing that relates to any of the Party Campaigns? Leaflets? Distributions? Speaking engagements, etc.?

10. What contacts do you have? etc. etc. What is their motion? -- please include both those that are being recruited and those that are not. Also, please be sure to indicate any friends, relatives or any other contacts that represent some resources in the community, etc. -- links to churches, other institutions and resources.

II. SECTION TWO. (to be answered only when necessary)

In order to keep abreast of our situation, we need to have a constant evaluation of our forces for which Section One is designed. But there are some things that are not reflected in our unit work as it ebbs and flows. We need to have an up-to-date understanding of the material well-being, the physical well-being and the psychological well-being of our comrades.

Therefore, we would like to know when you acquire (or lose) a car, an weapons, an serious illnesses or other physical limitation, or when you begin an therapy or related activity.

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School

Unemployment for the month of July was 14.7% (preliminary MESC figure) which means roughly 30% in the inner city. This represents a drop of 1% from June and reflects back to auto plants as the 1976 production year begins. As of August 1, 77,150 people in Michigan were unemployed in auto. Of these, 41,900 were indefinite! Also as of August 1, auto sales dropped 28.9% from the August 1-10 period last year.

Cost of living in Detroit rose 1% in June over the month of May. This represents a 7.7% rise from June of 1974. Key hikes were in the area of meats, poultry and fish, fruits and vegetables. This cost of living increase has generated a COLA raise of 9¢/hour for auto workers to show up in auto pay checks in September.

Busing will not take place in September by order of Judge DeMascio. His decision has placed the burden of desegregation back on the shoulders of the Detroit Board of Education who were the defendants in the desegregation hearing in the first place. The NAACP nationally has taken the position of continuing the legal battle. The killing of inner-city busing has left the door open for the local NAACP to struggle for cross district busing which has been their position throughout this struggle.

So, on the one hand, unemployment and inflation continue to confront the class despite bourgeois propagand that the economy is on the upswing. Call backs to auto are temporary and we should look for layoffs to hit again before Christmas, as the initial spurt on the 1976 model run dies down. On the other hand, politically the bourgeoisie has attacked the class through Judge DeMascio's busing order. Clearly DeMascio's busing decision gives comfort to the reactionary forces in Detroit and the entire nation who have been actively working against the progress of the Negro people and thus have been working to deny quality education for the entire working class.

What must be the response of the Party to these sets of objective circumstances? We can learn from recent positive and negative examples. The Party's efforts at the anti-Portugal rally August 20 sponsored by Breakthrough and some reactionary forces of the Catholic Church, were outstanding examples of the type of leadership the Party must give to the class. This rally was significant as it was planned by Breakthrough to correspond with a reactionary pro-Catholic rally in Portugal that day. We were able to agitate and gather forces on the spot to stifle Lobsinger's attempt to malign the righteous struggle of the Communist forces in Portugal. Our brand of open struggle at this rally has gained us contacts who want to associate themselves with the CLP. We have had a series of such engagements with the reactionary forces throughout the summer but clearly August 20 represents a leap in our ability to provide leadership to the class and interest working class people in our party because we are a party willing to fight. Also we had learned from past mistakes and presented ourselves in an organized and disciplined manner. People had joined our picket line proclaiming that they too were Communist. We must now grab hold of the lesson of August 20 to pull our whole style of work forward.

Clearly the example of the Northwest rebellion shows the Party not providing leadership to the class. The Party was not able to grasp the principle aspect of the spontaneous uprising which was the burning of the bar and justice to Andrew Chinarian, provide leadership in that struggle and present a clear communist analysis of why such uprisings occur and what were the key lessons for the class. Because of this, the Party itself was torn along national lines as to whether or not AA comrades should be allowed to go to the scene of action. Clearly, if we had been able to provide leadership along the lines mentioned above, the question of the composition of the force sent to deal with the rebellion would have been irrelevant and indeed a multinational force could have effectively worked in that area. By the same token, as a party we are ill prepared in terms of experience to deal with spontaneous uprisings which will continue to occur in one form or another. We have indeed learned a valuable lesson from the Northwest rebellion.

Along with these two outstanding lessons, we have the anti-KKK rally of August 16 which gave us an opportunity concretely to experience the treachery of the petty bourgeois who all disappeared as August 16 drew near. Thus we were out there alone along with an assortment of "left" groupings and trots. On the other hand, the effect of a multi-national march and rally in Downtown Detroit against the fascist gangs and in support of bus-ing should not be forgotten.

Implicit in all of our work though, in particular its weaknesses, have been our failure to build our work in the plants. We cannot afford a repeat performance of the last round of layoffs when all but two of factory units were in the streets and had no method of continuing work in the plants. The grounding had been incomplete, no lists were kept and most importantly, projection of the Party was limited.

We have seen some improvement since then. Indications are that more P.T.'s have hit the plants and we have recruited two people from the shop floor. But two is a paltry number considering the task we set for ourselves at the Congress. We must build our work in the plants; this is where the vanguard is united in its multi-nationality. This is where the proletariat has strength of numbers and the ability to stop production. Of course, the development of factory nuclei is not a new line--but clearly needs re-emphasizing at this point to correct an almost natural drift in our work to bow to spontaneous struggle. Only in the struggle to build factory nuclei can the party put itself in a position of leadership instead of falling behind.

This also means that our recruitment and treatment of vanguard elements has to reflect the outward thrust of the Party. We want our new members as well as the old members to take the line of the Party wherever they are in whatever way they do best. Clearly, demanding attendance at 1,001 meetings and demanding new recruits to do 1,001 unrelated tasks will only lose our new comrades. Thus the character of unit meetings must change so that real political discussion of the unit's task at hand occurs instead of the recitation of a series of organization memoes. In this way new

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members can receive valuable basic training in real party style of work. M-L then becomes not an abstraction but a concrete guide to action. And, of course, the use of the P.T. must become greater as we further rely on the P.T. as reflecting the line and direction of the party. This where new recruits will gather an understanding of the party. With this understanding let us continue in our struggle against unemployment and all the political manifestations of the economic crisis.

September 6 there will be a conference sponsored by the Coalition Against Welfare Corrective Action. The form of the conference will be testimonies from various people on the question of unemployment as it relates to welfare corrective action. Following the conference there will be a rally at Clark Park. As an area, we should do our utmost to make this conference a success and see it as another step in the struggle to build unemployment councils. Furthermore, the busing struggle is by no means dead. It is clear that the party is in a position to assume real leadership in this city on the busing struggle as opposed to the supportive role we have played so far. The NAACP has adopted a position of compliance with DeMascio's "non" order and legal struggle. We are the only ones capable of pushing the struggle through. We are now in the process of sifting through DeMascio's final order and gathering information to determine our tactics in this struggle.

Comradely,

City Committee

TO: CITY COMMITTEE
FROM: AREA AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA DIRECTOR
RE: AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA COMMISSION REPORT 9/17/75

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The purpose of the area Agitation and Propaganda Commission is to ensure that the line of the Communist Labor Party is being projected out into the masses and to provide the necessary tools ~~me~~ to do this to the units and area as a whole. The Commission presently consists of several sub-commissions: Literature, Education, PT/TP, Press, and Leaflets and Newspapers. Soon Printing will be established as a sub-commission. In addition the Detroit Unemployed Council fraction reports to the Director. The political direction of the Commission at this time is to struggle directly with the units around the question, "What does agitation and propaganda have to do with building factory nuclei?"

It is obvious that if the political line of the CLP is not popularized among the masses than our thrust to build factory nuclei will fail. The relationship between the various sub-commissions is clear. Without printing no literature. Without literature no education. Without education no Marxist-Leninist agitation and propaganda can take place. Without agitation and propaganda no Pt/Tp are distributed, no leaflets or shop or neighborhood newspapers are distributed.

With this in mind, the following report on the condition of the various aspects of Agitation and Propaganda is submitted.

ON THE STATE OF THE PT: We receive 2000 copies of each issue. Approximately 950 of these go to the route system, 450 to industrial and 500 to community. Another 350 to 550 of each issue are sold through street sales, concentrating on three plants (Huber, Jefferson, Ford Rouge) and mass events such as the Ethnic Festivals. The Bookstore sells approximately 100 copies of each issue. This leaves us with 300 to 400 copies of each issue that are kept and passed out free at demonstrations while the latest issue is sold. A lack of reports from every unit makes it impossible for a real concrete judgement of how solid our route system is, but from various informal discussions it would appear that the route system as a whole is not very solid. Financially we have paid for every copy we have received.

ON THE STATE OF THE TP: We receive 150 copies of each issue. Approximately 10 of these are a part of the route system, these all go to community. The bookstore gets approximately 50 copies which are never sold out. This leaves 90 that are usually left in the area. The finances for the TP are paid up. The lack of use of the TP indicates that we are extremely weak in the Spanish speaking section of the Anglo-American working class in this area. This is an example of the extreme national chauvinism in this area toward Spanish speaking people.

ON PT/TP FORUMS: A series of PT/TP Forums is planned for this area. At this point they are as follows.

Sunday, September 28, 1975, 4 PM - "What is the CLP"
Saturday, October 19, 1975, 7 PM - "Defend Bessie Lou Cornett"
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Tuesday, November 4, 1975, 7 PM - "Korean Steelworkers"

These forums again must be seen as projecting the line of the CLP out to the masses while building factory nuclei.

ON THE STATE OF LITERATURE: The following is the current financial condition of the bookstore.

total sales from January 1 to June 30, 1975	\$3450.93
total expenses from January 1 to June 30, 1975	-3345.94
total sales from July 1 to July 31, 1975	+104.99
total sales for July 1975 - 812.03	+812.03
	+917.02
total expenses for July 1975 - 1389.59	--1389.59
	-472.57
total sales for August 1975 - 658.97	+658.97
	+186.40
total expenses for August 1975 - 553.36	-553.36
	-346.96 Owed

Although the bookstore appears to be in the whole it is not. We own about 99% of our inventory. This sets us on a good financial base. We are now advertising in the Wayne State Southend and will have an ad in the Go-Getters magazine. In addition the matches are a cheap form of limited advertising. Approximately 90% of the sales are to non-party customers. We are now in the process of having 5000 raffle tickets printed for a raffle to be held on Oct. 31, 1975. The purpose of this raffle is to raise enough money to buy a used truck so that we can begin to institute a mobile bookstore to visit the plants at shift change and lunch time.

ON THE STATE OF THE STATE FAIR: It cost approximately \$900 to set up sales at the Michigan State Fair. We sold approximately \$100 in books, mostly Marxist-Leninists pamphlets. We recovered \$250 in the form of a collapsable booth. We lost approximately \$550. The original \$900 came in the form of a donation. Considering the political situation we did better than the Fair as a whole. Due to the rain, they lost as a whole \$100,000 a day.

Politically we did well/ We were not broken into or physically attacked. We recieved threats from the John Birch Society and Break-through. None of these threats were carried out. Generally the reaction to the booth was more of surprise and curiosity than hostility. We lacked two things. On the objective side we lacked a gimmick to attract people to the booth. On the subjective side, comrades tended to be sheepish and unsure of what to do while running the booth.

ON THE STATE OF THE LITERATURE NETWORK: Community is functioning fairly well. Industrial is not. On the whole unites are not having political discussions on what kind of books they need to buy and have on hand (Congress documents, Peters, etc.). In addition comrades have stopped utilizing the bookstore. This is an error. Many books are not discounted through the literature network, but at the same time they are not available anywhere else in the city except the bookstore. The bookstore constantly orders and sells books that are new to the area.

ON THE STATE OF EDUCATION: The WS is scheduled to begin November 10, 1975. Registration will take place at the DUC office from November 3 to November 7, 1975. Comrades must have political discussions about th

the theoretical level of each individual comrade in the unit and how their needs can be met in the WS. In addition two new courses are being offered: PE III (Cap I ch 9-16) and Phil III (Textbook). In total there will be 23 classes offered which will cover 13 courses. These classes are:

- Intro to Marxism I and II
- Philosophy I, II, and III
- PE I, II, and III
- Negro History
- Labor History
- History of the Communist Movement
- History of Steel
- Spanish

With the development of the Board of Directors, the WS now needs to develop an administrative staff and a faculty. In order to help this development two comrades from the teachers unit have been assigned to the staff. At least one comrade presently on the staff will be relieved of the assignment.

National Cadre School starts on Oct. 6. Regional Cadre School starts on Sept 28. Comrades are already being reviewed for both of these schools.

We have 4 national nuclei classes to do in addition to the monthly nuclei classes that will be in the Party Organizer. Political discussion on the importance of these classes must be held in each unit. The purpose of these classes are to educate the entire party nationally on some particular subject.

ON THE STATE OF THE PRESS: The current list of 25 open comrades is almost useless. The vast majority of these comrades are in leadership positions and therefore their time is limited. The Press Commission is in the process of finding 3 to 5 comrades who will develop some expertise in the various aspects of the media on a constant basis.

We have a handle on the mechanics of a press conference, but the development of good relationships is lacking coupled with our lack of understanding when to call press conference. These must be developed through practice.

Our plan around developing our presence through radio and TV shows is to utilize some of the smaller programs such as FOR MY PEOPLE and WGPR to train comrades for the bigger ones like Haney's People and Lou Gordon.

There is the possibility of us setting up a front program on WDET that we could have instant access too. All of these tasks are set before us but the consolidation of this core of 3 to 5 people is necessary first.

We have put in an application to have a float in the Bi-Centennial Parade on May 2, 1976. In addition to this float we are planning a PT/TP forum on May Day.

Again as last year, a parade will be planned for Negro Nation Day. In order to do this, we should begin organizing now for this event.

ON THE STATE OF LEAFLETS AND SHOP & NEIGHBORHOOD PAPERS: Approximately 40,000 of the first national bussing leaflet was distributed in mostly Anglo-American working class communities. The reaction was generally negative. We have recieved approximately 10,000 of the new national bussing leaflet. These should be distributed at all the factories in the city as well as the assigned communities. Reports to the Commission on distribution of leaflets is poor. We can only assume that all distribution has stopped.

There are six shop newspapers (Ford, Huber, Mound, Teachers, Dodge Truck and GLS). The commission has only seen three of these. Leaflets and papers are not being recieved. The three we have seen, were good in two cases and poor in the third (trade unionist). In order to evaluate these papers the Commission must receive them. Once again send them to:

Al Gladysck
8212 Mt. Olivet
Detroit, Michigan
48234

ON THE STATE OF PRINTING: We have not yet found a place to set up the print shop. Work is being done on this. When the equipment is set up we will have the capability of running high quality leaflets, small posters, and booklets.

ON THE STATE OF THE UNEMPLOYED CAMPAIGN: Both the CLP and DUC led two ~~massive~~ popular front activities. On Aug. 16, 1975 CCHR held a pro-bussing rally in Kennedy Square. We provided the troops while the petit-bourgeois collapsed under pressure from the bourgeois and did not show at the rally. On Sept. 6, 1975 we held a conference sponsored by the Coalition to Stop the Welfare Corrective Action Program and the Economic Crisis. There was more participation from the petit-bourgeois at this one and plans for a conference in Lansing involving the coalition going statewide are being made. Through all of this the CPUSA and Trots have worked with the bourgeois to destroy the first coalition and attack the second. They have not been successful on the second.

The DUC has not been able to consolidate any contacts. None of the unemployed committees we have are actively participating in it. The petition drive has ground to a halt. Again this is a reflection of the lack of political understanding of the unemployed campaign. The fraction has been reduced to four comrades and a new addition will bring it to five. They are now ~~inviting~~ inviting local union CSC and block clubs to the meetings, there has been no response. In general, the campaign is in poor shape but is slowly being rejuvenated.

PARTS OF THIS REPORT ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND THE REPORT DESTROYED OR THOSE PARTS BLOCKED OUT.

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Political Report From The City Committee

On Sunday, October 12, the Region Staff met with the City Committee to discuss the progress of our Party in this area since the Congress. The following is a brief summary of that meeting and an update of the campaign and its significance in view of the new developments in the objective situation here in Detroit (Jefferson Ave. situation).

Our Party came to birth in a period of growing economic crisis, amid the death throes of the "New Left". This meant that Marxism-Leninism underwent attacks from many and diverse elements. In order to insure its defense, the comrades throughout the USNA and in Detroit in particular, waged a mighty and successful struggle against the treachery of fractionalism. Fractionalism has earmarked the working class movement since the beginnings of the CPUSA.

In this area, fractionalism seemed a particular threat since our Party was formed primarily from three separate organizations. Joint work had developed before the Congress, however, and by the Congress we had reached a high degree of political and organizational unity. Joint work in some of the plants, a cadre school, and the Continuations Committee brought out a number of struggles. They were settled on the basis on Marxism-Leninism; which warned us of the nature of these struggles, but also indicated the leaps we could make in forging the unity of our Party.

When we returned from the Congress, the unity we had achieved was evident both in the formal paper describing our history and in the unanimous election of the entire slate proposed by the interim committee. This unity, the concrete expression of our newly-formed Party, represented a change in our ability to deal with the objective situation facing us. But we were slow to respond to this change. We were still tactically organized to reduce the possibility of fractionalism, rather than to place our Party in the lead of the spontaneous struggle.

The City Committee offers a good example of the over-emphasis on the struggle against fractionalism. By limiting the power of the City Comm. Bureau, having to ground every decision of the Bureau with the entire City Committee, we became bureaucratic. We discussed organizational work before we had the political discussions that are so necessary in pointing out what opportunities, and dangers, are presented in the conditions facing us.

This problem was reflected in the area as a whole. For example, cadre bureaucratically separated the work of the Industrial and Community sections, not conscious of the fact that their political tasks were one and the same. Likewise, the work of the People's Tribune, the building of the networks of agents, and writing articles, became separated from our work, in place of "grounding" or developing the mass leaflets.

In organizing for the campaign, the City Comm. put out the "general call" for the campaign, but did not follow it up, immediately, with "particular discussions" in the units for unity and clarity. The result of this was that many units became mechanical or resistant in their approach, due to a lack of political clarity. Becoming too dependent on grounding everything with their unit, comrades were not encouraged to "find their own bearings" and push themselves out into the struggle. The reaction to this became its opposite. Situations have occurred where nothing was grounded.

We must grasp the truth that "after the correct political line has been given, the organizational work decides everything, including the fate of the political line itself..." (Stalin). We must fight to see that work is based on the political tasks before us. Without a correct understanding of the political tasks at hand, we cannot organize ourselves for the struggle to carry out those tasks. We must keep politics before organization. In all our units and in all our work we must have political discussions before organizational discussion. This will insure proper division of labor within the political objectives. It will allow for comrades' initiative, and reduce the bureaucratic manner in which we often approach our work. In doing this we must examine the objective situations in our particular areas so that we have "identity of views on what the immediate tasks are and generally how they are to be accomplished". (P.T., "Build the Party", V.1 #1).

This brings us to the campaign and the JARUM forum.

The growing crisis of capitalism in general, and the rising inflation

and unemployment in particular, present our Party with ample opportunity for carrying out our present task of forging the working class movement with scientific socialism. The deepening crisis more and more exposes the bankruptcy of the capitalist system. As each weakness is exposed, our opportunities are increased.

In this general framework, perhaps no other specific situation offers a wider breach in the defenses of the capitalist class than the closing of the Jefferson Ave. Assembly Plant. The closing of this plant is the most glaring attack in the general assault of the capitalist class to force the proletariat to suffer the brunt of the crisis. It will mean that 5,000 Jefferson workers will join the ranks of the 179,000 unemployed in the Detroit area. Indirectly, this closing may effect up to 20,000 workers. On top of this, layoffs and "extended vacations" have been made at a number of other Detroit plants.

The response from the proletariat to these outrages has been a combination of anger and expectation. On the one hand our class is prepared for a change; something must be done. But at the same time, they are bewildered and confused, not knowing what it is that needs doing. This situation arises from one concrete phenomenon in this whole struggle; there is no leadership being offered, either to the class as a whole or to the workers at Jefferson, in particular. Further, the leadership that is offered to the class - Jesse Jackson of PUSH, or Doug Fraser of the UAW, or Joe Madison from the NAACP - does nothing but intensify the confusion. All we get is prayers as we are offered up to this fascist onslaught. All this does is aid the capitalists by lulling the proletariat into passivity.

In a word, we are facing a vacuum of leadership. At this time the only attempts to capture the leadership have been one CP demonstration and a PUAS rally that ended with an outright attack on women workers! The most outrageous element in this whole fiasco was the silence of 20 CLP comrades at the PUSH rally who did not even tail the spontaneous outrage of the audience at this division of the class!

Comrades, this irresponsibility will not do! No other organization in Detroit has 100 well-trained, experienced class-conscious fighters. We, as the organized detachment of our class must seize every opportunity, concentrate our forces and attack each weakness in the enemies lines. We must seize the leadership of this struggle!

Jefferson is the widest breach in the defenses of the capitalist class; it is one of the weakest links in the capitalist's chain. Jefferson concretely demonstrates all the characteristics of the deepening crisis. At this time, all the eyes in Detroit are on Jefferson. We must capitalize on this opportunity to win the first battle in our campaign. As Mao Tse-Tung says about campaigns,

"Victory or defeat in the first battle has a tremendous effect upon the entire situation, all the way to the final engagement."

Mao Tse-Tung, "Strategy in China's Revolutionary War, pt 5"

This is the manner in which we must view the Jefferson struggle. We must activate our front lines - the Jefferson unit and the Eastside unit - and mobilize the reserves to support that work. In this way we can concentrate our forces at the enemy's weakest point.

"Concentration is necessary for the purpose of reversing the situation as between the enemy and ourselves. First, its purpose is to reverse the situation as regards advance and retreat. - Previously it was the enemy who was advancing and we who were retreating; now we seek a situation in which we advance and he retreats. When we concentrate our troops and win a battle, then in that battle we gain the above purpose, and this influences the whole campaign."

Mao Tse-Tung, Strategy in China's Revolutionary War, pt.6"

For us, a victory at Jefferson - the creation of an unemployment council - will strategically enhance all our RUM units and thrust us

deep into the struggle.

But victory depends on proper mobilization of our forces. We cannot leave the work to the Jefferson and East-side units, alone. We must support their work with petition drives in all our units, and offer any other assistance possible to the following work:

Weds. Distribution at JARUM 5:15-6:00am 2:45-3:30pm
 Fri. Rally at Jefferson 2:15-3:30pm
 Sat. Distribution in East-side Community
 Sun. Forum 7pm United Methodist Church
 1101 E. Grand Blvd.

(to volunteer: call Donna 821-7611, 13 3 Lenox)

For comrades just beginning the petition drive, the following points must be observed.

1. All comrades are responsible for no less than 200 signatures. This works out to 10 petitions (20 signatures per sheet). This will give us the 20,000 minimum that we have set as a goal.
2. The deadline is Sunday, Nov 17th. They should go to your section head.
3. For those using the CCC petition (as of Nov 3, CCC's name has been changed to Workers United For Political and Economic Survival. A memo is forthcoming.), they can be picked up at the bookstore.
4. For those units developing their own petition, make sure that the demands printed in the CCC petition are your minimal demands with the addition in the demand on the CETA program that, "the CETA program not only be fully implemented, but expanded to provide funds at the expense of the war industry and monopolies, so that every worker: . . . "

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Fight For Leadership!

Fight For Jobs!

City Committee

This paper is being written to outline a position by the Regional Staff of the primary thrust of the Party in this Area for the next period of time. Our immediate goal must be the political and organizational consolidation of the City Committee--the building of the collective. Without this all our other work will fail.

The main strategic requirement of our Party is to "make every factory our fortress". As yet, we have not put every tactical decision, tested every political struggle in the context of this strategic thrust. For the next 6 months, (at least), this means that we must concentrate on building factory nuclei for without this foundation no fortress can be built. Within this struggle, tactically this means that the struggle against the fascists must be taken into the plants and this further means that all our check and control must assure that the plant work is aiding in the struggle against the fascists. It is in the plants where the struggle will yield the most important results because it is there that the workers are concentrated and there that the workers have the multinational social existence. But once again this effort depends on the political and organizational consolidation of the City Committee.

Political consolidation of the City Committee means a City Committee that daily implements the strategic thrust of the Party: every tactical turn, every demonstration, every part of our agitational work, all organizational decisions and work must be tested against the strategic requirement that we "make every factory our fortress". The day of the simple ideological discussion is over; we must build leadership capable of providing this kind of leadership. This political perspective must be taken to every unit; political criticism which assures the Party's thrust in this direction must be encouraged.

Organizational consolidation means that the City Committee is able to achieve a clear division of labor for the purpose of implementing the line of the Party. We want to struggle for a complete implementation of Peters' Manual. Once clear divisions of labor have been established, then political criticisms will be easier because the failure to perform a task which prevents the building of factory nuclei will then be clearly seen (because the assignment was clear). We must struggle to clarify both the what and the who of assignments.

The main weapon for this political and organizational consolidation will be criticism and self-criticism. We must build the leadership in the units by encouraging at every level correct political criticism. We must build the comrades so that they can analyze what is being said regardless of who said it or how well it was said. We must build the leadership of the comrades so that they can also look not only at what people say but also what they do. This means that political criticism will be based on What was said (not who said it) and what was done (not said).

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Simply said, we must encourage political criticism so that all comrades are looking at the content of the actual work. We will then break down the old club style of work.

All of these struggles must occur in the units. Leadership in the Area has the responsibility of taking to all comrades the political reality that unless constant vigilance is maintained by comrades in the units, unless severe and continuous political criticism is levied, leadership will not develop in the units and therefore leadership will not develop in the Area. Only by putting all our work in the context of the struggle to build factory nuclei can we assure that we will do away with the ideological discussion that we have seen in the past. By assuring that criticism occurs in this context, we also be able to better test each tactical move that we make.

Regional Staff

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LOCAL REPORT
DETROIT AREA OF THE CLP.

The over-all conditions in the local area after the Congress of the CLP have been one of reorganization from a League style of work to a Party style of work. The manifestation of the present economic crises in the local area after the formation of our Party has witnessed a continued increase in the unemployment rate. The Unemployment figures for the Detroit area for September were listed at 9.5% or 179,000 workers unemployed as compared to 5.8% national average. At the same time as inflation continued to eat away at the standard of living, as cost of living climbed to 10.6% over last year's figures. Crime statistics in the Detroit area are up 16.9% for the month of September to a 6% rise ~~for~~ the month, on the national level. Figures showed increases in all categories of serious crimes for 9 months of 1974. Homicides as of October 29, in Detroit were 635, for the year as compared to 612 at the same time last year. The rise in homicides are following directly in light of the rise in drug traffic in the city. Cunningham's Drug Store Chain (with New Detroit controlling the show) has entered into the so-called fight against the spread of drugs by announcing distribution of drug information.

Housing starts off more than 50%, since October, 1972 national. On the other hand in Detroit, HUD has 8,000 homes and is holding them in ransoms and national, they have 75,000 homes.

In the area of health care the greatest centralization of health facilities has resulted in a greatest deterioration of health care. For example, only one hospital in the city of Detroit will care for children after 6:P.M., seven days a week.

Giving the objective conditions Mayor Coleman Young is continuing to carry out his drive to develop more centralization and reorganization of the Police Dept. In the past few month, he put person like Dorg Frasier (Head of the UAW's Chrysler Corp. Dept) as one of the ~~other~~ members of the Police Commission. The number of mini Police stations has been increased to 10.

The largest event to take place in the subjective arena in the city of Detroit over the month of September was the World-Wide Energy Conference, including representatives from 85 foreign countries. Mayor Coleman Young as pointed out in the People's Tribune as a member of the Anglo American ruling class gave the opening remarks in which President For's speech clearly threatened the oil producing nations. While the imperialists wined and dined as security forces occupied the entire downtown Detroit area, the masses of working people's conditions continued to deteriorate. The fact that such a conference with its undercurrents of threats of war having its opening remarks given by a Negro National Minority Mayor seems to be no accident. Meanwhile the UAW's CAP program and AFL-CIO's political arm COPE are ~~going~~ in full swing in preparation for the November elections both are pushing full slates of Democratic Party candidates for office, likewise the CPUSA has launched its state wide election campaign with State Chairman Tommy Dennis running for Governor of Michigan.

Meanwhile, Mayor Coleman Young has launched a campaign against crime, such as ~~the~~ "A CITIZEN'S CRUSADE AGAINST CRIME COALITION, CITY WIDE CONFERENCE", which was held here last week October 25 & 26, with keynote speakers being Coleman Young the first night and Congressman John Conyers the next night. The purpose of this drive is to unity the mass with the Police Dept., there were only about 150 people there and not from the working class.

In the past few weeks Chrysler Corp. has announced its closing the Jefferson Ave. Assembly Plant affecting nearly 6,000 employees there and will cause the Detroit area approximately 20,000 jobs in all. Many parts suppliers will have to cut back other small shops closing altogether. In response to these conditions such organizations as PUSH has announced a rally for Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greater Macedonia Church on the east side protesting the closing of Jefferson. PUSH announcements on radio so far have been basically syndicalist blowing a line that Chrysler shouldn't close Jefferson because it is in the "Black community" and employs mainly "Black workers" "why not close some other plant". On the other hand the NAACP has made a public appeal to Chrysler to keep the plant open and "re-affirm its commitment," to the city. The UAW's Doug Fraser head of Chrysler Division has likewise appealed to Chrysler not to close its Jefferson Plant and put forth a solution of cutting back to 1 shift running 60 cars per hour instead of 2 shifts running 40 cars per hour. No definite date for the actual closing of the plant - it awaits the return of Lynn Townsend from vacation and his meeting with Coleman Young. Thus the worsening of the conditions of social life of the proletariat in the Detroit area caused by the present economic crises is calling forth more and more spontaneous fightbacks. Mayor Coleman Young in his attempt to contain the fightback is showing himself more and more inadequate in running from Economic Summit Conference to Citizens Crusade Against Crime and a meeting with Lynn Townsend on his return from vacation.

Based on these conditions in the Detroit area our party is involved in the following work.

We have 7 units under our industrial section, 6 factory nuclei and one service unit. We have 4 community units. One Agit Prop Unit and 3 internal units and 1 Regional Unit. A total 101 party members.

In 1938 our industrial section 2 of our units activity has mainly been around the extension of 2 years to 3 years terms of office for union officials - a petition drive has been carried out at one of these plant settings. These activities and struggles around basic democratic rights has resulted in increased letters and contacts from the workers in both cases to the units. Three other plant settings have done leaflet work around new elections. More support from the workers has been gained through these struggles. Layoffs seems inevitable at all of our plant settings. In our work in Steel our comrades have been struggling around safety issues and Consent Degree. Our comrades were successful in pushing through a resolution on safety in response to recent burning of a woman worker. Resolution calls for "investigation of accidents by union and bringing up of recommendations; 3 regular safety meetings be held every 30 days in each department with a union man and a dept. foreman; an intensive safety program for all new employees for each specific job." Out of these struggles 10 workers have been won over to the new caucus "Iron and Steel".

In our Service worker Unit we are engaged in struggle at 4 different hospitals. We will give particulars of these struggles in the next report.

In our Community work our Eastside Street Unit is coordinating its activity with the Jefferson Nuclei and stepping up its work in the community organizations and the Parkside Projects, it is likewise beginning its work around the 3 for 3 Food Coop in an attempt to open up an eastside branch. Our comrades are also working on the Education Committee of the local NAACP dealing currently with the busing issue. A YCL fraction has been developed with one comrade teaching music to youth at an east side high school in order to actively build a YCL. Two comrades are likewise running for building representatives in the Detroit Public school system.

In our southwest area we have two street units. It's present involvement is centering around the death of 3 young girls in a fire in the neighborhood. The struggle ~~is based around the slow inept operation~~ is based around the slow inept operation of the Detroit Fire Dept. There has subsequently been a rash of fires in the neighborhood. The unit is coordinating its work with our factory nuclei at GLS and Cadillac.

In the town unit our comrades are working to develop our work at the 8 Mile Stamping Plant, making assignments for work in PUSH and SCLC and moving to the next concentration area.

A & P Unit principal task is the riding the crest of the campaign around unemployment and inflation, setting up forums and action committees to carry out the campaign concretely. The intire campaign activity for the area was done up by A & P unit. The kick off date for the campaign in the area was Oct 15, at the first CCC (Control Conflict & Change) forum on unemployment and inflation. The CCC forum had about 100 people in attendance, the turn out was relatively poor based on the history of past CCC forums. Further consolidation of our CCC fraction should rectify this problem. The objective conditions has given an increased impetus to the campaign in this area with the proposed closing of the Jefferson plant. Now the whole focus of our area work is being geared toward the campaign with Jefferson ~~plant~~ plant playing the particular focus of the struggle and the whole of the area in general. Therefore our nuclei at Jefferson and our east side street unit will be in the center of our campaign. We will throw support into the PUSH rally this weekend Nov 2 advertising a rally of our own on the following weekend Nov 10 held by JARUM plus Jefferson Workers Support Committee. We are preparing to throw all of the party forces around this campaign with the seizing of the leadership of the movement around unemployment and inflation in the class and recruitment of the active workers into the various components of the party as our main tasks.

We are currently handling 800 People's Tribunals on a monthly basis.

Our dues collected for the center for Sept. were \$2,872.67 of which \$1,200 came to the center and 715.00 still owed for the month of Sept.

We are experiencing some intense difficulty in education - sources of difficulty being one, the lack of clarity around the NC school and names and discussions on these schools have ranged from the demand that every party member attend to the selection of members to attend specific classes. Also from one memo stating that only those who have been to cadre school can center the sessions to the position that even close contacts can center, and again from the position that International, National, Local reports begin each class to the position that they should not be given. In the course of these confusing reports from the NEC we have moved holding the line in the following manner. Our NC schools have began first with the resignation of Cass Bell from head of education and her replacement by Kay. We have 90 comrades plus 16 contacts in attendance organized into 9 different classes - 3 Introductory to Marxism, 2 in Pol. Econ. I and 2 Pol. Econ. II and 2 in Philosophy. These classes are all in their 4th week as of this report.

In the course of our development in consolidation ourselves into the new party formation our external tasks have greatly increased.

In the past in maintaining our weekly study and a minimum amount of external work, our educational structure was not too much in conflict with our external work of our units. In the present period however our educational classes are having the effect of being a strain on the mobility of our units. Education has become to comfortable in the present setting in opposition to getting out and winning the Political Leadership in the Class Struggle. We are faced with a situation, where unemployment is running rampant and the Jefferson Plant is scheduled to close, and there is a vacuum of leadership in the class. The task we face both from the standpoint of the general direction of the Party embodied in the Present Campaign, as well as the burning objective conditions around us, demands that we immediately move to seize the leadership of the Unemployed movement, all of the preparatory work has been done and all that is necessary is for comrades to

get to the streets and shops with our petitions. In two (2) months of Party work, we have recruited only 1 new member. But we have the task of doubling our size in six (6) months. At the same time the Campaign, itself has necessitated some increased educationals, which are taking place in our units. At the present time we have over 35 comrades, who have been to Cadre Schools

In our N. C. School, itself there have also been some difficulties. Some of our classes are repeats for almost the whole of the course and everthough discussions are lively, they likewise have revoked the comment from a contact that the whole thing seems like a ritual or ~~ceremony~~ ceremony instead of a class.

Therefore, we are proposing that our educational program be changed. That education take place in the units, following the principal of study what is urgently needed in order to get quick results, that reports be sent in from the units on what is being studied by each unit, applied to their work. At the same time we could proceed to have Party Schools, Cadre Schools and the N. C. School, plus orientation classes to be held in order to equal out education throught out the Party. Likewise, we could still have our National Nuclei classes in the units. We suggest in the Next N.C. School we send one person from each unit to enroll in the particular course for an investment in that unit. Thereby freeing up the majority of our comrades to do external work and study applied directly too it.

WIN THE VANGUARD OF THE PROLETARIAT TO
THE CAUSE OF COMMUNISM

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Report form for City Committee

1. The reports in to the City Committee should be done in the form of the relationship of forces. In the past the reports have spoken only to our movement, the movement of CL in isolation from the rest of society. Therefore it had been necessary in order to get the area report in to the Center, to search over not only the reports but likewise to give an overall analysis of the local situation and then to speak to the CL's motion in the class. "War is politics with bloodshed and politics is war without bloodshed." Mao Tse Tung states we should then begin to take a military estimation of the relationship of forces. If we are victorious then the class enemy loses and if we lose then the enemy gains. And only in this manner can we sum up our tactical approach to problems and learn which tactics to use in different developing circumstances. It is necessary for comrades to study The Political Strategy and Tactics of the Russians by Stalin and the Objective and Subjective Factors in the Revolution (Albania Today reprint).

Form for Report

1. What are the objective conditions giving rise to whatever struggle in particular area of work.
2. What are the subjective struggles the bourgeois class is using to divert this struggle and in which direction is it being diverted.
3. What are our tactics in this particular struggle and for what reasons are we employing these tactics? Which forms of struggle? Which corresponding forms of organization? Can we at this time gauge our influence, are we losing or gaining in the battle?

To: All Units
From: City Committee Bureau
Re: Cadre Initiative, Recruitment

Comrades,

We must begin to seriously discuss the question of recruitment, the PT and the United Front Against Fascism. We must concretely discuss moving the party out and building the party. We must concretely discuss the task that all of us have as political leaders, as communists and as cadre of the Communist Labor Party of the United States of North America.

Georgi Dimitrov in paying tribute to Ernst Thälmann, (the former head of the German Communist Party who died at the hands of the Fascists), put forward this description of what a true proletarian revolutionary is and what we must all strive to be:

A true revolutionary and proletarian leader is formed in the fore of the class struggle and by making Marxism-Leninism his own.

It is not enough to have a revolutionary temperament- one has to understand how to handle the weapon of revolutionary theory.

It is not enough to know theory-- one must also forge oneself a strong character with Bolshevik steadfastness.

It is not enough to know what ought to be done-- one must also have the courage to carry it out.

One must always be ready to do anything, at any cost, which is of real service to the working class.

One must be capable of subordinating one's whole personal life to the interests of the proletariat.

Comrades, in the past period we have moved out into the struggle around jobs, layoffs, inflation and other burning issues that effect the working class. We have however, in our work been to hesitant to seize the initiative and move forward as the leaders we can and will be. We have sat and hesitated too often with the result that we have not moved out there into the forefront of the struggle as consistently as we could have. In a number of instances throughout the area it has seemed that comrades were scared to move forward into the nitty gritty organizing that is necessary if our Party is to begin to bring leadership and consciousness to the spontaneous mass movement. It has seemed that as we have all gained the theory of Marxism-Leninism that we have lost some of the militancy which helped bring us to where we are at.

Comrades, we must move forward into the struggle. We must carry the struggle into our block clubs, unions, churches, community organizations, national organizations, social groups etc. We must take up the leadership of the struggle of the workers and through that leadership bring the struggle to be one of the struggle of the working class against its enemy the bourgeois class.

In all of the work that we do, we must consciously assess how to put forward the line and when possible the presence of the CLP. We must not simply lead in the economic struggle, which is in reality tailing the class, but must always move one step in front of the class putting forward in the lively language of the class the content of communism, of the struggle for peace and against Fascism. Thus in the work that we carry out, in the movement into the working class and into the struggle, we must always keep in mind that our primary slogan is Build The Party

What does the slogan Build The Party really mean? It means that in the process of the struggle, in the midst of the fighting for jobs, the creation of an unemployment council, for the victory of the coalminers or against war, that we consciously attempt to work with and develop in the midst of the struggle those elements who are giving leadership to this struggle, those who are the vanguard elements, those who align with us in the concrete struggle we engage in. In developing them there can be no better tool than the PT. In all of our work we must consciously use the PT to aid in recruitment, and in the putting forth of our line and the presence of the CLP.

Comrades, we are recruiting out of the objective struggle that is going on and we must understand who it is we are attempting to recruit. We have moved from an emphasis on the advance of the advance to the vanguard of the proletariat.

This objectively means that we must be working with, developing and recruiting workers who are separated from Communism and in certain cases are objectively anti-communist. We are attempting to recruit into our Party militant fighters for the proletariat who must be struggled with to understand why they should move to communism and the CLP. This will happen by our example, by our actual practice.

Thus we see comrades that it is our organization, and the work and initiative that we put forward that will move us ahead, now that we have a political line. After the decisions are made collectively within units or higher bodies, as to how to move, the comrades must understand that there then becomes individual responsibility for the carrying out of the decisions. There is no collective responsibility for the carrying out, only the individual responsibility of the assigned cadre. All comrades must move with initiative, militancy, energy and responsibility to carry out decisions and take up tasks as they are seen.

We need an understanding of what contacts we currently have and where we are at with them. Within the next two weeks comrades should write down all their current contacts, those who are getting the Tribune and those who aren't, what study and/or study action groups the comrades are working in, what contacts are in these, how have the contacts been collectivized and are being worked on in the unit. Contacts should be listed as to who was recommended for the workers school, who went and who didn't and what type of work has been done with those who didn't go.

Although we have been active we must tighten up our work and bring more energy and consciousness to it. Too often we are late for demonstrations or leafletting while the trots or RU can be on time for an event which we are putting on. We have the theory comrades, but without organization, without that communist initiative and hard work we will not move as we should and have to. Concretely this tightening up must come with this report being done on time so that we can gain an overall idea of how things are moving in terms of contacts, and recruitment and the influence of our line. However, this tightening up must be in all areas, from turning in regular reports, to being on time for meetings, to consciously planning out the work ahead of us and then carrying it out, to taking the initiative to suggest an idea or to move forward in one's individual area of work.

The present period holds for us many possibilities and many dangers. We have gone to the Common Council and successfully demanded a Public Hearing to be held on Unemployment on Jan. 17. This demand to Common Council was concretely moving against the state. We must take very seriously our work in all spheres but in particular this one because it is clear that the state takes us very seriously and will make use of any mistakes we make. In our going to Common Council we made a number of mistakes, many of which were because of laxity and lack of initiative on the part of cadre. It is only by using the contradictions between Common Council and the Mayor and by pushing ahead energetically at the last minute that we gained what we did at the Common Council meeting. We must not let these mistakes happen again. We must move as consciously and energetically to mobilize the working people of Detroit to come to this public hearing, we must mobilize our contacts, move to unite into a coalition with organizations in the community and plants, and to make use of the media for our benefit. All comrades should turn in a list of names of radio, newspaper and TV people they know so that we can move on them for favorable publicity. This must be done within the next week.

We have moved to the forefront around the unemployment struggle we can and will move farther.

SEIZE THE INITIATIVE
BUILD THE PARTY
WIN THE VANGUARD TO THE CAUSE OF COMMUNISM

Report from City Committee Buro

Recently, among some comrades and in some units there have been discussions and criticisms of manifestations of white chauvinist errors internal to the Detroit area of the CLP. But the Party is not and must not be isolated and unconnected from the proletariat, so that we must look to the motion within the class in order to best objectively analyze contradictions within the Party.

The roots of white chauvinism come from the imperialists themselves and is used to foment discord and disunity within the proletariat. This as we know is in the interest of the bourgeoisie. But it is in the interest of the working class to unite in the struggle against bourgeois oppression and exploitation. And thus, the history of the struggles of the proletariat of the Anglo American nation gives us many concrete examples of the proletariat uniting against the bourgeoisie when it has attacked any one section of the working class in order to divide and weaken it. Just after WWI, during the "golden age" of the Anglo American bourgeoisie, when it was in the interest of the bourgeoisie to drive down wages, stop unionization and the closed shop drive, the bourgeoisie conducted the Palmer Raids in 1920. Roughly 10,000 workers were arrested on suspicion of being illegal aliens. It was at this same time that the upsurge of lynchings of Negroes in the South occurred as well as "race riots" in various Northern cities which were instigated by imperialist interests. The response of the class then was militant fightback - demonstrations of unity between Anglo American, Negro and foreign born workers - wildcat strikes - under the leadership of the progressive elements within the trade union movement at that time.

Again we can look to history to give us another example of the splitting tactics of the bourgeoisie and the tactics of the proletariat of unity for the interests of the whole class. The P.T. article in Vol 1 # 5 on "Building Unemployed Councils" shows us that the struggle against driving the living conditions of the proletariat down was necessarily and intimately connected with the struggle against white chauvinism, national chauvinism. The takeover of the unemployed council was followed up by "demonstrations against war and facism, picketing anti-Negro bars, mass resistance of evictions and demanding jobs from county and federal government."

What is the notion of the imperialists today? No different than yesterday. We have seen a progression of attacks on the living standards and political rights of the working class as the imperialists become more and more entangled in their economic crisis. To attack the whole more effectively, the imperialists have as usual singled out one section of the class for special treatment. As history demands, it has been the Negro people and foreign born. Hence, SERENA, "DEMAU MAU", "Zebra Killings", "Illegal Aliens", Edelin Abortion case, Boston bussing, and now Detroit bussing. Why else would a 2-part, prime-time TV special on the FBI and the KKK during the Civil Rights movement be shown at this time, if it is not to ideologically fan the flames of disunity in the midst of the Boston bussing and at the beginning of Detroit bussing. And all of this must be seen within the context of the imperialist crisis of overproduction and the need for war and facism.

What concretely must be the response of the class to this motion of the imperialists? Fightback! What is the responsibility of the Party to the class? Leadership! Here, Comrades, is where we have all been lacking. It is clear that we have not been taking the leadership in uniting the issues confronting the class in all of our work. Clearly, the concrete application of the Negro National Colonial Question facing us in Detroit in the coming months is the bussing fight. But as the last 2 PT articles on bussing make clear, the question of bussing must be viewed in context of, "...the tactical consideration of the bourgeoisie is to maintain the split in the working class in order to maintain its domination." (PT Vol 1 # 3) This we must make clear to the class every step of the way, in every form available to us. For example, unemployed committees we participate in should be struggled with to support quality education and equality of the Negro peoples. Right now during the preparation stages of the bourgeoisie's desegregation plan due April 1, we must raise this issue as an integral part of the entire imperialist drive against the Anglo American proletariat. Thus, we can link up the freedom of the Negro Nation as a necessary call of the Anglo American proletariat in the interests of its unity in the face of the heel of the imperialist bourgeoisie.

Every criticism must start with self-criticism and on the question of leadership, the city committee as a whole and the Buro in particular must criticize itself for the necessary consistent political leadership within the Detroit area of the CLP. Oftentimes, for lack of thorough political discussions, organizational solutions to political problems are resorted to by the area leadership. Thus, not providing the correct leadership for comrades in terms of uniting the issues facing the class in our political work can only lead to lack of clarity on the part of our comrades as to how in practice to implement the line of the Party.

By the same token, each comrade must seize the initiative and seek clarity on the line and its application in the class. In terms of the general motion spoken to above on the rise in attacks on the Negro National Minorities, the incident at the last WUPE'S forum was most negative and harmful. At this forum, a Negro worker posed a question which was implicitly to test the Anglo American's present at the forum. In essence, he projected that Anglo American's are willingly active on the issue of unemployment but would they be so on the question of bussing and the attacks on the Negro people. 12 Anglo comrades reacted to this in subjective ways - some spoke to their particular commitment to the struggle in defense of the Negro people - some left the forum - some spoke and then left. But clearly comrades, only holding on to the line would have been correct in this situation. Practice and line in the long run would tell the story. The Section Heads are giving each unit the names of the comrades who left at the forum and serious criticism of this motion must be conducted by the units. The effects of these comrades leaving the forum was of a white chauvinist error which cannot be tolerated within the Party nor in the Party's relationships with the class. A report of the results of the struggle should be turned in to the section heads by March 22.

Again, the Party is not isolated and unconnected from the class. We must view this coming period as one of consolidation internally as well as externally - from the buro to the unit heads- to each individual cadre.

Consolidate our gains
Build the Party