

# Build the Labor Organizer's Defense Fund

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Labor Organizer's Defense Fund exists to provide financial and legal assistance to organizers of the working class who face judicial frameups or who are otherwise forced into the courts by government harassment aimed at preventing the working class from freely and openly expressing and mobilizing support for its political views.

The need for such a fund is demonstrated by:

a) The campaign by the CIA, the Nixon Administration, and subordinate governmental agencies to wipe out the formal vestiges of democracy in the United States.

b) Specifically, the mounting campaign frameups and terror directed against militant trade union organizers and unemployed organizers. Documented instances of such frameups include cases now being prosecuted against organizers within the National Caucus of Labor Committees, welfare organizers allied with the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization and its predecessor organization, the Committee to Rebuild the National Welfare Rights Organization, and trade union militants such as the United Auto Workers', Louis Smith, and the Amalgamated Meatcutters', Jerry Menapace.

c) The fact that such traditional civil liberties defense groups as the American Civil Liberties Union, The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, and the National Lawyers' Guild have collapsed in the face of this wave of government frameups and are refusing to defend framed up working class organizers.

d) The fact that the government's frame-up drive is undergoing significant expansion.

The Labor Organizers' Defense Fund will be a standing contingency fund, initially established at the sum of \$25,000. This money will be extended to organizers to help cover court and related legal costs.

The Fund pledges to assist all organizers who become involved in legal actions resulting from their efforts to defend the living standards and political rights of the working class, without regard for any organizational affiliations. The fund will issue monthly reports to its sustainers and contributors describing its activities, and furnishing an accounting of expenditures.

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I would like to contribute to this Fund (Checks payable to the Labor Organizer's Defense Fund)

Enclosed is my contribution of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5. \_\_\_\_\_ \$10. \_\_\_\_\_ \$20. \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.

\_\_\_\_\_ other (please state amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

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