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## DARE TO FIGHT - DARE TO WIN

Once again it is bargaining time for a new union contract. Inflation is still rising, as is the cost of living, which rose .5% in November of 1975. Once again, we must fight tooth and nail to raise our standard of living. This is a time when we must fight united for in unity there is strength.

With the cost of living continuously rising, we must demand a yearly cost of living raise in addition to a yearly pay raise of a least 75¢ per year. Why should we have to do the work of two people? According to the Detroit News, the official rate of unemployment as of January 1976 is 12.7%. That means 248,100 are jobless in Detroit and it's suburbs. For Detroit proper, it is 17.4% or 97,200 out of work. That is 40% to 50% of the inner city residents. Also, many small hospitals are closing down and becoming more centralized in medical center complexes. What happens to all the hospital workers when these small hospitals close? We must demand more staffing on every shift. We must demand jobs for all laid off hospital workers. We must demand jobs with peace for all unemployed workers.

And what about when we're sick. As it stands now, if we're ill less than 28 days, we receive no pay. How can we pay our bills and feed our families? We've been told by Hutzel and the union that it's a law that hospital workers must wait 21 working days (which means 28 calendar days) before receiving sickness and accident benefits. This is a lie! We demand legal proof from the hospital and the union if this is the case. We should be paid beginning the 8th day of our illness and be reimbursed for the 1st week. Also, the women working at Hutzel should get a paid maternity leave. Why should women be penalized for having children. Many women are the sole support of their families.

And what about our teeth? Dental work is very expensive. Surely the hospital can afford to give us a dental plan. Besides ourselves, what about our working class brothers and sisters. Many of them are laid off with no money coming in and no health insurance. We must demand free universal medical care for the unemployed. As to the duration of our contract, we cannot let the hospital trap us into a three year contract. With inflation and the cost of living continuously rising, what we win with this contract may not fit our needs in three years. We should fight for a one year contract.

The hospital knows our strength when we fight united. That is why they give us certain concessions. We must also realize our strength and demand what we deserve. We must use the union as a tool and make it fight for us. But we must also realize that the union will only go so far as they have strong connections with management. Our only strength lies with ourselves, united as a class. We must carry our fight further than a union contract. We must fight for the right to determine our own lives. We must fight for a better world for our children. We must fight to end Capitalism, a system that oppresses the working class. We must fight for Socialism. For only through Socialism will we be in control of our lives.

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IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH

With all the heated debates, rumors, and court appeals, it is easy to lose sight of what the busing issue is all about. Busing is a fight for equality, a blow at years of segregation that have imprisoned national minority youth in grossly inferior schools. This segregation and poor education has kept the Negro people on the bottom of our society. Busing is also the first step in the fight for quality education for all working class children. Without real equality, there won't be a significant improvement in the quality of education.

The busing issue has the working class of many cities, including Detroit, divided and fighting amongst ourselves. How convenient for the capitalist class! The economic crisis is certainly not getting better. Living conditions are getting worse, unemployment is still rising, and our rights are disappearing. We need to stick together now to improve our lives. But the capitalist class has engineered the busing struggle to continue the divisions and to prevent the working class unity that is so necessary. The capitalists make it appear that there is only so much "good" education to go around, and that one group gains it at the expense of another. That is just not so! They have us fighting over one small piece of the pie, when the whole pie could be ours if we stood together and changed this greedy profit hungry system. With a Socialist system, where the working class owns and controls all the wealth of society, education of the young people is one of the top priorities. Now we see education deteriorating before our eyes. Tens of millions of dollars are being cut from the education budget in the state of Michigan alone. And millions more pour into the defense budget.

The busing plan that has been handed down for Detroit has many inadequacies. We must still continue the struggle for the implementation and expansion of busing not to spread poor education to more students, but to genuinely improve education. There are many forces who oppose busing, like MAD and MAP, etc. It is no accident that these forces are being whipped into a big degree of white chauvinism with the aid of fascists like Donald Lobsinger, the KKK, and the American Nazi Party.

The Communist Labor Party (CLP) supports busing and the Negro peoples struggle for equality. We also demand quality education and integrated education for all working class children. The unity necessary for a strong fight for better education can't be based on abstract notions, but must be based on equal education, no special privileges, and quality education for all. We urge all workers to take an active stand in support of busing. We must all organize in our schools, unions, and neighborhoods to build class unity and stop these hate groups cold!

## NEWS BRIEFS

Did you know that the attending doctors can have steak, lobster, shrimp, etc. for a very cheap price in the doctors dining room? How come all we get is their leftovers? We should be able to eat like they do. After all, we do most of the work.

Many small hospitals are closing or laying off. What will happen to these workers? We must demand jobs for all laid off hospital workers at other health institutions.

The capitalist owned media has been feeding us many lies about the situation in Angola. In the next issue of the Hutzel Tribune, we will have an article that we hope will lend some clarity and truth.

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