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END THE SYSTEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT, REPRESSION, WAR!

IN 1976 BUILD THE WORKERS PARTY USA!

by Margaret Brecht

On the mind of every worker, young, old, employed, unemployed, black, white, on the mind of every fighting militant of the workingclass movement -- as the new year opens -- is the question: What is to be done?

With their comrades across the ocean, the workingclass youth and the workers of the United States have waged a bitter struggle against unemployment, repression and war and against the presidents put into office -- by the capitalist class with the collaboration of the Kremlin bureaucracy and the imperialist trade union bureaucracy in the US -- to carry out the interests of the working class.

It was this struggle -- the meetings, demonstrations, work stoppages, strikes, factory occupations; of autoworkers, steelworkers, public service workers, truck drivers, teachers; in Santiago, Detroit, Paris, Warsaw, Saigon -- which sent Johnson back to his ranch in Texas and Nixon to his estate in California to nurse his bad knee. And it is this struggle which now threatens their replacement -- Gerald Ford.

The workers, most especially the young workers in basic industry -- in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland -- do not want one more government of the rich promising to solve the problems of the poor. For them the last years have been one of uninterrupted struggle simply to hold the line. So in each struggle they have turned away from the capitalist politicians and the trade union bureaucrats and toward the parties who promised something different.

To the Communist Party, to the Communist Labor Party, to the Revolutionary Union, to the October League, to the Progressive Labor Party, to the Socialist Workers "party," to the Workers League to a dozen other parties claiming to represent the working class. Many have joined and remained with doubts about the policies of the leaderships. Others have joined and left. Still others have decided not to join at all.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

The working class in the United States must have its own party, to organize its power, to lead it in the struggle against the attacks of the capitalists, to bring down this government and establish its own.

If the fighting young workers in the heart of industry have not in the last years given their whole-hearted allegiance to any of the parties that have addressed themselves to them, it is because they sense that these parties do not represent any real alternative to the

capitalist politicians and the trade union bureaucrats that they have turned away from. The young workers sense that none of these parties fight to construct the type of party necessary to turn back the attack of and overthrow the strongest imperialist power in the world.

It is this party which the International League through its US Supporter proposes to construct with the Revolutionary Worker Youth in the United States. It is the world party of the working class, of the socialist revolution. It is the Fourth International. It is the party of Lenin and Trotsky which overthrew the Czar, brought the Russian working class to power, and defeated twenty-one im-

perialist armies on sixteen different fronts with an army composed entirely of young workers and peasants. This is the type of party that the American working class needs.

WHAT DO THE LEADERS OF THE CP AND THE SWP PROPOSE?

The "Communist" Party, which carries out the policy of the Kremlin bureaucracy in the US, is trying to detour the American working class from the road of the construction of its own party into support of the left-wing of the capitalist class. It is trying to organize the American working class into an "anti-

monopoly people's party" with trade union bureaucrats and liberal capitalists.

All the various Maoist parties who refuse to confront the international apparatus of the Kremlin through constructing the new international and instead organize "new" "communist" parties country by country are building the grass-roots support for this treacherous affair.

But it is the Socialist Workers "party" which is doing, in the name of the Fourth International, the greatest amount of work for the CP. They are paving the way for this detour from the construction of the workers' party of the

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Editorial



THE ISOLATION OF THE PORTUGUESE WORKERS IS ENDING!

Last week the beginning of the revolutionary upsurge of the Spanish working class was brought home to millions of American workers. The living reality of the European revolution was seen in the pictures on national television of massive demonstrations of workers and youth in the streets of Madrid. These are the first such demonstrations since the imposition of fascist dictatorship in Spain in 1938. They are the expressions in the streets of the largest strike wave -- over 200,000 workers are out in Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao and other cities -- since 1938. The Spanish workers are not satisfied with the simple departure of Franco. They want to finish with all of Francoism. They want to take power in their own hands.

The Spanish workers are breaking the isolation of the Portuguese workers and peasants. They have fought since April 1974 -- after having overthrown 50 years of fascist rule, to finish with capitalism in Portugal -- to establish their own rule based on their own committees in the factories.

Until now the workers and peasants in Portugal remained isolated. This isolation was imposed upon them by the treacherous parties who attempted to organize the workers under the leadership of the military, to block them from uniting with their comrades in Spain.

When the military prohibited demonstrations in Portugal in support of the political prisoners condemned to death in Spain, the leaders of these treacherous parties declared themselves in favor of a "good neighbor policy" with the

butcher Franco and denounced the militants who burned the Spanish embassy in Lisbon. And when Franco lay dying, surrounded by his impotent and befuddled lackeys who continued his life processes with a million dollars worth of equipment, these brave leaders went through the factories and streets of Spain whispering, "Be calm, be calm, Juan Carlos will take care of everything."

The Spanish workers think differently. In deeds they are giving the definitive response to all the centrist leaders (the Maoists, Hansen of the SWP, Mandel and Krivine of the LCR, Lambert and Just of the OCI, Healy of the WRP, et al.) who have been sitting around for the last five months discussing with each other and holding debates on whether or not the Portuguese Revolution is lost and "What Next?" for Spain. **IT IS THE HOUR OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL IN SPAIN. IT IS THE HOUR OF THE WORKERS REVOLUTION.**

The International League with the Revolutionary Youth International at its side is organizing to unite the working class on the Iberian Peninsula, to defend the Portuguese revolution to transform the fall of the Francoist monarchy into the beginning of the proletarian revolution in Spain, to rebuild the Fourth International.

In Lisbon, on January 25th, the Portuguese Committee of the International League with the RYI is organizing a meeting to stop all orders to the Francoist monarchy, to build the delegation

from Portugal to the International Fourth Open Conference, to found the Revolutionary Worker Youth of Portugal. Give generously to finance the delegation of the Revolutionary Worker Youth/USA to this meeting.

In Barcelona, Madrid, Bilbao, and St. Sebastian, in the major industrial centers of Spain, the Partido Obrero Revolucionario d'Espana (PORE) with the Juventud Revolucionaria d'Espana (JRE) is fighting to organize the workers in strike committees, to centralize them, to mobilize and organize the Spanish working class in its Second Congress, to break out of clandestinity, to prepare the seizure of power. Give generously to finance all the delegations of the International League and its sections to this Congress!

THE ISOLATION OF THE PORTUGUESE PROLETARIAT IS ENDING! IT IS THE HOUR OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL IN SPAIN!

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STOP ALL ORDERS TO THE FASCIST KING!

Now is the time to stop all orders to King Juan Carlos of Spain from the United States!

Juan Carlos is working for Ford-Rockefeller, for GM, for Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler. For US Steel. He has placed the striking Spanish workers under military law. When it says in the newspapers that the workers in Spain are being drafted into the army, it doesn't mean that they are being given guns. It means that if they don't go back to work they will be court martialled. This is what Roosevelt tried to do to the miners in World War II. This is what Juan Carlos is doing to the Spanish workers now to make them work for GM, Ford, Chrysler etc.

Now is the time to organize committees in every factory to open the books, to expose the trade taking place between the government, the corporations, and the fascist King Juan Carlos and stop it.

Now is the time to win the militants of every trade union local to this struggle, to win the allocation of funds to the committees in the factories to open the books and stop all orders to King Juan Carlos.

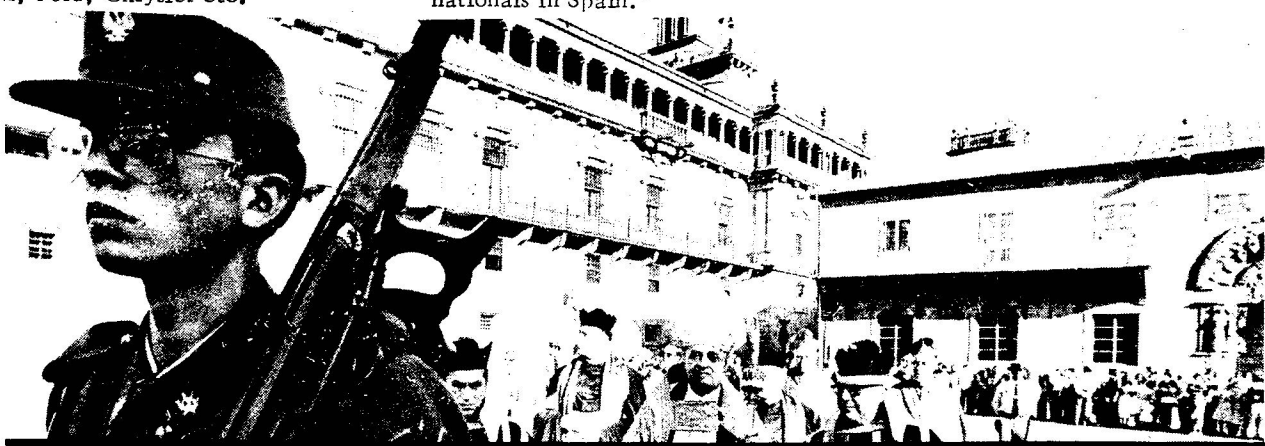
Woodcock says that he and the rest of his friends in the UAW bureaucracy stand in solidarity with the struggles of the workers in Spain for their democratic rights, that they "look with agony at the arrival of the great multinationals in Spain."

Now is the time to take back some of the dues of the workers that he and his friends are wasting and use it to organize the struggle against the "great multinationals."

JOIN THE FIGHTERS OF PORTUGAL AND SPAIN IN THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL!

COME TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH IN DETROIT! JANUARY 25th

ORGANIZE COMMITTEES IN EVERY FACTORY TO STOP ALL ORDERS FOR THE FASCIST KING!



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WITH THE RYI AT ITS S

by Margaret Brecht

In the cities in all the countries, the workers sense the imminent revolution. In Lisbon, Barcelona, Paris and Berlin; in the factories, on the subways and the trains, in the streets, in the restaurants, in the cafes, in the bars; they feel it in the air. So they tense themselves, seek the means to wage a victorious struggle, launch their attacks against the capitalists and the capitalist order, come back, regroup, and begin again, each time with greater determination.

The Portuguese working class and its youth, despite all, continues the fight against the reactionary government of Alvarez. The workingclass fighters of Spain are coming to their aid, occupying factories in Madrid, striking the subways, demanding that the doors of the prisons of the Francoist monarchy be opened. In France, the young workers and soldiers await with great expectation the fall of this vicious regime.

They are readying themselves to finish with Giscard d'Estaing. And in Germany, on both sides of the Berlin Wall, the opposition of the workingclass militants to the division and occupation of their country by the counterrevolutionary alliance of imperialism, Stalinism and Social Democracy -- maintained today by Ford, Brezhnev and Schmit -- is expressed with ever greater boldness.

Those who have presented themselves as leaders of the working class while supporting the capitalists -- like all the leaders of the so-called communist and Socialist parties -- have grown only more cowardly. They've barely even protested the murders of workingclass militants in Portugal and Spain, the imprisonment and torture of militants and strikers in France, Germany and the USA.

And the leaders of all the centers who once pretended to fight them, to organize the working class independently against the capitalists -- like the United Secretariat, the Comite d'Organisation, and the International Committee -- are now busy calling and writing each other, setting up appointments to discuss the bankruptcy of the "communist" and "Socialist" leaders and what they can do to help. Periodically they venture out of their apartments and smoke-filled conference rooms to see if they can engage any fighting workers in their campaigns to reform the old parties.

So every day in every experience the fighters of the workingclass movement fell the urgent and pressing need for their own party, for their own leadership, for their own general staff, equal to the tasks of the working class in the great battles that it now engages, worthy of the trust of all those who already sacrificed and are ready to sacrifice still more for the cause of the working class.

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL MUST BE REBUILT!

It was the desire to resolve the crisis of leadership of the working class, inspired by the tremendous determination of the workers and youth in country after country, which animated all the fighting youth, young workers, and militants of the International League who gathered in Berlin on December 27th, who marched in the streets crying, "Down with the Berlin Wall!" "A Socialist United States of Europe," who rallied the workingclass youth, who founded the Revolutionary Youth International, Young Guard of the World Party, under the banner of the Fourth International.

The newly-founded International of revolutionary worker youth decided to organize its first Congress in May in Barcelona, to break the isolation of the Portuguese working class, to bring the

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THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL MUST BE REBUILT!

THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE LEADS THE WORKING CLASS IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THIS COMBAT

REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOURTH OPEN CONFERENCE



MASS DEMONSTRATIONS OF SPANISH WORKERS SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF THE EUROPEAN REVOLUTION

strength of the world working class and its youth to the struggle of the fighters of Spain to finish with the last fascist dictatorship in Europe. It decided to take up the fight to rebuild the world party at the side of the International League, to organize delegations of revolutionary worker youth from the USA, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, and Yugoslavia to the International Fourth Open Conference Rebuilding the Fourth International. A leadership was elected to further plan and carry out the struggle of the RYI to prepare the revolution, to rebuild and build the world party. A full report on its work will appear in INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD and YOUNG GUARD/USA.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE RYI--CENTRAL ACQUISITION IN THE FIGHT

in the struggle to organize the RYI, the International League and its leadership was strengthened and affirmed as the

sole center capable of mobilizing and organizing the workingclass youth in the bastions of the proletariat in their own organizations for the rebuilding of the world party. Through this struggle the International League advanced, in each country, in differentiating the Bolshevik current in the workers' movement from the Menshevik current, the current of implacable opposition to imperialism and all its lackeys from the current of conciliation and collaboration with imperialism and its lackeys. In every instance it was proven that those who feared the independent and international organization of the revolutionary worker youth for the world party, also feared the imperialists and their agents.

THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Conscious of the stake of the working class in its struggle to rebuild the Fourth International and imbued with the same spirit of determination, the IEC of the

International League, elected by its Second Congress, met immediately to draw a balance sheet of the progress in the preparation of the International Fourth Open Conference and to make the final plans to lead this struggle.

It affirmed the organization of the RYI as the central acquisition in this struggle and the sole basis to proceed in the rebuilding of the FI, in the destruction of all the liquidationist centers who claim its name.

It prepared the report of the International League to the Conference on its struggle; the resolution of the International League to the Conference proposing that on the basis of this struggle that it declare the Fourth International rebuilt, transform itself into the Fourth World Congress of the Fourth International and take up the tasks of the world party in the preparation of the socialist revolution. A central resolution on the tasks of the world party -- the axis of which is the preparation of

a world conference of workers to organize the fight for the independence of the proletariat, against the counter-revolutionary alliance of Ford-Rockefeller and Brezhnev -- was prepared. Commissions on the tasks of the party in particular countries -- the USA and the countries of the socialist conquests among others -- are being prepared.

It developed a plan to mobilize and organize with the RYI in the working class to defend and advance all the conquests of the developing world revolution, to win all the political elements necessary to rebuild the Fourth International. This is the struggle to break the isolation of the Portuguese proletariat, to begin the revolution in Spain, to continue it through the organization of the workers in Renault in France in strike committees to lead the general strike to bring down Giscard and establish a workers and peasants government, to unite the revolution in the capitalist countries with the revolution in the countries of the socialist conquests in Germany.

A meeting and a conference of the RYI will be held in Lisbon on January 24th to organize a delegation to the International Fourth Open Conference and found the Revolutionary Worker Youth of Portugal. The Partido Obrero Revolucionario d'España will organize its Second Congress to prepare the party for the seizure of power. In France, the Jeunesse Ouvriere Revolutionnaire with the International League Faction of the OCI, is organizing its conference among the young workers at Renault to build its delegation to the International Fourth Open Conference.

the critical element in the struggle to organize the Extraordinary Trotskyist Congress of the OCI to win the leadership of the OCI from the liquidationist faction of Lambert-Just and rebuild the French section of the Fourth International. And with the Revolutionary Workers League of Yugoslavia, the Revolutionary Youth International is organizing a conference of Yugoslav youth to build its delegation to the Conference and found the Revolutionary Worker Youth of Yugoslavia.

This fight to mobilize and organize the working class in the International Fourth Open Conference Rebuilding the Fourth International is a political fight: against peaceful coexistence with imperialists, against the reformists, the Stalinists, the liquidationists, and the confusionists who are as ready to abandon the Portuguese revolution to the imperialists as they are to abandon the conquests of the Russian Revolution to the imperialists. This finds its clearest expression in their collaboration with each other to block the struggle of the International League to transform the fall of Francoism into the beginning of the proletarian revolution, to continue it in France, to unite the revolution in the capitalist countries with the political revolution in countries of the socialist conquests in Germany.

But with the founding of the Revolutionary Youth International in Berlin their days were numbered. The International League, with all of its sections, and with the Revolutionary Youth International at its side, continues the fight.

The Fourth International is being rebuilt. Victory is near. Youth! Workers! Proletarian militants who claim the tradition of the Fourth International Organize your delegations!

The International Fourth Open Conference Rebuilding the Fourth International will be held in Paris on February 7th, 1976.

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Correspondence Revolutionary Worker Youth Fights to Win YSA Militants

Despite all the talk about the auto workers that are being brought back to work, at Ford River Rouge in Detroit the layoffs are still continuing. They began right before the holidays, a typical maneuver of the auto bosses to keep the workers from collecting their holiday pay, but they have continued even after the holidays. Reports from at least two departments confirm this though no figures have yet been officially given out.

In Dearborn Assembly, two committeemen were forced to go back to the assembly line because they layoffs left no room for them. That would mean at least 400 more men laid off. This while all the time the work load is maintained at previous levels.

In Glass also, the layoffs have cut deeper into the workforce. There are not figures available but the workforce in the Glass plant which used to be quite young on the average, is getting older.

The rate of absenteeism has been very high after the holidays. Members of the Trotskyist Organization who sell outside of the Rouge gate #4, have noticed quite a decrease in the flow of people. Nevertheless, there seems to be an air of militancy building for the new year which will see either the workers strike committees launch the GENERAL STRIKE of AUTO, a campaign that the Trotskyist Organization is fighting for through building the circles of the Revolutionary Worker Youth/USA. Or the Woodcocks and Frasers will mislead a strike once again.

The first sign of this militancy are campaigns which are becoming more widespread to defend militants who have been fired for "disciplinary" reasons. The TO and the RWY are launching actions in the circles and cells to DEFEND EVERY MILITANT/DEFEND EVERY ACTION!
JOIN US, FIGHT WITH US!

Daniel Valentine

Some important steps forward in the fight in the US to build the Commission of Inquiry against slanders and provocations in the workers movement (see Issue #19 of TRUTH) at the YSA convention in Milwaukee. Many members of the YSA expressed their support for the idea of such a Commission and condemned the slanders and provocations of the Spartacist League. There were not willing to yet give their names or take up an active fight in the YSA for such a commission. A militant of the SWP, Bill B., expressed himself in favor of the goals of the Inquiry Commission. This is a first step towards taking this fight inside the SWP/YSA.

Militants of the Workers League/Young Socialists were also approached on the question and stated to us that the "Workers Revolutionary Party of Britain has already condemned the slanders." (The WRP is the fraternal group of the Workers League). We repeat: the Workers League itself must condemn these slanders and take an active role in the work of the Commission in the US -- it is not enough to "condemn," we must stop the slanderers.

J. M.

The Revolutionary Worker Youth struggled to win the militants of the YSA to the Revolutionary Youth International, the fight of the young auto workers for the general strike of auto, the international boycott of fascist Spain. The YSA convention was held in Milwaukee, December 28 to January 1, attended by 600 militants.

CONVENTION

The convention passed its political resolution which did not even include a mention of unemployment as the major attack of the capitalists against the workingclass youth of the US. The major portion of the resolution was devoted to lesser problems facing students on the campuses.

The organizational report outlined a turn for the YSA -- to move its offices directly onto the campuses isolating even more the militants of the YSA from the struggles of the young workers in the factories.

RWY MEETING

The Revolutionary Worker Youth sold 50 copies of the first issue of YOUNG GUARD/USA and several copies of

INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD. It held its first public meeting during the convention attended by seven YSA militants. At this meeting the only auto worker delegate to the convention said, "I think that the single most important question facing blacks today is jobs, not desegregation." And further, "I think it might be a question of policy that the Socialist Workers party (parent group of the YSA, and its actual leadership) does not lead workers struggles and does not cover them in their paper, THE MILITANT." This militant spoke for many YSA'ers in expressing his discontent with the liberal policies of the leadership.

OUR TASKS

With the success of this meeting we must move forward to winning all the revolutionary and workingclass militants of the YSA to the Revolutionary Youth International, to constitute a faction in the YSA, building the Revolutionary Youth International and rebuilding the Fourth International.

By a Reporter

A full report will appear in the next issue of TRUTH.



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USA through attempting to organize the American workers in support of the "Bill of Rights for Working People," into an amorphous movement of "Socialist Workers" (not even a party!). If the "Bill of Rights for Working People" has been quoted approvingly by Democratic Party politicians (which THE MILITANT, journal of the SWP has proudly announced), it is simply because it proposes absolutely no solution to the problems of the young workers in basic industry. It limits itself to what is acceptable to the liberal capitalists and trade union bureaucrats and the leaders of the SWP propose to the fighting young workers that they do the same.

All the militants and organizations who have sought to fight this class-collaboration, to fight for the independence of the working class, through fighting for the trade unions to build a "labor party" have found themselves disarmed, unable to demonstrate to the young workers who hate the trade union bureaucracy how this party would differ radically from the trade union bureaucrats themselves and the trade unions as they are now.

THE STRUGGLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

The US Supporter of the International League -- Rebuilder of the Fourth International, the Trotskyist Organization, was founded in February, 1975 to build the party of the American working class, to rebuild the US Section of the Fourth International, to resolve the crisis of leadership of the American working class.

For nearly a year the Trotskyist Organization has fought to organize the young workers in the bastions of the

working class -- in the great auto factories -- in the International of revolutionary workingclass youth, in the RYI, the Young Guard of the World Party. The fruits of this struggle are seen in the founding of the Revolutionary Worker Youth and the Revolutionary Youth International itself by young workers from Ford's River Rouge plant with militants of the International League and all the work that these organizations have taken up.

Now the International League with the Revolutionary Youth International is entering into the final days of its struggle -- the rebuilding of the Fourth International, world party of socialist revolution, in order to win the leadership of the working class from the traitorous bureaucrats and lead it to the seizure of power, the establishment of the world republic of workers' councils.

Every other party, while saying to the the American working class that it is so powerful that it has no need of the assistance of workers of other countries in its struggle to build its own party and establish its own government, proposes to them to rely on the liberal capitalists and bureaucrats in the United States to accomplish this same task.

The policy of the International League is radically different. The International League says, without equivocation: "Young workers in America! You have need of the assistance of your comrades in the great factories of Portugal, Spain, France, Yugoslavia! You have no need of the "assistance" of the "educated liberals" or the "wise old bureaucrats."

At the International Fourth Open Conference Rebuilding the Fourth International in Paris, France, on February 7 and 8, workingclass militants will gather to take up all the problems of the construction of

the world party, to plan the international mobilization and organization of the working class to finish with this system and establish its own. From England, Sweden, the USA, From Portugal, Spain, France, and Germany. From Poland, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia. From Belgium. From Morocco.

All the problems of the construction of the workers' party in the United States will be taken up. How to organize the fight against Ford-Rockefeller, against Meany, Woodcock and Co., to impose the sliding scale of working hours, to free all the class war prisoners, the jailed strikers, all the political prisoners! How to organize the strike committees to unleash the general strike of auto, to stop all orders for the Francoist monarchy! How to build the workers' party of the USA and lead it in the struggle for power!

The delegations from the United States to the International Fourth Open Conference will lead the American working class in this struggle!

Youth! Workers! Proletarian militants of every party which claims to represent the working class! Join in the Rebuilding of the Fourth International! The International Fourth Open Conference is open to you!

Come to the Conference of the Revolutionary Worker Youth electing its delegation!

Build the delegations from the United States!

Forward to the First Congress of the Revolutionary Worker Youth, US Section of the RYI, Young Guard of the World Party!

To the Congress of the Trotskyist Organization Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International, founding the Workers' Party of the USA!

It costs \$500 to send each delegate from the USA to the International Conference! Give a half day's pay! Build the workers' party of the USA!