

THE MAINLINE



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The Communist Labor Party is not to be confused with the CPUSA or any other leftist organization in the United States. Our Party which was formally constituted 1 year ago is born out of the struggles for the Negro people, Mexican people, Puerto Rican people, and for the unity of the total Anglo-American working class, as well as supporting those revolutionary struggles worldwide against imperialist aggression, such as in Vietnam. Our members are made up of such fighters for the working class as General Baker who worked here at Dodge Main and was instrumental in the day to day struggles of the RUM movement in this city, particularly DRUM (Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement). So although our Party isn't very old in its existence, the history of struggle for the working class by its members is very old and on a national scale. To those of you who will be reading, writing for, or lending financial support to the shop paper here at Dodge Main, it will be very clear as of what the political as well as the practical differences between our Party and other left organizations.

To be brief, our Party is a Marxist-Leninist, Communist Party. Through our development we will become the highest form of organization the working class in this country will know, able to react in a real way to every act of tyranny and oppression thrown on the working class by the capitalists and their bidders in the White House and Congress. The evils of capitalism, unemployment, wars of aggression, broken homes, and uneducated hostile youth, along with the unending rate of exploitation of the working class through speedup, lay-offs, etc. will never be smashed and put away until capitalism itself is overthrown along with its protectors, its state apparatus, army, police, and politicians. We pay taxes for the national good, yet our armies have plundered internationally. We also pay taxes for protection, yet our police forces at home have shot us down in the streets. To accomplish such a task, a communist or Marxist-Leninist Party must establish itself in a real way with solid ties within the whole of the working class.

What do we want from Dodge Main workers? First of all and consistent with our political line we must win the vanguard of the proletariat to communist ideals and principles. This means that all honest elements in the class must be shown in a theoretical as well as a practical way that our only alternative to our problems as a whole is to overthrow this capitalist dictatorship and replace it with the Dictatorship of the Proletariat that is against capitalist exploitation, discrimination, and its backward, self-centered and greedy individualism which has committed endless pains on which our life is based. THE MAINLINE which is the name of the shop paper from the Party inside Dodge Main must be distributed (not necessarily at the gates) and supported. It must become your paper, carrying articles from people inside the plant informing everyone of what's happening in different departments, in the country, and the world, as well as organizing to fight in different manners.

It must also carry educational articles. We must also establish a network for the People's Tribune which is the political paper of the Communist Labor Party, which must become your Party in a real way.

Our work for the most part must be done in a professional manner, that is to say all people who write articles, support us financially or would like to join our Party must be kept confidential. This does not mean that no one will be known, depending on circumstances, but most people will not be known. Furthermore, what we want Dodge Main workers to do is stand up with communist leadership and once again struggle for the rights that we have won as well as those that have not yet been wrestled away from the capitalist, such as jobs for all and JOBS WITH PEACE.

STOP MAD'S MADNESS

On Sunday, October 19, 1975, the first multi-national picket line was set up in East Detroit. Hundreds of workers from plants and neighborhoods from all over the city showed up. Negro national minority workers participated. Arab minority workers participated. Mexican national minority workers participated. Puerto Rican national minority workers participated. Anglo-American workers participated. They picketed the Mothers Alert Detroit (MAD) "Freedom" Fund Dinner at Roda Hall. MAD has been organized by Donald Lobsinger and his fascist gang Breakthru to fight against equal and quality education for children of all nationalities. Their anti-busing campaign is centered in northeast Detroit.

It is no accident that busing has become a burning issue across the country. An equal and quality education for the Negro people is at the heart of the issue. Negro children have been bussed to Negro schools and Anglo-American children have been bussed to Anglo-American schools almost since the invention of the bus. This crucial issue for the Anglo-American working class comes on the heels of massive unemployment. The unemployment rate among autoworkers is 10.9%. Among blue collar workers it is 11.5%. Among production workers it is 12.7%. Among laborers it is 15.2%. Among Anglo-American workers it is 7.6%. Among non-Anglo-American workers it is 14.3%. The question of busing is whether or not Anglo-American workers will defend the Negro people's right to equal education, housing, jobs, and FREEDOM FOR THE NEGRO NATION. Will Anglo-American workers fight to defend and advance the living standard of the Anglo-American working class, or will the class be split. Will Anglo-American workers accept WAR and FASCISM as the answer to unemployment and allow the equal rights of the Negro people to be smashed. Or will the class unite to fight for JOBS WITH PEACE.

The first step in forging this unity has been taken. MAD's MADNESS will be stopped. Everytime MAD demonstrates the Anglo-American working class will be there to counter-demonstrate. The Anglo-American working class will carry a united struggle into northeast Detroit.

Support Busing - End Segregation!

"FASCISM OR POWER IS THE MOST CHAUVANISTIC AND MOST REACTIONARY, MOST CHAUVANISTIC AND MOST IMPERIALIST ELEMENTS OF FINANCE CAPITAL." This definition of fascism was given by Georgi Dimitroff in his report to the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International in 1935. This definition is as true today as it was then.

As the overproduction crisis deepens, as unemployment worsens, as the living standard of the working class sinks lower and lower this open terror of the most reactionary, chauvanistic, imperialist elements of finance capital against the working class becomes more and more necessary. Today we can see that the fascists have sent out their advanced guard to test the unity of the working, The Ku Klux Klan, Nazis, and Breakthru ar on the rise. These scum, with their hooded robes, swastikas, and crosses are roaming the streets preaching hate against the Negro people, the Mexican people, Puerto Rican people, Jewish people, and the trade unions.

This past July, thirteen Nazi degenerates showed their snouts in downtown Detroit. All of them were from out of town. Wearing their brown shirts and swastikas, they were here to sell their rag WHITE POWER. These punks stood around Kennedy Square shouting "Gas the Jews" and "Send the Niggers back to Africa" until over 300 workers kicked their ass. The dozen or so local Nazis didn't wear their swastikas that day. They still have an ass kicking coming. Instead they sneak around pasting up little stickers with "White Power", "Stop Busing", "Gas the Jews" and other choice products of a sick mind on them. They meet in dark basements where they salute their swastika adorned flags and squeak white chauvanism at each other.

We raise these things because most of the working class think the Nazis are a joke. These rats are anything but a joke. This sick demented gang is real. AT LEAST ONE NAZI WORKS AT DODGE MAIN. His name is JOHN (ADOLFHE) SEDLAK. This degenerate scum does not belong in this plant. This sick punk does not belong in the working class. This Nazi advanced guard is funded by the most reactionary, most chauvanist and imperialist elements of finance capital. LET'S CONTINUE TO THROW THESE PUNKS, BATTERED AND BRUISED, BACK UNTO THE DOORSTEP OF THEIR BACKERS.

JOHN SEDLAK IS A NAZI



THE JEFFERSON WORKERS

Everyone knows by now that there are some 1000 or more workers that have been transferred from the Jefferson Assembly Plant to Dodge Main. We are not attempting in this article to cover what their rights are at Dodge Main because they have nothing but date of entry seniority along with company seniority to cover fringe benefits such as holiday pay, vacation pay, etc. What we would like to speak to is a problem that has existed, for the most part on the afternoon shift. Many of the people from Jefferson have voiced discontent over the attitudes of Dodge Main people. It seems that many of the Dodge Main workers resent the fact that Jefferson workers are here. We are not here to take anyones job. We have been laid off by Chrysler just as people from Dodge Main and other plants across this city and country. Whether these attitudes were perpetuated by the company or the union because we are supposed to be too militant, etc. doesn't make any difference. One thing is clear, division among workers does not aid our cause but rather helps Chrysler in its insane drive to increase our work pace. The model launch is here and you can bet

that if we are not united around the question of work standards, all of us will have a game run on us from time study and the foremen. The antagonism, no matter what its cause is divisive and does not serve our interest. We are withholding names and departments, but there has even been reported that there was a fight between a worker from Dodge Main and one from Jefferson. But even worse than that is the unexcusable snuffing that workers from Jefferson are getting from some Chief Stewards.

The only way that real unity can be forged at Dodge Main is by us working and struggling together on the issues that affect us all. No steward or union representative can rectify attitudes that seem to exist. But nevertheless the steward has a job that he or she is supposed to perform. If they are not doing that, it may be a good move for a bunch of people to take some time and show up for the next union meeting down to the Local 3 offices down the street on Jos. Campau.

signed,
Dissatisfied and Disgruntled
Ex-Jefferson Workers

OUR POLICY

THE PAGES OF THE MAINLINE ARE OPEN TO ALL WORKERS. OUR POLICY IS TO PRINT ALL LETTERS AND ARTICLES MAILED OR GIVEN TO US IN THE PLANT. AS A COMMUNIST PAPER IT IS OUR DUTY TO SPEAK TO ALL THE BURNING ISSUES WORKERS ARE FACED WITH. ADDED TO THIS IS OUR TASK TO DISPELL ALL THE FALSE NOTIONS AND DISTORTIONS THAT HAVE MOLDED THE WORKING CLASS MIND AGAINST COMMUNISM.

THE MAINLINE IS PRODUCED SOLELY BY WORKERS AT DODGE MAIN FROM THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY AND ALSO NON-COMMUNIST WORKERS WHO FEEL THAT THE FIRST STEP FORWARD IN ORGANIZING OURSELVES IS THE PRODUCTION OF A NEWSPAPER ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUES OF THE DAY AND OFFER REAL SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS. FROM TIME TO TIME THERE WILL BE REPRINTS OF ARTICLES FROM THE PEOPLES TRIBUNE, THE POLITICAL PAPER OF THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA.

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