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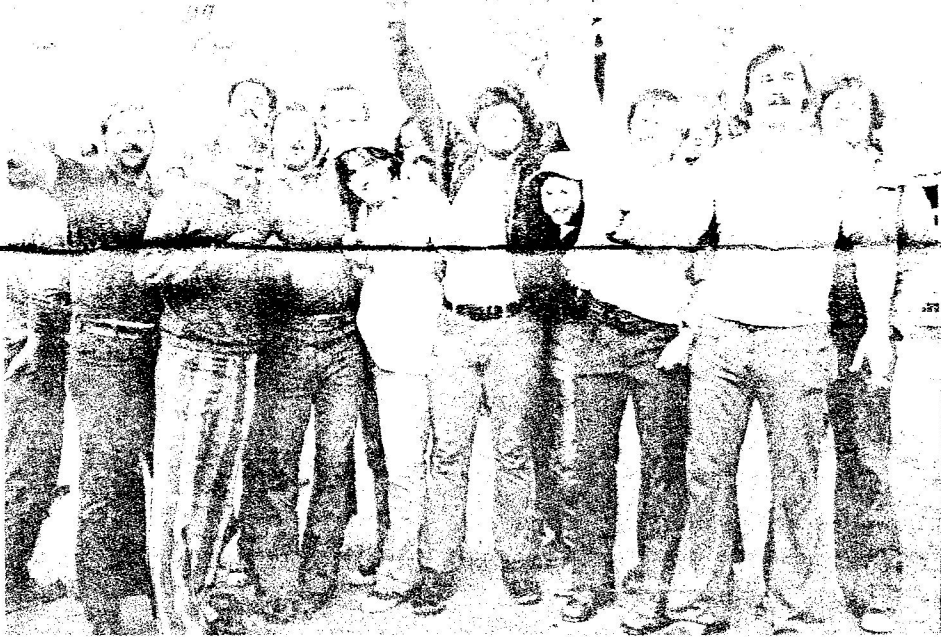
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A World Soviet Republic!



STRIKE WAVE

By JON MYERS

In the face of the highest unemployment in thirty years, in the face of threats of more and more layoffs, continued harassment and speed-up in the plants, and with the total capitulation of the trade union bureaucracy to the attack of the bosses on the working class' right to live, the American working class and its youth continue to fight back. The strike movement that began in the US last year, with the largest number of strikes since the post-World War II strike wave, is continuing. The growing rebellion and militancy of the American working class will be expanded and deepened in the coming months.

STRIKE WAVE

1974 saw a record number of strikes (5,900), touching all sectors of the American working class, from the Miners, to the Steelworkers, from the wildcats in the UAW, to the struggles of the unorganized Southern textile workers. These actions demonstrated the beginning of the response of the American working class to the world-wide capitalist recession and the capitalist offensive against the international working class.

Already the official statistics for the first quarter of 1975 show over 1,900 strikes. This large number of strikes has occurred in what business and gov government leaders had predicted as a "slow" year for labor -- with very few

major national contracts up for negotiations. The number of strikes that have already occurred and the strikes that have been narrowly averted are only a small foreshadowing of what is going to happen in 1976, a "heavy" year for labor contracts, with the two largest unions in the country, the UAW and the Teamsters (the Master Freight Agreement), up for the renewals of their contracts.

RAIL AND POSTAL WORKERS

A national railroad strike and a national postal workers' strike appear to have been narrowly averted at the last moment. Both contracts are still subject to the ratification by the membership. Both of these contracts were frantically negotiated by the bureaucrats and government mediators and agreements were reached at the last moment in the face of massive rank and file unrest in both unions. The fight is still not over and the massive unrest and rebellion that exists in the Postal Workers' Union which saw demonstrations of 10,000 workers in Washington, DC, 3,000 in New York, and other demonstrations throughout the country, illustrate the potential for massive mobilization that exists throughout the American working-class movement and poses a continual threat to the trade union bureaucracy and the capitalists who are frantically
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THE REAL MEANING OF "DETENTE" REVEALS ITSELF

By MARGARET BRECHT

Throughout the world the class struggle is accelerating with incredible rapidity. In Portugal the workers are creating their own instruments of power, the Workers' Councils. All of the forces in Portugal who in reality are the defenders of the capitalist state -- the Armed Forces Movement, the Popular Democratic Party, the Communist Party, the Socialist Party claim that they are the party that is "defending the revolution." They are forced to claim this because they know what the Portuguese masses want, REVOLUTION.

In Spain, the tremendous movement of the workers against the Franco dictatorship, despite and against the imposition of a state of martial law in the Basque Provinces -- General Strikes that have swept the country, from Barcelona to Madrid, to Bilbao, has forced the first proclamation in months on the part of the bourgeois parties against Franco's regime. A coalition of 14 illegal bourgeois parties has called for a "political system of justice and liberty." They also know what the Spanish working class wants and are frantically preparing to head off their massive mobilization.

In France, the Giscard government has been unable to prevent massive demonstrations by the French working class in solidarity with the Portuguese and Spanish revolutions. They have also been unable to prevent a massive strike wave in France that has seen the first factory occupations and sit-downs since the 1930's.

It is in this context that the real purpose of "detente" must be seen -- to smash and head off this mobilization of the international working class. At the same time that the American imperialists accuse the CP in Portugal of "fomenting a communist revolution" -- the worldly-wise Kissinger cautions Ford not to meet with Solzhenitsyn for fear that it will damage relations with the Kremlin. Kissinger knows very well the REAL

role that the Portuguese Communist Party plays in Portugal, a counter-revolutionary role.

The truth is that Ford and Brezhnev are getting together to figure out how to put down the "communist revolution" which is being "fomented" by the Portuguese workers, taken up by the Spanish workers, heartily supported by the French working class, and greeted with a growing amount of interest by American workers in the heart of world imperialism.

It is Cunhal of the Portuguese CP who supports the Armed Forces Movement in Portugal against the workers and Carillo of the Spanish CP who gives his tacit support to the state of emergency in Spain. In the United States, while the DAILY WORLD is full of praise for Apollo-Soyuz, while the Ford government vetoes money for unemployment benefits in the U.S., and condemns the "provocateurs" in Portugal, it said hardly anything about the impending postal strike.

EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE

The European Security Conference scheduled for the end of July in Helsinki, Helsinki, which Ford has decided to attend is the "handshake on earth" between the capitalists and the Kremlin bureaucracy. The Kremlin bureaucrats have been crawling on their knees for the last year in order to win the support of the bourgeoisie for this conference which will peddle the imperialists' "respect" for the boundaries in Eastern Europe. The boundaries that the imperialists "respect" by flooding the countries of socialist conquests with imperialist capital and by enlarging their military budgets to prepare for "conventional land warfare in Europe." The real purpose of this conference is to organize the cringing Kremlin bureaucrats and the international Stalinist apparatus as the agents of imperialism inside the workers movement.

It is to obtain the "respect" of the imperialists that the Kremlin bureaucracy disarms the countries of the
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Public Meeting

Aug. 17th

2:00pm

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Declaration of the International Secretariat of the International League - Rebuilder of the Fourth International

The International Executive Committee met to make an assessment of the activity of the International League since its Second Congress from the standpoint of the preparation of the International 4th Open Conference rebuilding the Fourth International.

The IEC reaffirmed the political orientation defined at the two congresses of the International League, that is, the content of the 4th Conference and the rebuilding of the Fourth International. This content is the change in the relation between the International League and the world working class so that it is recognized as the sole world center representing the Fourth International. In other words, it is the destruction of the liquidationist and confusionist centers which usurp its banner.

The central element of the preparation of the 4th Conference is the rally in Berlin with the objective of the proclamation of the Revolutionary Youth International. The IEC reaffirmed the orientation adopted by the two congresses -- to recognize the conquest of the young generation of the proletariat as the principal and decisive means to rebuild the Fourth International. It is the practical demonstration of the capacity of the Fourth International to lead this young proletarian generation which permits it to appear before the whole of the workers as the new revolutionary leadership being built.

The international rally in Berlin, crowning the international mobilization of the proletarian youth, is the expression of the will of this youth to rise against the exploitation and oppression of the bourgeoisie and its state, against the domination of the Stalinist bureaucracy, and against their counterrevolutionary alliance.

By its direct intervention, the International League has become not only an objective factor in the class struggle, but the international center in relation to which all the liquidationist and opportunist currents are obliged to determine themselves more and more openly: the Organization Committee (of the French OCI) in France and Italy, the "International Committee" in Great Britain, the United States and Portugal, the United Secretariat in Spain and France.

But precisely the principal difficulty encountered in the realization of the resolutions of the Second Congress was indisputably that of political and organizational centralization of the activity of the party around the preparation of the rally in Berlin and the establishment of a "Committee of preparation of the rally in Berlin." The Preparation Committee must associate all the militants and organizations ready to engage the battle and must act internationally under the political leadership of the International League, but not as an appendage of the party.

The committee doesn't have as its goal directing the organizations of the youth fighting under the leadership of our sections. Its task is to advance, to impel, and to centralize the whole of the application of the international plan of work, in particular in leadership of the countries where there do not yet exist sections of the International League.

In reaffirming our orientation defined at the first two congresses, the IEC rejected all attempt to justify the slowness of the accomplishment of our tasks by placing into question the political content of our objectives. More precisely, the IEC rejected all explanation of our slowness by objective causes, be they "attacks of our enemies," or "the intensity of the crisis of the Fourth International." Differently from all those who fraudulently usurp the banner of the Fourth International and its rebuilding, we determine our tasks from the existence of the Fourth International and not from the intensity of the crisis. The Fourth International can be rebuilt in the briefest time, because it exists and fights through the struggle of the International League, despite the crisis. This is why our first congress defined the rebuilding as a conscious, subjective task in which our party is entirely responsible. The slowness in the realization of our tasks cannot be camouflaged by the artificial maintenance of dates, without respecting the content of the objectives set.

The IEC decided to postpone the date of the proclamation of the RYI in Berlin until the month of December, 1975. As a consequence, the International 4th Open Conference, whose objective is the rebuilding of the Fourth International, and whose date was set as the 20th of August of this year, was as well postponed to the end of the month of January, 1976.

Conforming to the statutes of the International League, the IEC decided to convoke an Extraordinary International Conference. It must establish a plan of preparation of the rally in Berlin as the axis of the preparation of the 4th Open Conference. In the framework of this discussion, the conference must deepen and develop the assessment of our struggle in order to lead the whole of our party to the final battle of the rebuilding of the 4th International.

In this final battle, the International League calls all the youth, all the workers, to support and participate in its combat. The rebuilding of the Fourth International is the affair of all the workers and youth.

FORWARD TO THE FOUNDING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

LONG LIVE THE WORLD PARTY OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!

THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE --
REBUILDER OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES

On the basis of the resolution of the International Executive Committee and in the framework of the preparation of the Extraordinary International Conference, the Trotskyist Organization has begun to make an assessment of its work, draw the lessons, and make the plan necessary to continue the offensive in the United States for the Revolutionary Youth International and the International 4th Open Conference Rebuilding the Fourth International with redoubled strength.

The correctness of the strategy of the International League has been demonstrated by the incredible rapidity of its progress in the United States since its implantation in February.

The struggle for political and organizational centralization is a constant one for it is the struggle to build the party in the movement of the working class.

LETTERS

Dear Truth,

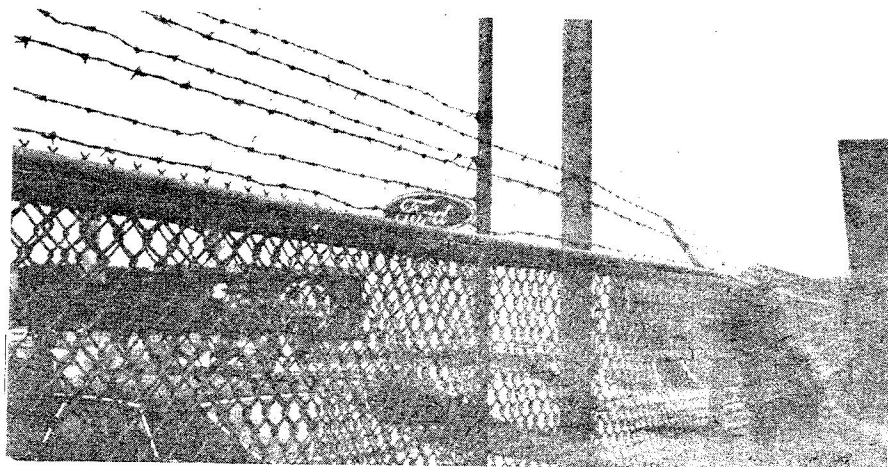
I have been reading your paper since you started selling here at Torrence. I've taken papers and leaflets inside the plant that were given to me by your salespeople.

The union leadership is scared now. I called the vice-president, Jimmy Bounds, over to talk about taking some work off my job. He tried to keep on walking but I kept yelling 'til he came over. I told him that the union leaders were never around when we needed them. I said that I have friends outside who would do something about it if he wasn't going to do anything.

The men want to fight but they are scared of being laid off. But you have to fight to make a dollar, so we have to fight to make these jobs right. Its just like in the 30's again when there were big strikes. Some guys think that they'll be able to get better jobs. I'm a general utility man and I don't even have to fight to make any job better but I think that we should all look out for the next guy.

We are not getting any younger. These jobs must be changed. Its 1975 not 1935. There's a new generation here and we won't put up with this.

Signed,
a friend - Torrence



READERS! SUBSCRIBERS!

With this issue, we begin bi-weekly publication of TRUTH, less than a year after our first number. We had previously planned to begin bi-weekly publication with the September 15 issue. However, the acceleration of the class struggle and the enormity of our political tasks, demands more frequent publication of TRUTH as a weapon in the struggle for political and organizational centralization. The press is the organizer and mobilizer of the class and the party.

The next issue will be four pages. The changes in style are a consequence of changes in personnel. New people are involved in the production of TRUTH. We are now publishing on newsprint because the cost of offset stock, with the increase in our run, is prohibitive. We are presently investigating the possibility of publishing FOURTH INTERNATIONAL in the same format, which will make it available to readers at a much lower cost.

We remind you that your subscription will run out sooner now. We ask all readers to donate all that they can to aid us in the publication of TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

The Trotskyist Organization has decided to again postpone the founding of the Revolutionary Worker Youth in the United States to the November holidays. The following measures to insure the political and organizational centralization necessary to achieve this are being taken: the elaboration of a plan for the RWY; the centralization of the activities of the Trotskyist Organization around the immediate objectives of the First National Conference and the auto workers conference; the bi-weekly publication of TRUTH to insure the systematic development and dissemination of the political line of the party. Following the Extraordinary International Conference a further discussion will be held in the Trotskyist Organization. A full report on it and the lessons drawn from it for our work will be published in the next issue of TRUTH.

The acceleration of the class struggle throughout the world -- and the situation in the United States is not fundamentally different -- makes all the more urgent the rebuilding of the Fourth International to insure the victory of the proletariat. Our party has no other purpose.

By MICHAEL CONRAD

The world economic crisis, from which the capitalists in all countries are still reeling has set in motion a renewed drive to organize the forces of the counterrevolution against the massive mobilization of the international working class, a mobilization which, through its scope and power, threatens to destroy capitalism on an international scale. Key to the counterrevolutionary offensive of the world bourgeoisie is the role of the international Stalinist apparatus, which acts as the main agent of imperialism in the workers' movement to divert the workers from their striving for political power and to channel this movement into a means of propping up the bourgeois order. It is in this context that the 21st National Convention of the Communist Party USA (held June 26-29 in Chicago) and its "People's Bicentennial" must be seen.

PEOPLE'S BICENTENNIAL

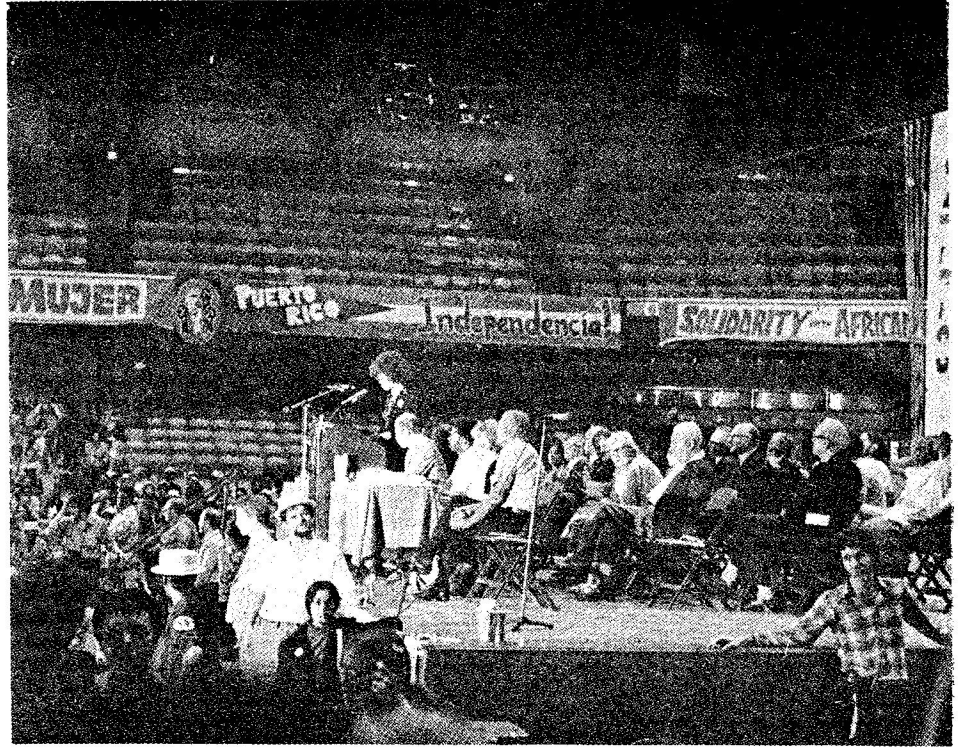
That the American Stalinists are compelled to shift into a new phase of betrayal of the workers' struggles is evidenced by the fact that the CP convention was a public convention --

Even so, the CP convention failed to nominate its Presidential slate for the 1976 elections as it was scheduled to do, indicating a crisis in the organization over how best to carry out the tactical turn on the practical level.

All of this phony "left-face," of course, is the beginning of a mobilization of the entire Party to activate itself for a new and expanded role in the service of the bourgeoisie.

The "People's Bicentennial" which brought about 4,000 people to the Chicago Amphitheatre, was the first of many new mobilizations in this new tack of the CP. The real nature of this extravaganza, however, must be made clear to all militant workers. It was the opening guns of a concerted campaign for class collaboration with the bourgeoisie. This was made rather clear by the presence on the platform of a left-liberal politician from Maywood, Illinois (a working-class suburb of Chicago), Doris Strieter, and a former Chicago alderman, Sam Raynor.

If the Stalinists have put on a "new face," it is only to cover once again their same program for betraying the working class. Internationally, the policy of the Kremlin bureaucracy



Angela Davis speaking at "People's Bicentennial"

"Peoples Bicentennial": Publicity Campaign for Class Collaboration

the first since the Second World War. In order to carry out its "work," the CP has had to come out of moth-balls and take a more aggressive approach. The CP now talks more openly about socialism than previously. For example, the main slogans at the "People's Bicentennial" were Jobs, Peace, Democracy, Socialism; and every Party speaker mentioned "socialism." They attacked the Democratic Party in an attempt to dissociate themselves from 30 years of open support to liberal capitalist politicians.

has been one of "peaceful coexistence, with one of the most despised men in the United States -- Richard Nixon. Today, this policy goes under the code word "detente," with another friend of the working class -- Gerald Ford. In the United States, the CP's central strategy is that of an "anti-monopoly coalition," that is, an alliance between sections of the bourgeoisie, the trade union bureaucrats, liberals and the workers in which the workers are subordinated to the program and needs of the capitalists.

Thus, the real program of the

Stalinists remains unchanged; any lip service they may give to the idea of socialism in order to confuse and disorient those militant workers who are seeking a road out of the current crisis. And as this crisis deepens, as the workers in the United States continue to show their audacity, as in New York, the CP will more and more be forced to show its counterrevolutionary hand. This will be especially true among the workers in basic industry. After a few years of just talking about implanting in steel, the CP has begun to do this as an important part of their "trade

union work." Similarly, the CP has begun a new turn towards the working-class youth. Starting with the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL), their latest youth group, the CP is now attempting to win more and more youth to it. Its activities have expanded and coverage of them has increased in the DAILY WORLD, the CP's newspaper. Like the New Left of several years ago, the CP doesn't need a weatherman to know which way the wind is blowing -- that the young workers are taking the lead in the struggles of the working class.

Bureaucrats Bailout Bankrupt Government

By DAVID MARKOS

The mass layoffs and union busting drive of the banks and corporations in New York is only the beginning of the use of similar tactics all across the country to systematically wipe out the gains of the American working class and grind down their living conditions. The city that harbors the Statue of Liberty with the epithet, "give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free," is the heart of an attack on the poor, already tired of mass layoffs, rampant inflation and rising taxes.

The formation of the Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC) and the austerity program it is attempting to cram down the throats of the workers, is being used as a model in order to carry out the same policies in cities all over the nation. MAC, or Big MAC as the corporation is affectionately called by the bankers and capitalists who are behind it, is merely a tool of finance capital to impose its will on its servants in the city and state governments of New York. The leading holders of financial and speculative

wealth have decided to "foreclose" on the city of New York.

SANITATION WORKERS MOBILIZE AGAINST LAYOFFS

Faced with the necessity of raising \$3 billion in bonds by the end of the summer, MAC and the corporate interests behind it insisted on the city showing it could carve future savings out of the workers' wages. New York's Mayor Beame, under the pressure of MAC, initially proposed an economy budget calling for the layoff of 40,000 workers, as a prelude to breaking the backs of the unions entirely.

City workers responded with a wave of protests and wildcats that threatened to break out into a general strike. Beginning with the wildcat of a few thousand sanitation workers in Brooklyn and Manhattan, the entire 10,000 member workforce of the United Sanitation Workers struck in defiance of their union leaders. This kicked off actions all over the city. Mass sick-calls by firemen, strikes and traffic jams by highway workers, public rioting by police, and the occupation of fire stations scheduled to be closed down by youth all over the city.

UNIONS LEND MONEY TO "POOR" BANKERS

Petrified by this independent mobilization of the city workers and youth, the trade union bureaucrats ran headlong into the arms of the bankers. De Lury, head of the Sanitation Workers Union donated \$1.6 million dollars in union funds to the city to pay the wages of the laid off sanitation workers disciplining the workers back to their jobs in order not to offend the friends of the bureaucrats in city and state government. The city replied that the money would be used to buy time in determining HOW MANY sanitation workers would be laid off.

Not to be outdone, Victor Gotbaum, head of the 110,000 member District Council 37 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), showed he was more inventive than De Lury. Gotbaum proposed trading wage increases due in July

under AFSCME's contract with the city, in return for city bonds paying 6% interest and due in 2 years. Gotbaum went even further, noting to the city's financiers, "There is an estimated 10% employee attrition rate each year. Since the city does not intend to make job replacements, there would be about 60,000 less workers on the payroll when the bonds come due, and so that would cancel out the owed 310 million dollars" in interest payments. The city should have hired Gotbaum to be the "idea man" for Big MAC!

BUREAUCRATS PAVE WAY FOR FURTHER ATTACKS

Government leaders, who were in a panic over the militancy shown by the city workers, were merely encouraged to deepen their assault on the workers' living standards by the magnanimous offers of the bureaucrats. Mayor Beame has since announced the layoff of the sanitation men, leaving 750 on the job until the union funds are completely used up. A spokesman for the Mayor announced with tongue-in-cheek assuredness, "I don't want to give the impression that these men will stay, but it gives us time until August 1st to try to work something." Perhaps another donation by the bureaucrat-turned-banker, De Lury?

Gotbaum's proposal was received even more coolly by Thomas D. Flynn, former head of MAC. "... We don't approve, in general, of the city going into future debt to meet present operating expenses." Ha, Ha, the MAC is only selling bonds to meet present debt totaling \$3 billion dollars, at 9% interest!

Further emboldened by Gotbaum's cowardice, Mayor Beame then announced the suspension of AFSCME's contract provision which provides for shorter work hours in the summer under the emergency powers of the City Career and Salary Leave regulations. After the city refused to submit to "instant" arbitration, Gotbaum beamed, "That's obscene. The guy wants war. This is really what he's asking for and he's going to get it." Gotbaum has since cancelled a walkout to protest the suspension of this contract

provision, after the city agreed to "impartial" arbitration. War indeed.

MAC IS REORGANIZED

While Gotbaum and the rest of the labor fakery are puffing and spouting, the big financiers are planning the real war. After an earlier meeting with a list of bankers that reads like the Who's Who of the finance world (David Rockefeller of the Chase Manhattan Bank, and William J. Spencer, president of the First National City Bank among them), the MAC was reorganized to put William Ellinghaus, president of New York Telephone Co. at the head of a newly created executive board. Ellinghaus was considered a "hawk" on the nine member board of MAC.

After meeting with the bankers, MAC laid out its strategy to Mayor Beame. Among the "alternatives" discussed were the layoff of 27,500 more workers, elimination of subsidies to the City University, fare increases to eliminate subsidies to the Transit Authority, a FREEZE on all municipal salaries, a 10% CUT in wages, and a further 10% cut in the workforce.

INDEPENDENT MOBILIZATION OF THE WORKERS

This is the type of strategy that was discussed at the 43rd Annual Conference of Mayors while Mayor Beame was dealing with the workers' misleaders in New York. The mayors applauded the austerity program of Big MAC as a model for breaking the unions and cutting the living standards of city workers across the nation.

This strategy, however, rests on the cowardice of the trade union bureaucracy in the face of the growing mobilization of the workers. The strike of the sanitation workers is only the beginning of this mobilization against the attack on the living standards of the working class and the youth in the cities across the US. The actions of city workers must be centralized against the treachery of the Gotbaum's, and De Lury's.



VICTOR GOTBAUM

A CALL TO AUTO AND METAL WORKERS'

BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH!

MEET SEPTEMBER 13 IN CHICAGO!



JAPANESE WORKERS DEMONSTRATE

YOUNG WORKERS!

The Trotskyist Organization of the United States calls upon you to join with it in rebuilding the world revolutionary party of the working class. This struggle throughout the world to build the world party of the socialist revolution, is the exact expression of your struggle, your feelings and your hopes. This is the struggle that we offer you today.

YOUNG AUTO AND METAL WORKERS!

The Fourth International that is being rebuilt turns to you because the world revolutionary party can only be rebuilt on the basis of the strongholds of the militant workers, through intervention and organization of your struggles. We propose a common struggle to you: to build the Revolutionary Worker Youth in the US as an instrument of the revolutionary working-class youth in this country, as part of our international struggle to build the Revolutionary Youth International, to fight along with our party in common struggle.

This struggle must be carried out in the factories through demonstrations, meetings, etc., and must be carried out throughout the United States, especially in the heart of the auto industry in Detroit. We propose the following slogans to organize and centralize your fight:

AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT!
JOBS FOR ALL!
NO LAYOFFS!
FOR A SLIDING SCALE OF WAGES AND HOURS!
TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR ALL WORKERS UNDER WORKERS CONTROL!
THE UNRESTRICTED RIGHT TO STRIKE!
DRIVE THE POLICE OUT OF THE FACTORIES!
ORGANIZE WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS!
AGAINST THE FASCIST REPRESSION IN SPAIN!

You know that the survival of capitalism means only more and more exploitation -- massive unemployment, job discrimination, low pay, police attacks and harassment. Today the capitalists proudly declare that they have begun their "recovery." A "recovery" that is taking place without the slightest drop in the unemployment rate -- with over 13,000 new layoffs in the city of New York alone. "Recovery" or not, capitalism can no longer provide a free and decent life for workers -- here in the US and around the world.

Today the world revolution is in the making. In every country of the world, from Chicago to Lisbon, from Barcelona to Warsaw, the working class, and especially the young workers in the auto and steel industry have entered into the struggle for their own power.

The world revolution that is being made finds itself confronted with all the forces of the old order that seek to defeat the struggles of the working class -- the

bourgeoisie itself, and its agents inside the workers' movement -- the trade union bureaucrats and the Stalinist and Social Democratic Parties.

In Portugal, the Stalinists collaborate with the army, the weapon of the capitalist state, in order to set up a Popular Front to prevent the Portuguese working class from carrying through the socialist revolution. In the USSR, the Stalinists keep the working class that made the first proletarian revolution in human history under the most brutal repression.

Here in the US, the American Communist Party plays the same role in holding back the workers' struggles. It collaborates with the trade union bureaucrats under the form of the "People's Bicentennial," trying to convince the American working class that their struggle for the next American revolution only means a struggle for bourgeois reforms, under the leadership of "good" capitalists. Every manifestation of workers' militancy scares the bureaucrats and the Stalinists to death. The Stalinists denounced the workers at the April 26th demonstration in Washington, DC, for refusing to listen to "friends of labor" such as Hubert Humphrey. Last fall, they denounced the striking miners who refused the sellout contract of the Arnold Miller leadership and in the UAW they openly supported Leonard Woodcock for election as President of the UAW. Along with the Woodcock leadership, the Stalinists are putting all their efforts into demoralizing the auto workers, refusing to fight back against the layoffs and preparing for another sellout contract in 1976.

In order to fight these traitors, in order to carry through to the end the world revolution that has begun, we need a revolutionary leadership, a world party of the socialist revolution. The Fourth International is this party, a party founded by Leon Trotsky in 1938, founded in the struggle against Stalinism, founded in order to lead the world working class to the socialist revolution. The Fourth International lives and fights today in the struggle of the International League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International which is rebuilding this world party and is uniting the international struggles of the working class and its youth. The Trotskyist Organization of the US carries out this fight for the Fourth International in the US.

The Trotskyist Organization is radically different from all the other organizations who claim the Fourth International. In contrast to all others we stand for the class independence of the working class and we speak first and foremost to you, young workers, who are the key to the international struggle of the working class. You are in the vanguard of the fight to rebuild the Fourth International. You are in the front ranks of every serious struggle, you are the most militant fighters. The traitors of the working class -- the trade union bureaucracy and the Stalinists have the least hold over you, you want nothing to do with their "tradition."

Young workers! We must unify the struggle for jobs that we propose to you. The fight goes beyond the fight at one factory it is a national and an international struggle. This struggle must be organized and centralized in the struggle to build the Revolutionary Worker Youth in the US during the November

holidays as part of the international struggle to mobilize the working-class youth under the banner of the Fourth International which will be founded this winter through a mass rally in Berlin under the slogans: DOWN WITH THE BERLIN WALL! -- the symbol of the division of the working class in the West from the working class in Eastern Europe; FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! FOR THE WORLD SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC!

American working-class youth! You know the importance of your struggles. The US is the center of world imperialism, the fight against US imperialism is therefore an international fight. Our experiences in the late 1960's -- with the student anti-war movement, and the black movement demonstrate the great potential for struggle among the American working class and its youth. These movements were part of the world working-class upsurge that began in 1968 and

Interview

TRUTH: The International League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International has set as its strategy the mobilization of the young workers in mass against unemployment. We believe that the young workers are always the most militant, the most energetic fighters against social injustice and the oppressive capitalist system. What has been the effect on the workforce at Rouge of the layoff of so many workers, especially younger workers in terms of their militancy and capacity to fight?

YOUNG WORKER: It puts more work on the individuals remaining. People worry that they might be next. The guys in the labor gangs are the first ones to go because they've got the lowest classification. You have to have a classification to remain in the plant. Supervision is threatened with going back to work, so they put more work on you. You're doing this job today, that job tomorrow. You have no designated jobs. On first shift they have designated jobs like tractor driver, crane operator, sump and trench men, and so on. With us they just go get a man and tell him to do it all. Another thing you know you're going to have is absenteeism. They have laborers who are supposed to replace a man who's off. We're short of laborers now. Jobs go uncovered. We're working short, with sometimes one man on the floor where there are three jobs.

T: Have the layoffs been used to force the workers to accept a further worsening of working conditions and direct violations of the UAW's contract?

YW: Definitely. Like what's happening to me: They tell me on a promotion that I apply for, that its based on merit and ability and seniority. Well, I've got the ability if I'm working on it now. Even if its only one day seniority, I should have the job, if I have the ability and seniority. It happens over and over again. Guys I break in on the job wind up with the job, when I wanted it. I keep trying to obtain a permanent position, so I know what I'm going to do when I come in that day. I talked to the (union) committeeman, the disposition gets written by the superintendent, and that's as far as it goes. The disposition always says: "Look at his record." They have all sorts of trumped up charges on the records. I can't recall in the three years I've been here someone really jamming up a job, but they are constantly charging people with all sorts of things.

Another definite violation of the contract is that they don't lay off by seniority.

T: What has been the response of the trade union leadership to these attacks? Are there divisions among the leaders as to how or whether at all to combat unemployment and worsening working conditions?

YW: The new president (of the unit) said he'd set up committees on working conditions to better them. He hasn't had too much time yet -- he took office the 13th of July.

The old president not being re-elected -- that was a change in itself for the better. There was a big turnout for the election, voting went three to one against the old president.

T: Almost everyone is dissatisfied with these conditions and the trade union bureaucrats refuse to fight them. There are always pockets of resistance to these policies -- individual militants, lines and departments that are more combative than others. Do you believe that this scattered resistance could be transformed into a centralized fight with the proper leadership -- say by building a strike committee in preparation for the 1976 contract round out of the militants at Rouge?

YW: Yes, I think so. Another thing that's a real problem is that the committeemen. You have to trust the leaders. The men have to be behind them if they say "go." We had a thing like that organized at Dodge Main, but they finally fired a few committeemen and everyone got scared.

T: It's very important for the militant leadership to know how to defend itself and use these attacks to continue organizing and mobilizing the other workers.

YW: It has to be the younger ones. The older workers are kind of flustered, but some are fed up. You lose your rights, your voice. "Leave your manhood at the gate when you walk through." The leadership needs unity and trust. They've got to stand up for what

continuing today. But these movements collapsed because the spontaneous efforts of the youth and the black masses were not organized and centralized under a revolutionary leadership, on an international level. The capitalists are organized and are international. Our struggle must be international and centralized as well. The fight of the Revolutionary Youth International represents our desire and need to wage an international fight against US imperialism. DOWN WITH THE BERLIN WALL! will be the American working-class youth's response to the collaboration between the imperialists and the Stalinist bureaucracy which prevents the revolutionary unification of our world struggles.

In order to unify our struggle we have to prepare the means to lead a fight to win our demands. This means the preparation and organization of the General Strike under the central and unifying demand for

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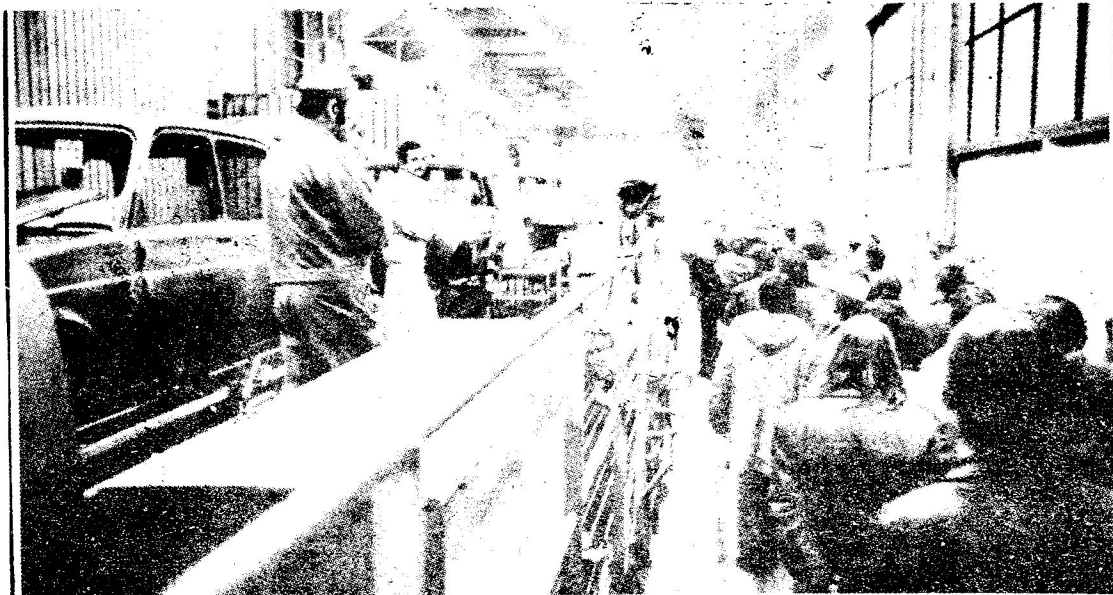
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...y believe is really right. That's what's wrong -- rights being stepped on.

Now this is what they say: that we have an agreement that if Rouge goes on strike, we have to work our days to bank the furnaces. If something goes wrong, Ford could sue the union. That's how Solidarity House (union headquarters) is -- you can't strike, you can't strike.

It's a question of the balance of forces. With a militant leadership and a program to mobilize the rest of the workers, the strikers can force them to back down on that stuff. The rank and file strike committee is our way to start organizing people for this. The conditions exist for a potential general strike next year. The Teamsters contract is up then, too.

W: Yeah, now they're a union that doesn't mess around.

Do you know that the Teamsters was originally organized into a powerful union by our comrades, by the youth internationalists? It took a general strike in Minneapolis that brought thousands into the streets to organize the Teamsters. Whenever there are great risks facing the workers' movement, revolutionists come into the leadership.

W: That's very interesting. You know, I look at the way that the UAW was gotten together and the leadership now doesn't even know what its about. The main thing, too, is communication. A leader has to have an address or number where he can be reached. The strike might last 10 days, 20 days, you might hear a rumor its over. That's really organization. It has to be organized to be successful.

The way to do it is to have mass meetings everyday and a daily strike bulletin to say what's happened, what has to be done.

W: People have a lot of trust in this fellow Rick, the new president. People will go with him.

The strike committee would work because the company would give us more respect if we were fully organized, if we could say "you have to do something about this." It's like poker, it depends on who's got the best bluff 'til one side throws their chips down.

The first thing would be to organize the unit itself. Some of the younger fellows are so disorganized you've got to watch them. I like to do the right thing: I don't jump over someone with more seniority. There are others who don't have that attitude. They're just themselves, but we have to band together. If they pass over one guy, you're next. Nothing is done if you don't stand up for what's right.

The new president is talking about setting up different committees to investigate absenteeism, drugs, alcoholism. He's trying to get everyone involved, with things like Christmas parties, socials, on meetings, too. There was lots of active support for him in his campaign. There hasn't been any support on meetings since he's been in office and I'm sure there will be full attendance at the first. I could

bring up the idea of a strike committee to investigate conditions and grievances. The men would support this and it would work to bring together the militants and get them organizing the other workers.

The president is the personification of a leader. Ricky Martin, the new president of the unit, is 23 years old. People are really counting on him, standing by him 100%. It would be a big letdown if he lets us down.

T: The Trotskyist Organization of the United States, the American supporter of the International League is building a Worker Youth Circle at Rouge, young workers who want to struggle to build a World Party of Socialist Revolution. This circle of young workers will mobilize the workers at Rouge, unemployed auto workers, and student youth to battle against unemployment, AT THE FACTORY. For instance, what would be the effect on the workers at Rouge, young and old, of a mass demonstration organized at the factory gate against unemployment?

YW: Speaking for myself, I think it would be beautiful. Whatever you do, there must be a message in it. Young people have to tell the other workers we must have jobs. If the demonstration can do something about bringing back jobs, it's cool. There would be mixed emotions though, I do believe. I'm thinking about Washington, DC. Like the civil rights movement, you know, workers' rights.

T: There have already been large labor demonstrations in Washington. Ten thousand UAW members demonstrated and there was a demonstration of fifty thousand workers on April 26th. These demonstrations are an important sign of the growing mobilization of the American working class, but they didn't achieve anything because they had no strategy. Our strategy is to organize, mobilize and centralize the struggles of the workers in the factories, where the power is. That's why we would organize our demonstration right at the plant, where the power of the workers has its roots.

YW: Even with a demonstration right out there in front of the glass house, supervision and white collar would say "What the hell?!" They'd be shook. "What brought this on?" The element of surprise, you know. "Let's find out what's behind this stuff we'd better talk to this leader, bring him in with us."

I would stimulate the workers' thoughts, make them think for themselves. People would take heed, that's for sure. The element of surprise, you know, it might get really big if its right. Conditions can really bring people together. It's getting tough. People are slightly confused now. But it only takes people to get together.

T: What do you think about the other revolutionary groups at Rouge? Do you feel that they are following the proper strategy to combat the layoffs and the crisis of the capitalist system?

YW: If there are any other groups, I don't know about it. Some units have got 2000 men. I know there must be a lot of shaking going on there. I get the opportunity to get around, but then they charge me with "being off the job without permission." They hate to see people get together. But its been going like this too long, something's got to shake loose soon. People are losing their houses, going crazy, turning to crime.

Come to think of it, there is another group outside at gate 4, passing out pamphlets on Rockefeller and the president. One day they started telling me about Rockefeller when I had just gotten a five-day suspension. I tossed them a .38 bullet and told them that was one way to get rid of him. They said, "No, no" that's not the way, the Black Panthers tried that. They think the CIA is like the bogeyman in your trunk.

T: We believe that the construction of a revolutionary party -- a party of professional revolutionaries built from the mobilization of young workers in mass, is a vital necessity. This party would train workers to be writers, agitators, to build demonstrations and lead strikes -- in other words, to organize and centralize the struggles of the mass of workers against unemployment and the attack on workers' living standards, and against the bankrupt policies of the trade union bureaucrats. Do you believe such a party is necessary?

YW: I do. I believe, as far as the nation, its the youth that has to re-establish the foundation that the country is supposed to have been based on in the first place. I'm not much of a speechmaker, but things are going down the treadmill now. You have youth working in the factories, working towards retirement. Youths are coming out of school to fewer and fewer jobs. There's no future if no jobs are available. There have to be jobs open for the youth. We're working towards 25 and out. This is replenishing, it opens jobs for the youth. The necessity of the party is to bring about unity among people as a whole, and force the government and corporations to acknowledge the existence of a party that is working for the working class.

T: Just as it is necessary to centralize the struggles of militants at Rouge and other factories, so we believe that the struggle against capitalism on a world scale must be centralized in a World Party. The International League is holding a 4th Open Conference this winter to proclaim the 4th International rebuilt. We are calling on all organizations which claim to be Trotskyist and to the militants of other revolutionary organizations to come to this conference and participate in the rebuilding of the 4th International, a single united and centralized party to fight capitalism. A world party of socialist revolution which will combat the policies of the trade union bureaucrats and the policies of the bureaucrats in the countries of socialist conquest -- the Soviet Union, China, etc., where we fight for a political revolution. How do you look on this conference and its aims?

YW: Why do you call it the Fourth International?

T: (Explains history of international movement).

YW: I don't see why not. I don't see why the workers shouldn't control it all. Like you say, its the leadership in any control. It used to be in the fifties, communism was like a dirty word. But now the system's falling.

Where would the control come from? T: You hear a lot about the Soviets, but they never explain what Soviets are. "Soviet" is the Russian word for council. The soviets were the democratic councils of the workers that were formed in the course of the revolution. All the factories elected representatives, and the soviets ran everything -- production, distribution, the military, etc. We are for the World Soviet Republic.

YW: The union should run it all! Now we're talking about the same thing. How fast the line should run, jobs for everyone, keeping the economy balanced.

In Japan, it's organized better than it is here. A world party means dealing with different trends. People will have to be re-educated, the policies of France are not the same as for Germany. There has to be a plan for cooperation that is right.

Portugal— The Fight for the Workers' and Peasants' Government

By MARGARET BRECHT

As we go to press, the daily papers report that the MFA, with the assistance of the CP, is still trying to reorganize the government after the departure of the Socialist Party and the Popular Democratic Party. Demonstrations of thousands against the government are reported.

This government will last no longer than the last three since the fall of Caetano 16 months ago.

There are only two roads open in Portugal: fascist dictatorship of the bankers, the bosses, and the military men or the dictatorship of the proletariat, of the laboring masses.

The capitalists in the United States would like the youth and the workers to think that the Portuguese working class has gone out into the streets against "Communism." The Socialist Party would like the same thing. According to them, what the Portuguese working class wants is "Democracy." They prefer to remain vague about just what type of democracy -- BOURGEOIS OR PROLETARIAN.

The Armed Forces Movement (MFA) with the CP, claims that these are "reactionary elements" who are against the "progressive government" that they want to liquidate the "gains" of the revolution. They are "provocateurs" organized by the SP, to throw Portugal into the hands of American imperialism.

The truth of the matter is that the Portuguese working class wants its own government -- and is more and more determined not to let anyone stand in its way. Workers' commissions are being organized throughout Portugal to regulate life in the factories, neighborhoods, and throughout the cities.

The MFA, guardian of capitalist property and the capitalist state has attempted to impose a program -- the Program of Political Action of June 21 -- to control the institutions with the ultimate objective of destroying them. The CP and SP have both supported this.

The CP has given its unqualified support to the MFA. If the SP has left the government it is not because it in ANY WAY represents the working class better than the CP. IT HAS LEFT THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE of maintaining the allegiance of the workers' to it.

The strength of the mobilization of the international working class is making the maintenance of the Popular Government of the CP, the SP, the PDP, even with the army in it, impossible. It has been incapable of resolving the problem of unemployment. It refuses to liquidate the remnants of the hated Caetano regime for it knows it will have to lean on them in the future.

The International League is waging the fight in Portugal for the 4th Open Conference Rebuilding the Fourth

International.

This struggle, the struggle to build the Revolutionary Workers Party in Portugal, is based entirely on the mobilization of the working-class youth.

The Committee of the International League is preparing "the Conference of the Proclamation of the Portuguese Section," through a campaign to impose total workers' control of production.

This objective must be realized through the centralization of the Workers' Commissions (WC) into a national Congress of the WC, which will plan the economy, expropriate the bourgeoisie, etc.

This Congress must meet on the basis of the support of the workers' struggles, of strikes and occupations for workers' control and the centralization of their commissions.

(from the internal document, The Tasks of the LIRQI Committee in Portugal in order to hold the Conference of the Proclamation of the Portuguese Section of the LIRQI)

The nationalizations carried out by the MFA do not solve the crisis for each group of nationalized businesses remains under the control of the state of the capitalists. The objective of workers' control demands an open POLITICAL confrontation with the state.

The Committee must explain in the course of the struggle the irreconcilable opposition between workers' control of production and the presence in power of the strong arm of the bourgeoisie, who, with the open support of the CP and the SP, tries to attack the workers' conquests.

... The struggle for workers' control over production, in the hands of the WC, is inextricably linked to the mobilization to drive the military from power, counting on, in this fight, the fundamental support of the workers with the aid of the young soldiers. (from the same document cited above)

At the same time, the International League in Portugal is waging a fight for a unitary campaign against all support to the Franco regime. The support of the whole of the regime CP and SP included, to the Iberian Pact reveals its anti-working class essence. A meeting was held in Lisbon on June 27th to plan action against this.

It is the fight of the International League to rebuild the Fourth International which is providing the SINGLE leadership necessary for the Portuguese and Spanish working classes to reach victory. And victory on the Iberian Peninsula will open the door to the Socialist United States of Europe.

INPRECOR on the Spanish Revolution

By HENRY PLATSKY

The resolution of the Pabloite United Secretariat (Usec) entitled "The Death Agony of Francoism and the tasks of the Spanish Revolution," which appears in the June issue of INPRECOR, demonstrates that in the name of "Trotskyism" and the "Fourth International" Pabloism obstructs the building of a genuine revolutionary world party.

On page 7 of INPRECOR we are introduced to a spontaneously developing "broad workers vanguard" in Spain upon whom the Usec thrusts the responsibilities of a revolutionary leadership.

The article states (page 7): "Spontaneously, the mass movement is making efforts to coordinate and centralize its battles through united and representative organs. . . THE TASK OF REVOLUTIONARY MARXISTS CONSISTS OF SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING THESE EFFORTS so as to stimulate the maturation of the broadest organs of mass self-organization, in order that unification of all these struggles may concentrate their energies ON A CENTRAL AIM: the fall of the dictatorship, the SHAKING OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, and the beginning of the Spanish revolution." (all emphasis mine -- HP)

The goal of the revolutionary movement is reduced to the SHAKING OF the capitalist system, not its OVERTHROW. And the relationship of the revolutionary Marxists to this spontaneous mass movement is, according to the Pabloites, to "support" and "strengthen" it.

But revolutions not only unfold, said Trotsky, they are organized. The task of Leninists is to intervene in the spontaneous mass movement in order to TRANSFORM it into a conscious, organized movement for power. The policy of the Pabloites amounts to "strengthening" the mass movement by leaving it without a revolutionary leadership, thus insuring its DEFEAT.

Let the friends of the Pabloites accuse us of placing the worst possible interpretation on one paragraph, let them turn to page 14 and 15 of the resolution, where it calls for a workers' government "... OPENING THE ROAD TO THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT (emphasis in original)."

In an open revision of the Transitional Program of the 4th International, the workers' government becomes for the Pabloites an INTERMEDIATE STAGE between capitalism and the dictatorship of the proletariat. And again, on page 14, the struggle against capitalism is turned over to a "workers united front." Not a sentence, not even a footnote on the role of an independent Trotskyist party in organizing and leading the revolution.

In the context of the complete repudiation of the tasks of Leninists, no one should be taken in by the criticisms that the resolution directs towards the Spanish Communist Party for treachery, class collaborationism, etc. The Indochinese Stalinists, who engaged in the very same practices, were hailed by the Pabloites as revolutionists.

In Spain, where the most conscious workers HAVE FEW ILLUSIONS IN STALINISM the Pabloites must make a show of being critical of the Communist Party just to keep pace with the spontaneous mass movement, which is more conscious than the "Trotskyists" of the Usec.

But these criticisms cannot cover up the fact that throughout the resolution Stalinism is treated as a SPANISH phenomena. Not a word is written about the relationship between the treachery of the Spanish CP and its role as a loyal constituent of the Kremlin's international apparatus.

The workers are given the dubious option of joining two parties, each claiming to be equally "Trotskyist" and equally sympathetic to the Usec. This phenomena is the result of an agreement between the major international factions of the Usec which allows them the privileges of a split under the cover of "unity."

There is a genuine Trotskyist party in Spain: the Workers Revolutionary Party (Partido Obrero Revolucionario de Espana) Spanish section of the International League. Comparing firsthand the practice of the POR to that of the Pabloite caricatures of Trotskyism, workers and militants from both Usec sympathizing groups in Madrid, Barcelona, and Bilbao declared their support for the POR earlier this year.

Cunhal, Hansen, Mandel Refuse to Fight Franco!

Cunhal, leader of the Portuguese Communist Party, Hansen, leader of the Leninist - Trotskyist Faction of the United Secretariat (the Socialist Workers Party and its friends), and Mandel, leader of the International Majority Tendency of the United Secretariat, are presently falling all over each other to prove which one is the most ardent defender of the Portuguese working class and its revolution.

They show their true colors in the stands they have recently taken in the defense of the Spanish working class. Cunhal has just called for "a good neighbor policy" with Franco. Franco. He has revived the "Iberian Pact" of the 30's to justify this. Hansen has refused to respond to the call of the International League for unitary action to

end all support to Franco, lift the state of emergency, and free all political prisoners. His supporters in Chicago refused to allow a delegation of the International League to speak to a public meeting of the SWP. The delegation was there to ask their participation in the benefit to raise money for the fight against fascism in Spain. Mandel has outdone himself. To the surprise of all the Pabloite militants in Spain, he entered the state of emergency in the course of which his own comrades are being shot down in the streets, to speak at a series of conferences held in Barcelona on the antiseptic topic of "the economic crisis." Small wonder he declared that the "Trotskyism -- Stalinism combat has been concluded."

REPUBLICA Affair

Tendencies like the Hansen wing of the United Secretariat (the SWP) argue that REPUBLICA was closed down because of the SP's criticisms of the dictatorial regime of the MFA. The Mandel wing, which is cozying up to the CP, soft-peddles the CP's arguments. The Committee of the International League in Portugal found that REPUBLICA, prior to its closing, had been taken over by a workers' commission composed of equal numbers of different parties (including the CP and the SP). Signed by 153 of 175 workers at Republica, their mani-

festos entitled "Republica fell into the hands of men of bourgeois arrogance" was published in the June 24th issue of the daily, LIBERATION. Excerpts were reprinted in the June 25th issue of LE MONDE. REPUBLICA was closed down, with the collaboration of the CP and the SP, in order to suppress this workers' commission, which had published, among other things, the call of the International League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International (SEE BELOW), for a unitary campaign against the state of emergency in Spain.

SOLIDARIEDADE TROTSKISTA COM MILITANTES ESPANHÓIS

O comitê da seção portuguesa da Liga Internacional de Reconstituição da Quarta Internacional denunciou, em comunicado, a prisão, em Bilbao e Pamplona, de várias dezenas de militantes, acusados de pertencerem ao Partido Operário Revolucionário de Espanha (P.O.R.E.), a Liga Comunista Revolucionária

TV apoiaram esta atitude do Governo.

A LIRQI considera que este ataque repressivo é muito mais forte do que o de Burgos, em 1970, pelo que finaliza o seu comunicado por um apelo à mobilização apoiada, organizada e unitária em que colaborarão todas as organi-

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Build the 4th Open Conference!

In Germany, the International League has won a militant of the Spartacusbund to the struggle for the conference rebuilding the Fourth International.

Militants of the organizations of the United Secretariat and the International Committee in Portugal have joined in the struggle of the Committee of the International League in Portugal.

In the United States, the Labor Party League, Tim Wohlforth, and Nancy Fields have agreed to participate in the 4th Open Conference and the First National Conference of the Trotskyist Organization.

After the intervention of the LIRQI in the Chartist Conference in Britain, the majority were convinced that they had to take a position on the struggle of the LIRQI to rebuild the Fourth International.

And the Workers League, with the publication of the "Manifesto of the Sixth International Congress of the International Committee of the Fourth International," has come out, in capital letters, in a clear response to the Trotskyist Organization, for "THE PARTY OF THE WORLD SOCIALIST REVOLUTION." While there are constant references to the "sections of the ICFI," the only name mentioned is the WRP.

Detente

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socialist conquests and opens them up to imperialist and that the Kremlin apparatus disarms the coming revolutions in the capitalist countries. Ford, Brezhnev, and representatives of Franco will meet while Spanish workers and youth are being shot down in the streets, The American working class and its youth must respond to the European Security Conference by saying: DOWN WITH THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCES! FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! It must respond to Ford's visits to Warsaw, Belgrade, and Bucharest by joining with its fellow workers in the countries of socialist conquests dominated by the Kremlin bureaucracy by saying: DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM! FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL DEFENSE OF THE WORKERS STATES AGAINST IMPERIALISM!

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

This "Holy Alliance" of fascists, democratic imperialists, and Stalinist bureaucrats against the working class is nothing new.

It is this alliance that the Fourth International has fought throughout its history. Because he led this fight, Leon Trotsky, the founder of the Fourth International, was murdered by a Stalinist agent 35 years ago this August 20th. The Fourth International does not fear this counterrevolutionary alliance. They have been forced to sit down in the same room together because of their fear of us, because of the strength of the international working class mobilization.

Party after party is wracked with crisis in the face of this mobilization. The United Secretariat-- which the

Socialist Workers Party in the United States supports, is deeply divided on the question of the coming revolution.

While claiming falsely to represent the Fourth International, one wing of it defends the Communist Party in Portugal Portugal while the other defends the Socialist Party. Neither wing leads the fight for workers' power in Portugal.

In Portugal, in Spain, in France, in Eastern Europe, and in the U.S. it is the International League-- Rebuilder of the Fourth International that is organizing and preparing the working class for power. It has been strengthened in the face of the crisis of all the other organizations. Only our party has no fear of "detente," of the European Security Conference, of the counterrevolutionary alliances around the world. We have no maneuvers or deals to offer the international working class because we base ourselves entirely on the mobilizations and struggles of the working class around the world.

American workers and youth! You can reject the maneuvers of the Ford government which under the guise of "detente" and "respect" only prepare the next world war. You can reject the policy of the American CP which attempts to hold back your struggles as a service to its capitalist masters. You can reject the policy of the trade union bureaucrats who moan about "democracy" in the USSR and Portugal while they cut off any voice that you have in running the trade unions in this country and while they attempt to prevent your struggles from succeeding.

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Benefit for the Fight Against Fascism in Spain!

By ELLEN FRIEDMAN

The rotting Franco dictatorship attacks the Spanish workers ever more viciously in its death agony. Thousands of Spanish militants, including members of our Spanish section who led the recent wave of strikes in northern Spain suffer imprisonment and torture. These class war fighters are paying for their struggle to overthrow the rule of capital in Spain -- they may pay with their lives. Most important for us and for the struggle of the working class throughout the world, valuable fighters in the revolutionary movement rot in the jails of Spain, unable to take their place beside us, beside our comrades in Spain who are still free, to wage the struggle to overthrow the Franco dictatorship, to turn the struggle into the beginning of the European revolution.

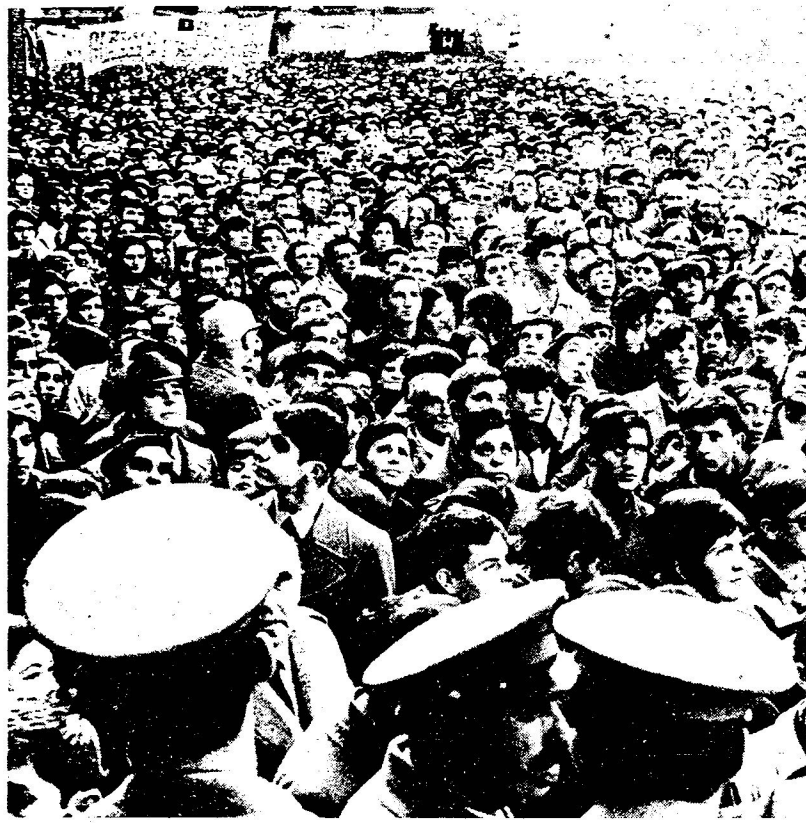
Only the strength of the world working class can save these fighters... because only fear of worse consequences should they be sentenced will keep the capitalists from demanding the blood of those who oppose them-- particularly in Spain where the dictatorship and the bourgeoisie fear for their lives before the upsurge of the workers. The arrests of the militants, huge numbers of whom are charged with "belonging to the POR" (Spanish section of the International League), show the fear inspired in the bourgeoisie by a genuine leadership in the working class. The POR is, in fact, this leadership, and it appears that the dictatorship assumes any genuine militant class fighter must be a member. It IS the fight of the International League to win every militant class fighter to the party-- and also to organize an international struggle to free the fighters jailed by the dictatorship.

The Action Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners in Spain held a fund-raising benefit to build the campaign on June 28th in Chicago. More than \$1000 was raised for carrying on the work of the committee. The benefit involved an exhibition of art by the American Surrealist Group, songs by IWW singers, jazz numbers by the Big Band Sound of Niambi, a Southside jazz band, and speakers from the groups involved in the campaign. Addresses were made by spokesmen from the Trotskyist Organization of the U.S. and the American Surrealist Group. One speaker brought greetings from the International Executive Committee of the International League.

The Surrealists expressed their solidarity as revolutionary artists with the fight of the Spanish revolutionaries.

Through the benefit new supporters were won for the struggle and the work of the committee received greater public attention. Much remains to be done. Organizing active support for the defense campaign among the workers in Chicago's major industries and around the country and among the elements of the liberals willing to fight for the defense of democratic rights is underway.

The slogans of the campaign: FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS! END THE SPECIAL MILITARY TRIBUNALS! LIFT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY! FREE RETURN FOR ALL SPANISH EXILES! END ALL SUPPORT TO THE FRANCO DICTATORSHIP! must be taken up wherever workers fight and organize. The Spanish workers from the SEAT plant who now lie in Franco's jails face the same enemy as American workers in auto and all other sectors. Defense of these workers is self-defense.



Strike Wave

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attempting to head off the coming open confrontation with the American working class.

NEW YORK

The struggles of the working class in New York City also paves the way for the future confrontation that must take place with the capitalists in every major city in this country. The capitalists have engaged in an open confrontation with the labor movement in New York. Business has posed a clear alternative to the Beame administration in New York: open war against labor in New York, or no money. The outright capitulation of the labor bureaucrats to this policy has demonstrated to the working class in New York that they will have to wage their fight without and against the labor bureaucrats. And they have done this. The strikes of the 10,000 sanitation workers, wildcat strikes of firemen, the sit-ins in welfare offices by unemployed welfare and social service workers, have all expressed the spontaneous revolt of

the workers against the confrontation laid down by the capitalists. Through these spontaneous revolts a new leadership is being forged for the working class; a leadership that must be revolutionary in its program and strategy if the revolt of the workers and youth is to be organized and centralized.

This revolt has had its expression throughout the country. The strike of 90,000 Pennsylvania state workers last month which included sit-ins in state offices, the strikes of the Steelworkers -- 1,300 in Bridgeport, Conn., 3,500 taconite workers in the Mesabi Range in Minnesota (giving just a small sign of what the rank and file of the USW think about I.W. Abel's "no strike pledge"), the strike of the Santa Clara County, California, city workers -- the first strike in their history, are all examples of the growing spontaneous strike movement of the American working class which is taking place under the worse economic conditions that the working class has seen since the Depression.



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Building the Revolutionary Worker Youth Workers and Youth Demonstrate For Jobs At Ford Torrence!



Chicago, Ill

The Ford-Torrence Worker-Youth Circle with the Trotskyist Organization of the US (TO/US) held a rally on July 3rd in Altgeld Gardens (a housing project near the Ford plant) and a demonstration at the Torrence Assembly Plant at shift change. This demonstration was the first called by the Worker-Youth Circle and not only marked an increase in the influence of the Circle among the militants and young workers

at the plant but laid the groundwork for it becoming the DECISIVE influence at Torrence.

The rally beforehand at Altgeld Gardens was not a success. More importantly, holding the rally there was a DIVERSION away from the struggle at the factory and this wrong focus contributed to its lack of success. This mistake came in the FORM of a militant's desire to "reach the youth in the

community," but the CONTENT was avoiding the struggle at the factory.

The demonstration included a number of laid-off Ford workers as well as unemployed youth who were members of the Worker-Youth Circle. They chanted the slogans: Jobs for All! Recall the 900! Drive the Bureaucrats Out! Workers going in, attracted by its signs, chants and spirit, came over to the demonstration. Others called out their support. One worker came over and shook the hands of all the demonstrators. Another, who has associated himself with the distributors of TRUTH at the plant, defied a warning he received -- the security guards were taking pictures -- and also joined the demonstration.

During the demonstration one of the union bureaucrats screamed that "you should go to Russia with that stuff!" A Trotskyist militant from Ford at the demonstration replied, "In Russia we're fighting the same types as you -- bureaucrats!" At 3:00, the chairman of the Worker-Youth Circle, an unemployed youth, called to workers "to think about their future and the future of their children" and "to join hands together to fight the system, the bureaucrats!"

UNION BUREAUCRATS, POLICE
AND FORD

The so-called "union leaders," the bureaucrats, working hand-in-hand

with the Chicago police and Ford security guards, attempted to demoralize the militants. The security guards took pictures; the police came in force complete with a paddy wagon. The bureaucrats, led by George Haney, sergeant-at-arms, attempted to mobilize some of the men to join him in jeering the demonstration, but he failed to win any support for his right-wing antics.

This is the "holy trinity" -- the bureaucrats, the capitalists, and their state -- who oppose the demonstration. The union bureaucrats, the agents of the capitalists INSIDE the workers' movement, are the most frantic because 1) we expose the abuses they allow to continue unabated in the plant; 2) we have a program to solve unemployment -- the first step is throwing these bureaucrats out; 3) and most importantly, we are building a world revolutionary party to fight for this program in the trade unions, in the UAW. The Fourth International is what they fear the most.

RESULTS

The full impact of the demonstration on the workers was revealed both that night when the Circle collected funds for its work and the following week when over 25 workers signed up to attend the National Auto Workers Conference.

Circle Meetings: Chicago Heights, South Works, Torrence

Chicago Heights and Steel meetings on August 16th, 2PM, South Chicago YMCA. Ford Torrence meeting on August 9th, 2PM, South Chicago YMCA, 91st & Houston.

Torrence Worker Youth Circle Fights Bureacrats

By BARBARA O'BRADY

Supporters of the Trotskyist Organization working at the Ford-Torrence plant have drawn the fire of a particularly scurrilous bureaucrat, George Haney, Sargeant-At-Arms of Local 551. Haney tried to disrupt the work of organizing, mobilizing centralizing and further unifying the strength and power of the workers by physically threatening those who have, with the Trotskyist Organization, been organizing the Worker-Youth Circle at Ford. Among those who have been threatened are laid-off auto workers, including members of 551. In telling us to stay off company property Haney is doing the company a favor. He defends private property and Ford's right to do as they please with the workers.

In his own primitive way Haney thinks his threats will stop us from reaching the workers, but instead his actions called forth the need to defend workers' democracy. Haney was really taken aback when we came back the next day with a big poster stating "Defend Workers' Democracy -- Stop the union bureaucrats' attacks on union members!" and a petition to enlist the support of the workers. Haney came over this time and very politely asked us to PLEASE not step inside the gates and on company property.

Many of the workers signed the petition to have Haney censured at the next union meeting. This shows that they are genuinely concerned about democracy in the union. They do not necessarily need to agree with every single thing the Trotskyist Organization is proposing to do, to see that

defending our right to organize around our views is protecting their rights to democracy, too. One worker took a petition into the

plant getting signatures so that the issue can be raised at the next union meeting to censure George Haney. The Haney's of the world have nothing to say about what needs to be done in the union movement to strengthen the union and place it in the hands of the union membership as an instrument to be used to struggle against the policies of the company. He knows that the sort of movement being built at Ford will drive him out of the union. Already there is a growing sentiment to censure Haney and he has really done the Trotskyist Organization a service because he has made it possible to organize the workers in defense of their democratic rights and has aroused their anger. The more the bureaucrats stifle the workers in the plant the greater grows the pressure to oust the bureaucrats and for a real leadership that doesn't just go along with the company but has a program to fight against unemployment and develop unified actions to fight against the collaboration between the company and the union officials, and for what the workers need.

At the July 3rd demonstration we and the Worker Youth Circle organized in front of the plant, Haney showed just where he stands. As the demonstrators chanted "Jobs for All" "Drive the bureaucrats Out of the Union" and "For a Sliding Scale of Wages and Hours," Haney was hanging around the cops inside and yelling stupid remarks.

Workers at Rouge Mobilize

By ROBIN EVERETT

The Trotskyist Organization of the US took another step forward in rebuilding the American section of the Fourth International by its recent work in Detroit at the Ford River Rouge plant. The Fourth International will be rebuilt by the young workers of the world, especially the young workers of the auto and metal industries. Now as the next great strike wave starts to swell, the importance of building Worker-Youth Circles in Detroit Detroit stands out as central for the organization of the young workers throughout the country. The movement of auto workers across the country takes shape first of all in Detroit, where the weight of the union is the greatest.

The Rouge complex itself is central to Ford production and one of the largest plants in the world. 40% of

Ford's car production is done at Rouge. Over thirty thousand workers are bound together in production at Rouge. There can be no question of the importance they will have in the struggle of the American working class.

The work of the Trotskyist Organization -- organizing the young workers who will lead the coming struggle -- is the most conscious expression of the movement already going on in the auto plants in Detroit. Most of the recent elections have seen large turnouts as the workers start to mobilize. In one of the units at Rouge, the old president was defeated by a three to one vote for a 23 year old militant. The new president's promise to organize union committees to deal with various problems shows the growing movement of the workers toward their own factory committees as the only answer to the attacks.



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