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CARTER PROPOSES \$2.50 MINIMUM WAGE, AFL-CIO BUREAUCRATS BEG FOR MORE

Build One Central Workers Union!

The Carter administration announced last week that it was proposing to Congress to raise the federal minimum wage. Sounds like Democratic Party "friend of labor" is finally going to do something for the working people in this country.

Wrong. In yet another direct attack on the working and living standards of the American working class Carter proposed a 20¢ an-hour increase, making the minimum wage \$2.50 an hour. Even George Meany, the head of the AFL-CIO, who had proposed \$3.00 an hour instead (an even bigger slap in the face coming from a "workers" leader), called this proposal "shameful" and "an abandonment of four million poor people."

This proposal for only a token increase in the minimum wage comes hand in hand with another new proposal of the Carter regime to eliminate 13 weeks of unemployment benefits and to force unemployed workers to take jobs at the minimum wage.

This is an attack especially against the poorest workers, the unorganized, women, blacks, other minorities and the youth, forcing them to work at the worst jobs for starvation wages. But it is also a blow against organized workers, in the trade unions.

Now the bosses don't have to worry about lengthy payment of unemployment taxes when they lay off workers. When the auto companies have finished with a young worker, the government will take care of him and force him and force him to go to work for another boss -- not at \$6.00 an hour, but at \$2.50 an hour.

The AFL-CIO bureaucrats certainly didn't mention any of this when they asked workers to support Carter last fall. But none of this has shaken their loyalty in the Democratic Party. They have proposed no fight against these attacks.

Instead their only explanation to the working class is that they haven't well enough mastered the technique of "lobbying," workers -- give these men another chance -- a few more steak dinners and cocktails to a few more Congressmen and maybe you'll get another 10¢.

But the AFL-CIO bureaucrats aren't the only ones who try to make the struggles of the workers a struggle to pressure the Democratic Party. The American Communist Party recently organized a "lobby" in Washington against the unemployment benefits proposal. Did they demand full employment, the recall of all laid off workers?

No. They visited Congressional offices to demand the extension of the PRESENT unemployment law, to keep benefits at 65 weeks instead of 52. They also demand the support of the Harrington Jobs Bill, also being put forward by a liberal Democrat. This bill "promises" to reduce youth unemployment to ONLY 10%. The Communist Party never tells the young workers that there is already a FULL EMPLOYMENT ACT of 1946 passed by a Democratic Party Congress in case anyone would dare to challenge the "promises" of the Democratic Party.

There is a division of labor which exists between the Stalinist Communist Party and the AFL-CIO bureaucrats. The AFL-CIO bureaucrats try to "lobby" the Democratic Party with steaks and cocktails, while the American CP tries to directly channel the anger and mobilization of the working class and the youth within the framework of the Democratic Party.

The present AFL-CIO bureaucracy, the direct representatives of the Democratic Party inside the working class, could not exist for a moment without the support given them by the Communist Party and its allies within the workers movement.

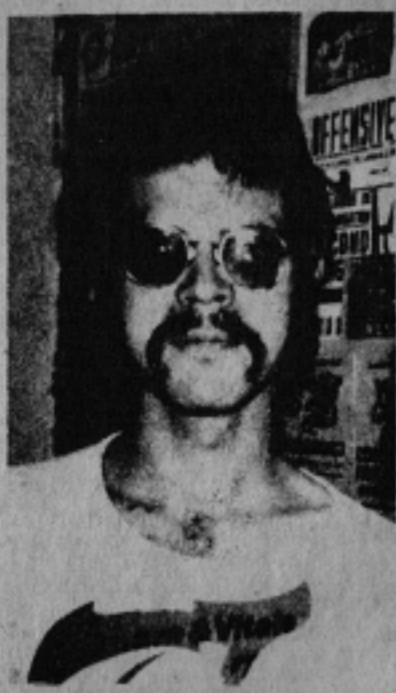
At precisely the moment when the workers are responding to Carter's attacks, when the bureaucrats in the unions are more and more demonstrating the treachery of their collaboration with the Democratic Party, the Stalinists are deepening their attempts to block the break from the Democratic Party by fostering the illusion in the working class that capitalism and the trade union bureaucracy which enforces its rule can be reformed.

This is why the fight in the trade unions today to break the unions from the collaboration with the Democratic Party, to throw out the reactionary trade union leadership and to replace them with a revolutionary leadership committed to transforming the trade unions into revolutionary instruments of the working class and oppressed is one of the central tasks of revolutionaries today.

This is where the struggle to build the WORKERS PARTY, the party of class independence of the American working class; the party of the WORKERS GOVERNMENT, the UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS is being carried out today. The young revolutionary workers in the US cannot build such a party without a direct confrontation and a struggle to DEFEAT the present trade union bureaucracy and its Stalinist and centrist supporters.

It is through this confrontation and struggle in the unions that the young workers will begin to draw the lessons of their day to day struggles against those who stand in their way. They will see that the struggle against those who block their fight to defend even their most basic working conditions is the same struggle as the one against all those who stand in the way of the struggle against the Carter regime and against the unity of the American working class with its fellow workers around the world.

148 Votes for the Candidate of the Trotskyist Organization for UAW Delegate



By JON COHEN

On Tuesday, March 22nd, the election results for delegates to the UAW Convention from Local 551, the Ford Torrence Chicago Assembly Plant were announced. The Ford Torrence plant employs approximately 2,500 workers.

Fred Vitale, the candidate of the Trotskyist Organization of the US and the Revolutionary Worker Youth received 148 votes, approximately 6% of the votes cast in the elections. This vote represents a sizeable increase over the 34 votes received last Spring in a campaign for the Presidency of the Local. It suffers the conditions in the factories everyday, or of those who are content to be

We think that this vote represents a victory for the workers and Ford Torrence and for the Fourth International in the United States. Even though the vote was not enough to be elected as a delegate (around 900 votes were needed), the size of the vote demonstrates that there exists at Ford Torrence and in the UAW as a whole a significant wing of young, militant workers ready to take up a revolutionary fight.

The votes for our candidate were not the votes of the passive supporters of the bureaucracy, the retirees dragged in at the last moment to support the bureaucrats against the workers who

"left" critics of the bureaucracy.

The votes for our candidate were the votes of the most militant young workers who were engaged in a mobilization to throw out the present UAW bureaucracy, to elect a revolutionary leadership on the basis of a revolutionary platform.

Something else was proven in these elections. The Trotskyist Organization and the RWY, from the beginning of its fight at Torrence has fought openly, under its own banner, in the name of the Fourth International and the World Revolution. It was on the basis of our fight that even the "hidden" leftists in the plant received a sizeable number of votes as well. Gone are the days

when the Stalinists and the centrists can argue that revolutionaries cannot act openly in the unions, that they must hide from the workers.

The Fourth International has proven that there is a revolutionary wing in the UAW that is fighting for our policy. It is on this basis that we are waging a fight at Torrence has fought

RWF PLANS MOBILIZATION TO—

Bring the UAW Convention to Detroit! Elect Vitale President!

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL
Detroit, March 28 -- "All in the interests of the working class. That's the way it will be" -- so spoke one young worker from Ford River Rouge who's joined the struggle to build the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW and win the leadership of this union.

On March 27th, revolutionary young autoworkers and working class militants met at the headquarters of the US Section of the Revolutionary Workers International. They decided to take up the fight to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit, open it up to the masses of autoworkers, throw out Woodcock, Fraser, and their contracts, and elect the candidate of the Revolutionary Workers Faction to head the UAW; to rally their fellow workers for this cause at the steps of Solidarity House -- UAW world headquarters -- on April 30th.

THE ROAD FORWARD

The Revolutionary Young Autoworkers Conference, led on the basis of the resolution presented by the Trotskyist Organization, determined that this would be the best way to begin to win the masses of autoworkers to the platform of combat of the Revolutionary Workers Faction and recruit them to the RWF.

Autoworkers across the country are outraged that Woodcock has moved up the date of the convention, that he's holding it in LA. As one worker from Ford Torrence in Chicago said: "HE knows that if he held it in Detroit there would be 10,000 autoworkers demanding to be let in, demanding that he be thrown out!"

By organizing this mobilization of the workers against the bureaucracy, the RWF can begin to regroup the most determined workers and form a revolutionary leadership in the UAW.

The Conference determined, at the same time, that the mobilization of the workers couldn't be left simply on this level, that despite its still small size, that the Revolutionary Workers Faction had to put forward a candidate for President of the UAW.

Since the fall, when thousands of autoworkers rejected the agreement between Woodcock and the Big 4, autoworkers have continued to strike. They've continued to reject local agreements. Autoworkers in St. Louis are out right now. In the elections for delegates to the UAW convention, hundreds of autoworkers presented themselves as candidates against Woodcock's lackeys. His people got in by the skin of their teeth.



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What's necessary is a revolutionary leadership willing to centralize this struggle, to throw out Woodcock, Fraser and their contract, and head up the workers mobilization against the capitalists attack.

Woodcock has his faction and his candidate. They're the ones who are spending autoworkers' dues to hold the convention in LA so that only they can be there.

The masses of autoworkers must have theirs. So the Conference elected Fred Vitale, who's a leader of the workers mobilization at Ford Torrence, won 6% of the vote in the delegate elections, and is a member of the RWY and the Trotskyist Organization, to run for President of the UAW.

LEADERSHIP IS DECISIVE

It was precisely this question of leadership that was at the center of the discussion at the Conference.

The leadership of the Trotskyist Organization argued that our response to the question posed by so many workers -- that sounds good but I don't know if we can get it -- has to be: that depends on us. It's the leadership -- it's clear policy and its determination -- that's decisive in the outcome of every worker's mobilization. The autobaron know this. The UAW bureaucrats know this. That's why they attack every worker who comes forward.

One militant from the Communication Workers of America who was present argued that it wasn't possible to win the leadership of the unions, that the bureaucracy was too strong, that all that could be done was to spread "socialist ideas."

The TO/USA argued that this would only play into the hands of the company the bureaucrats and the Stalinists, that the task of revolutionaries was above all to reinforce the confidence of the young generation in their own capabilities and their own future.

The majority of the workers and militants present were convinced and this worker militant as well voted for the resolution.

THE PLAN

The conference decided to begin the fight with the mobilization of the workers at Ford Torrence, Ford River Rouge, and Ford Brook Park in Cleveland, with the aim of winning a majority in these locals.

It decided to propose to all the other tendencies which claim to represent the workers against the bureaucrats within the UAW to join them in this fight, to begin to prove that the Revolutionary Workers Faction is the only tendency within the UAW willing to mobilize the masses of workers to throw out the bureaucrats and win the leadership.

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TO BUILD THE UNITY OF THE WORKERS OF THE TWO AMERICAS

Stop All Support of US Imperialism to the Videla regime in Argentina!

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

One year ago in Latin America, the Argentine proletariat was on the offensive. The regime of Isabel Peron was in profound crisis. Scandals rocked the government and the workers had forced the capitalists with a general strike to make up fully for wages lost due to skyrocketing inflation. In the United States, too, the working class was on the move with the rubber workers strike, and massive discontent building up over the rate of unemployment.

But in Argentina, the Stalinists were counselling the auto workers to be cautious, to support the "liberal" Peronist wing of the trade unions, and the centrist Partido Socialista de Trabajadores (PST) of the United Secretariat, in the face of the general strike, was channeling the workers mobilization into the "coming" legislative elections. And in the US, the trade union bureaucracy was derailing the workers discontent and anger back into the Democratic Party with its march on Washington, D.C.,

all of which was supported by the American Stalinists and centrists.

All this was occurring days before the coup of General Videla in March of '76 aided by American imperialism. A coup which stopped the Argentine workers mobilization, threw its leaders into prisons, and replaced the Peronist government with a military dictatorship.

Once again, with the capitulation of the Stalinists and centrists, the United States had struck out to smash and derail the advanced guard of the Latin American proletariat, and in so doing, divided the struggle of the workers of North America from those of the South, blocking for a time the revolutionary unity of the oppressed and exploited masses of the Americas against American imperialism. And once again, the necessity for the rebuilding of the sections of the Fourth International was shown to be an absolute necessity in order to achieve this unity.

Despite the fact that American imperialism and its current spokesman, Jimmy Carter, attempted to build their own "Berlin Wall" between the proletariat

of North and South America, it is in fact imperialism which has forged the proletariat of the Americas on the basis of the exploitation and rape of the world. Where do the ghettoes of New York, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles with their black and brown proletariat end and the slums of Buenos Aires, Mexico City, La Paz, Santiago and Lima begin? Or the auto factories with their "coincidental" names -- Chrysler, Ford and General Motors.

In 1970, as Nixon began his offensive against the American proletariat to culminate in wage controls and massive unemployment, the Bolivian revolution was being crushed and replaced with a military dictatorship. In 1973, only months before the sitdowns and wildcats in the auto factories of Detroit, American imperialism had engineered a coup in Chile and instituted the reign of terror of Pinochet against the Chilean workers.

In 1976, the year of the bicentennial; the strikes in the mines, in rubber, the teamsters, and in auto, US imperialism moved once again with the aid of Stalin-

ism and the centrist usurpers of the banner of the Fourth International in the United Secretariat, to crush the Latin American proletariat -- this time in Argentina. At every decisive stage the attack against the workers of North America has been supported by the block of the advance of the Latin American revolution.

But today, in Argentina, the Latin American proletariat is once again showing its teeth against US imperialism. Despite the fact that more than 1500 people have been killed in political violence since Videla took power, practically all of them workers leaders, and despite the kidnapping of political exiles, and the tortures, the Argentine working class has engaged in a powerful offensive against the Videla regime. In September, there were the general strikes in the auto industries -- Ford, Chrysler, FIAT, GM, Renault, -- and these were followed by the slowdown and work stoppages of the light and power workers at

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From our editorial board

Castro and Carter -- "Internationalists" Against the World Working Class

Several weeks ago Fidel Castro commented on his attitude towards Jimmy Carter, the new President of the US. Carter, according to Castro could not be viewed as a typical imperialist ruler. Carter's concern with "human rights", according to Castro, proved that he was not an imperialist, but an "internationalist", "deeply concerned about the fate of mankind."

Now, after approaches by both sides, the US government has engaged in formal talks for the first time since the US broke off diplomatic relations and imposed a trade embargo on Cuba in 1961. Everyone is now agreed that the "normalization" of US relations with Cuba is immediately at hand.

This "normalization" of relations between US imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy headed by Castro in Cuba can be viewed as nothing but an open attack on the working class and oppressed masses of the Americas -- the US proletariat, the working class in Cuba and the workers and oppressed throughout Latin America. This now open alliance between Castro and US imperialism is nothing but the expression in the Americas of the new turn of collaboration with imperialism undertaken by the international Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin against the working class throughout the world.

Although a new turn has been made in response to the mobilization of the workers throughout the Americas, it must be understood that the collaboration between the Castro regime and US imperialism is not something new. The establishment of formal relations between the two countries now makes spoken what has in fact been a close but unspoken relationship between the Stalinist regime in Cuba and US imperialism for many years.

The first act of collaboration took place when the Castro regime, with the direct aid of the Kremlin bureaucracy, usurped the gains of the Cuban revolution -- the overthrow of the Batista regime, the fight to drive US imperialism and its monopolies out of Cuba, the struggle of the Cuban workers and peasants for their own government, in the interests of a privileged Stalinist bureaucracy that cut short the Cuban revolution. The fact that the first workers revolution in the Western hemisphere was deformed by a Stalinist bureaucracy headed by Castro has been Castro's greatest gift to US imperialism.

Flowing from this has been Castro's counterrevolutionary policy throughout the Americas. "Castroism" has been above all characterized by its hostility to the working class of the Americas and above all the US proletariat. Castro based himself on the deep hatred of the Cuban masses for US imperialism and its attacks on the Cuban revolution -- the Bay of Pigs invasion, the trade embargo, etc., not in order to call the Cuban masses to unite with their brothers and sisters in the United States, but to call on them to rely on the Soviet Union for assistance. Castro has never said anything about the US working class, except that it was "backward".

The same policy has been pursued by Castro throughout the Americas. "Castroism" in Latin America is a record of defeats for the proletariat in favor of US imperialism. Using its prestige throughout the Americas the Castro regime repeatedly led back the struggles of the Latin American proletariat into a false policy of "guerrillaism" -- isolation from the working class in the cities, alliance with so-called "progressive" national bourgeoisies, which is a balance sheet of defeat. Workers only have to remember Castro's hailing of Allende as the "savior"

of the Chilean proletariat to understand what a service he has rendered to US imperialism throughout the Americas.

This latest act of collaboration is an attempt to further setback the revolution in the Americas, to deepen the place of the Castro regime in defeating the struggles of the proletariat. It is also a direct attempt to overturn the Cuban revolution and to restore capitalism in Cuba.

The US Communist Party showed how well the Stalinists defend the workers socialist conquests in a very concrete way recently. They printed a picture on the front page of their paper, of a relative of Cyrus Eaton, a huge American industrialist, who was planning a "\$20 million dollar tourist complex in Cuba."

Need the American and Cuban workers remember that perhaps the most degenerate expression of the influence of US imperialism in Cuba was the "tourist industry" -- the gambling, the drugs, prostitution and Mafia which made Cuba the playground for the US and Latin American bourgeoisie.

Equally shameful in this regard is the leadership of the US Socialist Workers party which has kept a total silence over all these maneuvers, a silence designed to cover up for the fact that they have abandoned the Cuban working class to Castro, refusing to call on the Cuban workers to overthrow the Castro regime with a political revolution to establish a true workers government in Cuba, based on workers councils and the independent organization of the workers and peasants. Even worse, they have attempted to discredit the name of Trotskyism in front of the Cuban and Latin American workers -- refusing to organize a revolutionary party in Cuba and going as far as calling Castro "an unconscious Trotskyist."

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA stands clearly opposed to these maneuvers between Castro and US imperialism. We continue to defend the Cuban revolution by fighting against all involvement of US imperialism in Cuba -- military or commercial and calling on the US workers to defend the fight of the Cuban workers to overthrow the Stalinist bureaucracy in Cuba, including the demand for the liberation of all revolutionaries in Castro's prisons.

But the best way to break this alliance and counterrevolutionary plot is to join the fight of the Fourth International and the Revolutionary Youth International in building the revolutionary alliance between the US proletariat and the workers of Latin America in the fight for the UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS.

This is at the center of our fight to prepare the Congress of the TO, Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International. It is at the center of our campaign to stop all support of US imperialism to the Videla regime in Argentina. The forging of the revolutionary unity of the Two Americas is the goal of the RYI in the preparation of the CONFERENCE OF REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH OF THE TWO AMERICAS scheduled for this June.

DOWN WITH THE PLOT BETWEEN CARTER AND CASTRO!
DEFEND THE CUBAN REVOLUTION!
BUILD THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS!
LONG LIVE THE UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS!

SWP Wants Labor Party: "Workers are Backward"

In the March 25th issue of THE MILITANT, the newspaper of the centrist Socialist Workers party, Dave Freeman, their "free lance" specialist wrote an article entitled "Why a labor party?" This article would be useful for young workers to read because it explains very simply why the SWP calls for a "labor party" -- because they think the US workers are too backward today to build a revolutionary party. Freeman begins his article by admitting that the proposal of the SWP for a "labor party" is confusing to young workers: "At first it may seem mystifying," he writes, "Why should the Socialist Workers party spend so much time advocating the formation of another party -- a labor party? What possible purpose could another party serve?" He goes on to describe a worker at his plant who is "fed up with capitalist politics" and who occasionally votes for SWP candidates. But this worker won't join the SWP. Why? Because "it is too small for him. The idea of hitching up with a Leninist party that has only a few thousand members at this juncture has not much appeal for him."

for this worker, according to Freeman, because at his plant only two or three workers are interested in the SWP, while thousands would be interested in a "labor party." One can see very clearly from this how the centrists operate in the factories and how they confuse the young workers. The centrists are always telling the workers that they are "too small" to do anything, but of course there is always something way in the future that "would win millions," but of course, not today. Centrists are always characterized by their wish that someone else do the work that revolutionaries are supposed to carry out. One wonders what kind of a party the SWP is, in which workers can vote for their candidates, where they can get almost 100,000 votes in the Presidential elections, but where they are "too small" for workers to join. One wonders why this worker voted for the SWP -- obviously not to build a revolutionary party, to fight for a workers government and the dictatorship of the proletariat, but perhaps because Freeman told him the SWP

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Build the Revolutionary Worker

RESOLUTION OF THE TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION OF THE USA TO THE REVOLUTIONARY AUTOWORKERS CONFERENCE TO BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION OF THE UAW

I. PLATFORM OF COMBAT

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA proposes to you, young workers and militants gathered at this conference, to join us and the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International, the Revolutionary Worker Youth, in the fight to WIN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW AND MOBILIZE THE MASSES OF WORKERS on the basis of this platform of combat:

- I. STOP CARTER'S ATTACK ON THE WORKING CLASS! BUILD ONE CENTRAL UNION OF THE WORKING MASSES!
 - UNITE with the steelworkers, with all workers of the AFL-CIO and International Brotherhood of Teamsters against the bureaucrats!
 - Win full union rights for all young and laid-off workers!
 - Organize the unorganized; the sweatshops, the South, the students!
- II. THROW-OUT WOODCOCK, FRASER, MCBRIDE, MEANY AND THEIR CONTRACTS! BUILD A REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP TO HEAD THE UNIONS!
 - Reject the "Experimental Negotiating Agreement", all binding arbitration!
 - Stop all support to the Carter regime, to all Democrats and Republicans!
- III. FIGHT FOR THE IMMEDIATE RECALL OF ALL LAID OFF WORKERS! FOR AN IMMEDIATE REDUCTION IN HOURS! NO CUT IN PAY!
 - Stop the speed up! Win workers control of production standards, of health and safety standards!
 - Win wage increases in accord with price increases!
 - Nationalize basic industry! Workers Control of Production!
- IV. ORGANIZE ASSEMBLIES IN EVERY PLANT TO ELECT FACTORY COMMITTEES TO DEFEND THE WORKERS AND PREPARE A GENERAL STRIKE TO WIN THESE DEMANDS! DON'T WALK OUT! SIT DOWN!
 - Fight to extend every strike! Fight for the right of steelworkers to strike!
 - Organize workers self-defense guards with students and the unemployed! Drive the police out of the factories!
 - Train the youth for the future: education, sports, music! Drive the drugs out of the factories!
- V. UNITE WITH THE WORKERS OF LATIN AMERICA!
 - Defend the auto workers of Cordoba! Stop all US support to the fascist Argentine dictatorship! Organize a commission of the UAW to investigate and stop the attack!
 - Defend the conquests of the workers revolution! Support a Workers Commission of Inquiry into the repression of the workers in Poland!
- VI. DEMOCRACY IN THE UNION!
 - For the unlimited right to strike! Abolish receivership!
 - Full rights for all workers tendencies within the UAW!
 - Full rights to immediately recall any union official!

We call on every worker and militant who agrees with this platform of combat to join us in building the REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION OF THE UAW to lead this fight. We call on every worker and militant who agrees with this platform of combat to himself take leadership in this fight and build the Revolutionary Workers Faction in his local and in every local of the UAW across the country.

II. WHAT POINT HAVE WE REACHED

This fight we propose you take up is not a new fight. For decades, young autoworkers, above all revolutionary young autoworkers, have fought to win the leadership of the UAW, mobilize the masses of workers, and throw out the reactionary leadership of the UAW which seeks constantly to entirely transform the organization that the workers have built to defend themselves into an instrument with which to oppress them, which seeks constantly to indeed destroy the union that the workers have built. The UAW itself was built by just such young workers. They took this fight to its founding convention. This battle has continued throughout the 40's, the 50's, the 60's and into the 70's. And in the last months, in the course of the auto strike over 50 workers joined the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth in this fight. Dozens of workers at the Rouge supported the platform and candidates put forward by the Revolutionary Worker Youth in the delegate elections. At Ford Torrance we won 148 votes. And in the last weeks dozens more workers have taken up the fight within their departments to throw out the bureaucrats and elect a revolutionary leadership to head the workers struggle.

But this fight has not been organized on a sufficiently clear platform that speaks precisely to the needs of the workers and we haven't sufficiently taken up the fight to actually build an organization within the UAW, a FACTION, that can lead this fight against the bureaucrats on a daily basis. Only on the basis of a clear platform can we build this organization. Only by fighting constantly to recruit massively to our faction can we win the leadership of the UAW.

III. HOW TO ORGANIZE THE FIGHT

The Trotskyist Organization proposes to you to resolve these problems by launching a campaign on the basis of our platform to mobilize the masses of workers to: STOP THE CARTER/WOODCOCK PLOT! BRING THE UAW CONVENTION BACK TO DETROIT! THROW OUT FRASER! SEAT THE DELEGATION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION! ELECT THE CAND-

Rally at Solidarity House

STOP THE CARTER/WOODCOCK PLOT! BRING THE UAW CONVENTION BACK TO DETROIT!
DELEGATION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION! ELECT THE CANDIDATE OF THE RWF TO LEAD THE UAW!

DATE OF THE RWF TO LEAD THE UAW!

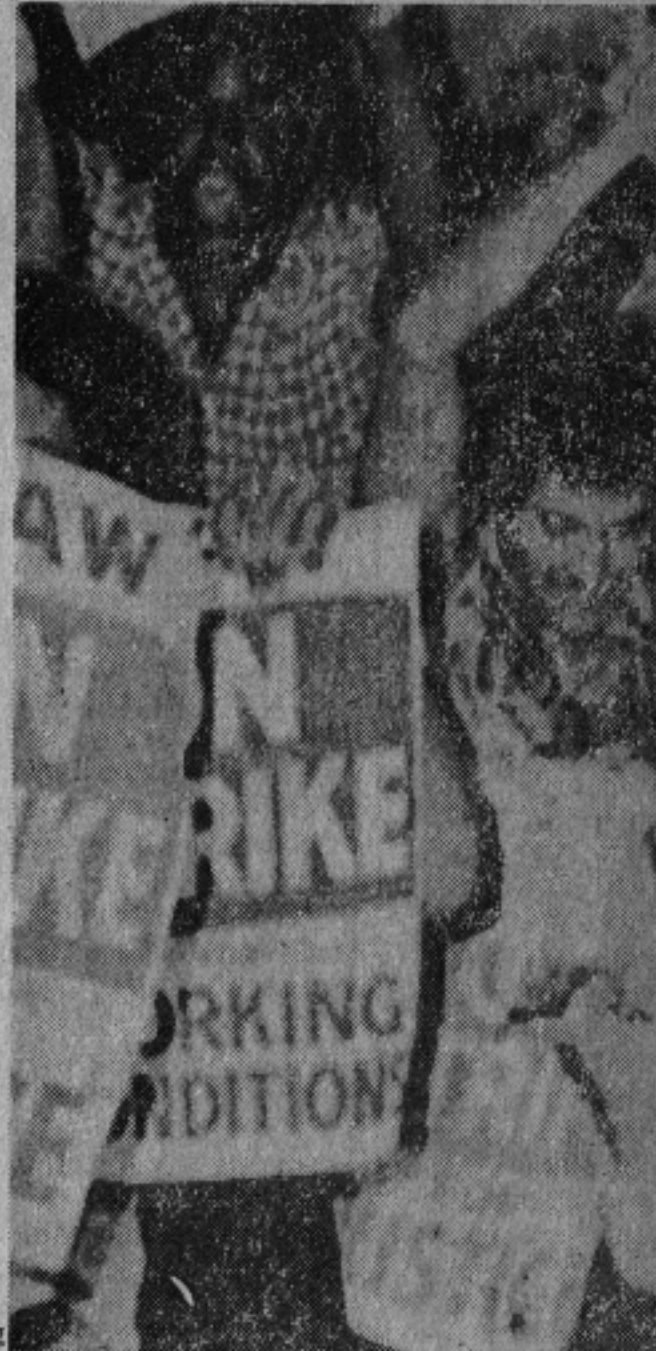
The attack on the standard of working and living conditions and democratic rights of the autoworkers is today concentrated in the bureaucrats preparation of the UAW Constitutional Convention. Woodcock wants to further subordinate the UAW to the Carter regime and the Democratic Party and consolidate the stranglehold of the bureaucracy over the workers. That's why he moved up the date of the convention, why so few locals held meetings at which to nominate candidates for delegates to the meeting. And that's why it's planned to be held in LA, as far away as possible from the masses of autoworkers while still remaining in the continental United States. Woodcock plans to unite with the bureaucrats of the AFL-CIO against the workers. Others are planning an attack on the right of autoworkers to assemble and elect their leadership under the guise of "Popular Election" of the of the President. And they're all planning to elect Doug Fraser, the man who made his name among autoworkers in Detroit as the head of a thousand-man goon squad armed with chains and clubs to break up a sitdown strike at the Mack Avenue Stamping Plant, as President of the UAW.

They want to be sure that they are in a position to disorganize and put down autoworkers when the steel workers begin to wildcat this summer.

By fighting to win the leadership of the workers mobilization against this plot, bring the UAW Convention back to Detroit, throw out Fraser, seat the delegation of and elect the candidate of the Revolutionary Workers Faction, we can go a long way toward winning the leadership of the UAW and mobilizing the masses of workers, together with the steelworkers, against Carter's attack.

We propose to mobilize and organize the workers in a rally under these slogans at Solidarity House -- the Headquarters of the UAW -- on April 30, two weeks before the UAW Convention, to prepare this with local rallies at the plant gates and union halls in Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland on April 23rd.

We propose to draw up a resolution based on our platform for the UAW Convention and mobilize the masses of workers in support of it, with the objective of winning the majority in the Ford Torrence Local, the Rolling Mill, Engine Plant, Stamping Plant, and Assembly Plant Units of Ford River Rouge Local #600, and the Ford Brook Park Local in Cleveland, and extending the fight



to Dodge Main and GM Fleetwood Locals. We propose that on the basis of this fight that every militant of the RWF fight to organize new elections in his local, and organize a slate of revolutionary workers to run for office, especially at Torrence and Rouge. We propose that the RWF elect an Executive Committee, composed at this time of a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, charged with carrying out this work with the publication of a bi-weekly bulletin, the production of posters, buttons, with the organization of a distribution campaign and the organization of a financial campaign to fund this work.

Trotskyism today



JON COHEN
National Secretary of the
Trotskyist Organization USA

A few weeks ago, in front of a scheduled meeting of the Stamping Unit of Local #600 at Ford River Rouge, Bob Parsons, a leader of the "Time-to-Unite" organization which is supported by the Maoist Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), remarked to militants of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth who proposed to him a common struggle to throw out Willie Washington, the President of the Stamping unit: "I've been against you all from the very beginning. You try to divide the young from the old. I'm with Stalin all the way."

This statement is as good as any other way to begin a column on the meaning of Trotskyism today. It is not as if our entire paper, the daily fight that the Trotskyist Organization is undertaking today, the fight of the Fourth International as a whole doesn't express the meaning of Trotskyism. It isn't a substitute for that.

But there are certain incidents, events in the class struggle today, like the remark of Parsons that express precisely the point of our struggle, the struggle of Trotskyism today, that bring home to the young workers that "Trotskyism vs Stalinism" or Trotskyism vs. centrism" is something not just for books or discussions, but is something very immediate, something workers confront every day.

Parsons remark, "I'm with Stalin all the way" is indeed such an immediate question that the workers at Rouge in Detroit and elsewhere face everyday. For Parsons, although he is in the same relation to Stalin as a foreman is to Henry Ford, has proven himself fully capable of carrying out his words into practice.

Parsons and his RCP have already proven their willingness to act as small time Stalinists. At Rouge they physically attacked militants of the Trotskyist Organization during the auto strike, organized a goon squad to prevent other young workers from driving the bureaucrats out of an assembly of Stamping workers, have torn down

Maoist lead

"I'm with Stalin"

Trotskyist literature in the plants, are known throughout the country for their physical attacks on militants of all groups in the UAW who claim to be Trotskyist. They have been known always to side with the most reactionary elements of the working class when the question of Trotskyism is involved. At a hospital workers union meeting in Detroit, when the bureaucrats organized a goon squad to drive a militant of the TO out of the union meeting because he is a "communist," a Maoist got up and declared: "I don't defend Trotskyists, they're all FBI agents."

But a young worker may ask, "Well, who does this have to do with me? Maybe this is just a fight between two 'rival' organizations. Unity of the working class is what I care about."

This is where the real significance of Parsons' comments come in. Time and time again throughout the course of history since the Russian Revolution of 1917 it has been proven that the fight of Stalin against Trotsky, a fight in which Parsons now takes his place openly in front of the workers, has not been a "personal" struggle, but a struggle of the working class as a whole against the betrayers of its struggle.

Thus the struggle of Trotskyism against Stalinism, to defend the Russian Revolution against a bureaucracy which betrayed it, to forge the unity of the German working class against the Stalinists who said: "After Hitler, us.", to carry through the Spanish Revolution to the end against the treachery of the liberal bourgeoisie, to unleash the strikes of the autoworkers during World War II while the Stalinists supported Roosevelt and the "no-strike pledge," to the struggle of the Fourth International today, has always been a struggle of the international working class, its youth, for its independence, its unity against the chief agents of the counterrevolution inside the workers movement today: the international Stalinist apparatus.

Parsons is violently opposed to Trotskyism not only for these reasons, but because today it is only the Trotskyists which stand in the way of his attempt to ally the militant workers at Rouge with the UAW bureaucracy. It was not an argument over Stalin's crimes that provoked his anger and attacks at Rouge but the fact that at Rouge during the auto strike it was only the Trotskyist Organization which opposed his slogan "Send Woodcock Back for More" with the fight to THROW WOODCOCK OUT and elect a new leadership. It was the fact that the Trotskyists alone stood for the unity of the militant Stamping workers who wanted to throw the bureaucrats out of the assembly against the goon squad of "Time-to-Unite" which said "let the bureaucrats read their contract to us."

Only the Trotskyists can stand in the way of their betrayals and lead the young workers against them. This is the reason for their violence and this is why they have to stand

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ES OF THE RWF TO LEAD THE UAW!



IV. WIN THE PROLETARIAN MILITANTS OF THE STALINIST AND CENTRIST TENDENCIES TO THE RWF

The Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW must propose to all the other tendencies within the UAW which claim to represent the workers against the bureaucrats, the Democratic and Republican Parties, and the Carter regime, (especially those organized by the Stalinist "Communist Party" and its splittoffs; the Revolutionary Communist Party, the October League, the Progressive Labor Party; and the centrist Socialist Workers Party and its splittoffs; the Workers League, the Spartacist League,

at Rouge: all the way"

with STALIN and not the young workers. Because in Parson's comments, he demonstrates the total contempt the Stalinists have for the working class and above all its youth. Does Parson think that the young workers at Rouge are stupid? That they know nothing or have heard nothing about Stalin and his crimes? That an honest young worker could have nothing but total contempt for a "revolutionary" who says openly "I'm with Stalin all the way?" Or that a worker who would side with a murderer of over 10 million people would do so only for the most reactionary reasons?

Parsons doesn't care because fundamentally the Stalinists must attack the youth in order to maintain their position in the working class. This is the significance of his remark: "you divide the young from the old." No, we call and base our party on the youth, not to divide, but in order to LEAD the entire working class, including the old.

This was the history of the Bolshevik Party which made the October Revolution, a party of the youth, whose leading members all joined the Bolsheviks between the ages of 15 and 20. It is the history of all the struggles of the working class, past and present, that it has been the youth who have been in the forefront of the struggles against the old order.

And it has been Parson's history, the history of Stalinism, that has always attacked the youth. It was the young workers in the Bolshevik Party that first took up the opposition to Stalinism, it was the youth who filled Stalin's concentration camps and prisons. And it is the youth today who are in the forefront of the struggle against Stalinism in Eastern Europe -- who led and organized the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, who have been in the forefront of the struggles in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the USSR.

It is because of the working class youth that we know that Parson's statement is one of political bankruptcy and that his organization is in crisis. And this is why we are not afraid of Parson and his group. Not because we are braver than anyone else or enjoy confrontations. We don't.

But there must be a reason why at Rouge only the Trotskyist Organization and the RWF have stood their ground against the Stalinists, while all the other so-called "Trotskyist" organizations -- the Socialist Workers Party, the Spartacist League, the Workers League and SPARK ran away and refused to aid in our defense.

The reason is our policy which we know is the fight the young workers are seeking and because we base our fight on the struggles and mobilization of the young workers throughout the world. It is not an accident that the only party in the US which is building a Revolutionary Youth International is the only party that can wage a fight against Stalinism. It is the struggle of Trotskyism today.

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SPARK) to join it in this fight, and in this way begin to win them to the RWF. Winning these true revolutionaries is the only way to destroy these tendencies which, while they claim to represent the workers against the bureaucrats and fight for socialism, are in fact the central obstacle before the autoworkers in this fight.

At each point that the autoworkers have sought to deepen their struggle, to unite with the workers of other industries, to throw out the bureaucrats, and select a new leadership to continue and win their fight, the Stalinists have stood in the way. Thus during the strike they all united under the slogan: "Send 'em (Woodcock and Co.) Back for More!" (as if sending Woodcock back would bring the autoworkers more of anything but the same old garbage); during the delegate elections under the slogan -- "Stand up and make yourself heard!" (as if just standing up and making yourself heard by the bureaucrats at the UAW Convention would bring militant autoworkers anything but sore throats.)

The Stalinist's program for the autoworkers is PRESSURE THE BUREAUCRATS AND SILLENCE THE REVOLUTIONARIES, thus their interventions are characterized by reasonableness toward the bureaucrats and violence toward the true proletarian militants, especially those of the Trotskyist Organization of the USA and the Revolutionary Worker Youth. When the tendencies organized within the UAW by the centrist Socialist Workers Party and its splittoffs which falsely claim to represent our party the Fourth International in this country, have not actively supported this policy, then they have abandoned the workers to it. Thus the intervention of the SWP during the strike was reduced to articles in its press advising the UAW tops and during the delegate elections it abstained, refusing to support the platform and candidates of the Revolutionary Worker Youth.

Today, in the face of the Carter/Woodcock plot to further subordinate the UAW to the regime and consolidate the stranglehold of the bureaucracy over the workers, the tendencies organized by the Stalinists and the centrists within the UAW say that the workers can do nothing but send a delegation to LA to demonstrate outside with the objective of pressuring those on the inside into impotent protest. They constitute the last defense of the bureaucrats against the workers mobilization. To win the true proletarian revolutionaries away from these organizations and destroy them: This is the key to the fight of the Revolutionary Workers Faction to win the leadership of the UAW and mobilize the masses of workers to stop Carter's attack.

V. LEADERSHIP IS DECISIVE

Winning these young workers and destroying these false leaderships is the key to our fight because it is the leadership which is decisive in the outcome of every workers' mobilization. What you do is decisive. Some workers say they don't have the time or the money to fight for leadership of the UAW. Others say they don't want to be "cause they'll get in trouble, that its best to keep a "low profile". But the opposite is the truth. It's by not fighting to build a revolutionary leadership and throw out the bureaucrats of the UAW that we lose time, money, and get in trouble, fellow workers and comrades. Others say the revolutionary young workers aren't capable of leading the UAW. But diminishing the confidence of the revolutionary young workers in themselves and in their future can only reinforce confidence in the bureaucrats.

The future is in the hands of the young generation of the working class. Against the layoffs, speedup, rising prices and repression, autoworkers continue to strike. They continue to reject the contracts negotiated by the bureaucrats. Militants in locals across the country fought to be elected as delegates to the UAW Convention against Woodcock's lackeys. And when Woodcock's lackeys got in, they did so by the skin of their teeth, relying largely on the retiree vote. Autoworkers continue to be in the vanguard of the struggle of the American working class to defend and advance its standard of living and working conditions and democratic rights as they have been since the 30's. Neither Woodcock's signature on his contract with the Big 4 nor the election of his buddy Jimmy Carter has brought an end to this struggle.

For precisely this reason the Carter regime, the hired hand of the auto barons and the rest of the coupon-clipping capitalists that soak the American working class, has opened up a full-scale attack with the aim of destroying all the conquests of the American working class. This fellow workers and comrades, is the aim of the continued layoffs, plant closures, speed up, overtime, and rising prices. This is the aim of the attack on the right of workers to distribute trade union and communist literature within the plants, on the right of workers to meet within the plants. This is the meaning of the destruction of the steward system and the cancellation of union meetings. It is the meaning of the current plan to search workers as they enter the plants, to prohibit them from carrying arms into the plants. And all the while, these same capitalists are using the money they make from our labor to build up their own apparatus of repression, to defend their order against the assaults of the workers, above all the young generation which has no intention of spending 30 more years like the last. The reinforcement of the plant police, the local police, the centralization of the National Guard, the reinforcement of the army, the organization of Special Forces, together with the extension of the regime's network of spying and intelligence, -- that's where the taxes are going.

Fellow workers and comrades, we built this country. We built this union. We have the right and responsibility to lead it to victory. We have no choice. That's why Marx said: Workers of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains!

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA and the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International propose to you to take up that fight today, the fight for leadership of the UAW on the basis of this revolutionary platform of combat, the fight to mobilize the masses of workers on the basis of this revolutionary platform of combat. Indeed we have nothing to lose but our chains! DETROIT, MARCH 29, 1977

Latin America, Europe, and around the World Bring down the Giscard government with a General Strike!

By ANN NELSON

Last summer when most of the French working class was on vacation, the Giscard regime raised prices on all the necessities for living. Now with 1.5 million French workers unemployed, several million laid-off and a freeze on wages, the Socialist Party and the centrists are attempting to cover up the attack on the French workers and youth as the question that was before the French and European workers in the recent local elections.

Only the LOR (Revolutionary Workers League - French Section of the Fourth International) ran candidates on a platform to forge the independence of the working class, to expose the treachery of the CP and SP to bring down the Giscard-Barre Government with the General Strike and is fighting for a Workers Government.

The Popular Front "Union of the Left" of the CP and SP along with bourgeois candidates says it is necessary to wait until the elections of 1978 and to respect the constitution. They are running on a platform which calls for reform of the present regime. But in calling for the workers to wait until 1978 they are attempting to maintain the Giscard Government just as it is.

The Union of the Left of the CP and SP made significant gains in the elections where in the first round they won 52.5% of the vote. This is a sign of the growing combativity of the French working class and youth and their dissatisfaction with the austerity of the Giscard regime. But because the CP and SP support a "common program" with the bourgeoisie, they are attempting to retain the dictatorship of the

Giscard regime over the proletariat against the struggles of the French workers in their recent strikes.

The organizations who claim to represent Trotskyism or the Fourth International in France only shadow the CP and SP, calling for "Socialism and workers power". This is the slogan of the LCR (supported in the US by the Socialist Workers Party,) and the LQ, Lutte Ouvrier (supported in the US by SPARK). The OCI (Organisation Communiste Internationaliste) is calling on workers to vote for only the candidates of the CP and SP and not their bourgeois supporters, but are running NO candidates of their own.

Only the LOR is fighting for its own candidates and says to the workers and youth: "... fight to organize the answer to the Barre Plan and bring down this government with the unlimited General Strike, controlled and centralized by the workers in their committees and through delegates elected and convoked in a General Assembly of their union organizations. To the workers and to the youth we say: it is not possible to wait for the "democratic" change of the bourgeois state and its municipalities. It is necessary to destroy them."

CARTER HEADS THE PLOT

Jimmy Carter has said through Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, that the US will not interfere in the elections in France even with the victory of the popular front of the CP and SP. But the reason is not what Carter would like US workers to think; that he has "respect" for the will of the majority of French people. A spokesman for Carter said: "President Carter and his team are realists... aware that any intervention in France's political

life in favor of the majority now in power would run the risk of being counterproductive.

Not only that, but the Communist Party of France has done everything it can to make agreements with the imperialists against the French workers. The March 20th NEW YORK TIMES, reports that the platform of the CP and SP says: "France's security should be based on respect for its alliances." This is the true platform of the CP and the SP: keep the bourgeois government and its "alliances", i.e. NATO, intact.

But even Carter knows the stake of the French elections, and more the growing mobilization of the French working class. A spokesman for Carter said that any problem in France is posed "on a much bigger scale than comparable developments in Portugal or Italy, because of France's political, economic and strategic weight in Europe."

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Only the candidates of the LOR are calling for active support of the Spanish revolution and of the unification of the workers in Eastern and Western Europe. This is the stake in France, and this is the stake for the US workers as well. The European revolution will give a decisive blow to US imperialism. The French Section of the Fourth International is the only organization today fighting to organize the French working class in the combat for the Socialist United States of Europe -- the only victorious outcome of their struggles.

"Sit down, sit down!"

By FRED VITALE, Candidate of the Revolutionary Workers Faction for President of the UAW

With this issue of TRUTH we are starting a regular column on the struggle in the UAW, written by Fred Vitale, a militant of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth and the candidate for President of the UAW of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW.

The title of this column takes its name from the song of the autoworkers in Flint during the sit-down strikes of 1938-37 which was quoted in a recent issue of TRUTH. The purpose of this column will be to arm young autoworkers today in their fight to continue the struggle the young militants who founded the UAW in 1936 began.

The first article in this series takes up the nature of the present leadership of the UAW, and its links to the past, the continuity between Reuther, Woodcock and Fraser. The betrayal of the Flint workers did not happen overnight and it is necessary for young workers to arm themselves with some of this struggle in order to be able to advance today.

Finally, we invite comments on this column and suggestions for future topics of interest relating to the struggle in the UAW. We want to make this column your voice as well.

THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Our UAW Convention coming up in May will elect a new President. Woodcock is "supposed" to retire, but the real reason for his stepping down is that the bureaucracy is com-

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was for something "bigger and better." And one wonders why any worker would join a party which consistently told him that they were "too small" to do anything. The truth is that the SWP will always be "too small", because behind this remark is their fear of the working class, their fear of taking leadership of their struggles, their distrust of the revolutionary aspirations of the young workers.

The "labor party" is an excuse for the SWP, to cover up its abandonment of a revolutionary fight and policy in the working class.

As Freeman admits, their proposal for a "labor party" is a conscious confusion, designed to hide from the young workers the fact that their desire for an independent party of the working class and the need in the US for such a party can only be led and organized by a revolutionary party. A "labor party" can only be a revolutionary party, and can only be an international party.

Finally, it becomes clearest when we see what type of fight Freeman proposes for this "labor party" a fight "against the capitalist government's attempts to rape the environment, force down workers wages, increase military expenditures at the expense of social programs." Nothing about a workers government, nothing about a fight to bring down the Carter regime and nothing about the international tasks of a party of the American working class. Nationalism, reformism and electoralism is what the SWP proposes for this "labor party." It is no accident that this is also the program of the SWP itself.

Freeman is wrong. His "labor party" is not "mysticism." Just centrism pure and simple.

Note to Our Readers

The next issue of TRUTH is scheduled to appear on April 18th. This delay is due to the participation of militants of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth in the Fifth World Congress of the Fourth International which is being held in Europe this April.

Our next issue will carry a full report of this Congress and its meaning for workers in the US as well as a report on the Fourth National Conference of the Trotskyist Organization which will prepare this Congress in the United States. There is still plenty of time to send in your subscriptions in order to receive your copy.

pelled to change faces at the top in order to control the more and more open struggle against the ENTIRE UAW leadership. Doug Fraser is their candidate. He is head of the skilled trades department -- one of the group of workers that the bureaucracy has tried to buy off with a few crumbs from the capitalist banquet table. In the last two contracts they have rejected the terms negotiated and thus, the bureaucracy hopes to win their favor back by appointing Fraser. Furthermore, Fraser was closely tied with Walter Reuther, President of the UAW from 1947-1970 and who has a reputation throughout the labor movement as a real fighter. But, like the change of faces at the top, this reputation is only a confusion to further mislead the autoworkers.

Here is the truth: Walter Reuther had close ties with the leftwing of the Democratic Party, once actually being in the Socialist Party. As leader of the UAW bureaucracy he was instrumental in tying these workers, the most militant in the American working class, to the Democratic Party, their government and convincing workers to accept their plans for how workers should improve themselves.

--It was Reuther, along with the Stalinist Communist Party / USA, leaders of the UAW during WWII who tied the American workers to the US imperialist war machine through support for Roosevelt and a no-strike pledge during the war.

Speaking to C. E. Wilson, President of General Motors in 1942, Reuther said "we can't hold the men down much longer."

--Supporting the Truman government he aided in purging all the communists and militants from the unions during the McCarthy era and attempted to finalize this by uniting with the AFL in 1955.

--During the sixties he worked closely with John Kennedy and Martin Luther King to channel the growing militancy of the black masses into the Democratic Party.

Malcolm X took note of this in a speech in Detroit in 1963 (from Malcolm X Speaks) pointing out how Kennedy, King, James Farmer, A. Philip Randolph and Whitney Young got together and planned the liberal takeover of the 1963 March on Washington. One of the first people they got to support this move was Walter Reuther.

--It was Reuther who sat over the dismantling of the Rouge Complex from 100,000 workers in the 30's to the 30,000 there are now.

This is his real record of "achievement" for the autoworkers.

So, its no coincidence that it is Fraser who has made his own "contributions" like Reuther.

--he led the 1,000 person goon squad that attacked the Mack Avenue sit-downers in 1973 in Detroit.

-- sat on the Detroit Police Commission, in order to help continue the work of the STRESS campaign of 1971 (resulted in over 100 black youths killed) and the Gang infiltration campaign of 1976 with police agents going into the gangs causing trouble so that the city could increase its repression in the working class neighborhoods.

Speaking of King, the latest issue of SOLIDARITY reported that Coretta King, wife of Martin Luther King, presented Woodcock with the Labor Social Responsibility Award -- no doubt for that "socially responsible" contract last year!

And now, Woodcock is visiting Hanoi at the behest of Carter to investigate the GI's missing in action. Just like in the UAW machine there are members of the Stalinist Communist Party who with Woodcock "peacefully coexist" with Ford, GM and Carter, so now Woodcock can play the same role internationally, working with the imperialists and their Stalinist agents in North Vietnam against the US workers and against the Vietnamese workers. This is Woodcock's brand of "international solidarity."

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"Yes, I agree with you," say many young workers, "but it is impossible to change things in the unions. The union bureaucrats and the company work together. Any one who fights against this is harassed by both the bosses and the union. No one goes to union meetings, and besides, when any one does go they are shouted down by the bureaucrats or else the meetings are broken up. I'm revolutionary, I hate this system, but let them have the unions, I have better things to do with my time."

Unfortunately, it is this attitude, expressed by many of the best young fighters in the working class which continues to allow the bureaucrats and the Stalinists to maintain their grip on the unions, which continues to allow the struggle of the workers in the unions to be understood as one of pressure on the Democratic Party and which continues to block the struggles of the American workers from advancing.

Young workers -- the bureaucrats and the Stalinists understand very well the type of struggle you have waged in the last years -- the 100,000 auto workers who abstained from voting on the Ford contract and who are engaging in local strikes and wildcats today, the struggles of the miners, the steelworkers, the Teamsters and public employees.

They want nothing better than for you to stop your struggles at the level of local strikes, isolated wildcats, shop floor pickets, in which the workers don't have everything but TAKE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UNIONS OUT OF THEIR HANDS! Unless your fight is one to win the leadership of the unions you are bound to feel isolated, to think that your struggles are getting no where, to believe that it is impossible to win a decisive victory.

This is the struggle that can win the confidence of the other workers, that can engage masses of young workers in a common fight -- a fight, not to "protest" or let off steam but a FIGHT TO WIN, which can only be the fight of the young workers to win leadership of the unions, to make the unions their instrument of struggle against the capitalists and against US imperialism.

The fight to build the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW is a fight proposed by the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth as a FIGHT TO WIN, to win leadership of the UAW, on a local and national level, and the fight to unite in a common struggle with the entire American working class. It is not a question of our relatively small size and forces that is key, but is above all a question of offering the only kind of fight that can win the enthusiasm and confidence of the militant young workers, the only kind of fight that has the possibility of growing, a fight to win.

Young workers -- we propose that you join us in a fight that is unlike the fight of Sadlowski and the centrists in steel -- a fight that was guaranteed to lose from the beginning, or the fight of the Maoists in auto which is designed to "let off steam" and nothing else -- but a fight to make the UAW and the other unions, OUR weapons, the weapons of the young workers who fight every day to defend their unions against the capitalists and the bureaucrats.

Join the campaign of the TO, the RWY and the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW to BRING THE UAW CONVENTION BACK TO DETROIT. Nothing better expresses the nature of this convention than the fact that the UAW bureaucrats want it to be as far away as legally possible from the vast majority of autoworkers. This union is ours, this convention must be ours and we want it where the vast majority of autoworkers can attend and express their real opinions of the present bureaucracy.

Build the rallies organized by the Revolutionary Workers Faction at local factories on April 23rd in order to build for a central rally at Solidarity House in Detroit, the headquarters of the UAW on Saturday, April 30th. Organize this struggle in your factories, your locals and use this campaign as a means of demonstrating to the young workers that by relying on their won forces and organization they can build the forces necessary to do what the vast majority of autoworkers really want -- to throw out Woodcock, Fraser and their gang and build a new leadership, a revolutionary leadership for the unions.

This struggle, which only the Fourth International in the US is proposing is the condition for uniting not only the autoworkers, but all the workers and oppressed in the US in a massive struggle to turn back the attacks of the Carter regime throughout the Americas and to build the WORKERS PARTY of the American working class, that will lead the workers to victory.

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ARGENTINA -- DEFEND THE ARGENTINE WORKERS! -- CONTINUED

class, defeated but not broken, holds the key to the advance of the Latin American revolution, as well as the means to defeat the plans of American imperialism against the workers and youth of the North.

Time and again the opportunity has existed to link together the struggle of the two proletariats, but the Stalinists, peddling Castro's "guerrillism," and the United Secretariat and its US supporters subordinating the struggle to the level of bourgeois democracy, have succeeded in maintaining the isolation of the Latin American proletariat.

Today, that opportunity exists again in the combativity of the Argentine workers, and that of the US proletariat, especially among the auto workers. The strikes of the Ford workers at the Cordoba plant in Argentina and the Ford workers at the River Rouge complex in Detroit are linked not only against Ford Motor Co., a direct supporter of the Carter regime and long time supplier of arms for American imperialism, but they are linked politically as well since it is among the Ford workers that the Trotsky-

ist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth have gone the farthest in mobilizing the youth and the workers against the plot of US imperialism to isolate and attack the conquests of the workers of the Americas.

STOP ALL ORDERS!

In the last weeks this plot has been reinforced with the Carter regime's attempt to pawn off imperialism as the protector of "human rights." The military dictatorship of General Videla has gone along with the game in "withdrawing its requests for American military aid," thus attempting to hide from the Argentine workers the real ties of the Videla regime to American imperialism, while at the same time denying its repressive character and the atrocities it has committed against the Argentine workers.

With the launching of a campaign to STOP ALL SUPPORT OF US IMPERIALISM TO VIDELA -- BUTCHER OF ARGENTINE WORKERS, the means to weld the combat of the proletariat of the Am-

erican into one fist against American imperialism and the Carter regime is at hand.

Through this campaign the TO will join the strikes and actions of the auto workers of North and South America, and actually lead the combat to break all support to the Videla regime. We intend to expose Carter's masquerade and the support of the trade union bureaucrats to American imperialism, and as well to counter the reactionary campaign of the UAW to "buy an American car," with a campaign to organize the auto workers of the two continents against imperialism, its massive unemployment, inflation, and attacks on the democratic conquests of the working class.

And with our campaign the first steps toward the construction of the sections of the Fourth International will be taken through the winning of the youth to the Revolutionary Youth International and its world-wide fight for socialist revolution. The betrayal of the Stalinists must be avenged in Chile, in Cuba, Bolivia, and Argentina. The campaign to STOP ALL

SUPPORT OF US IMPERIALISM TO VIDELA will expose the role of the American Communist Party in supporting the trade union bureaucracy and the "liberal" wing of the Democratic Party and their support to the Peronist "liberals" in Argentina which culminated in the coup of Videla. And with them, the centrists of the United Secretariat and the Socialist Workers Party must be removed from the line of march of the proletariat of the Two Americas.

The youth of the Americas will forge the vanguard party and rebuild the sections of the Fourth International in Latin America; it is they who are free of the treachery of the past and have nothing to lose by throwing in their lot with the socialist revolution.

BUILD THE SECTIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS! REBUILD THE SECTIONS OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL! FORWARD TO THE UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE AMERICAS!

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MARGARET GUTTSHALL WITH FORD RIVER ROUGE WORKER

FORD RIVER ROUGE DEFEND ROBERT JONES!

In the last two weeks the militants of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth have opened up a campaign to stop the attack on the Rouge workers, throw out the leadership of Local #600 and their contract, and build the revolutionary Workers Faction to head this local, the largest outside the USSR.

We made agitation at the gates, distributed copies of TRUTH and RWY with our platform. Workers began to circulate them and discuss the platform. We drew up a resolution for the Stamping unit meeting. Workers again rejected the contract that the bureaucrats negotiated began to circulate the resolution and win support from their comrades for it. In the assembly plant, where half the plant has been laid off, where Robert Jones, militant of the Revolutionary Worker Youth, ran against Wilson and his lackeys for delegate to the UAW convention, and presented a resolution to the assembly unit meeting to fight to recall all laid off workers, throw out Wilson, and organize election of a revolutionary leadership, workers are doing the same.

Now Ford Motor Company, the UAW bureaucracy, and the Stalinists of Time-to-Untite have opened up an attack on the militants of the TO and the RWY aimed at blocking this mobilization, the only way forward for the workers at Rouge.

The company police have threatened to arrest us if we return to gate #10 (where the majority of stamping workers enter the plant). The UAW bureaucrats said they certainly would not defend us and suggested we file a grievance. Willie Washington, head of the stamping unit, cancelled the union meeting at the last minute. The Stalinist leaders of "Time-to-Untite" circulated this information for him, stood outside the union hall and told the few workers who did come to go home, and said they intended to drive the Revolutionary Worker Youth out of the plant. Why? Because the fight it's waging is "unrealistic" according to Bob Parsons. The superintendent of the Dearborn Assembly plant and Hank Wilson, president of the UAW unit there have gotten together and threatened Robert Jones, saying that if he continues to belong to the RWY and wage a fight for leadership of the local that he'll lose his job, house, and union membership.

This attack on the militants of the TO and RWY at the Rouge is an attack on every Rouge worker. It's precisely

because we are the only ones fighting for the interests of the Rouge workers, to throw out the bureaucrats now, and organize the election of a revolutionary leadership that is implacable in its struggle against the company and utterly devoted to the cause of the working class, that Ford, the UAW bureaucrats, and the Stalinists want to drive us out. On the part of other organizations and militants which claim to be Trotskyist, with the notable exception of Jim Rothe, there is silence, the SWP, the SL, Spark, etc.

The SWP on the Southwest side refused to take a definite stand, their spokesman saying they had better things to do with their time (like trying to organize workers at the Rouge against the struggle of the South African workers to drive the imperialists out -- in favor of the imperialists proposal for "black majority rule").

The only way to take this struggle is to organize the young workers in circles to mobilize the masses of workers at the Rouge to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit and open it up to the auto workers. In this fight we can win the masses of workers to the Revolutionary Workers Faction's platform of combat, to support our candidate for president of the UAW, and build the revolutionary leadership to head local #600.

In the next two weeks, militants of the TO and RWY will be making agitation at the gates of Rouge for this cause, distributing copies of TRUTH and REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKER and the resolution for the UAW convention.

We call on the workers at Rouge, especially the revolutionary young workers, to join us, to distribute TRUTH and RWY, join the Revolutionary Worker Youth, and mobilize the other workers in their sections to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit.

Sunday, April 3rd, at 7pm, there will be a meeting of the Rouge sector of the Revolutionary Worker Youth. It will plan a rally at Local #600, the organization of interventions at gate #10, and the organization of workers delegations to the members of Time-to-Untite to convince them to join us in this fight, as well as the organization of a delegation of workers to the leadership of the Assembly unit to demand the stopping of the harassment of Robert Jones.

It will be followed by a meeting of the Executive committee of the Revolutionary Workers Faction. Be there! Margaret Guttshall March 29, 1977

GREAT LAKES STEEL

By Ann Nelson

In the last weeks, the Trotskyist Organization of the US and the Revolutionary Worker Youth won the support of 9 young Great Lakes workers for a resolution for the local #1299 USW, which says that in order to stop the speed up and to win health and safety, it is necessary to throw out the Chambers-McBride leadership and elect a revolutionary leadership which represents the will of the youth and the majority of workers at Great Lakes.

The members of the Trotskyist Organization of the US were not allowed by the 1299 leadership to present the resolution at the General Membership meeting on March 23rd. The "reason" given was: "Only candidates for public office can speak," meaning only officials of the Democratic Party, but not those who represent the workers organizations. But the hand-picked McBride leadership (Chambers now has a post in the McBride bureaucracy and has been replaced by an acting president) has been served notice of the intention of the TO and the RWY: to fight to win its platform and to run a candidate in the upcoming local elections for president of 1299.

The resolution of the RWY also called on all organizations who claim to represent the workers and change for support. But when Robin Maisel, a leader of the Socialist Workers party and an official in the Sadlowski campaign was asked to support this fight in 1299, his one-word reply was: "NO!"

The meaning of the unequivocal "No" is clear when one reads in the newspaper of the SWP, THE MILITANT that their only complaint about the leadership of 1299 is that it will not allow the one Sadlowski supporter in the bureaucracy to attend the basic steel negotiations in Washington DC! Agreement on participation in these negotiations is an agreement to go along with binding arbitration and the "no-strike" agreement. This support of the collaboration between the union leadership and the US Government, totally opposes itself to the desires of the young steelworkers who want to prepare the strike of Steel to end the unbearable working conditions and stop the lay offs and freezes on hiring because of automation.

At Great Lakes, now, there is one main obstacle to the organization of the strike of steel, the union leadership ship, and those so-called workers organizations who support it against the workers. In steel, it is necessary to immediately take up the struggle that the auto workers in Detroit and Chicago have begun: to throw out the old leaders and elect a revolutionary leadership.

Come to the circle meeting of the Revolutionary Worker Youth at Great Lakes on Sunday, April 3rd, at 7:00 pm to further organize this fight. Pick-up bundles of TRUTH and REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKER at the main entrance every Saturday at 3:00 pm. Join the Revolutionary Worker Youth today!

HARPER HOSPITAL -- Detroit

"Throw the Commie out!" "Shut up you goddamn communist!" and "Hire more police!" were some of the responses of the bureaucrats of Local 79 of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) to the proposal of the TO and the RWY to Local 79 to get off the Police Task Force organized against the youth by Mayor Coleman Young. Young wants \$12.5 million dollars to build more jails and has enlisted the support of labor unions, and liberal organizations such as the NAACP in an effort to attack the youth in Detroit.

Not coincidentally, the young workers at the newly-merged Harper-Grace Hospitals have also been under attack. Besides two workers who were fired for "high crime" of liberating some plastic plates and knives from the Hospital, dozens more have been harassed and disciplined since the merging of the Hospitals in what is an obvious effort to break the militancy of the workers and prepare an all-out offensive against them.

Wages here are about \$3.80 an hour and below for unskilled workers, with no provisions for any cost-of-living, the most minimal benefits, and an extremely biased and racist procedure for job upgrading which is generally done according to favoritism.

The struggle led by the TO and RWY has had rich lessons, however, especially in relation to the confrontation with the trade union bureaucrats and the role which has been played by the supporters of the Socialist Workers Party at the Hospital.

"Labor-management collaboration is not a principled question" was the response of one of the militants of the SWP to a fight which was waged by me of the TO at a joint meeting of Harper-Grace stewards and hospital management. The meeting had ostensibly been called by the Local 79 leadership as a shop steward training class in the

midst of the merging of Harper-Grace Hospitals. Instead it turned out to be a class of labor-management collaboration. Though several stewards privately voiced their disapproval of the meeting, the RWY alone flatly opposed the meeting and rallied the local bureaucrats for collaboration with Harper-Grace against the workers.

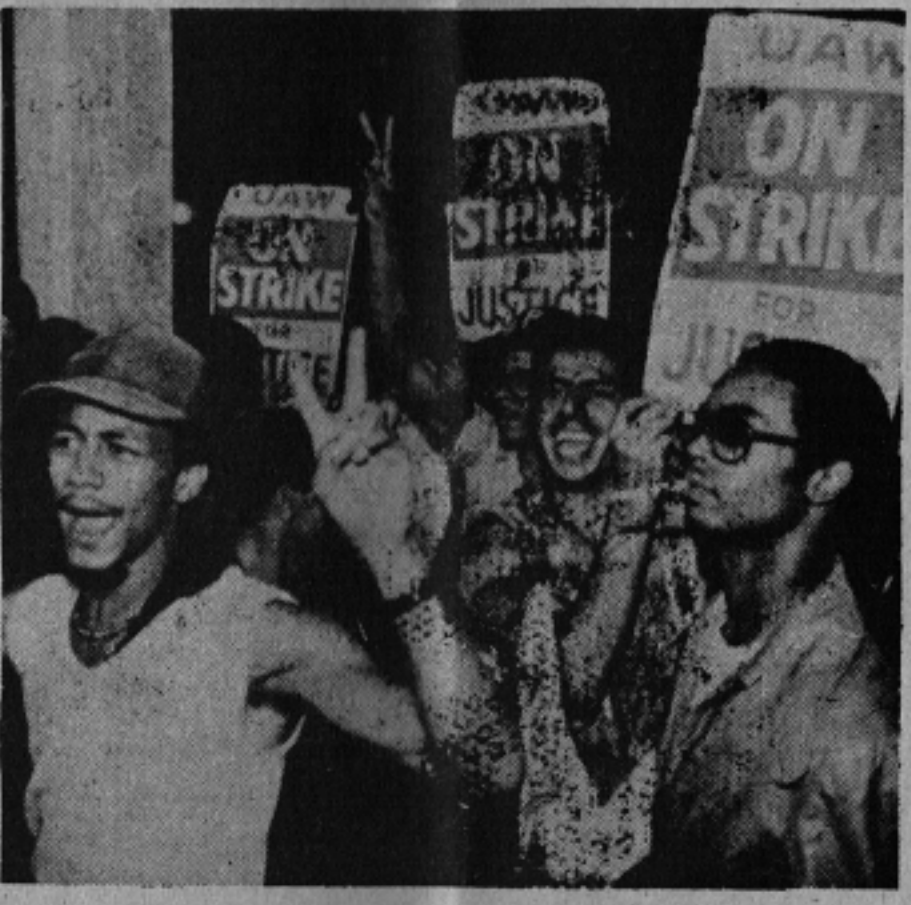
In order to break through the red-baiting campaign of the Local leadership and the harassment of the young workers, it is necessary to take up an overall strategy to put the union back into the hands of the workers. To this end the RWY is launching a campaign against labor-management collaboration, for an immediate wage increase to make up for cost-of-living, the election of hospital committees to lead this fight, and one central union, as well as continuing to break Local 79 from supporting Mayor Young's Task Force.

The key task to ensuring the success of this struggle is the building of the circles of the RWY to organize a conscious leadership of the young workers who have already taken the lead in opposing the collaboration of union officials and the hospital.

Within Local 79 an all-out fight must be taken up to throw out Cortz, Mcarty, and Vorkovich and fight for a revolutionary leadership. The means to wage this struggle is with the construction of a Revolutionary Workers Faction within Local 79 based on the struggle of the RWY and engaging broad layers of workers in the battle against the bureaucrats. The TO and RWY make this proposal for action as well to the militants of the SWP at Harper-Grace and demands of that they take a stand on the red-baiting campaign against the TO.

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STEWARDS OF LOCAL 79 - SEIU
MEMBER OF TO AND RWY

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It determined that the only means to win the confidence of the masses of workers was for every member of the RWF to take up the daily fight to win the leadership of the workers in their fight against the company and the bureaucrats. When the company tries to eliminate jobs and the bureaucrats go along, it will be the members of the RWF who will fight to assemble the workers to decide their demands, to refuse to work until they are met, to elect a leadership willing to lead this fight and throwout those who won't.

JOIN THE RWF/UAW

The Executive Committee of the RWF will meet Sunday, at 8PM, at the headquarters of the RWY, to draw up the resolution for the UAW Locals and the UAW Convention, to further plan this mobilization. It's open to every member of the UAW who agrees with the platform. Join it. "All in the interests of the working class. That's the way it will be!"

CALENDAR

- Sunday April 3rd 7:00 pm Rouge sector of RWY meets, 8:00 pm Executive Committee of Revolutionary Workers Faction meets.
- Sunday April 10 -PICNIC-KENSINGTON PARK Meet at Headquarters of RWY 11:00 am.
- Sunday April 17 2:00 pm Revolutionary Young Workers CIRCLES meet - Ford River Rouge Stamping and Assembly Ford Torrence - 72nd Pl and South Shore - Chicago.
- Saturday April 30 NOON RALLY Solidarity House May 14-15 UAW Convention All meetings at Headquarters of the Revolutionary Worker Youth unless otherwise stated -- 3310 Junction Det. For further information call: 898-1522 or 312-375-3994 in Chicago