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Letters To The Editor:

My Views On Kendra Alexander's Article: " Socialist Upheavel  
and the U.S. Left."

I, Lee Brown, a member of the party for 50 years, as I read Kendra's articles and particularly: " Socialist Upheavel and the U.S. Left" of August 1990, I encourage our comrades not only in California but nationally to read the article. I also encourage everyone to read these additional articles by Kendra: 1. the report of Jan. 27 and 28, 1990 at the two day conference, and 2. the article from " Conference On Equality In the 1990's" (Oct. 6-7, 1990, Winston Unity Center).

I got a lot out of these three articles. They encouraged me to move forward amongst the masses. After reading these articles, it encouraged me moreso to get involved in more mass organizations, working with retired and senior groups and national healthcare and housing. And that's the reason I encourage other comrades to read and study Kendra's writings because it's very encouraging.

It is extraordinary work that comrade Kendra is doing during this period. And my opinion of her today---to me in my views of her--- that she is a Harry Tubman and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and I will always remain a brother to her in the struggle.

Keep up the good work!

Mark well!

Lee Brown

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May 21, 1990

Letter To The Editor:

Trade Union views of Lee Brown on the 20th Anniversary Rally of Senior Power in Sacramento, May 16, 1990.

There were many issues raised by the seniors at an open-mike. The president, Rev. Ed Peet, called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. We welcomed the Lt. Governor, Leo McCarthy. He was one of the speakers. The honorable Willie Brown was also one of the speakers on the issue of seniors. We had the speaker, State assemblyman, David Roberti, at the rally and he spoke on the issue of houses and the homeless.

We had a number of other speakers. We had an African-American female speaker from Los Angeles. (I can't remember her name at the moment.) I believe there more at the rally in 1990 than in 1989. Our space was filled. And, people kept coming way after 10 A.M. The open-mike had Karl Grossenbacher for the M.C.

I, Lee Brown, was also one of the monitors at the open-mike. And the people were standing in line at both mikes. They wanted to speak on various issues concerning seniors and retirees. The issues raised at the mikes included :1) health needs for the people; 2) housing; 3) cost of living increases; 4) a number of seniors raised the housing and homeless issue.

And I, Lee Brown, was the last to go to the mike to raise the issues on issues. I called for unity and I told the audience of seniors that we must go back to our respective organizations, regardless to which we are members of, churches, unions, and senior organizations and individuals and bring the message of truth to the people. If it's necessary, we will march

to achieve our goals. Youth and age must work and march together to  
victory!

Trade-Unionist,

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Letter To The Editor

Press Release:

Dec. 6, 1989

Dear Editor:

Nov. 30, 1989 there was a rally at the Parc 55 Hotel. Local 2 Union membership sent a message loud and clear to Parc 55 Hotel. They let the hotel owner know that they want a good contract and job security. Over 200 people marched at the rally. People from all parts of the community. Some even had flashlights shining on the hotel as they were marching around. They were singing songs and chants. And everyone was in high spirits. And I would like to send a message to the people in the community to support the workers and members of Local 2, because they benefit the entire community as a whole. So, I'm asking you to support them in their struggle for a decent contract. I call upon the religious community as well to organize a united front that all community members should be concerned, that workers who are concerned in seeking work in the culinary industry be supportive of Local 2 also.

The rank and file is concerned in organizing all the hotels and better working conditions including vacations, holidays, and meals for all employees, including room-cleaners have a fair deal with the craft rules. From my point of view Local 2 memberships are very strong. The real source of Union power is the rank and file membership. My 50 years experience in the Labor Movement show me this and I plea to Local 2 rank and file membership to unite behind the staff of Local 2 and the Parc 55 Union Committee.

Local 2 members speak with one voice for trade-union unity and democracy. I, Lee Brown, will remain your brother in struggle. Organize the unorganized!

Lee Brown, Retirée

Added to all these things we have considered, it is about time for us to make a new argument around the creation and building of a new independent political party to cope with some of the problems that confront us. Let's build a united front with the Rainbow Coalition and demand that the local, city, state, and national government grant these job demands.

Lee Brown, Black Trade Unionist, continues his struggle for peace, justice, and equality. Those who read this article and are concerned, please, write me:

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August 24, 1989

Mr. Lee Brown  
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Dear Lee:

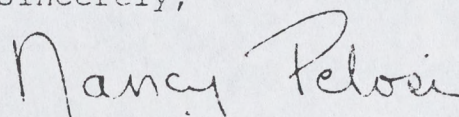
Thank you for contacting me regarding the recent Supreme Court decisions which have weakened affirmative action programs.

I understand your concern for these recent decisions. I will work with my colleagues in the Congress to re-establish the broad coverage of civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age. We must work to ensure that discrimination is never tolerated by the federal government.

Please be assured that I will support efforts in Congress to restore affirmative action programs that have been destroyed or limited by the Supreme Court.

Thank you again for taking the time to express your views on this important subject. I hope you will continue to communicate with me on matters of concern to you.

Sincerely,



NANCY PELOSI  
Member of Congress

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Oct. 5, 1987

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Editor;

As a Black Trade Unionist, I, Lee Brown, am giving my views on the Congress of California Seniors' Convention, Sept. 16-18, 1987. I was a delegate from among three delegates from Local 2 Retirees' Association ( Hotel And Restaurant Local). That's why I felt it was a very good convention with over 400 delegates attending. It was the 1987 State Convention at the Oakland Airport Hilton in Oakland, California. And many delegates spoke out on many issues. Wednesday was the Union Forum, where all union retirees met and spoke in the Forum on a number of these issues.

I also spoke on Ron Dellums' National Health Bill H2402; and, I urged the delegates to return to their communities, their organizations, or religious organizations, etc. to get support for the Ron Dellums' National Health Bill, and to write cards and letters for the National Health Bill. And finally I urged every member of the organizations to lobby in support of Ron Dellums' Health Bill. Having been involved in the Trade Union Movement and community activities, I also urged them, that to be successful, we must work together in unity which is our key to success.

The second day of the Convention, Sept. 17, I attended the Health Workshop and I also spoke again on the Ron Dellums National Health Bill. Everyone in the workshop was in support of the National Health Bill.

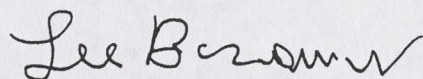
I also called for unity back in our community to mobilize our friends and neighbors and to lobby for the support of this National Health Bill of Ron Dellums, because there are over 35 million people without health insurance according to the statistics. The health needs of the people are not a privilege---they are a human right!

President George Sandy brought an extraordinary and inspiring message to go back to our communities. The Forum delegates were instructed to go back and prepare ourselves for the 1988 election campaign, because we are confronted with many issues. We need jobs for younger Americans; youth and age must work together to achieve these things; for we need low-income houses---a national house program---public domain.

We confronted other issues like community health centers, community child care centers for the benefit of working mothers, better health care centers for seniors, etc. We can achieve these things if we all work together, as I said before and I will say is again: unity is our solution to our problem. Our nation is in a crisis. It is time for youth and age to work together, so we seniors must use every effort in our strength to bring about this National Health Act. The American people should act: let's get get organized now!

Numbers of resolutions were passed for the good and welfare of the seniors and retirees (trade unionists). There was a resolution on houses and health, introduced by the Grey Panthers. The annual senior rally in Sacramento from May 25, 1988 from the Congress of California Seniors Region III, the East Bay Legislative Council of Senior Citizens' Groups and the California Legislative Council for Older Americans. Thus, we we are looking forward to a large rally in 1988 in Sacramento. Peace be with us!

By: Lee Brown

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

May 9, 1987

Letter To The Editors

Dear Editor:

As a Black Trade Unionist, I, Lee Brown, am giving my views on the Saturday, April 25 March And Rally, 1987, to mobilize for peace, jobs and justice. This is the third rally I attended, since I was also in the ones in 1985 and 1986...There were thousands and thousands of workers throughout California from labor organizations, religious groups, communities and individuals. There were some labor leaders who played an extraordinary part: Rev. Howard Gloyd, Walter Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of The San Francisco Labor Council, Albert Lannon, President I.L.W.U., Local 6, Pat Norman, National Co-chair representing the Gay Community.

As far as I could see down Market St., people were marching. They were marching and demanding peace, jobs and justice. And I'm giving my view as a Trade Unionist in the labor movement over many years and as one involved in the community and political activity where I have lived among the working-people. And, I'm calling upon those involved in the demonstration to return to their respective places in the community--in their unions, their churches, their community organizations, and as individuals--and follow-up by calling for peace, jobs, and justice, which means equality for all. You can do this by passing resolutions in your respective organizations and by sending letters to your local and national representatives. What we must also make known are the national health-care needs for all the people. For, health-care is a right, not a privilege.

Letters To The Editor

Also, we need houses for the homeless, and low-income houses for the people's needs and decent education for all children.

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Speaker And Representative From The Grass Roots

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# PROGRESS

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THE SUN REPORTER, Wednesday, July 17, 1985.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I have studied the rights of the elderly and the retirees. I have the knowledge of the roots of poverty.

From all my study and knowledge of these many problems, I can tell you, without a doubt, that we must support and demand the National Health Service Act proposed by Ron Dellums.

Each of us must write and/or contact their representatives, their churches, their union, their lodges, their senior groups, individuals, etc. We must not leave any stone unturned, because this is a life and death struggle. For, I am in the midst of the

masses and I'm studying the symptoms of the people at the grassroots' level."

For I have seen many mentally disturbed right here in San Francisco and I know that they need treatment. I wish you would go out and take a look for yourselves, then you would know how badly we need a health bill to create health-care centers and hospitals to meet the needs of these people who are living below the poverty level. Further, when this health bill is enacted and comes into effect to take care of the needs of these American poor, we will see a more healthy America for all concerned.

That's the reason I'm calling on you---because I believe in people helping people---for, I feel it is our duty and responsibility that we, the strong, must stand firm to lift up our brothers and sisters who stand in need of help.

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housing, and the health issue, day-care centers, community health centers, and mental institutions throughout the nation, and senior low-income housing, senior resthomes, and more educational institutions in America for all people who want an education. In addition, we should have free national health care service for the American people, and also free education from grammar school up to two years of college, and/or sufficient vocational training for each and every person to secure a job.

And in conjunction with all this, we must demand jobs so this schooling and training for jobs is not wasted. We must further demand the reopening of schools in all low-income or poverty-level communities ( which, in itself, will create jobs), and the building of low-income housing for people of low-income and at the poverty level. And, finally, we must strengthen rent-control for low-income people and people at the poverty level.

For quality education, we must rebuild confidence in our educational system in America, and we must rehire all the laid-off school staff and teachers. And to provide the adequate educational tools for this project, we must reopen all school libraries and city libraries. Also, we must provide childcare centers in all communities, including Latino, Asian, Black, white and all low-income people. And, lastly, we must guarantee high school for adults.

As far as my views on the important issues of automation and labor, I'm not opposed to automation. Automation and human labor will never become obsolete. Automation can be used to create more jobs for the American people. Human labor is not endangered because of automation. Full employment can be achieved, if the unions would sit down and negotiate with management on this very issue.

And I will repeat that these things can be achieved with automation.

Despite all our other basic demands, we cannot overemphasize the need for low-cost and low-rent housing. Hundreds and thousands of low-cost and low-rent houses are needed in the U.S.A. Many need to be repaired. Some need running water, electric or gas stoves, refrigerators, washing-machines, vacuum cleaners, telephones and decent furniture.

And, yet, I say, if you add together all these demands which I have briefly outlined so far, that, in itself, is not too much for the American peoples' need: the same people who have made America what it is today---rich and powerful. Our people are the greatest natural resource of our country and should be developed in the interest of the American people. And, therefore, there is shown a need for more services to be added: additional teachers, doctors, nurses, dentists, skilled workers; hospitals, schools, parks, civic centers. All these need to be improved.

First, we need jobs; and, hand-in-hand with jobs, we need job-training, especially for the poor. The reason for this pressing need is because we have moved into an era where science and technology have placed people more and more under the influence of automation and science. Therefore, we suggest people go to the available institutions to study and take up training for a career, e.g., computer studies, hospitality industry, etc, depending on what area of work you are involved in or desire.

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