

SELF CRITICISM

In the last issue of the People's Tribune, Vol. 3, No. 6, an article appeared under the headline—"Louisville—Busing Splits Labor." This headline is absolutely incorrect and poses the question of busing in such a way as to further split the working class.

The Communist Labor Party has always stated that the question of busing is a question not only of equal education, but of the equality of Negroes and of freedom for the Negro Nation. It is not busing that splits labor, but rather the fascists who use the busing issue, as was correctly demonstrated in the article, to split the working class along national lines. To pose the question as was done in the headline is to say that the fight for the equality of Negroes, for the emancipation of the Negro Nation, splits the working class. Such a position can only aid the imperialists in their drive toward fascism. It is only through the struggle for busing, for equality for the Negro and emancipation for the Negro Nation, that the working class can unite and launch a real political struggle against their only enemy, the capitalist class.

The CLP has always fought staunchly for the emancipation of the Negro Nation; this position has been the cornerstone of all of our activity. We have noted with sadness that the revolutionary movement in this country has always failed because it refused to deal scientifically with the Negro question

—viewing it not as a modern national-colonial question, but as a "race" question which cannot be resolved. The headline in question is in direct opposition to the position that our Party has struggled for. It is the position of the fascists and their agents within the labor movement.

The Editorial Board of the People's Tribune criticises itself for this white chauvinist error and pledges to the working class that this type of position will never again appear in the pages of the People's Tribune.

The struggle for the unity of the working class is the main task of the communist and all revolutionary workers. Anything that detracts from this struggle can only be branded for what it is—support for the fascists. The rise of fascism in this country is taking a pointedly anti-Negro character and the defense of the Negro is the defense of the entire working class against the fascists.

The party's press is an indispensable tool in the organization and leadership of the working class movement. It is incumbent on every comrade, every revolutionary worker, to criticize and develop our party press. We hope that all our readers will continue to criticize and make suggestions to the PT so that our party can develop the kind of press that becomes a real tribune of the people and is capable of leading the working class along the road to socialism.