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YOUTH FIGHT FOR JOBS!!



On Wednesday, June 25 and Friday June 27, 1975, several hundred youth of different nationalities jammed the L.A. City Council in quest for jobs. They came in with signs saying; "No more B.S. Give us our JOBS!" "Give us what we need-Jobs!"

With unemployment in the city over 11% and over 60% for youth, there is little wonder why this demonstration was organized.

At 10:00 AM on Wednesday they started their protest in the chamber. But it was 3 hours before the council got around to hearing their views. A lot of the youth were angered at the delay. One guy said, "You may have had important matters, but we should have been important too. After all we're the youth!" (quoted L.A. Times, June 26, 1975)

But those words, repeated year after year by youth and parents, fell on deaf ears. Speaker after speaker "impressed on the council the need for jobs now-not later in the summer or never!" (L.A. Times, June 26, 1975)

The council, with their fancy speeches, laid out that there was no federal funds, and had been used up in CETA funds. From Councilman Snyder to Lindsay the word was, no money!

But the anger in the youthful audience's faces soon got the council to concede a review of all jobs (15,800 for summer) and manpower training programs for youth. This was in case of unused or unnoticed funds. A report was to be made on Friday, at the next City Council meeting.

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FIGHT FOR JOBS
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Still unsatisfied but determined to struggle, the youth returned on Friday.

This time the council came up with 719 new summer jobs. Of course this is just a drop in the bucket to what is really needed. The vast majority of the youth will not get to see those 719 jobs.

It was a crumb. It cannot make up for the thousands of youth who are without adequate jobs, social activities, sports, training, etc. It is not enough when all we get to look forward to is crime, dope, gangs and another hot summer in the streets.

The L.A. YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, fully supported the action taken on those two days in June. We respect the courage and determination that the brothers and sisters of all nationalities displayed. But that was just the beginning. We must fight for thousands of jobs. We have heard promised before, but we can't eat promises.

There's plenty of work to be done. We can fix up the schools, our neighborhoods, build new recreation and sports facilities, and be in skills training. And even the money is there. It is just not being spent on the benefit of the people in this country. The U.S. government has set up a 105 billion dollar military budget. We don't need that money for war. We are sick of war, of our finest sons and brother and fathers being killed or maimed for a handful of capitalists (Rockefeller, DuPont, Morgan and other owners of factories, banks and corporations), overseas.

In L.A. we need a city-wide L.A. Unemployed Council that can be the voice of the unemployed and the employed who support the fight for jobs. A beginning of such a council was that demonstrations on June 25 and 27. Another important step is a rally JULY 22, AT 10:00AM, confronting the LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. It will be held at the County Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple in L.A. It is sponsored by the UNEMPLOYED COMMITTEE of the UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA, Local 1845.

FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE!!
(for the parents of Watts)

Is your child living in fear of his or her life? Recently there has been a lot of gang violence. A security guard was jumped trying to help a young man from getting beat up at a school.

At Markham Jr. High School in Watts, two young men and women were shot and killed by gang violence last year. They attempted to get away after hearing some shots. The school panicked and everyone ran for their lives. A girl tripped and fell and people stumbled over her!

Are you in fear when your child leaves the house to go to school? Would you like to help him? Think about it.

The whole United States of North America is on the brink of a depression. Unemployment is higher than ever. There is talk of another war where more youth will die! Schools are not educating and plans to phase out schools are being set-up!

Wouldn't you want your child working for a livable wage, rather than in jail, in the army or dead in the streets. The L.A. city can and must provide all of us, with jobs through federal funds. The government has a law, P.L. 93-203, that says all areas with 6.5% unemployment be given public service jobs. Where did these jobs go? Where did our tax money go? It went in the military budget, that's where. Somebody, somewhere is holding back! **LET'S DEMAND THESE JOBS FROM THE MILITARY BUDGET, ESPECIALLY WHEN NOW TIMES ARE GETTING SO HARD!**

We can set it up where neighbors help each other. We need help from church groups, community groups, Block clubs, Teen centers, and PTA's in this struggle. **WILL YOU JOIN US in our fight for decent life? Think about it, please!**

-A young girl from Watts

This in turn can lead to a massive march against unemployment to the federal building on Labor Day, Sept. 1.

The youth of L.A. we call on you to join us. We must confront the City Council again, but this time with thousands of others in a L.A. Unemployed Council. This time we will demand not hundreds, but thousands of productive jobs. This time we demand to get those jobs without war overseas, right from the huge war budget. We are tired of promises! - we need action!

**JOBS WITH PEACE!
BUILD A L.A. UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL!**

STOP POLICE KILLINGS

On Sunday, June 29, 1975, Randell Miles, along with Calvin Lewis and Roger Moore, were on their way to the Hollywood Bowl, where Earth, Wind and Fire were in concert.

On that day Randell Miles was killed by a police officer who shot him in the head. Policemen there claimed it was an accident but eyewitnesses and occupants of the car claimed the officer was two inches from Randell's windshield and shot Randell in cold blood.

Randell is dead! Like Freddie Shorts, Phillip Johns, Ricki Smith, Danny Garcia, Juan Juariqui, and Tony Wilkins among others who were killed by police in cold-blooded fashion. Tony Wilkins was also killed at the Hollywood Bowl not even a year before this year's incident. The facts show 40 related police killings of innocent Negroes last year (1974) and 35 so far this year. We are only half through this year without one police conviction. Those blood-thirsty police are still patrolling our streets.

When will this end? How many more of our brothers and sisters, particularly, Negro and Mexican national minority must die before justice is done?

The Peoples' Defense Committee was born with intentions of convicting officers

Paul Kailcoyne and Sgt. Jerrold Bender, with justice for Calvin Lewis and Roger Rockymore friends of Randell who were arrested on the scene. Also, for an end to any of these such incidents to ever occur again!

The police must answer to all their actions! No more attacks on our youth, our finest sons and daughters. No more blatant murder of the Negro people! No more legal lynchings of innocent workers! We have had enough!

The PDC is a defense league for all such attacks and as an ongoing committee to further this question beyond these attacks. We must--insure we can be safe, we must insure we live in a democratic society, not a fascist one.

The Los Angeles Young Communist League firmly supports the Peoples' Defense Committee and their just cause

But we will not fight this on a personal level but on a political level because Randell Miles was a great human being and these attacks occur on account of the Fords-Rockefellers- and Kissingers and the whole capitalist class' plans for war in fascism. We must organize in opposition to these butchers. We must win this fight. There's been too many of our class dead for us to afford another of these attacks.

SUPPORT THE PEOPLES' DEFENSE COMMITTEE!
NO MORE POLICE KILLINGS!



LUCHA!

JUVENTUD LUCHA POR EMPLEOS

El Miercoles 25 de Junio y el viernes, 27 de Junio de 1975, cientos de jovenes de diferentes nacionales, llenaron la camara de consilio de la ciudad de Los Angeles en demanda de empleos. Entraron con boletines que decian;

"Ya Basta de mentiras... Queremos nuestros empleos!"

"Denos lo que necesitamos-Empleos!"

El desempleo en la ciudad es 11% y mas del 60% entre la juventud. Con razon se explica por que la juventud no quiso esperar mas.

El miercoles a las 10:00am, comenzo la protesta en la camara. Pero fue despues de 3 horas que el consilio decidio prestarles atencion.

Muchos de los jovenes se enfadaron con la espera. Un muchacho dijo sobre eso, "Usted podra tener autos importantes pero nosotros tambien somos importantes. Despues de todo somos la juventud!" (Times de Los Angeles, de Junio 26, 1975)

Pero esas palabras repetidas ano tras ano por la juventud y los padres fueron escuchadas por oidos sordos. Orador tras orador "impresiono al consilio con la necesidad por empleos ahora-no despues de este verano o nunca!" (L.A. Times, Junio 26)

El consilio con sus frases de siempre dijo que no habian fondos federales, que habian sido usados para el programa CETA. Desde el consul snyder hasta Lindsay, la respuesta era que no habia dinero!

Pero el enojo de la juventud hizo que el consilio consediera unos empleos (15,800) para el verano, y programas de entrenamiento. Esto era en caso de fondos no fueron usados o que fueron inadvertidos. Un reporte debio ser hecho para el viernes siguiente en la junta del consilio de la ciudad. Todavia insatisfechos y dispuestos a

luchar los jovenes regresaron el viernes siguiente. Esta vez el consilio prometio 719 mas empleos este verano. Claro que esto es solamente una pequena parte de lo que se necesita. La mayoría de los jovenes no veran esos 719 empleos. Eran mijajas que esos jovenes tuvieron que aceptar.

Sin empleos adecuados, actividades sociales, deportes, entrenamientos, etc, los resultados suelen ser crímenes, pandillas, narcoticos y otro verano caliente en la calle. LA LIGA COMUNISTA JUVENIL DE LOS ANGELES apoya esta accion. Respetamos la valentia y determinacion que mostraron estos jovenes Negros, Mexicanos, Asiaticos, Anglos y otros. Pero eso solo fue el comienzo. Debemos luchar por miles de empleos. Claro que ay bastante empleos. Con estos trabajos podemos arreglar las escuelas, nuestras comunidades, crear facilidades deportivas y prepararlos para trabajos.

Y el dinero esta ahi, nomas que no esta siendo usado para el beneficio de la gente en este pais. El gobierno de E.U.A. tiene 105 billiones de dolares para el presupuesto militar. No necesitamos ese dinero para la guerra., de que nuestros hermanos padres, y hijos sean matados, y mutilados por un punado de capitalistas (Rockefeller, DuPont, Morgan y demas duenos de fabricas, bancos y corporaciones), al otro lado de mar.

En Los Angeles necesitamos un consilio de desempleados que sea la voz de los desempleados y los empleados que apoyen la lucha. El comienzo por empesar ese consilio es un manifestacion que se llevara a cabo el 22 de Julio a las 10:00am para confrontar la camara de supervisores del condado de L.A., en la sala de ADMINISTRACION DEL CONDADO, 500 W. Temple en L.A., patrocinada por el comite de desempleados de Los Obreros de Metalurgica de America Local 1845. Unamonos, vayan a la manifestacion! EMPLEOS CON PAZ

POEMS / POEMAS

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YOUTH IN STRUGGLE

The future belongs to the youth,
Let's be worthy of our historic destiny.
Upon the foundations laid with the strife,
blood, and sweat of the workers.
Let us build a new society.
Forget the dope, police, gangs and the rest
of the fascist plans.
Let us help lead the struggle for know-
ledge--
And the end of exploitation of man by man!

Upon our shoulders is a heavy burden.
Who can do it...but we.
Unite with the older workers!
Unite with women for equality!
Fight side by side with the Negro!
And the freedom of the Negro nation.
Fight with the Puerto Ricans, Indians, Anglo
workers and Mexicans--
Against deportations!
If the klan stands for segregation,
We fight for busing for quality educa-
tion.

The youth have much energy, creativity and
love for our revolutionary class.
We build for the future and throw the Capit-
alist in the heaping trash.
History is on our side,
Also the world's toiling masses
Youth in struggle is a formidable force.
With a YCL we can help in overcoming the
division of classes.

So much time
and yet
so
precious
Let's not waste a second of it.

THE BLOOD WE SHED!

The blood we shed,
shall be the life,
the food to feed,
a revolutionary seed.
It will flow down the hilltops,
on fertile soil,
of wretched peasants and
farmers who toil!
It will run down to the city,
through the gutters and sidewalk
cracks.
To dingy factories, mines and
drips on bent backs!
It will flow in the ghetto, barrio,
and every workers home.
It will quench the thirst of hungry
children
and soothe every mother's moan!
That bright red liquid,
been pouring since the October
Revolution.
It flowed in Republican Spain,
China, and Africa.
It ran in the USNA
during the depression and for
the 8-hour day.
That bright red blood,
Of Communist heroes, men and women
martyrs all.
Pulsating...
into every workers heart,
as the life blood
of a new social order.
The blood we shed,
is not wasted.
The fascists laughed, as it
spilled on dungeon floors...
The U.S. imperialists, sat
and amused, as it splattered
on the wall of a Vietnamese
village_hut.
They grossly watched,
as they murdered revolutionaries
in Mexico, Chile and Argentina.
But the blood we shed,
that juice we bled...
is not wasted.
It flows deep,
pulsating...
in every workers
heart!

WHO ARE THE YOUTH / WHAT IS THE Y.C.L.

Who are the Youth? They are usually thought of as foolish, crazy, dope-smoking, neophytes of life. In the press, in movies, and T.V., the picture painted of youth is sordid and degenerate. That is the lies we live with.

Then there is unemployment, lack of decent activity, and the fascists degeneration of our lives. That is the bleak prospects that have been laid before us. Without no real alternative, many of our youth are driven ideologically as well as physically in a pro-fascist road. That is the ugliness we face every day.

But we disagree with those above condemnations of youth. We believe there is another road. The majority of youth in this country are fine and morale. We are human beings with human wants and needs. We to desire a new and better world, ... a world of peace, a world where we can expand our knowledge and widen our horizons. In the cities, in working class neighborhoods and slums, we are being crushed in bourgeois ideology.

The young mind is an inquisitive mind. What a crime to stifle such a mind. When we get older, it is when we were young that we have our most memorable moments. That is the greatest time of our life... fresh, full of vitality. That is when our senses are most keen and our feelings most deep.

Yet in this parasitic Imperialistic-natured society, our youth are being slowly smothered.

The fascists feed us drugs, gangs, and untimely death. How many times have we wept at funerals of fallen brothers and sisters who have paid-overdoses, gang war, Viet Nam War, police killings, etc. How many of us have been stagnated in grimy factories and behind prison walls. We forget nothing, we forgive nothing!

Ye t the working class fights back and every new day is a move forward toward the emancipation of our class.

It's youth are the future. We can make a difference in this society. We are not slaves to our surroundings, we are not pawns to fate. For the future is in our hands. Our destiny is in our minds. In essence we are masters of our environment.

The Capitalist system seems like it always was here, and it will always be here. We are led to believe that we cannot do nothing to change it, that our lives are not worth a thing! That is a lie, like a mountain being smaller than a leaf to the eye!

The working class, with the youth on its side, can liberate mankind.

WHAT IS THE Y.C.L.

The Los Angeles Young Communist League was born on August 26, 1974. Next month will be a year of our official existence. This newsletter that you are reading is our official press.

We are youth sympathetic to socialism and dedicated to the fight for the needs of youth, the war against fascism, and in the spirit of soldiers, we fight for the end of the capitalist system and the exploitation of man by man!

We are action-oriented.

We are conscious warriors in a war between the fascist, degenerate, war-thirsty, Klu-Klux Klan, parasitic forces and the Decent, democratically-minded, progressive forces for peace. We stand with the latter forces as front line fighters.

We are angry, yet solemn in our tactics.

We are a fighting, militant organization, yet with clear, sober goals in mind.

We are seeded in the struggle today for the immediate needs of young people- for jobs, social activities, dances, quality education, decent and wholesome recreation and sports.

We are a revolutionary alternative to what has been offered us.

Our aims are clear for all to see. We hide nothing from our working class, and its youth. We present the truth of this capitalist system through exposure, and the truth of our Y.C.L., through study and practical activity.

In upcoming issues of our newsletter we will present our program, our demands, and our overall goals. We look forward to meeting new people, new ideas, and more struggle for clarity. If your are for the victory over fascism, write us at:

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