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**Against Speedup, High Prices
and Layoffs
Workers unite!
Take control!
Impose a sliding scale of
working hours, of wages!**

Detroit, May 15th -- The Trotskyist Organization and the Circles of the Revolutionary Worker Youth are in the process of organizing meetings in the cafeterias of Ford River Rouge and Ford Torrence and at the gates of Ford Brook Park in order to rally the workers in the heart of industry in support of this cause; in order to map out plans to mobilize the workers, bring out delegations from each of the key departments in these plants, and assemble together at the Hall of UAW River Rouge Local #600 on June 6th to prepare a general strike of auto beginning with a sitdown at the Rouge to take forward the struggle for these demands. The circles of the Revolutionary Worker Youth, open to all the young workers who want to join this fight will meet May 18th to determine the exact times and locations.

The Trotskyist Organization calls on all the youth, workers and militants of the workers movement, employed and unemployed, to join in this struggle, not only the workers at Torrence, Rouge and Brook Park. Especially the workers at GM Southgate in LA and Ford Mahwah in New Jersey, to demand of all those who claim to represent the workers, in particular the union committeemen, to take a stand with the workers in this struggle!

The working class must unite in the fight against the capitalist class! The capitalists are attempting to speedup production, offering differentials in wage rates and phoney cost-of-living escalator clauses in long-term contracts, laying off workers and closing down plants bit-by-bit not simply to increase their profits, but also to divide the workers against each other. They're running the lines at unheard-of-speeds in the auto factories now. They offered higher wages to workers in one part of the craft on strike in San Francisco in the hopes of leading them to abandon the others. They're trying to lead the older rubber workers to do the same. It's their attempt to reduce and decentralize the ranks of the working class, in particular in the auto factories and in particular at Ford River Rouge, of which the plan to close the Engine Plant is only a part, which presents the great threat to the workers!

The workers must mobilize independently to determine their own pace of production, impose a sliding scale of wages, the increase in wages in accordance with the rise in prices and a sliding scale of working hours, the division of all the work among all the workers, employed and unemployed. This is the way to overcome the schemes of the capitalists to divide the workers. The workers built the unions. Through the independent mobilization and organization in the factories and the confrontation with the treacherous bureaucrats, they must take them back! This is the only way.

Let there be no doubt. We must be prepared to defend ourselves. This is a bitter political struggle. Against the bureaucrats, Meany, Woodcock, Fitzsimmons, the leaders of the CP/USA, of the US SWP, who try to make the workers accept the speedup, insufficient wages, layoffs and plant closures, back the bill in Congress affirming only the right of only 90% of the people to have jobs and back bills for preferential layoffs, claiming nothing else can be done. Against the leaders of the CP/USA, the US SWP, who try to make the workers follow the bureaucrats, wait until the bureaucrats "call

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**Meet - Rouge, Torrence - May 19
Brook Park - May 21**



given support to the struggle of the TO/USSFI and the RWY in the last weeks, out of more than 50 who read FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH on a regular basis, of more than 15 young workers who had planned to come, and more than 10 active members of the RYI in the US, only 1 outside the party was brought to the Congress. And the Congress itself did not attempt to analyze these results, draw the lessons and elaborate the plans to correct the problems.

This struggle can only go forward through the active engagement of the young workers in the factories in the daily work, in the elaboration of the plans, in the organization of the circles, not simply in the distribution of the press. And it is only possible to accomplish this through a constant and clear assessment of the situation, the problems, and a resolute struggle to resolve them.

It is for this reason that the TO/USSFI has proposed to the NC of the RWY to hold a special meeting, open to all who wish to take up this fight, to assess the progress in the organization of the meetings in the plants on the 19th, the fight to win support for the delegation of the RWY to the World Congress in these meetings, to finance the delegation.

This is not simply the affair of the militants of the TO/USSFI or even simply of the militants of the RWY. Without the support of and the participation of the

How much respect the US imperialists have for elections is evident from their activities in Chile, Argentina and now their threats to blockade Italy should the CP win the elections there.

They're making a similar deal out of the elections in the US. The debates between the candidates are entirely focused on what to do about "the Russian," without a word about the "domestic" questions, in a further effort to obfuscate the fundamental questions before the working class and organize them behind the capitalists. This is the objective the joint endorsement of Carter by Henry Ford and Leonard Woodcock, of Woodcock's request to sit on the board of Chrysler.

They want to convince the workers that they have the same interests as the capitalists, that "peaceful coexistence" with the capitalists is possible. Meanwhile they pile up arms and try to pass the S-1 Bill making criticism of the government treason punishable by death.

The candidates of the CP, Gus Hall -- and the SWP -- Peter Camejo -- are doing their best to present themselves as "legitimate contenders," reinforcing what have already proven to be fatal illusions in the "democratic way." The other day Hall asked Jackson to apologize for demeaning another candidate. Camejo went before the Senate to try to demonstrate his harmlessness to these gentlemen.

ALL OUT FOR THE WORLD CONGRESS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL! BARCELONA, SPAIN! MAY 29

Special Meeting - National Committee - Revolutionary Worker Youth

Detroit, May 16th -- Fourteen days before the World Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International in Barcelona, which will map out plans to mobilize the young generation of the working classes of three continents for the Socialist United States of Europe in support of the Fourth International, an incomparable political struggle is necessary! To deepen the support for this fight among the youth of the Americas! To insure the participation of the delegation of the US Supporter of the RYI, the Revolutionary Worker Youth, in this Congress!

Thus the Trotskyist Organization calls on all the young workers, all the fighting youth, all the comrades of the circles of the Revolutionary Worker Youth in the factories, to send their representatives to a special meeting of the National Committee of the RWY on May 19th to assess the progress in this struggle, elaborate the plans to take it forward, and insure the participation of the delegation in the World Congress.

On May 16th, the militants of the RWY met in their first Congress. They discussed and adopted an audacious plan to mobilize the youth against unemployment, high prices and repression, in support of the Spanish revolution, against the Stalinists' repression of workingclass militants in the USSR and Eastern Europe to build the US Supporter of the RYI as the independent mass organization of the revolutionary workingclass youth for the Fourth International, for the rebuilding of its US Section, for the fight to found the Workers Party; to organize the delegations from the US to the World Workers Conference for the Socialist United States of Europe in Barcelona this July. Delegations were planned to Brook Park to win support in the fight to keep the Engine Plant at the Rouge open, to found a circle of the RWY; to the docks in New York to win support in the fight to stop all orders to fascist Spain; to the branches of the CP youth to win their support in the fight against Stalinist repression; to Mexico City to win the young workers to the RYI and found the Mexican section; to the branches of the SWP and YSA.

A new National Committee was elected and a delegation to the Congress of the RYI composed of a young worker from Rouge and a young worker from Torrence was elected. Plans were made to mobilize support for the delegation and finance it.

But out of over 100 workers who have

delegation from the US in the World Congress, the struggle in the US will be much more difficult. It's the formation of the INTERNATIONAL and INDEPENDENT leadership of the working class, the party, to mobilize and organize the workers independently in preparation of the revolution which will be advanced in this Congress which is decisive.

All the forces of reaction, served by the Stalinists and the centrists, are engaged in a plot to hide this fundamental truth from the workers. The US imperialists are making a big deal about the elections in Portugal, the planned elections in Spain, and the formation of the "Democratic Coordination," in an attempt to fool the US workers into believing that these irreconcilable conflicts will be resolved at the polls, that they have no need of a world party, of their own party, to prepare the revolu-

The CP is organizing a coalition with liberal capitalist politicians to stop S-1 and the SWP is organizing a coalition with liberal capitalist politicians, the Political Rights Defense Fund, to sue the government in an effort to stop it from harassing the SWP!

These illusions and the perpetrators of them must be combatted. The revolution is imminent. It is necessary to prepare it. The RWY has decided to fight for support to its delegation to the World Congress of the RYI in all meetings this week, to rally support in a picnic on Saturday, to raise \$750 more to finance the delegation through the recruitment of new members, sales of tickets to the picnic, and the circulation of a statement of support and the collection of funds in the plant. Join the fight to realize these plans! Come to the Special Meeting! Bring out all the young workers!
STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT.

THE POLICY OF THE SWP: "Barcelona? That's dangerous! You ought to be in Springfield!"

by MARGARET GUTTSALL

CLEVELAND, MAY 14th
The delegation of the TO/USSFI to the Cleveland Branch of the SWP was greeted with a great deal of interest, but of a contradictory character.

Some of the militants of the SWP and YSA responded to the proposal of the TO/USSFI -- to join the campaigns in support of the Spanish revolution, to free the communist militants imprisoned in the USSR and Eastern Europe; to send a delegation of the SWP and YSA to the World Congress of the RYI in Barcelona; to present a common slate on the basis of a proletarian platform in the '76 elections to rally support for this cause -- with the statement that it will have to be taken up by the National Committee of the SWP. They tried to convince us that the SWP was indeed taking up this struggle. They pointed to the LC, the SWP's counterpart in Spain. They went to the "Bill of Rights for Working People" to find even a statement in support of the Portuguese or Spanish workers struggles but couldn't find anything and were somewhat miffed, and then finally offered as evidence the fact that Peter Camejo talked more about this than anything else the last time he was in Cleveland.

They obviously joined the SWP thinking they were joining the Fourth

International, the world party of the socialist revolution.

This certainly can't be said for all of them. "Barcelona? That's dangerous! You ought to be in Springfield!" -- marching behind the imperialist Democratic Party politicians and middle-class feminists to pass the so-called Equal Rights Amendment -- said one old member of the SWP. Another member, in attempting to demonstrate why the "Bill of Rights for Working People" was a proletarian platform, proudly defending this policy of the isolation of the US working class and its subordination to the Democratic Party: "That's right! We call for a Labor Party! A National Party! An American party to deal with American workers problems!"

These people were obviously not looking for the US Section of the World Party of the Socialist Revolution when they joined the SWP.

Workingclass militants of the SWP and YSA! Youth! Your place is in Barcelona, at the side of the Spanish sections of the Fourth International and the Revolutionary Youth International! Organize your delegations! Build a proletarian faction in the SWP and YSA to wage the fight to the finish against its middleclass leadership.

FREE MOUSTAFA DJEMILEV!

DETROIT, MAY 12th -- On Wednesday a rally was held by the Trotskyist Organization at the gates of Ford Rouge to win the young workers to the fight to free communists imprisoned in the jails of the bureaucrats in the USSR and Eastern Europe. Many Rouge workers showed a great deal of interest in the rally and several attended. The speaker read greetings signed by 5 Chicago Ford Torrence workers who had held meetings in support of the founding of the US Workers Committee.

The International Workers Committee has shown the way forward for US workers to develop this campaign and found the US section of the committee. It will put out a Bulletin of Information on the conditions of the prisoners and the repression, on the progress of the committee in this struggle, and the proposals to advance the mobilization further on an international scale. The Committee at its founding meeting on May 2 in Paris decided to focus its struggle on freeing Moustafa Djemilev as the first stage in freeing all the political prisoners.

Moustafa Djemilev is a young militant in the Soviet Union who has waged a tireless campaign for the return of the Crimean Tartars to their country from which they were brutally exiled by Stalin in 1944. He was condemned by a Stalinist tribunal to serve two years at hard labor in Omsk, Siberia. Djemilev has been on a hunger strike of 10 months, which makes the Stalinist condemnation equal to a sentence to death. Young workers of Rouge and Torrence, militants from all organizations, must hold meetings and circulate petitions demanding to know the conditions of Djemilev, his "trial" and demanding his freedom!

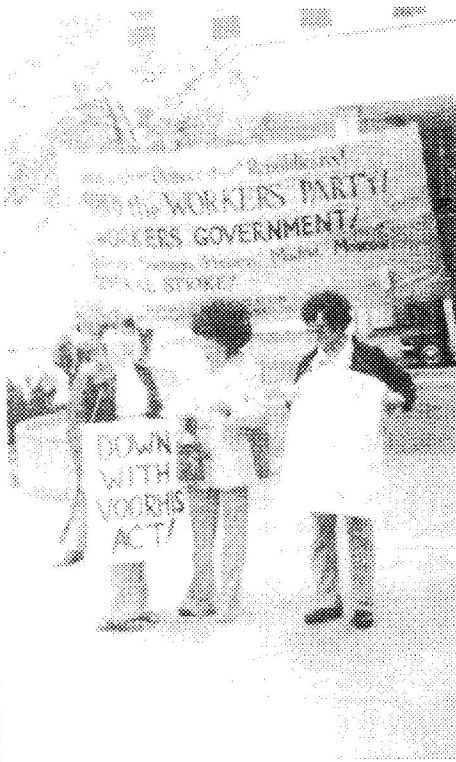
Young workers at Rouge and Torrence must go further in gathering support for the campaign to free all the political prisoners, especially the communist and socialist militants, in particular to win the support of the members of Local #600, largest local union in the world. It is this kind of action that the Stalinist bureaucracy fears and that forced it to free Plyusch. This is a critical means through which to fight against the policy of the US "Communist Party", servant to the Kremlin, in their support to the parties of the imperialists, the Democrats and Republicans. The Soviet Embassy in the US has been seeking to support Carter against Jackson and Ford who are less favorable to detente and "peaceful co-existence". Before this the Stalinists supported Kennedy over Nixon and demonstrated this support by suppressing the "U-2" incident and later Nixon over Mc Govern. The Stalinists claim to be a part of the workers movement -- workers must make them account for their crimes!

The repression in Eastern Europe and the USSR must be ended, US workers fighting against repression in the heart of Imperialism have an important stake in the struggle to free these militants. A press conference will be held at the gates of Ford Rouge on May 24 to publicize the support of US workers to free the political prisoners. Give generously to send a delegate from the US to the meeting of the International Workers Committee on June 11. Forward to the founding of the US Committee for the Immediate Freedom of the Political Prisoners in Eastern Europe and the USSR! May 30 -- Sunday -- Clark YMCA, 1601 Clark, Detroit -- 3:00 PM.

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May Day -- Detroit, USA

CAMPAIGN: SUPPORT THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

The results from last week showed some improvement, but not enough. There remains a lot of catching up to do because the planned days for buying subscriptions to THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL were postponed in order to build the mobilization for the Congress of the RWY. Rouge exceeded its goal for sales of TRUTH -- 44 copies were sold and one Rouge worker, Ron W. bought a \$2 subscription to TRUTH and THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL. A worker in Specialty Foundry at Rouge, Bill, took TRUTH into his department and reported to us "that they were all sold in a few minutes." Bundles of TRUTH and THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL were also distributed at Ford Torrence.

We need information from the workers at Rouge and Torrence about their response to our journals and especially what the difficulties are in selling THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and getting subscriptions. All the workers who have been present at our rallies in Chicago and Detroit in the last two weeks must now know that it is THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL which strikes a deadly blow against the fascist dictatorship in Spain, against Stalinist repression in Eastern Europe and the USSR and against Woodcock and Co. Save your \$2 today to buy a subscription to THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL on Thursday -- it is not just another "paper" to read, but your weapon for struggle!

The GOAL for this week remains \$140 at Rouge: 35 TRUTH, 50 distributed, 25 FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, 25 \$2 SUBSCRIPTIONS, 5 \$6 subs. At Torrence: 10 TRUTH, 30 distributed, 10 FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, 10 \$2 subs, 5 \$6 subs. BRING YOUR \$2 to GATE #4, ROUGE, ON THURSDAY, TORRENCE AVE, GATE ON THURSDAY AT FORD TORRENCE.

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a strike, " or the others who organize the workers to pressure the bureaucrats to call a strike, claiming nothing else can be done.

The young workers who have already joined the struggle of the TO/USSFI to build the party to lead the working class to victory against the bureaucrats think differently. Join them. Comrades of the RWY -- circulate this article. Bring together all your comrades to prepare these meetings in the plant. Young workers -- circulate this article. Organize yourselves in circles to carry forward this fight. Send reports to TRUTH. All out May 19th! --MG

Stop all orders to the fascist king! Unite in defense of the Portuguese and Spanish revolutions!

By JON COHEN

Detroit, May 17th -- For the last several months the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth have been fighting to organize a campaign among the US working class for the defense of the Spanish and Portuguese revolutions -- for the organization of committees in the factories and the docks in the US to stop all orders to the fascist monarchy. Rallies have been held at Ford River Rouge in Detroit and Ford Torrence in Chicago for this purpose and plans to organize boycott committees have been made. Over 80 young auto workers in the US have signed a statement of support to the struggles of the Spanish workers. The young workers in the US in the bastions of the US proletariat are beginning to understand what is at stake in the Spanish and Portuguese revolutions -- what the US bourgeoisie, the trade union bureaucrats, the Stalinist and centrists all seek to hide from them.

The workers in Spain and Portugal are fighting to unleash the revolutions in their countries -- to overthrow the fascist monarchy in Spain, to finish with the rule of the bourgeoisie in Portugal which operates under the cover of the "Sixth Government." They are part of the struggle that is taking place throughout Europe today to unleash the European revolution, to begin the fight for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.

The massive strike wave of the Spanish workers since last January, the occupation of the offices of the fascist trade unions, the election of mass strike committees and general assemblies of the workers, the formation of defense guards, the massive street demonstrations with barricades -- prove that the struggle of the Spanish workers is not just a struggle for "trade union rights" as the Stalinists and centrists claim, but the struggle of the Spanish workers for their own government. The strike wave in Portugal, which took place during the recent election campaign, proved as well that the Portuguese workers are struggling to unleash their revolution -- in opposition to all the reformist illusions which the Socialist and Communist Party leaderships sought to tie the workers up with.

But along with the preparation of the revolution by the Spanish and Portuguese workers, and the fight of the parties of the Fourth International -- the POR of Spain and the LOR of Portugal to lead this revolution comes the danger as well -- THE PREPARATION OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTION. And this represents the greatest crime of the Stalinist and centrist misleaders of the workers -- in Spain and Portugal, and in the US -- that behind their "plata juntas" and "democratic

coordinations," behind their talk of "trade union struggles," "CP/SP Government," "anti-monopoly peoples coalitions," and "Bill of Rights for Working People" -- they seek to hide this danger from the world working class and thereby openly or covertly cover for the imperialists who are today preparing the counterrevolution against the working class.

In Portugal, NATO and the CIA openly support the Socialist Party of Soares, while the fascist Spinoza is waiting in the wings, gathering arms and money to prepare a bloody coup. In Spain, while the Communist Party organizes its "common calendar" with King Juan Carlos for "peaceful change," the King is traveling to the United States to sign a military agreement of \$63 million dollars -- showing what Juan Carlos and Ford-Rockefeller think about "peaceful change." In the US, the trade union bureaucrats hide the counterrevolutionary role of Ford-Rockefeller from the US workers by blaming the unemployment in auto in the US on the Spanish workers and by organizing a "boycott" of goods produced by Spanish workers. The US Socialist Workers party remains totally silent about the situation of the Spanish workers, while pleading with the Ford-Rockefeller criminals to send federal troops to Boston to "protect" black children and claims that US workers don't want their revolution as well and instead want another "Bill of Rights."

Workers in the US must fight to unmask and denounce these leaders who are hiding both the dangers and the possibilities that are in front of the workers. Against all the bloody plans of Juan Carlos and Ford-Rockefeller the US workers must say NO -- not one piece of military goods to the fascist dictatorship which will use these guns and tanks against the Spanish workers and peasants. While the Spanish workers and its party, the PARTIDO OBRERO REVOLUCIONARIO, is preparing the general strike to overthrow the dictatorship, US workers must say "NO!" -- not one shipment of parts or goods, especially auto, steel, and rubber to the Spanish bosses who are trying to break the strikes of the Spanish workers.

Organize committees to stop all orders to fascist Spain in every factory, in every department. Build the meetings at Rouge and Torrence on Wednesday, May 26th to organize this campaign and join the delegations of auto workers to dockworkers in Chicago and Detroit. Plan to set the date of JUNE 1, the day of Juan Carlos' visit to the US to collect his \$63 million as the day to begin insuring that he never sees a piece of the military goods he hopes to get.

Calendar for Struggle

Tuesday, May 18th -- Meetings of the Circles of the RWY after 2nd shift.
Wednesday, May 19th -- Meetings in Rouge and Torrence during 2nd shift to organize the campaign for a sliding scale of wages and working hours. Special meeting of the National Committee of the RWY after 2nd shift.
Thursday, May 20th -- Collection of funds for the delegation of the RWY to the World Congress in Barcelona and for subscriptions to FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH.
Friday, May 21st -- Delegations of the RWY and the TO/USSFI to Brook Park and the branches of the SWP and YSA in Cleveland
Saturday, May 22nd -- Campaign amongst Latin youth and workers to raise support for the delegation to the youth and workers in Mexico City.
Sunday, May 23rd -- Picnic of the RWY, National Committee meeting of the RWY, Apt C-3, 2123 Hubbard, 832-0315.
Monday, May 24th -- Press Conference of the TO and RWY at Rouge in Detroit to announce the fight of the International Workers Committee for the Liberation of all political prisoners in the USSR and Eastern Europe. 2:45 PM.
Tuesday, May 25th -- Meetings of the Circles of the RWY after 2nd shift.
Wednesday, May 26th -- Organization of the committees to stop all orders to fascist Spain in Rouge and Torrence, delegations to dockworkers in Detroit and Chicago.
Thursday, May 27th -- Rally at Rouge and Torrence to send off RWY delegation to Barcelona.
Friday, May 28th -- collection of funds for subscriptions to FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH; delegations to Brook Park and the branches of the SWP and YSA in Cleveland.
Saturday, May 29th -- Campaign amongst Latin youth and workers to raise support for the delegation to the youth and workers of Mexico City.
Sunday, May 30th -- Meeting to found the US Workers Committee to Free the Political Prisoners in the USSR and Eastern Europe, RWY NC meeting, Detroit.
Tuesday, June 1 -- beginning of the boycott by US workers to stop all orders to fascist Spain!

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