

Workers of the world, unite! Down with the Voorhis Act!

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20 Workers at Rouge Say:

BUILD the WORKERS PARTY!

UNITE in DEFENSE of the SPANISH REVOLUTION!

ALL OUT for the International Young Autoworkers Conference!

By Margaret Guttshall

Detroit, March 29th -- The Trotskyist Organization US Supporter of the Fourth International, has won further support among the most audacious and powerful sector of the world working class -- the young workers in the great auto factories, the bastions of the working class -- in its struggle to unite the young workers in the United States with those throughout the world in the construction of the world party.

20 more young workers at the Rouge, since the mobilization and organization in support of the International 4th Open Conference Rebuilding the Fourth International, have decided that they want to join this fight. These workers from the largest factory with the largest trade union local outside the USSR signed a call to all the workers, especially the youth, to join in the fight to build the workers' party, to unite in defense of the Spanish revolution, to stop all orders to the fascist king of Spain, impose a sliding scale of working hours and wages, and take the right to strike with a general strike against the entirety of the attack of the Ford regime on the working class. They are in agreement with the proposal of the Trotskyist Organization to centralize this struggle in the mobilization and organization of the workers in a Mass Meeting at the Steps of Solidarity House -- built by the working class, but stolen from it by the bureaucrats in collaboration with GM, Ford, and Chrysler and the rest of the US capitalist class -- on April 10th at 12 noon in preparation of the International Young Autoworkers Conference, Paris, April 17th, convoked by the Revolutionary Youth International, Young Guard of the World Party, with the objective of centralizing this struggle under the leadership of the party throughout the world.

THE KEY

Now is the time to transform this support for the construction of the party in the United States, into active participation in the construction of the party; to deepen and widen this support throughout the working class through deepening and widening it among the young generation in the auto factories. Now is the time to build the cells of the US Supporter of the World Party of the Socialist Revolution in each of the key departments, to organize the working class youth en masse in the circles of the US Supporter of the Young Guard of the World Party, the Revolutionary Worker Youth.

This is the key -- the construction of the leadership of the working class -- to the transformation of the magnificent offensive of the working class into a decisive victory, the unleashing of the general strike, the destruction of the reactionary power of the capitalist class and the establishment of a workers' government. This is the objective of the Trotskyist Organization -- the construction of the leadership -- in the fight to centralize the workers' offensive in the mobilization and organization in the Mass Meeting at the Steps of Solidarity House and the International Young Autoworkers' Conference.

ONE AFTER ANOTHER

Sterling Heights just settled and now the autoworkers in Saginaw have gone out. The rest of the autoworkers want to strike. The workers at GM Southgate voted to occupy the plant and set a meeting to elect a plant occupation committee. The rubberworkers want to strike. So do the Teamsters.

The Ford regime is in a corner.

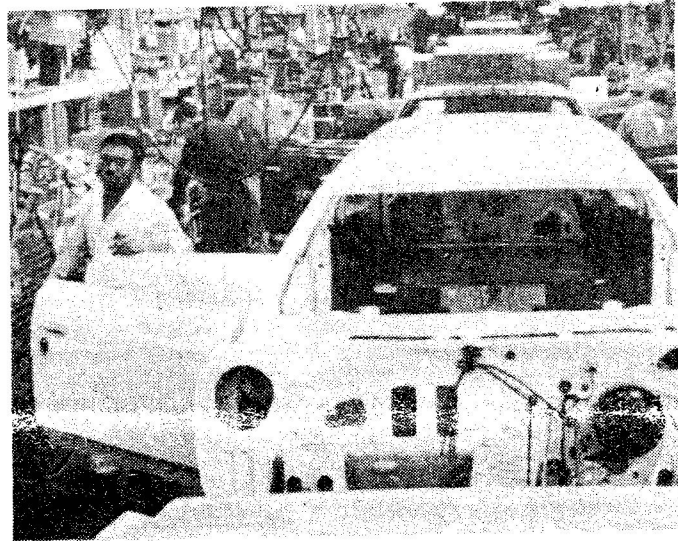
One group of workers after another has taken to the

streets in Spain. They are organizing themselves in assemblies, electing delegates to the General Assemblies of Workers' Delegates which are taking charge of the formulation of the demands of all the workers, of the organization of the strikes, of the workers' defense guards. The Spanish Section of the Fourth International, the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (PORE) is fighting against the so-called Communist Party, directed by the bureaucracy in the USSR, which supports the Francoist monarchy, to centralize the struggle, to strike the blow necessary to bring down the monarchy, to organize the workers' government and destroy every last remnant of the fascist dictatorship which has ruled Spain for 40 years.

Throughout the Americas -- from Argentina, to Peru, to Jamaica, to Mexico -- the workers are engaged, in one rhythm or another, in the same revolutionary mobilization against the capitalist class.

CENTRALIZE

Everywhere the demands are the same: an end to



WORKERS UNITE! MASS MEETING AT SOLIDARITY HOUSE GENERAL STRIKE!

By David Markos

The Revolutionary Worker Youth, U.S. supporter of the Revolutionary Youth International, is building on April 10, a MASS MEETING AT SOLIDARITY HOUSE. This meeting will represent the culmination of the fight of the Trotskyist Organization and the RWY for the First Congress of the RWY. A great push forward was given to the preparation of this mass meeting against the bureaucracy of the UAW (United Auto Workers), by the decision taken at the 4th Open Conference of the Fourth International to rebuild the FI and to hold its Fourth World Congress. Even more importantly, a worker from the Ford River Rouge plant participated in the Conference and the Congress. This was made possible by the consistent organization of the young workers of River Rouge, Ford Torrence and Southworks Steel in Chicago, and American Motors Corporation in Milwaukee, in the actions and meetings of the RWY.

With the founding of the Fourth International, and with the tremendous mobilization of workers and youth against unemployment, repression, and war, one decisive task faces the American working class and its youth in the preparation of the revolution. This is the building of a leadership, of the WORKERS PARTY, U.S. section of the Fourth International, against the imperialist parties, the trade union bureaucracy, and all the betrayers of the Fourth International itself. It is this central demand that the Trotskyist Organization and the RWY calls on all workers, youth and militants to support by building the MASS MEETING AT SOLIDARITY HOUSE.

LOCAL 600 MEETING

One week after the Teamsters vote for a national strike endorsement, two weeks after the Sterling

Heights Ford plant went out on strike, and only one week before the MASS MEETING AT SOLIDARITY HOUSE, Mike Rinaldi, president of Local 600 of the powerful River Rouge plant, has called for a "mass membership meeting" on April 4th. Rinaldi is attempting to focus the anger of the workers against the massive layoffs and the daily harassment of militants inside the Rouge into a "protest" against the layoffs planned by Ford in the Dearborn Engine plant in July. If the bureaucrats are allowed to run the show, the layoffs will start tomorrow because the whole strategy of Ford is to break up and disunite the workers at the massive River Rouge plant BEFORE there is any strike. In the face of the upsurge of workers all over the world, in the U.S. as well, Woodcock, Rinaldi, and associates are looking for ways to HEAD OFF an explosion that would tear apart the union bureaucracy, in the first place. This is the real purpose of the April 4th "mass membership meeting."

The Revolutionary Worker Youth, built by Rouge workers, and the Trotskyist Organization/rebuilder of the U.S. section of the Fourth International, are

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MASS MEETING
On the Steps of Solidarity House
8000 E. Jefferson at Van Dyke
SAT-NOON-APRIL 10-DET.
Give and raise a half day's pay!

EDITORIAL

DEMONSTRATE MAY DAY!

For the Right to Adhere to the Fourth International!

Detroit, March 29th -- The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has recently issued a 472-page report entitled: "Trotskyite Terrorist International."

The Ford regime is terrified before the revolutionary mobilization of the working class. It is terrified before the possibility of the unification of the US working class with the workers throughout the world in the independent party of the working class, in opposition to the imperialists, in defense of the revolution in Europe breaking out in Spain, in preparation of the revolution throughout the Americas.

It knows what the reformists, Stalinists and centrists deny -- the independent party of the working class can only be the world party. Thus the objective of this report is clearly to pave the way for the prosecution of working class militants seeking to build the independent party of the working class through uniting with their comrades around the world -- above all the militants fighting to build the Fourth International and the Revolutionary Youth International -- as "Trotskyite Terrorists" violating the Voorhis Act, an act which prohibits the adherence of the workers in the US to the World Party of the Socialist Revolution.

The time has come to finish with the Voorhis Act! The Trotskyist Organization, US Supporter of the Fourth International, fighting to appear openly before the whole working class as the US Section of the Fourth International, proposes

- to all the youth, workers, militants, and organizations of the workers' movement;
 - especially those who claim to stand with a world party, most especially those who claim to stand with the World Party of the Socialist Revolution, the Fourth International;
 - to all intellectuals and true democrats; to join in the mobilization of the forces of the working class to smash this act, for the right to adhere openly to the Fourth International, to any political party whether it claims to adhere to an international or not.
- Demonstrate! May Day! Haymarket and Cadillac Squares! Come to the planning meeting -- open to all who want to wage this fight -- April 17th, 4PM

The US working class has the right to unite with the workers throughout the world in opposition to the US capitalist class, the leader of world imperialism with lackeys throughout the world to impose its murderous will. The US working class has the right to adhere openly to the Fourth International, the World Party of the Socialist Revolution, to any political party whether it claims to adhere to an international or not. The time has come to take a stand to conquer this right.

The response of the US Socialist Workers Party to this abrogation of the political rights of the US working class and the attack of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee must be condemned. Not once in its response to the report ("SWP answers 'terrorist' smear," Militant, 3/12/76) does the US SWP denounce this abrogation of the political rights of the US working class, the Voorhis Act as a counterrevolutionary law aimed at blocking the independent organization and unification of the US workers with the workers throughout the world to overthrow the greatest imperialist power in the world.

Instead it says: "Not me!" -- citing (several times) the Pike Report which characterizes the US SWP as a "legitimate American political party" and a "highly law-abiding group," dedicating nearly a third of the article to further proof that the US SWP has nothing but a fraternal relationship with the Fourth International, in fact, supporting the Voorhis Act as legitimate.

The leadership of the US SWP is much less concerned with the defense and advance of the political rights of the US working class than it is with coddling a middle class audience of unregenerate patriots.

The Trotskyist Organization/US Supporter of the Fourth International calls on the militants of the Young Socialist Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party to join in the mobilization against the Voorhis Act; to condemn the capitulation of the leadership to the US imperialists expressed in the tacit support to the Voorhis Act in the pages of the Militant, to demand its public retraction.

We are convinced that in the course of this struggle that the workingclass militants of the YSA and the SWP will come to see that the "SWP's disassociation with the Fourth International was (INDEED) not merely cosmetic," that it is necessary

to build a proletarian faction in the SWP and join in the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International.

It is one thing to accommodate oneself to the laws of imperialism while fighting to overthrow them. It is another to support them. The first is the method of a proletarian party. The second is the method of a treacherous, class-collaborationist party.

**BUILD THE WORKERS' PARTY!
DOWN WITH THE VOORHIS ACT!
FOR THE RIGHT TO ADHERE OPENLY TO THE
FOURTH INTERNATIONAL! ALL OUT! MAY DAY!**



REPORT: on the Special Conference of the Trotskyist Organization

We are presenting in this issue of TRUTH the document of the Trotskyist Organization preparing the Congress of the Trotskyist Organization Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International, which was adopted by the Special Conference of the Trotskyist Organization, Supporter of the Fourth International, on March 27, 1976. We call upon all workingclass militants and militants of the SWP/YSA to join with us in the fight to prepare this Congress which has as its task the rebuilding of the US section of the Fourth International and the proclaiming of the Revolutionary Workers League USA.

The Special Conference of the TO met on March 27th, following the decision taken by the Special Conference of the TO (convoked by the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International) on March 13th to constitute the US Section of the Fourth International* on the basis of the decision taken by the International Fourth Open Conference on January 30, 1976 to proclaim the Fourth International rebuilt. The Special Conference of the TO, by adopting this document preparing the Congress of the TO, was made aware of the historical meaning of this document and this fight to rebuild the US section of the Fourth International. For the first time in over thirty years the Fourth International, the World Party of the Socialist Revolution founded in 1938 by Leon Trotsky, is now fighting openly, under its own banner, in the United States and is presenting the tasks of the world socialist revolution in front of the entire American working class.

The Special Conference declared that the fight to prepare the American revolution which the Fourth International puts squarely in front of the American working class is only possible on the basis of the struggle of a world party to place itself at the head of the revolution which is beginning today in Europe and throughout the world. It is also only possible on the basis of the gains already made by the vanguard of the US working class, summarized in the acquisitions of the Fourth International in the US made in the last year by the Trotskyist Organization--the founding of the Revolutionary Worker Youth/USA as a mass organization of the working class youth in the bastions of the US proletariat, the mobilization of the American workingclass youth for the founding of the Revolutionary Youth International in Berlin in December and the International Fourth Open Conference this January. It has been the workingclass youth, the fighters of the US working class--in Ford River Rouge in Detroit, Ford Torrence in Chicago and US Steel Southworks which has provided the basis for all the successes of the Fourth International in the US and will provide the basis for the rebuilding of the US section of the Fourth International and the fight to found the Workers Party USA.

This fight to present the Fourth International openly in front of the US working class was also not possible without a fight for political delimitation both inside the workingclass movement in the US and inside the ranks of the TO itself against all those who seek to block the US workers from finding the path to the world revolution, to the world party that they are seeking. There can now be no workingclass militant in the US who can stand outside the fundamental questions presented before them in this text of the TO preparing the Congress of the TO. The Special Conference of the TO adopted a Resolution on Tasks that must concretize this struggle--in the campaign for the regular publication and massive distribution of TRUTH and THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, in the fight to defend the Spanish revolution and organize the General Strike of Auto in the US behind the fight for the International Young Autoworkers Conference, in the fight for the Conference of the Two Americas and the World Workers Conference in Barcelona, Spain, on July 19th and in the fight to forge a proletarian faction of the SWP/YSA for the Congress of the TO.

Workingclass youth, militants of the SWP/YSA--the Fourth International exists and fights in the US and its party is being rebuilt--take up its program and its struggle--join the ranks of the Trotskyist Organization--join the ranks of the world party of the socialist revolution!

*The Trotskyist Organization is fighting to appear openly as the US section of the Fourth International. Affiliation of an American organization to an International is now prohibited by the reactionary Voorhis Act.

Support the Campaign for the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

We are presenting here the financial results of the mobilization of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth/USA for the International Fourth Open Conference which proclaimed the Fourth International to be rebuilt on January 30, 1976. The mobilization for this Conference was able to raise \$2500.44 in less than three weeks to support the delegation of the TO and the RWY, including a militant of the Young Socialist Alliance and a militant from Ford River Rouge in Detroit to the International Fourth Open Conference.

Workers at Ford River Rouge, Detroit--\$73.00
Cells of the TO at River Rouge--\$320
American Motors in Milwaukee--\$14.00
Cells of the TO at Ford Torrence, Chicago and RWY Circle--\$240
Cells of the TO at US Steel Southworks and RWY Circle--\$305
Secretariat of the TO--\$1548.44

These results are a concrete reflection of the support for the forces of the Fourth International and the Revolutionary Youth International in the US, a support that could not have been gained without the mobilization of the workingclass youth in the bastions of the proletariat in the US. We have already proven that this support exists and that our goals are possible. Now this mobilization must continue and deepen. We call upon all those who have supported us in the past and all those who are just joining our fight to support and contribute massively to our CAMPAIGN for the month of April--\$1000 TO SUPPORT THE PUBLICATION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL--ITS SIMULTANEOUS BIWEEKLY PUBLICATION IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH AND THE FIRST EDITION OF THE RUSSIAN BULLETIN OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ON APRIL 18th! \$1500 TO SUPPORT AND BUILD THE DELEGATION OF THE RWY TO THE INTERNATIONAL YOUNG AUTO WORKERS CONFERENCE IN PARIS. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, THE REGULAR PUBLICATION OF TRUTH, AND YOUNG GUARD USA. GIVE MASSIVELY--SEND YOUR PLEDGES, CHECKS, SET GOALS IN EVERY FACTORY, IN EVERY DEPARTMENT--SUBSCRIBE TO FOURTH INTERNATIONAL AND TRUTH! (make checks payable to TRUTH c/o P.O. Box 07066, Detroit, Michigan 48207)



Trotskyist Organization SALUTES the PORTUGUESE SECTION!

By Ann Russell

TRUTH salutes the printing of the first issue, in February, of LA CLARIDADE, newspaper of the Portuguese section of the Fourth International, founded on March 21, 1976. The Fourth International has concentrated its forces internationally on the defense of the revolution which has broken out on the Iberian peninsula, called to end the isolation of the Portuguese proletariat by uniting with the Spanish working class and has fought for the building of the leadership capable of finishing with the whole European bourgeoisie for the United Socialist States of Europe.

It has been the tremendous strength of the Portuguese working class in their desire to claim the fall of Salazar as their own and begin the socialist revolution that has prevented the victory of fascism. But they will not be able to stave off fascism indefinitely or through will alone. The key to the victory of the Portuguese revolution is the resolving of the crisis of leadership of the working class. The founding of the Portuguese section of the Fourth International is the fruit of the work of the whole International to this end.

PORTUGAL

The Portuguese revolution has reached a critical point. The false "workers leaders" of the Communist Party, (CP), and Socialist Party, (SP), have attempted over and over to form governments with the bourgeoisie to allow the counterrevolution the time to gather its forces in order to completely crush the workers. The most recent attempt to form the popular front is an agreement between the CP, SP, and the military, MFA. In March the Socialist Party of Portugal held a conference of all the SP leaders in Europe in order to take up the "problems of economic reconstruction" in Portugal. The Communist Party complained that this was "outside interference" in the affairs of Portugal. Neither party even pretends to lead the revolution, on the contrary both march under the banner of "democracy" and make their treacherous pacts. The military is beginning to discuss the necessity of a volunteer army in order to keep militants out while they prepare the fascist coup.

THE TASKS OF THE AMERICAN PROLETARIAT

For the Trotskyist Organization, rebuilding the US section of the Fourth International, the support of the Portuguese revolution and the building of its party is not separate from the fight to prepare the American revolution. We counterpose this fight to those who wish to "support" the Portuguese revolution with messages of "solidarity" but never with action. For the American working class, the Portuguese Revolution and the launching of the European Revolution would indicate a shift in the balance of world forces in favor of the proletariat, posing directly the revolutionary unification of the Americas.

The TO, along with the Revolutionary Worker Youth, has been organizing in the factories among the young workers for the defense of the Spanish and Portuguese working class. Portugal has asked for US aid. The US government is the organizer and com-

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the layoffs, higher wages to meet higher prices, decent working conditions, democratic rights in the factories, in the trade unions, for the trade unions.

The only possibility for the Ford regime is to attempt to divide and crush the working class movement. This is why Kissinger issued a call to the American people to unite with "their" government in opposition to the peoples in the rest of the world at the same time as he issued an ultimatum to the European capitalists to get tough with the workers, to quit negotiating with the so-called Communist parties, and organize a head-on attack against the working class. The bureaucracy in the USSR was informed that if it didn't fully support this and with great rapidity and direct the "Communist" Parties that it controls to do the same, that the US imperialists would simply invade Cuba and overthrow Castro.

It's precisely in order to centralize this struggle in opposition to the capitalist class that the Trotskyist Organization, with the Revolutionary Worker Youth and the support of the young workers at the Rouge is fighting to:

1. Build the workers' party; stop all support to the imperialist "Democratic" and "Republican" parties, all their politicians and all their lackeys in the trade unions;
2. Unite the working class in defense of the



plete supporter of the repression in Spain which is now murdering and imprisoning workers daily. The trade union bureaucracy is whipping up the American workers sentiment for the "buy America" campaign, particularly in auto, in order to place the blame for the thousands of layoffs on the working class of Europe in order to shift it from falling on their shoulders. American workers, youth, in the fight, the strikes against the layoffs, against rising prices and repression in the streets and the plants, we must take up the support and defense of the Portuguese revolution which is threatened. The repression in Spain and Portugal is the same repression as here.

THE MISLEADERS OF THE SWP

In stark contrast to the policies of the Trotskyist Organization and the Fourth International, the Socialist Workers party, which claims the banner of the Fourth International, conducts a policy of betrayal in Portugal which parallels the policy they carry out in the United States. The "United Secretariat" which the SWP supports has two groups in Portugal. The LCI supported by the Mandel wing, and the PRT supported by the Hansen wing of the American SWP. In the face of the coming revolution: two parties and two policies. And what else do they propose? Discussion. Mandel said recently to his comrades in Lisbon that the building of the party in Portugal was a "question of years".

In Portugal the SWP has thrown its support to the Socialist Party of Soares, main prop of the current reactionary sixth government of Azevedo whose goal is to "restore discipline". In the December 29 issue of INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS, of the Hansen wing, an article signed by Gerry Foley states: "But at the decisive moment it (the SP) led the masses in defending their rights and their right to decide what kind of

government they wanted..." and "the SP mobilized masses of people in defense of democratic rights." This is the key to the SWP's policy for Portugal. The shameless lie they want the Portuguese working class to believe is the necessity of a "democratic stage" in Portugal, where in fact they are defending bourgeois "democracy" against the revolution.

BUILD THE PORTUGUESE SECTION

The Portuguese Section has already begun to grow and gain adherents in the young workers. The conditions exist there for winning the workers who have turned away from Cunhal (of the Portuguese Communist Party) and Soares and to build rapidly the Portuguese section of the Fourth International. The section will succeed in this task through the fighting for a congress of the workers commissions, in order to centralize them as the power of the workers, opposed to the power of the bourgeoisie and its army. Through fighting to arm the working class under the direction of the workers councils, to defend the gains of the revolution against the attacks of the reactionary Sixth government. The condition of success consists in directing the Portuguese section towards the masses in action and seeking above all the support of the working class youth in the construction of the party. On the eve of massive strikes in the US American workers must claim for their own the Portuguese revolution and its lessons and fight to build their party independent of all the traitors: the US section of the Fourth International.

DEFEND THE THREATENED PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION!

SUPPORT THE SPANISH WORKING CLASS AGAINST REPRESSION!

Spanish Revolution; stop all order to the fascist King of Spain; free the imprisoned militants of the Spanish Section of the Fourth International;

3. Unite the working class in the fight for the sliding scale of working hours; the sliding scale of wages; in defense of the right to strike; against unemployment, high prices, and the government attack on the rights of workers;

4. Unite the autoworkers, rubberworkers, Teamsters in a general strike, assemble all the workers, oust the bureaucrats, elect the strike committees, transform the unions into organs of the masses.

The determination of all the militants and young workers who have supported this call to pursue this struggle is decisive for its outcome. It is in the fight to organize meetings of the workers in the departments in the plants, in the union locals, to take a stand on these question, to send delegates to, and unite in the mobilization and organization for the Mass Meeting at the Steps of Solidarity House and the International Young Autoworkers Conference, that it is both possible and necessary to build the party and the Revolutionary Worker Youth, the mass independent organization of the youth for the party.

Of particular importance is the struggle to win the workers at the meeting called by the bureaucrats of UAW Local #600 (April 4th, 2 PM, 10550 Dix, Dearborn, Mi.) in order to head off this struggle. The

youth must take the leadership of the trade unions. Victory in the struggle to take over this meeting, take it out of the hands of the bureaucrats, turn it into a general assembly of the workers to formulate their demands, take a strike vote, elect a strike committee and plan the further mobilization for the Mass Meeting at the Steps of Solidarity House and the International Young Autoworkers Conference, will mark a turning point in the struggle to build the workers' party, unleash the general strike, and establish a workers' government.

Equally important is the fight to win the militants who have turned to the US Socialist Workers Party, thinking that it continues the struggle of the Fourth International to build the workers' party, through organizing delegations to their meetings and campaign rallies to win their united participation. All the militants who are for this struggle must be united in the same party.

This is the objective of the Trotskyist Organization in the fight for the Congress of the Trotskyist Organization Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International. There is no other party waging this fight!

ALL OUT FOR THE MASS MEETING!
JOIN THE TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION!
BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH!
SUPPORT FOURTH INTERNATIONAL! TRUTH!
SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

FREE THE IMPRISONED MILITANTS OF THE PORE!

Political prisoners belonging to the Partido Obrero Revolucionario de Espana (Revolutionary Workers Party of Spain/PORE), the Spanish section of the Fourth International, have been brought to trial in Madrid before the Francoist tribunals. Many of these militants have been freed from the prison of Juan Carlos while some, including Luis Mainer, were sentenced for years of imprisonment. The Fourth International calls upon all worker militants, the youth, those sincerely devoted to democratic rights, all their organizations, to strike a blow against Francoist reaction by freeing these political prisoners.

In Spain today the working class offensive deepens each day. Hundreds of thousands of workers are on strike at any one time, national minorities demonstrate for self-determination, the whole laboring population are readying themselves for an all-out assault on capitalism.

In this situation the regime strikes back in terror, with the viciousness of a cornered rat. Early in March, three workers were shot down in Vitoria in Euzkadi (the Basque country). That was responded to by a general strike. To date, more than seven workers have been killed in demonstrations and strikes against the fascist monarchy of Juan Carlos. The Spanish workers have been growing more and more combative, throwing up barricades against the police in the streets, building mass assemblies to elect strike committees as independent organs of the working class. The regime is forced to deepen its repression, and this repression is not directed at the mass in general but precisely at the leading elements, at the head of the mass movement that the bourgeoisie fears. And above all, it fears the PORE which is going to lead the revolution. The Spanish bourgeois newspapers have been forced to admit that the P.O.R.E. represents the most powerful force in the Spanish working class next to the Spanish Communist Party. But these articles, reprinted in the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, central organ of the Fourth International, only represent the tip of the iceberg of the fear of the Juan Carlos regime for the Fourth International and its Spanish section.

That is why the prisoners of the PORE brought to trial first--in order to frighten the workers movement, in order to do away with the militants before it is too late, in order to behead the movement. The regime is so eager to strike at the PORE that it brought the cases of its militants to trial out of the prescribed sequence. Militants of the PORE who are in other



January 14, demonstration in Barcelona of SEAT and bank workers. In the first ranks one can recognize certain leaders of the PORE.

countries are being tried in absentia in order to prevent their return to Spain, in order to place them in jeopardy in their country of exile.

This is the reality of the "liberalization" that the bourgeoisie says is going on and which the centrist groups mindlessly echo. The only "liberalization" which Juan Carlos is bringing to Spain is for the police, who now have greater freedom to shoot down workers.

The centrist French OCI calls for the "Republic" in Spain, the ultimate delusion about "liberalization." It eagerly supports and tries to push forward the POUM which, in the Spanish Revolution and Civil War, pursued a policy that Trotsky summed up in one word: "treachery."

The centrist American Socialist Workers party has nothing to say about the critical struggle in Spain. After starting off with an article which posed the questions: "After France, What?" with a truly burning passivity, the SWP is now writing

chatty little news articles on Spain, as though what was involved was "current events" instead of the beginning of a revolution.

Naturally, in their conscious avoidance of the real struggle and its significance, these centrist groupings and others totally ignore the question of the political prisoners. They are not interested in fighting the beheading of the revolution because they are not interested in fighting for the revolution. So, no political prisoners, least of all those of the PORE, those of the Fourth International that they hate and fear, arouse their interest.

The Fourth International, at its Fourth World Congress, issued an appeal for an international campaign in defense of its militants in prison and of all the political prisoners. The methods for this campaign include, first of all, the organization of the boycott of Francoist Spain, enforcing and organizing this boycott through the solidarity strike.

The mass Meeting at Solidarity House being organized by the Revolutionary Worker Youth, (RWY) with the Trotskyist Organization will take up as one of its central demands to UNITE TO DEFEND THE SPANISH REVOLUTION, and to FREE LUIS MAINER militant of the P.O.R.E. All those who claim to stand for the world party, for proletarian internationalism, all those who want to fight to bring down the Juan Carlos regime and his support in the White House, the regime of repression and war which supports him in the United States must build this mass meeting as well as all the actions of the Revolutionary Youth International and its U.S. supporter the RWY, and of the Fourth International.

A particular focus of these actions must be the visit of Juan Carlos himself to the United States -- now planned for June 2 and 3. This visit is intended to gain the full support of American imperialism for the Francoist regime, in particular to assure the ratification of a formal defense treaty to replace the informal Madrid Pact. That means a formal decision by the US to intervene militarily against the growing Spanish Revolution. This must be prevented. Actions must be organized for this visit, beginning now with the mass meeting.

The campaign to free the political prisoners, is a campaign to directly strike a blow against the ability of Francoism and world reaction to prevent the outbreak of the Spanish Revolution, the key to the European and world revolutions. The campaign, organized through the boycott and the strike, organized through the campaign against the new treaty, mean a real contribution to the victory of the Spanish Revolution and the practical preparation of its extension throughout Europe and into the Americas.

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sending delegations to the April 4th meeting to turn this show of the bureaucrats into an assembly of the workers. We propose the meeting take up the following points: 1) Expel the bureaucrats from the room for their collusion with Ford, 2) ELECT STRIKE COMMITTEES FOR AN IMMEDIATE STRIKE OF AUTO linking up the strikes of auto workers, teamsters, city workers into a GENERAL STRIKE to bring down the Ford regime. Formulate the central demands of the workers, first among them the fight against unemployment for the SLIDING SCALE OF WORKING HOURS, RECALL ALL THE WORKERS 4) Build the MASS MEETING AT SOLIDARITY HOUSE against the bureaucrats and in SUPPORT OF THE WORKERS OF SPAIN IN THEIR REVOLUTION AGAINST THE FASCIST MONARCHY.

Rinaldi, however, Woodcock's man in local 600, makes no attempt to answer the young militants in the auto plants who are thoroughly disgusted with the leadership of the UAW. Rinaldi follows the strategy of Woodcock, Meany, Fitzsimmons and others, in appealing to the "patriotic" sentiments of the workers and, of course, of Henry Ford II, himself. Rinaldi writes in FORD FACTS, the Local 600 newspaper, "...200 years after our forefathers put their lives on the line for freedom and 35 years after we as Ford Rouge workers put our lives on the line for democracy and our backs to the machines in the Rouge plant for freedom..." Obviously, Rinaldi isn't speaking to the young workers in auto who fought in Vietnam by fragging their "patriotic" officers. Nor to the youth who were out in the streets against the war and the great system which BELONGS to Henry Ford II, the same system which gave rise to the great heroes (?) of the workers, Nixon and Ford. Really, Rinaldi's article is written to SUPPORT Ford and the capitalist system, and to the most backward workers and the bureaucrats at River Rouge. Those whose battle cry is still "America, love it or leave it," -- even if the tremendous mobilization of the working class has forced them to keep it to themselves lately.

More than anything else, the regime of Gerald Ford and the bureaucrats of the UAW who support him, wish to isolate American workers against the revolutions breaking out in Europe, especially in Spain today. This is why the bureaucracy raises the cry for Patriotism. It is not just the power and anger of workers at the Rouge that Rinaldi is being forced to respond to, but the POWER OF WORKERS AND YOUTH IN SPAIN, PORTUGAL, FRANCE, AFRICA, AND LATIN AMERICA -- MILITANTS OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL AND THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL, AND FIGHTERS IN THE STREETS AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT REPRESSION, AND WAR. This is precisely the message that has been delivered to the bureaucrats by the actions of the Revolutionary Youth International.

It is no accident that Rinaldi, above a picture with the caption "Buy an American made car," writes in FORD FACTS, "...how can we continue to feel a part of a multi-billion dollar corporation that we helped to build when Henry Ford II sports his new look with a grandfatherly beard advertising the import of a new mini-car from Spain." (our emphasis.) In truth, only Rinaldi and Woodcock feel a part of the Ford corporation.

While Henry Ford II reaps super-profits from the Spanish workers who produce his car and while Gerald Ford funnels millions of dollars into the support of the regime of Juan Carlos which murders workers for demonstrating. Who tries to turn American workers against their brothers and sisters in Spain FIGHTING FOR THE SAME BASIC DEMANDS AND AGAINST THE SAME COMPANIES, AND THE SAME IMPERIALIST GOVERNMENT THAT SUPPORTS JUAN CARLOS!

If there is one central lesson that the experiences of the working class with the traitors like Rinaldi drive home, it is of the necessity of building and uniting a world-wide leadership of the working class -- the World Party of Socialist Revolution. The vote of auto workers in Southgate, California in February to shut down a GM plant points out this necessity.

In response to the company which had plans to close down the entire plant permanently, more than a hundred workers who attended the union meeting on the day after this announcement voted to OCCUPY the plant, unanimously. Even the bureaucrats on the union's executive board were forced to vote for the motion. But then they attempted to turn the meeting into confusion claiming that the decision was illegal, against the contract etc., etc. As a result, another vote was called and this time the vote, although it passed, was not unanimous. Then the Executive board tried to pass a motion giving it the POWER TO PICK THE OCCUPATION COMMITTEE. The final decision, after the unanimous vote to occupy the plant, was eventually postponed to the next membership meeting a month later. Militants of a Combat party would have fought to the end in that assembly to elect an occupation committee and begin the strike immediately.

This is the same type of battle, on a smaller scale, that the workers of Spain are waging today in the Workers Commissions, the factory assemblies, and the strike committees. The Spanish section of the FI, the Partido Obrero Revolucionario, is steeling itself and growing in these confrontations with the class collaborators. So, too, the Trotskyist Organization, US Supporters of the Fourth International, calls on the workers and militants and youth in the U.S. to join in the building of the WORKERS PARTY. We call on the Rouge workers to fight for the proposals of the Trotskyist Organization to the April 4th meeting, and to build with the Revolutionary Worker Youth the MASS MEETING AT SOLIDARITY HOUSE for the Workers Party, for the General Strike, to unite to support the Spanish Revolution.

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