



The Enemy is in the White House!

A YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST WAR AND REPRESSION!



Capitalism cannot survive without war and repression. "The Republicans get us into depressions, the Democrats get us into war," is a common statement.

They are always called "wars to defend democracy," for the "free world" against "communist aggression."

You know better than that. That these imperialist wars are wars of mass destruction to drive back civilization so they can "rebuild" on the basis of destruction. Wars against all the conquests of the working class, including their socialist conquests.

And-- THE ENEMY IS IN THE WHITE HOUSE! It is not Soviet or Cuban "aggression" that is the chief danger to American workers or workers around the world-- it is US IMPERIALISM. The policeman of the world.

A new turn has been taken in US imperialism's preparations for war. Not because of any Soviet or Cuban "buildup" in Africa or Europe. But because of the desperation of the US bourgeoisie in face of the growing upsurge of the working class throughout the world, including in the US.

An upsurge which the international Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin is UNABLE TO CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE.

This is why the Soviets and Cubans are being accused of "violating the code of detente."

For not keeping the workers in line.

Thus, the plans for war. In Africa. The largest military budget in history--130 BILLION DOLLARS. More money for NATO. The announcement that the Defense Department is "re-emphasizing" chemical warfare-- increasing their spending from \$17 million to \$60 million next year!

Preparations in the US Senate for a return to the draft army.

And on June 7th, in a speech to the Naval Academy, Carter ordered the leadership of the Soviet Union to "choose between confrontation and cooperation" and that the US "was adequately prepared to meet either choice." And in the lying name of "human rights" Carter went on to brag about the "economic and social superiority" of US imperialism.

Superiority for the rich and powerful but misery for the poor and working people.

American youth-- young workers, students, unemployed-- you will be the first to lose in this deadly "game" of the imperialists. Not just by having to fight and die in the next war. But by losing your future to the mass suicide of mankind being planned by these old and corrupt leaders.

GIVE THE YOUTH A FUTURE--
GIVE THE WORLD A FUTURE.

Only the world socialist revolution, only by the masses of working and oppressed people taking power from the hands of these mass murderers can we insure a future for the youth and for humanity. This is what the Trotskyist Organization of the US is fighting for today.

Ten years ago, in the summer of 1968, thousands of youth marched and fought in the streets of Chicago. In their confrontation with the Chicago police, shown on TV throughout the country and the world, the corrupt regime of US imperialism was exposed. The youth showed their contempt for this system and its wars.

Now is the time to take to the streets again, this time by being more organized, more powerful and more conscious that only the mobilization of the American working class youth against this system of unemployment, repression and war can save a future for humanity.

AGAINST WAR!

1. IMPERIALISM OUT OF AFRICA!
2. UNCONDITIONAL DEFENSE OF ALL OPPRESSED AND COLONIAL NATIONS AGAINST US IMPERIALISM!
3. NOT ONE PENNY FOR MILI-

TARY SPENDING!
Convert the military budget into a massive program of public works!

4. MILITARY TRAINING OF YOUTH UNDER THE CONTROL OF TRADE UNIONS, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.

AGAINST REPRESSION!

1. STOP ALL ANTI-WORKING CLASS LEGISLATION!
Down with the S. 1437 Bill!

2. END THE PLANT-ation SYSTEM IN THE FACTORIES!
Full rights for new hires, unconditional right to strike, a sliding scale of working hours to provide jobs for the youth.

3. WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS
Organized by the youth and the unions against the police and their fascist goons.

4. FREE ALL VICTIMS OF POLITICAL REPRESSION.
The Wilmington Ten, Gary Tyler, Travis Morales and his comrades in Houston, Political Asylum for Hector Marroquin.

5. FULL RIGHTS FOR THE YOUTH AND WORKING CLASS PARTIES!

FOR A YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST
AGAINST WAR AND REPRESSION!

At its Third Congress which just met in Paris, the Revolutionary Youth International, an organization of youth fighting throughout the world to build the Fourth International, launched a fight for a vast alliance of all fighting youth and their organizations in order to join together against the TERRORIST STATE and to defend all youth in the face of capitalist and Stalinist repression.

We totally support this fight and the Trotskyist Organization calls on all young workers and all organizations of the youth to join with the Revolutionary Young Workers USA in building this fight in the US, in building a large, open and united YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST REPRESSION AND WAR, Against the #1 Terrorist of the World-- US imperialism.

We are ready to work together with any young fighter of the working class, any victim of capitalist repression, any organization of the youth, in a common fight against WAR and REPRESSION.

Carter and the imperialists are now complaining that the "ghosts of Vietnam" are tying their hands in their preparations for war.

The mobilization against the Vietnam War was nothing compared to what Carter and the bourgeoisie will be seeing in the coming months.

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"The American workers will not stop at reformism, except perhaps to tip their hats to it."

By JON COHEN

"A long period of confusion in the Comintern led many people to forget a very simple but absolutely IRREVOCABLE principle: that a Marxist, a proletarian revolutionist, cannot present himself before the working class with two banners. He cannot say at a workers meeting: 'I have a ticket for a first-class party and another, cheaper ticket for the backward workers.' If I am a Communist, I must fight for the Communist Party."

(TROTSKY ON THE LABOR PARTY, May 19, 1932)

What kind of party does the American working class need?

Most workers would say right away that when it comes to building a political party of the working class we had better go FIRST CLASS. Why settle for a cheaper ticket when it concerns the most important question in front of the American working class?

But maybe Trotsky wasn't talking about the United States. Maybe the American working class isn't ready to go first class?

After all, since the Russian Revolution in 1917 which placed the seizure of power by the working class and the construction of revolutionary International on the order of the day the American working class has never succeeded in constructing its own mass party.

In Europe the workers built their own mass Communist and Socialist Socialist parties. Even in England they built a Labor Party. Though these parties have since betrayed them, at least one can say the workers have gotten some "experience", now they know what a first class party really is.

But in the US it can be observed that the masses of American workers have never decisively broken from the bourgeois parties, above all the Democrats. Today the masses of workers either passively accept the Democratic Party or don't vote at all and are hostile to all parties.

Now that your immediate enthusiasm for a first class party is dampened, perhaps you're ready to say: "Well, maybe the working class must first settle for a cheaper party -- not the Democrats, but not a revolutionary party either. Something in-between."

"And didn't Trotsky think the same thing? Doesn't THE MILITANT, the paper of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) always quote Trotsky calling for a "labor party", not a revolutionary party? Isn't this their central strategy for the working class today?"

We don't think so. We think you're right to want a first class party. And we affirm, against the pseudo-revolutionaries of the SWP leadership that the fight for a revolutionary party remains an

IRREVOCABLE principle of Marxism and that any revolutionary who tries to sell you a cheaper party is an unprincipled opportunist, having nothing in common with Lenin, Trotsky, or the SWP that Trotsky knew.

Sectarian? No -- it has only been a "long period of confusion" not only in the Comintern (the former Stalinist International) but also among the pseudo-revolutionaries who have stolen the name of the Fourth International that has placed this IRREVOCABLE principle in question in the American workers movement -- which has put forward the strategy of a reformist, national "labor party" as a trap for the working class.

Both Lenin and Trotsky proposed the use of the TACTIC of the labor party slogan at various times in the American working class movement. Lenin, in his first meeting with American Communists in 1918. Trotsky, in 1938, after being opposed to the use of the slogan previously.

But what did they mean by this TACTIC? Above all it was a means to introduce the REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAM AND PARTY into the mass movement of the American working class, to win the majority of workers to the revolutionary party through a living intervention in their movement and a TACTICAL adaptation to it. To explain the revolutionary party in an understandable form to the masses of workers.

And to fight tendencies among early revolutionaries to be SECTARIAN, to abstain from the mass movement of the working class and to thus avoid the fight against the trade union bureaucracy.

This aspect is clear when one reads the first conversations of Trotsky with American Trotskyists in which Trotsky first proposes the labor party slogan. The Americans begin by telling Trotsky about the movement for a labor party WHICH HAD ALREADY BEGUN and asked for his opinion. CONCRETELY, Trotsky responded to the opinion of the Americans expressed by James P. Cannon; who said:

"In principle, it appears that we should condemn the whole movement and stand aside, but this is not a very fruitful policy." It was in RESPONSE to this con-

fusion and lack of clear policy that Trotsky responded:

"I believe our policy need not be theoretically revised, but it needs to be CONCRETIZED. (our emphasis). We are for a party, for an independent party of the toiling masses that will take power in the state. We must concretize it -- we are for the creation of factory committees, for workers control of industry, through the factory committees... That is why we must now connect the idea of the labor party with the consequences -- otherwise we will appear only as pacifists with democratic illusions." (Mexico City, April 1938)

It is crystal clear what Trotsky meant -- not a change in policy, but another way to EXPLAIN the revolutionary party and program to the working class, a way to build a party to lead the working class to power.

Which has nothing to do with the "labor party" proposed by the pseudo-revolutionaries of the SWP today. It has become a trap, a confusion, designed to mislead and confuse the revolutionary youth in this country, to cut them off from the real history of our party in the US. And to try to lend Trotsky's name to a policy of support for the trade union bureaucracy.

"Pacifists"? How many times has the SWP opposed the call for workers defense guards to protect black youth and instead call for federal troops? "Democratic illusions?" Such a phrase never appears in the propaganda of the SWP today. How many times have they called for a "labor party to stand up and fight in Congress" or a "Bill of Rights for Working People"?

How many times has this "labor party" been identified, not with the revolutionary youth or fighting workers, but with rotten, treacherous bureaucrats like Harry Patrick and Ed Sadlowski?

Andy Rose, in the June 2, 1978 issue of THE MILITANT writes, in response to a militant who opposes their centrist "labor party": "It is far more likely that a labor party would be the arena for contending forces -- union bureaucrats, Stalinists and revolutionary socialists -- under circumstances favorable to the growth of a revolutionary left wing."

Bureaucrats, Stalinists and centrists hand in hand. A first class party? No -- a SWAMP with all the misleaders working together to disorganize and betray the working class. And the Program for this party? Rose "forgets" to say.

"We can't force other workers to accept our ideas," this professional confusionist complains.

As if telling the workers the truth, fighting clearly and openly for a revolutionary policy means "force."

What about the real PHYSICAL force and the ideas that everyday the bourgeoisie, the Stalinists and the bureaucrats try to make the workers accept? What a cowardly excuse for the fact that Rose has NO ideas independent from what the bourgeoisie, Stalinists and bureaucrats can do better.

He shows even more disdain for the working class when he goes on to say: "Workers have to learn for themselves that capitalism -- and pro-capitalism misleaders in the labor movement -- offer no solutions."

Why don't we all just pack up and go home? Wait for the workers to be crushed and then come back and pick up the pieces. But this is just miserable centrism.

By themselves the workers will learn nothing but betrayal which they have been learning day after day after day in the factories, schools and streets, leading to demoralization, cynicism and confusion.

This is the essence of their "labor party." Second rate. A prostration before the bureaucrats and the Democratic Party. Since "we can't force other workers to accept our ideas" then give the workers a "labor party" where the Stalinists and bureaucrats will teach the workers a real "lesson."

All of this reflects the cynicism of the petty bourgeoisie about the revolutionary potential of the American working class. It is also a way of hiding the real situation in front of the workers.

The real situation is that the majority of militant young workers are no longer looking to the Democratic Party or the bureaucrats for ANYTHING. Least of all to "learn."

This is not to say that there are no illusions, that workers aren't confused or that they are spontaneously revolutionary. But the most important thing is that they are searching, for a NEW LEADERSHIP, a NEW PROGRAM to organize their struggle and and that the only program and leadership which can resolve their problems is that of the Fourth International.

This is not a matter of self-proclamation. The Fourth International is still relatively small in the US today. It must be rebuilt, above all by unmasking the pseudo-revolutionary SWP in front of the working class.

But we base ourselves on the revolutionary dynamic and potential of the American working class, seen as well by Lenin and Trotsky and by the first American

Trotskyists. That the very "backwardness" of the American working class, its lack of "experience" with its own reformist party can turn into its opposite.

When the working class moves in a massive fashion it will move with explosiveness. When it begins to build its party en masse it will go all the way -- by building a party that will organize and prepare the seizure of power based on factory committees and workers councils.

And it is not "sectarian" for us to believe that we are a thousand times closer to the real revolutionary workers in the US -- the young generation of the proletariat -- than to any of the so-called "experienced cadre" of the workers movement, the left bureaucrats, the miserable liberal Democrats, the hack leaders of the NAACP and NOW -- and it is this which gives us confidence in our party. We are a thousand times closer to this young generation of the proletariat than the leadership of the SWP.

Yes, we are willing to discuss "tactics." But in order to discuss how to side with the young workers against the bureaucrats -- this is the basis for any discussion of "tactics" in the workers movement today. Let's choose sides before we discuss "tactics."

Siding with the young generation of the working class is not sectarian, nor does it mean self-proclamation. But this is how a first class party -- the WORKERS PARTY, as the US Section of the Fourth International will be built -- by orienting our strategy and tactics in an open and clear fashion to the revolutionary dynamic of the working class and by winning, through the construction of the REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL in the US, the revolutionary working class youth.

In 1946 James P. Cannon, the founder of our movement in the US wrote this in his "Report on the Coming American Revolution":

"The American workers will learn politics as they learned trade unionism -- from an abridged dictionary. They will take the road of independent political action with hurricane speed and power. That will be a great date for the future of humanity, for the American workers will not stop at reformism except perhaps to tip their hats to it. Once fairly started they will go the whole way."

This is the revolutionary perspective we stand on today.

And you're right -- the American working class needs a first class party.

June 8, 1978

Harper - Grace Hospitals

"It's not a strike — it's a cause."

WE CAN WIN!

To my brothers and sisters at Harper-Grace --

Last week we voted unanimously to go on strike on June 12th against the administration of Harper-Grace hospitals in Detroit. Out of 1,800 workers in our Local, 1,100 workers attended the membership meetings and are solid behind the strike.

We can win this strike! The newspapers and bureaucrats are saying that this strike is over "contract language." What a lie!

As every hospital WORKER knows, this strike is over our very right to LIVE and to be treated like human beings. Everyone all over the hospital is saying, "this is not a strike, it's a cause."

No, 1,100 workers did not vote to strike over "contract language." We voted to strike to END this PLANT-ation system at Harper-Grace. They say slavery was abolished over 100 years ago. But look a little closer.

While Harper-Grace makes millions, the AVERAGE wage of our union is \$4.16 an hour! Porters make \$3.89. THESE ARE SLAVE WAGES!

We voted to strike to end the speed-up and the harassment. We voted to strike to WIN BACK and PROTECT our union. Enough of these bureaucrats who have strangled our union, alienated the workers, kept us misinformed and disorganized. Who have let the administration HIRE SCABS! to break our union and our strike.

Who are now refusing to call a membership meeting to plan our strike.

But how can we win? Vorkapich, "assistant" to the President of Local 79 told me the other day over the phone, "Don't worry we've got everything organized." Does anyone believe this? With four-foot tall HELP WANTED signs in front of Harper and Grace?

This is the first strike for a lot of you. You want to fight but don't think we have the power or think you don't "know" enough.

Brothers and sisters-- we have the power. And all we need to "know" is that we are going to fight until we win.

We can win by trusting our own power and our own power alone. By being ORGANIZED.

That's why our first step in organizing a winning strike must be to organize and elect a STRIKE COMMITTEE. Led not by the bureaucrats, but by the Harper-Grace workers in mass meetings in which we can discuss the strike, organize our demands and elect, in a democratic way, a leadership to build a winning strike.

A STRIKE COMMITTEE to organize MASS picketing. To make signs and organize our slogans.

A STRIKE COMMITTEE to reach other workers at Harper-Grace-- the nurses, the technicians, the doctors and even administrators to convince them to support the strike.

A STRIKE COMMITTEE to go to other unions in Detroit to

convince them to honor our picket lines.

A STRIKE COMMITTEE to organize the protection of our pickets from the police.

A STRIKE COMMITTEE to speak to the rest of Detroit. The administration, the radio, TV and newspapers will all make hysterical propaganda about how we are hurting the "public." We must fight back and make clear to the workers and poor people in Detroit that we have no intention of ENDANGERING A SINGLE LIFE with our strike.

A STRIKE COMMITTEE to report daily to the membership, to be subject to immediate recall if the majority desires.

By organizing our OWN POWER we can win! And what do I think are the most important demands that we must fight for?

1. AN IMMEDIATE \$1.00 AN HOUR WAGE INCREASE. FULL COST-OF-LIVING-- wages to rise in exact accordance with prices. A living wage!

2. THE RIGHT TO STRIKE-- over working conditions, health and safety, over harassment and repression. Over any attacks on our union rights.

In order to win these demands we cannot stand alone. All workers in Detroit must be mobilized to support our strike as part of their own fight. That's why I am proposing that during the strike we organize a MASS DEMONSTRATION of the AFL-CIO, the UAW, all non-union workers and unemployed in Kennedy Square;

AGAINST HIGH PRICES!-- for a sliding scale of wages.
AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT-- for a sliding scale of working hours.

NO TO THE ANTI-WORKER COURTS AND THEIR INJUNCTIONS! Federal Mediators Out of the Strike!

With this kind of fight we can win our strike. We can make it more than a strike; a cause, part of our fight for a better world.

And this is why I, not only as a Harper-Grace worker, but as a member of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Young Workers who are fighting to build a mass alliance of all youth and their organizations against war and repression, think that this strike can be a spark to ignite all the young workers in Detroit and am confident that we will win.

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June 9, 1978



STOP CARTER - FRASER PLOT AGAINST OUR UNIONS

By FRED VITALE

"Four decade battle over unions rages again in Senate" announces the DETROIT FREE PRESS. George Meany, head of the AFL-CIO tells us that "the fight over the Labor Reform Act is the biggest battle for labor in 30 years."

Labor bureaucrats have organized rallies around the country with testimonials from workers fired for trying to organize a union -- JP Stevens, Monroe Shock Absorbers, the Farmworkers etc. They, along with their Stalinist supporters in the Communist Party/USA, say that it will loosen the chains preventing workers from organizing new unions.

At the same time, "big business" senators, we're told, are planning to talk the bill to death in the Senate. Jimmy Carter supports it.

What's so important about this bill, you might ask? What is it? Where should the workers stand on it?

This bill comes at the time of the LOWEST union membership in many years, down to less than 20% of the workers. The growing weakness of the unions is one of the most important reasons why the workers are suffering such high inflation, unemployment, why the youth suffer such severe repression. In a word, the weakness of the workers' only MASS organizations strengthens the capitalists' powers of exploitation.

This bill will do NOTHING to stop this decline. In fact, the opposite. It will WEAKEN the unions, all workers independent actions and organizations.

First, it strengthens the government power over the unions. Specifically, it strengthens the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). This government agency was created to CHANNEL the revolutionary movement of the masses of industrial workers which created the United Auto Workers (UAW) and the other unions. It was created to prevent that movement from going any further; to help in placing the present traitorous bureaucracy in power. Also, this bill INCREASES the already severe penalties against wildcat strikes. One Illinois Representative motivated support for the law saying, "it will stop these wildcats in the coalfields."

This law then is part of the attempt by this terrorist government to increase its control over the workers organizations, to eventually crush them completely.

And decisive to these plans is the present leadership of the unions. For Doug Fraser (head of the UAW) and George Meany to blame the laws for the decline in union membership is like a fat man blaming his mouth! These bureaucrats support this government; they've supported every US government, Democrat or Republican which have all passed hundreds of anti-working class laws -- They are the ones who refuse to mobilize the masses of US workers to support the JP Stevens workers who have won union elections for 15 YEARS and still have no union! They support candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties who are passing these laws!

No. The Labor Law Reform Act

MEETING:

Victory to the Harper-Grace Strike!

SUNDAY, JUNE 18th 4:00p.m.

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REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS

will not aid the workers and youth of this country.

So what is all the bruh-ha-ha about? The main reason is the growing crisis of the Carter regime. It has had a great deal of trouble answering the question, "how to contain, how to stop the workers mobilization?" This law draws the unions closer to the government and thus strengthens the hand of the bureaucracy over the workers. Carter and the labor bureaucrats think this is the way to stop the workers. Other capitalists and their politicians feel that the bureaucracy is not capable any more of controlling the workers -- especially after the miner's strike. And this is what they are clashing over. Different ways to smash the workers. We have nothing to gain by taking sides.

TRADE UNION LEADERS WEAKENING UNIONS

Many workers are familiar with the destructive role of the trade union leadership today on their unions. How many times have workers said, "might as well not be a union here, for all it does for us!"

This is all because the leadership PULLS the unions closer to the government, the government of the bosses, of the capitalists. They weaken the unions, and unless it's stopped, the government will eventually smash the unions. This is the danger.

The bureaucracy more and more becomes POLICEMAN for the capitalists in the unions. They support Senate bill S, 1437 which makes illegal virtually every

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FOURTH CONGRESS OF PORE OF SPAIN

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

As the delegate of the Trotskyist Organization USA to the Congress of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (PORE) of Spain, I was struck on my arrival in Spain by the diversity and strength of the political life of the Spanish working class. Posters are everywhere, on every street corner, bus stop, plastered in the subways and along every major street or public plaza. Bookstores carry the writings of every great revolutionary leader-- Marx, Engels, Lenin, Trotsky, and many others. The popular literature reflects the tremendous thirst of the Spanish people for answers and solutions to the restrictions and repression of forty years of fascist rule.

Yet for all the praises of "democracy" heaped on the government of King Juan Carlos and Premier Suarez, the Spanish working class is still very much under the fist of fascism.

The Fourth Congress of the PORE planned for months as a public and open Congress, was prohibited at the last minute by the military governor of Barcelona. Yes, the military, not the Cortes with its "democratic" facade, really rules in Spain.

Miguel Salas, the public spokesman for the PORE and editor of its central organ LA AURORA was summoned by a Military Tribunal to be tried on charges of "insulting the military."

This counter-revolutionary act alone should serve to draw a true picture of Spain after the Cortes elections -- the fascist apparatus of Franco is still the real power in Spain.

The Stalinist and reformist parties, as well as the organization of the United Secretariat in Spain, the Liga Comunista Revolucionaria, (LCR) still supports the Cortes of Juan Carlos and Suarez while the fascist apparatus of the state prepares a bloodbath in Spain.

The treachery of this lie of "democracy" consists in the fact that as Spain approaches a revolutionary crisis, as each day there are pitched battles in the streets between youth with Molotov cocktails and police armed with automatic weapons, rubber bullets, and nightsticks, still the Stalinists and centrists support the Cortes. It is exactly this situation which led to the defeat of the Spanish revolution in 1938.

But if the LCR still supports these counter-revolutionary parties, the youth of Spain do not. In fact the greatest problem of the revolution in Spain today is that the youth by the millions have become so disgusted with the "apparatuses" that they have turned to anti-party "autonomous" movements and the anarchist and terrorist organizations.

Along with mass expulsions bureaucratically operated from the trade unions and Workers Commissions (Stalinist led), of which several militants of the PORE have been a victim, the youth have left the unions and the Stalinist and reformist apparatuses in mass in order to fight the fascist police in the streets. Hence, there has been a tremendous growth of support among the youth for the anarchists and terrorists. There is not the slightest doubt that the over-

whelming majority of the youth in Spain and all of Europe supported the kidnapping of Aldo Moro by the Red Brigades in Italy.

Despite the prohibition of the Congress and the arrest of Miguel Salas the Congress was still held openly, though not without great difficulty because of the Military Tribunal. Delegates were present from Barcelona, Madrid, Terrassa, Sabadell, Ripoll, Cerdanyola, Comella, Valencia, Mallorca, and Zaragoza in Spain as well as from the French, Swedish, American, and East European sections of the Fourth International.

Santiago Alegria, our comrade who remains in prison, and who the American Socialist Workers Party still refuses to defend, was elected in his absence to the Presidency of the Congress.

Throughout the three-day Congress, messages of support were

received from factories and workplaces. Four hundred workers from Chrysler in Madrid saluted the Congress and protested the illegalization of the PORE and its Congress.

How to win the masses of youth who are leaving the Stalinist and reformist apparatuses, and the unions, occupied the center of attention of the Congress of the PORE.

The outgoing leadership of the PORE presented its central report to the Congress. The Report proposed to boldly orient the struggle of the PORE to win the youth who have broken from the traitorous apparatuses.

Alliance of Youth for the Workers Cortes! Down with the Terrorist State! were two of the central slogans presented by the Report to lead the masses of youth.

Delegate after delegate rose

to speak of the situation in Spain with the youth. Daily battles with the police have become common in the major cities of Spain. Many locals of the Workers Commissions have been vandalized and burned by youth who have been expelled from the Commissions.

The central report, accepted by a vote of 64 to 6, resolved to build an Alliance of Youth for the Workers Cortes. For the Boycott of the Constitutional Referendum.

The Congress discussed the growing rebellion of the youth and the fact that they were more and more turning to terrorist, spontaneous solutions and to "anti-party" movements. But it also discussed the fact that in this situation the blame for these false solutions, including revolutionary youth who are burning down the offices of the CP-domi-

nated trade unions did not lie with these youth who are fighting capitalism and its terrorist state.

The blame lies with the Stalinists and reformist leaders who are now allied with the bourgeois state against the working class. Responsible in Spain for signing the Moncloa Pact with the Suarez government, responsible in Italy for calling for more police and for driving the youth out of the factories, responsible in France for the defeat of the left in the elections and for organizing a Sacred Union with the Giscard government.

That our party in Spain and around the world is a thousand times closer to these youth fighting the police on the barricades and with their Molotov cocktails, despite their mistaken policies, than with the bureaucrats of the "official" workers movement, was affirmed by the PORE. And

WIN THE YOUTH TO THE FOURTH

FROM LA AURORA

We are reprinting the following article which appeared in the May 19 25th issue of LA AURORA (#170), the newspaper of the Spanish Section of the Fourth International.

The international character of the 4th Congress of the PORE, the Spanish Section of the Fourth International was not only expressed by the content of the thesis and political line adopted and by the participation of the delegation of the International Executive Committee but also by the presence of representatives and invited guests of the different sections. Emilio Roca organized for LA AURORA a round table discussion with part of the militants of the other sections that were present. We hope that this will contribute to seeing the maturation of the world revolution and the struggle of the Fourth International to lead it to victory against the bourgeoisie and the bureaucracy, winning in the first place the youth to this combat.

LA AURORA -- The 4th Congress of the PORE took up the problem of the movement of the youth against the old society and the traditional leaderships, and the terrorist preparations of the governments to try to crush and head off the break of the entire working class that this movement announces. How is this process seen in your respective countries?

DAVID HEFFELFINGER (USA) -- The S. 1437 law that Carter has sent to Congress makes any strike or workers mobilization punishable by the crime of sabotage.

or blackmail, and declares membership in the Fourth International as espionage. But I want to illustrate how this is expressed in the factories. Young workers are being forced to sign papers which waive all of their individual rights in the factories and which convert them into slaves of the factory, forcing the worker to work as long as the boss desires, sometimes seven days a week, twelve hours a day. And if they don't sign these papers, they are just sent out to become part of the growing army of the unemployed.

But the workers are changing the entire political situation with their mobilization. The long and large struggle of the miners did not express "trade union militancy" as the centrists of the SWP say, but the desire of the workers to fight against the bourgeois state: the miners were conscious that they were confronting the government. Also, the struggle was not taken up by the trade union leaders, which confronted the workers, but instead was taken up by the youth, a large part of them Vietnam veterans who used the union to wage their own fight independently of the bureaucrats.

And the bourgeoisie is frightened. After the strike was over the newspapers had front page articles about money being sent by the Carter administration to the cities in order to calm down its inhabitants. A few days later there appeared in the press, this time in the form of a small note on the back page, that in Detroit all of this money was being used..... to strengthen the police!

JONAS NILSSON (Sweden) -- Prime Minister Falldin is at the point of resigning for having been mixed up, along with 70 other Deputies, Social Democrats as well as bourgeois, in a

youth prostitution scandal. The important thing is the fact that this came to public light reflects a strong crisis inside the apparatus of the bourgeois state, because in this scandal the police, secret service, "justice" have all been implicated.... And the explanation is to be found in the working class combativity. Just a few weeks ago the Labor Minister, Ahlmark resigned for "personal" reasons, after the workers of Nortland prevented him, with cries of "We don't want words, we want work" from speaking a single word during his visit to this region. It is the last important strike, in which the workers of Lmericsson in Oskarkamn led their strike with a strike committee elected in an assembly while the trade union bureaucrats continued to work. In the national contract just negotiated the bureaucrats accepted a ridiculous increase of 0.27 coronas an hour while the secretary general of the trade union (LC) raised his salary by 37 coronas an hour!

A. B. (Hungary) -- The Stalinist bureaucracy is converting everything into an instrument of repression, from the psychiatric hospitals to the so-called "workers militias" which in reality are police linked to the factories. Any kind of youth protest is repressed, from the theatre to rock festivals.

EDWARD WARS (Poland) -- In Poland there is also a crisis within the state apparatus over how to confront the workers upsurge. Thus, the "official opposition" of Kuron, KOR... can hold its meetings freely in certain cities like Gdansk or Szczecin, but are not tolerated in Cracow or Katowice. And the immediate appearance of sections of workers ready to follow the example of Klebanov in the USSR indicates

that the Polish proletariat is looking for roads that will lead to the destruction of the bureaucracy in order to install the power of the workers councils.

DAVID JARRY (France) -- Through the legislative elections a new Plan Barre of austerity has meant the rise of inflation and unemployment and the installation of a new social contract between the government and the unions which make any struggle not in this contract illegal. And the increase of repression immediately followed the visits of the leaders of the FCP, FSP and trade unions to the Elysee to initiate the policy of National Unity after the defeat of the latest Popular Front. Thus, the six demonstrations in Paris that have taken place after the elections have been repressed by the CRS, anti-riot police. And the police have begun a policy of surrounding working class neighborhoods with a police station in each large apartment building.

The trade union leaders do not limit themselves to silently supporting these attacks against the workers but are taking similar measures. The leadership of the CFDT has begun a real purge, expelling anyone who stands for revolution. And Seguy, general secretary of the CGT, controlled by the French CP, who has insisted since the night of March 19th that the only road is negotiation with the government, in order to present "more openly the aspirations of the opposition"; the bad thing is that these aspirations have very little to do with the working class.

E. T. (Argentina) -- The combativity of the youth was oriented around the Cuban revolution and guerilla warfare and armed struggle. But more than ten years of bitter experience have led to a frightful process of demoralization.

GREETINGS FROM THE U.S.

the Congress of the PORE condemned the centrists, like the LCR which identify the "workers movement" with its treacherous leadership, thus covering for the repression against the revolutionaries.

On the acts of the terrorists, the Congress decided to "defend unconditionally all of the struggles of the fighters of the working class against the terrorism of the bourgeoisie." This statement lays bare the truth of the loud cries of the bourgeoisie, along with the Stalinists and reformists, for the strengthening of the "democratic" state against the "terrorists," meaning the radical youth who want to destroy the real terrorist -- the bourgeoisie state.

The Congress also resolved to go forward with the campaign for 5,000 LA AURORA, as the central means of constructing

the PORE and fighting for its legalization.

Only a day after the Congress of the PORE the importance of its Congress was affirmed by a 24-hour general strike of millions of workers in Spain. In Barcelona where more than a half-million marched in the streets all the workers were asking, what next? The strike had been called by the Stalinist Communist Party of Spain but in order to pressure the debate on the Constitution taking place in the Cortes.

At the Congress of the Stalinist-controlled Workers Commissions in Barcelona, which took place at the same time as the Congress of the PORE, several PORE militants intervened. The militants at the Congress literally tore copies of LA AURORA from the hands of PORE militants in order to read and buy our press, and the leadership of the Commissions, in-

cluding Marcelano Camacho, were denounced by the delegates to the Workers Commissions Congress who applauded the PORE delegation. This forced the leadership to draft a resolution against the illegalization of the PORE's Congress.

These events are the living proof of the importance of the Fourth Congress of the PORE. It took a bold step forward to meet the new opportunities opening up for the Fourth International among the youth. More than this the Fourth Congress of the PORE will go down in the history of the Spanish working class as an affirmation of revolutionary leadership at a time when every other claimant to the workers banner had abandoned the revolution.

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zation. Unfortunately, the absence of the Fourth International has led to the fact that at times the balance sheet has led to a return to Stalinism (like what occurred in Marighela's ALN after his assassination, in which they were integrated as a bloc into the Brazilian CP), proves that they have not broken with the conception of the nature of Stalinism but over the question of armed struggle or not.

LA AURORA -- The discussion in the Congress also deepened how the Fourth International should fight to win to its Program this movement of the youth through a common struggle with them. What can you say about this?

E. T. (Argentina) -- The Fourth International must rebuild itself in Latin America by initiating a balance sheet to intervene in the regroupment without a leadership that is taking place. It can be said that it was the ranks who organized the strike of railway workers which paralyzed Argentina for more than 20 days this past August, it was the ranks who organized it; the old or new "leaders" who were called upon to negotiate showed that they had no contact with the strikers. This indicates that the willingness to fight is growing and that there are many possibilities to deepen our intervention today among the more than 300,000 refugees in Europe, many of them in Spain.

DANIEL ASSOULINE (Revolutionary Youth International) -- It is necessary to fight for the largest number of them be integrated into the class struggle of their countries of refuge and attend the Third Congress of the RYI which will be held on May 27th and 28th in

Paris. The meaning of this Congress is precisely to regroup all the currents and organizations of the fighting youth, whether against the capitalist regimes or the Stalinist bureaucracy, into a strong revolutionary international movement which will renew the world workers movement. The RYI is at the head of this movement.

DAVID JARRY (France) -- The centrists like the LCR consider on the contrary that the youth who are revolting against the Stalinist leaders and the union bureaucrats are attacking the workers movement and they aid Marchais, Seguy and company in fighting the youth. And as these "official leaders" are each day closer and closer to the bourgeois State, the Pabloites also are being converted into defenders of the terrorism of the state. In the May 1st demonstration the LCR sent its defense squad against the youth who confronted the police and later said that there was a "class barrier between the LCR and these youth", which indicates that the LCR prefers to be on the side of Stalinism and the bourgeois state than on the side of those who want to destroy it.

We have launched a call to all youth organizations proposing an Alliance on the basis of three points: workers self-defense guards in the face of the growing repression, sliding scale of hours of work in face of unemployment (which hits more than 800,000 youth) and the struggle for the unions to break with the state.

DAVID HEFFELFINGER (USA) -- The meeting organized by the RYW (organization of the RYI in the US) elected two delegates for the Congress in Paris. We prepared this above all with our interventions in the miners strike and among auto workers proposing the organization of the general

strike as a road to win the workers demands. Also, one of the delegates could not come because he was forced to sign one of the papers I talked about. He is a young black worker from Ford River Rouge.

EDWARD WARS (Poland) -- Kuron said that he does not represent any alternative to power but instead that the function of his group is to pressure the bureaucracy into changing its policy in a democratic way. On the contrary, the group "For a democratic socialism" says that the problem is the power of the working class and calls on finishing with the bureaucracy in order to build the power of the working class. With our organ, WALKA KLAS we are impulsing a process of political delimitation in order to unleash the Fourth International. The fight of the RYI to unite the youth of the East with those of the West is decisive for this. And urgent, as the cry of the young workers of Radom before they set fire to the office of the Stalinist party "Now we are going to finish with you, red bourgeoisie. Today we begin our power."

DANIEL ASSOULINE (RYI) -- I want to take this opportunity to invite all young fighters, working class organizations of the youth, the "abertzales" and nationalist groups, to all those who confront the Francoist state, to participate in the Third Congress of the RYI. Your place is in this Congress, in which you have the right to express your propositions in order to debate them and organize the struggle on an international scale together with the youth, today isolated and dispersed, from East to West, against the Europe of the hangmen.

May 16, 1978

Comrades,

The Trotskyist Organization of the US, American Section (Sympathizing) of the Fourth International and the Revolutionary Young Workers salute your Congress and the place it gives to the construction of the Fourth International.

American workers are not unfamiliar with the struggle of Spanish workers. But unfortunately, in both countries, they do not always see the best side of the proletarian leadership.

You may know that last fall the "Euro-Stalinist" Santiago Carrillo came to the United States. In order to speak to the liberal petty bourgeoisie that he adores so much he crossed a picket line of striking Yale University workers. Carrillo excused himself with the statement: "American unions are right-wing anyway."

Here it is clear that Carrillo wishes to confuse the rotten "democracy" of the petty bourgeois bureaucrats with the democracy of the working class, which he has proved to be totally afraid of.

In both our countries the construction of the vanguard party is bound up with unraveling this lie of "democracy". Just when the workers, by the power of their mobilization, seem to have laid bare the real workings of imperialism and its Stalinist servants, the treacherous parties make new maneuvers to cover it up.

Let me give you only one more example.

In the midst of the miners strike, two miners from Stearns, Kentucky wrote a statement in defense of our comrade Santiago Alegria. You may have seen the statement in TRUTH. They understood Santiago's plight by saying "We know what its like to have a cop's billy club up against your throat."

When one of our supporters went to the centrists, the SWP, to get their support for the campaign to free Santiago Alegria he got a

different reception. "It's not a political matter," said the centrists. Our supporter turned to Catarino Garza, a leader of the SWP in New York and said: "You yourself have been shot at several times, surely you defend this comrade?" Lameley, Garza replied: "Yes, but who is to say that the shots at me were not stray, just accidentally striking my apartment?" It seems that in order to qualify as a political attack the SWP requires the name and party affiliation of the victim on the bullet.

All this serves to illustrate what we already know and the workers are beginning to learn as well. The centrists and Stalinists, who are the liquidators of the party, in this way defend the repression against the workers and youth. They are the last pillar of rotten bourgeois "democracy."

Comrades-- the PORE has a great role to play in the construction of the workers vanguard-- the Fourth International, but we do not see our party in the United States as a passive one either. We have made a certain commitment in the last year to the working class to rebuild the American Section of the Fourth International. We see our participation in your Congress as part of that commitment and we are with you in this task.

Let this be our formal invitation for your participation in our Congress, rebuilding the American Section of the Fourth International, this September.

PREPARE THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER WITH THE PORE!

Long Live the PORE!

Long Live the Fourth International!

David Heffelfinger, for the Secretariat, Trotskyist Organization USA.

Military Tribunal Against LA AURORA

Miguel Salas, Editor of LA AURORA, the weekly newspaper of our Spanish Section, the PORE has been placed in provisional liberty by the Third Permanent Military Court of Barcelona to await a Military Tribunal against him and LA AURORA.

The charge? "Supposed insults against the Army", because of an article in LA AURORA #151 which criticized the declarations of Ramon Tamames, leader of the Spanish Communist Party who called for the entry of the military into the government.

Because of this repression, the public printer in Barcelona refused to print the last issue of LA AURORA #171 because it had the words, "los militares" (the military) on the front page and we had to print our paper through other means.

This is the "evolution towards

democracy" that everyone talks about concerning Spain, from Jimmy Carter to the Stalinists and centrists. Where one can spend 43 years in jail for "insulting" the military. But what really exists in Spain today is Francoism and ALL of its institutions-- including the right of the military to overrule and repress independently of civilian law.

We refuse to let the military silence the revolutionaries in Spain.

American workers and organizations must demand an immediate dropping of all charges against Miguel Salas and LA AURORA. The Military Tribunal must be stopped. Your mobilization can play a role in this.

Messages of support can be sent to: LA AURORA, Apartado Correos 5154, Barcelona, Spain. Please send copies to TRUTH.

UNITE WORKERS OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA AGAINST IMPERIALISM

By ANN NELSON

Last month the Peruvian government declared martial law and on May 25th deported thirteen critics of the government including Hugo Blanco (leader of the Peruvian Socialist Workers Party - sympathizing organization of the United Secretariat) to Argentina where they are being held in a military camp.

The Peruvian government, like many of the military dictatorships in Latin America, has been forced by a powerful mobilization of the Latin American workers to make themselves appear more "democratic" by holding elections. This is because the masses of Peru actually want to go much further. According to the NEW YORK TIMES (May 21, 1978) "... the left-wing parties call for 'revolution' to establish 'popular democracy' with 'people's militias' replacing the present armed forces."

But now, Peru's first elections in ten years have been postponed from June 4th to June 18th (many are predicting cancellation of the elections) and most of the leftist candidates have been deported. The Peruvian and other Latin American dictatorships are exposed; they can't even allow elections, they must instead brutally suppress the workers and peasants of Peru. This is the same story in Argentina and Chile.

The situation in Peru was ignited by the government announcement of huge price increases on food and gas. This increase is a direct result of the trip of the Peruvian Foreign Minister to Washington where Carter made it clear through the International Monetary Fund, that Peru had better resolve its economic problems. The imperialists forced the austerity measures through the denial of extensions on loans to Peru.

The mobilization of the Peruvian workers has grown to one not only against price increases, but against the military regime itself. The mobilization of the Latin American working class has also been growing in Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Panama and Nicaragua.

In this situation, the old leadership of the Latin American working class, the Stalinist Communist Parties and the Kremlin apparatus itself are developing a line of increased class collaboration. In Chile the popular front was not a success for the Stalinists so today they are creating an even closer alliance with the Christian Democrats who PARTICIPATED in the fascist coup of 1973. The Stalinists are calling this alliance an "anti-fascist front." In Peru, Argentina and Panama they have openly supported sections of the military dictatorships.

The Latin American Communist Parties are trying to justify their support to the juntas in the name of "human rights". The Chilean CP in exile, met with among others the Christian Democrats in Libya in order to begin preparing their "anti-fascist front".

This out and out collaboration

with the grave diggers of the working class, the Christian Democrats, Videla, Torrijos, and the radical nationalist military in Peru is an expression of the crisis of Stalinism which must now openly police the masses.

This class collaboration of the Stalinists has shaken the centrists, particularly the Pabloite United Secretariat, which has made the tailing of Stalinism, especially guerillaism and Castroism a policy. In this way the sections of the United Secretariat in both Chile and Argentina were liquidated into the guerillaist MIR in the former and the ERP in the latter.

Today the United Secretariat of Ernest Mandel and Joseph Hansen take up the same slogan of Jimmy Carter and the Stalinists: "human rights".

It would be very difficult for Mandel and Hansen to dig down deeply into their history in Latin America or to propose that what the workers and peasants need is their own revolutionary party since this would expose their attempts to liquidate the sections of the Fourth International in Latin America.

In Peru the candidates of the Peruvian Socialist Workers Party (PST) the "sister" organization of the SWP in the United States, are running with a coalition of candidates in the FOCEP (Workers, Peasants, Students and Poor People's Front). To date, the platform or program of this "front" has not been elaborated by the PST, but the group does include military officers from the bourgeois nationalist RSP (Revolutionary Socialist Party).

The only thing publicized by the SWP about the situation in Latin America is the campaign to free Hugo Blanco and twelve other Peruvian leftists. Before the deportation of Blanco, the SWP was most concerned about the liberation of political prisoners in Latin America, and in calling for "human rights".

The campaign to free Hugo Blanco is important for revolutionary youth and workers to support. The Trotskyist Organization and Revolutionary Young Workers sent its letter of support to the Argentine Embassy (see box). Blanco's life is threatened. The arrests show above all the failure of Carter's "human rights" in Latin America. That there are no rights under the bourgeoisie and no democracy under their rule.

So for the SWP to call for true "human rights" only gives Carter and his bourgeois campaign credit that it doesn't deserve. Carter has no intention of fighting for rights. His campaign is a cover for GROWING imperialist intervention in the affairs of Latin America. Recently, the Carter regime commended the Chilean regime of Pinochet for its step toward "resolving the human rights problem" in Chile. In fact, the amnesty which Carter liked so much, also dropped all charges against the military for any crimes they might have committed since the 1973 coup, and has declared that proceedings filed by the families



TROOPS PATROL TRADE UNION HEADQUARTERS IN LIMA, PERU DURING THE RECENT GENERAL STRIKE

of "disappeared" Chilean militants are all "dismissed".

Carter's "human rights" in Peru is responsible for 50 to 120% inflation. Imperialism is directly responsible for the price increases. The Peruvian working class has responded in its own way by a national and local general strike, which are directed against the repressive nature of the military regime itself. Carter's imperialism is responsible for the fact that housewives were seen crying in the supermarkets.

Clearly what is needed in Peru and as well in Chile are the sections of the Fourth International; the revolutionary leadership of the working class. But the centrists of the SWP are prostrated before the mobilization of the Peruvian working class, they echo Carter's call of "human rights" and speak only about the political prisoners

who are in the prisons of the military, but not about all of the Latin American workers and peasants who are taking up the fight against the chains of both capitalism and imperialism.

The centrists and Stalinists are agreed on their slogan of "human rights" in Latin America. But it is not a campaign of liberals in the United States or pleas for "democracy" that will stop the repression and even the jailing of militants throughout Latin America.

In Peru, the day austerity measures were announced in May, the Universities were declared closed, but the students re-declared them open. The whole country participated in the national two-day General Strike called by the Peruvian Communist Party for May 22-23, but workers in Arequipa, the second

largest city have continued their general strike that they will not call off until the government recalls its anti-working class decree which legalizes mass disciplinary firings of workers. They are striking against the military regime, they want revolution. At least twenty-five workers have been killed and more than 2,000 have been arrested by the Bermudez regime in Peru. In the 1976 coup in Argentina, over 10,000 were killed, and in Chile even thousands more than that were murdered.

The working class of Latin America and its youth is aware that its "human rights have been violated" which the SWP says as if the "violence code" of the world bourgeoisie respects the lives and safety of the working class or could be "violated" in any way. The workers and youth of Latin America are aware that they should have "the right of every human being to life" as the Communist Parties of the Kremlin said in Libya.

The question is whether the rights of the Latin American workers can be defended in the old ways by the old leaderships of the Stalinist apparatus, and the centrists which capitulate to them, and the answer is NO.

What the Latin American world working class needs is its own party, the Fourth International, to begin to forge the unity of the proletariat of North and South America. The youth in the United States, among them, many Latin youth from Mexico and Puerto Rico have also tasted imperialism' repression first hand.

Today the bourgeoisie of the United States, and Europe are accusing the working class youth of "terrorism". And this is how the militancy of the workers of Latin America will be interpreted by the capitalists. Everywhere the true repression is that of the world bourgeoisie against the youth, peasants and workers.

Only through forging an alliance between the youth of North and South America against the terrorism of the bourgeois state, can the repression in Latin America and the United States be stopped. This is the way forward for releasing the political prisoners as well.

The victory of the workers of Latin America will be won only through a mobilization of the youth of North and South America, and the construction of the Fourth International to fight for the Socialist United States of the Two Americas. This is the way forward for the youth, not a mobilization based on liberals and calls for "human rights".

FREE HUGO BLANCO AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

UNITE THE YOUTH OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA AGAINST THE TERRORISM OF THE STATE!

UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS!

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FREE HUGO BLANCO

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the Argentine Embassy:

June 5, 1978

Argentine Embassy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen;

We of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Young Workers call on the Argentine government to immediately free Hugo Blanco and twelve other political prisoners who were deported from Peru and then jailed in a military barracks in the Province of Jujuy in Argentina. We hold the Argentine government responsible for their safety and also demand that they be allowed safe passage to the country of their choice.

Sincerely,

Trotskyist Organization of the USA -- Section (sympathizing) of the Fourth International and the Revolutionary Young Workers USA -- Section (sympathizing) of the Revolutionary Youth International

We urge all of our supporters and working class organizations in Detroit to attend the demonstration on Saturday, June 10th at 5:30 P.M. called by the US Committee For Justice for Latin American Political Prisoners at the Masonic Temple, where the World Cup soccer matches are being shown on closed-circuit TV-- being held this year by the fascist Videla regime of Argentina.

FREE HUGO BLANCO AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PERU!

STOP THE REPRESSION IN ARGENTINA! DOWN WITH VIDELA!

FOR UNITY OF THE WORKERS OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA-- FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS!

HECTOR MARROQUIN: 'I WILL MAKE A STATEMENT'

Miami, Florida--- On Monday, June 5th at a meeting being held here to build support for the campaign for political asylum for Hector Marroquin, a young, Mexican militant of the Socialist Workers Party who is fighting against the repression of the Mexican government and the attempts of the US Immigration Service to deport him, Marroquin responded positively to the "Open Letter to

Hector Marroquin" which appeared in the last issue of TRUTH. This "Open Letter" called on Marroquin to take up the defense in the US of Santiago Alegria, a soldier and militant of the PORE in Spain in prison for "illegal association." The letter stated that we UNCONDITIONALLY defend any revolutionary militant in the face of bourgeois or Stalinist repression and would

hope that Comrade Marroquin would do the same. Marroquin stated to the State Chairman of the Concerned Democrats of Florida that: "I will make a statement" concerning Santiago Alegria. We view this as extremely positive and an expression of his sincerity as a revolutionary militant. We await his statement. June 9, 1978

CARTER-FRASER PLOT--CONTINUED

kind of independent organization and action by the workers. And now this Labor Reform Act. They are pulling the unions closer to the government the workers are learning to hate. And this treachery is not enough. There is something new coming.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Doug Fraser has come out in favor of a "social contract." He wants to BIND the unions by written agreement to support the anti-working class offensive of the government and the bosses under the guise of "holding down inflation." Workers in other countries have experienced such "contracts." Most recently in Spain, the Spanish Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the unions they run signed an agreement, the Moncloa pact, with the fascist King Juan Carlos, for "austerity" in order to better develop the "democracy." The workers responded with strikes and demonstrations. This maneuver by Fraser is the same. It plays on the feelings of patriotism of the workers to "sacrifice" for the good of the nation. But it means in reality that the workers ACCEPT no wage increase, worse conditions, more repression, price increases, while the capitalists give nothing. Furthermore, and this is very important, it would tie the union DIRECTLY to the government's

plans. Those workers against this deal would be branded as "traitors." We have seen the first glimpse of this in the Taft-Hartley injunction by Carter against the miners. The government and the bureaucrats learned from this failure and are preparing new weapons for the next assault. The effects of such talk, of the beginnings of this "social contract" can be seen already. The conditions in the auto plants, while the companies produce record numbers of cars are simply outrageous. Furthermore, Fraser has said he will accept lower wages, even worse health and safety, speed-up in exchange for GM lowering their car prices by \$50 or \$100! These are his "promises" for the 1979 auto contracts. These moves cannot and have not been made without encountering opposition from the auto workers. So, Fraser has made a special effort since he became president to break the militant wing of the UAW. Indianapolis Local 1226, Essex Wire Co., the Trenton 7, and most recently at International Harvester and Ford Romeo. Fraser's actions are not "just another sellout." They are part of a full-scale plan to tie the union to the government so that the workers can be better controlled. This can only be done over the bodies of the militants

of the UAW. WHAT TO DO Ever since the miner's strike more and more workers have seen the need to take up a POLITICAL struggle for their rights against the government. The Labor Law Reform Act and Fraser's "social contract" only confirm this understanding. The workers must fight for their rights, for a workers democracy against Carter's and Fraser's "democracy." They must build their own political Party to lead this fight. The only way to save the unions, to build our Party is to STOP ALL SUPPORT TO THE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS-- INDEPENDENCE FROM THE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT! The unions cannot be weapons for the workers if they are led by agents of the capitalists. The struggle for independence from the state means that the unions must have a new leadership. As long as Fraser and Meany remain in power, they will only deepen their role as COPS for the capitalists, weakening the workers organization. They must be thrown out and a revolutionary leadership built. The young workers must WIN BACK THEIR UNIONS. It's the only way to save them. June 8, 1978

Revolutionary Youth International Manifesto.

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WHAT DOES THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL WANT?

MANIFESTO OF THE SECOND CONGRESS OF THE RYI



CORRECTIONS

In the last issue of TRUTH, #73 there were several typographical errors.

In the article "1968: Dress Rehearsal of World Revolution" the fourth paragraph, first sentence under the sub-heading "Consciousness" should read: "'68 was not a defensive, Pavlovian response to an economic crisis.'"

Also, in the same article second paragraph, first sentence under the sub-heading "The Party" should read: "These uprisings were NOT spontaneous eruptions."

In the article on page 7, "From the WHITE PAPER" the paragraph in the last column that begins with "Michel Varga is not a politician..." should read: "Michel Varga is not a politician, but a revolutionary. At least I don't know his qualities as a politician and think that, with his deep working class sensibility, he would begin to rot in an organization where they have learned how to make 'politics'."

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PERMISSION FOR NAZIS -- REPRESSION FOR YOUTH

By BARBARA PUTNAM

How can you explain a young, radical worker turning into a Nazi, a fascist thug who hates the working class? Bill Russell, the spokesman for the Nazis in Detroit used to be a militant auto worker. He used to hate Ford Motor Co., even set up a one-man picket line protesting when they fired him for taking off to get married on a Saturday.

Like his father who also used to be an auto worker, he admired communist leaders who led the fight for the unionization of auto workers, encouraging the workers to fight the companies, the police and the state to organize themselves. All this was revealed in a recent article in the DETROIT FREE PRESS.

Russell was a militant during the early seventies, went to many meetings of radical organizations during this time of massive mobilization of the autoworkers. Young black auto workers were in the forefront of this struggle, spreading wildcat strikes with lightning speed, throwing the capitalists into a panic. The wildcat wave ended with the Mack Ave. sit-down where 1,500 union officials crossed the class line and broke this strike.

Many militants became demoralized, some dropped away from mass struggle, turned to drugs and alcohol, others did not lose hope but waited for better times. Bill Russell became so demoralized he sank to Nazism as the solution to the evils of imperialist society. He did not simply flip-flop from "one extreme to another" the way the DETROIT FREE PRESS presents it; he began a search for leadership and continued it throughout, ending up with the conviction that the Nazis are stronger and more determined than any leadership he saw in the workers movement.

He explains his rejection of radical "socialist" organizations like this: "They kept trying to force the nigger down my throat." This more than anything else shows his total hostility to the working class as the agent of revolution -- it has been and continues to be the black working class youth who show the most combativity and are least submissive to Capital.

In every mobilization, strike, demonstration or action of the youth and workers the central problem has been the lack of a strong and united leadership capable of directing the struggle

towards taking power. We can not afford to lose more Bill Russells to the fascists, nor a single militant to demoralization despair and indifference. Russell did not flip-flop, he joined the counter-revolution. He is now on the side of REPRESSION and WAR.

Related to the lack of revolutionary leadership in the working class and among the youth is the tremendous growth of the repressive apparatus of the state that terrorizes the working class and youth with its enormous police power, prison system, its sweeping repressive laws and its "intelligence" operations.

Because no clear leadership was prepared to lead the combat of the young workers in the early seventies, the government is forcing through the S. 1437 bill to outlaw strikes and imprison strike leaders, has developed a method of streamlining the FBI and CIA under the guise of "reforming" the Criminal Code. In this atmosphere of heavy repression; in the factories, schools and in the working class neighborhoods, barrios, and ghettos, the Nazis are growing.

Under the pretext of "free speech" the government has just granted the Nazis permission to march through Skokie, Illinois, a Jewish suburb of Chicago, which can only be a device for recruiting to the counter-revolution. The attacks of the bourgeoisie against the workers and youth and the growth of the Nazis have the same goal -- to eliminate any possibility of independent struggle of the workers and to submit them to greater and greater repressive measures to continue wage slavery.

It is no wonder the youth -- black and white together -- stoned the Nazi headquarters in Detroit and stoned their police guardians. In their minds, "NAZI", "COP" and "REPRESSION" are coming to have the same meaning. They are also expressing their distrust and disgust with the way the "fight" against the Nazis has been conducted by trade union officials, would-be reformers, religious groups and mock-revolutionaries.

When the Nazi bookstore first opened on the Southwest side of Detroit, these forces united in an "Inter-Faith Anti-Nazi Alliance" which organized opposition to the

Nazis for legal reasons and wanted the Democratic Party to "publicize" the Nazis. The Nazis left the Southwest side -- then set up on the Northwest side. They say if they are evicted again they already have a lease lined up elsewhere.

The youth want to finish with the Nazi repressors and the police, and not crawl to the imperialist government that spawns them begging for assistance. DOWN WITH THE TERRORIST STATE! DOWN WITH THEIR NAZI ALLIES!

The only alliance that can PERMANENTLY stop the growth of the fascists is a vast alliance of the youth who want to fight repression and war, the massive mobilization of the youth drawing the whole working class into combat with the terrorist state that oppresses and exploits them; in the factories, schools, in the working class neighborhoods and in the streets.

Youth who stoned the Nazis and fought the police on the Northwest side of Detroit instinctively express their rejection of relying on

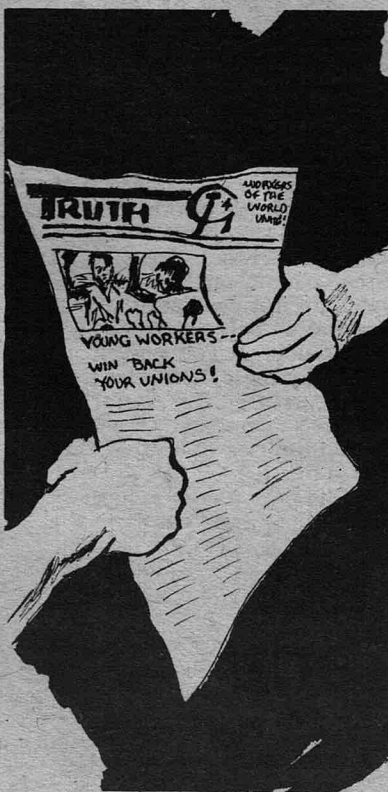


the powers that be -- they are relying on themselves. This is the way to fight the Nazis -- through the independent mobilization and organization of working class youth, but going further with this and developing a revolutionary leadership, a general staff to conduct this mobilization. This mobilization must unite the fighting forces in the country who want to finish with the terrorist state, its repression preparations

for war in the Mid-East and Africa, its unemployment and inflation and its permission for the counter-revolutionary march in Skokie.

Stop the Nazi march in Skokie! Join the TO and RWY in building a mass mobilization in the factories and neighborhoods to go to the rally in Skokie, Illinois, JUNE 25th. BUILD THE YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST WAR AND REPRESSION! June 7, 1978

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Ford Torrence (Chicago)	13
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Detroit (Other)	54
Elsewhere	5
Total	98

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