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Statement of Barbara Putnam and Fred Vitale, candidates of the Trotskyist Organization for President and Vice-President of the US

VOTE AGAINST FORD AND CARTERS PLANS TO ISOLATE THE WORKERS OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA!

Stop All Aid To The Military Regime In Argentina!



RALLY FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE IN NEW YORK CITY

When Ford and Carter debate "national defense" this week, they will not be talking about what workers and youth in the US think of when they think of "defense" -- the right of the workers and oppressed throughout the world to live in a society free of threats of war and extermination. For Ford and Carter and the US bourgeoisie, "national defense" means only one thing -- the defense of capitalism's "right" to continue to brutalize and exploit the working and oppressed of the world through the most vicious military apparatus known in human history, including the ever-present threat of the annihilation of the entire human race.

The working class in the US has nothing in common with this "national defense" -- its only defense is the united struggle of the working class and oppressed throughout the world to wrest control of this repressive apparatus from the hands of these capitalist murderers, aided by the international apparatus of the Kremlin. The Fourth International in the US and throughout the world stands in total opposition to the "national defense" of the imperialists which has as its only intention the slaughter of the working and oppressed masses throughout the world.

The working class and its youth must fight in these elections to make the struggle against the counterrevolutionary plots of Ford and Carter an international struggle. The working class in the US has nothing in common with the Pentagon of the capitalists. It has everything in common with the working class and oppressed throughout the world who are struggling against US imperialism. Our job is not to "cut the military budget" as the Stalinists and the centrist leadership of the US SWP propose, but to TOTALLY dismantle the repressive apparatus of the capitalist state and to establish the rule of the working class -- a WORKERS GOVERNMENT -- in its place.

The struggle against the "national defense" of the capitalists and those in the working class movement who propose only reform against it, is especially important in relation to the unity of the US workers with their brothers and sisters in Latin America. It is no accident that the "next-door neighbors" of the US capitalists --

the Pinochets, Videlas, Duvaliers, etc., all with the tacit support of Castro -- represent the most repressive anti-working class regimes in the world. The arrests, tortures, assassinations of workingclass militants in Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay (where Amnesty International reports that one out of every 500 are in jail) are directly supported and aided by the US imperialists. It is no accident that the day Kissinger left Bolivia, the government declared a state of martial law, occupied all the mines and arrested thousands of workers and peasants -- with US military aid. It is no accident that Castro of Cuba has recently renewed his efforts for "friendlier relations" with the US, in order to strengthen his grip on the working class in Cuba.

The US bourgeoisie must pursue this reactionary policy in South and Latin America for one purpose alone -- to crush the revolutionary mobilization of the workers and oppressed in Latin America and to divide the US working class from its brothers and sisters. The powerful mobilization of the workers in Europe -- in Spain, Portugal, and France has pressed with urgency the necessity for the US bourgeoisie to crush the working class in this hemisphere, to prevent it from joining with the struggles in Europe.

While it is to be expected that Ford and Carter will remain silent about their plot against the working class, it is also not surprising that the campaign of the SWP, which falsely claims the banner of the Fourth International in the US, says nothing as well about the plot to divide the workers of the 2

Americas. READ the "Bill of 8 New Rights Necessary to Protect Working People" of the SWP leadership -- it is written totally in the framework of the United States -- THERE IS NOT A SINGLE DEMAND to fight US imperialism around the world, NOT A SINGLE DEMAND to indicate that the US working class has anything in common with the workers and oppressed anywhere in the world. Nothing more clearly shows their abandonment of any pretense to proletarian internationalism than the national, chauvinistic character of their campaign which totally reinforces the attempt of Ford and Carter to divide the working class of the two Americas.

Their protests to the United Nations to the US Congress, about the imprisonment of revolutionaries in Latin America cannot cover up their real policy toward the working class in North and South America. It is a policy of refusal to openly fight US imperialism, which tells the workers in the US that there is a "national" solution to their problems -- amendments to the US constitution, a "labor party" based on reform -- and tells the workers in Latin America that there is a "national" solution to their problems as well -- the Perons, the Allendes who paved the way for fascism in Chile and Argentina and the Stalinists -- Castro who jails and attacks revolutionaries in Cuba and betrays the struggles of the advanced workers throughout the continent.

In our opposition to any form of "national defense," even the more "subtle" form of national isolation of the SWP leadership, the Fourth International and its candidates in the US fight for the unity of the working class

of the two Americas in the United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas. This is the only answer to "national defense" throughout the Americas, the only way to prepare the socialist revolution in both continents as part of the preparation of the world revolution.

This is not an abstract struggle. The US working class can concretize this struggle in these elections through a campaign to aid the struggle of the Argentine workers who have already responded massively with their latest auto strike to the repressive Videla regime. Not a liberal protest to the same Congressmen who give the military aid to this regime, but a massive boycott campaign of all orders to the Videla regime, to stop all military and financial aid of US imperialism to this bloody regime. A mobilization of the US working class is necessary to make this struggle for unity a real one. Already workers in atuo in Detroit have joined this campaign as part of the fight of the TO and RWY against Ford and Carter's plans in these elections. Join and Build this fight -- make the fight for the UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS a living part of this election campaign -- against all proponents of "national defense" in whatever form.

WRITE IN PUTNAM AND VITALE IN '76 -- VOTE FOR THE UNITY OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN WORKING CLASS. HELP BUILD THE CONFERENCE OF THE TWO AMERICAS CALLED BY THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL THIS NOVEMBER.

Detroit, October 4, 1976.

REJECT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FORD AND WOODCOCK AGAINST THE AUTO WORKERS!

By Margaret Guttshall
Detroit, October 4 -- Two weeks after the termination of the Argentine auto-workers strike, two weeks before the Canadian workers strike, and four weeks before the US presidential elections, Woodcock has come up with an agreement with Ford Motor Company that he thinks he can shove down the throats of the workers who have been fighting on the picket lines to shutdown Ford to win their demands.

This "tentative agreement" is the concrete expression of the collaboration between Jimmy Carter, candidate of the Democratic Party and Henry Ford, head of one of the most powerful corporations in the world, on the one hand, and Leonard Woodcock, head of the UAW bureaucracy, on the other, against the workers -- let no one forget the picture of the three which graced

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DEMONSTRATION IN CHILE

"A Bill of Rights for ... who?"

By A Reporter
Detroit, October 1 --

"Ford's and Carter's goal is the same, to protect the profit system ... This is why they cannot allow a true debate, where the opinion of the workers would be represented." -- Peter Camejo, SWP candidate for President.

This statement of the presidential candidate of the US Socialist Workers Party has proven to be as true of himself as it is of Ford and Carter. On October 1st at Wayne State University, the leadership of the US SWP, including Camejo, prohibited members of the Trotskyist Organization of the USA, David Heffelfinger and Margaret Guttshall, from participating in their public meeting, a meeting at which Camejo was scheduled to present their platform -- "A Bill of Rights to Protect Working People." Only the latest in a series of like-incidents, this time a member of the leadership of the US SWP, in order to justify their exclusion of the militants of the TO/USA, claimed that they had beaten up Tom Kerry in May of 1976, a slander so outrageous that another was forced to deny that she had even said it.

The Trotskyist Organization went to the meeting to fight for a Common Candidate of the whole working class on the basis of the Platform of Combat to Build the Workers Party to lead the working class to power, the platform of the TO/USA and its candidates Putnam and Vitale. This is the only means through which the workers can protect themselves, in a common stru-

ggle with the workers of the world under the leadership of the Fourth International. The mobilization of the working class for a "Bill of Rights" won't protect anything but precisely the profit system -- capitalism, the capitalist government and the capitalist parties -- from the assault of the workers who want their own party and their own government.

Because Camejo, like the candidates of the Republican, Democratic, and "Communist" parties, Ford, Carter, and Gus Hall, is incapable of any political defense of his party's policy in the face of the struggle of the Trotskyist Organization of the USA, he is forced to resort to their same methods: suppression of opposing views and slander.

Nonetheless, in the course of the meeting the militants of the TO/USA engaged a number of young students who were in the course of leaving the public meeting in discussion on the platforms, got contributions for them, and the support of many who were present against the exclusion of the militants of the TO.

The statement against the exclusion that those present signed is now being circulated in the unions and students organizations at Wayne State. All the workers, students, and militants of the workers movement at Wayne State should support this fight for workers democracy! To allow the leadership of the US SWP to utilize the same methods as do the capitalist politicians, union bureaucrats and Stalinists, can only strengthen the latter.

class, its party, is being built in this struggle for the strike and for the workers candidates in the elections -- above all against the traitorous leaderships who claim to speak for the workers.

The October League, a Maoist grouping has recently come into the open at Torrence. They, too, have raised the Carter/Woodcock sell-out in leaflets distributed at Torrence. They serve as errand boys for the Communist Party. While pointing out the collaboration of Woodcock with the bourgeois candidate, they offer no road for the workers against the leadership of the bureaucrats in order to advance the strike and thus to advance in the elections. By supporting no one in the elections, by running no candidates of their own, the October League leaves the workers in the hands of the Communist Party; that is, in the hands of the traitors who support the bureaucrats. We call on all their supporters to ask them: Do they really propose to stop Carter and the CP candidates by staying home on election day?

CONGRESS OF THE RWY

The Congress of the RWY to be held around the middle of October will launch the final phase, the accelerated mobilization for the elections. In Chicago, there will be a RWY meeting Sunday Oct. 10th at 5:00 pm, 2560 E. 72nd Place in Chicago, (875-3994, Fred) to gather all the supporters of the RWY together to advance the election campaign at Torrence and in Chicago, with a rally at Torrence on the 15th, to elect the delegates to the Congress.

We urge all supporters of the RWY candidate in local #551, Fred Vitale, all readers of YOUNG GUARD, TRUTH and the Bulletin of the Revolutionary Workers Faction to come to the meeting.

DOWN WITH CARTER/WOODCOCK!
FOR A WORKERS PARTY AND A WORKERS GOVERNMENT!
JOIN THE PUTNAM AND VITALE CAMPAIGN!
ALL OUT TO THE CONGRESS OF THE RWY!



(CONTINUED FROM FRONT)

the pages of the press only months ago -- an agreement against which not one of the leaders of the major parties which claim to represent the working class -- neither Gus Hall of the CP nor Peter Camejo of the SWP -- has yet taken a stand.

So proud is the UAW bureaucracy of this "tentative agreement" that it has not yet made the contents of it known to the workers who pay its salary. It has begun to dismantle the picket line lines.

Nevertheless, it is clear from the reports in the press that on the decisive questions of equal rights for new hires, wage increases equal to price increases, the immediate recall of all laid off workers, and an immediate reduction in working hours and work loads, that Woodcock has agreed to deepen his collaboration in the attack on the standard of living and working conditions of the autoworkers, especially that of the youth.

The probationary period is to be lengthened to one year. Wages of probationary employees are to remain 45¢ below those of regular employees. There is to be a 3% wage increase in the first year. All increases after that are to be dependent upon "increases in productivity" (read SPEEDUP). The formula on the basis of which the cost-of-living-allowance is to be determined is to remain the same: a .5% increase in wages for every 1% rise in prices (approximately). Funds for COLA are to be utilized for an immediate cash payment to retirees. Workers meeting attendance standards are to get 1 more day off in the first year, 5 more days off in the second, and 8 in the third.

All this Woodcock and his lackeys are trying to pass off as an agreement on the principles of COLA and a shorter work week to fight unemployment!

Time and again in the last days, weeks and months, the workers in auto especially at Ford River Rouge, have demonstrated their readiness for an all out fight against Ford Motor Company to win their demands. They've supported the struggle waged by the

militants of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Workers Youth to build a new leadership in the UAW, the Revolutionary Workers Faction, to wage this fight.

Now is the time to advance decisively in the construction of this new leadership. In the next days, the militants of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW, with those of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth at the Rouge, will be fighting to mobilize the workers to reject this agreement, to oust Rinaldi, head of Local #600 for collaboration with their bosses and their politicians, and elect a new leadership of Local #600 to win an end to the probationary period, wage increases in accord with price increases, the immediate recall of laid off workers, an immediate reduction in working hours and work loads with a general assembly of all auto workers and mass picketing to shut down all three companies.

All the workers should fight for the resolution of the Revolutionary Workers Faction at the meeting of Local #600 called by the bureaucrats to attempt to shove their agreement with Ford Motor and Carter down the throats of the workers. And continue this fight by joining the campaign of the Revolutionary Workers Youth against the "Democrats" and union bureaucrats to build a workers party to fight for a workers government; to support the candidates of the US Section of the Fourth International on November 2nd. This is the objective of the RWY in its Congress -- open to all the young workers at the Rouge -- on October 16th.

Throughout this struggle the workers at the Rouge must be on guard against the false leaders of the working class -- Hall and Tyner of the CP; Camejo and Reid of the SWP. They all refused to join with the RWY in its rally to spread the strike, to oust the bureaucrats, and elect strike committees. But they all found time to talk to the local bureaucrats and ask them to support their campaigns for office. JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH! BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION OF THE UAW!

CORRESPONDENCE

WRITE IN PUTNAM-VITALE! STOP THE SELLOUT!

The Democrats, despite their friends the labor bureaucrats, are failing to mobilize the American working class behind the imperialist Carter. But many workers are not going to vote which serves the purpose of the capitalists. Woodcock & Co. were forced to call a strike unable to contain the militancy of the workers without it. But now they're preparing to ram a contract down the workers throats.

BUREAUCRATS AND THE IMPERIALIST CARTER

Both cases, linked by Carter's proposal to Woodcock to serve on the Cabinet, demonstrate the anger of the rising class-consciousness of the workers. But mostly, they demonstrate that to stop these plots, this organized attack, the working class must be organized -- it needs its own party or it will not ADVANCE one step.

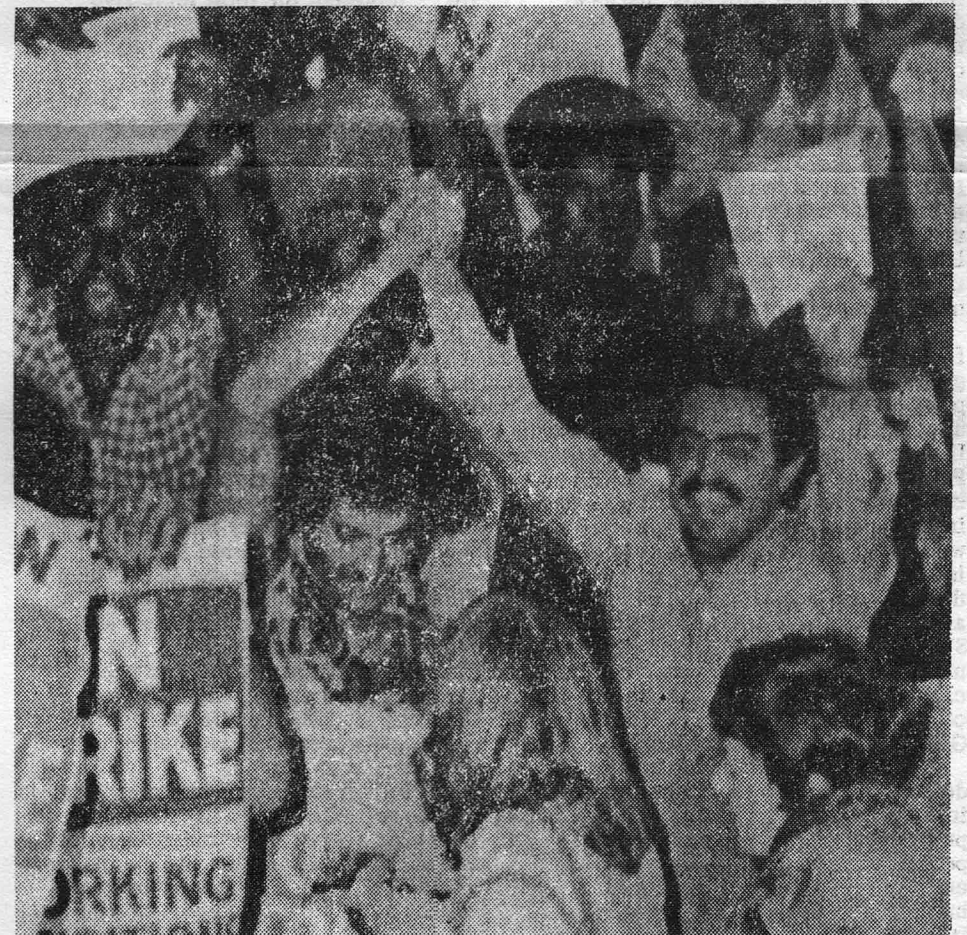
Many workers on the picket lines say, "its the elections" that are decisive in determining the outcome of the strike. This is true in one sense. But it doesn't mean that "nothing can be done." The TO, offers to the working class and its youth, its candidates running on a platform to advance the struggles of the working class in the elections.

At this new stage of the strike, the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW built by the TO is utilizing part of the platform to stop the sellout "negotiations." In a resolution circulated to fight for at a supposed union meeting of the 26 of September that was never held, the Revolutionary Workers Faction called for the recall of the strike committee, the election of a new one and spreading the strike in order to win demands of wages to go up equal to all price increases, immediate reduction in workloads, and equal wages for new hires. Fifteen out of twenty-five workers contacted signed it.

A similar resolution, focussing on the sell-out will be discussed on the picket lines and fought for at the ratification meeting, to unite all the opposition to the sell-out on a principled basis.

Only the candidates of the TO are advanced by this struggle. We urge all workers, regardless of whether you completely agree with the platform or not to support the candidates, contribute funds, come to the rally October 15th at Ford Torrence.

The new leadership of the working



Barbara Putnam (lower right) with Rouge workers holding the BULLETIN of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW (from the front page of the Detroit News)

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