



U.S. LABOR PARTY

"For a Socialist U.S.A. in the 1970's"

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Dear Friends;

The working class needs your help now!

The world is moving deeper into a depression, which threatens the very existence of the world's working class. Millions of people face starvation, and the capitalist solution is slave labor jobs on which the workers can only exist from day to day, as they watch their children grow weaker and die.

What are you doing about this autocracy? What dreams and illusions does your mind bring forth so that you're able to keep on living without doing anything significant? Do you think that you're solving the world food problem by sending a couple of dollars to CARE or by feeding a hungry child in the lunch line at your school, when really what is needed is expanded food production? Do you think you're raising the living standard of the working class by getting a welfare mother a few extra dollars, or by winning an occasional strike, when what is needed is expanded production and a decent job for all? Or do you feel like the Champion of Liberty every time you get a client off on a technicality or get a law declared unconstitutional (just to see that man go to jail on some other charge, or have that law rewritten stricter than before), when really what needs to be changed is the society which made those laws in the first place. There is only one solution: to unite the working class under one organization strong enough to change society.

The North-American Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization, an organization of mass organizers from all layers of the working class, and the Revolutionary Youth Movement, which is organizing angry young people and arming them with the knowledge to change the future, teachers, and the workers out of the factories, are such a group. We're organizing now to form a workers' gov't in this country within the next five to six years. To change the present profit-run economy into an economy which produces for the needs of the people.

This what we demand for the working class during reconstruction.

- (1) DECENT PRODUCTIVE JOBS FOR ALL
- (2) \$18,000 A YEAR MINIMUM WAGE FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR WITH ESCALATOR
- (3) BUILD HOUSING, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS
- (4) PAY FOR IT BY TAKING BANKS AND BUSINESSES
- (5) THE UNRESTRICTED RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND STRIKE

Even now as you read this the capitalists', through the CIA, are trying to destroy all working class organizations which they can't buy off, and eliminate all pro-working class organizers who won't sellout. You may have thought that the days of political trials are over, but they are arresting pro-working class organizers throughout the country, on any charge they think they can get through a

court of law. Here are a few of the cases that are in court now. A complete documentation of police harrassment may be obtained by writing: NCLC, PO BOX 1606, CHARLOTTE, N.C. 28201, (please enclose \$1.50 for production expenses).

(1) NCLC organizer Jim McGourty, was arrested on June 26, 1973 by 4 FBI Agents and charged with dessertion from the US Marine Corps in 1968. At the time he was campaign manager for the US Labor Party Campaign of Torres-For-Governor of Pennsylvania. The defense subpoenaed all information obtained from illegal wiretaps, and electronic surveillance from 13 governmental agencies. This caused the trial to be postponed for one month, while the gov't decided what to do with these tapes.

(2) Rank and file labor organizer Louis Smith was arrested in early 1971 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon in his own home. He was given a 3 yr. jail sentence. This arrest came after his Black caucus moved to support 80 striking white G.E. workers.

(3) Postal worker and NU-WRO organizer Don Taylor has been suspended from his NALC union local for organizing against the recent sell-out postal contract, which called for the laying off of 52,000 postal employees and hiring WIN II Welfare recipients at less than union pay.

(4) Mike McGill - RYM organizer. (see enclosed leaflet)

In Charlotte, N.C., a federal injunction against the Charlotte Police department, the Mayor, and City Council has been lifted by Federal Judge McMillan, who said that the laws were unconstitutional in his opinion, but that he was going to give the state courts a chance to set it aside. The injunction stemmed from the arrest of US Labor Party Mayoral Candidate Jim Rumley and two campaign workers on Oct. 5, just 5 days before the election, on a loud speaker and picketing ordinance.

This means that we are going to have long court battles here and throughout the country challenging these first amendment violations. But, in order for us to continue our struggle to defend labor organizers, and to challenge in court the unconstitutional laws on the books throughout the country, we need financial and legal assistance. THE LABOR ORGANIZERS DEFECE FUND has been started with a base of \$25,000, but much more is needed to defend these people whose only crime is organizing for a better life for the working class. We also need money to expand organizing. Our local expenses in Charlotte have soared to \$500 a month paying for our new office, paper and printing supplies, and organizing expenses. The National budget for organizing propaganda for the NCLC and the US Labor Party is \$3,500 per week.

Help us continue and broaden our fight through a generous contribution, and also put us in touch with your friends and other organizations who will support this fight.

Send contributions to:
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Sincerely,

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