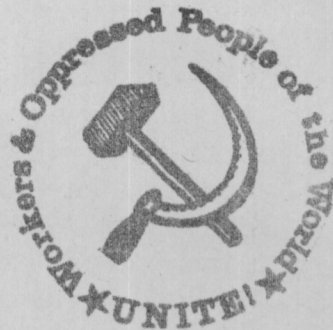


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H.P.G.H. IS SHUT DOWN!

On Friday, March 12th, Highland Park General Hospital was officially closed down by the Dept. of Health. The dept. said the hospital was not up to code and would not receive another license to operate.

The Health Dept. came to the hospital unexpected.

They found:

1. water in the basement
2. pipes leaking
3. no linen. The workers were cutting up baby blankets for linen.
4. operating room inefficient
5. not enough food to feed the patients and workers in the hospital
6. equipment not up to code
7. the hospital can not get credit, so they have to give different medicine to patients
8. and more

On Friday the workers were told the hospital was going to close. They were also told the city didn't have the money to meet the payroll. Tempers started flying, and come 3:00 the checks were there.

But was the city administration surprised when the state said shut it down? NO!! In 1969 Public Act P38 was passed by the state of Michigan. This act provides the legal basis for financial and administrative ownership by private corporations of all city hospitals. The city administration of H.P. has been trying to figure out what to do with HPGH for about 15 years now! They tell us that H.P. is bankrupt, that the city can't spend money for a public hospital.

Why are the cities in a state of decay? In the Detroit News we read that people don't want to work, or there are too many "illegal aliens" taking all the jobs, that's why the cities are decaying right before our eyes. NO, those are not the reasons!!

The United States of North America (USNA) is based on a capitalist economy.

Under capitalism: The people who own the mines, mills and factories, the means of production always want to make more and more profits. They don't work, they make their money off of our blood, sweat, and tears. They make their money by not paying us the real value of our work, They make their money off of our backs.

Under Capitalism, the capitalists have to keep expanding their markets, to sell their commodities. Throughout the world, workers are fighting for their liberation from USNA oppression, and for socialism! Angola, Puerto Rico, Chile, the Negro Nation. Workers are fighting for the day when they run society. Where production is for the needs of the people and not profits for a few.

We are now experiencing an overproduction crisis, frequent under capitalism. The workers have produced more than the capitalists are able to sell, causing massive layoffs. When this happens, the federal government cuts back on social needs; food stamps, welfare, rent increases in public housing. To sell their surplus commodities, the capitalists must not only increase their hold on their oppressed colonies and conquer new markets through war.

In times of severe economic crisis, the most open terroristic, reactionary, chauvinistic elements of finance capital make their push towards fascism. Only through fascism is the bourgeoisie able, even for a brief time, to hold back the wheels of progress, the socialist revolution. The capitalists whip up white chauvinism, spread lies about communism, attack the working class in all forms. The cities are not decaying because of us, but because of the bourgeoisie.

The city of Detroit has laid off thousands of workers. Detroit General, Pontiac General are experiencing the same crisis as HPGH. With no public hospitals, where will we go for medical care without money or insurance? With all the cuts in welfare, medicaid, layoffs, and the 30% rate increases in the already expensive Blue Cross-Blue Shield, what will we do? Private hospitals will not even admit us to emergency. The fascists don't care how we survive!! That is why the hospitals are closing down, the schools are falling apart, our cities are decaying right before our eyes!!

The workers demonstrated and raised money at HPGH to keep the hospital open, The residents of H.P. voted to keep the hospital open. We need a public hospital in the city!! Wayne County General is too far to take a burned child or a dying person!!!

Only under socialism, when we, the working class, are the owners of all the mines, mills, and factories, will we have a society based on the needs of the people and not profits for a few.

Socialism is for the little people. It is for the masses, especially the workers whose labor has created all the wealth, but have no voice in the way they are governed. It is for the Negro whose toil and blood and suffering has created so much of this country. It is for the Mexican who the capitalists have reduced to an alien in his own land. It is for the woman whose creativity has been strangled and who has been reduced to a plaything of bedroom despots and parlor tyrants.

Socialism is for the youth whose heroic morality and bold dreams are objects of capitalist exploitation. It is for the aged who, in hopeless poverty look upon the wealth they have created, a wealth now used to enslave a new generation, even as it casts them aside, as if they were used up instruments of production. Socialism is for the Puerto Rican who understands his individual helplessness before the grinding destructive onslaught of imperialism. It is for the Indian who demands more than pretified stories and photographs in exchange for the seizure of his lands. Socialism is for those who love this country and its peoples, because only socialism can save it!!!

LONG LIVE SOCIALISM!!

KEEP HIGHLAND PARK GENERAL OPEN!!

We will be printing information that we find out about the hospital. If you are aware of the situation at HPGH contact us at

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