voice your choice!!

In past years all minority parties have been required to gather 17,500 signatures on petitions from registered voters in order to secure a place on the election ballot. Last year, for the first time in this countries history, the State Legislature past Public Act 94. What this Act demands is that in order to appear on the ballot in November elections with a candidate, a minority party must receive 5,000 votes in the August primary in addition to collecting 17,500 signatures on petitions. In order to vote for a minority party in the primary election, you must give up your right to vote for any other candidates running under other party slates (Democrat or Republican). In other words, you must give up your right to vote.

The right to vote is said to be the basis of U.S. democracy. However, Public Act 94 obviously ignores this right through limiting the number of parties available in elections to represent the people. This open assault by the state legislature bears testimony of the state's hostility towards the needs of the people.

In 1976 the Communist Labor Party circulated petitions to get on the ballot and were successful in doing so by a wide margin. Beginning in 12/77 we will again be circulating petitions for the 1978 elections (state elections). We urge all democratic minded citizens who want to preserve their right of choice in elections to sign the petition to allow the Communist Labor Party, a minority party, to be on the ballot in August.

Public Act 94 restricts your right to "voice your choice" but by signing a petition you can take that first step in speaking out against this attack on all concerned citizens in this country.

*note-this is the first article in a series we will be presenting to explain our attempts to get on the ballot, Public Act 94, speak to our Party's platform, and introduce candidates we will be running in upcoming elections.

stranger plan urged

Another school year is under way, and winter and the holidays are upon us. But, for parents it is questionable whether this is "the season to be jolly". We are all aware of the many incidences that have occurred in the last year or so regarding kidnappings, molesting of young children, and the terror that has accompanied these incidences. We as parents need to make a "stranger plan" just as we do for a "fire plan" in our homes, so our children can have some kind of safety plan.
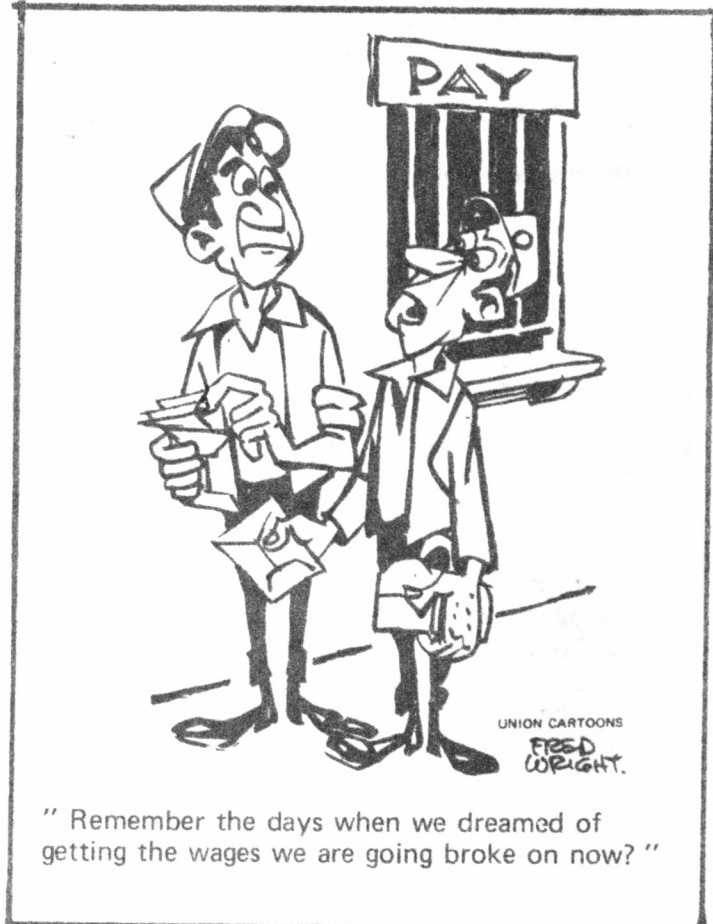
Some suggestions:

1. Don't walk alone, walk in groups of three or more.
2. Don't speak to strangers.
3. Do not accept rides.
4. When approached by a stranger run for help.
5. Try to remember color of car, license plate, or the person.
6. Listen to your children when they are trying to tell you about strange persons.
7. Ask them questions daily to make them more aware of the importance of the situation.
8. Beware of people who sit in cars everyday in the same spot. Report immediately.

In addition to these points that should be discussed with your children, there other avenues of prevention parents can take. We can call or write TV stations and request more programs relating to this subject. Also, through our PTA's and school board we should make demands that police officers come and talk to the children, have films on what to do if approached by strangers or people we only know slightly.

There are many things we need to do and can do to protect our children. We, as parents, must be in the forefront of this struggle.

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plea for HUMAN RIGHTS
continues...

By now most of our readers are aware of the plight of the Texas Farmworkers and the fact that they walked from Texas to Washington, D.C. this past summer to seek some redress for their grievances. Antonio Orendain, President of the Texas Farmworkers Union was recently in Highland Park as part of a national tour to gain support for their continued fight for "Human Rights". The Texas Farmworkers continue to be in the forefront of the fight for a National Agricultural Labor Relations Act and the fight to repeal Section 14b of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Section 14b gives individual states the right to pass laws which prohibit compulsory union membership. In a right to work state, even if the majority of workers in a shop vote for a union, the rest don't have to join. This means that anti-union workers can be legally hired to destroy the strength of a union.

In right to work states labor is cheaper, benefits are less, and working conditions are worse than they are in other states. Michigan, which is not a right to work state, had an average wage of $5.62 an hour in 1974, while Mississippi, which is a right to work state, like most of the South, only had wages of $3.18 an hour. Is it any wonder that industry is closing up in the North and moving to the South?!!

The only protection that any of us have is through more and stronger unions. Michigan is one of the more highly unionized states, yet in 1972 only 38.4% of its work force were in unions. This is better than Texas, which had 13.5% unionization or Mississippi which had 12.6% unionization, but there is still a long way to go.

The big companies are not content with the 20 right to work states that they have now, but have organized right to work committees all over the country, including Michigan. Workers must fight against these "right-to-scab" committees and must concretely join with the TFW and any other organizations who are fighting to repeal Section 14b of the Taft Hartley Act.

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