

9th District TRIBUNE

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ELECT GENERAL BAKER NOV. 2

Fellow Workers and Friends:

This is the first issue of the new 9th District Tribune. Previously the Redline addressed only Highland Park, this new paper will cover the entire 9th District of the State House of Representatives. We are doing this because we are running a candidate within this area to begin the fight against the crime and disease that we see around us every day.

General Baker, candidate for the House of Representatives in Lansing, from the Communist Labor Party, intends to expose and lead the fight against the deteriorating housing, the climbing unemployment, the closing of Highland Park General and the poor health services. We intend to show in the coming months that George Edwards, the current representative for this area, is not a representative for the workers, the residents in the 9th District, but is a representative for the Banks, GM and Chrysler.

We welcome comments, letters and articles submitted to the Tribune, for we can only succeed if thousands of us begin to fight back against the conditions which are coming down upon us and our families. We are struggling to elect General Baker so that he can fight with us against the troubles that beset us. But he can only be elected and then successfully fight these battles if he is fighting with all of us who are concerned with what life is like in the US these days.

Come on into our office located at 16525 Hamilton or give us a call at 341-0346 so that we can talk some and begin to get acquainted.

LETS BEGIN TO WORK TOGETHER FOR A DECENT COMMUNITY.

LETS WORK TO BRING ABOUT JOBS, PEACE AND EQUALITY.

ELECT GENERAL BAKER.

CAPTAIN AMERICA SELLS PORNOGRAPHY

The date, time and place of the public hearings regarding the renewal of licenses for the pornography book stores and movie houses has not been set yet. Mayor Jessie Miller has blamed the delay on the City Council. While everyone is bickering, pornography is so wide spread that it is now getting closer to our children.

AND HOW? Starting right there on the corner of 6 Mile and Woodward on Sunday, August 22, 1976, the Uptown Book Store



at 16541 Woodward held a "Meet Spiderman and Captain America" Hour in order to introduce the Marvel brand comic books for the children of Highland Park and the Detroit area surrounding the Book Store. After canvassing the area, the Uptown Book Store had over 40 children and some parents waiting in a long line to see Spiderman and Captain America and to buy some comic books.

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MARCH FOR JOBS SEPTEMBER 22

Every day now the newspapers are full of stories about the crime in the city. And how are the capitalist politicians planning to stop crime? By treating all our youth as criminals. Concentration camps are being proposed through bills, such as House Bill 6395, which would allow over 1,000 children to be imprisoned in forced labor camps for indefinite periods of time for 12-18 year olds. Detention cages such as the ones on Grand River and Rosa Parks Boulevard (12th Street) are already in use! Plans are being made to use department store facilities for jails.

Even though we are opposed to criminal acts, we understand the real criminals are the Nixons, Fords, and the other capitalist politicians who offer only imprisonment for our children. These capitalist politicians leave our youth no where to turn in the face of a millage failure which aids in turning horrible and shameful Detroit city schools into more hideous and dilapidated schools. Unemployment against our youth has ranged from 30% to 50% in the inner city for the last three years. Compared to this situation the big 3 auto companies have been reaping profits. At the end of the second quarter in June, General Motors Corporation recorded 909 million dollars more profits than they have ever made in history. The Ford Motor Company listed 442 million and Chrysler Corporation recorded 155 million. For the first ten days in August they all listed more record profits for auto sales!!

While all of these corporations house their headquarters right near and around the cities of Highland Park and Detroit, they have not offered us a dime, as all of the hopes, dreams, morality of our youth are crushed by capitalist exploitation!! Back in 1968, the Big 3 Auto companies offered programs to hire inner city labor, including youth, after the 1967 Rebellion. Ford hired 5,000; GM sent buses from Detroit to Pontiac to transport their new labor force; and Chrysler Corporation started a hard-core program! But, today, they offer nothing but detention centers and curfews. During the week of August 3rd, three youth entered Chrysler's Mack Stamping Plant and worked 3 days for nothing which dramatized the desperate fight for jobs for youth!

Thus, we are calling for a broad coalition of youth to March for Jobs! We are demanding that our youth be placed into apprenticeship programs and be trained for skilled jobs. We want an end to monies being directed toward concentration camp sites, labor camps, and detention cages proposed by politicians and FBI aspirants!

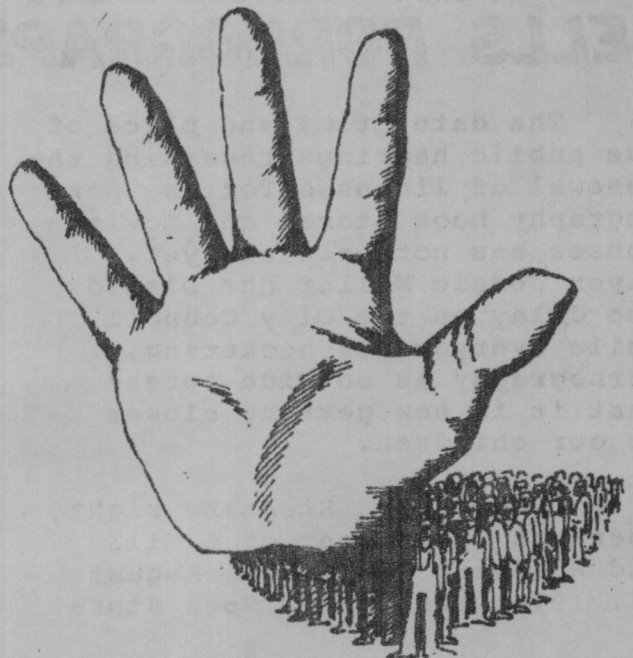
WE ARE CALLING FOR 10,000 UNEMPLOYED YOUTH AND SUPPORTERS TO MARCH FOR JOBS SEPTEMBER 22nd!!

The September 22nd Movement

PORNOGRAPHY

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This is the only place in the immediate area to buy these comic books for our children. But in this same book store all types of pornography is sold. It is bad enough that we adults must live in a community where a large percentage is nothing but pornography and associated activity. But it is a thousand times worse when our children must grow up in this filth. Fellow workers, let's stop bickering and push immediately for the public hearings, and urge all people concerned about this problem to come to these public hearings. We can stop the renewal of these licenses and have a better community for ourselves and our loved ones.



WE WANT JOBS NOT JAILS

Last Wednesday Senator Basil Brown held a public hearing on crime and gangs. Mayor Jesse Miller was there, along with judges, lawyers, New Detroit among others. The bourgeoisie has seized upon the gangs as an issue by which they can terrorize, not only the East side of Detroit, but much of the state of Michigan. As a result of this terror, many honest working people are asking for more police protection, more detention facilities.

The Communist Labor Party is against the rip off and murder of working people by gangs. But we include in the list of gangs the KKK, the American Nazi Party, the gangs of Anglo American youth who terrorized Northeast Detroit last summer, as well as "legal" gangs such as the Detroit Police Department's STRESS-which some would have reinstated-, the Watergate gang, the CIA backed torturers and murderers in foreign countries such as Chile, Panama and Lebanon.

The wholesale crackdown on working class youth is a tactic which will backfire on all working people. We know from experience and history that police do not protect us. The police, the courts and the prisons have been used with savage violence against our fellow workers. Strikers, union organizers, anti-war protestors, civil rights fighters, minorities, Communists, progressives-none have been spared the nightstick, the bullet or the jail.

Working class youth in large cities, poorly educated, with no prospects of a job, are faced with two choices-crime or the military, to be used as cannon fodder for another imperialist war. Minority youth between 16 and 24 years of age in Detroit and Highland Park have an unemployment

rate of 64%. We must demand decent productive jobs for youth with equal pay for equal work.

We must demand equal, quality, integrated education for all children. We demand nationalized funding of education so that all children can have an education, not just the privileged.

We must demand recreational and cultural facilities for our youth. There is not one movie house in Highland Park that doesn't show porno films. With nothing to do, young people just hang around on the streets.

Where has George Edwards stood on the issue of crime? Jessie Miller has called for a curfew law in Highland Park when there are no known youth gangs in Highland Park. Does Edwards support this kind of repression of our youth?

We must demand that city officials and police stop cooperating with organized crime, and rid our communities of dope, crime and prostitution-not by arresting women and kids-but by moving on the source-the organized criminal elements who get rich dealing death and disease to young men and women.

Our enemy is the capitalist class, which forces us to live under these conditions-not our children who are the victims of this society.

We must make our voices heard in city hall, Lansing and Washington. We want jobs, not jails. We want peace, not war.

We want equality, not national oppression. We want and deserve a better life for ourselves and our families.

VOTE COMMUNIST ON NOVEMBER 2

ELECT GENERAL BAKER TO THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES





**POSTERS COME DOWN!
CRIME GOES UP!**

OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF HIGHLAND PARK

As you already know the Communist Labor party is waging a serious campaign to elect General Baker as State Representative in the 9th district which includes the city of Highland Park. Many attempts have been made to thwart our efforts to run an open campaign based on the issues that affect the working class in the 9th district. The Communist Labor Party has been able and will continue to to overcome all obstacles put before us that try to stop us from winning the office of State Representative in the 9th district. While the Communist Labor Party has fought off these attacks by the different branches of government in this State, city, it is time that the citizens of Highland Park begin to take a stand against these attacks on the CLP because the attacks on the CLP has a direct affect on the ability of Highland Park Police Department to fight crime in our city.

For the last 4 or 5 weeks the Highland Park Police have spent the majority of their time taking down posters put up by supporters of General Baker. On Sunday October 17 four women were arrested for "defacing Public property" which means that all they were doing was putting up General Baker posters. On Tuesday October 19 an 83 year old man, a long standing citizen of Highland Park, was shot to death in broad daylight. This killing was senseless when you take into consideration that people living on that block of Buena Vista had repeatedly made complaints to the Mayor and the Police Department about this haven of criminals that lives on the block. Where were the police when thos killing and other crimes were taking place on that day? We know that riding around taking down General Baker posters was what they were doing. Our Chief of Police Donald Ashcroft has said that we cannot expect 24 hour protection of the police department, and we agree with that, but it is damn sure that we could receive better protection if the Police Department spent its time fighting crime instead of trying to stop a legitimate party from running an open and honest campaign for the office of State Representative.

We appeal to the citizens of Highland Park to join in our effort to force the Mayor and the Police Department to do the job that they were hired for and elected to do. We ask that on October 17 when the four women were arrested for putting up General Baker posters, how many dope pushers were arrested? how many murderers were arrested? how many rapists? We would also like to make it clear to the Mayor and the Police Department that for every poster and bumper sticker that you take down, another will go up!!