

VOTE Communist Labor Party

CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE FOR DECENT HOUSING

August 3rd

JOBS - PEACE EQUALITY

The tenants in Detroit Public Housing are on strike. The strike is a result of massive rent increases, and because of the reduction in maintenance and sanitary services. Since the inception of the strike, the Communist Labor Party has given, and will continue to give, its complete support to this most important struggle.

Now the Communist Labor Party is attempting to stay on the Michigan ballot to run a candidate from the 9th District for the State House of Representatives in November. The first stage of this campaign was the collection of 33,000 signatures from the people of Michigan demanding that the CLP be placed on the ballot. This was done successfully. These signatures were almost double the 17,500 required by the state of Michigan, 7,000 of these signatures came from the people living in public housing.

When it was apparent the CLP would make the November ballot, the state threw up another roadblock. They passed new legislation which states that all parties must run in our Aug. 3 primary and get at least 5000 votes, or they will not be allowed to run in November. The law is structured in such a way that anyone who votes for the CLP can vote on non partisan issues but cannot vote for anyone else in the primary. The capitalist class, their agents in Lansing, have in effect, tried to tell the people of Michigan who they can and cannot vote for! This deliberate and shameless trick is an attempt to deny us our most basic democratic right!

Why is the State government so desperately trying to keep us off the ballot? The answer is clear. We are and will continue to be the party which voices the most decent and noble aspirations of the working class. The Communist Labor Party is your Party. Our program speaks directly to the many problems the workers unemployed face.

The strike in public housing is important. The fight to keep the CLP on the ballot is important. They are both attempts by working people to fight for a decent life. By keeping the Communist Labor Party on the ballot and electing a working class representative to the legislature, the people in public housing will guarantee that the problems of public housing will be brought before the people of Michigan. We know that the problems of the tenants will not magically disappear when a Communist Labor Party representative is elected. We know that only in socialism, where housing is produced for need, not profit, will there be decent housing for everyone. What winning this election will do is guarantee us the opportunity to use the state legislature to voice our demands.

We strongly urge our many friends in public housing to give the housing struggle and the working class a voice in Lansing by voting communist on August 3rd.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY?

The Communist Labor Party of the United States of North America was founded over the Labor Day weekend in 1975. Its membership consists of active leaders in the struggle of the working class dating back to the 1920's. The CLP is not like the Democratic and Republican parties that promise you all sorts of things, but deliver the country to their masters, the Wall Street financiers and the large corporate manufacturers.

The CLP fights for the interest of the working class in the factories, mines and mills, in neighborhoods, schools and unions. We see an immediate need to organize against the growing fascist influence in this country, influence that pushes us closer to war on the international front while creating divisiveness, impoverishment and extra-legal terror at home through such means as the S-1 Bill, the KKK and the Nazi Party, and anti-labor legislation. The struggle against this fascist drive brings us on step closer in our fight for socialism.

Our platform is based on the following demands:

(1) A Job for Every Worker at the Expense of the Military Budget. End compulsory overtime; strict adherence to a 35-hour Work Week. No speed-up. Guaranteed safe and healthy working conditions.

(2) End All USNA Military Intervention.

(3) Equal, Quality and Integrated Education for All Children. Nationalize Education. Support Busing.

(4) Outlaw the KKK, Nazi Party and All Fascist Gangs.

(5) Nationalize the Energy Industry.

(6) End All Deportations of Undocumented Workers.

- (7) Recognition, implementation and protection of the rights of women; equal pay for equal work.
- (8) Expand the public sector of housing; guarantee decent housing through government financing and public housing.

Support the right to bear arms.

(10) Demand the right to organize into unions and to strike. Repeal all anti-labor legislation. End all price hikes and other attacks on the living

(11) Free Universal Medical Care, stop all Medicaide Cuts.

(12) Fight against the spread of crime, pornography and dope in our communities.

(13) Nationalize Welfare and expand Social Security Benefits.

THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY IN MICHIGAN:

The Communist Labor Party in Michigan has brought together staunch fighters with years of experience in the working class movement. For the past year and a half, we have participated in many aspects of the class struggle in this state, including the following;

1. The CLP gave leadership to the January 17, 1975 Common Council Open

Hearing on Unemployment.

2. Staunchly and actively upheld the struggle for busing for integration, equality and quality education for all working class children in the face of a two-fold opposition: the divisive, hate-filled tactics of M.A.D., the Klan, and Donald Lobsinger on the one hand, and those who merely stated their support of the desegregation plan and did nothing to unite working people against the attacks against ourselves.

3. Was instrumental in throwing the Nazi Party out of Kennedy Square and

Detroit as a whole
4. Carried on struggles in support of migrant farmworkers throughout the state

5. Have carried on election campaigns focused on the support of busing.

6. Militantly struggled against the closing and cutbacks at Jefferson Avenue Assembly Plant on Detroit's East Side.

7. Have joined in the struggle to create Unemployment Committees to Defend the Rights of Unemployed Workers.



COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA

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