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I wish to take this opportunity to send warmest greetings to my comrade in arms, Lee Brown, Black trade union leader, Senior Activist, key member of the Hotel and Bartenders and Restauraunt Worker Union, Local #2, on the occasion of his birthday. He also serves with distinction in the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU).

He brings to the organized working class movement a dedication, militancy, clarity ~~needed~~ needed so much in these complex times, when the class is under such fierce attack by the Reaganites and Reagonomics.

He speaks loudly, valiantly and with passion against the twin scourges of disunity, redbaiting and racism. No redbaiter or racist will get away with their ~~divisiveness~~ while Lee Brown is able to get the floor and rebut that splitting tactic of the boss.

→ In the senior movement he has made his mark. A vice president of the retirees organization in Local 2, he sends out the call to all seniors to unite and get with it, to beat back the attacks on their rights and needs, ~~now and then~~ by Reagan. Onward and upward I say to Lee Brown. H

Billy Allan.

October 24, 1988

To Stephanie And The Allan Family,

You have my wholehearted sympathy of the loss of our beloved comrade, Billy Allan. I first met Billy Allan at communist meetings and I liked his talks on the floor which were well-educated and informative to me and I began from then on to pay a lot of attention to Billy whenever he talked, because I understood what he was saying because he was very plain and spoke so to the audience. He was very knowledgeable of the trade union and the labor movement. And I began to make close friends with Billy. Then I began to ask him questions about the labor movement and political issues because I knew that he was experienced in the field. I learned a lot and I was able to confront my issues in my own union and community also.

July 17, 1982 was a tribute to Lee Brown. Billy Allan was unable to attend, being out of town, but he sent a statement to my event and here are some highlights:

" I wish to take this opportunity to send warm greetings to my comrade-in-arms, Lee Brown, black trade-unionist leader, the senior activist, key member of Hotel and Bartenders' and Restaurant Workers' Union Local 2, on the occasion of his birthday. He also served with dedication in the coalition of black trade unionists. He brought to this organized working class movement a dedicated militancy and clarity, the need in these complete times---the class is under such attacks by Reagan and Reaganomics. He spoke louder valiantly with passion against the twin scourges of disunity and redbaiting and racism. No redbaiting, no racist will get away with it while Lee Brown is able to get the floor. And then he rebuts to split the tactics of the bosses. In the senior movement he made his mark. A vice-president of the retiree's organization of Local 2, he sent out the call to all seniors to unite and get with it to beat back the attack on the rights of the needy by Reagan.

" Onward, upward!" said Billy Allan to Lee Brown. When he wanted to interview the president of Local 2, Billy Allan was asking me to get an appointment with Charles Lamb for an interview. I went with him also when he went to interview Sherri Chiesa.

I was at a meeting of the senior comrades of San Francisco, April 22, 1986. I, Lee Brown, chaired the meeting. Billy Allan was number one on the agenda on the forum developing in the East Bay another state of development. Working in San Francisco among the seniors and community struggle, working in San Francisco among the seniors and the trade union movement, building the party and the press, that was the agenda for that particular meeting. Billy's experience was helpful in that meeting from 1 to 3 P.M. Billy gave me a press release. Dr. Wong is the president of the National Caucus on Black Asians. He did an interview on Black seniors.

I, Lee Brown, served with Billy on the senior commission monthly. Stephanie was not with the last month that I was with him in 1988 that we had a discussion.

Comrade Lee