

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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Local Political Report

Comrades, the objective situation in Detroit is very much the same as in the last area report. The attack on the working class is primarily taking the form of an economic attack on the standard of living of the proletariat. The political aspect of the attack has intensified most among the national minorities with attacks upon "illegals" and a stepped up push around deportation. The unemployment rate in the 5 county area is 14.5% while in Detroit itself it is around 21%. The cost of living has increased 12% over the last year. In the world as a whole the move towards war has increased, while the overproduction crisis and the inflationary climb continues unabated. Within the USNA the drive towards fascism is continuing unabated. The reformist leaders of the "progressive" unions are being moved out there to divert the spontaneous struggle of the working class, while at the same time these and other leaders of the democratic party are being put forward as the answer for the working masses in their continuing crunch. The attacks upon national minorities have increased by the imperialists and by their agents in the working class, thus attempting to further divide the class and turn it against itself rather than against its class enemy.

At the point of our last report the forces engaged in the struggle around the economic crisis were merely preparing for the struggle and different lines were in a developing stage. And at that point our party had to take the approach of going it alone. It is necessary at this juncture to take a sober view of the forces around us and prepare for a protracted struggle.

The last report stated that in order to maintain the leadership in the unemployment campaign, we had to start raising the question of the struggle for peace, United Front Against Fascism, move to recruit, and open an office on the Eastside in order to further strengthen our community work. Our objectives last time were to begin grounding our cadre further in the class, raising the crucial political questions that had to be brought to the fore, providing political leadership and some organizational leadership. All of this within the context of building the party, and the united front and in struggling for Peace ie., against imperialist war.

To understand how to move now we must briefly take a look at how we moved in relation to these objectives and how the objective situation has changed in terms of the forces around us and the motion of the class and the bourgeoisie.

We had through the struggles of Jarum, the Chrysler headquarters demonstration, the support committee for Jarum and the moving of the party around the breach caused by the proposed closing of Jefferson, moved objectively into the lead of the struggle against unemployment in Detroit. We moved to turn what had been a league style of work, into a party style of work, by moving cadre into the struggle, getting our feet wet so to speak. We developed the Detroit Unemployed Council and gave leadership to the struggle city-wide around the creation of unemployed committees in places of work and in the community. And we moved a successful petition drive gaining more than 20,000 signatures which we presented to common council, demanding an open hearing on unemployment. What we objectively did is focus our forces on the creation of organizations because of the lack of movement, from presently constituted organizations, around unemployment. We accomplished much of what we set out to do as we moved into January 17th. We had lead politically

and organizationally a move to put pressure on common council which had broad based support among the proletariat. Moving into the 17th we found ourselves in struggle with the CPUSA and the liberals in the Young administration, both working together in an attempt to squash us by turning aside our leadership which we were providing for the working class. However, because of our preparation, initiative, militancy and the large numbers of contacts and masses that we turned out at the hearing their plans went to naught. We carried out some highly skilled agitation combined with propaganda in the form of the distribution of the PT to every one in the auditorium. It was clear that we were in the political leadership of all the workers there except for the few revisionists and professional liberals and even those had to move aside for fear of getting trampled. We made certain mistakes in this effort which was only natural considering our inexperience. We must however, take note of these so that they do not happen with regularity and we can be on guard against them. First, we did not have a table there from DUC and thus were unable to sign people up for membership. Secondly, at the end of the hearing we were not fast enough in switching our tactics and thus came off too leftish and alienated Erma Henderson who we could have more skillfully consolidated as an unwilling ally. Thirdly, we did not move, in the main, to bring up the question of fascism in the speeches and if one comrade had not brought up the question of profits and where they come from, we would not have really attacked the capitalists to their heart. Thus, in the overall, we did move the economic struggles to political struggles and made our points sharply around jobs for all, the military budget, peace and productive jobs. We did not clearly enunciate however, the fascist attack coming down on the working class and the necessity of the unity of the class in responding to the attack of the fascist capitalists.

Thus we can see that the general motion of the day and what lead up to it was extremely successful. At this point we must look to the motion towards Feb 5th both locally and in D.C. Certain errors were made in the move towards the demonstration locally which reflected our uncertainty around the motion of the UAW. These errors in the main, early on, were largely unavoidable, but because we did not review the situation and make the necessary corrections in our motion, given the changed objective situation, the activity in D.C. and most certainly locally were harmed. Specifically the errors that were made were based on not understanding that the period we were in necessitated the consolidation of our work. In other words, the contacts which we had gained had to be stabilized, new contacts off of the work had to be won, organizations strengthened, fractional work in mass organizations intensified and solidified. As well we did not understand what preparations were necessary for Washington, the creation of a program and a plan of action. Nor did we develop work with other groups going into the rally, or consolidate our work and put forth a united and consistent line which would have moved the UAW to the left in response.

However, in our assessment of Feb. 5th we must look at the positive as well as the negative. Comrades learned a lot in Washington, the RUM leaflet there was highly successful, certain positive work was done on the busses and large numbers of contacts were gained across the country. As well, we have learned from our mistakes: we have seen the sad results of contradictory signals going to units, and we have experienced the misassessment of the motion of the class which resulted in our holding our demonstration "alone". It becomes clear that as we ride with the spontaneous motion of the class, we give leadership to it in the process of the struggling for reforms and infuse socialist consciousness in the process of that struggle. This has taken on practical political meaning and is that much more real and concrete for a number of cadre.

Comrades, the period of the onslaught of fascism and the construction of the United Front Against Fascism is one in which the proletariat is on the defensive. However, as Mao Tse Tung says:

"Active defence is also known as offensive defence or defence through decisive engagements. Passive defence is also known as a purely defensive defence or pure defence. Passive defence is actually a spurious kind of defence, and the only real defence is active defence, defence for the purpose of counter-attacking and taking the offensive." Strategy in China's Revolutionary War

The period in general in which we are in is one of active defense. Within that we must look at the motion of the imperialists and that of the class and move from there. This report has attempted to briefly show the general motion, but lets move to some summing up of this general motion so as to lay the groundwork for the specific period we are in and the appropriate tactics to fit it.

The overproduction crisis and the general crisis of capitalism are increasing with the tensions of war accelerating. Attacks on the working class in general are increasing, economically and politically, with attacks upon national minorities in particular increasing tremendously, from the attacks on "illegals" and its link with deportation, to bussing, to the doctor being convicted of manslaughter in Boston. The Imperialists are attempting to use their old method of, in periods of crisis, increasing the contradictions between nationalities, increase the white chauvinist attacks from without the class and by their lieutenants within the class to further divide the class. The source of these attacks is the imperialists and we must struggle in the working class to point out the necessity of unity to fight against these attacks at the same time as fighting against all forms of white chauvinist attacks upon national minorities. We must bring to the fore the struggle against the attacks on national minorities, pointing these out in the work of the unemployment campaign. As well we must see the struggle around bussing and the nationalization of schools as part and parcel of the fight in the unemployment campaign, as not separated from our work but concretely as part of it. We must and will fight for the equality of all national minorities and see this fight as part of the struggle of the class for a decent life.

At the same time the democrats are being put forward as the answer to the problems of the working class. In particular the labor lieutenants of the "progressive" unions, most especially the UAW, are moving to the left and attempting to push the democrats as the answer. In congress the democrats pushed for a 30 billion rebate on taxes to working people. This motion of the democrats and union leaders is both part of the imperialist ploy of pushing the democrats in time of economic crisis, pushing reformism down the throats of the working class and as well objectively a response to the motion of the class in their response to the crisis.

We have been moving energetically in the past period to move into the political struggle, getting our feet wet, gaining experience and gaining certain ground, as well as pushing other groups to the left and into activity. These objectives in the main have been accomplished. However, if we do not now move correctly we could lose the ground that we have gained. Mao says in Problems of Strategy in Guerilla War:

If we attend only to expansion and forget about consolidation in our guerilla warfare, we shall be unable to withstand the enemy's attacks, and consequently not only forfeit the possibility of expansion but also endanger the very existence of the base areas. The correct principle is expansion with consolidation, which is a good method and allows us to take the offensive or the defensive as we choose. Given a protracted war, the problem of consolidating and expanding base areas constantly arises for every guerilla unit. The concrete solution depends, of course, on the circumstances. At one time, the emphasis may be on

expansion i.e., on expanding the guerilla zones and increasing the number of guerillas. At another, the emphasis may be on consolidation i.e., on organizing the masses and training the troops. As expansion and consolidation differ in nature, and as the military dispositions and other tasks will differ accordingly, an effective solution of the problem is possible only if we alternate the emphasis according to time and circumstances."

Since we understand that politics is war without guns, we can relate this to our own conditions and see that now is a period to consolidate our previous advances; training troops, grounding in organizations. We can now see motion which we can join in whether in a coalition, joining an organization or within the organizations which we have set up.

Concretely let us look at our tasks in this period.

1. To Build the Party. We must begin to recruit into the party those workers with whom we have gained contact or are now in a position to consolidate contact with. We have gone through a period of struggle in which numbers of workers were drawn into struggle and in which we have objectively played a leadership role. Let us now move to bring these contacts to the study of the PT and then into our party. What we must do is bring into the party those workers who are objectively leaders of the class and because of our practice and the ideas we put forth are won to the party. They will not in general master the program, although they must accept it. They will not have mastered Marxism-Leninism and in fact might not have studied it except for its concrete application in the Tribune.

2. We are in a situation where we have leadership in a number of organizations which we set up, most importantly DUC. It is not our wish to become the organizational leadership in the main within the organizations of the class, no, we strive to become the political leadership of the class. Yet in this particular situation in order for us to provide political leadership we must provide a certain measure of organizational leadership. It is true that in all situations we must show by example and not only words where we stand and what we will do, in this situation we must to a greater degree provide leadership by our actions. Concretely we must organize so that eventually we are replaced in the main as the organizational leadership of the Unemployed Council, although our political line will have been adopted by many more than us. In order to do this we must not only go to community groups and "day" form an unemployed committee and join the council, so we can struggle against these attacks that are coming down on us." No, we must show by example what an unemployed committee and council can do. We must in this stage move with the 10 or 15 people we have so as to gain the thousands we need and will have. We must learn to politically mobilize small numbers of people to physically protest the concrete attacks coming down upon individuals and show by our actions what unemployed committees are all about and where we stand.

3. We must consolidate and tighten up our work as fractions within mass organizations. This must be one of our main areas of work. We must not see this as separated from unit work or not really a major responsibility on cadre, but rather must see this as part of our grounding within the class and becoming the political leadership of the class. We must not shirk from entering or doing work with reactionary organizations of the class. Nor organizations which the bourgeoisie use to divide the class. We must go to where the class is and through the process of the struggle for reforms infuse the consciousness of socialism. Specifically fractions should meet and discuss how to move within the organization they are assigned, and reports must be turned in twice a month on the work in these organizations. As well comrades should have discussions in units on their fractional work so that we may have criticism self-criticism and learn from our practice and gain the understanding and experience of comrades.

4. Community units must focus their attention on the grounding of the comrades in the community through the campaign and in general through the issues that affect that particular community. We must struggle to gain leadership in the organizations, political and organizational, and not move in a sectarian fashion to simply create our own organizations.

5. In Detroit the UAW is our main base of work and we must of necessity adopt a long range view and struggle to get our comrades in key leadership positions in the next few years. Our method of work will have to take on the character of grounding in and pushing the present leadership forward by staying one step ahead and not two or three. In the present period we must push the UAW to call its march on May 1st and then, whether or not they agree, organize around the march, consolidating contacts and influence and working with those organizations out there including the leadership of the UAW, that can be worked with. We must as well develop a program that we can organize around in Auto.

6. We must move to join and strengthen our position in the various coalitions which have been formed around unemployment.

7. We must within the context of the general struggle of the class against fascist attacks begin to work around the bussing situation in Detroit. More information will shortly be in hand so we can put forward a consistent line in the particular and not just in the general.

Comrades,

In short we must use this period to consolidate the gains we have won so that with a strong base, a larger party and deeper roots in the class we can move forward.

THE WAR IS A PROTRACTED ONE, COMRADES, BUT WITH DISCIPLINE, BOLDNESS, PATIENCE AND FORSIGHT WE WILL WIN!

The City Committee Bureau
Feb. 26, 1975

Addendum

Following a discussion of this report in the City Committee, several points of clarity are being added through this addendum.

1. Page 2 1st paragraph " thus in the overall, we did move the economic struggles to political struggles ..." Should read, " Thus , in the overall, we did move from the economic struggles to the political struggles..."
2. Page 2 paragraph 2 should read " these errors in the main , early on, were largely unavoidable due to our inability to get concrete information on the extent of the UAW's mobilization for Washington. But as information became available because we did not review the situation and make the necessary ...".
3. Page 3 paragraph 5. " In particular the labor lieutenants of the "progressive" unions, most especially the UAW, are moving to the left and attempting to push the democrats as the answer!" Should read, "In particular the labor lieutenants of the "progressive" union, most especially the UAW, are appearing to move to the left but are in essence moving to the right and attempting to push the democrats as the answer."
4. Page 4 point 1. " Let us now move to bring these contacts to the study of the PT and then into our party." Add "and also build and maintain their leadership in the class".
5. Page 5 point 5. " Our method of work will have to take on the character of grounding in and pushing the present leadership forward by staying one step ahead and not two or three." Should read, " Our method of work will have to take on the character of grounding in and pushing the present leadership forward by staying one step ahead of the class and not 2 or 3."
6. Page 5 point 8 We must stress the unity of the employed with the unemployed because those still employed are working in wretched conditions of speed-up, increased harassment, increased safety hazards. Historically the bourgeoisie tries to pit the unemployed against the employed.

Political Report from the Detroit Area

In this report we will attempt to present the overall objective conditions in the Detroit area and then discuss the general motion of the CLP work in the area with the emphasis on the Unemployment Campaign.

Since our last report, the economic crises has continued to deepen. Unemployment on a national level is listed at 6.1% or 6 million people unemployed, within this figure there is a total of 106,000 auto workers, and this total is projected to reach 300,000 before Christmas. In the Detroit area, unemployment is listed at 9.1% (of a work force of 1,874,000) or approximately 170,000 workers unemployed. As stated before, unemployment figures never list the real plight of those out of work. Many workers in auto in particular, who were layed off earlier last year are not listed in the official unemployment figures, because their unemployment compensation has run out. For instance in September there were 450,000 people receiving ADC, General Assistance, Social Security, etc. In the month of October, 72,000 new applicants were taken by the Welfare Department and over 80,000 for the month of November and projected to be nearly 100,000 for December. Therefore these figures added would be around 772,000 people unemployed, receiving either unemployment compensation or Welfare and Social Security. Meanwhile inflation continued to eat away at the cost of living, October rises were 1.4% increase over September and 12.7% over a year ago. The Homicide rate continued to climb a whopping 761 homicide cases as of Dec. 15, over last year's total of 750 for the year. Housing start-rate is 33% lower than last year's figures, as unemployment in the Building Trades doubled on the National average at a rate of 12.5%.

In health care - centralization of hospital facilities and medical equipment, technical and dietary has lead to adding more and more new members to the permanently unemployed mainly among Negro National Minority women.

Given the above figures, that confront us in particular in the Detroit area, we as communists as does the bourgeois, have to reckon with these figures. The bourgeoisie has been moving more and more to put the blame of the over-production crisis on the working class and get us to unite with the need to go to war. Just like the bourgeoisie, we as communists have to work upon the objective situation to turn the tide from the defensive to the offensive of the working class. We are using the rising unemployment which is an objective condition to build a United Front Against Fascism and plus maintain our independent work.

The following information is what has taken place since the launching of our Unemployment Campaign of the CLP in Detroit.

Objective Condition & Objective Factors

U.A.W. is the most highly organized force in the Detroit area with an active membership of 162,000 members organized into 62 locals and 4 Regions, with a series of C.A.P. Councils (Community Action Program), throughout the community in coalition with the Liberal-wing of the Democratic Party and the CPUSA.

The New Detroit Committee is an organization of the Imperialists in the Detroit area along with the Union Misleaders (Trade Union Bureaucrats) and a series of reactionary hustlers and opportunists from some community organizations. The New Detroit Committee fronts are such organizations as the Concerned Citizens Committee (supposedly a coalition of 27 organizations with different Ad-Hoc Committees, e.g. crime, unemployment, etc.)

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The U.N.C. (United National Caucus) the largest caucus in the UAW is supposedly politically controlled by the International Socialist and the CPUSA and is based in the skilled trades in the UAW.

NAACP, largest chapter in the USNA with a membership listed in Detroit as 15,000, headed by a young Negro National Minority from New York - Joe Madison.

R.U. (Revolutionary Union) has an active chapter which gained influence in the Dodge Truck Strike in July under leadership of Steve Smith.

PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) has relative inactive chapter in Detroit area, aside from the Black Expo Affair in the summer, they have no visible activity.

Mayor Coleman Young and Detroit Common Council were both elected on a heavy reform program and therefore developed more and more reformist programs in order to stem the rising crisis. Coleman Young and several members of the Common Council in their efforts to stem the rising fightback of the working class, push the ideology of the CPUSA, which in the final analysis leads the working class back into the hands of the bourgeoisie.

The CLP (Communist Labor Party) in our struggle to go external to win the vanguard to the cause of communism, has been contorted by the above forces of the bourgeoisie in every field of struggle we work in.

Thus all of the above listed forces entered the battle to win over the influence of the working class faced with rising unemployment and biting inflation.

In Sept. the Mayor and Detroit Common Council received 8 million dollars for 700 jobs. Over half of these jobs were for the Detroit Police Dept.

The C.P. called for a demonstration on Oct 31 at Michigan Dept. of Labor demanding 200,000 jobs for youth - the leaflet was out early in Sept.

The CLP launched its campaign in the Detroit area on Oct. 15 at the CCC Forum and the petition drive was started.

Two days later on Oct 17, Chrysler Corp. released its 3rd quarter figures and simultaneously announced cutbacks and hinted at the possible closing of one of its GUS assembly plants.

On Oct. 24 Lynn Townsend announced that the Jefferson Assembly Plant would be closing and went on vacation. This factor offered us a breach in the imperialist lines - it objectively represented the weakest link in the imperialist chain, on the question of unemployment and inflation. This objective factor also offered us a concrete target to direct our forces. Our tactics were to begin agitation around the formation of unemployed committees at the Jefferson Plant and unite with other forces to fight against the Jefferson closing.

At the CP demonstration on Oct. 31 only 15 people showed up.

PUSH was the next to move, and a rally was held at an East side church with heavy advertising on local radio and newspapers. The rally brought out about 300 people with Jesse Jackson speaking - PUSH made no calls for further action.

After the small turnout at the CP demonstration and an unsuccessful attempt to continue work with PUSH, our assessment of the situation was that if any concrete leadership was going to be offered, we were going to have to go it alone. On Nov. 3 we made a decision to throw the whole of the party in the Detroit area into the struggle around the closing of the Jefferson Plant.

On Nov. 4, R.U. called a demonstration at the Michigan Dept. of Labor only about 15 people turned out.

On Nov. 8 we held a Rally at the Jefferson Plant gate and on Nov. 10 JARUM and the Support Committee for JARUM held a forum on the question of unemployment in general and the closing of Jefferson in particular. There were about 350 people in attendance, 22 workers from Jefferson plant.

On Nov. 16 the C.P. held a march and Rally in coordination with their national campaign on Nov. 16 their local demonstration was organized out of John Conyers' office and rallied a total of 75 people.

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On Nov. 18, we held a demonstration at the Chrysler World Headquarter, during the time Lynn Townsend, Doug Frazer, and Mayor Coleman Young were meeting concerning the closing of the Jefferson Plant. There were about 350 people at the demonstration.

On Nov. 21 JARUM and the support committee called another demonstration at Solidarity House in which about 40 people attended, about 15 workers from Jefferson.

On Nov. 23, United National Caucus held an open meeting to plan its strategy for its unemployment campaign.

On Nov. 24 our GLS and Southwest street units held a Coalminer's rally with about 300 people in attendance.

On Nov. 25 the United National Caucus held a demonstration at Solidarity House demanding that the UAW form unemployment committee. There were about 30 people at the demonstration.

On Nov. 27 the Concerned Citizens Council front group for New Detroit Inc. had a meeting at which JARUM attended, forcing them to retract slanderous statements on the Jefferson workers.

On Dec. 12 Concerned Citizens Council held their second meeting with us and out of the meeting, they agreed to turn over \$1,000 to our unemployed council to open up a office. Likewise set up a meeting with Doug Frazer and the local leadership and JARUM. Our comrades have also been invited to speak before other community organizations.

The above sequence of events along with the gaining of 20,000 signatures on petitions around the CETA program to Common Council and systematic leafleting at 8 plants, agitation at various local unions for the formation of unemployment committees, leafleting and agitation in communities for unemployment councils has lead to our emergence into the leadership of the unemployment struggle in Detroit.

Our concrete work around the unemployment campaign has served to get the majority of our comrades into the external struggle of the working class in a real way. At the present time our comrades have gained positions on unemployment committees in 4 different local unions. They have the leadership in the only unemployment council in the city. The United National Caucus (UNC) is following in the wake of our unemployment program. In 3 locals our comrades are working concretely with rank and file members of the CPUSA and gaining some influence. At this point we have been able to force \$1,000 grant from Concerned Citizen's Committee, a front group for New Detroit Inc. and likewise forced a public retraction of an attack on the working class.

The UAW has been forced into making concessions on the unemployment question.

Even though we have had a few successes in our work on unemployment, on the other hand we have had showed certain weaknesses. The weaknesses are as follows:

First of all in going over all the leaflets that have been put out we have not made the following connections.

1. Southern orientation - national divisions
2. Male supremacy - sexual division
3. Nothing to do with the community and unemployment councils in the community.
4. Petition Drive (CETA)
5. Unity of Action (United Front Against Fascism)
6. Class Struggle (one class facing another class)
7. The imperialists' preparation for war.
8. The role of the superstructure
9. No projection of the Communist Labor Party.
10. No mention of the 3 for 3 Food Co-Opt.

Secondly, the comrades in community section have been following the lead of the comrades in Industrial and Industrial Section didn't make the relationship between community and industrial in leaflets, etc.

It is clear that in order to maintain the leadership in the unemployment campaign, we have to start raising the question of the struggle for peace, United.

Front Against Fascism and open up an office first on the Eastside, in order to further strengthen our community work. Through the establishment of an office for the Unemployed Council as an concrete organizational form visible, we will be able to reach workers, who are not concentrated in large shops.

At this point, we are on the threshold of a March and confrontation with the Common Council. It is a possibility that Common Council may unite to struggle for more federal funds, such being the case we should be prepared to continue our attack. The direction of our campaign should take on the character of mobilizing forces for a March on the State Legislature and the Governor in Lansing, coordinated with other areas of the Party in the state of Michigan, and after that to the projection of a March on Washington with a confrontation with the US Congress and the President, which would have to be coordinated with our National Center in order that the whole of the Party is mobilized.

Comrades, have been asking questions e.g. now that we are building unemployed councils, when do we build a United Front Against Fascism? Comrades, the United Front Against Fascism will manifest itself in various organizational forms, giving the Unemployed Campaign it is taking on the form of Unemployed Councils, now in general and in particular other organizations we are working in. The key to our struggle is to educate the working class through unity of action to struggle against the Imperialist War through struggling for Peace. Throughout all our work we must maintain and we say it again, comrades our independent work as communists, that is we must recruit the vanguard into the Party.

The greatest failure in our work at this time is a reluctance in pushing the presence of the Party in this area. We must understand at this period of time in the Detroit area, we can stand on the street corners and say almost anything that we desire. This is the curse of our generation, most of us were not around during the McCarthy era, late 40's and early 50's, when being a communist meant getting thrown in jail and hit in the mouth, tarred and feathered and what have you. So we must be clear that it is not the objective conditions which we are proceeding from when we refuse to take the party presence out into the class, but our own narrow subjective notions that are the root of our hesitancy. It is not the same conditions in the colonies, Negro Nation in particular.

Why the hesitancy, Comrades? What happened to the Party that we fought so hard to build? Look at our past Forums in which the Party was presented, did the Party presence run anybody away? Yes it did, the presence of the Party ran away all the rats, reactionaries and at the same time drew in all that was honest and good among the masses. What about all of the glorious struggles of the Continuation Committee? What about our outstanding break through CONGRESS? And the necessity to share it's existence with the masses? Comrades our Political Line is the bases of our Democratic Centralism. Comrades, we have to be bold in projecting the Party in this area. Therefore, the City Committee is demanding that our leaflets on the Middle East be circulated by every unit in the area and that the bulk of those be done between December 19 and December 31. And further that we push the distribution of the People's Tribune; That we build a United Front Against Fascism in the course of the struggle for peace and lastly that we RECRUIT the WANGUARD elements into the Party.

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In this section of the report, we want to give a brief structural perspective of the three organizational aspects of the unemployment campaign: the unemployment committees, the unemployment councils and the internal fraction responsible for the coordination of the campaign and the building of unemployment councils in particular.

Unemployment committees are formed in mass organizations and take on many different forms. They may be formed as a direct committee of the union or under the community services section of a union. They can and must also come out of community organizations such as block clubs, churches, service groups, etc. and such higher forms of community organizations as the NAACP.

Unemployment councils are made up of unemployment committees. They are regionally formed and the members of the council must represent an unemployment committee in that area of the city. At this point, both the Eastside and Southwest unemployment councils have individuals involved. As we continue to move further out and ground in the class and organize more and more unemployment committees, the unemployment councils will have to reorganize to be composed only of representatives and no independent individuals.

Looking futuristically, the unemployment councils in the different areas of the city would then send representatives to a city-wide unemployment council. And, eventually the city unemployment councils would send representatives to a region-wide unemployment committee with other cities, and then the regional committees will send reps to a nation-wide unemployment committee with other regions.

An internal CLP fraction must be constituted to coordinate the cross unit involvement in the councils and keep an overview of the unemployment campaign in general. This fraction will be directly responsible to the City Committees and AIG will center it. The other two members of the fraction will come from some unit located on the Eastside and in the Southwest where we have already begun to build unemployment councils. As holds true for all fractional work, comrades are responsible for their unit work and fractional work is only a part of their division of labor. With this in mind, the fraction, as a whole, must report to the City Committee and the individuals will report on their fractional work as a part of their responsibilities in their reports to the unit.

We should keep in mind that we have begun this process successfully, but we have only just begun. It took the CPUSA two to three years to build unemployment councils in the thirties. It is a long and arduous struggle and every one of us must put forth that militant initiative to move our Party forward. We must win the leadership of the spontaneous mass movement and turn it into a class conscious movement of the working class!