



ON THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## Fight for a Workers Government! Down with Ford & Carter!

### Join the Revolutionary Youth International!

#### Report on the World Congress of the RYI held in Barcelona, Spain

By Ann Nelson

A few weeks ago 10,000 students in New York protested against the closing of CUNY. The rubber workers betrayed by their union leaders, continue their strike. While Woodcock accepts positions on the Board of Directors of Chrysler, and in the US Government Cabinet, auto workers are beginning sporadic walk-outs and show less confidence in their "leaders". In the "bicentennial year", the Congress works to pass the most extensive legislation against the rights of the working class, the S-1 Bill. In spite of all the campaign promises of Carter and Ford, prices are rising, the unemployment, the lay offs, the school cut backs continue. The only road for the working class, particularly its youth, is the struggle for the Workers Government.

This is the fight that was taken up by the First Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International, held a few weeks ago in Barcelona, Spain. It is the demand, Workers Government, building the party of the working class necessary to lead the fight, against the international plot of the bourgeoisie, headed up by the US Government, treacherously supported by the Kremlin Apparatus and its Communist Parties, that links the struggles of the working class throughout the world. From the huge demonstrations of the Polish workers against the price increases, against the CP which has betrayed the workers revolution in the name of socialism, to the miners in Bolivia and the black youth taking to the streets in South Africa, their struggle must be one for their own government.

Delegates at the Barcelona Congress from Eastern Europe, France, the USA, Sweden and Spain, affirmed that it is the youth who will give life to the struggle to build the international leadership of the working class, and to go forward to mobilize the young workers massively for the World Workers Conference, at the end of July, called by the Fourth International for the UNITED SOCIALIST STATES OF EUROPE.

In the United States, the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary

Worker Youth fought to engage young auto workers and militants of the SWP/YSA in the mobilization to send a delegation of the RWY to the First Congress of the RYI. At Rouge, in Detroit, signatures and money were given to send the delegation, in the mobilization, when members of the TO were attacked by Rouge Guards and arrested for selling the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, workers at Rouge came to the defense of the TO militants. In Chicago, at Ford Torrence, members of the TO led a fight to organize workers after a walkout of one of the departments, which resulted in the TO member receiving 35 votes in a union election.

The significance of the fight in the US, and of the sending of the RWY delegation to the First Congress of the RYI, is that it is a fight for leadership, that the young workers at Rouge and Torrence took up the struggle against the old leaders and in the building of the party of the working class independent of the bourgeoisie.

On the basis of the holding of the First Congress, and the decisions it took, the young workers in the US can develop their plans to continue more resolutely the fight which has already been begun. To engage the young workers and students in the mobilization for the World Workers Conference. To build and support the International leadership of the RYI, elected at the Congress, which has developed now to include young workers from Spain. To correspond, read and distribute INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD, the weapon of the youth in the fight to build the World Party. To build and support the US Committee Against Repression in Eastern Europe and the USSR, for the youth to impulse the work of the International Committee which engages all the workers in the fight against the repression which takes place in the name of communism.

In the United States, the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth have begun a campaign for the presidency in the '76 elections against the Democrats and Republicans to differentiate the leadership of the working class on a workers platform, for a Workers Government, against the Stalinists of the CP/USA and their candidates Hall and Tyner, against the

centrists, particularly the Socialist Workers Party and their candidates Camejo and Reed. It is only the workers and youth, joining and building the TO and the RWY that can build this campaign, rebuild the US Section of the Fourth International, and defeat those who in the name of our party try to take a position half way between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie. A goal of this campaign is to insure a delegation of young workers and militants of the SWP/YSA to the World Workers Conference. VOTE FOR BARBARA PUTNAM FOR PRESIDENT! FRED VITALE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT!

On the platform:

1- Down with the candidates of the Bourgeoisie, FORD and CARTER! Workers Government! United Socialist States of Europe! United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas!

2- Open the Trade Unions to the most Oppressed, Blacks, Chicanos, Women, and Youth!

3- Complete independence of the Trade Unions! No Government Interference or Ties! One Central Trade Union Throughout the Country!

4- Sliding Scale of Working Hours and Wages! Against the unemployment and high prices!

5- Defense of the Rights of the Working Class! Down with the S-1 Bill! Down with the Voorhis Act!

6- Stop All Orders to Fascist Spain! No Support to the Fascist and Military Regimes in Latin America!

7- Defend the struggles of our fellow Workers in the USSR and Eastern Europe! Free all the Political Prisoners!

This is the platform that meets the true needs of the working class and the youth. Against the Stalinists, Hall and Tyner, who campaign on the platform "Put two workers in the Whitehouse". This is treachery which denies that the necessary fight is the workers own struggle for power. Gus Hall the CP candidate for President suggests:

"Why not close a military base in South Korea to open the college doors in the South Bronx?" All this to sound as militant as possible before the young workers in order to deny the necessity of a Workers Government.

The policy of the Socialist Workers Party is not qualitatively different when they campaign for a "Bill of Rights for Working People" and for the Third American Revolution, again to deny the necessity for a new government, and create the illusion that the Imperialists can be reformed.

Against the SWP, whose leader in the US, Barnes, thinks it is possible for the Communist Parties and the Social Democrats to "embolden the workers" and "raise the expectations of the masses too much", the TO and the RWY affirm that it is only the workers, most importantly the youth, who can end the repression and the growing misery of the life of the working class. The election campaign of the TO, in which the RWY must run its own delegates for the Congressional Districts that cover River Rouge and Ford Torrence in Chicago, is a campaign that can only be waged by the young workers. In the fight for the Workers Government, in every struggle of the workers, it is the very existence of the working class itself that is at stake. Against all those who say the election laws are too tough, the capitalists are too strong, the treacherous leaders too sneaky, the Fourth International is dead, the TO, the RWY say NO! The Fourth International exists, it fights for the leadership of the working class, no election laws can stop us, nor the agents of Stalinism and Imperialism!

On the basis of the fight that has already begun in the US, the TO and the RWY call on all workers, workers at Rouge, at Torrence, militants of the SWP, to join the fight, build the Revolutionary Youth International, to support the TO candidates for President and Vice-President. For a Workers Government! The TO and the RWY call on all young workers to run their own candidates, and attend the meeting, on JULY 4th, 7pm, TO Headquarters in Detroit, which will explain the workers platform and map out the campaign!

## Unite the Workers of North and South America!

### For a UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC of the AMERICAS!

By Jon Cohen

A new offensive of the working and oppressed masses of South America is being prepared today. After the defeats of the working class in South America in the last years -- the fascist and bloody military coups in Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia, the "progressive" military junta in Peru, a new offensive of the working class is being announced throughout South America. This is expressed above all by the deepening of the offensive of the Bolivian workers, led by the miners of Bolivia and supported by the peasants and the students in the cities in a series of political strikes against the bloody Banzer regime. In Peru as well, the workers have led a series of confrontations through strikes and mass mobilizations against its so-called "progressive" regime, which is openly supported by Castro and the Kremlin against the

working masses. In Argentina, the workers have continued their strikes against the Videla regime despite the repression and the attacks on the organizations of the workers. In Chile, the Pinochet regime is in full crisis, expressed openly at the last meeting of the Organization of American States (OAS). This offensive is being joined by the growing mobilization of the US working class.

The Fourth International states that the essential condition for a revolutionary turn in South America which is being prepared today through the offensive of the working masses is the forging of a new leadership for the working class through the definition of a clear revolutionary program that can mobilize the working masses and oppressed in a revolutionary struggle for power against all the treacherous leaderships of the workers movement whose betrayals led to the fascist and military coups. And this fight must

be linked to the revolutionary unification of the workers of the Two Americas -- North and South, to bring the decisive aid of the US proletariat to the struggles throughout South America.

Understanding what is at stake in the struggles of the workers in South America is crucial for US workers because the revolutionary unification of the workers of the Two Americas is an essential task for the US workers and its party. The fight of the US workers against the Ford regime and the plans of Carter is linked to the fight against the international counterrevolutionary plots of imperialism. In order to attack the US workers at home the US bourgeoisie must attempt to isolate the US workers at home the US bourgeoisie must attempt to isolate the US workers and block a fight through the Americas against US imperialism.

This is the meaning of Kissinger's

latest trip to the OAS meeting in South America which attempted to give the aid of US imperialism to the reactionary regimes -- Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, Argentina, etc. which are currently in deep crisis. Kissinger's "reproach" of the Pinochet regime in Chile for its "violation of democratic rights" was only a cynical maneuver to hide from the US workers the real role US imperialism plays in South America -- the attempt to crush the South American working class.

Not only are the struggles of the US workers and Latin American workers linked in a common struggle against US imperialism but the lessons to be drawn from the struggles of the workers in South America in the last years are essential ones in order to arm the US workers for its revolutionary tasks and the construction of its party. In last week's TRUTH we drew the essential lesson that the counterrevolutionary plot of US imperialism does not consist of repression and aid to reaction-

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ary regimes alone. It must also maintain its support through the open collaboration of the treacherous leaderships of the working class -- the Stalinist apparatus, the Social Democrats, the trade union bureaucracy and the cover of the centrists who seek to maintain the illusion among the working class that although there is a "bad" side to US imperialism, there is a "democratic" bourgeoisie that can correct this and that the capitalist state can be reformed. In the United States this policy leads these leaderships to practice open or hidden support for the Democratic Party, in order to block the US workers from their fight for a revolutionary party.

In South America the Stalinists play the same role and the centrists cover up for it. This policy gave time for the fascists and the military to prepare their bloody coups. In Chile, the "democratic" Allende regime, supported by the Stalinists and centrists refused to give the Chilean workers the arms they demanded to fight the fascists. The same with the "democratic" Torres regime in Bolivia and likewise with "liberal" Peronism in Argentina. And the Stalinists are continuing this same policy today -- "appealing" to the military junta in Argentina to have "concern for human rights" and telling the workers in Peru to "have faith" in the so-called "progressive" military junta which jails revolutionary militants and suppresses democratic rights. The fight against this policy of class collaboration remains the essential task before the workers in South America in the construction of their party and is the axis as well of the fight in the US to rebuild the US Section of the Fourth International. And it is a very immediate question in the US today. Woodcock, the President of the UAW has "declined" nominations as Vice President on a slate with Carter but stated he is willing to accept a post in the Carter Cabinet. What else can this mean but a blow against the independent organization of the workers, above all a blow against the auto strike this fall? And how else can the US workers fight this except through the fight to construct their own revolutionary party against the Democrats and Republicans?

Militants of the SWP/YSA -- Why, in a recent central report by Jack Barnes, entitled "The Decline of US Power and the Crisis of World Stalinism", is there NOT ONE WORD about the struggles of the workers in Latin America, about Castroism? The report itself, by its silence, is an affirmation of the leadership of the SWP/YSA policy of national isolation of the US proletariat. Why the silence? Because, the leadership of the SWP/YSA must cover up before its own militants and the US workers the treacherous role that it has played and continues to play in South America. "The Crisis of World Stalinism" but NOT A WORD about about the policy of the Hansen-Barnes leadership in Argentina, where the PST, the party it supports, openly practiced class collaboration with the Peron regime,

supporting its so-called "democratic institutionalization" against the arming of the Argentinian workers against the AAA (fascist police organization) the "murder squads". A policy which led to the slaughter of its own militants.

Hansen-Barnes are silent because they are continuing this policy today. This is the meaning of the international bloc being organized today by Hansen, Lambert of the French OCI, whose organization in Argentina, Política Obrero played the same class-collaborationist role, and Lora of the Bolivian POR, who supported the Popular Front of Torres against the militants of South and North America who are drawing a balance sheet of the Stalinist class collaboration. The "anti-imperialist peoples conference," under the slogan, "Socialist United States of Latin America" they are now organizing is a continuation of this policy and is directed first and foremost against our party, the Fourth International, and against the revolutionary unification of the Workers of the Two Americas. The slogan itself leaves the crucial importance of the US working class for the fate of the revolution throughout the Americas.

This is the purpose of the Conference of the Two Americas organized by the Fourth International for the SOCIALIST UNITED REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS, to set before the working class throughout the Americas the revolutionary tasks before it in the construction of the world party which passes through this fight to destroy these centrist leaderships who use the banner of the Fourth International to confuse and disarm the workers in the face of Stalinism. We propose to make this fight the center of our fight in the United States to prepare the Barcelona World Workers Conference in July for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, to win workers delegates and delegates from the SWP/YSA to this Conference. In this framework, the Secretariat of the TO/US proposes a NATIONAL CONFERENCE of the Trotskyist Organization in Detroit on July 10-11 open to all militants of the working class and militants of the SWP/YSA and other organizations who want to join with us in the preparation of the Conference of the Two Americas and the Barcelona World Workers Conference. We believe that it is on the basis of the fight to define the policy of the Fourth International throughout the Americas we can advance in the clarification of the fundamental tasks before the US working class. In order to allow more time to deepen this mobilization we propose postponing the Congress of the TO--Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International in the face of all other leaderships who claim to represent the working class.

FORWARD TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE TWO AMERICAS!  
FORWARD IN THE REBUILDING OF THE US SECTION OF THE FI--ALL OUT FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION--July 10-11

## Statement on Slanders of Spartacist League

In the June 11th issue of WORKERS VANGUARD, the newspaper of the American Spartacist League, the leadership of the Spartacist League, a centrist organization who claims that the Fourth International is "dead", continues its policy of slanders against the Fourth International under an Editorial entitled "Vargaite Bedlam".

Slanders are nothing new for the Spartacist League, in fact the leadership of the Spartacist League has proven itself totally unable to respond in any other fashion to the fight of the Fourth International and particularly since the founding of the Trotskyist Organization. But these slanders have now taken a new turn, a turn that expresses the crisis of all the centrist organizations in the US and around the world who fraudulently claim the banner of Trotskyism. These latest slanders are a conscious attempt by the leadership of the Spartacist League to block their own militants and the working class in the US in the face of the concrete struggle of the Fourth International to prepare the revolution -- in Spain and in the United States.

First of all, in the same issue of WORKERS VANGUARD, appears an article calling for the defense of the political prisoners in Spain, above all the militants of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario the Spanish Section of the Fourth International -- and lists our militants by name and quotes from our leaflet calling for their defense. In fact, as the Editorial and the article try to hide, these attacks on the militants of the PORE are nothing new. We

WE HAVE OPENLY CALLED FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THE PORE since last May and to this date, every organization in the US has remained silent on this question, including the Spartacist League.

In fact, it has only been the pressure of the militants of the Spartacist League and the workers in the US, above all at Rouge that has forced the leadership of the Spartacist League to abandon its silence on the party of the Fourth International in Spain. And it is above all the place of the PORE in the Spanish revolution which is being prepared that has forced this leadership to abandon its silence and at the same time to cynically attack the PORE and the Spanish revolution.

The leadership of the SL takes up the slanders of the Stalinists and the Social Democrats who say that the repression of the fascist regime is brought about through the fight of revolutionaries to unleash the revolution. Not the fascists and the class collaborationist role of the Stalinists are responsible for the repression -- BUT THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL! Thus, the SL can say, "The Varga sect's trumpeting calls for international gatherings in Barcelona did not bring down the walls of the Francoist dictatorship. Instead it is the militants of the PORE who will suffer the disastrous reverberations." Once again, it is the revolutionaries in Spain who are responsible for the repression, if only the revolutionaries would remain in clandestinity as the Francoist dictatorship is fighting for, nothing will happen. Indeed, "noth-

## 35 votes for the platform and candidate of the TO in UAW local 551

### Road Forward for Workers in Auto

By Fred Vitale

The candidate of the TO/RWY for president of Local 551, Fred Vitale, received 35 votes by mobilizing the workers for a platform of class independence against the policy of collaboration of the bureaucracy with the state and those who stand behind it -- the capitalist class. These votes reflect the deep unrest in the American working class and the turning towards the only party fighting for the independence of the workers -- the Fourth International.

The hand picked man of the Woodcock regime, Byron Cooper, got 1470 votes, less than 50% of the workers voting. This is the lowest turnout for an election at Torrence in the past four years. By voting with their feet the workers expressed their discontent with the bureaucracy but did not yet see the alternative presented by the TO/RWY.

The program of the TO stood for workers control of production by factory committees, for one central union uniting all the workers, a sliding scale of working hours and wages to divide up all the available work among all the workers with no loss in pay, to stop all support to the Democrats and Republicans for the complete independence of the unions from the state, for full union democracy, and on this platform for the youth to take the leadership of the unions and drive out the bureaucrats.

This platform is the only one that can win the independence of the working class and its unions, first and foremost from the capitalist state. Tying the unions to the state by supporting the Democrats and Republicans, the bureaucracy allows the attack on the workers to go unchecked, occasionally begging these "friends of labor" to not cut back the social services so much, to give out a few more crumbs from the capitalist banquet.

By tying the unions to the state, the bureaucracy reinforces the illusion among the workers that the liberal wing of the ruling class will be able to "reform" the state and thus save the workers. At the same time, they transform the unions into virtual jails designed to contain the workers suppressing their fight. During the elections at Torrence, the bureaucrats threatened to attack workers at a rally for the platform of the TO/RWY, backing off when it was clear that such a confrontation of the workers could only build support for the can-

didate of the TO/RWY.

The Stalinist apparatus, the CP-USA support the bureaucrats giving backhanded support to the Democratic Party (Black Congressional Caucus in particular) urging the workers to support the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill against unemployment, in the UAW they support a loyal "opposition caucus", not denouncing these bureaucrats before the workers, the need to drive them out of the unions, criticizing their support to the capitalist candidate Carter and raising "good ideas" 30 hours work with no loss in pay -- for the contract -- as if the workers must wait until contract time to press the fight forward for their demands. Most recently, they applauded Woodcock's proposal to loan money to the striking rubber workers, rather than denouncing him for refusing to give the real aid the rubber workers need -- the strike of auto.

And there are the organizations, claiming the banner of the Fourth International, first and foremost the Socialist Workers Party who reinforce the illusions of the workers in "peaceful change" through their election campaign and by focussing the attention of the workers on the contract negotiations and the union elections in Steel of the left-bureaucrats around Sadlowski.

The independence of the working class and its unions can only be maintained under the leadership of the world party of the working class -- the Fourth International. The Revolutionary Youth International is the only youth organization which fights for the program of the Fourth International and builds it.

At Torrence and at the Ford Rouge plant, meetings of workers to take up the platform, organizing themselves independently, have taken place. It is necessary to deepen this mobilization, holding meetings in each department to fight to recall the bureaucrats and for the young workers to take the leadership.

These meetings must organize the circles of the young workers, especially the new hires, of the RWY in order to be organized independently to wage the fight in the unions and through the whole society, against the capitalists and all the misleaders of the working class. Building the RWY and its leadership is the only way to continue the fight to drive the bureaucrats out of the unions, for the platform of the TO/RWY!

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Barcelona, Spain... this July!

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TELL THE TRUTH TO THE WORKING CLASS

On April 16th, Hawkins, a member of the leadership of the SWP after a public meeting of the SWP in which the militants of the TO/USSFI had intervened, said, in the presence of a number of militants that the so-called objective commission of inquiry into the slanders of the FI, organized in fact by the centrists against the FI, "had the goods on Varga (leader of the FI and the Hungarian revolution in '56), that he was a police agent, that it would be announced in a few days," after which he threatened violence.

The International Workers Commission of Inquiry into the slanders of the FI open to all the youth, workers, and militants who were present to come forward to testify in the affair, to send

ing will happen", especially the Spanish revolution. What remains hidden and this is the real significance of this cynical attack, is that today, in front of the working class at Rouge, the Spartacist League has attacked the militants of the Trotskyist Organization, who have been arrested by the Dearborn and Ford police for their fight for the Fourth International, as "provocateurs" and for "setting up the workers".

Why? Because the Trotskyist Organization has been pursuing the same policy as the PORE in Spain, saying openly to the workers that the only defense against the repression of Ford Motor Company is through the mass, independent mobilization of the workers against the attacks, through the fight to openly distribute communist literature in the factories and to mass-ively defend militants who face repression, and not through "test cases" through the bourgeois courts and the

their statements to the IWC of I for publication in its White Paper summarize the conclusions of its investigation into these slanders.

In France militants of the SWP claimed that the leadership of the SWP in the US repudiated these statements made by Hawkins criticized him for making them. If that is indeed the case, none but a small circle has been made aware of it. Working class militants of the SWP and YSA, you know the TRUTH. It is necessary to tell it to the whole working class. Send your statements to:  
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75462 Paris, Cedex 10, France  
Demand of the leadership of the SWP that it print a public statement!

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NLRB as the Spartacist League proposes. And not to capitulate to the Stalinists and the trade union bureaucrats who wish the workers to remain silent.

We will return in a later issue of TRUTH towards deepening the capitulationist policy of the SL leadership in front of Rouge and especially their role as cover for the leadership of the SWP who follows the same policy. Immediately, we say to the militants of the Spartacist League who truly want to defend the militants of the PORE, which are only words for their leadership -- Defend the PORE through the mobilization of the US workers to defend the Spanish revolution -- do not hide what is at stake for the US workers in the fight against repression in the US and part of the worldwide struggle of the working class against counterrevolutionary plots of imperialism and Stalinism.