

# OPEN LETTER TO THE C.P.U.S.A.

The CLP is publishing this letter as an open letter to the membership of the CPUSA. We are printing it because the CP has again refused to join with us in activity in defense of the working class. Last year at the time of their convention, we begged them to join with us to prevent the Nazis from attacking *their* convention. At that time their reply was that the police would handle the Nazis and the KKK. Today the result of their refusal to fight is being borne by the Negro people who are quite defenseless against a resurgent fascism. As the liberals accused the Communist Party of being "premature anti-fascists" during the 30's, the CP now accuses us.

We have confidence in the great majority of the comrades in the CPUSA. They joined that Party to fight and no narrow outlook on the part of some leaders will prevent them.

With or without a United Front in the elections, our Party is going to urge the people to "vote Communist" because it is the principled and correct thing to do. We urge the membership of the CPUSA to assert themselves within the framework of their party for the good, not of a single party but of the class!

The letter is self-explanatory.

To:  
General Secretary, CPUSA  
Central Committee, CPUSA  
Members of the Party

Dear Comrades,

All thinking persons, and especially the Left progressives are aware of the growing danger of war and fascism in our country. The current economic crisis, the impossibility of expanding the capitalist market, the growing strength of the socialist world have provided the basis for the counter attack by the most extreme centers of reaction. This reactionary offensive is not a second edition of the McCarthy era. This carefully planned, legally developed reaction is not based in hysteria or witch hunts, but the careful closing of the vice on the revolutionary movement and the working class.

The growing militarization of the economy, the increasing social, economic and political attacks against the oppressed, especially against the Negro people, the startling growth of the fascist gangs, are indications of the creeping fascization of our country.

The election campaign provides an important opportunity to bring forth the burning issues of the day. It is also an important opportunity to expose the agents of the ruling class, especially in the presidential elections.

The political campaign this year offers the revolutionary movement, the political left and the general progressives, a rare opportunity for unity of action against the candidates of the twin parties of reaction.

We understand that the slogan of "Boycott the elections" is bankrupt. It is bankrupt because there is no stable left vote in this country. The only possible slogan to the people is "Vote Communist."

In view of the dangerous political situation, in view of the fragmented character of the revolutionary movement, our Party proposes a unity of action during the election campaign. As you know, the Communist Labor Party is

on the ballot in Michigan and we are running Comrade General Baker, the former head of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, for the state legislature. Aside from this campaign our Party is not running any candidates. However, the CPUSA has vigorously pushed their election campaign, running for a number of state and national offices. We propose that our Comrades across the country support the CPUSA ticket, and that the CP support General Baker in his campaign.

Our Party hopes that such limited unity of action may provide the necessary polarity to begin to overcome the disastrous fragmentation of the revolutionary movement.

## NAZIS

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Fearing loss of Democratic Party posts and the demise of his machine in this election year, Daley "denounced" the Nazi violence of June 6, called for the closing of the Nazi headquarters, and the removal of the sign. His weak appeal however was rejected by the courts on the grounds that such action is a violation of civil rights. Instead the Nazis were given only a temporary restraining order until June 23.

The workers and progressives of Chicago reacted to the violence immediately. However the so-called Negro leaders also responded immediately, trying to calm the situation. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Movement started marches everyday to the Nazi headquarters where they knelt down and prayed. But this reaction to the violence of the Nazis is no longer accepted by the majority of people in this country.

The Equal Rights Council of Chicago and the United Black Clubs of Englewood have not only denounced the actions of the Nazis and KKK but have called for a rally against the Nazis to be held Monday, June 28, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 6201 S. Sangamon at 7:00 pm. Under the banner of "Remember World War II", the Equal Rights Council has vowed

Unfortunately, a discussion with Comrade Tommy Dennis, Chairman of the Michigan Section CPUSA, ended with his rejecting out of hand this proposal for unity of action. Since we have no sectarian interest and seek no partisan advantage in this proposal, we are forwarding this letter to the national office.

We would appreciate a speedy reply, so that all possible time can be used in the conduct of the campaign.

Awaiting your reply, I am  
Sincerely,  
Nelson Peery  
General Secretary, Communist Labor Party

to approach every democratic minded person, from every union, neighborhood, church, ethnic or community organization and social club, for a massive mobilization to remove the Nazis from Chicago. In addition, they have begun a petition campaign through which they will gain support of hundreds of thousands to outlaw the KKK, Nazi Party and other organizations of terror.

The Equal Rights Council calls upon all people who want to fight the Nazis to join them in the struggle. The purpose of the ERC is to unite all who can be united in the struggle against these fascist thugs, and for equal rights for all people regardless of nationality. An organized resistance to Nazi terror is the first line of defense of the standard of life of the working people in this country. Join the ERC and fight the Nazis!

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