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Break the Isolation of the Working Class on the Iberian Peninsula!

PORTUGAL-SPAIN

By JON MYERS

The Portuguese revolution is at the crossroads. Ford, Kissinger, and the bourgeois press in this country are all praising a victory for "democracy" in Portugal, as if any militant American worker or youth really believed that one more rotten coalition of bourgeois and so-called workers parties with one more general has anything to do with the kind of democracy that the Portuguese working class and peasantry has been struggling to achieve for the last year and a half.

They know all too well what the unelected Ford-Rockefeller regime means by "democracy." The issue at stake in Portugal is indeed democracy -- the democratic rights of the working class and the oppressed which can only be achieved through the centralization of the power of the workers' councils in Portugal and the arming of the working class. This is the real issue that everyone else seeks to hide. This is what the forces of reaction are seeking to isolate and defeat.

SPAIN

The Spanish revolution is in the making. The US government is currently negotiating with the Franco dictatorship in order to renew the Madrid Pact -- "an agreement of friendship and cooperation" -- and the maintenance of the US military bases in Spain. They are hiding before the American working class and its youth what the imperialists themselves know very well -- that the Spanish revolution will be the detonator of the revolution in Europe, that it will bring the decisive aid to the struggling Portuguese proletariat. They are hiding the fact that since the fall of 1974 the Spanish working class has been in constant mobilization with general strikes that have mobilized hundreds of thousands of workers.

The American bourgeoisie is hiding from the American working class the fact that this dying regime that it is propping up with arms has stepped up its vicious repression against the working class. The dying Franco regime has launched a campaign against "terrorism" which includes almost every political organization in Spain, save the fascists. The government is attacking militants at will and has already sentenced eleven militants to death by the garrote -- a sentence that even Pope Paul has protested.

UNITY

What is clear is that the events on the Iberian Peninsula make up a unity -- the fates of the Portuguese and Spanish proletariat are linked to each other. The counterrevolutionary maneuvers of the imperialists, the bourgeoisie and its army in Portugal are directly linked to the repression and workers' mobilization in Spain, they could not exist without each other.

The imperialists are directly aided in their attempts by the maneuvers of the international apparatus of the Kremlin

bureaucracy, who also seek to contain and isolate the Spanish and Portuguese proletariat. They don't want the Spanish or Portuguese workers to do anything "drastic" that would disturb their policy of peaceful collaboration with imperialism.

Thus, Cunhal, the leader of the Portuguese CP pledges a "good neighbor policy" with the fascist Franco government. Carrillo, the leader of the Spanish CP under the guise of attacking the "sectarianism" of the Portuguese CP, holds back the Spanish working class from coming to the aid of the Portuguese revolution. And at the European Security Conference in Helsinki, Todor Zhivkov, head of the Bulgarian CP sat at the same table with Arias Navarro, the assassin of the Spanish workers, and spoke of the "Europe of honest gentlemen." Franco could not last another day. Azevedo in Portugal would no longer have his "coalition" without the assistance of these "gentlemen."

This is why we say that the central question today on the Iberian Peninsula is to break the isolation of the Spanish and Portuguese proletariat, to unite the two revolutions in the making. The American working class and its youth

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MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN PORTUGAL

EDITORIAL

"An Attack on the Office Itself"

The attempted assassination of Ford last week, the second attack in two weeks, is just one more sign of the deep class tensions that exist today in the United States. It expresses the rising level of the class struggle here and around the world.

"NOT THE MAN, BUT THE OFFICE

A US Senator labeled the attacks on Ford "attacks not on the man, but on the office itself." It is this which has drawn the sympathy of the American working class and its youth -- an attack on the brutal, corrupt, and anti-working class unelected Ford-Rockefeller regime. This is also what the ruling class fears the most -- not the individual, frustrated acts of terror but the mass mobilization of the American working class and its youth which poses the real danger to the unelected Ford-Rockefeller regime and its agents.

PANIC OF THE MIDDLE CLASSES

The assassination attempts by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme and Sara Jane Moore are refracted expressions of the mobilization of the American and international working class. Class tensions are rising -- the open confrontation between the bourgeoisie and the working class is becoming more and more evident with every issue that

faces society. Those elements of society who are not part of the two major classes in society, the working class and the bourgeoisie are finding themselves increasingly isolated, powerless, and are panicked by the growing crisis. It is the middle classes and the petty bourgeoisie that the ruling class seeks to mobilize to provide the fascist shock troops against the working class.

Both "Squeaky" Fromme, a member of the anti-working class, racist Manson gang, and Sara Moore, an "ex"-FBI informer on the fringes of the radical movement are expressions of this section of society that has no answer, no alternative to the crisis. They only express the deep crisis of capitalism. It is the working class movement and its Party which must provide the leadership and the alternative to the crisis and panic that these people express.

APPARATUS FOR REPRESSION

The growing mobilization of the American working class and its youth -- the April 26th mobilization in Washington, D.C., the miners national wildcat strike, the strikes of the public employees, the ghetto uprisings -- is the real danger that the bourgeoisie faces. This is the

meaning of the "debate" going on among the bourgeoisie concerning the best methods to strengthen its repression against the working class.

Along with massive unemployment and high prices the ruling class prepares its repressive apparatus. The US defense budget is at a record high. US foreign military sales totaled \$9.5 billion in 1975, in 1973 they were only \$3.9 billion. It is organizing itself and the world bourgeoisie for the next slaughter of the international working class. Local police budgets are at record highs. The government now carries out its troop maneuvers in working class districts in Boston and Louisville.

Any worker knows that the "gun control" legislation that the bourgeoisie is now pushing for is not meant to control the guns in the Pentagon budget. It is directed against the working class mobilization, along with the increasing attacks against the right to strike, against the rights of youth, especially black youth. Legislation like Senate Bill-1 is preparing the "legal" basis for a military dictatorship in this country.

SCARE PROPAGANDA

Along with the strengthening of the repressive apparatus comes the "scare" campaign of the ruling class, led in (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

...Army Out of Power!

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must take up this task as well.

PORTUGAL

The ruling class in Portugal has not yet been able to find a means to control the revolutionary mobilization of the Portuguese working class, the peasantry, and the soldiers. All of its maneuvers, all the alliances being formed are efforts to control this mobilization, to head it off, and prepare to smash it. The so-called workers parties, the Stalinist Communist Party and the Socialist Party want to make the working class believe that what is at stake is a certain number of seats in a Cabinet with the army. **THE ARMY IS THE EXECUTIONER OF THE WORKING CLASS.** This is the lesson of Chile, this is the lesson of Portugal today.

The Portuguese working class is ready for power. The factory committees continue to be formed and extended. The mobilization of the soldiers behind the working class continues, in defiance of their officers. One of the first laws of the new Azevedo government was a law banning the publication of any information concerning dissent in the army. This law continues to be defied by the newspapers and the demands within the army for the arming of the working class continue to grow.

But the working class in Portugal needs a new leadership. The betrayals of the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and their left allies, the Maoists and the Pabloites of the United Secretariat, who continue to subordinate the working class to the army because of their fear of the independent mobilization of the workers, keep the

Portuguese masses from their final victory.

The Committee of the International League in Portugal is building this leadership through the mobilization of the Portuguese working class behind the demands for: **WORKERS CONTROL OVER PRODUCTION! A NATIONAL CONGRESS OF WORKERS' COMMISSION COMMISSIONS! THE ARMY OUT OF POWER! DISSOLVE THE COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION! BREAK THE ACCORDS BETWEEN LISBON AND MADRID! WORKERS SELF-DEFENSE AND THE ARMING OF THE PROLETARIAT!**

This is the unity that the Portuguese working class is seeking. These are the slogans of the Portuguese masses and its vanguard -- the Fourth International, the world party of the socialist revolution that is being rebuilt today by the International League.

TASKS OF THE AMERICAN WORKERS

American workers understand that the struggle against capitalism is a world struggle. In a very basic sense the problems of the Portuguese and Spanish Revolutions are the problems of the American revolution as well. American workers and working class youth in their struggles against unemployment and repression in the US, must take up the struggle to break the isolation of the Portuguese and Spanish working class, to end all support to Franco and to withdraw all US troops and military bases from Spain. The mobilization of the American working class and its youth will be a powerful aid to the victory of the revolutions on the Iberian Peninsula.

...Editorial

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particular by the liberals. It is designed to convince the working class in this country that it is powerless to act against the supposed all-powerful repressive apparatus, in particular the secret police. The liberals have just "discovered" the CIA vials of poison that can wipe out the entire population of New York, and the fact that the FBI seems to have its informers and phone-taps everywhere. "Who could possibly fight back against all this?" is their message.

RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES

The working class movement must take the question of the ruling class secret police very seriously and professionalize its methods of detecting their influence. But above all it is a question of the relationship of forces, here and around the world. It is the working class that is taking the offensive throughout the world. All of the actions and gimmicks of the CIA and FBI are signs of their desperation, their isolation, and inability to effectively control or turn back the working class movement.

All the investigations of the ruling class only demonstrate that they are fighting a losing battle. The NEW YORK TIMES is forced to dismiss the idea of preventive detention of people before the visit of a President, admitting that action against those who "might want to harm Mr. Ford would require actions against thousands, even tens of thousands of people." (September 24, 1975) **TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE!** This is what the ruling class is up against.

DESPERATION

This deepens the desperation of the bourgeoisie's secret police. The fact that the FBI has been linked to the assassinations of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and that the latest attempt was made by Sara Moore, an FBI informant up to 24 hours before the attempt is proof of this. In Czarist Russia, the secret police also even went as far as organizing and participating in assassination attempts on the Czar himself in order to provoke repression against the working class movement.

But the efforts at provocation will become more and more futile. There exists a growing international working class movement that will provide the alternative to the isolated and futile terror of the Frommes, Moores, and SLA. All the poison, informers, and "death lists" in the world cannot turn back the tide of this mobilization.

THE PARTY

It is the purpose of the world party of the socialist revolution, the Fourth International -- to base itself on this mobilization of the international working class and to lead and organize its struggles. This is the key to the fight against repression.

The world party will organize the working class and its youth against all its enemies. The misleaders of the working class -- especially the Stalinist Communist Party and the American Socialist Workers Party "blame" the CIA and FBI for their own betrayals. The CP cries about the role of the CIA in Chile and in Portugal today. It was the CP who refused to arm the workers in Chile, who supported the same army that slaughtered the workers and they are doing the same thing today. The SWP cries about the police agents who have broken into its offices, while it calls upon the same police to "protect" black schoolchildren.

It is the International League which is rebuilding this world party against these betrayers and against the repressive apparatus of the ruling class through the mass mobilization of the world working class youth against repression. The Revolutionary Youth International, to be founded in Berlin in December, 1975, will be the weapon of the working class youth, East and West against the "internationalism" of the CIA and KGB. In this struggle the youth will rebuild the Fourth International which will lead the working class to victory against all its oppressors. Join this struggle.

**NO TO REPRESSION!
JOBS FOR ALL-- IMPOSE THE SLIDING SCALE OF HOURS!
DOWN WITH THE UNELECTED FORD-ROCKEFELLER REGIME!
FOR A WORKERS' GOVERNMENT!**

On Nov. 7th, the Anniversary of Great Ru

The Internatio

By MARGARET BRECHT

In the course of building the international campaign in the United States to impose the sliding scale of hours (divide all available work among all available workers); to defend the democratic rights of the working class -- particularly in the course of the preparation of the National Conference of Youth in Auto and Steel -- we met many of the young generation of the working class who see that the capitalist order is crumbling and want to fight for a new world. They seek the way to this new world; the bureaucrats try to stop them. They are not certain how to proceed; many times they think they are alone.

REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

It is precisely in order to bring together all the fighting youth who are concerned about the future of their class, about the future of humanity, and who want to take their place in the front ranks of its struggles, that we have launched this international campaign and this fight to build the Revolutionary Youth International in the United States.

The mobilization, on the anniversary of the Russian Revolution, of the working class in an INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR THE IMPOSITION OF THE SLIDING SCALE OF HOURS, for the defense of its democratic rights, is a means to unify the working class in action against the capitalists and their agents in the workers' movement and in this struggle to build a new leadership for the working class based on the young generation.

Every worker is concerned with the problem of unemployment: with the speed-up, the overtime, the threat of layoffs, and the attempts of the government and the corporations to use the unemployed to break strikes. And every worker is concerned with the defense of his rights, particularly of his right to strike. It is up to the young generation, in the course of the struggle, to convince the whole of its class that it must be ready to take ANY MEANS NECESSARY to resolve these problems which concern every worker.

In order to do this the working class needs its own party, the Fourth International, the world Bolshevik party, the party of the Russian Revolution.

INTERNATIONAL ACTION

The International Committee Preparing the Founding of the Revolutionary Youth International in Berlin, an independent committee organized by the International League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International open to all fighting youth, is developing with the organizations of the revolutionary worker youth, with the worker youth circles, and with the sections of the International League the plans for this international day of action in all the most important capitalist countries and the countries of the socialist conquests (the USSR, Hungary, Poland, etc.)

In the United States, the National Conference of Youth in Auto and Steel adopted the proposal to hold demonstrations in Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland at respectively US Steel South Works and Ford's River Rouge plant. The location for the demonstration in Cleveland has not yet been determined.

Free Garme

STATEMENT OF THE PO

EDITORS' NOTE -- We are printing below the statement of the Political Bureau of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario, the Spanish Section of the International League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International written before the trials of Garmendia and Otaegui and the other political prisoners in Spain who have been sentenced to die. In response to the trials of the Basque militants a general strike involving 130,000 people began in the Basque country, more than 300 political prisoners in Spain began a hunger

strike. There have been international demonstrations of solidarity in Brussels, Lisbon, Rome, and a number of cities in France and Germany. The mobilization must continue. We call upon all militants and working class organizations to take up the fight in the US to end all US support to Franco, to free the political prisoners and end Franco's terror.

FREE GARMENDIA AND OTAEGUI!

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DEMONSTRATION IN ROME TO FREE SPANISH PRISONERS

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International Day of Action-- Why & How to Build It!



1905 WORKERS' DEMONSTRATION IN RUSSIA

This struggle by its very nature -- unifying the youth and the workers in action at the strongholds of the working class in the United States with the youth and the workers in action throughout the world -- constitutes a threat to the nationalistic and bureaucratic "leadership" of the working class.

MISLEADERS

The international apparatus of the Kremlin, with the collaboration of the imperialists, constructed the Berlin Wall to block the international unification of the working class youth.

The walls around Rouge and South Works exist for the same reason: to block the workers, above all the young workers, from taking the lead in the unification of the struggles of the whole working class. Meany, Woodcock, and Abel, with the collaboration of the Sadlowkis' and his Stalinist and centrist supporters, the CP and the SWP, are doing overtime figuring out how to hold up these walls.

Youth and Workers at Rouge, South Works, in Cleveland, and throughout the metal industry: the international campaign against unemployment and repression is your campaign. The

International Day of Action is your Day of Action. And the International Committee Preparing the Founding of the Revolutionary Youth International is your committee. You have a decisive role to play in your success.

IN THE FACTORIES

You can join in this work today. Propose to your comrades to take up the struggle for a sliding scale of hours and initiate a discussion on how the working class can solve the problem of unemployment. Some will say by war, others by a "recovery," still others by voting "Democratic," and still others will say that nothing can be done.

Develop your arguments in defense of the organization and centralization of factory committees to impose the sliding scale of hours of work. Organize a circle to discuss, distribute, and correspond with YOUNG GUARD.

Send reports on the situation in your plant and letters on why you support a and/or plan to participate in the international day of action. Or if there is someone who doesn't want to and agrees to write a letter on why he doesn't, send his letter in.

INFORMATION

Begin to gather the information necessary -- how many workers are required to accomplish how much production -- to formulate the precise demands to implement a sliding scale of hours in your factory. Demand that the bosses turn over their books. Demand that the union bureaucrats give you a list of all those who have been laid off in order to organize their support.

Put up posters for the international

day of action in your plant. Make arm bands for the international day of action. Your circle should send a delegation to neighboring factories, schools, and unemployment offices to win support for the international day of action.

Everywhere you go you can raise money to finance YOUNG GUARD and the building of the RYI. Your circles should elect its delegates to send to the demonstrations and meetings on the international day of action at South Works, Rouge and Cleveland.

This struggle to unify the working class, to rebuild the world Bolshevik party, the Fourth International, on the basis of the mobilization and organization of the working class through its youth, is not an easy one. In particular, it is necessary to pay careful attention to the machinations of the trade union bureaucrats. And it is necessary to watch those who do their work in the plant. Every militant and every circle must find the way to protect themselves from victimization and harassment. With every action that we take we must develop a plan for the defense of the action.

DETROIT -- OCTOBER 18th

There will be a meeting of the Liaison Committee in the United States to elaborate the plans for the international day of action and discuss the problems encountered in organizing for it, in Detroit on October 18th. Send your delegations to this meeting.

YOUTH! WORKERS! TAKE BOLD ACTION! BUILD THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION IN THE USA! LONG LIVE THE RYI, THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

Garmendia & Otaegui!

POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE P.O.R.E.

dictatorship conceals the facts about when the trials of these two Basque militants will take place. Once again, it wants to apply the death penalty, taking the working class and the people by surprise.

Nevertheless, it's been days since the lawyers made their summaries. The judgments could be carried out at any moment.

Workers! It is necessary to stand up against the regime. In the name of a supposed fight against terrorism, it is against you that this new criminal attack will be directed. The regime hopes with this to establish the State of Emergency and the furious wave of layoffs and detentions which is running through the factories and cities of the country. If we do not prevent it, it will grow even more brutal.

What are the Spanish Communist Party and the "Democratic Junta," doing? Why have they not called yet for a response to the government to pass a law for the special persecution of communists? Why do they again and again oppose in declaring the General Strike to put an end to Francoism?

In one month, from June 4 to July 5, hundreds of thousands of workers went on strike in Madrid, Euskadi, Galicia, and Barcelona, against the dictatorship and for their demands. Nevertheless the CP and its followers constantly opposed having the General Strike break out, abandoning the oppressed masses in the streets and in the detention centers.

The proposed "Junta" alliance with the capitalists is today the first obstacle in the way of overthrowing the dictatorship. In the name of seeking a "peaceful transition to post-Franco society" the suffering and oppression of the masses are prolonged.

Workers! The International League League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International, our party, is launching a campaign to mobilize the working class of

all countries, in support of your struggle against repression and to open the prisons. Arias Navarro receives the support of the Kremlin and the "democratic imperialist bourgeoisie" in his brutal repression of the Spanish fighters. For this reason he is going to hang around the Conference of European Security at the end of the month.

The Partido Obrero Revolucionario, Spanish section of the ILRFI, calls you to wait no longer. From this day onward, it is a question of raising a great offensive throughout the country to save Garmendia and Otaegui from the sentences and the prisons, and to bring about the freedom of all the prisoners. To do this, pass resolutions by the hundreds and thousands in all factories, in every workplace, condemning from now on the trials and organizing action. Reunite the assemblies to launch these resolutions in all of them. All this movement should be directed, from now on, to achieve on the day of the trial, the paralyzing of the factories, of transport, and of work throughout the country. With this step, and by raising Committees in each place where the struggle breaks out, the necessary leap can be given to begin the GENERAL STRIKE WHICH WILL OVERTHROW THE DICTATORSHIP.

The PORE calls all workers, all militants, all organizations speaking in the name of the working class, the CP, the PSOE, CCO and the UGY... to take decisions to fight immediately: to free Garmendia and Otaegui, to free all political prisoners. It proposes the united organization of mass demonstrations, in every place in the country... open and unitary, for the day the trials begin.

DOWN WITH THE DICTATORSHIP!

Political Bureau of the PORE (Section of the ILRFI)

Workers' Forum

EDITORS' NOTE -- We are reprinting this letter, a letter of resignation from a black working class youth who was a member of the Trotskyist Organization of the US. This is not a happy occasion for us, this comrade was a valuable member of our organization, but we believe that the problems that he raises in this are problems that are confronted by working class youth in general, throughout the world. The revolutionary party must confront these problems openly, for what is at stake is not a question of this or that militant, or a petty fear of admitting a loss. At stake is the question of renewing the continuity of Bolshevism in the United States, rebuilding the American section of the Fourth International which can only be done through the working class youth. And it is only the International League and the Trotskyist Organization of the US which is taking up this task. And in this struggle we hide neither our successes or failures from the American working class and its youth.

The letter illustrates all the revolutionary enthusiasm of the working class youth, the fact that it is the Fourth International that is once again inspiring this enthusiasm among the working class youth in the US. But the letter also illustrates all the pressures of the counterrevolution that confront the working class youth and the Party in its struggle to win the youth. The fact is that working class youth all over the world have no rights. No rights at home, no rights to a job. The only right left is the right to an "education" which is also limited only to those who "play by the rules."

The Trotskyist Organization has paid insufficient attention to this struggle for the particular rights and demands of the working class youth. The Fourth International must take the lead in this fight against the repression of the youth and must once again place first and foremost on its banner Trotsky's slogan: "open the Road to the Youth!" This is the slogan that will win the youth from all the pressures of the counterrevolution -- offering them the future that no one else can offer.

We are confident that this comrade will one day take up his place again in the struggles of the Party. There will

always be a place for him. We urge all our readers to study this letter and to begin an open discussion with us on the problems raised. The question of winning the youth is the question of Bolshevism in the United States. It is our most important task.

TO THE TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION - THANKS

A LETTER OF RESIGNATION

To my friends and comrades of the Trotskyist Organization of the US. I believe with all my heart that I have become a true Marxist and even a surrealist in a sense. These are treasures that were within and needed just to be found. For this reason my arms will always be open to the Trotskyist Party.

You are not just good revolutionists, but good people and friends and for this reason the things we did together, that you do now, and the future in my absence will never be in vain.

But I am a minor living in my mothers' house. I must live by her rules at least until a later time. And in my youth I must utilize my time and strength toward education in which I plan to go as far as possible.

Even now I have declined from being active in the party there is still constant conflict between myself and my bourgeois capitalist family.

But the revolutionary working class youth are an oppressed youth confused and even severed from its own community. And the only way we can see free is through constant education in the bourgeoisie's way so that we can in turn free ourselves.

I became the person I am today by setting goals for myself in order to pursue these goals I've given up 80% of my trivial but still essential social activities and I still progress however tranquility at home is a must and for this reason and many fractional reasons I have written this letter of resignation.

It is left lying in the hands of the Trotskyist Party, the Fourth International, the revolutionary worker youth circles, to guide the youth to a successful revolution.

Michael

3! Spanish Consulate
180 N Michigan Ave 4:30pm

Building the Revolutionary Youth International in the USA

PREPARE THE REVOLUTION: BUILD NOV. 7!

By A REPORTER

Chicago-- The National Conference of Youth in Auto and Steel called by the Trotskyist Organization of the US and the Worker Youth Circles met in Chicago on September 13th. The Conference was a step forward in the struggle to organize the international campaign to impose

the sliding scale of hours in the United States. It was a step forward in the fight to build the Revolutionary Worker Youth in the United States, as part of the world mobilization of the working class youth for the Revolutionary Youth International.

LESSONS

The Conference brought together representatives of the working class youth from two major industrial cities-- Chicago and Detroit. They reflected the success in building Worker Youth Circles at Chicago's Ford Torrence Assembly Plant and Detroit's Ford River Rouge. This represented a real step forward in the centralization and organization of the work and represents the beginnings of a national campaign against unemployment in this country.

Yet this work must be deepened and extended. Detroit and Chicago are key elements but they do not yet make up a national campaign or organization. One of the first tasks of the Liason Committee that was established at the conference, composed of representatives from Detroit's River Rouge, Ford Torrence, and the Trotskyist Organization, is to extend its efforts to Cleveland, another key industrial city for both the auto and steel industry.

The first step in this task is the organization of the meeting in Detroit on October 18th, to further organize the work of the Liason Committee and to help prepare the demonstrations on November 7th. The discussion at the Conference stressed the fact that this meeting and the Liason Committee is open to all working class militants, youth, and organizations who want to help build the international day of action on November 7th.

PROBLEMS

The Conference also had an important discussion of the problems with the organization and preparation of the Conference and the organization of the work ahead. It was recognized that many of the workers at the factories who said that they were coming to the Conference failed to show up. Many of the working class youth that were engaged in discussion about the Conference stated that they were "for it, but nobody else around here is." The Worker Youth Circles must pay greater attention to this feeling of isolation by doing everything possible to bring the various young workers in a plant who don't know each other together. This can be done by organizing meetings and discussions right in the factories and by encouraging the working class youth to participate in the campaign at whatever level of activity they are willing to commit themselves to.

The Conference also recognized that much greater attention had to be paid to the details of the campaign to impose the sliding scale of hours. In every factory the leaders of the Circles must organize concrete discussions of how the campaign can be organized in their factory and union. The importance of YOUNG GUARD in centralizing all of this information and organizing the struggle on an international level was also discussed and emphasized as of crucial importance.

INDEPENDENCE

The most important lesson of the Conference was the emphasis on the INDEPENDENT character of the organization and the mobilization of the working class youth. The inter-

national campaign, the Worker Youth Circles and the Revolutionary Worker Youth can only succeed if it is developed out of the independent initiative and struggles of the working class youth themselves, in their factories.

This is the only way that the working class youth will be won to the banner of the Fourth International, to the banner of the International League-- not through tricks or maneuvers, but through common and open combat together in a struggle to impose the sliding scale of hours and to end repression throughout the world.

Present at the Conference were two organizations who claim to be Trotskyist, the Spartacist League and the "Revolutionary Auto and Steelworker, supported by THE TORCH." They came to the Conference in order to explain to the workers present why they would not support an international campaign against unemployment. Their failure to fight for the unity of the working class youth was expressed by a worker at the Conference who was left wondering "why they were so hostile to the Fourth International."

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

For the Trotskyist Organization and the International League as a whole the Conference proved that the American youth are ready to take their place as part of the international mobilization of the working class. The problems faced by the Conference are faced throughout the world-- they are precisely the difficulties in organizing and centralizing the class struggle on an international level. This is the most difficult task of all, a task that all other groups and centers shy away from and avoid. But it is the only path to the victory of the international working class.



DEMONSTRATION AT FORD-TORRENCE

Resolutions of the National Conference of Youth in Auto & Steel

The National Conference of Youth in Auto and Steel, meeting in Chicago on September 13, 1975, bringing working class youth together from Chicago and Detroit, major industrial centers of the United States, resolves to take the following actions:

BUILD NOVEMBER 7

1. The key to the fight against unemployment, the major weapon of the bourgeoisie against the working class, is the mobilization of the working class youth in the major strongholds of the working class, in the auto and steel industries behind a united and open campaign to impose the sliding scale of hours of work-- the division of all available work among all workers with no cut in pay.
2. The Conference resolves to support and build the international day of action on November 7th launched by the Committee of Preparation of the

Berlin Rally and the International League, to organize and build demonstrations in Chicago at US Steel South Works and in Detroit at River Rouge and to plan a demonstration in Cleveland.

3. The Conference will elect and establish a Liason Committee, composed of representatives of the Worker Youth Circles and open to all those who want to participate in the campaign, to maintain contact with the Committee of Preparation in Paris and to organize the work in the United States for the mobilization for November 7th.

4. The Liason Committee will also organize in the U.S. the distribution and correspondence with YOUNG GUARD, the journal of the International Committee of Preparation.

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

The Conference recognizes that the fight against unemployment is in-

extricably linked to the fight against capitalist repression and the attacks of the capitalists on the rights of the working class, the first and foremost being the right to strike. The Conference resolves to link the fight against unemployment to the defense of the right to strike and in particular declares its solidarity with the miners in West Virginia who are in jail today for protesting government interference in their union and defending the right to strike. The National Conference of Youth in Auto and Steel resolves to fight for the freedom of all those miners who are in jail and for the freedom of the jailed president of the Chicago Teachers' Union who is also in jail for defending the right of his union to strike.

GREETINGS TO LISBON

The National Conference of Youth in Auto and Steel, meeting in Chicago, Illinois on September 13, 1975 sends the

greetings and solidarity of the American working class youth to the International Conference in Lisbon, Portugal that is being organized today by the International Committee of Preparation and the International League. The fight against unemployment and repression is a world fight and we greet this attempt to unite the struggles of the working class youth on a world-wide basis. In particular, we declare our solidarity with the struggle to: **BREAK THE ISOLATION OF THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE WORKING CLASS! END ALL US SUPPORT TO THE FASCIST FRANCO REGIME! VICTORY TO THE PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH REVOLUTIONS!**

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