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TO ALL LOCALS AND BRANCHES:

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

The Detroit comrades are conducting a memorial meeting today for Comrade Leo Bernard. Nearly every branch will be conducting a similar memorial meeting during the coming week. The Detroit meeting will include a broad representation of speakers. It will be both a memorial meeting and a meeting to protest social conditions which gave rise to the virulent and blind anticommunism responsible for the assassination of Comrade Leo and the serious wounds inflicted upon Comrades Jan Garrett and Walter Graham.

Enclosed is a copy of the press release announcing the New York memorial meeting. It is an example of the type of meeting which will be most effective as both a memorial to our fallen comrade and a protest meeting.

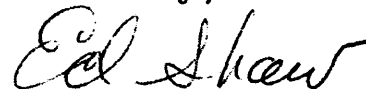
AID TO THE VICTIMS

It would be highly improper to utilize such a meeting for the purpose of raising funds for anything except aid to the victims and survivors. To this end, a committee with two Wayne State University professors as co-chairmen has been set up in Detroit. This committee will raise funds to help meet emergency expenses such as burial costs and medical expenses for the wounded. Comrades Jan and Walt face a long and costly period of convalescence and physical rehabilitation.

The committee to aid the victims has not adopted an official name as yet, but funds raised at memorial meetings or elsewhere may be sent to:

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Comradely,



Ed Shaw
Organization Secretary

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