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METRO'S WATERGATE

Brothers and sisters, fellow workers, it is clear that once again Metropolitan workers are on the offensive. Last week the HEARTBEAT printed the struggles that many of us have waged against the payroll supervisor. One week later we find the objective situation has taken quite a leap. Fabilli was fired! He then turned and fired his guns - exposing fraud, corruption and white chauvanism that many workers had often hinted at before. We have again learned that things do change by acting on them.

What is the overall present situation? First, criminal activity has only one spawning ground -- capitalism. in fact, "Capitalism as a system is a vast criminal act. From the time workers are forced to sell their labor power in the industrial marketplace they are subjected to constant criminal activity. The products of our labor are stolen from us, as is our health and welfare of our families." (PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE, Dec. 1975, Vol 2, No. 24)

At this very moment, the Federal government, through the National Health Planning and Resources Act of 1974, is erecting a vast bureaucracy to prepare for national health insurance. And what does this health insurance mean? Guaranteed free, universal care? - NO! Guaranteed maximum profits for health insurance companies through outrageous taxation and high premiums.

The rip-off in Metro's finances is part and parcel of the capitalist rip-off of unemployment and soaring inflation. As they move to tighten their economic stranglehold, they likewise move to politically attack all decent, democratic and progressive forces who would protest. Congress is now considering passage of the fascist "Senate Bill 1." The bill would wipe out our civil rights guaranteed under the constitution, including the right of

assembly and the first amendment. It is in the context of growing fascism, that "Metro's Watergate" has been exposed.

And where are we at? Ten months ago we were steeled in a long and bitter strike. Management, the courts, the police, traitors from within, the Local and International union hit us from all sides. Yet, here we stand - stronger, more knowledgeable, our unity and leadership at a higher level and ready to fight against the gross injustices recently exposed. Ready to fight against those that would call us "black animals." To them we say - you are the animals in your rotten hipocrisy and white chauvanism. To them we say - Free the Negro Nation! Free the Phillipines!

For all these reasons we must prepare to carry this struggle through and lay our demands down solidly, plan our tactics carefully, and involve all honest people here in the fight. To eliminate the basis of Metro's financial corruption, we must eliminate health care based in profit. We call for free and universal health care. Second, those responsible (Kozlowski, Ciufo and the lot) for "falsified financial statements," "kickbacks," untaxed \$80,000 doctors' salaries, calls of "black animals" should be prosecuted and fired just as quickly as they have done to us for taking a \$2.00 bag of meat scraps, a \$5.00 sack of sheets, or a 35¢ box of crackers! Third, we demand a full investigation. We call on the Comprehensive Health and Planning Council, the IRS, the Auditor General and the Department of Justice to lay bare the charges brought. Fourth we call for an open meeting with the Board of Directors and management in the cafeteria at the earliest possible date next week!

No, administrators, we are not backing down. We will not be passive, defeated, threatened or harassed. We "animals" have hearts and dreams of a decent just life. We shall see these dreams realized in our lifetime!

What does NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE mean?

For years many of us have heard on T.V. or read in the newspaper about other countries and their national liberation struggles. This is a struggle that occurs when the people of a given country decide they want both political and economic freedom. Unfortunately, this type of freedom does not exist in most countries.

The people of every country should have the right to determine themselves the type of political system that would best serve the majority of people. This means much more than simply being allowed to vote for public officials that are controlled by or are puppets of the few wealthy people of another country. The people should be allowed to determine just what is produced in a country, how much is produced and have the profits divided amongst those that made the products.

As it stands now, many of these small "underdeveloped" countries are being ripped off daily by the wealthy capitalist class who pay foreign workers pennies and then sell their products in another country for a high price. For example, in Vietnam, where many American workers lost their lives supposedly fighting to keep people free, the USNA capitalists were really trying to capture that country's market to exploit its rich resources and cheap labor power. The capitalists knew that if socialism was established, there would be no more profit for them in Vietnam.

Another example, here in the United States of North America, are the many runaway shops. Many of them go to the Negro Nation, a direct colony of the USNA, in order to pay workers less wages than here in the North. Do these shops then lower the price of articles produced? - NO! In fact, it is this economic enslavement of the Negro Nation that provides the basis of the white chauvanism that we see all the time (such as managements view of Negro national minority workers as "black animals.")

During national liberation struggles there are two or more groups that confront each other. Some groups are made up of people looking to see what they can gain for themselves through the fight. These are the groups that receive much aid from the USNA and other international imperialists with the obligation that the capitalists

from these other countries will be able to continue to exploit that country. If this group were to win the struggle, members would be chosen to head up some type of puppet government with the real control tied to the economic grip of the foreign capitalists.

On the other hand, there is the group that fights for socialism. The group realizes that only under socialism can political and economic freedom be achieved. Why? Because, under socialism, there is a dictatorship of the proletariat (workers) in control and that means the majority is in control for the good of the majority -- rather than a few in control for the good of a few as under capitalism (a dictatorship of the bourgeoisie or ruling class).

Under socialism, production is based on the needs of the people, not profit. Under capitalism, things are made only if they can make the most profit. If people need it, but it won't bring in enough profit, the capitalists say, "the heck with it!"

Under socialism, workers struggle together to decide what can best meet the needs of the society as a whole. Under capitalism, workers struggle individually to simply feed and clothe ourselves, while the capitalists use us in their life and death struggles or wars against other countries to insure that they continue to make maximum profits.

In Angola, the MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) waged such a liberation struggle from the colonizing Portuguese. They fought for socialism and with the support of the people, they were recognized as the legal government. Now the struggle is one of revolution and counter-revolution. The NFLA and UNITA forces, which are backed up by USNA money and mercenary forces, are trying to defeat the successful revolutionary struggle for liberation. We, as workers, will not be forced into fighting a war for the benefit of the ruling class when, in fact, they are our enemy also. Workers must stand together internationally for "no nation can be free, if it oppresses another!"

BUSING - the first step is succeeding

Busing is now a three day old reality for some children in the Detroit Public Schools. Mothers Alert Detroit, the KKK and the ruling class' press felt it did not have a chance, but it does. The mass media, as a whole, has shown a reluctance in reporting just how well the busing is going.

Detroit has not turned into another Boston and there are very definite reasons why. Some of these reasons are a step forward, others are not. For instance, the fact that peaceful integration of the schools is occurring is a step forward. The fact that it does not involve all the schools should not be overlooked. The plan has been used, particularly in the northwest area of Detroit, to maintain the economic differences by busing poor children to poor schools and vice versa.

Another reason why we don't have another Boston is that Detroit, with its high level of industry, has a workforce made up of many different nationalities. We all work together enabling the capitalist to get richer. Why wouldn't we unite so our children can attain a better quality education. In other words, equal integration of the schools is necessary and correct, but the way the busing plan integrates in many aspects is unjust.

What is needed to attain the highest quality education for all is cross-district busing. Detroit schools overall just don't cut the mustard when compared to Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Grosse Pointe schools.

Nationalization of education is another measure that would help insure quality education for all children. This would mean an equal amount of Federal funds would be paid per student to the schools regardless of where you live. Thus the same amount of money would be spent to educate a child in Detroit as in Grosse Pointe. But as long as cross-district busing and nationalization remain tied together, we will never achieve quality education. This is one reason why our first step is to achieve integration throughout the whole of greater Detroit.

On Monday, January 26th the working class took a step forward. It, by far, was not the first step, nor will it be the last. It becomes more clear with each step forward taken, another must follow.

NATIONALIZE EDUCATION!
CUT THE MILITARY BUDGET TO FUND EDUCATION!



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THE STRUGGLE FOR OUR STRIKE BENEFITS CONTINUES ...

During the last few days you may have been asked to sign a petition around our strike benefits. The petition itself, the resulting questions it brought forth and the amount of time a court struggle of this type takes, prompted the "The Heartbeat" to do a brief interview with the lawyer on the case, Bob Dinges of the Glotta, Adelman, Dinges Law Firm. The interview should help to bring you an update of the situation.

What is the petition for?

The petition is the result of a hearing held January 15th, before Judge Robert DeMascio, where in addition to the objections raised by Mabel's lawyer the judge raised six objections against us. This in itself shows clearly who's side the judge is on. Judge DeMascio claimed that the hospital unit as a whole could not sue, thus requesting the signatures of individuals.

When will our case to get the strike benefits take place?

As it stands now your case could have been decided at the first hearing session, but given the local's unwillingness to drop the case and Judge DeMascio's anti-labor sentiments, the struggle ahead could be rather lengthy.

Has the local ever paid the Glotta, Adelman, Dinges Law Firm for any of their services?

The law firm has been paid for fighting against the injunction during the strike. Also for services at the picket line. We have not been paid by the local for any of the criminal cases resulting from the arrests made during the strike.

Why do we have these court battles at Metro.?

One aspect is because of the high level of struggle and militancy of the workers at Metropolitan. Another is the fact that very often labor struggles are being pushed into the courts by the management, the local, the international union and the courts. All of these groups hoping that the length of legal struggles will demoralize and disinterest the union members. The police and the courts push the struggle into the courts in order to ensure that the state maintains control.

Is the case worth fighting for?

The local leadership's actions have been to act with complete disregard of the members, which has forced you into the courts in the first place and its the only way you can get the money due to you. Also legal struggles are often important and necessary and in particular this case is a precedent setting case. The outcome of this case could determine the authority of the international to the local union in terms of the operating money the local is not required to sent to the international.

If workers have other questions they should let us know. Further updates will appear as the situation develops.

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