



# THE HEARTBEAT

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## METRO IN DANGER

The Blues have stopped reimbursing Metropolitan Hospital. At the Main we have speed-up, cut backs and layoffs. Hazel Park closed. 4,000 more patients now compete with 80,000 other MHP patients for rapidly shrinking medical services. The hand writing is on the wall. Metro is doomed to close unless we start acting now!

Why close Metro? Because health care is based on profit, not human needs. In a country this rich we must demand free and universal health for all people. Good health is a right, not a priveledge!

Instead, what we see is the health industry gradually cutting back service to all workers especially the poor and national minorities. Unemployment hits us first. Therefore we are made to pay - those that can least afford it. So, we get laid off and inferior, segregated or no health care at all.

What can we do? The Local 42 Unemployment Committee united with the Hazel Park patients, Metro workers, concerned rank and file members of the UAW, and the Detroit Unemployment Council have successfully forced Blue Cross into having an open meeting on November 15th. We must be there!

Further, this Thursday, October 30th, Ken Bannon, the new head of Metro's Board of Directors, will meet with union officials at 2:30 p.m. in conference room 1&2 at the Main. The Metro nucleus of the CLP asks all workers in the hospital to come into the meeting on their breaks, their own time, etc. We must put the question squarely to Metro's UAW Board of Directors and demand:

- 1) Keep Metro open - no layoffs!
- 2) No cutbacks in medicaid payments! Get the money from the outrageous military budget! Free medical care for all - not war!
- 3) Reopen Hazel Park Health Center!

Come Thurs, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. to Conference Rm 1&2  
also come out to

Blue Cross' Metro Health Plan Membership Meeting  
Sat., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at  
at the McGregor Conference Center, WSU

# What is the Metro Nucleus of the Communist Labor Party?

After the first "Heartbeat" was issued, managements flunkies, Lois Feeney and Hattye Lewis, printed up a list of people who they believed were the Metro Nucleus of the Communist Party (it should have been the Communist Labor Party). They believed that it would either expose people and make them angry with the "Heartbeat" or scared of it. But they failed.

The general response to the leaflet was, "what is a shop nucleus?" a nucleus is the basic organization of the Party. That is, those Party members who work in the same workplace form a group called a nucleus. For example, the Communist Labor Party members who work at Metro come together as the Metro nucleus or unit.

Our job is then two-fold: 1) We must bring the Party to the workers and lead in the struggle for their economic and political demands. We must broaden their awareness to unite with other workers and the need to build the Party. 2) The nucleus must also take back to the Party the particulars of the various struggles at Metro, so that the Party can combine it with the reports from the other nuclei and develop a general picture of the working class struggle. It is in this way that the Party can learn off of its errors and become more responsive to the needs of the masses.

It is the shop nucleus that makes it possible for the Party to truly represent the interests of the working class (as no other party can). And the "Heartbeat" will continue to come out as the voice of the Metro nucleus.

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# PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE

*"The Communist's ideal should not be a trade-union secretary, but a tribune of the people, able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression." Lenin*



The "People's Tribune" is the voice of the Central Committee of the Communist Labor Party, the highest body of the organization. It reports on and analyzes the working class struggle around the country and around the world. The "People's Tribune" brings the line of the CLP to the Party members and to the workers. That means that we stand on what the Tribune says.

The "Heartbeat" is the voice of the CLP as it applies to the Metro workers in specific. The "People's Tribune" is the voice of the Party as it applies to the whole of the working class.

Read the "People's Tribune" and donate to support it - it takes money to put out any paper and it is well worth having one that truly represents the working class!

# A worker's story WE FACE THIS DAILY AT METRO!

The following article was given to us as an example of how we daily experience the present economic crisis through increasing layoffs and speed-up and ever fading concern for good patient care.

WE MUST FIGHT FOR JOBS  
WITH PEACE!

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One day in October I was called upon to work at a desk outside my job classification because both clinic receptionists were out ill. Naturally, I didn't mind working out of my job classification. Management wants all employees to be able to do each others job so that we can save them money, which is totally unfair to the people Metropolitan Hospital has laid off.

I worked at a two-girl receptionist desk from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Of course mistakes would have to be made under the rushed and pushed speed-up conditions. Patient care is never at its best when at peak times during the day patients are lined up for over fifteen minutes just to make appointments.

Metropolitan Hospital needs more help plus part-time help which comes in whenever there are employees that are ill because all departments suffer when there is a shortage. Better patient service benefits not only the patient from angered situations, but also the employees from being tired and over-worked all day.

By the way, my relief was given to me by the head nurse and clinic manager. This situation also slow down their work and puts them behind their own schedules when they help out where a part-time girl is needed.

## Who is La Choy?

One of the Metro workers who read the "Heartbeat's" article on the cafeteria's Bi-Centennial celebration pointed out to us that the La Choy Food Co. is a German corporation. This is one of many examples that shows us that the ruling class or bourgeoisie is consolidating into an international bourgeoisie. This means that they freely trade on one another's stock markets and freely invest in one another's countries and former possessions. This is why the working class around the world must also unite to throw off the exploitation of these strangling dogs and put them under permanently by building socialism, where it is the workers or the majority that is in control.

WORKERS & OPPRESSED  
PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNITE!

Let us know  
how the "Heartbeat"  
affects your life!

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# Fascist Attacks

(case 1)

Most of us know Maggie Williams. She was a ward clerk and used to be the Unit Chairperson. Well, on Saturday, October 26th, Charles Williams Sr. and Maggie's son, Charles Jr. were beaten by the Detroit police, precinct 12. Charles Sr. was in an auto accident on Maggie's block. He went to exchange the necessary information with the person whose property was damaged. Charles Jr. went to move the car. The police then drove up and threw Charles Jr. in the cop car pointing two 357 magnums at his head!

His father and a number of neighbors came out to protest stating there was no problem and demanding to know why Charles Jr. was handcuffed. The police started to scuffle with him. Charles Jr. was cracked on the side of his head by these mad dog cops and knocked to the ground while still being handcuffed. Charles Sr. had been pulled off to a neighbor's home. The cops broke the door down and terrorized the woman and her children. Charles Jr. was arrested and charged with obstructing an officer. He is out on bond now.

(case 2)

Most of us know men and women on the afternoon shift at Metro Main. Last Wednesday night, October 15th, all the afternoon shift workers were searched by the security guards. Women were forced to open their handbags, coat pockets, etc. The guards physically blocked anyone from leaving until they had submitted to being searched. Again, the guards threaten our person to "protect" the hospital's private property.

(case 3)

Most of us don't know the Rev. Bailey of Pasadena, California. On September 15th, this 60 year old man known for his support of busing to achieve equal, integrated education, was lynched by the American Nazi Party. He had been drugged by them and hung in a nearby park.

The police say that Rev. Bailey did it to himself. The NAACP has been trying to get the police to investigate this terrorism for a month. It wasn't until a Citizens' Committee for Equal Rights and Justice was formed with members of the Communist Labor Party, that the incident was finally made public.

What do all these cases have in common? First, all the attacks were directed against Negro national minorities (black people). Second, all these fascist attacks were either directly or indirectly backed up by the police or the state.

Why is this happening? Because the working class is suffering under an economic depression in this country. Workers will not be still when they continually lose their jobs, homes, medical insurance and the ability to feed their family. The capitalist class, those in control of all the wealth and the government, know this. They know that the only way to prevent the workers from rising up and ending unemployment is to prevent them from uniting. So the ruling class attacks national minority workers fist and try to isolate them. The ruling capitalist class does this through supporting these fascist groups, like the American Nazi Party backed up by the police.

The Communist Labor Party says we must unite. The examples above clearly show our lives depend on it. We must act against any form of fascist attack.

The CLP nucleus at Metro demands:

- 1) Charges be brought against this murderous police brutality and the cops involved be punished - dismissed and charged with assault!
- 2) We demand that the security guards end harassment of workers here and be tried by the workers. Fired if found guilty! We need our personal property protected in the parking lots, not harassment!
- 3) We demand that the American Nazi Party and all other fascist gangs be outlawed!

But we know that it must be the united front of action of workers against the rising fascism here that will be our solution. A solution that means jobs with peace, equality for women and national minorities, and an immediate end to police brutality and terror. The united front can be built because the working class has a party that represents our interests - the Communist Labor Party! Join the CLP!

JOBS FOR ALL WITH PEACE!  
STOP FASCIST ATTACKS!