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AN EMERGENCY APPEAL TO ALL COMRADES

At this time we are more than 3/4ths of the way through our Party Fund Drive (Oct. 1-Feb.1). The Peoples Daily World Fund Drive will start on Feb. 15. Even though we should be at the 75% or better of our goals we are at less than 50%. This is in spite of the fact that we've made big strides in holding mass out-reach Fundraising events at the District level such as the Movies and the New Year's Eve Party.

Comrades, this is a real emergency. If we do not meet our Fund Drive Goals we jeopardize the functioning of the District and of the National Party (since we owe \$18,000 + to the National Fund Drive). We feel that meeting our goals are possible if we focus in on one aspect of the Fund Drive - the voluntary pledge. There is only one financial obligation in the Party - Membership Dues. However, taking into account variations based on family, and other personal situations, comrades are urged to make a donation to the Party at the equivalent of one weeks gross wages - 1/2 to the Party Fund Drive - 1/2 to the PDW Fund Drive. If we concentrated just on this we would meet our Fund Drive goals.

We urge clubs and execs to make this question the first point on the agenda of the next club meeting, and to consider taking loans against the pledges in order to meet the Fund Drive by the end of this month.

We look forward to hearing from all clubs with their plans on how to meet their goals by Feb. 1. Please call, write or come in if you have any questions or need help.

Comradely,

Jarvis Tyner

Larry Moskowitz

P.S.: One possible idea might be to incorporate a meal (for a donation) with comrades bringing in pledges at the Jan. 27th, 28th Recruitment events.

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State Committee met on December 17th. Most of the discussion was on an analysis of the 1988 elections and the beginning of a full review of the work of the Party. An action program was adopted for the next few months. Below is the Action Program and the schedule of discussions for Jan-Feb. The discussion schedule should be taken into account when planning your club conference.

The State Committee did agree that the main strategic goal for 1989 is the defeat of Koch in the NYC Municipal elections.

ACTION PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

1. Support and participation in the Jan. 16 City Hall Demonstration.
2. Involvement in NYC in the School Board Elections
3. Jan. 27-28 Recruitment meetings

DISCUSSION SCHEDULE

Jan 21 - Board Conference on Party Organization
Jan 25 - " Meeting on Plan of Work
Feb 8 - " discussion on Political Action
Feb 11 - District Political Action Conference (2 per Club minimum)
Feb 12 - State Committee meeting

Comrades are urged to send in their thoughts on Political Action-Party Organization-Plan of Work-as contributions to the discussions indicated above.

JAN. 16 MLK JR MARCH OF RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

By now we expect that clubs are fully involved in mobilizing for the Jan 16th Demonstration which starts at 2:00 PM at City Hall. Last minute mobilization, whether agitational leafletting, phone calls to lists, discussions, plans, and resolutions of support at union, tenant or other meetings are all worthwhile.

We expect that all NYC area communists will make every effort to attend this demonstration. There will be a Party-YCL contingent and a PDW distribution. We will meet at the same place as last year, the southwest corner of the park, to distribute the paper. Comrades should arrive between 1:00-1:30 P.M.

Clubs should take steps this week to organize distributions of the paper - and comrades and friends who will march in the contingent.

Dear Comrades,

This is a preliminary draft of an approach to the crisis in education in N.Y.C. It is not a Party position paper and is not to be circulated publicly. We are printing it here in order to help stimulate your thinking on these questions and to get your feedback and ideas. We hope to eventually have both a formal position paper for club discussion and a public statement. We will reprint in the Mobilizer written responses (all or in part based on space consideration)

CRISIS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

The "Current Crisis" in the public education system with its rash of scandals is but a small part of the much larger scandalous miseducation of children in this country. The current crisis provides a convenient pretext for corrupt city politicians to call for ways to clean house, while they increase their own control. None of this is new: Community, teachers, and the teachers union have for years been reporting instance upon instance of misuse of public money, intended for children but put to private use. But we have to look at the larger picture to catch the real scandal: There is a two-tier educational system in this country, with the wealthy and privileged able to maintain and expand their advantage by the inequitable distribution of tax monies or the continued use of private and exclusive education systems. For the vast majority of working class students in this country, education means over-sized classes, inadequate supplies, limited class offerings, and harried school personnel. It means unsafe and filthy school buildings. (It also means shifting the burden for supplying the classroom to the worker; teachers have to pay for their own supplies from their own pockets.) And it means curriculum that fails to teach the leading role of African Americans, Latinos, and other nationally oppressed peoples and workers generally in our history.

The current scandals come after years of well-documented, pervasive corruption throughout the Koch administration. Not a single city agency has been able to avoid the label of corruption. This is a top-down corruption (this fish definitely stinks from the head); those with their hands in the most pockets are Koch appointees. They set the tone.

The school board scandals have to be looked at within this context. It is telling that the reports of corruption are all aimed at school boards in Black and Latino communities. These are not the only instances of corruption; but they serve to undermine public confidence in Black and Latino elected officials generally (and this at a time when there is a serious challenge to Koch's corrupt leadership by Black candidates). Parents' expectations of what a school does and what they legitimately can ask for have been lowered. There are few effective voices who speak on behalf of parent involvement.

Big business and Koch, as well, unfortunately, as the UFT, have been opposed to parent involvement -- real empowerment -- in the running of the schools. (There are, however, indications of a shift in UFT attitudes towards parent involvement in a selection process for principals and other school supervisors.) The physical plant of the school is in the hands of the custodians. They are bosses who are accountable to almost no one and who by contract are encouraged to deliver as few services, as little heat, to make the fewest repairs, and to restrict the use of the school as much as they can get away with it. They see children as a nuisance and certainly don't want to be bothered by parent intrusions. This is institutionalized neglect; it is part of the structure of the way schools are run. It is a device used to keep parents involved. Parents are usually discouraged from playing an active role in the school program too. The "professional" staff keeps parents at a distance and is suspicious and frightened by active parents. In this climate of distrust and bureaucratic obstacles, the school boards become the fiefdoms of small, organized groups: political clubs, UFT, churches and other religious organizations, and some bought-off "parent leaders."

Our goal has to be to broaden the participation of community forces that represent the actual population of the schools: parents and students, community forces with real roots in the community, teach and other trade unionists. We have had successes. One of these came in District #3, in Central Harlem and along the Upper West Side of Manhattan, in the 1970s. Parents and teachers prepared a broad agenda for the schools (full day kindergarten, reduced class size, priority of monies to the schools and the children and not to administration, asbestos checks, ending or limiting mandated testing, tracking, and intra-district waivers, and creating new relations between community and staffs). The result was a parent slate with broad teacher support. The rank and file issues could be advanced through a unity with a progressive group of activist parent school board members. We broke ground. We stressed openness on the part of board members and opening up the union process (up until then, the district UFT organization made endorsements through a closed procedure about which nothing was known by people in the school; we insisted that objective criteria be developed and that the membership be consulted and informed).

There are city-wide issues today around which we could win almost immediate unity: guaranteeing the involvement on local school boards of parents of children in the public schools of the district, elimination of the Wicks Law restrictions and of the Board of Examiners, ending of the second class status of teachers holding temporary per diem certificates (grant full teaching licenses to teachers, doing satisfactory jobs in a regular teaching assignment), increasing the number of paraprofessionals, lowering class size, turning control of the physical plant over to the pedagogical staff, discontinuing any and all inequitable spending or treatment of students that favor one ethnic group over another (re: last summer's report on the disproportionately high spending for staff and

Recruiting events

Jan. 27th & 28th are the dates for the Recruiting events at the time of the National Committee-National Council Meeting-call the office to arrange your speaker.

Calender

- Monday Jan. 9- First day to circulate School Board petitions.
Monday Jan.16- March for Racial/Economic & Social Justice, City Hall Park, 2:00 pm.
Sat. Jan.21- Board Conference on Party Organization.
Wed. Jan.25- Board discussion on Plan of Work.
Fri.-Sat. Jan. 27, 28- Club Recruiting events.
Sat.-Mon. Jan. 28-30 - National Committee-National Council
Wed. Feb. 8th - Board discussion on Political Action.
Thurs. Feb. 9th - Last day to file School Board Petitions.
Sat. Feb.11th - Political Action Conference
Sun. Feb. 12 - State Committee meeting.
Feb.-March - Club Conferences.
Feb. 18, 19 - Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Conference - Albany.

CARL BLOICE TO SPEAK

The New York District People's World Fund Drive will be kicked off with a first hand report from Moscow on "New Thinking" for socialism and the world" by Carl Bloice.

The event will be held Feb. 16th at Unity Hall, 235 West 23rd Street, New York, 7:00 P.M.,-\$2.00.

Bloice, a veteran African American journalist, and associate Editor of the People's Daily World newspaper has been the paper's Moscow correspondent for two years.

He has travelled extensively in the Soviet Union and covered many subjects including the ethnic struggles in Azerbaijan, changes in the daily life of Soviet citizens, environmental problems and the huge relief efforts for the victims of the earthquake in Armenia.

For more information or to help call (212) 924-0550, between 9:30 - 1:30.

FROM MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE DEPARTMENTS

1989 Membership cards will be given to clubs when the District receives the completed registration form (included in the Dec. 7th Mobilizer). We can supply additional forms if needed. The registration form is easy to complete and should be submitted as soon as possible.

Dues payments for 1988 and 1989 should be submitted on separate Club Finance Report forms.

materials in high schools with high percentage white student populations, presumably as a way of maintaining white students in the public schools). Questions about Bilingualism, education reform, and ending the Taylor Law penalties (which penalize striking public employees at a rate of two days' pay for every day on strike, but do nothing to guarantee good faith bargaining on the part of the employer) need further discussion; but broad unity is possible on these issues as well.

Party structures have to be thought through that allow for the greatest amount of experience to be brought into a fight on these issues.

This was an initiative of the Mid-Hudson club that we thought would be of interest to other clubs in the District:

FRIENDS OF THE PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD
P.O. BOX 531
NEW PALTZ, N.Y. 12561

Dear Friend:

The terrible natural catastrophe in Soviet Armenia has touched the hearts of people the world over. The response has been unprecedented.

Relief organizations have sprung up everywhere, even in the most unexpected places. Individuals are donating money, clothing, food, medicines, shelter equipment - whatever. The urgent need for help continues. As a group our local Friends of the People's Daily World is doing its bit. We have donated \$50.00 to the Armenian Relief Fund. If, as an individual, you want to make an additional contribution, we urge that you do so.

We suggest a check or money order be sent to the Armenian Relief Fund and mailed to:

Armenian Relief Fund
c/o Riggs National Bank
Acct. # 04-08-572-564
Dupont Circle Branch
1913 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

This particular fund is sponsored by the Soviet Embassy. We feel that through it donations will reach the intended destination most quickly.

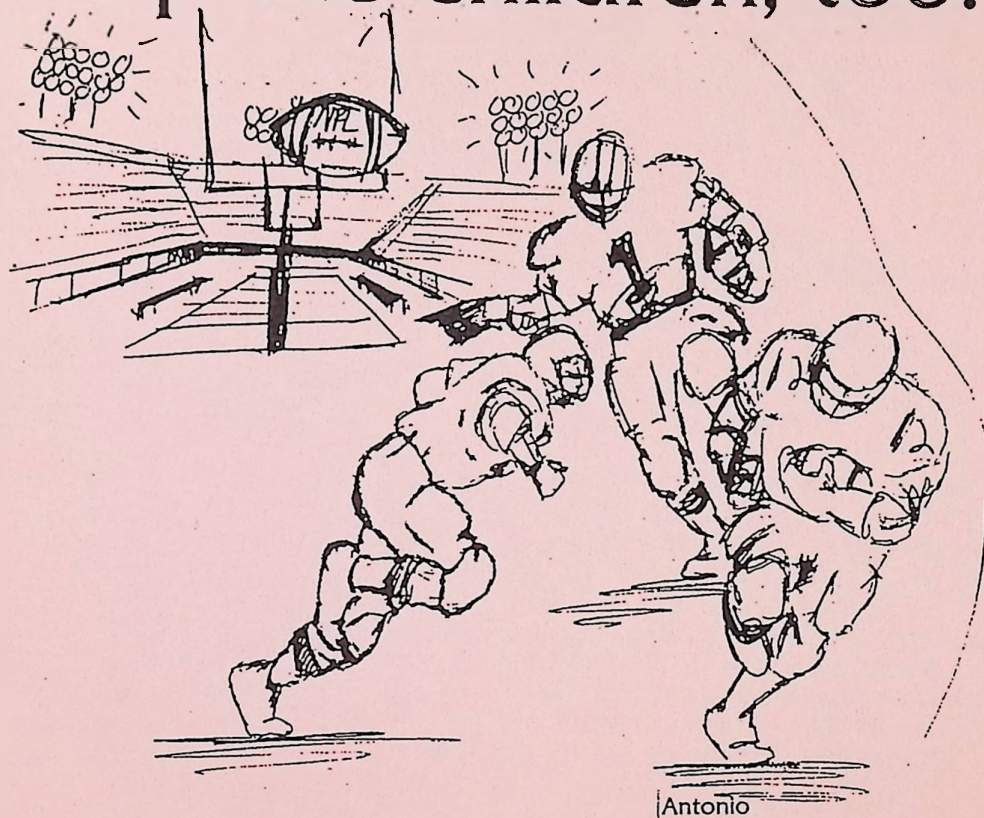
Below is the county by county vote for U.S. Senate in N.Y. As can see the 14,770 votes for Charlene Mitchell is the best of independent candidates and our highest statewide vote since 1976.

U.S. SENATE	JAMES B. WILLIAM P. HARRIS JR.		CHARLENE MITCHELL		BLANK	VOID	SCATTERING	TOTAL
	SOCIALIST WORKERS	LIBERTARIAN	INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE					
ALBANY.....	308	406	320	0,910	6	0	149,244	
ALLEGANY.....	35	40	34	1,584	0	0	17,846	
BROOME.....	114	285	170	9,101	41	4	97,274	
CATTARAUGUS..	65	84	63	3,099	0	3	32,816	
CAYUGA.....	44	95	50	2,590	0	1	32,881	
CHAUTAUQUA...	107	161	215	4,114	2	0	58,449	
CHEMUNG.....	113	96	54	3,195	0	0	37,399	
CHEMUNGO.....	38	56	41	1,706	7	0	20,386	
CLINTON.....	76	93	105	2,993	11	0	28,885	
COLUMBIA.....	57	89	46	2,049	21	0	27,203	
CORTLAND.....	28	68	47	1,479	17	1	18,994	
DELAWARE.....	22	45	44	1,592	0	1	19,252	
DUTCHESS.....	162	295	189	7,676	55	0	102,980	
ERIE.....	727	758	803	41,710	0	0	435,324	
ESSEX.....	58	50	41	2,020	6	0	17,367	
FRANKLIN.....	54	50	38	1,995	10	0	17,550	
FULTON.....	101	52	46	1,920	12	0	21,205	
GENESEE.....	40	40	43	2,129	0	1	24,575	
GREENE.....	20	54	36	1,591	10	0	19,595	
HAMILTON.....	4	9	13	333	0	0	3,394	
HERKIMER.....	33	72	135	3,101	20	1	28,327	
JEFFERSON.....	59	53	74	2,963	0	2	33,934	
LEWIS.....	16	35	26	1,208	1	2	10,429	
LIVINGSTON...	18	72	34	1,695	3	1	23,925	
MADISON.....	25	77	55	2,428	9	1	26,003	
MONROE.....	299	851	517	24,890	0	20	314,314	
MONTGOMERY...	124	64	52	2,180	5	0	23,061	
NASSAU.....	533	828	728	30,692	0	2	600,567	
NIACARA.....	114	108	112	7,599	0	0	87,478	
ONEIDA.....	136	211	210	9,387	0	0	104,639	
ONONDAGA.....	287	407	383	13,035	0	4	202,076	
ONTARIO.....	34	116	39	2,725	16	0	39,695	
ORANGE.....	126	237	164	7,868	0	1	106,104	
ORLEANS.....	26	46	23	1,447	0	0	15,212	
OSWEGO.....	40	147	101	4,194	25	0	44,617	
OTSEGO.....	37	91	82	1,922	11	0	24,646	
PUTNAM.....	31	75	52	2,485	2	1	36,738	
RENSSELAER...	131	199	157	4,671	20	0	70,081	
ROCKLAND.....	126	200	196	6,656	1	0	113,147	
ST. LAWRENCE..	45	75	93	3,459	17	2	40,028	
SARATOGA.....	123	225	125	5,216	0	0	76,436	
SCHENECTADY..	98	198	167	4,244	0	1	71,074	
SCHOHARIE....	26	45	32	891	12	0	12,677	
SCHUYLER.....	17	24	18	807	7	0	7,363	
SENeca.....	18	37	26	1,005	6	0	13,691	
STUBBEN.....	69	87	66	4,113	3	0	38,827	
SUFFOLK.....	456	937	810	31,600	123	2	519,452	
SULLIVAN.....	49	65	75	2,251	14	0	27,908	
TIOGA.....	40	86	56	2,296	12	0	21,146	
TOMPKINS.....	49	150	148	3,497	6	3	37,003	
ULSTER.....	174	257	264	5,225	16	1	73,158	
WARREN.....	19	50	37	2,012	16	0	24,624	
WASHINGTON...	40	75	49	2,141	73	0	22,825	
WAYNE.....	45	130	73	2,972	17	1	34,181	
WESTCHESTER..	360	687	764	25,424	0	0	376,517	
WYOMING.....	27	30	44	1,211	6	0	15,053	
YATES.....	10	18	16	938	8	0	9,462	
TOTAL OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY	6,111	9,887	8,313	332,250	647	56	4,509,185	
BROOKLYN.....	815	255	777	59,461	0	0	322,070	
KINGS.....	1,406	571	1,614	76,303	0	0	571,929	
NEW YORK.....	1,741	840	3,155	61,207	0	0	537,994	
QUEENS.....	996	376	806	53,174	0	0	565,613	
RICHMOND.....	170	135	101	11,431	0	0	128,662	
TOTAL NYC....	5,128	2,177	6,457	261,576	0	0	2,126,268	
TOTAL ENTIRE STATE	11,239	12,064	14,770	593,826	647	56	6,635,453	

STATE OF NEW YORK--STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
 VOTES CAST NOVEMBER 8, 1988 FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

U. S. SENATE	DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN	ROBERT B. MCNILLAN	ROBERT R. MCNILLAN	ADELLE R. BATHAMSON	DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN	LYDIA BAYOMETA
COUNTIES	DEMOCRATIC	REPUBLICAN	CONSERVATIVE	RIGHT TO LIFE	LIBERAL	WORKERS WORLD
ALBANY.....	99,016	33,618	2,235	1,185	2,939	285
ALLEGANY.....	7,777	7,356	453	198	317	52
BROOME.....	55,631	27,861	1,425	1,263	1,254	125
CATTARAUGUS..	16,260	11,074	1,098	461	527	82
CATUGA.....	18,007	10,163	979	372	508	64
CHAUTAUQUA...	32,863	17,894	1,422	612	1,026	135
CHEMUNG.....	18,179	13,865	716	438	625	114
CHEMUNGO.....	9,192	8,093	530	260	402	61
CLINTON.....	14,188	9,489	848	434	551	97
COLUMBIA.....	13,403	9,670	934	235	622	77
CORTLAND.....	8,943	7,173	522	247	424	45
DELAWARE.....	9,209	7,058	569	199	460	53
DUTCHESS.....	50,111	36,951	4,280	1,288	1,817	164
ERIE.....	279,753	86,401	8,711	5,433	9,873	1,155
ESSEX.....	7,224	6,889	528	196	306	49
FRANKLIN.....	8,651	5,688	537	231	241	55
FULTON.....	10,459	7,398	507	180	492	38
GENESEE.....	12,929	7,858	676	320	465	74
GREENE.....	8,635	8,030	698	181	300	40
HAMILTON.....	1,181	1,636	116	37	60	5
HERKIMER.....	13,811	9,440	796	322	527	69
JEFFERSON.....	16,550	12,153	802	436	761	81
LEWIS.....	4,847	3,801	170	123	185	15
LIVINGSTON...	12,259	8,564	647	252	339	41
MADISON.....	13,821	8,061	572	267	613	74
MCHROE.....	192,774	79,053	7,466	2,862	4,923	659
MONTGOMERY...	12,773	6,626	507	221	444	65
MASSAU.....	312,502	211,275	26,051	7,309	9,689	958
NIAGARA.....	53,911	20,785	1,784	1,172	1,655	238
ONEIDA.....	55,420	33,570	2,165	1,449	1,830	261
ONONDAGA.....	126,839	50,266	4,016	1,972	4,478	389
ONTARIO.....	21,387	13,576	851	315	587	49
ORANGE.....	55,752	33,863	4,187	1,504	2,168	234
ORLEANS.....	7,750	5,096	314	195	279	36
OSWEGO.....	21,842	15,450	1,249	467	962	100
OTSEGO.....	12,562	8,468	544	268	597	64
PUTNAM.....	16,862	13,321	2,514	592	731	72
REMSSELAER...	39,243	21,172	2,095	716	1,481	196
ROCKLAND.....	64,369	31,697	5,471	1,519	2,686	226
ST. LAWRENCE..	21,718	12,610	904	376	649	86
SARATOGA.....	37,669	28,376	2,509	623	1,391	179
SCHENECTADY..	40,987	21,372	1,955	564	1,334	154
SCHOHARIE....	6,240	4,686	309	142	252	42
SCHUYLER.....	3,128	2,897	224	80	146	15
SENeca.....	7,353	4,509	289	189	221	40
STUBEN.....	16,402	15,547	999	487	569	85
SUFFOLK.....	263,265	183,281	23,074	6,348	8,633	927
SULLIVAN.....	14,613	9,030	936	296	518	61
TIOGA.....	9,464	8,003	432	399	308	50
TOMPKINS.....	22,292	9,270	400	281	778	89
ULSTER.....	31,869	23,578	2,626	1,005	1,901	242
WARREN.....	11,459	10,010	612	318	418	43
WASHINGTON...	9,947	9,179	659	208	403	51
WAYNE.....	16,896	12,182	927	328	555	54
WESTCHESTER..	211,957	108,342	17,276	4,185	6,853	669
WYOMING.....	7,174	5,579	416	265	260	41
YATES.....	4,208	3,670	258	123	140	13
TOTAL OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY	2,479,524	1,382,923	144,790	51,778	83,474	9,432
BRONX.....	211,460	34,851	5,204	2,104	6,392	751
KINGS.....	386,540	73,841	10,348	3,654	16,447	1,201
NEW YORK.....	387,992	57,487	6,306	2,135	17,970	1,161
QUEENS.....	371,656	102,053	13,472	3,723	14,512	845
RICHMOND.....	70,006	35,403	7,106	1,451	2,676	183
TOTAL NYC....	1,427,654	303,635	44,436	13,067	57,997	4,141
TOTAL ENTIRE STATE	3,907,178	1,686,558	189,226	64,845	141,471	13,573

Watch the Super Bowl and help the children, too!



The parents and staff of Unity Day Care invite you to view
Super Bowl XXIII
on the big screen at Unity Auditorium

Come watch the 49ers, the Bengals and the kids play
We provide the food
You provide the noise

Sunday, Jan. 22
6 p.m.
235 W. 23 St., NYC

\$5 contribution to the Red Diaper Fund

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The parents and children of Super Bowl XXXI
will be at the stadium at 12:00 PM
on Sunday, Jan. 23
at the New York Marriott Marquis
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at the New York Marriott Marquis

