

# DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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CLP HIGHLAND PARK POLICE  
INCIDENT 1976

# RON GLOTTA AND CLP ATTACKED

A Communist Labor Party campaign motorcade was attacked by the Highland Park police on Saturday afternoon; the participants in the motorcade were beaten and arrested.

Although every campaign in the history of this city has blown their horns and used sound equipment to publicize their campaign, the police claimed that it was illegal to use loudspeakers. When it was explained that the Highland Park Chief of Police had earlier confirmed that there is no ordinance against using sound equipment, the police refused to listen. When a passenger in one of the cars protested, he was sprayed with mace and beaten with a nightstick.

During this assault, another participant began announcing the police violence over the loudspeaker. This participant was Ronald Glotta, an attorney who was only asserting his constitutional right of free speech. Other police tried to grab the microphone from him. When he refused to stop speaking, the police jumped into the car, and announcing him under arrest, proceeded to spray mace in his face and beat him with a nightstick. Three police dragged him from the car, threw him on the ground, beat, handcuffed and dragged him into a police car.

Another of the passengers standing nearby was pushed against a policecar, handcuffed with no explanation; while another, Sharon Glotta, was arrested when she attempted to stop the police from beating her husband.

The people of Highland Park must protest this outright violence. Every effort had been made to keep the Communist Labor Party off the ballot. This attack has opened a new page, one of open violence, in the state's battle against the Communist Labor Party and the people.

A demonstration to protest this outrageous attack against the Communist Labor Party will be held at 6:00 at the Highland Park City Council, Gerald and Woodward. We urge everyone to come and protest this violent police attack against the people.

## DEMONSTRATE MONDAY

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## stop police brutality

### Stop Police Brutality

The past few months have shown the colors of the Highland Park Police Department. This past spring William Savage was arrested and brutally beaten up by the police. The officers involved were John Stec and James Franciso. The case went to court and William Savage was found not guilty. John Stec and James Franciso are still on the police force. John Stec also shot and killed an 18 year old man in February of this year. Two weeks ago the Highland Park police stopped a motorcade given by the Communist Labor Party as it was going down Pilgrim. They told the people in the cars that they could not blow their horns, but that they could use the loud speakers. When they proceeded to use the speakers they were attacked by Officer Ostrand. He and Jerome Barns called for help and continued to use Mace, nightsticks and whatever else they could find to stop the people from using a loud speaker system that they had the right to use. The next day Mr. Ostrand shot a 16 year old boy, Gregory Mitchell in the back. Gregory is still in Detroit General Hospital and has yet to be charged with anything.

We citizens of Highland Park will not stand for this kind of treatment from the police dept. Just because they wear a badge and a gun does not give them the right to attack, kill, and mame people of this city. The police must be responsible men and women who are intelligent and who know how to keep the peace, not bring about violence. We need every honest man and woman to come to the City Council Meeting on Monday August 16th to force an investigation into the Police Dept. and to force the firing of John Stec and Mr. Ostrand.

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## pornography ?

Comming up soon there will be public hearings regarding the renewal of the licenses for the pornography bookstores and movie houses . The time , place, and date has not been set. The next issue of the paper will give that information. We urge all people concerned about this problem to come to these public hearings. We can stop the renewal of these licenses.

# what is the clp

What is the Communist Labor Party? What does it stand for? Why should I support it, buy its pamphlets, papers and books? Why should I join? Many people have asked us these questions, and they are good questions. The people of the United States of North America have had a great deal of bad experience with people, groups and parties claiming to represent their interests, and claiming to lead them into a better life. The Communist Labor Party makes no promises or claims about what it is going to do for you. Whatever good comes about will be the result of what you and millions of other workers and progressives fight for. What the Communist Labor Party is trying to do is build a Party of fighting leaders of the working class so that in every factory, shop, mine, and field, in every school, neighborhood, union and club, the workers will have their own Party to lead them in struggle, and to unite the entire working class in one mighty fight to get rid of the cause of our problems, to overthrow the capitalist class and establish a socialist United States of North America. Where for the first time the working people of this country will have a real democracy. We are a party of patriotic honest, hardworking people who want to realize the full potential of this country and of our people.

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# news from the city:

Mayor Miller stated that the Highland Park General Hospital workers had bumping rights within the city. This was clarified to mean that they have bumping rights only within their job classifications. What does this mean? Is there really a place in the city for all the workers from HPGH?

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The Mayor stated in the council meeting last week, that there were gangs in Highland Park. We ask what and why are these gangs? Obviously they are youth who have not been able to find jobs, they have nothing to do and no where to go. Is this there fault? NO! It is the fault of this society that exists for profit and profit alone. Why in a society that has such a high level of technology as this country does do we have an 8% unemployment rate? Why do we have people going hungry? Why are we afraid to walk the streets at night? Why do we have poor education, that we already pay through the nose for? Why are our houses falling apart? The answer is Capitalism. Capitalism, the economic system on which this society is based. Gangs and violence do not arise out of thin air. There is something that conditions there comming about and keeps them going. As communists we understand this. Yet this does not stop us from fighting against the violence of these gangs. We as every decent, honest citizen want Highland Park to be a safe clean city. We want an end to all violence both from the police and from these youth groups that are victimizing the people of this city. We demand JOBS PEACE andEQ-UALITY. We demand an end to all types and forms of violence and brutality. If we want Highland Park safe we have to make it so!!!

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## Highland Park Motorcade

On Monday the 6 people who were attacked by the police for riding in a motorcade were arraigned. The arraignment was set for 2 o'clock, but by 4 o'clock they along with supporters and friends were still sitting there. It seems that there was a problem regarding the issuing of warrents. None had been issued yet, and without them there could be no arraignment. We knww that they would issue them for to not do so would be concrete admission of guilt, especially after they beat up those involved. Sure enough they came down, but they were for interferring with police officers carrying out there DUTIES, not for breaking the law they supposedly stopped the people for. The defendents represented by a laywer stood mute. They also requested a jury trial. Since there are no jury trials during the summer the date was set for September 29th at 9:00 am. Keep this date in mind and be there Sept. 29th. We were attacked because of our political beliefs, not because we were breaking a law. Let's make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else. If they can get away with this they will continue to infringe upon the democratic rights we have fought so hard for throughtout the history of this country

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When Jessie Miller was running for Mayor of this city he stated that he would not keep the extra \$10,000that our previous mayor had approved for himself. At the council meeting last Monday night Mr. Miller was asked where the money was. He stated that it was in escrole. What does this really mean? Is he putting it away for when he leaves the office of mayor? Where is the money? He never really answered the question, he only tried to evade it. It should go back into the general fund.

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# vote communist in november

On August 3rd, 1976, the working class and the Communist Labor Party celebrated a victory and suffered a defeat. We celebrated the building of our movement. In the newspapers, on the radio, in the city halls, on the streets, the platform of jobs, peace and equality was discussed, debated, and supported. We presented socialism as a viable alternative. Hundreds of people donated time, and over a thousand people voted for this alternative. The Party has grown enormously. Hundreds, even thousands of people know the Party as a fighting Party that will defend its rights in every arena and in every way. The Communist Labor Party wants to thank everyone for the support they have given, it has been tremendous. Our defeat is our failure to get sufficient votes to get on the ballot. An extremely confusing election law, police violence against our people, inexperience by the Party in election campaigns, inadequate funds, state election manipulation, outright election fraud including refusal to count votes and refusal to allow our people to vote for the Party, all combined to prevent us from getting the necessary votes.

The state stands exposed for its corrupt election procedures. What happened? In Saginaw, state election officials told voters: "Don't vote for the Communist Labor Party, it's the Party of the Mexicans." In Highland Park, the police beat up and arrested our people when they campaigned on behalf of the Party. In Flatrock, state election officials said that voters could only vote Democrat or Republican. In Detroit, the corruption sunk deep into the very fibre of the election process. When every major newspaper contends that the victory of the major parties depends on the suburbs, the Democrats refuse to expose the total disenfranchisement of most Detroit voters. Less than 23% of the registered voters voted in this election. Of those who voted, many were not counted. Most machines in Detroit are disfunctional. The Communist Labor Party suffered the most as a result. In every single precinct where we had challengers, we found officials depriving us of at least one-half of our vote. The machines simply failed to tally our vote, and when they did the officials refused to count them. For years, these machines have disenfranchised voters in Detroit. Has the Democratic Party once expressed outrage for this injustice? Never. But the Communist Labor Party will fight to have this corrupt election procedure exposed and outlawed. The voters of Detroit deserve a voice.

The fight to have all the votes counted, the fight to outlaw Public Act 94 which prohibits minor parties from having a place on the ballot, the fight to protect the rights of all parties to discuss their platform free from police harrassment, all these fights and more will be picked up by the Communist Labor Party. Because it is only the Communist Labor Party and its candidate General Baker who will take the banner of jobs, peace and equality onto the floor of the House of Representatives, and into the streets of our cities- wherever the fight must be waged we will wage it.

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In spite of the efforts of the state and local governments we are winning our fight to bring the understanding of socialism to the working class of this country and this city.. That is obviously why the state came down so hard on us this past month. We will not give up the fight. In November we will have a Communist in the State House of Representitaves, and that will be General Baker of the Communist Labor Party. Why are we so positive? The answer is simply that we know that once the myths about Communism are dealt with in a real and honest way the fears will be unfounded. Communism is the only way we can realize the full potential of this country and ourselves.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

NON CLOTTA, GWEN ROBERTS,  
CHARLES WOOTEN, and the  
COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY,

Plaintiffs,

v

No. 76-633923 CZ

JESSE P. MILLER and  
DONALD ASHCROFT,

Defendants.

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ORDER

Upon reading the pleadings filed in this case, and consulting with attorneys representing the parties hereto, the Court issues the following Order with the agreement of both counsel:

IT IS ORDERED that all communications as to the unlawful display and removal of political signs in the City of Highland Park come from issuance of this order to midnight, November 3, 1976, be in writing and carried by persons so removing signs pursuant to an order. Removal of unlawfully posted political signs will apply to all persons involved in campaign or to none.

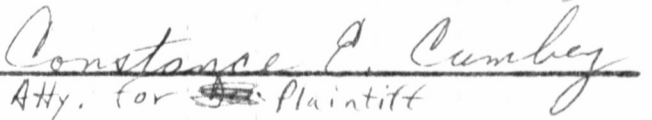
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all communications regarding the necessity of people engaging in political parades or demonstrations to have a permit shall be in writing and must be applied to all parties holding demonstrations or parades, or to none, through midnight, November 3, 1976.

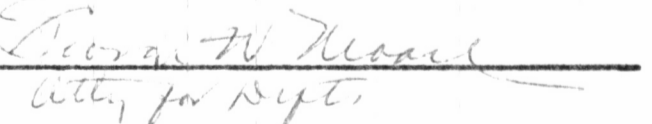
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no permits will be required for automobile caravans for political campaigns in Highland Park through midnight, November 3, and no police action will be taken against such caravans, provided they are in conformity with the traffic ordinances and laws of the City of Highland Park and the State of Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no permits will be required for political sound trucks or cars using loud speakers in the City of Highland Park through midnight, November 3, 1976, and no police action will be taken against parties using said equipment unless obscene language is used that is prohibited by law, or unless there is a substantial difference in the decibels of sound by a group or a vehicle utilizing a loud speaker.

  
JOHN H. HAUSNER  
Circuit Judge

Approved as to form and substance

  
Atty. for ~~the~~ Plaintiff

  
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