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M.R.E. COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY USNA
"WITHOUT A PARTY OF IT'S OWN THE
WORKING CLASS HAS NOTHING"

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OPEN LETTER

to:

Blue Slate, Green Slate, United Coalition

The economic crises is here to stay. As the crises deepens the capitalist push for maximum profits becomes more unbearable. Our standrads of living has taken one hell of a beaten during the last three (3) years. We are becoming nothing less than beast of burden !!!

Contract time is rapidly approaching. Seven hundred fifty thousand U.A.W. workers will negotiate contracts. Over half of these workers are in the state of Mich. To be exact most of these workers are in and around the Detroit Metropolitan area. This places a heavy burden on our shoulders. A burden we accept with honor and responsibility.

The Auto monopolies have tremendous influence and control over the national and state government, the economy and the media. Already capitalist spokesmen are saying that wage increases are "inflationary" and will wreck the economy. The Auto monopolies are already demanding more production with workers laid off.

General Motors (G.M.) president mr. Thomas Murphy has fired the first shot in the up coming contract "talks". Speaking to a group of businessmen Nov. 12 in New York, look at what Murphy said.

" The question is whether American industry and America's labor, working together, can produce the profits America needs...." "In the coming negotiations, the figure that we must watch is not only wages, but total hourly compensation. Total compensation - which includes so-called fringe benefits."

"...Pensions, group insurance, medical insurance and unemployment insurance."

Murphy ended his speech by saying "LABOR IS NOT A COMMODITY BUT A FORM OF COOPERATION." ... " WE NEED IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY....."

When we break down Murphy's fine speech it means that us lazy auto workers make to mush. It means that we don't produce enough per person. It means that we (the union) are suppose to help speed-up the lines to increase productivity. It means that not only are wages to be forced down but also fringe benefits. Murphy also stated that the only way we will get a short work week is by taking it!

The point is that we are fighting a gang of profit hungry madmen who our organized against labor - us.

Speaking on behalf the the workers at M.R.E. - without fear of mis-representing - we won't give up any raises we have coming. We're not going to give up our fringe benefits, S.U.B. and we damn sure not going to speed up on ourselves. We plainly state that this is how 99.9% of the workers at M.RE. feel !!!

FLASH ~~~~~

THE WAR IN ANGOLA STILL RAGES. The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (M.P.L.A.) has been the government of Angola since it was liberated in Nov. M.P.L.A. founded the Democratic People's Republic of Angola in NOV. .

Furthermore labor is a commodity just like a T.V., car or loaf of bread. All we want is our just payment for our labor so we may live like civilized people. After all it's our labor that make Mr. Murphy rich !

The Communist Labor Party therefore feels that every group, independent and individual should immediately come together to organize our ranks. No matter what your political opinion (whether you vote democrat, republic an or communist) we feel that there are some basic issues all of us can agree with.

We therefore put forward the following issues as a minimum program for unity.

1. Short work week - 30 for 40
2. Wage increase
3. Strengthen S.U.B.
4. Expand C.O.L.A. to keep up with inflation.
5. No sub-contracting with lay-offs.
Enforce job "line of demarcation".
6. Paid absences for pregnancy up to one (1) year off with pay.

We repeat; this is a minimum program that can provide a foundation for all of us.

The Communist Labor Party has many issues that are worth fighting for. Among these we would like to point out three.

- A. One (1) year contract.
 - B. Innocent until proven guilty. This means that no worker can be fired without reasonable cause. Reasonable cause is determined by the union. Also to abolish the so-called grivence procedure.
 - C. Put all stewards on the union pay roll. Take the handcuffs off our direct reps.
- THINK ABOUT IT !

The minimum program represents in our opinion a decent beginning. It has a basis for unity.

WE AWAIT YOU WRITTEN OR VERBAL RESPONSE

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ANGOLA : M.P.L.A. is driving out the enemy forces in Angola. Ford and Kissinger are demanding money to aid in over throwing the Angola Government.

The Angolan People are building a NEW LIFE. The M.P.L.A. has led the Angolan people since 1954.

THE US GOVERNMENT MUST GET OUT OF ANGOLA NOW ! ! ! ! !

Would you believe that the General foreman for dept. 88 afternoons (Bob Evens) had the wheels stolen off of his 1976 Thunderbird We mean all four wheels! MANAGEMENT NEEDS TO CALL BACK 5 or 6 WORKERS AND HAVE THEM PATROL THE PARKING LOTS AND WATCH THE TELEVISION CAMERAS. Just because we do 8 hours everyday don't mean when we leave we have to worry about having a way to get home.
IT'S JOBS AVAILABLE - BRING OUR LAID OFF BROTHERS AND SISTERS BACK TO WORK!!!

