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By JON MYERS

Unemployment in the US continues to remain at the highest level since the Depression. It is the clearest sign of the crisis of capitalism and the capitalists' offensive against the working class. Unemployment is their weapon for the counterrevolution that they are preparing in the face of the growing mobilization of the American working class and its youth.

STATISTICS

The "official" unemployment figures show a slight decrease in the unemployment rate, which is still at record highs. Even the decrease masks the fact that unemployment continues to rise in the major industrial centers in the US. In Chicago, unemployment hit a record high of 10.2% last month, with other industrial cities in Illinois showing record highs as well -- Decatur with 11.7% and Rockford with 11.6%. In Detroit unemployment is still at 13.2% and a Labor Department survey of 150 metropolitan cities has shown that 135 cities have experienced a record rise in unemployment.

The situation is even worse among blacks and workingclass youth. In Chicago the unemployment rate for blacks is reported to be at 36%. Workingclass youth between the ages of 16 and 24 make up 57% of the officially unemployed in this country. This is in some sense the most important figure because it shows the real depth of the capitalist crisis. It illustrates the shallowness of the "recovery" that the capitalists are boasting about and the fact that there can be no long-term expansion of the economy. Capitalism has nothing to offer the young workers who are coming into industry for the first time.

NOT ENOUGH

Even more unemployment is not enough for the capitalists. The situation in New York, where the government has directly intervened to lay off workers, to stop wage increases and to smash the unions is a test for attacks throughout the labor movement in the US. Britain and Canada have already instituted wage controls with the collaboration of the union bureaucrats. Secretary of Labor John D'Amico, Meany's "friend" in government, has introduced a bill in Congress that calls for almost total governmental control over the construction industry, taking away all power of local unions to strike. He has also announced plans to seek a wage controls policy for the 1976 Contract Round.

CLASS COLLABORATION

None of these facts are very new or surprising to American workers. They have reacted against this attack through the largest workingclass mobilization since World War II -- with a record strike wave in 1974, the miners' strike this year, the wave of construction workers and public employees strikes, the wildcat strikes in auto and steel. They are ready to explode but have not yet shaken off the main stumbling block to their fight -- the treachery of the

trade union leadership and their workingclass allies.

The bureaucrats gave the capitalists the green light for their attack. Woodcock of the UAW and Abel of the USW organized the last contracts knowing full well that massive layoffs were to come. The SUB funds "won" in the contracts were frauds designed to cover up the fact that by 1975 hundreds of thousands of workers in auto and steel would be without jobs and without benefits.

The bureaucrats sunk to new depths of class collaboration. Woodcock loaned the auto companies money from the UAW strike fund to pay SUB benefits and Shanker in New York loaned the banks \$150 million from the teachers' pensions fund to bail out a government that has just announced more layoffs and wage cuts for his union. The Woodcocks and Shankers will be even more desperate in the days to come.

SCHEMES

While the bureaucrats capitulate more and more openly to the bosses they also try to develop plans to head off the mobilization of the workers. Their eyes are especially focused on the auto workers who will be in the leadership of the workingclass explosion that is developing. They want to prevent this explosion at any cost.

The bureaucrats in auto have put forward various schemes for a shorter workweek as a "demand" for the 1976 contract. They seek to channel the desire of the auto workers to fight against unemployment and speedup into a contract fight in 1976 that the bureaucrats are already preparing to lose. The American Communist Party plays left cover for the bureaucrats by attempting to give these schemes some credibility among workers.

30 for 40 NOW!

The American workingclass and its youth must put forward its fight for the REVOLUTIONARY struggle against unemployment. We must put forward the fight for 30 for 40 NOW! as part of the fight to impose the sliding scale of working hours which means a concrete struggle to prepare, organize, and de-

30 FOR 40 NOW!

A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF AUTO & STEEL



pend a national strike in auto and steel to impose these demands.

The auto workers are in the leadership of this fight. They must organize the steel workers and the unemployed youth behind their fight immediately. Petitions must be circulated in the auto and steel plants and in the unions for an immediate NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF AUTO AND STEEL.

The UAW is preparing its Bargaining Councils for January and February 1976 when workers will have already suffered more defeats and will be more weakened in their efforts to organize a successful strike in 1976. A National Assembly in Auto and Steel must be convened NOW through the election of delegates from the factories and unions who are committed to fighting for 30 for 40 NOW! and for preparing a national strike in auto and steel as soon as it can be organized through the support of the majority of the workers.

Workers must demand that the unions and companies provide workers' committees with lists of all the workers laid off in auto and steel in order that the unemployed can be drawn into the struggle and participate in the election of delegates and the organization of the strike. Delegations of workers must be sent to all organizations who speak in

the name of the working class, especially the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party to demand their participation in the struggle.

NOVEMBER 7TH

The Trotskyist Organization and the Worker Youth Circles in the US call on workers in auto and steel -- in Rouge in Detroit, South Works and Ford Torrence in Chicago to use the international day of action against unemployment on November 7th, the anniversary of the Russian Revolution, to begin to organize this fight for a National Assembly in Auto and Steel to prepare and organize the national strike in auto and steel for 30 for 40 NOW. We call on all workers and workingclass organizations to organize meetings in the factories on November 7th and to send delegations to union halls to discuss these actions.

FORWARD TO NOVEMBER 7TH!
30 FOR 40 NOW!
TO IMPOSE THE SLIDING SCALE OF WORKING HOURS!
A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF AUTO & STEEL!
BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH!

Public Meeting - Nov. 8 - On the Anniversary
of the Russian Revolution - Defend the Revolution in Spain - Defend
the American Revolution - S. Chicago YMCA - 7 to 9pm - Party afterwards

FORWARD TO THE CONGRESS OF THE TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION REBUILDING THE U.S. SECTION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

To the youth, to the workers, to the militants, most especially to those who claim the tradition of the Fourth International as their own:

The International League/Rebuilder of the Fourth International has unceasingly waged the struggle against the Ford-Rockefeller regime, against its agent the Kremlin with its international apparatus of Stalinist parties, against all the liquidationists and confusionists who have, in the name of the Fourth International, supported imperialism and Stalinism against the workers. It has waged the fight to rebuild the Fourth International as the world democratic centralist party of the socialist revolution.

It is this struggle which led to the founding of the Trotskyist Organization of the USA, Supporter of the IL/RFI, in February, 1975, three years after the struggle of the International Committee of the Fourth International was abandoned by the Workers League, twelve years after it was abandoned by the Socialist Workers Party.

It is this struggle, in which the Trotskyist Organization of the USA has taken its place, which has led to the successful conclusion of the First National Conference of the Trotskyist Organization. And it is in this struggle that this Conference represents an important advance for the working class and its party that is being rebuilt, an important advance in the resolution of the crisis of the Fourth International.

The Conference, held in Chicago on October 11th with the participation of a representative of the International Executive Committee of the IL/RFI, drew a balance sheet of the struggle of the Fourth International in the United States, defined the tasks of the IL/RFI and the Trotskyist Organization in the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International, passed an organizational resolution in accordance with the Statutes of the Fourth International and the resolution of the IL/RFI on the application of the Statutes, and elected the Central Committee of the Trotskyist Organization to carry out the tasks. Those like Tim Wohlforth, Nancy Fields, Fields, and the Labor Party League, among others who initially turned to the International League because they didn't like the United Secretariat and

the "International Committee" did not participate in this work.

The Conference defined the task of the International League and the Trotskyist Organization in the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International as the destruction of the SWP as the party of Trotsky in the eyes of the workers through the mobilization and organization of the workingclass youth in the Revolutionary Youth International for the Rebuilding of the Fourth International, the creation of a faction in the YSA for the RYI, and the creation of a faction in the SWP for the International Fourth Open Conference Rebuilding the Fourth International and the Congress of the Trotskyist Organization Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International.

The Central Committee which was elected met immediately to map out a tactical plan for the Congress of the Trotskyist Organization in March. It affirmed that in this period of the imminence of revolution and counterrevolution, of the increasing determination of the workers to finish with the old order and the increasingly desperate maneuvers of the latter, that the future lies in the hands of the young generation of the working class.

Thus the Central Committee decided that it must deepen and strengthen the struggle of the Trotskyist Organization to become the organizers of the struggles of the young workers against the attempts of the trade union bureaucrats and their Stalinist cadres to disorganize them, against the attempts of the SWP to cover for them. The fight for the Congress of the Trotskyist Organization Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International fight for the Congress of the Trotskyist Organization Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International is not simply the affair of the Trotskyist Organization.

The Central Committee of the Trotskyist Organization calls on you to join it in this struggle, beginning with the fight to mobilize and organize American workingclass youth for the Socialist United States of Europe, for the World Soviet Republic, for the rally and the founding of the Revolutionary Youth International in Berlin.
FORWARD TO BERLIN!

Greetings from the International Executive Committee

Comrades --

The Executive Committee of the International League attaches very great importance to the First Conference of the Trotskyist Organization of the USA. It is being held at a crucial moment in the development of the international struggle of the proletariat against imperialism and Stalinism. The world revolutionary process finds itself in a decisive stage for the fate of this struggle, the maturation and the preparation of the European revolution. We are directly on the verge of its explosion: in Portugal it is being developed with an already accelerated rhythm, in Spain it can explode from one day to another; in the months to come the entire European continent can be on fire.

The Fourth International is intensively preparing itself to assume its role as the revolutionary leadership of the international proletariat, for the victory of this imminent revolution. For we are also in the decisive moment for the solution to the crisis of the Fourth International. The work of the rebuilding of the world party of the proletariat, already led for two years by the International League is in full development. Already in Spain, the International League is ready to lead the workers who will begin the revolution by bringing down Franco, through its section, the Partido Obrero Revolucionario de Espana.

We are three months from the rally of the revolutionary workingclass youth in Berlin and the proclamation of the Revolutionary Youth International.

We have an enormous task in front of us, for it concerns the decisive stage in the preparation of the International Fourth Open Conference which will rebuild the Fourth International. Therefore it concerns, through this, the decisive condition for the effective preparation of the European revolution and its victory.

This is why the rebuilding of the Fourth International in the USA, in the bastion of world imperialism takes on a special meaning in this situation. What is at stake escapes no one. And certainly not Ford or Brezhnev.

This Conference is called on to draw the balance sheet of the eight months of of existence and struggle of the TO/USA and to define the axis and the tasks for the mobilization of the American workingclass youth for the preparation of Berlin and the Fourth Open Conference. These are the tasks of the rebuilding of the American section of the Fourth International.

In the name of the Executive Committee of the International League, in the name of all of its sections, I salute all the delegates and militants present at this Conference. Its result will have great importance for the entirety of the International League and for this immediate task of the preparation of the revolution -- in Europe and in the United States.

MAREK KANTOR, for the International Executive Committee -- International League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International

International Boycott of

STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE TROTSKYIST

The last meeting of the International Executive Committee of the International League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International determined that the international working class must deepen and extend its struggle in defense of the Spanish revolution. The international working class must move beyond the stage of protest against Fascist Spain and develop and organize a permanent international boycott of Franco's Spain.

US IMPERIALISM

Fascist Spain could not last another day without the active support of American imperialism. Ford-Rockefeller signed a \$2 billion military aid agreement called the "Madrid Pact" with Franco during the same week that there were demonstrations all over the world against the execution of the five political prisoners, during which there were massive protests in Spain itself including a 48-hour general strike in the Basque Provinces. Another Vietnam is being prepared in Spain with US troops and guns being used to prop up the last fascist regime in Europe.

The same American capitalists who are organizing the most brutal attack on the American working class since the Depression are doing their utmost to head off the revolution in Spain. American capitalism has always been a vital aid to Franco. Texaco secretly supplied the fascist armies during the last days of the Spanish Civil War to provide Franco with the vitally needed oil to turn the tide of the war in his favor. Chrysler Corporation maintains auto factories in Spain and Ford Motor Company has just announced plans to produce its smallest car, to compete with General Motors' Chevette in Spain, paying the workers \$2.35 a day! US Steel, through subsidiary corporations, has its largest overseas investments in Spain. They continue to gain profits from a Spanish working class that is the most oppressed in Europe, with no organized means to defend itself.

OPEN THEIR BOOKS!

American workers must help organize an international boycott of Franco's Spain. Workers must organize boycott committees in the factories, send delegations to union meetings and to other factories and unions to stop American imperialism's support to Spain. The boycott committees must gather and develop the information on the extent of US capitalism's involvement in Spain by demanding that the corporations, especially the military, oil, auto and steel industries OPEN THEIR BOOKS! to workers' inspection so that the workers' boycott committees can concretely organize their work.

The International League believes that this boycott of Franco's Spain is not just one boycott among others. US imperialism props up many repressive regimes throughout the world. But we believe that an active boycott of Franco's Spain will be more than just a protest or act of solidarity.

PREPARE THE EUROPEAN REVOLUTION!

The massive protests throughout Eur-



ANTI-FASCIST FIGHTER IN

FORWARD TO 8 PAGE TRUTH!

The Editorial Board of TRUTH calls upon all of its readers and supporters and especially workingclass militants to support and finance an eight page bi-weekly TRUTH. Since it began publication a little over thirteen months ago TRUTH has been in the forefront of the fight to rebuild the Fourth International in the US. It remains the only workers' paper in the US that speaks openly of the Fourth International in front of the factories, that has led the fight to build the Revolutionary Youth International in front of the factories, that has carried the fight to defend the Spanish Revolution and break the isolation of the Portuguese proletariat to the centers of industry in the US, auto and steel. Today, more and more workingclass youth who know the Fourth International in the US, know it through TRUTH, the voice of the International League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International, in the US.

We plan to begin publication of an eight-page TRUTH on November 7th,

the anniversary of the Russian Revolution. This will be part of our over-all plan to gather the resources necessary to begin weekly publication of TRUTH at the time of the Trotskyist Congress of the US in March 1976.

To do this we are launching a subscription drive to gain 200 new subscriptions by the Fourth International Open Conference in January 1976. We are also establishing a special fund to raise \$500 from our workingclass supporters to specifically support the cost of moving to an eight-page paper. We will report on the course of the campaign in future issues of the paper. SUPPORT THE FIGHT OF TRUTH TO REBUILD THE U.S. SECTION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL! HELP MAKE TRUTH THE FORUM OF THE WORKING-CLASS IN THE U.S. ! SUBSCRIBE! GIVE GENEROUSLY!

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ope demonstrate that Spain has a meaning for European workers that goes beyond solidarity alone. The protests showed in fact that the European revolution is beginning and that the Spanish revolution will be the detonator of this revolution. The Spanish revolution will break the isolation of the Portuguese proletariat, it will impel the French working class on the path of the general strike to bring down Giscard, it will begin the revolutionary mobilization throughout Europe.

The international boycott of Franco's Spain is a concrete preparation of the revolution in Europe, of the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe. The development of the boycott in the US will mean that the American working class has joined this process as well -- that the workingclass mobilization against unemployment, against police repression in the US, is materially linked to the defense of the European revolution and the defense of the coming American revolution. This fight also means a fight against all those who attempt to shut the American working class up in a national isolation, who oppose the American workers' drawing the international meaning of their fight.

ACTION COMMITTEE

The Trotskyist Organization calls upon all those who have followed and supported the work of the Action Committee to Defend the Political Prisoners in Spain and the Action Committee Against Franco's Fascism to join us in this new stage of struggle in the US. This April, the International League was the first organization to organize the American working class against Franco's repression. The fight for the Action Committee was always one to establish a permanent mobilization against Franco instead of isolated protests.

The American Communist Party (CP) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) refused to join in this campaign last April. Only after the massive protests in Europe did these organizations take action. In Chicago on October 3rd, they refused to participate in a demonstration called by the Action Committee but participated in one called in St. Louis, attempting to claim the demonstrations for their own. The October 10th issue of the DAILY WORLD, the newspaper of the CP, declared that the demonstration in St. Louis was a demonstration of "solidarity for the PATRIOTS in Spain" (our emphasis). Both the CP and the SWP attempted to change the demonstration called by the Action Committee from one in defense of the Spanish Revolution into a defense of Spanish "patriotism."

What is even more clear from this demonstration is that these misleaders of the working class want to keep the mobilization of the American workers against Franco channelled into mere protest, without political content. Both the American CP and the SWP do not want the American working class to spoil the plans of the liberals and the Kremlin for the "Democratic Junta" in Spain -- another Popular Front to head off the Spanish revolution.

DEEPEN THE WORK!

The International League has charged the Central Committee of the Trotskyist Organization with deepening the ba-

lance sheet of the work of the Action Committee in the US and calls upon the American working class and its youth to join us in this effort to take the gains of the Action Committee as their own, to deepen its work and move to a new stage. A workingclass boycott of Franco is needed in order to once again expose the capitulation of the misleaders of the working class and all their centrist allies and to organize the American workers in the

preparation of the European and world revolutions.

VICTORY TO THE SPANISH REVOLUTION!

STOP ALL ORDERS TO FASCIST SPAIN!

OPEN THE BOOKS!

AN INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT OF FRANCO'S SPAIN!

LIAISON COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Liaison Committee for the Preparation of the Berlin Rally in the US scheduled to meet on October 18th in Detroit was postponed until October 25th. The meeting was postponed to allow for greater preparation of the meeting, especially financial and travel arrangements. A report on the meeting will follow in the next issue of TRUTH.

Full Employment-How?

By KEVIN TRACEY

The fight of the working class against unemployment is the central element of its whole fight against the capitalists' strategy to divide the workers and set them against each other, to drive down wages, to break the unions and to reduce the whole proletariat to passivity before the demands of Capital. The workers' solution is to IMPOSE the sliding scale of working hours on the capitalists. That is, forcing them, no matter what production levels are due to capitalist decay, to cut the workweek until there are jobs for all with no cuts in pay for any. The capitalists and their agents in the workingclass movement respond to this challenge both with open resistance and with deceptions and diversions.

"30 FOR 40" -- WHEN?

One example of these deceptions occurs when the union bureaucrats and the Stalinists turn the slogan "30 for 40," which is a SPECIFIC example of the PRINCIPLE of the sliding scale of working hours, into an end in itself in order to gut the principle.

When Ed Sadlowski, "reform" leader of District 31 of the United Steel Workers, calls for "32 for 40" he is not putting forward a slogan that represents the sliding scale of hours -- employment for all at the bosses' expense -- but the exact same thing that the steel barons are carrying out. When workers at US Steel are already working a four day week, this demand means NOTHING for fighting unemployment. At best it means keeping even with existing layoffs, with a small hourly wage increase tagged on as a false sweetener for those working.

This demand capitulates to the bosses' strategy of unemployment, it abandons the laid-off young workers and the youth who will never get jobs if US Steel has its way. For steel today the sliding scale of hours means twenty, or even fewer, hours' work for forty hours' pay. And THAT Sadlowski and his admirers in the so-called Communist Party will never raise.

OTHER DECEPTIONS

A similar dodge surfaced at the recent meeting of the Ford Council of the United Auto Workers where the UAW bureaucrats, worried about the workers' response to unemployment, proposed that a "shorter workweek" be ONE demand FOR THE CONTRACT -- NEXT YEAR! But unemployment is ravaging the UAW and the auto towns THIS YEAR. The young workers can't "wait 'til next year." They're talking jobs, not baseball.

What must be pointed out about this UAW proposal is that the bureaucrats have no intention of fighting UNEMPLOYMENT with it. They intend to turn the "shorter workweek" into question of scheduled time off from a forty-hour (or more) week, so as to enable the companies to better handle absenteeism. And meanwhile, the young workers and youth are and will still be in the streets.

The "Communist" Party is embarking on a little campaign of its own for "30

for 40." But this campaign also proposes the postponement of the struggle, its subordination to the holy contract ritual, and even proposes that this be put into law by the Democratic "friends of labor" whom the Stalinists support so eagerly. Bourgeois politicians passing laws against bourgeois property! -- this cynical deceit is a conscious maneuver by the CP to break the workers' mobilization by getting them to rely on the capitalist state instead of their own power and thus to dissipate the whole fight and demoralize its most active participants.

HAWKINS' BILL

Another of the Stalinists' deceptions is the Hawkins' Bill (Full Employment Bill, HR 50), authored by Congressman Augustus Hawkins and sponsored in the Senate by that old war criminal Hubert Humphrey, now playing liberal again in another try for the Presidency. And all the "left" liberals and presidential hopefuls of the Democratic Party are hopping on the bandwagon.

The provisions of this election year maneuver, of this response to the workingclass mobilization, SOUND good. Every worker is entitled to a job. If the "private economy" (capitalist business) won't come through then the "public economy" (capitalist government) must. Why a worker couldn't even sue the government if it didn't provide a job -- after all, it's the law. And capitalism has such great respect for law!

What the liberals and the Stalinists are "forgetting" is that there's been a full-employment law on the books for almost thirty years (The Full Employment Act of 1946, created as a response to the postwar strike wave). And somehow the rate of unemployment has steadily climbed all those years, soaring far above the rising average during capitalism's chronic and worsening downturns. Just think, all those workers laid off last year and this -- and a full employment law already on the books. Why, someone might think that laws like that were unenforceable jokes. Lest anyone draw this conclusion, the Stalinists (who used to argue for "implementation" of the '46 bill) and the liberals join in a flurry of activity for a NEW full-employment bill that will also be an unenforceable joke.

Instead of these diversions and postponements, we propose the opening of the fight for the sliding scale of working hours. Not an empty "30 for 40" next year, next contract, later, but the fight for "30 FOR 40" (or a better variant) NOW! That means organizing in the steel and auto plants and the unions to build a victorious strike --not next year -- but NOW! This road of real struggle alone can provide a victory against capitalist unemployment and all its consequences for the working class.

The November 7 demonstrations at US Steel South Works and Ford River Rouge are an integral part of this fight. Build November 7 as a decisive step in the fight to impose the sliding scale of working hours!

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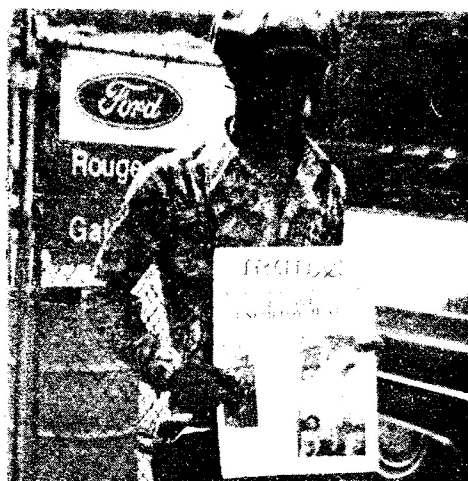
By DAVID MARKOS

The success of the Nov. 7th day of action will mark a turning point in the struggle against Henry Ford and Co., as well as against a certain other "Ford" whose lack of popularity has been the target of snipers recently. For this mobilization will be led by the young militants who reside in the "capital" of Ford's auto production, River Rouge. It is the development of this new leadership of the working class that will be expressed in the demonstrations around the world as part of the campaign for the Revolutionary Youth International.

The mobilization for this day of protest, however, will not come about by magic but must proceed through direct confrontation with Ford's stooges in Local 600, friends of Woodcock. The elections which swept out a good deal of the old leadership of local 600, on a unit by unit basis, was not an overturn of the do-nothing leadership of the local, as ninety-nine percent of the workers have come to understand, but

merely a good "housecleaning" to give the bureaucracy a cleaner face. This is the only meaning of the resolutions for 30-for-40 that have been passed by some of the units at local 600. Its perfectly safe to pass a resolution of support as long as there is no action to back it up.

The fight against the decline in the living standards of the working class, and the decay of every aspect of culture especially as concerns black and Latino youth, cannot wait until the 1976 elections or the next contract round in auto. By that time bureaucrats will have loaned the strike funds to Henry Ford (so he can make good on SUB payments for the next round of layoffs). This is why the Liaison Committee of the US, the supporter of the Preparation Committee of the Revolutionary Youth International, is calling on the young militants at Rouge to become a part of the combat for 30-for-40 NOW! and join the work of the Liaison Committee in building the November 7th day of action at River Rouge.



The UAW bureaucracy is playing right into the hands of the bankers and capitalists. By attempting to shift the attention of the workers towards the elections in 1976, or the contract round, they are trying to put out the fire under their backsides that is being fueled with the workers' mobilizations. Meanwhile, they are content to watch all of

the workers' rights, including the right to have unions, be taken away.

But the Nov. 7th day of action must be built for on a day-to-day basis by advancing against the bureaucrats and organizing a leadership of the most militant of the workers, especially the youth to prepare and take charge of the Nov. 7th day of action. Delegations

can be organized to intervene in the unit meetings and rally broad support for the demonstration, marshals appointed to lead the defense and the actions; funds must be collected to finance the activity of a worker/youth circle at Rouge and to send a delegation to the founding of the RYI and its American section.

In short, the Liaison Committee must become the property of the militant youth themselves. It must become the leadership of the struggles of the young workers through its own means and methods, and in this way play a leading role in taking up the immediate demands of the workers and carrying them to their revolutionary conclusions.

CHICAGO - Stop the Layoffs at South Works

By HENRY PLATSKY

A new wave of layoffs at US Steel's Chicago South Works Mill has idled as many as 1500 workers (in addition to the hundreds of workers already on permanent layoff). According to workers at the plant production is down to less than 50% of capacity with only fifteen of twenty-nine ore berths operating. There are also rumors that the mill will be shut down for the week of November 3rd.

As in auto, workers in steel don't know from one day to the next whether or not they have a job. The Supplementary Benefits Program (SUB) worked out by Abel as part of the sellout "no-strike pledge" is designed to take the

minds of the workers off this fact. It is designed to create the idea that the bosses have the right to take away a workers' source of living -- his or her job -- at any time, without warning.

The steelworkers cannot rely on the "generosity" of the corporations and the capitalist state. Only a GUARANTEED job for every steelworker can prevent the capitalist rulers from eventually dividing the working class down the middle in order to crush the unions and destroy everything the workers have gained since the 30's.

The fight for jobs for all -- for a sliding scale of working hours with no loss in pay -- will require a head-on fight against the bosses and their agents

within the union; in other words, a strike. To prepare for such a strike steelworkers should demand the immediate calling of a union meeting to discuss the question of the layoffs and the strategy needed to impose the sliding scale of hours. Steelworkers should demand that the bureaucrats produce the list of names of all those presently laid-off so that these workers, the majority of them the youngest and therefore the best militants, can be organized into the struggle.

As part of such a campaign the International League is organizing an international campaign against layoffs and

to impose the sliding scale of working hours. The Trotskyist Organization

and the Worker Youth Circles in auto in support of the international campaign against unemployment will focus this campaign on the South Works Mill in Chicago. This campaign will win

through the use of the only weapon available for such a struggle -- the organized strength of the working class, mobilized independently of the capitalists; their politicians and their stooges within the workers' movement. Only the working class organized and determined to struggle to the end, can achieve a lasting victory in this campaign.

Defend Every Action!

By KEVIN TRACEY

All the actions and activities that the Trotskyist Organization involves the young workers in -- November 7, its preparation and follow-up -- have one thing in common. Their success depends on the independent activity of the working class, on the workers' mobilizing themselves for their objectives without subordinating them to anyone else. This fundamental understanding that the proletariat can rely only on itself is a truth borne out by centuries of experience with capitalist courts, police and politicians, an experience that continues to accumulate for young workers today.

Not only can we rely only on ourselves to organize and hold these demonstrations and actions, we can rely only on ourselves to defend them -- to KEEP them organized and effective -- in the face of the ever-present threat by capitalist police, company guards and treacherous bureaucrats to disorganize

and disperse our mobilization.

In every action that we organize we must plan for the defense of the action, we must recruit and prepare marshalls, picket captains and defense squads as the situation requires. We are now recruiting and organizing marshalls for the November 7 demonstrations, marshalls who will be directly involved in the organization and defense of these actions. The effectiveness of these demonstrations depends on the discipline that we create for ourselves. Relying on our enemies for "order" is the same as relying on them to attain our goals.

Our position is completely opposed to that practiced by the Socialist Workers Party, which claims to be Trotskyist. The SWP's policy of reliance on capitalism finds clear expression in its policies on defense. Peter Camejo, the SWP's presidential candidate, de-

mands Secret Service "protection" while the SWP gloats over the police "protection" given him in St. Louis recently. This is also the party that calls for Federal troops to Boston in order to

"protect" black students involved in the busing fraud.

We must realize from the beginning that our own self-defense is the first step in the realization of our own power.

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