

REVOLT ASKS:

Why Must U.S. Youth Die in Vietnam For No Jobs, Slums, Racism at Home?

(The following speech was given by Melody Farrow at a public rally in defence of the Vietcong organized by the Workers League in New York City on Apr. 8)

The war in Vietnam is affecting the working class youth of this country more deeply than any other part of the population. Not only are they sent to tote the guns, to kill and be killed, but they are exploited and oppressed in the US. The same system that creates unemployment, racism and slums sends the youth to extend this exploitation to the young peasants and workers of Vietnam.

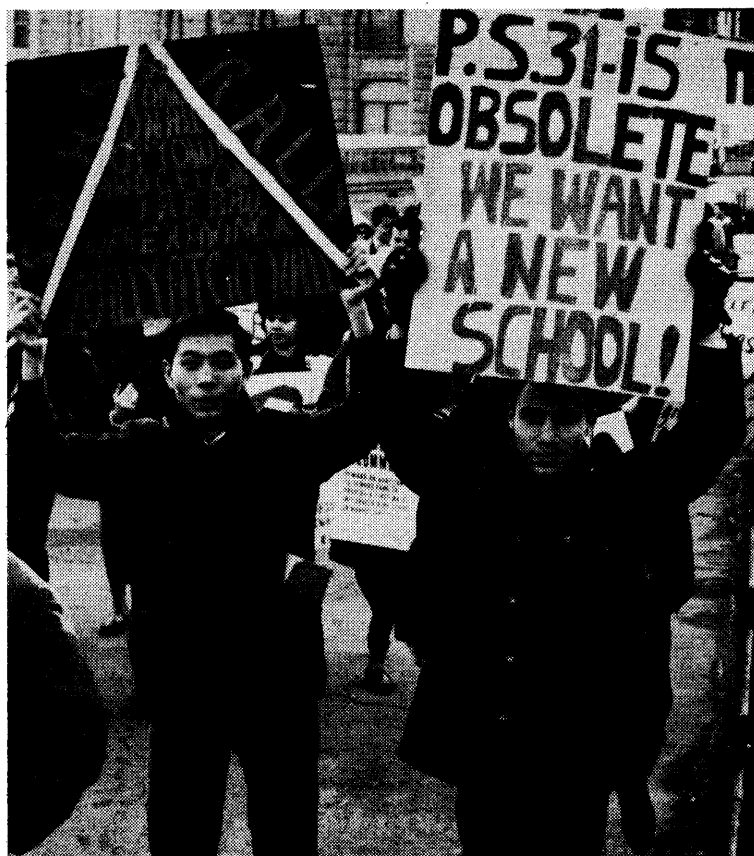
If the US wins it will strengthen the hold that the capitalists have on the youth. There will be more poverty, exploitation and wars for the working class youth and more profits for the capitalists. The youth have absolutely no stake in this war but Johnson must use them to do his fighting, to manufacture the guns, the tanks and the planes. In so doing, he gives the youth the ability to fight back, to stop this and all wars that capitalism needs to survive. If youth do not fight against this system, it will eventually destroy them. Working class youth, conscious that the war on the

Vietnamese is also a war upon them, have the power to end it.

war

The youth have no stake in the war because they pay for it with the most intolerable living conditions. Thousands of young people are leaving schools with no prospect for a decent future. They wind up either working at some meaningless job at below minimum wages or in the unemployment centers. At the present time 25% of Negro youth and 12.5% of white youth are unemployed, and these figures are on the

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UAW Fight for 30-40! No Speedup

by Dan Fried

The most important action the UAW can take on behalf of the entire labor movement, both organized and unorganized, is to prepare for a serious contract struggle with the probability of a strike in September. This requires a serious fight for a shorter work week and against the speed-up in the shops. The labor movement cannot be "revitalized" without adding more than a few grey hairs to the heads of the GM main office!

With this as a starting point, the crushing of the Rand and file revolt in Mansfield Ohio Fisher Body plant by the Reuther leadership in collusion with General Motors is a hell of a way to prepare for a struggle with GM. The UAW Executive Board charged that the problem was that "undemocratic elements had taken control of the Mansfield local." Not that GM was out to get rid of Frank Petty and other militants they considered to be trouble makers! "Undemocratic elements" says Reuther. Not that, as a Mansfield tool-maker saw it, the Company was in fact running scab shops with subcontractors paying substandard wages to their non-union personnel who receive much work that should be done at the Mansfield plant. "You protest when the Company undercuts you. But try and fight General Motors! They run to the county and to the State to make life hard for you. Your own union lets you down. Guys are thrown out of the plant. That's what's been happening here. But we'll fight every time the corporation violates the contract."

Mansfield highlights one of the most fundamental needs of the workers in the UAW -- the need to develop powerful committees of the rank and file in every shop to enforce the contract on the local level and to give the workers a weapon to control production standards as opposed to the Company speed-up. These committees would be similar to the militant shop steward committees in the British trade union movement. The Big Business press is hoping that the International leadership can effectively side with the employers over "local issues."

30 for 40

Undoubtedly, the current recession and resultant mounting

unemployment in the automobile industry reinforce the need for a firm struggle for job security in September. The major goal of the shorter work week should be spelled out as a demand for a 30 hour week at 40 hours pay. UAW militants have for many years fought for a firm stand for the shorter week in contract negotiations. While the UAW is on record as in favor of the short work week in principle, Reuther has always managed to shove it under the table while he brings to the spotlight one or another lightweight gimmick such as "profit sharing." The current scheme being spotlighted by the International leadership is the goal of a "guaranteed salary," with the

demand for the shorter work week given the silent treatment. Before we can talk of "guaranteed income" auto workers need a guaranteed job. There is little doubt that the Companies, while giving a guaranteed income to some workers (which ones?) would, in order to "compensate" increased layoffs of other workers during any "slack" period such as this. At the same time the Companies try to use the threat of layoff as a club against the workers' resistance to speed-up.

Representatives of a number of Cleveland UAW auto locals have come out in support of a 35 hour week demand as the first order of business to fight the mounting unemployment, charging at the same time that the International leadership has been using "rigged polls" to catapult the Guaranteed Income scheme to the forefront as a substitute for the shorter work week. One thing we can say about Mr. Reuther -- he certainly is consistent.

reuther

It appears that the successes of the UAW, the organized labor movement, and the campaigns to organize the unorganized will take place in spite of the Reuther leadership, if there is to be success at all.

Anti-strike legislation is now being prepared behind the scenes by the Johnson Administration. Opposition to such legislation must be organized by the UAW rank and file. In a struggle against this legislation just

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AFTRA PICKETS CELEBRATE CONTRACT SETTLEMENT.

EDITORIAL Gov't Steps Up War on Unions

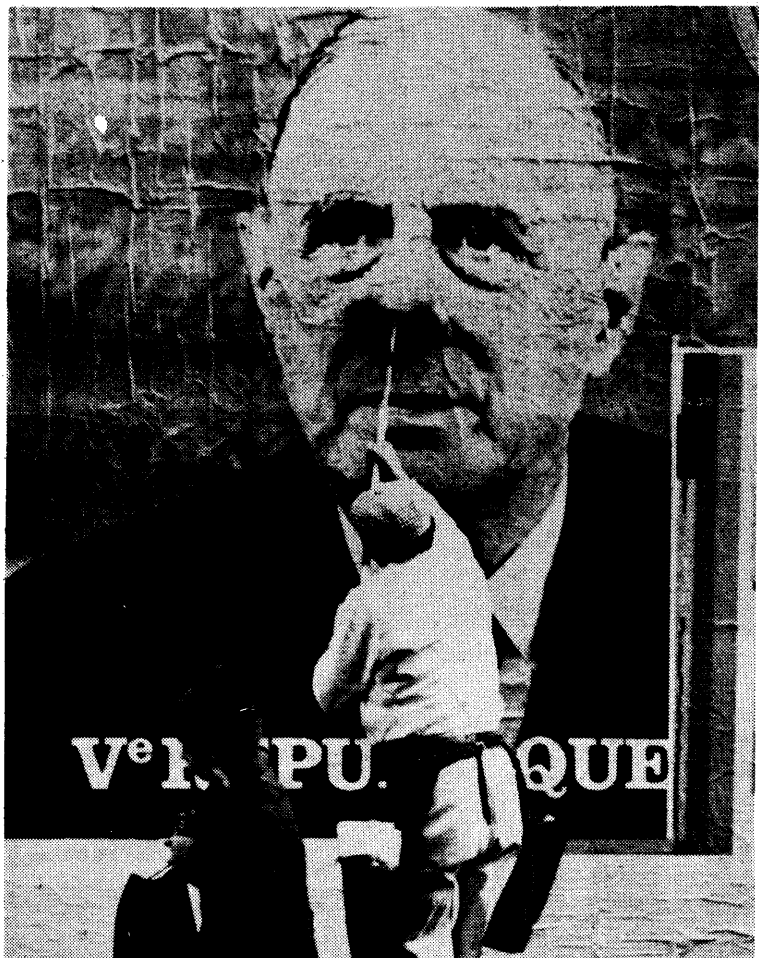
The Federal Government is stepping up its offensive against labor. The threat of a Taft-Hartley injunction was used to force a settlement in the Teamsters dispute. A special resolution was speeded through Congress to delay a railroad strike. The Long Island railroad men were also hit with an injunction. Now Johnson is moving against the Avco workers in Connecticut.

Johnson's policy is clear. The workers are to be made to pay for the Vietnam War and for the crisis now developing in world capitalism. If the present machinery doesn't do the job then special anti-strike laws will be rushed through Congress at the first opportunity.

It is of central importance that militants understand that the Government and the Democratic party are their enemies not their friends. The struggle against this anti-labor onslaught must be waged on two fronts: united action on a trade union level in defense of the right to strike and against deterioration of working conditions combined with a break from the Democratic Party and the creation of a new party based on the unions.

Report from Paris

French Workers Battle Anti-Labor Offensive



By Tim Wohlforth

PARIS-- I visited this country only a few short weeks after the general elections, the most significant elections since the rise of De Gaulle to power in 1959. Virtually every empty wall in Paris was covered with election posters. Large red ones stating "Votez-Communiste" with a hammer and sickle were everywhere.

In the aftermath of the elections the class struggle in France is not only continuing but its tempo is increasing. For instance while I was in France the dock workers in the Nantes area, an important industrial complex, were conducting an important strike. They were demanding the reinstatement of dock workers laid off plus wage increases

beyond the 2% insisted upon by the government. Despite opposition from the leadership of the social democratic FO union and the Communist CGT union, 15,000 workers marched through the streets of Nantes in sympathy. They marched with red flags flying and singing revolutionary songs to the very steps of the employers' headquarters. They shouted "Bas De Gaulle" (Down with De Gaulle), an increasingly popular slogan among workers in France today.

crisis

From these incidents one can get some insight into the economic crisis in France today and the political crisis this creates. The whole world situation of capitalism is forcing

De Gaulle to turn upon the French workers, to keep wages down, modernize industry, deepen the speed-up in the plants, build up a permanent body of unemployed -- today around 600,000. During the election Jeanneney, Minister of Social Affairs in the Gaullist cabinet, explained DeGaulle's policy: "Foreign producers would soon ruin our enterprises if we did not modernize them. Any wage earner knows that it is to his advantage that the firm for which he works is a prosperous one, because an enterprise which is declining by lack of profits cannot raise wages and must start sacking sooner or later."

In other words the French workers are being asked to aid the capitalists in maintaining their profits by allowing them to deepen exploitation of the working class. This the French workers with their long history of revolutionary struggle will not submit to voluntarily. Five million French workers voted for the Communist Party because they wanted this party to fight DeGaulle. The workers see the sizable Communist vote and the parliamentary weakening of DeGaulle as their victory. They now clearly intend to extend this victory through trade union struggles against the capitalists and the Gaullist government.

Of course the Communist Party sees things differently. To the CP leadership the elections were a step forward in their drive to form a coalition with the left wing of the bourgeoisie. They realize that the price they must pay for such class collaboration is to act as the police of the working class in the factories where the CP still has great power.

DeGaulle needs the CP for only the CP has the influence over the working class to allow DeGaulle to do in France what Wilson does in England.

The working class no longer will take this from DeGaulle directly. One leg of his Bonapartist-style regime is crumbling as Gaullism has clearly failed to break the workers from the CP. The regime can only stand if DeGaulle succeeds in replacing this leg with the CP--and the working class will have something to say about this.

So the stage is being set for great struggles in France, struggles in which the real role of the French Communist Party will be clearly exposed before all militant French workers. As the CP acts more and more as the agents of DeGaulle rather than as leader of working class opposition to DeGaulle the way will be open for posing to the French working class the need for a new revolutionary alternative--for the building of a Trotskyist party as the leadership of millions of workers.

Trotskyists

Already this crisis has led to major gains for the Trotskyist movement in France. The O. C. I. (Organization Communiste Internationale), French

section of the International Committee of the Fourth International, has been going through an important period of growth recruiting from both trade union militants and from youth who have turned from the CP youth organizations. It has just completed a highly effective election campaign which has made a deep impact among Communist Party militants. The youth group associated with it, "Revoltes", recently held a Parisian Assembly attended by 600 youth and is now planning a national youth assembly as well as participation in an International Youth Assembly to be held in England this summer.

The task of the O. C. I. will be to insist that Communist workers demand that the CP break from the bourgeoisie and fight DeGaulle while at the same time posing as an alternative leadership for these workers as they learn through struggle that there is no other alternative than to join the Trotskyists and build a revolutionary party which bases itself on the victory of October, not its degeneration at the hands of Stalin.

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The following Call for an International Youth Assembly has been issued by the Young Socialists of Great Britain. The Assembly is being sponsored by the YS together with the supporters of "Revoltes", the French youth paper.

International Youth Manifesto

1967 will be a year of exceptional importance for the European socialist youth movements. In all the major capitalist countries young people face the consequence of a worsening economic situation with all the burdens of the crisis being placed on their shoulders. Low wages, speed-ups, unemployment and the constant threat of war heavily overshadow the lives of millions of youth.

The Liège demonstration on October 15, 1966, against the war in Vietnam and in defence of the Hungarian Revolution revealed for all to see the powerful attraction which international action has for socialist youth.

This was much more than a demonstration. It was the first major intervention of revolutionary internationalism in the politics of Western Europe since the end of the Second World War. As a result, it has created the possibilities for a major victory against the politics of opportunism and revisionism which have held back the workers' movement in Western Europe for so long.

Liège opened up new avenues for the development of revolutionary Young Socialist movements in all the major capitalist countries.

These movements have a number of things in common. They are opposed to imperialism and its agencies, the Stalinist and Social Democratic bureaucracies. They believe that the struggle to assist the Vietnamese people begins with the recognition that the main enemy is at home. Insofar as we fight to defeat our own capitalist class, we assist the Vietnamese people in their struggle against imperialism.

Revolutionary youth is completely hostile to all forms of pacifism, both of the bourgeoisie and the renegade revisionists from Marxism. Together they seek to disarm the working class precisely at a time when it needs to be prepared more than ever for a most bitter conflict against imperialism.

Now, as in the past, the pacifist road is the road of enslavement for the working class, leading in the end to annihilation through war.

There can be no compromise between revolutionary socialist youth and all those who support the camps of bureaucracy and pacifism. Liège witnessed a public split between these forces. This can never be healed. It is a fight to the finish, that is to the day when the working class will triumph all over the world.

British Young Socialists owe their existence to a successful fight against the bureaucracy of Harold Wilson's Labour Party. Their comrades in the French Révoltes organisation owe their existence to the fight against the Stalinist bureaucracy and its stranglehold over the working class movement.

The youth of Hungary, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union have learned, and are learning, how to successfully defeat their Stalinist bureaucracies. In China, the movement of millions of youth against the Stalinist bureaucracy expresses itself through the Red Guards.

These revolutionary youth will overcome the

contradictions of Stalinism when they go beyond the limits of the leadership of Mao, beyond the present struggle against the capitulationist wing of the Stalinist leadership, and unite their struggles with the international struggle of youth against imperialism and bureaucracy, behind a revolutionary programme.

Youth want to fight capitalism, but this cannot be done in an individual way. For youth, the great challenge of our time is the construction of revolutionary parties in every country, sections of the Trotskyist Fourth International, fighting day in and day out to win the confidence of the working class in preparation for the seizure of power and the establishment of socialism.

Once it is explained and fought for in a determined way, this great challenge can win the respect and support of tens of thousands.

We must not postpone our united effort to accomplish this task for a single day.

Let us prepare immediately a conference of all the youth organisations in Western Europe to work out a common programme and organisation designed to intensify our efforts towards the construction of revolutionary parties.

We propose to call an International Assembly of European Youth to be held in Britain between July 29 and August 5, 1967. This would have as its purpose several days of discussion, out of which it is proposed to set up a provisional committee to organise the conference.

We appeal to revolutionary youth everywhere to give us their fullest support.

The SWP Turns Towards the Camp of Capitalist Politics

democrats with black faces

(reprinted from the March 29th issue of International Correspondence, organ of the International Committee of the Fourth International)

The Socialist Workers' Party, having broken with the Fourth International and the whole continuity of revolutionary Marxism, has no place to go except into the camp of its bourgeoisie. It has already proceeded a long way on this rightward path. This was the significance of its call for the mobilization of Federal troops rather than the Negro masses to enforce integration in the South. This was the meaning of Farrell Dobb's condolences to Mrs. Kennedy. This is what is refusal to fight for the victory of the NLF, its pacifist bloc with the Communist Party in the peace movement, is all about.

The problem facing the SWP is that it cannot proceed much further on its present course without coming out openly for the political party of the ruling class, specifically for the 'liberal' Kennedy wing of this party. Already the preparations are being made for such a turn.

The current campaign of vilification and slander around the Tate case against the Socialist Labour League and the International Committee must be seen within this context. The turn to the right must be prepared for by deepening the break with the left. Specifically those forces who stand on the line of the class struggle, of the 100-year battle for revolutionary Marxism, must be slandered and discredited within the ranks of the SWP. The division with the left must be deepened.

This is the way Stalin prepared his turn to the international bourgeoisie. Then as now the Trotskyists must be vilified. No attack is too low so long as it serves its purpose of isolating the ranks from those who fight for the program of Marxism.

The real turning point in the right turn of the SWP was the Aptheker campaign.

The SWP reversed a long-standing policy of refusing to support Communist Party candidates who in turn support the Democratic Party. Political support to the political supporters of the Democrats is just one step removed from open support of the Democrats themselves.

The Aptheker campaign served another purpose. It cemented a relationship with the Communist Party, a relationship which was to become central to all the work of the SWP in the peace movement. And the peace movement is all the work the SWP does.

The Communist Party is the American representative of the Soviet bureaucracy. This bureaucracy is moving every day closer and closer to the world imperialists. Now it openly collaborates with the imperialists seeking to impose peace in Vietnam based on the surrender of the National Liberation Front and the North Vietnamese. It collaborates with the imperialists against the Chinese Revolution and supports the conservative bureaucratic forces of Liu against the masses of youth organized in the Red Guards.

The SWP, for its part, refuses to expose this role of Kosygin and Co. Rather it aids these bureaucrats by castrating the American peace movement; limiting the movement to a demand acceptable to Kosygin and the Liberal Kennedy wing of the imperialists 'End the War in Vietnam'. It joins with the international Stalinists in slandering the Red Guards and supporting the White Guard forces in China.

The SWP's role in the peace movement must be seen within this context. Long after the peace movement passes from the American scene, this political relationship of the SWP with its own ruling class will remain.

Not only is the SWP presently in a bloc with the Communist Party, which in turn supports the Kennedy Democrats, but this bloc is leading it into open collaboration with Democratic Party elements. In fact the March 20 issue of the Militant proudly boasts that the SWP-CP creation, the Spring Mobilization Committee is now supported by the FDR-Woodrow Wilson Democratic Club. This is a reform club in New York City which is part of the regular Democratic Party apparatus.

So while French Pabloites sign declarations along with prominent members of the Gaullist Party the SWP plans to march this Spring hand in hand with a Democratic Party Club. It takes very little indeed to go from this to open support of the Democratic Party.

This move is now being given a certain kind of theoretical justification. Important in this respect was an article printed in the February 24 issue of World Outlook entitled 'American Maoists Urge Chinese Wall for North Vietnam'. World Outlook was quite upset over a strong attack on New York Times' correspondent Harrison Salisbury which

appeared in Challenge, organ of the Progressive Labour Party. Challenge characterized negotiations as a call to the NLF to 'surrender the revolution.'

World Outlook saw it differently. 'The New York Times,' it comments, 'does not stand alone but represents a sector of the American ruling class. In other words a rift--not a big rift, but a rift just the same--exists in the American ruling class over Johnson's war in Vietnam. Challenge like its Peking mentors, does not choose to see this rift, still less try to take advantage of it.' (our emphasis).

Then came Senator Bobby Kennedy's criticisms of Johnson's policies in Vietnam. These were of a tamer sort than even the New York Times as while the Times called for a halt in the bombing Kennedy wants only an extended pause. Their objectives, however, remain the same: they seek a stop in the bombing in order to achieve the goals of the imperialists in another way.

The Kennedy business gave the SWP an opportunity to apply concretely this theory of intervening in rifts in the ruling class. 'Robert Kennedy's present critical stance in relation to Johnson on Vietnam,' writes Harry Ring in the March 13 Militant, 'can help to promote the anti-war movement. Whatever differences develop among the ruling circles of this country about the war, it correctly utilized, facilitate the struggle against the war.'

This is the nub of it: the SWP turns to sections of the ruling class rather than to the working class as the instrument to end the war in Vietnam. It seeks to 'intervene' in the differences within the ruling class. And how can one do this except by supporting one section of the ruling class over the other? Since, according to Harry Ring, Bobby Kennedy's stand 'can help promote the anti-war movement', there is no question as to which section of that class Harry Ring and the SWP are rooting for.

Of course Ring then goes on to criticize Bobby Kennedy and to declare that is wrong to promote his candidacy for the presidency in 1968 as does the CP. But it seems it is good, correct and proper to limit the programme of the April Peace Mobilization to one fully acceptable to Kennedy himself.

We are not interested in these rationalizations. Once you base your policies on splits in the ruling class and not on the basic split between the ruling class and the working class it is only a matter of time before you drop your reservations and join that class politically. The only meaningful way to intervene within the ruling class is through the ruling class parties. The CP realizes that and the SWP will not be able to resist their arguments and their pressure with its position. It has already made the major concessions. It has until the 1968 presidential elections to junk with the little that is left of even its formal adherence to class politics.

This is not simply a matter of the SWP. It is a question of the evolution of a whole international revisionist tendency. The European Pabloites have been doing a bit of intervening too. The Belgian Pabloites submitted a resolution on NATO at a recent Pabloite conference urging the working class to intervene on behalf of deGaulle and other capitalists who may wish to leave NATO for their own bourgeois reasons. Thus the struggle of the working class against the bourgeoisie in Europe is pushed aside and workers are to allow themselves to become pawns in big power manoeuvres.

The SWP is working in still another way to find a bridge to bourgeois politics--the Negro movement. For years now the SWP has supported Negro and other minority candidates in local elections if only these candidates separate themselves from the Democratic Party. They do not raise the question of these candidates separating themselves from the capitalist class and running on a working-class programme. It is only necessary that these candidates be independent of the two capitalist parties.

The results of this position have been utterly catastrophic. The working class and the minority peoples have moved not one step closer to working class politics this way. In fact, as a rule, every candidate supported by the SWP later went back into the Democratic Party. Such independent campaigns were only, for them, a method of bargaining with the Democratic Party for a larger hunk of the political pie. In fact it is well known that SWP work along this line with Mexicans in Los Angeles contributed seriously to the building of a base among Mexican workers for the Democratic Party.

Today the ouster of Adam Clayton Powell from Congress by the Democrats and Republicans alike bring this issue up even more sharply before the SWP. Rather than utilizing this experience as an

opportunity to fight for a real break from the bankrupt politics which Powell stand for and to call for a labour party based on the trade unions, the SWP calls only for 'a mass independent black political party'.

The March 20 Militant goes one step further. It seems that some of Powell's supporters cringe at actually pulling down the Democratic Party lever for him. As a way out they are planning a second line of the voting machines. Powell would still run on the Democratic Party slate in the special bye0 election called to fill his own vacancy. However he would also run under another party label.

This trick, a very old one in New York City politics, leads the Militant to comment editorially: 'Clearly the prospects for independent black political action are growing.' The editorial is meant to prepare the way for support of Powell, the symbol of Negro ties to capitalist politics, through the medium of this second line on the voting machines.

Between now and 1968 we can expect to see a very rapid evolution of the SWP into the camp of capitalist politics. It has no real alternative once having broken from the programme of the Fourth International. The question remains as to who is going to go along with them into the camp of the class enemy?

The last few months have also seen a growing together of the Spartacist and the SWP. Of course Spartacist has programmatic differences with the SWP of the gravest nature. But a group like Spartacist does not proceed from programmatic principle. What draws these groups together is their deep and bitter hatred of the revolutionary masses.

The Tate Affair has drawn them together and Spartacist has become the most bitter and filthy slanderers of the SLL and the International Committee in the United States -- much to the joy of the SWP.

There is also the question of the Chinese Revolution. Both Spartacist and the SWP stand four square against the revolutionary Red Guards. The arguments of Spartacist on this question are taken almost word for word from the Militant and the SWP.

Joseph Hansen's article 'Wohlforth Tries to Brazen it Out' (World Outlook, February 24, 1967), must be viewed within this context. The purpose of this article was not so much to attack Wohlforth and the Workers' League as it was to offer the olive branch to Spartacist. 'It took an honourable stand', writes Hansen about Spartacist's position on the Tate Affair. 'Robertson, we should imagine,' Hansen states, 'must feel grateful to Wohlforth for this small assistance in the rather sticky job of trying to remove the loathsome taint of "political similarity" between the Spartacist group and an outfit that so clearly echoes the abominations of "third period" Stalinism.' Ah, so Spartacist is making progress. The 'loathsome taint' of political similarity between it and the International Committee is being at least partially removed. A few more dirty jobs against the Trotskyist movement and who knows what delightful things the SWP will open up for Robertson?

However this all works out between them it is absolutely clear that the Spartacist group has come to the aid of the SWP precisely at a time when the SWP is deepening its turn into the capitalist camp. The more than anything else shows the completely rotten nature of this group and brings home once again the lessons of the Third Congress of the International Committee in relation to this group.

The international crisis of capitalism is deepening and the working class is on the move in every major capitalist country. Those groups, like the SWP and Spartacist, who have proven themselves incapable of struggling to lead the working class, are forced by the very logic of the situation into the camp of the class enemy. This is the harsh lesson we must learn from the 38-year history of the Socialist Workers' Party.

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British Imperialists Shoot Down Adenese Workers

by Fred Mueller

The ugly face of British imperialism has been exposed once again by its actions in South Arabia. The Wilson government, while it utters pious platitudes about peace, democracy, and the war in Vietnam, is engaged in the brutal suppression of the Arabian freedom fighters in Aden.

Just as Wilson seeks to provide a cover for Johnson's war in Vietnam through his pose as "peacemaker" (aided by Kosygin, of course), Wilson himself needs a "peacemaker" in Arabia. He is ready as usual to provide the diversion while the interests of the imperialists are served in the United Nations. The UN just recently sent a "fact-find-

ing mission to Aden.

About the only fact the UN observers uncovered, however, was the universal hostility towards them on the part of the South Arabian independence fighters. The masses in motion expose the fraud of the UN as well as the true nature of British imperialism. Over one hundred political prisoners refused to discuss with the visiting mission which had come to confer with them.

By this action the independence movement did much to rip off the liberal mask of the UN and to show its real purpose as a front for imperialism. The Congo is only the most tragic of many examples of the role of the UN in maintaining "order" while the im-



BRITISH TROOPS HOLD ADENESE WORKER AT GUN POINT. WITHDRAW TROOPS NOW.

perialists achieve their ends. Perhaps the Arabian independence movement has learned the lesson of no reliance upon the UN. The

masses must go on to build a revolutionary leadership. A revolutionary movement which links the struggles of the colonial and advanced workers,

as in Aden and Britain, is necessary. This is what the International Committee of the Fourth International is fighting for.

YOUTH

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rise.

The other and most likely alternative is getting drafted. This possibility is even more likely now that Johnson wants to draft the youth at age 19, right after they finish school. In a system that maintains itself by world wide domination the army is the only job that capitalism offers the youth.

One often reads posters urging the youth to join the army and learn a trade, about all the modern skills that the youth will learn in the service. The army is very generous, they will even pay the youth to kill. It is no accident that the group with the highest unemployment rate, the Negro, also makes up the biggest part of the army. In fact many of them enlist because it is the only way to get out of the ghetto.

neglect

But if the capitalists welcome the youth with open arms at the draft centers, their needs are completely neglected in every other area of life. They can't get decent jobs, education or housing. Take the schools for example. The education has nothing to do with the needs of the youth. It has nothing to do with the society that they will be dealing with on the outside, that they are already dealing with. It teaches the youth the ideas that the capitalists wants them to believe so that they can continue to enslave them. Facilities are inadequate and classrooms are overcrowded. When it comes to financial

aid the schools are on the bottom of the list. When budget cuts are necessary the schools are the first to be sacrificed.

The trade schools that offer the youth such glorious promises of skills and jobs are a complete sham. At New York's Food and Maritime High School where students are trained to be cooks and bakers, only 5 out of 100 graduates (not to mention the extremely high drop-out rate) get apprenticeship contracts. The rest of the youth get whatever jobs they can, counter-men or menial helpers in bakeries. And there is simply no way out of this dead-end, no way to rise from the bottom of the ladder.

In Fashion Industries High School young girls train for four years only to wind up in the garment center working for poverty wages. In many schools, such as Printing, the skills that are being taught now are already being eliminated by automation. And there are countless other examples.

jobs

Automation, which is eliminating the unskilled jobs first, is the major cause of unemployment among working class youth. In addition to this they are the first to be laid off when production on industry falls off. The working class youth have absolutely no wage guarantee. Many youth are still working for \$1.25 an hour and as low as 30¢ an hour in the South when the minimum in this state is supposed to be a \$1.50 an hour. But this doesn't stop the bosses from exploiting them as they please. How is it possible for a youth to leave home, have a family and build a life for himself on such a salary? The answer is that it is not possible.

But there are plenty of jobs for the middle class youth. The demand for skilled and professional jobs is very high, so high that those who can afford to go to college are allowed a draft deferment. The draft system sharply reveals the class nature of capitalist society. In a class society, the capitalists own everything, the banks, the corporations, the factories and the newspapers. Their

only concern is to make more and more profits by exploiting the labor of the working class. In order to wage the war in Vietnam and keep their profits intact the capitalists destroy the living standards of the working class and of its youth, by freezing and cutting wages, by outlawing strikes, by shelving anti-poverty programs and slum projects.

In order to enforce this class rule, to force the youth to submit, the capitalists unleash the police on the youth. The police are just as much a part of the life of the youth as the slums are. They are constantly watching the youth, attacking them everytime they try to strike out against the system.

vietnam

Youth must understand that the Vietnamese are also involved in a bitter class struggle. A small clique of military dictators who represent the interests of the capitalists are attempting to crush a revolution of the majority of the population. The US supports this dictatorship and sends American working class youth to take away from the Vietnamese the same things they have already taken away from the American youth. This is why we say that the struggle of the Vietnamese youth is the struggle of American youth; the enemy of the Vietcong is also the enemy of American youth--US imperialism. They are both victims of it.

A victory for the Vietnamese revolution is a victory for the working class youth of this country because it will strengthen their struggle and the struggle of youth all over the world against capitalism. The slogan of Victory for the NLF means just this.

The only way to actively and consciously fight for the victory of the Vietnamese is by building a revolutionary socialist youth movement in the US that will fight against its own ruling class. Youth need a revolutionary Marxist leadership that will give meaning and direction to their militancy and fighting spirit. The task of Revolt is to build this leadership. By building Revolt and fighting for its program youth can organize the struggle against capitalism and its reactionary wars and

for a socialist future.

leadership

In the course of this struggle, youth must and will develop the militant leadership that will lead the socialist revolution to victory. The workers are greater in number than the capitalists but the capitalists are only able to dominate as long as the youth are not conscious of the class struggle. Class consciousness in the hands of the capitalists enables them to exploit and enslave the workers. This same consciousness in the hands of the working class will enable them to overthrow their oppressors and build a new society.

The youth have a very special and vital role to play in this struggle. They are the fighting arm of the working class. Johnson and all the capitalists know this and this is why they fear the youth.

Their methods are racism and competition -- competition for jobs and wages. The youth are denied their rightful place in the working class, denied equal job opportunities and equal union privileges. Revolt says to the workers, your enemy is not each other but the bosses who exploit you all the more because you are not united. Workers must support youth's demands for full training programs, an end to discrimination in employment and in unions, equal pay for equal work, and full union rights. In turn, youth must fight together with other workers against attacks on the worker's living standards and anti-union legislation. When the youth bring their fighting power to the organized labor movement it will be a tremendous step forward for the entire working class.

students

The bourgeoisie also isolates the middle class youth from the working class youth. Middle class youth go to college, get nice jobs and live in nice houses. Working class youth get drafted, are unemployed, and live in slums. But we do not turn our backs on the college youth. Students are coming into greater and greater conflicts with the system. The struggles which are going on in the universities are important and meaningful. The

students are unconsciously and indirectly responding to the pressures of capitalistic society. College students were recently warned that if they did not stop protesting against the war they would be in danger of losing their draft deferments. Revolt is for the abolition of deferments not only because it will abolish a class privilege but because it will be a step towards uniting the middle class and working class youth. We say to the college student -- your ally is not the liberal and the middle class. You must make a complete break with these people. Your real and only ally is the working class. Rather than fighting to maintain a student deferment, join with the working class youth in a fight to end the draft.

international

Today, the crisis of capitalism is forcing the capitalist governments all over the world to wage an all out attack to crush the revolutionary spirit of the youth. In answer to this, youth are joining together to build an international organization of revolutionary socialist youth. This international can only be built on the revolutionary traditions of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Trotsky. Youth are rejecting the path of the reformer who is bound hand and foot to the capitalist and his bureaucracies. The fight against capitalism will be a fight to the finish, and the victory of American youth will ultimately depend on the strength of their unity with other young workers the world over. Revolt is proud to be a part of this international movement. In this spirit, we call on all young people to join with us in building a revolutionary socialist youth movement in the U.S.

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as in a struggle with the corporations, the Reuther leadership winds up on the other side. The answer is not to avoid struggle but to begin the building of a new leadership which can really contribute to the revitalization of the American labor movement.

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