

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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CLP SECTION REPORTS 1976

Northwest Section

Canada Amex - Miriam

Teamster - "

Head Start - Fitha

I.B.A. - " , Mike

Chalfonte Block Club - Cricket

3 for 3 Co-Op - Donna, Eileen, Gail, Sharon, Nancy

Herman Garden Co-Op - Gail L.

C.C.C. - Elaine

Philippino Group - Elaine

Block Club - Sharon G.

Human Relation Council - Sharon G.

Area 7 Comm. Council Block club - Sharon G.

Highland Park NAACP - Patty

Pontiac General Hosp. Committee - Rita

Metro Union - Rita, Lindsey, Carolyn

Home Owners Group - Lindsey

Cluw - Rita

Ibn - Culture Group

Smith Homes Strike Comm. - No
~~Women~~

South west Section

Womens Committee Local 22 - Cass B

CAP Sub-committee Local 22 - Cass B

Cluw - Ginny, Bonnie, Tillie, Sandra

CRAF - Sandra

Workers Co-Op - Glenda

Registered Nurses Org - Barbara & Theresa S.

Chandler Park Neighborhood Assoc - Mike & Barb

People Health Action - Mike, Barb, Bob,

Detroit Committee for Better Health Care - Barb &

Mich Pub Health Assoc - Mike

Workers Action Caucus - Lonnie

Push Labor Committee - Ben, Lonnie, Chuck

GLS - Rank & File Caucus

BGT - Eddie R & Reg

Theresa

Community Governing Board for Community
Health and Social Services (CHASS) - Angie M.
Latino Welfare Rights Org - Angie M.
National Conference of Artists - Eddie R.
Christians Toward Socialism - Roy
URASS - Bob, Nancy, Roy

North East Section

Local Union of Dodge Truck - John & Carl
National Lawyers Guild - Buck & Diane
Women's Lawyers Association - Diane, Ivy
Workmen's Comp Political Action Committee -
Desegregation Coalition - Diane Diane
Industrial Relations Research Assoc. Diane
Wolverine Bar Assoc - Ivy
National Conference of Black Lawyers - Ivy
S-1 Coalition - Ivy, Mike
Women's consciousness raising group - Ivy
Latin American Bar Assoc. - Mike
Legal Desegregation Coalition - Mike
State Committee - Ron
American Trial Lawyers Assoc. also M.^{ick} (TLA)
State Bar - Labor Relations Section - Bob.
Nec. 4 - Judy
Make it Work - Connie
Athinson PTA - Joan
Region 16 School Board - Joan & Connie
ERA Committee - Sylvia
Unions - Cass, Bill, Whistline & John

East Side Section

Dept of Social Services - Josh, Jim B

Region 8 School Board - Russell

Bellview Elem. Advisory Board Subcouncil

lets Make it Work - Region 7 & 8 - Russell, John

Strikeforce Fraction - Ken

Local 79 - Union - Linda C

DFT - Local 231 - Judy, Jim, Suzie

United for Teachers Rights - Susie, Jim

Mich. Educ. Assoc. Carolyn & Sharon

Desegregation Fraction - John, Brenda, Gail

Clark School PTA - Nancy & Jimmy

Cross Unit Mock Plant Concentration Jimmy

SECTION REPORTS

FRACTION REPORTS

Additional to last mo. Few formal rpts this
mo.

The two principle arenas of struggle lay during this month were in the community around the struggle for quality integrated education centered on the School Board elections and in the shops around the questions of speed-up, forced overtime and health and safety conditions. In the Northeast the MAD forces have been consistently fighting back against the integration instituted by the 26th court order. Incidents of violence have been constant and blown out of proportion by the right wing press. In particular the weekly Northeast Detroiter--the mouthpiece of the small businessman--has been attacking in every issue the violence in the schools they allege has increased since the court order. Osborn high has been the focus of much of this agitation. 4 days before the School Board elections a gang of white student youth attacked a group of nrm students in front of the school and a black student was stabbed. Three days later two white students were stabbed on a DSR bus by a group of black students on the way home from school. The publicity around these incidents set the stage for the school board elections. In particular, the first incident seems conscious and planned. The conditions at Osborn set the stage for these incidents and illustrate the attack on the working class which the "quality" components of the plan represent. Osborn was built to accommodate 2300 students; after the 26th plan was implemented--moving in 9th grade students--it now houses almost 3400!!

We have made some gains in these struggles. We have a solid position in the Osborn PTO. With our help Shirley B.--a progressive nrm--from NEC4 was elected PTO president and Carolyn L. was elected second vice-president. Shirley and her sons and daughters are deeply rooted in Osborn. In the president election we defeated Joan Gacki--region 6 school board member and MAD agent. We got late into the Region 6 school board elections but made some gains there too. We campaigned for two progressive candidates: Richard Duranczyk and Grady Bird. Richard came in 4th and is on the board; Grady came in 6th and did not get elected but this is not too surprising since there has never been a nrm elected to the 6 Board and in fact no one has been elected that did not have a Polish surname. We were very late in realizing the importance of this struggle--as part of the tit for tat battle against MAD-- and had we realized it earlier we probably could have got Grady elected too. Nevertheless as the result of these struggles we clearly deepened our ties with the folk in and around NEC4--5 of them came to the NNCQ cocktail party and heard Nelson. It was a real step forward in UFAF work. We are presently struggling to move them toward Negro Nation Day. Clearly Region 7 seems to be a defeat in this struggle as Carmen Roberts got elected to the Central Board. We presently do not have any forces or contacts in Region 7; some co-ordination here needs to be developed with the Eastside.

II. UAW contract Struggle: It is clear with 12 comrades in 6 Chrysler shops and ties with a couple of others, we can not let slide on the struggle around the UAW contracts. Comrade Wasteline ran for steward at Mound in Local 51. While the comrade lost (at least in part due to his own errors), a lot of valuable experience is to be obtained by analyzing this effort--some vicious redbaiting took place. In addition this comrade has fairly consistently put out a shop paper. Learning how to run in this union elections is going to be key to moving our work in the union forward. Above all we need to use the PT campaign to establish consistent shop papers and a developed route system in each of this 6 Chrysler plants. Shop papers have begun to appear --though not yet on a regular basis--at Dodge Truck, the Forge, Sterling Stamping and Mound Rd. Support for Bessie LouCornet resolutions were passed at Local 1264 (Sterling Stamping), Local 140 (Dodge Truck), Local 47 (Detroit Forge).

Fractions:

We are struggling to understand how to do fractional work in the Section. At the Section Committee meeting of May 29, the Section Committee approved three section fractions: a busing fraction, a tenant's union fraction, a UAW fraction. The busing fraction (Judy sec., Carolyn L., Rosie S., Louise) will attempt over the summer to regain some of the initiative which we had on the struggle for busing, quality integrated education and the nationalization of education which we had around the 26th. Belatedly we did make some steps forward around the school board elections (p. 1).

The Tenant's fraction --presently Bill and Shirley--will work with the strike committee at Charles Terrace. Hopefully the work could be expanded soon to Sojourner Truth. Other comrades and contacts need to be added to this fraction. Role of Buck in this not yet clear.

UAW fraction: We also set up a UAW fraction with John W. ~~as~~ ^{as} D. secretary and composed of John S. Carl, Preston, Waste and Cass. I had made the analysis that it should be seen as focusing on Regions I and Ib. At a later discussion with comrade ~~Frank~~ Caesar he took the position that this fraction was incorrect and that what we needed to do was to struggle for a city wide UAW fraction or study commission or something like that. He also said that since we didn't have anyone in ~~positions~~ official positions in the region, we had no basis for this sort of fraction. He may very well be right on this. And we need to look at this again.

What ever, IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT WE NEED TO DEVELOP A FRACTION OR COMMISSION OR WHATEVER IN THE DETROIT DISTRICT TO DEAL WITH SPECIFICALLY WITH WORK IN THE UAW. As the comrades in our section are becoming more influential in their plants (the 6 Chrysler plus Olsonite where Mimi is a committeewoman), the Union structure is moving on them in one way or another. The comrades need a means to share information, experiences and tactics with comrades (and contacts) in other UAW locals. ~~For~~ Concrete struggles are jumping off now as witnessed by Jordan Sims being expelled from the UAW and the business at local 22. We can't forget that the next Constitutional Convention is coming up next Spring and politically could be wide ~~open~~ open.

comradely,
John S.

SW Section

Objective Situation--The capitalists move to increase productivity is evidenced by the increased harassment at all of the plants in the SW--Cadillac, Fleetwood, GLS, and Ford. Fleetwood and Cadillac are all working 9 hours with a push by the company to work 9 1/2 hours having been defeated by a round of protests by the workers. At GLS speed-up is occurring and there are a lot of letters being given for time off. The closing of the Dearborn Engine Plant in July will mean the loss of 1500 jobs at the Rouge with a probable 5,000 once all of the bumping has taken place. Local 600 has at this point not said whether or not they will make this one of the issues for the upcoming contract negotiations with Ford.

Related to these attacks is the push to take away the workers right to comp. benefits. These attacks have centered around Local 22's Presi. Frank Runnels, who has been indicted for soliciting workmens comp. claims, along with other Loc. 22 officials. However, these attacks must be seen as a part of the push toward productivity with will make working conditions worse and drive workers even harder for maximum profits.

It is these exact atrocious working conditions which have pushed the workers at Cadillac's Plant #4 9 on Conner to protest the skids being stacked too high, hilos with little or not brakes and defective presses. The workers here have said that they are ready to strike on the issue of poor working conditions.

The struggles at DGH and the projects continue but we have no specific info. on these struggles to be able to provide any ~~more~~ more of an update.

The MAP forces have passed out leaflets telling parents to write US Attorney General Levi asking for a reversal on the Supreme Court's decision on bussing.

Subjective--on the question of the rent strike, the sec. buro discussed the importance and will push the rent strike collective to try to establish some contact and with some of the leadership in the two projects in our area--Jeffries and Brewster.

Cadillac--On the question of the workmens comp. cases the comrades from the cad. unit have talked to Runnels on how it is an attack on the wrking. class and how it relates to GM's push to move its plant to the nation where there are no unions, and how they are pushing to bust what unions do exist. There will be a shop peer with an article on the workmens comp. question coming out next week and an article for the PT.

DGH--no report and no new info.

Ford--following a discussion with Comrade Reg a functioning unit buro will be set up to help the unit correct many of their errors and get a better division of labor around their shop paper. Hopefully this will improve their style of wrk which has been less than good.

GLS--Comrade Julie was elected in Vice-Chm. of the Zug Island Div. at her union and notes that there was a lot of disagreement because she was an open Communist. She was told that foreman E of her dept. was glad but does not know why. The national question was significant and her election will be for a 3 yr. term.

SW-1--no report. Neighborhood paper did not come out. Resignation Comrade Angie rz brought to light the fact that unit did not move to try to pull Manuel into study group when he was approachable and that his hostility toward the party could not be handled at this time. No differences with the party's political line on Angie's resignation.

SW-2--the work with the Fleetwood team has improved but Comrade Mike B. has received a lot of harassment at work, particularly on the fact that the campaign to recall Zone Man "Radio" Walker was a correct move and that management moved to ~~stop~~ stop petitions by intimidating those workers signing and passing petitions around. Increased harassment on Comrade Mike led to him taking 4 days off, which was discussed in the team. Off of the discussion it was united that such actions on Mike's part

were incorrect because it left other who had helped on the petitions to face the music and allowed management to put him on the defensive. Superintendent again threatened to fire Mike and so he took off 2 days this week. The team plus members of the Indus. Comm. met to discuss what could be done--2 options; 1) return to work, continue with the campaign and face the possibility of getting fired or 2) take a medical for 1 mo. and return in Aug. after changeover. Proposal to be turned in and discussed in the team as to which way to go.

Town--Frito Lay Union is still keeping plans for June strike secret. Comrade Babs will turn info on Wyandotte Chemical plant to see what the possibility of doing any work there would be.

1. No recruits

Benise from Univ. resigned--no papers cause it was an in and out case where she came out as quickly as she had come in. There were no differences with the political line.

Angie RZ resigned. See first part of report under SW-1. Papers already turned in. No differences with the political line.

Lillie resigned. No papers and am not clear if there were any differences with the political line of whether she felt she could not do all that the party requested.

Margaret H.--have not heard anything concrete as to whether or not she is seriously thinking about resigning.

2. 3 factory units--Cad., Ford, GLS, with 1 person at Fleetwood and 1 person at Frito-Lay.

13 comrades in the above 3 units and 3 in hospital.

3. PT, TP, WW distributions--no infor.

4. Issues of shop papers dist. last month--don't know.

5. No study action circles around the press in the factories.

6. All info I have is in the earlier part of the report.

7. Work of the fractions in mass orgs.--all I know is in the above report.

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Eastside Section Report To District Bureau
Consolidated by Pam

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Note: The form & content of consolidated unit reports that have been turned in point to the need for a section discussion on reports (form & content) and on what objective & subjective conditions are.

Two units report obj. conditions as the conditions of individuals comrades jobs (not in plants) and put little or no information about the obj. conditions that the working class is facing. Others report obj. conditions of how the bourgeoisie is moving or its agents, but not how the class is responding to these moves.

There is no or little analysis of how our subjective response to the objective conditions influenced or raised the consciousness of the proletariat.

Fractions:

^{Good Report}
Tenant strike - You is head of tenant strike fraction. "at present, the objective conditions in the projects are good. The projects have from 50-60% holdback on rent payment. The attempts by backward leadership elements to create anti-communism within the projects has failed miserably. The people in the projects have crushed this anti-communism & several have begun to espouse the need for socialism."

Subjectively, "we are trying to catch up with the motion around the strike. The fraction has

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some internal contradictions that have been or are in the process of being resolved. The district is aware of the situation. A May Day Unity Rally is being scheduled for May 1st.

It is important that the party reach out & draw people to the picnic. Study circles have been formed which will include approx. 30 people. We will have begun, to recruit from the strike & will probably recruit at a rate of 2-3 people a week.

The rent strike cannot sustain itself without support from the outside. at this time cadre assignments are being made to each of the projects. Mass distributions at projects of P.T., strikeforce etc. are scheduled for end of April."

CLP fraction: CLP fraction is mentioned but no particulars given ~~any~~ except that Josh leads it.

WEU - WEU is mentioned but not if ~~there~~ there is a fraction & no facts given.

Busing - Busing was reported on by ESSU II and much info given (see section on unit work for details) but report does not reflect that there is a ^{operating} section fraction with cadre belonging to non CLP org. that deal with busing or any particular plan of action being carried out.

Teacher's Union Fraction:

Obj. "176 Detroit teachers pink slipped & 350 in Southfield". Middle Sch. Plan still being worked on. AFT-MFT elections in sch. reflect attitude of absurdity of voting - uninformed electorate. Central board finally gave answer to new school after many letters, meeting etc." (Judy) "Heating boundaries may be changed & if so we would lose students & teachers. AFT/MFT elections were held with me (Susie) running. There is growing dissatisfaction with UTR president, John Elliot.

Sub. Response - "Judy asked pointed questions about supplies, money etc. Comparing funds of workshops for deseg. sch. vs. segregated sch. Still pushing for money to implement Middle Sch. Plan. Teachers signed DFT petition. Assoc. of Blk Educ. will vote on resolution on Bessie Lou at next meeting. ~~Get~~ UCT to support B.L. resolution." Susie introduced resolution on Bessie L. at UTR & DFT. meeting. UTR unanimously supported it. Won struggle at DFT meeting, motion passed by big majority. "Should of had article in Teachers Tribune about resolution to raise class analysis." Union committee will fight boundary change at heating. "Through elections I was able to see I have lots of support from teachers. In UTR caucus

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I must show why John Elliot is part of labor aristocracy & not get into personality fight."

(Note) The following questions must be raised about the work of this fraction.

1) it was reported that teachers will get fired(?), pink slipped. What does the fraction intend to go about this?

2) does the fraction have a plan on how to change the obj. condition of a "non-informed electorate" in union.

3) it appears as if fraction is moving not within teacher's union^(as a whole) to bring about higher level of consciousness but through ind. school settings. What is fraction's strategy, goals, planned tactics to reach goals?

DUC Fraction - after a full discussion with Sylvia about DUC fraction & unemployed campaign in general it was united that fraction would be disbanded at this point because DUC is not really a w.c. org. made up & operated by the w.c.
Full written report went to Sylvia, District, Center
4/8/76.

Work of Individuals & Units Around Various Struggles of the Working Class:

1) Busing - Comrades and progressive contact running for regional sch. board elections were disqualified due to technicality. There are no candidates running in Reg. 7 who openly (or privately) support busing. Carmen Roberts did decide to run again for the Reg. 7 Sch. Bd., which means she is not going up Detroit as a base to attack busing. MAD seems to be turning more of its attention to the suburbs. MAD is tied up with a warren group called WRAP & they received an "award" from the Louisville anti-busing group Trade Unions Against Busing.

There are various candidates nights coming up. The one sponsored by the Education Council in Reg. 7 drew only 50 people even though it ~~it~~ had been advertised in at least 3 school papers that we know of. (Also we (ESSAF) put out a leaflet advertising this meeting. Approx. 300 went out to 3 different churches in different areas of Reg. 7.)

MAD has used the eastside community papers to advertise its participation in the April 24 Anti-Busing Demo.

Subj. response: The above mentioned leaflet on the Candidates night was put out to 1) get CLP line out on ~~the~~ cross-district busing & full state funding 2) expose non working class positions of candidates running 3) identify which candidates might be moved to support these positions.

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John recommends using community papers to get out line & express MAD through letters to editors and articles to papers that accept readers articles. Russel will try to get as much support as possible for a counter-demo. against MAD on April 23rd. John tried but could ~~muster~~ no support from few contacts in Reg. 7. Russell will probably leaflet plants, & next reg. brd. meeting pertaining to MAD.

Analysis: John feels that the lack of attendance at the candidates night, even after publicized shows a lack of confidence & interest of the W.C. toward Regional politics and feels we should use other methods besides regional politics to get out line, such as

^{CLP} Community paper, use of other private community papers. Nancy P. feels we should still try to influence candidates.

Tenant Strike - See fraction report. No additional work done in this struggle by units or section.

Welfare Struggles - Josh, Jim B., Dave S., report increasing repression on both clients & employees, though little struggles around these issues is evident.

Subj. - Josh is one of two reps. of WFL in medicaid coalition. Put out shop paper speaking to speedup & cutbacks. Resolution on Bessie L. will (?) be passed on April 21. Will raise ERC through political action Com. of union within 2 weeks.

Note: Copies of shop paper should be attacked!

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Dave S. reports on efforts & progress in union organizing at women's section of Det. House of Corrections. Says "are competing with AFSCME & MSEA. But will probably be able to org. whole dept." Continue to recruit for union & represent members on grievances.

Note: from report do not understand where CLP comes in - need more info.

UAW Contract Negotiations - No work in this area reported.

Teacher's reports reflect individual work at schools not in our section other than Susie at Keatings. Reports do not reflect work around any struggles of the W.C. in this eastside concentration area.

Status of cadre working in plants in our area in regard to building factory nuclei:

1) Stone Container - very sm., approx. 75 people on 3 shifts, one comrade working there (Manuel). High minority content - Negro, Appalachian. Stone not a basic industry but is UAW shop. Company hard on pay & work schedule, especially overtime. Comrades in ESSUI put out Shop Paper, "Lock Box News". Spike to forced overtime, productivity, support for Bessie L., & May Day. Paper receive good response & Manuel

got one very good contact and much discussion was stimulated. See attached.

2) Immersal Ind. - approx. 300 people on 2 shifts, U.S.W. shop in Local 212 (some is Mack Stamping). Plant is compartmental & Rich F. ~~see~~ sees only 25 or so people.

Company has been working only 4 day week & recently tried to cheat workers from Good Friday pay. Rich put out leaflet speaking to this recent effort to create workers. Polarization of workers starting to take place, some contacts made but no conclusions as to what will develop can be made yet.

3) Strohs Brewery. - Size of plant, national composition, current struggles or conditions? Linda reports that 15 middle aged women hired ~~for~~. She has little contact with them. Plant worked overtime Good Friday except her. Got some good agitation off of this discrimination. "Brew", a shop leaflet was to be passed out & petitioning done at Strohs by teacher's unit but it did not go out on the assigned week & since the leaflet refers to a particular time period it is already sort of outdated. Still will hopefully provide good platform for agitation & help lay basis to oppose Linda as CIP to a few close contacts.

4) Mack Stamping - Although Mack has been designated a concentration point by ES section, we know little about the obj. conditions there. Jim P. & Joey head up concentration force. In Jim's report he does not say how many times they have gone out with P.T. or other material nor the response of workers. No projections as ^{to} any contacts except Walter Moore & Tony(?) Jim mentioned a leaflet around Mack called Watch Tower & that workers read it.

Note: Other than petitioning there has been no work done around development of factory nuclei at Jefferson, Budd, Cadillac, Uniroyal, (a little a Mack) or any other factories.

Study Circles: Teacher's unit has a s.c. in which Patty & Karen "most vocal & vanguard". No general motion given, no info. on possible recruits, or what is being studied.

ESSU II has a study circle with 6 people, doing NRCQ, and working on shop paper. 2 possible recruits shortly.

ESSU I + II - may set up s.c. with approx. 4 to 5 contacts off of petitioning.

ESSU I - will get together with Myrtice B. & Rose S. to go over P.T. regularly.

Note - Update on report of Jim P. motion around censorship attached.

To Section
From John S.
Report on Jim P. 5-14-76

Update and rewrite of Report of 4-30-76

1) On April 10 - J. P. was requested to put in applications at
Mack Stamp - Jefferson - Budd Co. The political reason
was the necessity to try to get inside the plants to build our factory
network. After 4 weeks, the only application turned in was
at Stone Container - a non priority plant in our section

2) John Brown -

The attendance at John Brown has been serious and
and being prepared for class has been low. No make
up has been made for missed classes.

Summary

The regional unit criticism (censure) was based partly
on Jim's writing to do certain assignments and not
following thru. This motion has not subsided.

As ^{Rick} comrade put it "Putting in an application is no
big deal, why didn't you do it?" There has been check
up in 3 unit meetings and Pam ^{asked} Jim on the 10, 11, 12
of May if he had gone to put in the applications. The
discussion in the unit produced no real political reason or
time problem since the comrade doesn't work by the assignment ^{was given}
The motion around study has not changed. This motion

has been preceded by a criticism of the #6 & 7 Cadet schools for lack of preparing for class, and bad attendance, recognizing the time spent for sickness.

Of his John Brown class has not been much different from the rest. Out of 7 class, have been missed. Please refer to previous reports and criticism from Connie and Pam on attendance and being prepared. It should be noted that Pam offered "study buddy" help when Jim was in her class, but Jim refused help. In the unit Jim said he didn't need any help with study after it was pointed out by Connie & Vicki that Jim has a tendency to say he ~~understands~~ understands in order to slide by.

I will do check up personally to see if Jim has completed the application assignment by Thursday, and request a full report from Connie or Jim.

Besides the Mock Fraction, no other work (external) and Unmanned Fraction, no other work (external) has been assigned to Jim.

+ The day to day report is missing. I have asked Jim to get the report to me for 2 weeks. I have asked him twice on the phone and in 2 unit meetings.

Report for Industrial Commission. (Local - Detroit)

Right now I Am mostly trying to get grounded on what a Commission is; what is it supposed to do; what has been the work of this commission before I was on it, etc. Right now the local comm. consists of myself, Stewart, Lolita and Waistline. Although there has been a real lack of collectivity on the comm., we are trying to struggle thru this and get on with the work of giving aid and/or guidance to the (in particular) industrial units in their work.

Thus far, our accomplishments have been a paper on the Rubber Strike and UAW negotiations; a paper on ERC work in the factories. However, although I think these papers may have added some clarity to comrades, due to the lack of real collective discussions prior to their writing (I had to do them myself), a great deal was lacking, especially with the ERC papers. Also, we have not developed a system of check-up so that we can see just how these papers and future ones aid comrades work.

After I initially joined the commission, we began some unit visits to get a feel of what is happening in the units, what problems existed etc, so that we could get an idea of what materials, information, guidance etc we could get for the units. We went to the North East Street unit, which consisted of about 15 (!) people, and although a lot of good work was being done (especially as regards the petition campaign) the unit was constantly involved in personal struggles, the sheer time that it took to get thru organizational matters - memos, dues etc, in a unit of 15 people, and musical chairs. As a result, 2 new comrades and factory comrades in the unit were being savaged, likewise every one else, as far as any real political development is concerned. So instead of going to the meeting with industrially oriented materials, we had an extensive discussion of the rectification article in the

members of the commission have also gone to meetings of the CADILLAC UNIT, AND FLEETWOOD TEAM respectively.

At this time, we are kind of modeling along, trying to figure out what to do; how to aid the work of the factory units without overiding the organizational responsibilities of the District AND section buros. This can be worked out a great deal with the formation of the District Committee.

Right now, we plan to aid units in the concentrations, although we have gotten no feedback on the concentration plants; doing a paper on the Shop papers - making some criticisms, pointing out good points etc. but this has to be in cooperation with the A-P Commission, or at least with their knowledge; Also, we are doing a paper for all the units on examples of good work in some of our industrial units - the Fleetwood collective, Howard Bro election for Steward, Mike Maso, work with Rubber Strike AND possibly Calk Dorns successful fight for a union.

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Industrial Commission

ERC

We are now in a period of social, economic and political crisis in which survival is becoming difficult and living conditions are getting worse for alot of people. Different groups are being selectively denied their rights and have become pitted against each other in a fight for employment, education, housing and healthe care.

Our public hospital is in jeopardy, EMS services are being cut. Public housing tenants have had their rent skyrocket while their apartments deteriorate. Crosses have been burned on the lawns of homes in North West Detroit. Thousands of homes remain vacant to invite drugs, disease and vandalism. While Detroit has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, 1500 Rouge plant workers are in danger of losing their jobs. Those who remain in the factories work under increasingly difficult and dangerous conditions. Our students are terrorized in schools where the quality of education depends in part on the wealth of the community. Some of our children are forced into schools where classes are taught in a language that they don't understand.

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These are problems that we all face at some time or the other but they rest most heavily on the shoulders of national minorities, youth and the elderly, women and poor people. The key to progress is unification.

The Coalition for Guarenteed Equal Rights is a newly formed group of organizations which have in the past struggled against various types of discrimination and social inequality. We recognize that in number and in unity there is strength and that although our struggles have been different, our goals have been the same: to secure and protect real equality in basic human rights for those most faced with discrimination.

Our goals include guarenteeing equal rights in the following areas:

- 1) The right to health care including emergency hospital and ambulance services regardless of ability to pay.
- 2) The right to adequate public low cost housing with acceptable maintenance and security.
- 3) The right to jobs for all workers with equal pay for equal work with safe and decent working conditions.

4) The right to live without fear in a neighborhood free from dangerous drugs and other crimes, rats and disease, and attack for hate groups, with adequate police and fire protection.

5) The right to equal, quality, integrated education, bi-lingual programs, and safe schools.

Although each organization in the coalition will remain independent, we plan to support each other by:

- 1) sharing information, equipment and skills
- 2) informing the membership of the activities of each individual organization
- 4) using combined strategy to work out problems
- 5) by lending group support to achieve the goals of each organization.

*4 major orgs — Rent Strike, DGH people,
Cud. co-op & Women's Center (Wsa)*

To: Jim
From: Sylvia

RE: The Committee to Defend the EKA.

In March I was asked to become a member of the Comm. to Defend the EKA. One, because of my work & involvement with previous women's groups and second because it was thought that this would be a good way to push the necessity of an EKA Council. Thirdly it was thought that this committee was made up of progressive organizations which could be of use to us in our goal to build the EKA.

Objectively I found on attending the open meetings at Wayne State that first of all NOW had called for a Demo. in Springfield Ill, May 16th, and that basically this committee

was formed in reference to this demo,
I also discovered that it was not
a group of different organizations but
basically controlled & ran by the
SWP, with a few other people who
were interested in the E.A. And that
NOW had withdrawn from the Wayne-
State Group because of the SWP, and
was organizing itself. I stayed with
the Wayne Group to see if it would
develop into something in which we
could ~~develop~~ ^{materialize} our goal, this did not
arise. And also because I planned to go
to the demo in Springfield in May, however
I hurt my foot so was unable to attend.
I see no reason politically to stay
with this trot group any longer because
I cannot accomplish the goal that was
set before me. I do see a need for
someone to become an active
member of NOW or other women's

groups that would be a basis
for us to accomplish our goal
of building the EPC. And also
of building a good base in
which we could move politically
in other areas. I cannot
concretely see how this can be
done with a group made up of
majority SWP.

REPORT ON JOHN BROWN CENTER

I. POLITICAL ASPECTS

It is understood by the J. B. cadre that the great majority of area education will occur through the J. B. Center. The exact nature and amount continues to be a function of political developments in the District, nationally and internationally. Cadre continue to discuss this issue and struggle over it for clarity. Political aspects of District education continue to receive a high priority in our deliberations, since we know that successful education as well as successful educational organization will not occur without political understanding and consolidation. We have struggled for clarity on political roles and responsibility. Following is our present understanding.

DISTRICT A & P - Policy on educational needs comes from this body and is translated to the Education Sub-commission, and thence to the J. B. Fraction. A & P should clearly relate and detail its assessment of educational priorities. Since A & P alone knows of those comrades who are in the party, it is in a position to control and criticize on educational matters, especially regarding class attendance and payment of fees. These latter aspects are critical for success of J. B. and for District educational needs to be met. With the growing political and organizational consolidation of the J. B. Fraction, it can advise and assist A & P in maintaining control of cadre education. This would entail, at least, a memo to all units regarding the requirement of all comrades to register for classes, attend regularly and pay fees. It would involve also a requirement for each unit to assess the quality and quantity of education of each member and strongly encourage correct participation in J. B.

ROLE OF DIRECTOR - Comrade Kay is head of the Education Sub-commission, head of the J. B. Fraction and head of the J. B. staff. As such, we understand her main role will be to bring to each body the current political understanding of education in the District.

JOHN BROWN FRACTION - Increasingly, we understand the political role of the Fraction, though we have made mistakes in the past. The Fraction - Comrades Kay, Eddied, Patrick and Bob - will meet separately on matters of political importance that

emanate from the Party's program for discussion and decision on political interpretation. The Fraction's guidance will come from the Education Sub-commission, composed of Comrades Kay, Patrick and Bob, joined by Comrade Eddie who will provide input from the Cultural Commission. The role of the Fraction is to guide and give political direction to the J. B. staff. One of our past mistakes has been to involve Anne and Frank (the only current active staff members who aren't in the CLP) too intimately in Party-specific matters. Prior to this mistake, we made the mistake of under-involving these dedicated contacts. We failed to show the face of the CLP at all to them, thus creating a "league" or sectarian style of work. In the process of compensating for this mistake, we went too far in the opposite direction by sharing internal documents. We believe that clarity now exists on this issue.

EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET TASK FORCE - A comrade requested that simplified pamphlets are badly needed by the Party to assist less educated persons to understand basic ideas. We have decided to participate in a Task Force, along with other comrades, especially YCL, to begin preparation of such pamphlets which will have wide application. Comrade Patrick will participate in the Task Force, representing J. B., as well as the Education Sub-commission.

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II. ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS

J. B. STAFF - With the above political clarity, we are better prepared to enter the next period of education. The present staff is a dedicated, disciplined group, meeting regularly for discussion of both political and organizational matters. The staff is clearly inadequate in size to do much more than a "holding action" for the present curriculum. Though we are trying to begin new courses, it is difficult due to cadre commitments elsewhere. Thus, recruiting of class contacts to the staff is a high priority. We think recruitment will occur as more contacts enroll in courses. With an enlarged staff, and a continued correct division of labor, present cadre can launch other educational programs which respond to the objective political and economic conditions of the Class, while contacts more and more can handle the day to day mechanics of the school.

J. B. DEPARTMENTS - The division of J. B. into departments has only partially succeeded. We intend to further consolidate the departments. Presently, department heads are Kay (philosophy), Bob (political economy) and Patrick (Political Education), while Anne and Frank tend to take greater responsibility for Applied Studies. Departments headed by cadre constitute the "core" curriculum of M-L education and, as such, we understand that these courses must be led by comrades. Each department is in process of meeting prior to the next term to discuss curriculum needs, discussion and teaching techniques, new material, etc. We further understand the need for a deeper commitment to education on the part of those comrades who are more advanced. Thus, we will continue to try to involve them further in the political and educational aspects of the J. B. Center.

J. B. BUSINESS - The business aspects of the Center are crucial for continuing success. We must develop better means of keeping records, bookkeeping, collecting fees and keeping attendance. Comrade Bob has been responsible for the financial aspects of the Center as has been Max recently in developing proper methods. This must be corrected. With the help of others, Comrade Bob will continue to locate a new J. B. headquarters in a central location. This is a high priority item. Due to somewhat lax fee collection in the past term, a number of registered students failed to pay. This cannot be tolerated. Those who have not paid for the last term should pay both for the last and the next terms. We are in process of developing forms and procedures to monitor each student through discussion leaders so that all fees will be collected. Discussion leaders alone can ensure success in collections. To develop more cash, a fundraising party will be held on June 5 at Atkinson House.

NEXT TERM - Beginning June 7, the next term begins with a total of 18 courses being projected. The bulk of advance registration will be held at the fundraising party on June 5th, while additional registration will be held at the CCC meeting on June 8th.

PT REPORT

SECTION	3/7	3/8	3/9	Mich Spec
Northwest	250	400	700	275
Southwest	584	650	540	270
Northeast	400	500	770	350
Eastsipde8	194	340	755	127
Bookstore	80	80	80	80
Lolita	592			
Campaign		340	200	4500
TOTAL	<u>2100</u>	<u>2310</u>	<u>3045</u>	<u>5602</u>