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By JON MYERS

The International League has stated since it was founded that the Spanish Revolution will be the detonator of the European Revolution. The living reality of this statement was strikingly confirmed by the events in Spain and throughout Europe in the last two weeks.

The revolutionary explosion in Europe is imminent. The fall of Francoism, the last fascist dictatorship in Europe, and the beginning of the proletarian revolution in Spain which will in all probability take place this Fall, will be the signal for this revolutionary explosion. The eyes of the entire world are on Spain. Both the world bourgeoisie and the working class understand what is at stake. The massive mobilization of the world working class against the executions in Spain -- the burning of the Spanish embassy in Lisbon, demonstrations in Paris, Rome, Brussels, Geneva, throughout Europe, Latin America, prove that we are in a new stage of the international class struggle.

LAST SERVICE

The dying Franco regime is performing its last service for the Spanish and world bourgeoisie. The new wave of repression is a desperate last ditch attempt to crush the revolutionary leadership of the coming revolution in Spain. Behind all the crocodile tears of the European bourgeoisies and the complicit silence of Ford-Rockefeller is the fact that the bloody Franco regime, like the executioner who is despised by both the victims and the masters, could not survive another day without the support of the imperialists and the Kremlin bureaucracy.

DEFEND THE WORKING CLASS LEADERSHIP!

Franco's repression is not a campaign against "terrorism." It is an attempt to destroy the working class movement which, after almost forty years is once again ready to enter into civil war with fascism. The official Spanish police reports list the arrests of well over 500 political prisoners in the last several weeks and we can assume that there are many more in jail. Those in jail are first and foremost workingclass leaders, seeking to organize the Spanish working class' struggle to overthrow fascism.

DEFEND THE PORE!

The bourgeoisie and the working class organizations who fear the Spanish revolution seek to hide this. Above all they have hidden the fact that in the first wave of repression that took place in Spain several months ago the Franco regime designated the Partido Obrero Revolucionario de Espana, Spanish Section of the International League, as the "most subversive" organization. This is primarily due to the strength of the PORE in the major industrial centers of Spain and its role in the leadership of the building workers' general strike in Barcelona last spring. The majority of the militants arrested in the repressive wave have been accused of belonging to the PORE. In Portugal, the Stalinist press goes so far as to falsify the Spanish police reports they publish by omitting the name of the PORE from the reports. Such is their fear of the Fourth International in Spain!

NO U.S. SUPPORT TO FRANCO!

Victory to the Spanish Revolution!



CONTINGENT OF FRENCH AND SPANISH SECTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE DEMONSTRATE AGAINST FRANCO

"FIRST AGAINST YOUR OWN BOURGEOISIE!"

Lenin said that "first against your own bourgeoisie" was the most important duty of every workingclass militant. This is our first task in regards to the defense of the Spanish revolution as well, especially in the United States.

DOWN WITH THE MADRID PACT!

The Ford-Rockefeller regime is hoping that the American working class and its youth will remain silent about their signature of a treaty with Spain, the so-called "Madrid Pact," last week. This pledge of "friendship and cooperation" between the US and the fascist Franco pledges the continued presence of 23,000 US troops and military bases in Spain and over \$2 billion in military aid. They are not for the "protection" of NATO, but are to be used by Ford-Rockefeller to crush the coming revolutions in Spain, Portugal and throughout Europe.

The US working class and its youth must say no to this agreement. This is our first duty to the Spanish working

class and ourselves -- Ford-Rockefeller is preparing war against us at home as well. Our massive mobilization can put an end to the bosses throughout the world.

DOWN WITH THE FASCIST FRANCO & HIS BOSSES FORD-ROCKEFELLER!

END ALL SUPPORT TO FRANCO!
END ALL AGREEMENTS!
DOWN WITH THE MADRID PACT!

MASSIVE UNITED MOBILIZATION OF THE WORKING CLASS AND ITS YOUTH AND ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS!

A Call To Workingclass Youth, Militants, & Workingclass Organizations

Since April, the International League/Rebuilder of the Fourth International has fought the State of Emergency and repression in Spain by struggling for a UNITED, OPEN, PERMANENT and INTERNATIONAL campaign against Franco's fascism. UNITED, because only the most massive action involving all workingclass organizations can bring decisive support to the Spanish working class. OPEN, because it is the duty and responsibility of every workingclass organization and militant to mobilize against Franco; it must involve the entire working class, PERMANENT, because the campaign cannot be limited to occasional actions that are determined by Franco. Every time our movement

stops its mobilization, Franco gains new courage. The campaign must continue until the fall of Francoism itself and must be constant. And finally, INTERNATIONAL, because as the events of the last weeks have shown, the entire world working class hates Franco and must be mobilized in its entirety to provide the needed support to the Spanish working class.

We also insist that in the United States, the concrete expression of the fight against Franco is the fight to END ALL US SUPPORT TO THE FASCIST FRANCO! to STOP ALL AGREEMENTS WITH FRANCO! In the US the mobilization of the American working class (continued on page 4)

LONG LIVE THE P.O.R. OF SPAIN!

EDITORIAL

PREPARE THE REVOLUTION!

All of the events in the world today point to the imminence of a revolutionary explosion. Signs of this can be seen in the US as well, in the mobilization in Washington, D.C. on April 26th, the national wildcat miners' strike, the strikes of public employees, the general strike in Delaware and the ghetto uprisings this summer. In a recent Harris poll, only 13% of the American public stated that they had confidence in the executive branch of the Federal government and in Congress -- compared with 42% ten years ago. This is just a small sign of what is in store for Ford-Rockefeller and their Democratic and Republican lackeys in the months to come!

ORGANIZE, PREPARE, DEFEND

But every lesson of workingclass history in the last seventy years, including the lessons today being drawn in Portugal, tell us one thing: that the revolutionary explosion of the working masses is not enough, the spontaneous actions of the working class are not enough to guide it to its power in its own name. The revolution must be ORGANIZED, it must be PREPARED, it must be DEFENDED, beginning with the smallest of actions and details and leading to the seizure of power itself.

This organization, preparation and defense can take place only through the development of the independent organs and weapons of the workingclass under the leadership of their party -- the world party of the socialist revolution.

REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

The International League has affirmed throughout its existence that this party can only be built through the massive, independent mobilization of the workingclass youth internationally under the banner of the Fourth International -- the Revolutionary Youth International. Youth who responded to the call of the political prisoners in Spain. The prisoners themselves were young; Juan Paredes Manotas, a Basque militant, was only 21 years old. The response of the youth was international -- in every major capital in Europe and throughout the world the youth were in the forefront of the fight against Franco's repression.

Inquiry Commission

The fight of the International League to build an International Commission of Inquiry to investigate the slanders and provocations of the Lambert-Just faction of the French OCI against our comrade, Michel Varga, has made important steps forward in the last few weeks. A meeting was held on September 28th in Paris to carry forward the campaign. Lutte Ouvriere of France sent a delegate to the meeting. Messages of support were received from the Left Socialists of Hungary, the Bolshevik-Leninist Group of Italy, and the Workers Socialist League of Great Britain. The French LCR communicated verbally that "its Political Bureau was ready in principle to participate in the campaign, but it needed the opinion of the United Secretariat." The Spartacist League was present as "observers."

This meeting and the messages received are a sign of the growing support for the International League in its campaign against the slanders of Lambert-Just. In France, nine young workers at Renault Flins have declared their support for the Commission.

The Eva Forest Collective and the participating organizations -- from France; CERAP, LCR, OCI-LIROI Faction, O.C. Revolution, PSU; from Spain; Bander Roja, ETA Comunista, FRAP, LCR-ETA VI, PORE, POUM,

They were in the forefront of the fight in the 30's; they are in the forefront today.

But their struggles must be organized and centralized. Franco will not fall, unemployment will not end, the workers will not win their own power, unless this revolutionary spirit is used to build the world party of the socialist revolution, unless it is used to organize and centralize the day-to-day struggles of the working class and to prepare the working class for power.

UNITED STATES

This is the purpose of the struggle to build the Berlin Rally in the US, to base ourselves on this international mobilization of the youth and to concretely prepare the US working class for power through the fight to impose the sliding scale of working hours. Through the struggle to impose the sliding scale of working hours, a new leadership will be forged among the workingclass youth, the working class itself will be trained in the preparation for power.

It is the building of a new leadership for the working class among the working class youth that is the key to rebuilding the American section of the Fourth International, the Revolutionary Workers Party in the US. The fight to build this new leadership also implies the struggle to destroy the old traditional leaderships of the American workingclass youth.

The political and organizational elaboration of this fight will be the task of the First National Conference of the Trotskyist Organization of the US which will take place in Chicago on October 11th and 12th. The preparation for the Conference involved a discussion of the entire International League and the Conference was postponed from its original date of September 20th to allow for a discussion of the crucial role of the US in the rebuilding of the Fourth International at the International Executive Committee meeting in October. The rebuilding of the Fourth International

AMERICAN WORKING CLASS YOUTH!

PREPARE THE REVOLUTION! JOIN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL! REBUILD THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

Unificacion Enbata Suna -- which organized the demonstrations in Paris against Francoist repression, rejected an attempt by the Lambert-Just faction to exclude the International League from the collective.

The radical petty bourgeoisie is always ready to pick up the latest slander and provocations against Trotskyism. The slanders and provocations in the October 3rd issue of the paper of the American Spartacist League are only a feeble imitation of those of Lambert/Just in France who everyday are becoming more isolated in the French workingclass movement.

We call on all workingclass organizations in the US, especially those who claim to be Trotskyist, to join us in this international campaign to combat slander and provocation in our movement.

Send your messages of support and your representatives to the meetings in Paris which will be held during the month of October. We especially call on the Socialist Workers Party and the Workers League, both of whom have experienced this type of slander, to take a stand and join this campaign.

THE SHATTERING OF THE POPULAR FRONTS

A New

By KEVIN TRACEY

The Popular Front, the last resort of a capitalist class desperate at the prospect of workers' revolution, is being prepared in every country today. The objective is to smash the revolutionary movement in blood, as was done through the Chilean Popular Front (Unidad Popular/Popular Unity) government. But the workers' offensive surges beyond the limits of the Popular Front and creates the conditions for the victory of the working class.

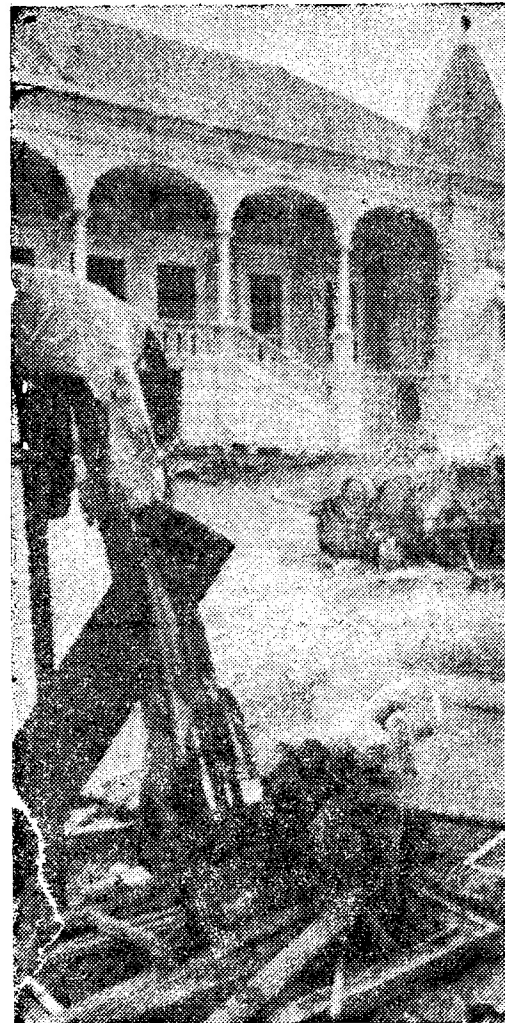
WHAT IS THE POPULAR FRONT?

Class collaboration is the essence of the Popular Front, carried to its highest degree. And by collaboration we mean the same kind of collaboration practiced by those who "collaborated" with the Nazis; that is, treachery, sellout and betrayal.

Every worker knows the simpler varieties of class collaboration: the bureaucrats' finagling with the boss to keep things "under control," the sellout contract, the endless support for the Democratic Party "friends of labor" who always serve only the interests of the capitalist class. The Popular Front carries this collaboration to a new high -- or low -- on the level of the national government itself. And not just any time, either, but precisely when the workers are mobilizing for power and the bourgeoisie is frightened nearly to death. This is when the sellout leaderships of the working class step in to save capitalism's hide.

NOTHING NEW

Governmental collaboration between "workingclass leaders" and the bourgeoisie goes back a long way, but the clear example of the Popular Front (even if minus the name) occurs in the Russian Revolution of 1917, where the reformist socialists allied themselves with the capitalist class in the Provisional Gov-



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ernment in a vain attempt to stop the workers led by the Bolshevik Party. The reformists organized the defeat of the revolution, up to and including a right-wing seizure of power, and constantly sought to demoralize and demobilize

Workers' Forum

EDITORS' NOTE: We are printing this letter from a group of young French auto workers. This letter originally appeared in LA VERITE DES REVOLUTIONNAIRES #11, paper of the OCI-LIROI Faction, French Section of the International League.

OPEN LETTER TO "INFORMATIONS OUVRIERES" AND "LA VERITE DES REVOLUTIONNAIRES"

We, young workers of Renault-Flins, and of other factories of the Mureaux region, attended on Thursday, March 7th, a meeting held by the OCI-LIROI Faction, to which came dozens of militants from Paris and Mantes.

The OCI-LIROI Faction defended the strikes and spoke of the problems that workers face in unemployment and repression. The balance sheet which they drew of this year of workingclass struggle in France and also in other countries, tries, chiefly in Portugal and in Spain is of the necessity of constructing the world party of socialist revolution. This party should unite the workers of the capitalist countries and those of the countries of socialist conquests, a struggle which is expressed in the slogan of the Socialist United States of Europe.

This struggle is concretized in France by the preparation of the General Strike to bring down the Giscard government, in order to put into power a Workers and Peasants Government.

Since the strike of the PTT (postal workers), this question is openly posed, but the obstacle to the victory of the workers is the politics of the PCF (Communist Party of France) and the PS (Socialist Party) who, in the name of the Common Program of the Left, are breaking the strikes and betraying the workers.

The members of the OCI, tied to the Lambert-Just leadership have said: "We are for preventing the meeting, because those in the LIROI Faction are the enemies of the workers, led by M. Varga, agent of the CIA and the KGB."

They have refused to talk about the problems of the working class and about the answer to bring to them.

Several of us participated in the last meeting of the OCI in Paris concerning Portugal, we clearly saw that there were political differences between the two factions, and these merited discussion between all the militants of the OCI.

Some of us supported the politics of the LIROI Faction of the OCI, but all of us agreed that it merits discussion: therefore, we pose the question: Why does the leadership of the OCI only allow it militants to intervene with accusations against M. Varga and the green brochure?

If these accusations are true, let them bring their proofs with the letters in which they talk about before a Commission of Inquiry of the workers' movement. The LIROI, Lutte Ouvriere and others are asking for this Commission of Inquiry.

We support this demand, and some of us are participating in the next meeting of the commission of inquiry, the Second of August.

We are sending this letter to Informations Ouvrieres -- "Free tribune of the class struggle" -- and to La Verite des Revolutionnaires, the newspapers of the two factions of the OCI, and await a response in your columns.

Signed, Nine youth ready to furnish their names and addresses in order to participate in the Commission of Inquiry.

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Building the Revolutionary Youth International in the USA

World Fight Against Repression

By A REPORTER

There is a reason why hundreds of thousands of youth mobilized around the world in the last few weeks against the repression in Spain, why 20,000 youths marched in Paris last week for jobs, why 50,000 workers and workingclass youth in the US marched in Washington DC this Spring for jobs. The struggle against unemployment is a world struggle. The struggle against police repression is a world fight.

SOLIDARITY

The solidarity and sympathy that the American workingclass youth feel for the executed political prisoners in Spain is the solidarity and sympathy of common struggle. The "internationalism" of the working class is not just some abstract principle, it is the living reality of the conditions of the working class struggle.

The Joanne Littles, the Delbert Tibbs, the hundreds of thousands of black and other minority youth in the US who have felt the whip of police repression don't need any explanation for the words of Juan Paredes Manotas, a Basque working class youth who was executed by Franco last week at the age of twenty-one, spoken just before his death:

"The struggle will be hard, but it is the people who will have the last word... Through the intermediary of this message, I wish to testify, once again to the oppression imposed on the Basque people and all the people of Spain by the present Franco regime. It is inconceivable that a handful of men without scruples hold in their hands the life of an entire people, assassinating revolutionary militants through the means of their repressive forces and through their courts, simply because they are struggling for freedom."

It is their struggle as well.

TWO-EDGED SWORD

Unemployment and police repression are the two-part sword of the capitalists' attack on the working class in their drive for more and more profits. Unemployment to get more work out of fewer workers, police repression to keep the youth that are thrown out into the streets from fighting back. This is the strategy of the counterrevolution throughout the world. Franco's executions are not accidental. The frameups of Delbert Tibbs are not accidental.

"RECOVERY" ?

In the US the so-called "recovery" is not occurring. Unemployment in the state of Illinois for example is at an all-time HIGH and the city of Chicago is at 10.4%! Among the youth unemployment is still at 40-50%! According to a study done by the University of Pennsylvania, if present conditions continue for the next five years, an ENTIRE GENERATION of youth will have grown up who have never worked.

MORE ATTACKS

The fact that the workingclass youth in this country and throughout the world are in the leadership of the struggle to overthrow the old order makes the capitalists' more desperate in their attempts to behead the youth, to destroy this leadership. This is the purpose of the increased attacks on blacks in this country, why the government incites and allows the KKK and the Nazis to gather their forces. It is the meaning of the campaign in Congress for the S-1 Bill which will outlaw democratic rights in this country. It is why the union bureaucrats, the companies and the government have called the FBI into the coalfields -- to attack the young militants who are fighting for the right to strike.

UNITY

The youth must unite the fight against unemployment with the fight against police repression. The layoffs, the day-to-day harassment in the factories, bot the foremen, the bosses, the bureaucrats and the company cops, must be linked to the fight to take the young workers off the streets and to end police repression in the streets.

The fight against unemployment -- to impose the sliding scale of working hours and the fight against repression therefore not just any old fight. It is a head-on fight against the two weapons of capitalism -- unemployment and repression and therefore requires the MASSIVE and UNITED mobilization of the working class for this effort. The capitalists prepare the counterrevolution with unemployment and repression, the working class youth will prepare the revolution with the fight to impose the sliding scale of working hours and against police repression, for the WORLD SOVIET REPUBLIC.

RYI-BERLIN '75

In Berlin, at the end of December, the revolutionary fighters against Franco will unite with the revolutionary fighters against Ford-Rockefeller, against the KKK and the Nazis. Join us in this struggle.

Chicago! St. Louis! Demonstrations to End US Support to Franco

CHICAGO -- The demonstration of the Action Committee Against Franco's Fascism on October 3 drew 10 militants including representatives of the Trotskyist Organization of the US, the Spartacist League, the Socialist Workers Party, the Industrial Workers of the World, and a supporter of the International Majority Tendency of the United Secretariat.

LA LUCHA

Newspaper of the PORE, Spanish Section of the International League, available from TRUTH.



DEMONSTRATION IN CHICAGO AGAINST FRANCO

ST. LOUIS -- The demonstration of the Action Committee in St. Louis on October 3 drew 80 people including representatives of the Communist Party, the Trotskyist Organizing Committee, the Young Workers Liberation League, Workers Unity, the UFW Support Group, St. Louis Chile Committee, War Resisters League, Peter Camejo, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, and 5 Basques.

American workers and youth, and all who support democratic rights have taken up the fight against Franco, to end all US support to Franco, and to free all political prisoners.

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and its youth must take place first and foremost against the US government which is propping up the Franco dictatorship. Slogans like "Stop the executions" or "Down with the Franco dictatorship" are mere protest or phrasemongering unless they are tied to a concrete mobilization of the US working class against Ford-Rockefeller's support of Franco.

We have repeatedly addressed appeals to the American Communist Party, to the Socialist Workers Party, and the Workers League. They have not responded. For months they maintained the total silence of Ford-Rockefeller over the events in Spain. Now that the international working class has responded to Franco, they resort to maneuvers to avoid unifying the American workers against Ford-Rockefeller's aid to Franco. In this, they are accountable to the American working class and must take a stand.

This struggle must be carried out in the factories, trade unions, schools and colleges and must be taken up by every workingclass organization. Demonstrations have already taken place in Chicago, New York, and St. Louis.

SEND YOUR MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO THE BULLETIN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE! JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TO END ALL US SUPPORT TO FRANCO!

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