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RISING ATTACKS ON PATIENTS AND HEALTH WORKERS

Most of us at Metro have worked here for a number of years and we have seen the quality of health care continue to decline. We know that this is the result of the capitalist's drive for maximum profits. This leads to poor health care for patients, deteriorating working conditions for health workers and corruption in the administrative end.

We have seen the corruption in the exposures made by Fabilli. The HEARTBEAT has made some attempts to get an investigation of the bookkeeping end at the hospital and we have gotten the run-around from many government agencies. At this point we may have some inroad to an investigation through the insurance commission. We must continue to fight for the truth!

We see and feel the attacks on patients and workers daily. Blue Cross is asking for a 30% rate increase and the State Insurance Commission is offering 28%. Either way we lose and the Blues is threatening to eliminate coverage for "high risk" patients if they don't get the full increase. Poor health and safety conditions in the plants create "high risk" patients out of workers.

Medicaid cuts have also been increasing which are both cutting people out of health care and making it less accessible to those still on because doctors are leaving the program. As the economic crisis heightens the economic attacks are coming down on all of us workers. Besides declining care or no care at all, health workers, in particular, under the guise

of more efficiency, are beginning to experience more layoffs and speed-up and will get worse.

The HEARTBEAT attended the recent public hearing on Medicaid. The Common Council portrayed the situation as a crisis for the disabled and elderly who were being attacked by the State and would be supported by the City. Yet, because of the economic crisis the city is also threatening to close Detroit General or move it into private hands, leaving no public hospital available to workers in this city at all.

Putting together all the information available to us, it is easy to see that it is the entire working class (both as patients and as hospital workers) who are coming under intensified attack as insurance rates rise, hospitals made "more efficient", and free public health care is systematically cut off. The only real answer is the fight for socialism where the workers have control over their own welfare. Yet, we must continue to fight the cutbacks -- fight for jobs with peace -- and demand free and universal health care!

**JOBS WITH PEACE!
FREE & UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR ALL!**

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The Negro Question

The Communist Labor Party of the USNA, from its inception, has recognized the importance of the Negro question. The workers' struggles at Metro are struggles for equal rights of women in general and Negro national minority women in particular. We know that as the economic crisis continues to heighten, fascism will be stepped up and the attacks on national minorities will increase.

The HEARTBEAT has decided to run a series of excerpts from the Negro National Colonial Question to encourage our readers to buy this book and read it in its entirety. We must begin to clarify history to take it out of the hands of the bourgeoisie and make it into a weapon of the proletariat.

The following definitions are only a few from the Negro National Colonial Question and will give some clarity to why we use the term "white chauvanism."

WHITE SUPREMACY

White supremacy was a theoretical justification for acts of primitive accumulation and colonization of the colored peoples. White supremacy grew with Anglo-American expansionism. So long as there was no real economic use for white supremacy in the U.S.N.A., or rather in the English colonies, it did not develop. It was only with the

need to clear the western part of the original colonies that the concept of white supremacy arose. With the development of chattel slavery in the South, a new rationale other than bringing the Africans here to make Christians of them was needed; then the concept of white supremacy slowly emerged. In practice, white supremacy is mainly based on color discrimination, i.e., "the whiter you are, the better you are."

NATIONAL CHAUVANISM

It is the ideology that states that one nation is superior to others and thus helps to maintain the domination of one nation over another. Chauvanism is a concept that does away with class outlooks and substitutes the national imperialist outlook.

WHITE CHAUVANISM

Because of the specific role of white supremacy in the history of the USNA, amongst the various forms of national chauvanism, the most brutal and aggressive form is white chauvanism. It provides the excuse for the brutal exploitation of the colored nations and peoples of the world; it is the form that the social bribery takes to the Anglo-American people that prevents the unity of the working class; it is the principal ideology of aggressive USNA fascism.

FREE THE NEGRO NATION!



THE NEGRO NATIONAL COLONIAL QUESTION

By **NELSON PERRY**

Available at **EMANCIPATION BOOKS**
12024 LINWOOD
DETROIT, MICH. 48206
Bookstore of the
Communist Labor Party, U.S.N.A.

GET CLP ON BALLOT

Jobs, Peace and Equality

Who are the "patriots", the greatest lovers of our country and our people?

1. Richard Nixon - murderer, thief, liar and responsible for jailing thousands of communists and sympathizers.
2. Henry Ford - he and his family throw thousands out of work annually. His money goes to the John Birch Society and the KKK - two viciously anti-communist, anti-labor organizations.
3. Michigan Consolidated Gas - who charges people rates we can no longer afford to pay and put their money into Wallace for President campaigns.
4. Blue Cross - who wants a 30% rate hike and cut off of "high risk" (factory workers and the elderly) who suffer chronically from bronchitis, back injuries etc.) and used nearly \$5,000 to investigate and fire a worker that called himself a communist at Metro 4 years ago.
5. The American Nazi Party - that is running a candidate for Mayor of a city in Milwaukee on a program of "Kill the Niggers, the Jews and the Communists'."
6. Metro Administration - that endangers the health and safety of workers in records, insurance and laid off house-keepers and medical attendants. And who continually harass the CLP Nucleus at Metro.

You can tell what someone stands for by knowing who their enemies are. The bourgeoisie (those that own all the wealth of the country) and their state (the apparatus that maintains the capitalist class in power) has made the working people of this country their enemy. It has made the C.L.P. their enemy. The Communist Labor Party has only one interest at heart - the interest of the working class. To achieve these interests; jobs, peace and equality the C.L.P. fights with thousands of people for socialism. The C.L.P. and millions of anti-facist honest people fight for a political and economic system controlled by the working people, based in our needs and NOT on profit for a few. These are the true patriots.

As a step towards accomplishing these tasks, The Communist Labor Party is waging a campaign to get on the ballot in November! We need 50,000 signatures of registered voters in Michigan by April 30 to achieve this aim.

Likewise, THE HEARTBEAT understands that elections under capitalism will not solve the problems we face. Only the working class - millions of us right here, organized as the state can free us from want and fear.

The struggle to get the C.L.P. on the ballot is the struggle to give us, the working class a platform to speak our demands and build a united front against all the daily fascist attacks on our standard of living and democratic rights.

Brothers and sisters, it is a time for discussion. A time to circulate the petition to get the C.L.P. on the ballot. Every issue of THE HEARTBEAT will speak to the questions people here have about the campaign. What is the difference between the Party and the trade union? What is the relationship between them? What is the difference between fascism and communism? What is the difference between the old Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party? At the same time the nucleus and petition circulators will continue to fight for our immediate needs - strike benefits, decent, safe working conditions, no lay-offs, higher wages and lower prices.

You can know who your friends are by what they fight for and who fights them!

GET THE C.L.P. ON THE BALLOT !!



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

A DAY TO CELEBRATE THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE OF WOMEN
IN STRUGGLING FOR THE FREEDOM, PEACE, AND DIGNITY
WHICH BELONGS TO THEM, THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR VARIOUS
NATIONS, AND THE WHOLE WORKING CLASS.

On March 8, 1908 thousands of women marched down the streets and went on strike in New York City. Women at that time were fighting for the right to education, the right to own property, the right to vote, and the right to unionize. International Women's Day is a day set aside to commemorate and celebrate the struggles of women.

We at Metro are still carrying on that struggle. The Metro strike was clearly a struggle for equal rights -- to bring the wages of Negro national minority women up to the level of other workers in this city.

International Women's Day is a holiday for the whole working class for it echoes our glorious history. We invite everyone and their families to come and celebrate the past and unite for a bright future.



International Women's Day Celebration

at St. Gregory's Church (Dexter 1blk. S. of Chalfonte)

day Saturday, March 6th, 1976

time 1:00 pm 'til 6:00 pm

admission 25¢

speakers:

BRENDA HOLT (a member of the Smith
Homes Strike Committee)

CRICKET (a member of the CLP of the USNA)

Booths Games
Puppet Prizes
Show Talent Show
Slide Show