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CARTER PLANS UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION!

'Anyone who thought I could do much ... was naive' - he says.

By JON COHEN
The story is told that the French Revolution of 1789 started when Queen Marie Antoinette, on being told that the French population in Paris was starving and had no bread to eat, responded: "Well, let them eat cake." In 1976, the "People's President" of the Democratic Party, Jimmy Carter, like all the representatives of the exploiters before him, responds with similar contempt to the millions of workers and youth in the United States who want to end unemployment, misery and social decay. This French people did not forget Marie Antoinette and the "naive" American workers won't forget Jimmy Carter.
In a direct slap in the face against the millions of workers and especially blacks who put Jimmy Carter in office, the Carter regime, already before its official inauguration, has rapidly moved towards consolidating the anti-working class policies of big business behind his government. Carter has already answered the illusions of many young workers who have said: "Well, give Carter some time to see what his real policy is, after all, Ford and Nixon messed up the economy so bad it will take time to straighten things out." Well, to the surprise of all the "left" supporters of Carter and especially the US trade union bureaucracy, Carter isn't taking his time and is indeed rapidly "straightening things out" in the interests of big business and US imperialism.

THE PROGRAM OF BIG BUSINESS

Carter has spent almost all of his time since his election working out a

"plan for the economy." When Carter and the bourgeois press talk about the "economy" they are in reality talking about the crisis of capitalism, a crisis that cannot be resolved and a crisis which is not just "economic," but is political and social as well. Thus the "economy" is not just a matter of figures and statistics, it is the entire system of social decay around us, a dying system which can only produce unemployment, repression and war, everything that we see falling apart around us in our daily lives. All the "economic plans" of the capitalists say nothing about fundamentally resolving the crisis around us. It is indeed "naive" to think that the capitalists would ever end unemployment. Instead they are trying to patch things up for a while, to strengthen their grip on the working class, to give them time to head off the downfall of capitalism and to try to drive the working class and oppressed masses into the ground in the meantime.
The bourgeois press tries to paint Carter as the "victim" of circumstances beyond his control-- the rising unemployment rate which is now "officially" 8.1%, the rising cost of living, the decline in the GNP. But he is no "victim." He ran for President, was elected, and serves today for one purpose alone-- to be the ENFORCER of the interests of big business and US imperialism.
In a series of closed-door meetings with the top 15 leaders of US business, Carter has come up with his "plan for the economy." Big business says that unemployment cannot be resolved right away and what they propose

instead is a series of corporate give-aways to make the working class pay for their crisis. The idea behind the proposals for "tax cuts," which will have only a small impact on the average American worker, to say nothing of the millions of workers and youth who have no jobs at all, and "corporate incentives," is to allow the corporations to rapidly increase their profits at the expense of the workers, without really expanding the economy through jobs. The proposals are nothing but give-aways to big business. This is also the meaning of Carter's proposal "for now" to drop the question of wage and price controls. Wage controls will come later, the idea for now is to allow the corporations to inflate their profits, raise prices, and then, when inflation soars to new highs, the workers will be blamed for the rising prices. Carter will try to enforce wage controls, and more workers will be laid off "because they are asking for too much money." It is quite simple and quite dangerous; a four-year plan to attack the working class and its youth.

"PUBLIC WORKS"?

Nobody should be fooled about the few scraps the bosses have decided to throw to the workers such as "public works" and a "youth job corps." The working class does not want a few young workers working at minimum wages fixing old railroad tracks. This will solve nothing. What about the factories? What about the millions of young workers who are still laid off in auto and steel and other basic industries? The present workforce in the auto industry is the same number of workers as in 1966. What does this say about the ability of US capitalism to expand the economy and provide jobs?
The youth do not want to fix old railroad tracks for "peanuts." They want THE IMMEDIATE RECALL OF ALL LAID OFF WORKERS, the expansion of the economy to full employment through a plan for a SLIDING SCALE OF WORKING HOURS AND WAGES, to allow wages to rise in accordance with prices and to divide up all the available work, at union wages, among all the workers who are available to work. They want to begin

the fight for WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION, so that the working class and the oppressed can begin to control society in their own interests, which can only be carried out by a WORKERS GOVERNMENT. These must be the plans of the working class against the attack of the Carter regime and the bosses.

CRISIS

The fact that the Carter regime has moved so rapidly against the US workers, abandoned so quickly all the "peoples" rhetoric-- the "liberal" labor-black friends" of Carter were not even consulted during all of this, is not a sign of the strength of the US ruling class. They have to move rapidly, make Carter their ENFORCER, because they have no choice in the face of the mobilization of the working class throughout the world.

Every bourgeois and Stalinist regime in the last months has had to launch a similar attack which they label: "austerity programs." Britain, France,

Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Hungary, etc. as well as the regimes in the Two Americas have all launched this attack in the name of "austerity." This is the name for the policy of bloody repression of the Pinochet and Videla regimes in Chile and Argentina -- Milton Friedman won his Nobel Prize for the "economics" of torture. This is the policy that Portillo in Mexico was inaugurated under, with the protection of 25,000 troops and a peasant rebellion. This is the name of the policy which the workers in Canada recently launched a general strike against. The US bourgeoisie must have this policy also because above all it is the INTERNATIONAL ENFORCER of world imperialism. To enforce this policy around the world it must first of all enforce it against its own working class and youth.

JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH IN WASHINGTON ON JAN. 20!

The ruling class is in crisis because it knows that the workers in the US and around the world won't tolerate this attack. The Revolutionary Worker Youth, the US Supporters of the Revolutionary Youth International propose to not let Carter be inaugurated without hearing the real opinion of "the people." The RWY proposes to all fighting youth and militants of other organizations to make an immediate response to the plans of Carter and big business and to join the youth around the world in a common struggle against the "austerity" plans of capitalism and Stalinism. NO SUPPORT TO CARTER'S PLANS FOR WAGE CONTROLS AND INFLATION. NO GIVE-AWAYS TO BIG BUSINESS. NO AID TO THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS IN LATIN AMERICA! FOR THE UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS! will be the answer of the fighting youth in the US to the "People's Inaugural" of the enforcer of US imperialism. Join the RWY in Washington on January 20th-- the working class youth in the US are not as "naive" as Carter thinks. He will soon find out.

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WOODCOCK: More useful to capitalists outside government than in!

By A REPORTER
Detroit-- If the workers who voted for Carter and the Democrats are feeling a little funny by now, the US trade union bureaucrats must be feeling more than a little bit sick. Having put themselves on the line for Carter, openly supported the Democratic Party and its anti-working class plans, broken the auto strike this fall in the hope for a few "promises" this January, they now have to sit back and hear their "friend" Carter say he cannot do anything about unemployment and watch while he meets with the corporations to make plans against the unions they control. They were ready to pay the price for their treachery, but "please, not so soon!"
This summer and fall we talked about the plans for Leonard Woodcock, the President of the UAW, to take a position in Carter's Cabinet and we warned of the treachery that this represented. Now, it seems that Woodcock would not be so useful to the US ruling class as a part of their Cabinet, it does not fit in well enough with their open warfare against the working class. He is now more

useful to them on the outside.
First of all, he did not pass the test of complete reliability for the US ruling class. The auto workers helped him to flunk. The 100,000 Ford workers who refused to vote on their contract, the 22,000 Chrysler workers who wildcatted against their leadership, the GM workers who forced the first national strike against all three auto companies in a contract round, showed big business that the UAW leadership is more and more unable to control its ranks, that they are unable to keep the workers tied to the Democratic Party.
Secondly, Woodcock would not fit in so well with the Cabinet that Carter has selected so far, not "new faces" as Carter promised, but all the old-line representatives of US imperialism-- Vance, who was one of the major participants in the Vietnam War, Blumenthal, an advisor to LBJ and head of one of the top five corporations in the US, Lance, the representative of the Southern banking interests. With this kind of lineup, even the first labor bureaucrat to support Carter looks like a newcomer. But this in no sense means that Woodcock and his type are no longer useful

to the Democratic Party and US imperialism, or that they are any less treacherous for the US working class and its youth. Woodcock has an "excuse" for not being in the Cabinet. He has "better things to do." What are they? First of all, he says he wants to "insure an orderly transfer of power in the UAW" since a new President has to be elected this year. In other words, Woodcock is crucially needed by the UAW bureaucracy to control the massive rebellion in the ranks of the UAW against their bureaucracy. Trying to crush this rebellion and crush the young workers in auto will not be just a small service to Carter and the US ruling class. Because of the importance of auto this rebellion must be crushed if any of their plans are to succeed. Woodcock must be free to do the work of the Carter regime inside the UAW.
Next, Woodcock plans to "work for the unification" of the UAW with the AFL-CIO. We are for one central union also, it is an important task of the American working class. But not under the leadership of the Woodcocks, Abels, Meany's, Fitzsimmons, etc.

The UAW split from the AFL-CIO under the pressure of its militants who opposed the pro-Vietnam War policies of Meany and Co., who opposed the use of the AFL-CIO as an instrument of the CIA around the world, who opposed the racist policies of the Meany leadership. Now Woodcock proposes to unify with the AFL-CIO under the same pro-imperialist and racist policies that its militants have always opposed.
Woodcock has no intention of fighting these policies "within" the AFL-CIO, for he supports these policies everyday inside the UAW. This "unification" will also be no small service to Carter. It will strengthen the grip of the reactionary bureaucracy and the Democratic Party on the working class, it will make a future wage control policy by the Carter government far easier to implement. Unfortunately, "Brother" Woodcock, the auto workers have already got your number. If you are feeling a little sick now, you will be much sicker in the coming months.

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US BRANCH of IWC MOBILIZES IN DEFENSE of POLISH WORKERS!

By BARBARA PUTNAM

The struggle of the Polish workers is shaking the entire world, cracking the bones of the "peaceful coexistence" of imperialism and Stalinism. The Stalinist government of Gierk in Poland can do nothing but brutally attack the workers struggle in its desperate attempts to prevent the revolutionary mobilization of the workers from linking up with the tremendous struggles of the workers in the capitalist countries of Western Europe -- Spain, Portugal and France. The mass uprising of the Polish workers of June-July of 1976 has thrown the bureaucracy of Gierk into a terrible crisis, dislocating the Stalinist apparatuses whose origins are with the Kremlin bureaucracy in the USSR. Sharp repression against the workers who took part in mass strikes and demonstrations of June-July is an expression of the crisis of Stalinism that attempts to balance itself between the working class and imperialism.

Many hundreds of workers are locked up behind prison walls, have been tortured and beaten by the thugs of the Stalinist police, thousands more have been fired from their jobs and subjected to continual harassment by the Stalinist authorities.

While claiming to be the world leadership of the working masses, to be "communist," Stalinism is the chief obstacle to revolutionary unification of the workers of the East and of the West in their collaboration with imperialism. No attempts to reform them, no begging and pleading with the Stalinist bureaucracy will FREE the workers and intellectuals they try to silence forever. The general strike of the workers in Poland against Stalinist oppression unites the partial demands of the working class and trade union demands. The masses in Poland seek more general solutions to the problems facing them. This underlines the importance of the construction of the Revolutionary Youth International and the strengthening of the section of the Fourth International in Poland to lead the working class of Poland in overturning the political domination of Stalinism.

The main task of revolutionaries, workers, militants and organizations of the working class is the immediate liberation of the political prisoners of Stalinism, imprisoned in the name of socialism. This is why the Fourth International inspired the Revolutionary Youth International to build the International Workers Committee for the Immediate Liberation of the Political Prisoners of the USSR and Eastern Europe, to join all who fight for socialism, all who are sympathetic to the cause of the working class in an international struggle among the workers to FORCE the freedom of the prisoners, to unmask the anti-working class nature of Stalinism and to punish the betrayers of the workers fight for power against imperialism.

The International Workers Committee provides an organized framework to carry out mass actions on the international scale to organize and mobilize the working class around the world uniting organizations of the workers movement, trade unions and the fighting youth in a unitary campaign to FREE the imprisoned workers to prove to everybody how to wage an international fight; through the independent organization and mobilization of the working class. It is the task of the workers movement and the workers movement alone to free the prisoners of Stalinism.

The International Workers Committee has branches in several major countries, Spain, France, Sweden and the United States. The Committee publishes a BULLETIN OF INFORMATION to centralize and organize its struggle internationally, bringing information about the prisoners, developing its plans for action to the entire working class, breaking the wall

of silence imposed by the heads of the Stalinist and capitalist governments. November 4th brought encouraging results in the work of the Committee. 100 demonstrated at the Polish Embassy in Paris, the symbol of the Stalinist bureaucracy. In Sweden 200 demonstrated in Stockholm at the Polish Embassy there; in Madrid, Spain, a meeting was attended by 200; in Barcelona there was also a meeting of 200 at a meeting in support of the Polish workers. In the US a delegation went to the Polish Consulate representing 50 workers who signed a statement of support to the fight of the Polish workers in Chicago; in Detroit young workers held meetings during work hours at Ford River Rouge to discuss and take up the demands of the Polish workers; 25 gave their signatures of support and contributed \$6.50 to the campaign.

Dozens of organizations of the workers movement in Western Europe have thrown in their support, including unions and fractions of unions, but commitments from organizations claiming to be socialist and the unions has been practically non-existent in the US. Over 1,000 Spanish workers of Motor Iberica, SEAT, Hispano Olivetti, la Maquinista, the Workers Commission of Serdanola of Barcelona as well as teachers, college and High School students gave signatures of support and funds.

On the basis of this mobilization through its branches prepared the first international meeting of the International Workers Commission of Inquiry Dec. 16th in Paris. Made up of workers delegates from many countries, the Commission is going into Poland to bring the TRUTH of the events, the truth of the workers struggle and its significance to the international working class, to organize the working class to PUNISH THE BETRAYERS OF THEIR STRUGGLE. The Commission will come to the aid of the workers on trial and with the workers of Poland will recover the names of those massacred in the uprising of 1970-1971 and recently in June-July of this year. The formation of the International Workers Commission of Inquiry marks a new and important stage in the struggle to free the prisoners of Stalinism.

US workers, struggling against unemployment, repression, inflation and preparations for war in the heart of imperialism can find support they need in the revolutionary mobilization of the Polish workers in their fight to finish with the betrayers of their struggles, the trade union bureaucrats. These workers who have faced the goons of the UAW and the no-strike pledge of L. W. Abel of the Steelworkers Union, who have been beaten back by the clubs and chains of the bureaucrats who break their strikes can well understand the significance of the attacks of the Stalinists against the workers in Poland. Whenever the US Branch of the IWC has approached the vanguard of the US working class in the strongholds of its struggle, in the auto and steel factories, to win support for the international fight to free the prisoners of Stalinism, there has been an immediate response in signatures, in funds and in attempts to join the bulk of the factory workers in this fight.

As the workers under Stalinist domination approach the hour of victory, the crisis of the bureaucracy is the greatest, and the repressions the most severe. Our struggle among the advanced sections of the working class in the US and our efforts to engage all the organizations, parties and unions of the workers movement makes their crisis a thousand times deeper and will greatly support the struggle to force the freedom of the revolutionary fighters of Poland.

FREE THE WORKERS IMPRISONED IN POLAND!
JOIN THE US BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS COMMITTEE!



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From our editorial board

The new TRUTH

Since the foundation of the Trotskyist Organization of the USA in February of 1975, we have fought to develop the agitation and propaganda -- the PRESS -- necessary to organize the working class independently of the bourgeoisie's "Democratic" Party and its lackeys and lead it to power, beginning with the regroupment of the vanguard of the working class in the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International.

With this issue of TRUTH, we begin a new phase in this struggle. We believe that this size, with this format, will allow us to better respond to the problems facing the working class -- above all to those faced by the young workers, the militants of the Revolutionary Worker Youth of the USA, and the true proletarian militants of the Young Socialist Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party in the fight to win the leadership of the working class

from the Democratic Party and the trade union bureaucracy. In this way we may deepen the fight to win the proletarian militants of the YSA and SWP from their leadership which has abandoned this fight and transformed their organization into a left critic of the Stalinist apparatus' violent subordination of the working class to the bourgeoisie; we may complete the tasks of the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International and launch the fight to found the Workers Party.

Beginning with the first issue of TRUTH in 1977 -- on January 13th -- it will be published bi-weekly. We know that the regularity of the production of TRUTH is important to our readers and it is important to us. So we promise that come hell or high water we'll get it out every other week. We know that most of our militants back across the country are no longer able to produce TRUTH on a regular weekly basis.

Lastly, and most importantly, the

new TRUTH needs a NEW kind of support from our readers. First, we ask all the young workers, militants of the RWY, and militants of the YSA and SWP who now read, question, comment on, and discuss TRUTH with our militants, to write down those questions and comments and report on those discussions and send them to us. We get feedback on TRUTH but most of it's verbal so it gets lost. Second, we ask all the young workers who buy TRUTH at the factory gates, the militants of the RWY who buy it at their circle meetings, and those of the YSA and SWP who do so at meetings or demonstrations or look for it in the offices of their branches or bookstores to SUBSCRIBE and ask their friends to do the same. This is the only way to insure that you will receive it regularly. We want to know that you will. TRUTH -- is the most powerful weapon of the working class.

...Glass Houses

Readers of THE MILITANT, the newspaper of the US Socialist Workers Party, will find in the recent months reports of a whole series of provocations, slanders and attacks on the SWP. Not only government spies and fascist groups, but by organizations which claim to be part of the workers movement. Most recently have been reports of physical attacks and threats by the Crusade of Justice, a Chicano group in Denver, and also for many months, slanders on the part of Gerry Healy's Workers Revolutionary Party in Britain and the Workers League in the US, who claim to be Trotskyist and also claim that Joseph Hansen, a long-time leader of the SWP and a bodyguard of Trotsky, was or is "an accomplice of the GPU," the Stalinist secret police.

The Trotskyist Organization of the US, as well as the Fourth International as a whole condemns the physical attacks and threats of the Crusade of Justice and condemned from the beginning the slanders of Healy as Stalinist methods which must be driven out of the workers movement. We are willing to engage in common action to whatever degree possible to defend the SWP from these attacks.

But at the same time militants of the SWP must ask why their leadership refuses to fight all forms of Stalinism in the workers movement and is unable to provide a political response to the attacks against them.

Both with the Crusade of Justice and with Healy the readers of THE MILITANT will be unable to find any POLITICAL explanation by the SWP leadership for the reasons for these attacks. Without such an explanation one cannot fight

these attacks. Thus, with the Crusade of Justice, there is not the slightest indication that the SWP has any differences of policy with the Crusade. Why then the attacks? And how to fight them aside from appeals to "non-violence" in the abstract and not an attack on STALINISM in the workers movement? In the case of Healy, in the absence of any political fight against the policies of Healy, the SWP leadership must resort to the same methods. In the latest response in INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS, Hansen fights slanders with more slanders, now claiming that Healy was in contact with Erienne, the agent of the GPU.

Finally, why has the leadership of the SWP kept a total silence on the slanders and physical attacks of the leadership of the French OCI against the Fourth International and Michel Varga, a leader of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956? The physical attacks have been recorded in the pages of LE MONDE, the French left, and even militants of the SWP's "fraternal" group in France, the LCR, have been hospitalized by these attacks.

And meanwhile the SWP leadership participates in a so-called "Commission of Inquiry" in secret session, with the Spartacist League and others, to "investigate" these slanders. While making nothing public to their own militants, the leadership carries on a secret campaign in the US, whispering that we are "cops", with a member of its National Committee, John Hawkins openly declaring: "We've got the goods on Varga" and threatening one of our women comrades, saying: "I'd like to put your feet in concrete blocks and

your head under water." (Detroit, April, 1976). The SWP leadership will not condemn these slanders and physical attacks because this attack against the Fourth International requires an attack against all those like Lambert and Just who wish to liquidate the Fourth International and support the methods of Stalinism in the process.

In the November 19th issue of THE MILITANT are words which we agree with 100%: "The use of such methods by forces who are fighting for social justice and progress represents a cancer. If it is not halted it can only lead to the total isolation and eventual destruction of any group that employs such methods. But more than the groups that resort to slander, violence and physical intimidation are affected. It becomes the concern of every organization and individual in the movement. Everyone has the responsibility to speak out against it, to try to halt its destructive spread.... Only by unequivocally rejecting the use of slanders and physical intimidation against opponents within the movement can an atmosphere be created in which political alternatives can be discussed and decided on their merits."

These are nice words. Do they hold true for Lambert and Just and the French OCI? Does it hold true for the leadership of the SWP? Throwing stones from inside a glass house isn't a very effective defense.

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From our readers

Palmer Ambers...

I read the article about Palmer Ambers and it reminds me of when I lived in Chicago. Once my brother and I heard a knock at our door. When we went to answer it there were some Blackstone Rangers. They said they were there to draft us into the gang. They threatened to beat us up if we did not join. We said, "Just a minute," and went up stairs and locked the door. We panicked, because they meant every word they said. There are a lot of stories that say the Black Stone Rangers, which is a street gang, is infiltrated by the cops, but mostly these gangs go to war on each other.

I think in Detroit the newspapers have just been playing up all the crime of the street gangs. The gangs have always been here, Mayor Coleman Young just wants to get re-elected, so he's making the people think he's doing something about crime. I really think the crime is slowing down in reality. They just want to get everybody that is young off the streets and into jail. The new laws that put young kids into jail for first offenses is wrong. I think they ought to take the money they're using on the Renaissance center and build up the cities and my neighborhood.

I know a lot of young guys. They feel the same way I do. They don't like to be told what to do. I just joined the RWY and am finding out about it. I read and heard about the demonstrations the RWY had against hiring more police. We have to get all the young people together to stop this because they are the ones who are suffering.

MIKE DEARBORN ASSEMBLY CIRCLE - RWY Detroit 9, 1976

I thought that the statement of the RWY on Palmer was a fitting tribute. Although I don't agree with everything they (the RWY) say, I supported much of their fight during the strike, and I know that the stand that Palmer took with the RWY was very important to him.

MICHAEL BANKS FORD TORRENCE-CHICAGO

RESPONSE

The above letters show that the article in the last issue of TRUTH on the murder of Palmer Ambers, a comrade of the Revolutionary Worker Youth at Ford Torrence in Chicago has met a wide response on the part of the young workers in Detroit and Chicago. The young workers are concerned about crime and violence because it is above all the youth who are affected by the crime and violence of capitalist society. And like Mike in the Assembly circle of the RWY at Rouge in Detroit, the young workers know that the ruling class, the Democratic Party and its agents do not "fight" crime and violence, but instead organize and enforce it against the working class youth.

The youth must continue their fight to avenge the murder of Palmer, one of their brothers. They cannot leave

it up to bourgeois "justice". We support the decision taken by the public meeting of the RWY to launch a campaign to avenge his death. We propose that the youth establish a Workers Commission of Inquiry into his murder. We must find out why he was killed and if the workers, including a worker at Ford Torrence, accused by the police were actually responsible for the murder.

On the basis of this investigation, the workers must set up a Workers Court to try all those responsible for the murder. This court must find the trade union bureaucrats, the Democratic Party and the police as well as organized crime responsible for the murder, as well as the workers who took the decision to break from their calls and murder a revolutionary fighter against this system.

The young workers must take as their own the responsibility of fighting crime and violence in this society. They must show no mercy against those who break the fight of the youth by turning against their own class. They must show no mercy against the ruling class and its agents who support organized crime in order to turn the young workers against each other. The young workers can only rely on their own power and organization to defend themselves. By doing this the young workers will begin to understand that only a revolutionary transformation of this society can truly avenge the murder of Palmer Ambers and all those who have come before him.

By JON COHEN

"Every revolutionary party finds its chief support in the younger generation of the rising class. Political decay expresses itself in a loss of ability to attract the youth under one's banner. The parties of bourgeois democracy, in withdrawing one after another from the scene are compelled to turn over the young either to revolution or to fascism. Bolshevism when underground was always a party of young workers. The Mensheviks relied upon the more respectable, skilled upper stratum of the working class, always prided themselves on it, and looked down on the Bolsheviks. Subsequent events showed them their mistake. At the decisive moment the youth carried with them the more mature stratum and even the old folks. LEON TROTSKY, THE REVOLUTION BETRAYED.

In the last issue of TRUTH we began a discussion with the working class militants of the US Socialist Workers Party and the Young Socialist Alliance, a discussion which has as its goal the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International. We discussed the tradition of the Fourth International in the US and why we are fighting to reclaim this tradition against the leadership of the present SWP. We explained why we believe that the present leadership of the SWP is incapable of assuming this tradition or of answering the revolutionary needs of the US working class. And we also started to explain why this fight concerns all the young workers in the US today, that the fight to build a Proletarian Faction in the SWP/YSA is an affair of the entire working class, because it is a question of building a new leadership for the working class in the US, a new leadership in order to prepare the revolution.

We want to go further in this article and explain how our differences with the leadership of the SWP do not reside in "opinions" or "positions," but are fundamental differences over the fight for the class independence of the international working class and the construction of the world party of the socialist revolution. For us, and the entire experience of the international workers movement tells us this, the central expression of the abandonment of the fight for the world party by the leadership of the SWP is their refusal to base their party and their strategy on the young generation of the working class. Instead of responding to the revolutionary aspirations of the young generation of the proletariat who want to break with the old leaderships of the working class and

organize their own, independent, mass organization of all the fighting youth on an international scale, all the efforts of the leadership of the SWP today are concentrated on holding back the youth, restricting their fight, keeping them within the boundaries of the United States and keeping them in the hands of the Democratic Party, the trade union bureaucrats and the Stalinists.

This is why we want to concentrate this article on offering the REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL, a product of the fight of the Third International, the Left Opposition and the Fourth International founded by Trotsky, the International Committee, the International League/Rebuilder of the Fourth International and the Fourth International today as the revolutionary perspective that the young workers in the US and the militants of the SWP and YSA are seeking against their leadership. We believe that it will be the mass mobilization of the young vanguard of the proletariat that will construct the revolutionary party in the US and around the world. We believe that this is the only perspective that responds to the revolutionary mobilization of the working class today, the only perspective that represents the break from the old order and the road forward to prepare the revolution. And we believe that the Revolutionary Youth International can become the weapon for the working class militants of the SWP to construct their faction against their leadership and to make their fight an affair of the international working class youth.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MOBILIZATION OF THE WORKING CLASS?

It is not an accident that we place the fight for the Revolutionary Youth International at the center of our fight, it is not an accident that the present leadership of the SWP refuses to organize the youth independently against the Democratic Party, the Stalinists and the trade union bureaucracy. The Fourth International believes that this is the period of the imminence of the world revolution and that this revolution is being prepared today. Especially since 1968 we have seen a mobilization of the international working class of unprecedented proportions. The May-June General Strike in France 1968, the uprising of workers and students in Czechoslovakia, the revolu-

The Revolution is the road for militants of the

tionary mobilization of the workers and peasants in Latin America, the struggles of the Polish workers, in 1970 and in 1976, the overthrow of the fascist dictatorship in Portugal, the mass mobilization of the Spanish working class since the death of Franco, the rebellion of the workers and oppressed in Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East; are just examples of a world-wide phenomenon -- that the international working class is on the offensive, that the revolution, especially in Europe, is knocking at the door.

This mobilization has been expressed in the United States as well. The movement of workers, students and soldiers against the Vietnam War, the Black Panthers, the largest strike wave of the US working class since World War II, are also just small examples of the readiness of the US working class and its youth to join with its brothers and sisters around the world in a fight against imperialism and Stalinism. And everywhere -- from Soweto to the mines in West Virginia, from Barcelona to Warsaw, Buenos Aires to De-

from their own militants the realigning of their own policy, which is to deny and block this fight and to "left" cover to the attempts of the bourgeoisie and the Stalinist apparatus to keep the old order intact. refuse to organize the revolutionary fight of the working class youth, because it is a "bad idea," but because they want their own militia and youth to continue to believe there exists no real alternative to old organizations; to the Stalinist Democratic Party and the trade union bureaucracy.

"PATIENCE?"

Thus, in the last article we spoke of how the leadership of the SWP their policy by calling the US working class youth an "ultra left mood." Thus, they join all the organizations in attacking the working class youth and their fight and asking their own militants who are a revolutionary fight and a revol-

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troit, it has been the youth, the young generation of the international proletariat, that has been the first to take up the struggle against the old order, that is in the vanguard of all the struggles of the working class today.

This mobilization of the young generation of the proletariat has produced a deep crisis in all the organizations and institutions that represent the old order of capitalism and Stalinism. The world bourgeoisie is in a deep crisis. We cannot even begin to count the number of bourgeois regimes, including the Nixon regime in the US that have met ruin in the face of the mobilization of the working class. From Czechoslovakia to Poland, to France, Spain, Portugal and Latin America, the international Stalinists' apparatus is in deep crisis, more and more unable to control the mobilization of the workers, rejected more and more openly by the young workers who refuse to accept the policy of class collaboration and treachery of the Kremlin apparatus. In every country of the world, in every city, in every factory, the working class youth are seeking a new leadership to organize their struggles and sweep away all the old organizations which stand in the way of their fight. It is because we base ourselves on this struggle that the Fourth International is fighting to offer to the working class youth around the world a revolutionary perspective for their struggles and an organization on a world scale to lead their fight against the old order and old leaderships -- the Revolutionary Youth International.

The Hansen-Barnes-Novack leadership of the SWP, along with their centrist allies in the United Secretariat and the Comite de Organization led by Lambert of the French OCI hide this revolutionary mobilization of the working class, because they must hide

ary International. The young workers hear from the mouths of Barnes and Camejo what they hear every day: the trade union bureaucrats, the churches -- that the youth are "too impulsive", that they are "experienced" to organize their own fights and that they should sit back and wait for "older and cooler heads" to solve their problems, while capitalist society continues to decay into b-

ism. This policy is confirmed in "American Politics and the Outlook for the People," the political report sent by Barnes to the SWP Commission this August. This report is based on an open refusal to organize working class youth in the US against the problems they face in this country -- massive unemployment, police government repression, decay of cities and schools and the destruction of culture. The fighting youth in schools, the mines, the auto and mills are told to wait until their "demoralization" is over. The lesson from this review of history need for some patience. The new struggles on the horizon will not be solved overnight. Between the years of the Great Depression in 1929 and great strikes of 1934, there were years in which the American workers recovered from being stunned, skirmishes, thought out the lessons of defeats, and began to mobilize. Barnes.

No, the working class youth in the US do not need this kind of "patience" with the attacks of bloody imperialist regime, no "patience" with the fascist and racist games in Latin America and South Africa, no "patience" with leaders who deny their revolutionary mobilization. The only "patience" the working class youth want is the patience of a revolutionary leadership which can organize and offer a revolutionary perspective and policy for their fight. The "patience" of the SWP leadership is that which denounced the young miners in West Virginia who burned their contract in disgust as "ultra" or denounced the young workers who shouted down Hubert Humphrey in Washington in 1974 as "undemocratic" "Dumb" workers, they refuse to see Barnes' "history" and act "demoralized" as he claims (falsely) they did in 1929. After all, they can't possibly understand what's going on in this country. "First, the American working people have not fully grasped the scope of the government's attack on what it has accomplished up to now and how far it intends to go." (Barnes) The youth who do understand, the "patient" and read more of BUSINESS WEEK and the WALL STREET JOURNAL. Barnes and Co. must hide from workers and their own militants the fact that this is the period of the imminence of the revolution. This is the fight of the international working class is only mentioned in one paragraph in this "Report." It is why the struggles of the US workers to

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are dismissed as "skirmishes," and why the only "offensive" mentioned is that of the Nixon regime in 1971 an offensive that the US working class turned back through its strike wave in 1974 which brought Nixon down.

WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The SWP leadership must hide this from the young workers and their own militants because their real policy is that of containing the youth, inside the boundaries of the United States, and inside the boundaries of the Democratic Party, the trade union bureaucracy and the Stalinists. Thus their balance sheet of their defeat in these elections (they received the same number of votes as in 1972 while on the ballot in many more states), is not that the SWP did not put forward any real alternative to the Democratic Party, but is instead, that the working class is not yet ready to break from the Democratic Party. Instead of offering the revolutionary working class youth in the United States their own organization, in unity with the work-

to be part of an INTERNATIONAL and not to be just an organization of "solidarity" but an organization which consciously seeks to unite with the youth around the world in the construction of the world party. The "youth" is not a special interest group confined to the campuses as the SWP leadership says, but is the LEVER of the construction of the world party.

The SWP leadership directly ties the youth to the Democratic Party and its supporters. At the recent National Student Conference Against Racism in Boston, the SWP proudly hails the presence of Joe Madison, executive secretary of the Detroit NAACP as "a prominent supporter of the student coalition." They fail to mention that he is a prominent supporter of the Democratic Coleman Young who recently launched a massive campaign of repression against the black youth in Detroit under the guise of a "war on crime." And Madison and the Detroit NAACP were prominent supporters of a recent "March on Crime" in Detroit, joining with the Democratic Party, the police, the racists, the union bureaucrats in establishing curfew laws, "mass detention centers" for the working class youth in Detroit. What kind of a "coalition" is this, which unites the allies of repression with the youth, is this the revolutionary fight that militants of the SWP/YSA are seeking? And does this policy have any similarity with the policy of the SWP towards the youth in Latin America, which has led an entire generation of the youth in Latin America into the trap of guerrillaism, away from the construction of a revolutionary party and a revolutionary International?

We believe there is a similarity -- the betrayal of the aspirations and fight of the revolutionary youth and this is why we offer the militants of the SWP and YSA a revolutionary perspective, a way to join with the working class youth in the US in breaking from the Democratic Party and its allies and uniting with the working class youth around the world in their own, independent, mass organization -- the Revolutionary Youth International, to construct the Fourth International, the only party of world class independence.

DOWN WITH THE BERLIN WALL!

The Revolutionary Youth International was founded in December 1975 in Berlin, Germany under the slogans: DOWN WITH THE BERLIN WALL! FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! FOR THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL! uniting young workers from the capitalist countries and the countries under the domination of the Kremlin bureaucracy in a common organization. It held its First Congress in Barcelona, Spain, leading a campaign throughout the world to DEFEND THE PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH REVOLUTIONS, to unite the workers on the Iberian Peninsula. It prepared the WORLD WORKERS CONFERENCE IN BARCELONA, Spain this July for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, against the policy of peaceful coexistence, for the WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT. It is preparing its Second Congress through a fight to defend the Polish working class from Stalinist repression, to unleash the Spanish revolution, to organize an international campaign against the support of imperialism to the reactionary governments in Latin America and to defend the Argentine working class, to unite the workers and oppressed in the Two Americas in the fight for the UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS.

The Revolutionary Youth International has proven that the working class youth in the US are ready for this fight. The Revolutionary Worker Youth (RWY) the US Supporters of the RYI was founded in Detroit in December 1975 by young workers at Rouge in Detroit and Ford in Chicago and US Steel in Chicago. It sent its delegates to Berlin, Barcelona, including militants of the SWP and YSA who were present at the Conference which rebuilt the Fourth International and the Barcelona World Workers Conference. The RWY was the first organization in the US to organize the working class youth in defense of the Spanish and Portuguese revolutions, and in support of the Polish workers. And in the recent Presidential elections, the RWY was the only organization to offer the working class youth their own candidates under the slogans: WORKERS PARTY and WORKERS GOVERNMENT. It was the only youth organization in the US which fought in the recent auto strike to mobilize the youth against the bourgeois elections and against the Woodcock regime in the UAW, gathering the support of over 100 auto workers for its Faction in the UAW. And militants of the RWY have openly presented their own candidates in union elections, on the platform of the Revolutionary Youth International.

The RWY has taken the first steps in proving that there is a real alternative to the Democratic Party, the trade union bureaucracy and the Stalinists, that the youth can fight to break out of their national isolation imposed by the bourgeoisie and the treacherous apparatuses, that they want a revolutionary fight and a revolutionary International.

The Revolutionary Youth International has been impelled under the leadership of the Fourth International, no other organization can open up this fight for the youth. But it is not just our "affair." It is open to all working class militants and militants of other organizations who want to join this

fight with us, who want to prepare the revolution along with the working class youth throughout the world. The RYI fights against all the old organizations and leaderships who seek to block the working class youth from this fight. Thus, we call upon all militants of the SWP and YSA to join the fight of the RYI, to launch a fight for the Revolutionary Youth International against Hansen and Barnes. In this way we wish to make the fight for a Proletarian Faction in the SWP for the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International a fight of the entire working class, in the US and around the world.

It is certain that many militants of the SWP/YSA have questions about the fight of the RYI and the RWY in the US. It is the job of the youth to ask questions, to challenge all the old assumptions. The RYI is committed to constructing the Fourth International, but it realizes that such a party can only be constructed by giving the youth a living experience, by allowing them to learn through their own independent struggle -- by asking their own questions and even making their own mistakes, while always basing themselves on the revolutionary aspirations of the fighting youth. This is how a real mass workers party will be built in the US. We are not afraid of questions, we are not afraid of the fight to win the most revolutionary youth. Can the present leadership of the SWP/YSA make the same claim?

Thus, even to those militants in the SWP/YSA who have questions, who are still seeking the road to the revolution and international unity, we call on you to take up the fight for the Revolutionary Youth International inside your organization. Join the fight that the RYI has proposed in the US against the Carter regime: STOP THE PLANS FOR WAGE CONTROLS! DOWN WITH ALL US SUPPORT TO REACTION IN LATIN AMERICA! and for a mass demonstration of the working class youth in the US against Carter's inauguration on January 20th in Washington, D.C. Join the struggle of the RYI to defend the Polish workers by waging a fight against Stalinism. If you believe that the US working class must BREAK from the Democratic Party and UNITE with the workers around the world and wish to organize this fight by organizing the youth independently from the Democratic Party, the trade union bureaucracy "left" or "right" and the Stalinists, your place is in the Revolutionary Youth International.

But even more than common action with us, we propose that you begin to make the fight for the Revolutionary Youth International your central weapon against the SWP leadership. It is a way of proving to the militants in your own organization and the working class youth in the US that what is at stake is not just a fight over "positions" or just an internal faction fight, but is a fight to resolve the crisis of leadership in the US and throughout the world, a fight to return to the traditions of Bolshevism in the US and a fight to give a revolutionary response to every single struggle that the working class youth is engaged in today in the US and throughout the world. Against cynicism and maneuvers your fight represents the future, it will be the fight of the young generation of the proletariat that will insure the victory of the entire human race against despair and barbarism of the old order. "The movement is revitalized by the youth who are free of responsibility for the past... Thus it was, thus it will be." Leon Trotsky.



WORKERS SHOUT DOWN HUBERT HUMPHREY AT APRIL 24, 1975 WASHINGTON DEMONSTRATION FOR JOBS

Latin America, Europe, and around the World...

REFERENDUM IN SPAIN: 'Democratic' bludgeon of imperialism

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

The last weeks have seen a massive eruption of the European working class. In Portugal, tens of thousands demonstrate against the treachery of Soares, leader of the Portuguese Socialist Party (SP). Since October, Italian workers have kept up a wave of general strikes and demonstrations against the Christian Democratic/Stalinist betrayal summed up in the code word "Austerity." October 7th saw the French workers launch a one day general strike against the wage controls of the crisis-ridden government of Giscard and Barre. And in Spain, where the crisis of the European bourgeoisie is most acute and the workers mobilizations swell to bury the oldest fascist regime in Europe, the world bourgeoisie looks favorably toward the experiment in "democracy" which it has designed to end in a bloodbath. This is the real meaning of the regime of Juan Carlos, a mere holster for the fascist gun.

Without the aid of the Stalinist Com-

and some expelled from Spain.

The referendum asks the Spanish people to answer the question: "Do you approve of the political reform bill?" The bill, passed by the Cortes or Francoist assembly is a complete sham, even technically, since although it provides for the election of a legislature, the King maintains the power to dissolve the legislature through the infamous Francoist national referendums. As well, the Prime Minister will still be chosen by the King and the Council of the Realm, a Francoist fascist institution.

The referendum itself offers no alternative to the Spanish working class but is only a means for the fascist Monarchy of Juan Carlos to legitimize the continued existence of the fascist apparatus in power, and to cover the preparation of another fascist coup as in '36.

As if to pacify the fascist generals, who think even the referendum is too much, the international bourgeoisie through one of its organs, THE LON-



CONSTRUCTION WORKERS STRIKE IN SPAIN

Don Times, announced that "... According to one unconfirmed report, thousands of 9MM pistols are now being distributed among militant fascists." (Nov. 15th, 1976) Apparently, a fine distinction is being drawn here between the "fascists" who are in power, and the "militant fascists" who are waiting in the wings to crush the workers. "Militant fascists" have been very active in the major centers of Spain lately with bombings and terrorist attacks against workers organizations, left bookstores, and militants becoming an almost daily occurrence.

Such is the nature of the "new era" spoken of by the world bourgeoisie in Spain, and the purpose too of the "democratic" referendum.

The referendum, already postponed from October, had been prepared with a wave of repression against the Spanish working class. Early in the fall, the growing militancy and combativeness of the Spanish workers forced the government to announce a new austerity plan which included wage controls and massive layoffs, especially of factory militants. On November 12th the workers responded to this offensive with a one day general strike called by the illegal trade unions -- some estimates place the number of workers involved from between 500,000 to one million who were, in turn, joined by students from Barcelona and Madrid. Newspaper reports placed the number of arrested in these strikes as high as 400 and the arrests have continued to mount since then in preparation of the "democratic" referendum on December 15th. In addition, the leaders and militants of several parties, previously granted a measure of openness by their respect of the democratic pretensions of the Juan Carlos regime, have also been arrested

Spanish revolution by the Fourth International in much the same way as the imperialists in the United States have imposed a total news blackout on Spain save for lavish praise for Juan Carlos and his "democracy." In this way imperialism hides the real events -- the mobilization of fascist reaction -- and make all those who challenge Juan Carlos' fake democracy appear as enemies of democracy. So, too, the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party has had nothing to say on the real meaning of the so-called "democratic" referendum.

In reality, as Carter builds a government to enforce unemployment and inflation under the cover of "democracy" and to prepare the US working class for war, so too in Spain and Portugal US imperialism has given massive loans to support the illusion of "democracy." And it is this fact which the centrists have also neglected to mention, that forms the link between the "democratic" referendum in Spain and the election of Jimmy Carter. Hansen and Barnes of the SWP speak of the cynicism and backwardness of American workers, while they sit back in full knowledge of the true events in Spain, and the role of US imperialism, strengthening the illusions of American workers in the Carter regime through their silence.

And in Spain, while the militants of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario de Espana (Revolutionary Workers Party of Spain, PORE) the Spanish Section of the Fourth International, were being arrested and imprisoned, the centrist candidate of the SWP in the US Presidential elections, Peter Camejo, was touring Spain openly flouting the new "democracy" of Juan Carlos. Now we read with the December 3rd issue of THE MILITANT that more than 150 militants and supporters of the Spanish Liga Comunista Revolucionaria, sympathetic section of the United Secretariat and the Socialist Workers Party, have been arrested by the Juan Carlos regime. Yet, still the centrists maintain a cloak of silence over what is happening in Spain and present the situation there as a struggle for "democratic rights" and "amnesty," as if these rights could be won without the overthrow of Juan Carlos and the winning of the Spanish workers away from the treacherous leaderships of Stalinism and reformism. The SWP does not, however, even call for a mobilization to release its own militants in Spain.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

As against the conspiracy of the international bourgeoisie to maintain the isolation of the Spanish proletariat, the Fourth International has long recognized the strategic importance of the Spanish revolution to the world proletariat. The fall of the last fascist regime in Europe will inaugurate the beginning of the European revolution. It is precisely this that imperialism fears.

The Spanish section of the Fourth International, the PORE, is working to build a campaign to boycott the referendum of Juan Carlos, but this campaign has nothing in common with that of the Stalinists. For the PORE's campaign is tied to the preparation of the overthrow of the fascist Monarchy and the struggle for a Worker and Peasant Government. It fights with the clear understanding that the Monarchy is not a prelude to a democratic republic or a coalition government of Stalinists and reformists (CP-SP government) but rather a cover for the preparation of a fascist coup.

Even in the framework of the struggle for democratic rights in Spain it is a cynical betrayal of the Spanish workers that the centrists propagate the illusion of these rights being won without the overthrow of the chosen government of the international bourgeoisie in Spain, and the seizure of power by the Spanish proletariat.

Imperialism has announced its intentions in Spain with the arming of fascist gangs, and the isolation of the Spanish proletariat from the workers of the United States and the rest of the world. What then does the policy of silence on the part of the Stalinists and centrists in the US reduce itself to, but the aid of international reaction in its preparation of war against the workers of Spain and Europe?

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Ford River Rouge

Central to the success of the Congress of the Trotskyist Organization in February Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International is the extent of the preparatory work of the circles of the Revolutionary Worker Youth at Ford River Rouge, largest center of production in the world where the most combative section of the US working class is gearing itself for an open confrontation with the bourgeois system. What the circles of the RWY at Rouge do will be decisive.

Stamping, Assembly and Steel must develop a full mobilization of the young workers against Carter's reorganization of the capitalist government in a demonstration in Washington January 20th on the occasion of Carter's inauguration.

In deep crisis, the bourgeois government is attempting to barricade itself against the onslaught of the working class, in its strikes and in its growing intolerance of the policies of the imperialists. The bourgeois government is attempting to centralize all the forces it can muster for the confrontation. The reorganization of the fragmented Energy Bureau is a sign of its crisis.

The Atomic Scientist McCormack says "This nation's executive branch must speak with a single clear voice on energy... Without it we could have economic, political and societal catastrophe." What the "energy crisis" means; the stockpiling of oil and profits to bolster the ruling class, is preparation for war -- the only solution of the bourgeoisie to the crisis of capitalism, its unemployment, inflation and social decay.

What the circles of the RWY are doing is preparing a demonstration in Washington to be followed by a Conference to plan and prepare the Conference of the Two Americas this Spring to be held by the right hand by the White House.

The central elements of the platform of the RWY in the elections were:

- Break with the Democrats -- Build a Workers Party to fight for a Workers Government
-End unemployment and inflation--slide hours down until there is full employment, Wage increases to equal every price increase.
-Stop the Repression of the capitalist government
-One central trade union defend all trade union rights. Full equality for women Blacks and youth in the unions.
-No aid to the fascist dictatorships in Latin America
-Socialist United States of Europe--Unite the workers of the Two Americas in the fight for the United Socialist Republic of the Americas
-Support the struggles of the workers in Eastern Europe and the USSR against the Stalinist bureaucracies -- A workers Commission of Inquiry into the events in Poland
-The independent mobilization and organization of the workers and youth to realize these demands

To continue this policy the RWY is preparing the massive mobilization of working class youth for the demonstration under the slogans:

STOP CARTER'S PLANS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION!

STOP US SUPPORT TO THE LATIN AMERICAN DICTATORSHIPS!

UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE AMERICAS!

Putting up posters for the demonstration on the factory walls and around the big industrial centers in Chicago and Detroit, wide distribution of REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKER (formerly YOUNG GUARD), newspaper of the RWY, changed in name in memory of our murdered comrade, Palmer Ambers, explaining the purpose of the demonstration, tickets at \$23.50 each for travel and lodging expenses in Washington are weapons in building the mobilization against Carter's inauguration and what it stands for: the continuation of unemployment, repression, inflation and preparations for war.

At Rouge the circles of the RWY in Stamping, Assembly and Steel will call on the organizations of the workers movement at Rouge, SPARK, the Spartacist League, Time--Unite--to support and join in this international fight against US imperialism. The workers cannot afford to "wait and see" -- the task is before us -- all who claim the banner of socialism must join in this fight.

All circles of the RWY in construction at Rouge, Fleetwood, Wayne State, Harper Hospital, Great Lakes Steel in Detroit; Ford Torrence and US Steel in Chicago will elect representatives to go to the Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance Dec. 30 and 31st in Chicago to engage the support of the proletarian militants of the YSA and the Socialist Workers Party and in the Conference of the RWY following the demonstration in Washington to make plans for the Conference of the Two

Americas this Spring to unify the struggles of the workers of North and South America against US imperialism in the construction of sections of the RWY to build parties of the Fourth International throughout the Americas.

BARBARA PUTNAM DAP CIRCLE--RWY FORD RIVER ROUGE

GM Fleetwood

The Revolutionary Worker Youth started regular work in December organizing circles of the RWY among the 5,000 workers at the Fleetwood GM plant in Detroit. In Sept. during the Ford strike, the RWY started work at Fleetwood and got strong support. There was good reason for this -- the Fleetwood workers had just been forced back to work from a wildcat strike under a defeat engineered by the treachery of the official UAW leaders.

The RWY's fight to lead the unions is particularly important at Fleetwood right now. The complicity of the bureaucrats in the attack on the workers has been more open and direct at Fleetwood than anywhere else in Detroit, and the battle is far from over. Woodcock's gang openly showed its treachery when it organized a goon squad to crush the wildcat, and its attacks continue at every union meeting where the "official" traitors keep up their policy of stabbing the workers in the back when they can and bidding their time when they can't, disregarding and overruling the decisions made by the workers in defense of the wildcat and the workers who were fired for it.

Now that this has gone on for 4 months and all the contracts are "settled," the bureaucrats think they can try playing with fire again. They have announced that there will be a "local strike" in January, but that the question of the fired workers and the other demands of the workers are already settled -- against the workers. The bureaucrats intend to use this "strike" to "teach the workers a lesson" for the sin of the wildcat and let them feel the pinch a little; the same way Woodcock got the Ford workers to accept his contract. But the RWY has a lesson in mind, too, the lesson that all the workers have started to draw from the strikes this fall and the official leaders treachery. And if the traitors want to play with fire like they did in the wildcat, all the better, because fire is our natural element!

We say "play with fire like they did in the wildcat," because the workers involved in the wildcat report that it was actually started by local union president himself, Rufus Coleman, after he was threatened with discipline by GM. He may have started it, but he couldn't stop it like he wanted to. Why? Because the workers didn't go out for him, they went out for themselves. They hoped that in the wildcat a new leadership could come forward to lead their fight. Once they went out, there was only one direction the workers fight could go in, and this is the key to the RWY's program of action and also the key to the treacherous attack by Woodcock on the wildcat. That direction is the general strike of auto -- this is what the RWY has fought for and what Woodcock has fought to prevent at all costs. This year for the first time there were strikes at all of the Big 3. It is the deep discontent and growing militancy of the workers all across the board that is behind this fact, and behind the wildcat. And there is only one direction this movement can go in -- against the "official" betrayers, towards a general confrontation with their masters, the companies and the government.

The program of action the RWY has fought for in the union is designed to bring this out clearly in front of the workers and enable them to make this fight. The RWY started fighting for a resolution at the Dec. 5th meeting called to discuss contract ratification to reaffirm the union resolution passed by the workers Sept. 12th that no contract would be accepted with-

out reinstatement of workers fired for participation in the Aug. 26th strike; 2) to reject the contract negotiated by Woodcock in line with Carter's policy for wage controls, 3) to fight for a general assembly of auto workers' delegates and a united fight by the entire working class, against Carter's wage controls, for the sliding scale of working hours and wages against unemployment and inflation, 5) Elections by the workers of a new strike committee with full power over negotiations and strike action. Election by the workers of a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the actions of the union leadership during the Aug. 26th strike with a view to bringing charges and taking disciplinary action.

Already young workers have been won to the RWY by the fact that it was the only organization that confronted the official traitors and fought for the fired workers at this meeting.

The international campaigns of the RWY go beyond the scope of the fight for its factions in the unions which provide truly revolutionary means and goals for the struggle to break out of the framework set by the trade union bureaucracy, forcing the workers to fight factory by factory and union by union. We can make the campaign to support the struggle of the Polish workers and to free the imprisoned workers have the greatest impact in allowing the RWY to come to leadership of all the workers. Posting at the shift change at Fleetwood for the Dec. 15th demonstration engaged the support of young workers who stopped and took posters into the plant to put up on the walls.

With the aggressive fight we plan in the unions for the International Workers Committee, and above all our fight as communists to prove that REPRESSION AGAINST THE WORKING CLASS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SOCIALISM, we can stop dead the slander of the union bureaucrats and set the whole question of the working class fight for power on our terms. This question has already come up for many militants at Fleetwood who have seen organizations like the "Coalition for a Good Contract" and "Auto workers United to fight in '76" denounced as "communist" by the union officials. They use the Stalinist degeneration of the Russian Workers State to stop the workers every time they start on a broad mobilization that raises the question of power. We will use the defense of the Polish workers to prove in action that Stalinism has nothing to do with Communism, and to prove that behind all their bluster the union bureaucrats are fundamentally the same as the Stalinists, using gangster methods to maintain their hold over the workers so they can bargain away the workers rights for their own privileges.

With this fight to raise our banner against the rotten filth of Stalinism, the RWY can stand in front of the workers with the tremendous moral authority that true communism has every right to. In this fight we also begin to make clear to the young workers the fact that Stalinism is the chief international support of US imperialism, and the strategic importance of the fight for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. And we also make clear where organizations like "Autoworkers United to Fight in '76" the "Coalition for a Good Contract" and the Socialist Workers Party stand. They are led by people who call themselves communists and socialists but who "fight for socialism" in secret and tell the workers that the fight for socialism has nothing to do with the daily struggle of the working class. We can make many gains on this together with the demonstration against Carter and US imperialism on Inauguration Day in Washington, D.C., which will be central in making the RWY the mass, independent, organization of the youth which means the break of the young workers from the Democrats.

ROBIN SANDOW FLEETWOOD CIRCLE - RWY Detroit, December 16th

Rosalyn Carter Embraces Latin American Reactionary

RWY USA PLANS FIGHT TO STOP ALL SUPPORT TO LATIN AMERICAN DICTATORSHIPS



By MARGARET GUTTSALL On Thursday, December 2nd, Jose Lopez Portillo, with 25,000 troops to protect him from the Mexican youth, workers, and peasants, was inaugurated in Mexico City. His objective: to carry out a program of austerity against the Mexican working class. "Not as a passing fad... but as a way of life," he declared.

Present for the affair was a large delegation from the US capitalist class; Jack Ford, Kissinger and most notably Rosalynn Carter, who brought Portillo "warmest regards" from Jimmy Carter, the self-proclaimed "people's president" who himself will be inaugurated in Washington in only 7 weeks. A representative of the Stalinist bureaucracy was, no doubt, also present.

That this band of capitalist politicians, reactionary and "democratic" alike, was forced to resort to arms to defend the inauguration of its candidate for President of Mexico, is proof of the tremendous power that the workers and oppressed masses of Latin America have to bring to the young workers of North America fighting the same capitalist program of austerity. Rosalynn Carter's presence is proof that Jimmy Carter has tied to the American working class, that he plans to continue the Ford regime's support to the reactionary dictatorships throughout Latin America. And the entirety of the affair underlines the decisive role of the working class youth of the United States in the fight to bring down imperialism and Stalinism in the Americas.

A TIMELY DECISION

This is the first time that the Carter clique in the Democratic Party has openly embraced US imperialism's war against the workers and oppressed masses of the border. During the campaign for the presidency these "Democrats" preferred to denounce Ford-Kissinger's support to the fascist barbarians in Chile in a cynical attempt to fool the American workers.

Thus the decision of the Revolutionary Worker Youth of the USA to take its place in the fight to rebuild the sections of the Fourth International throughout the Americas, through a massive campaign to regroup the fighting young vanguard of the working class in the Revolutionary Youth International, beginning with a unitary demonstration against Carter's austerity program and support to the Argentine dictatorship on the occasion of his inauguration, couldn't have been more timely. This was the topic of the open meetings called by the Revolutionary Worker Youth in Detroit and Chicago and endorsed by dozens of young workers at Ford River Rouge, GM Fleetwood, GreatLakes Steel, and Ford Torrence. It is this mobilization that the Revolutionary Worker Youth has decided to fight to break the masses of young workers and militants of organizations which claim to represent the working class, above all those of the Young Socialist Alliance, the SWP, and the rest of the United Secretariat, from the Democratic Party, the trade union bureaucracy, and the "liberal" bourgeoisie and its lackeys throughout the Americas, and regroup them in a Conference of the Revolutionary Worker Youth to build the RWY and its sections.

ASPIRATIONS AND OBSTACLES

The Call to all the youth, workers, and organizations of the workers movement to join in the united demonstration against Carter and his plans, adopted

by the representatives of the young workers and militants of the RWY, corresponds entirely to the aspirations of masses of young workers and militants who have little trust in Carter and the Democratic Party and their lackeys in the workers movement and want to unite with the young workers throughout the world in their own organization to carry out the fight against them. It is a difficult objective but it is a correct one. Thus all the young workers and militants who have taken up this fight must be clear from the beginning on the obstacles which will confront them and map out a plan to fight them.

There are leaders of organizations in the United States, Latin America, and indeed around the world, who claim to represent the Fourth International who are opposed to the construction of the Revolutionary Youth International in a massive, international, and independent campaign against Carter to stop all support to the Argentine Videla regime and the rest of the dictatorships in Latin America. They propose instead to limit the unified and international struggle of the workers in the Americas and Europe to a struggle to get passports and the right of asylum in Europe for Latin American political prisoners. They call this a struggle to "free the political prisoners."

They propose in each country to "unite workers around an anti-capitalist program so that they can make whatever accords are required with bourgeois and petty-bourgeois sectors." They call this a "fight against the dictatorships."

And they argue that it isn't possible to build true workers parties in North and South America to prepare the confrontation with the Carter regime and his-reactionary allies South of the border, that the North American workers are not ready, that the South American workers will have to wait because the repression is too fierce. They call this a realistic attitude towards building the party.

These "leaders" are those of the US Socialist Workers Party, its "United Secretariat," and its sections throughout the Americas. The quotations above are from their press, the INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS and THE MILITANT.



The problem is that these countries, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, now under the heel of the reactionary dictatorships, are the HOMES of the masses of youth, workers, peasants, and working class militants. It's not possible, even if it were desirable, to get a passport and asylum for the whole of the Latin American working class and its leadership now under the gun. And the only perspective that these "leaders" offer the youth, workers and militants to continue their struggle, is the same perspective of national and continental isolation and collaboration with their so-called "progressive" sections of the bourgeoisie which allowed these reactionary dictatorships to take power in the first place.

This is not the policy of the Fourth International, World Party of the Socialist Revolution. It is a policy of support to the Stalinist bureaucracy in this hemisphere, most notably Castro's program of "peaceful coexistence" -- the violent subordination of the working class to US imperialism and its fascist dictatorships. The consequences of this centrist policy have been most clearly expressed in the fate of the "United Secretariat's" organization in Argentina, the PST. Once the largest party claiming to be the false policy of trust in the "liberal" intentions of the "progressive" national bourgeoisie. Only weeks before the Videla coup, the leadership of this party was trying to convince the workers not to be worried about all the talk about the reactionaries' mobilization, to set their sights on making some progress in the "democratic" elections these far-sighted gentlemen were sure would be held this fall. Now, with the coup in March, this huge party which claimed to lead the fight of the Argentine working class for socialism, has been reduced to one group around Moreno and Mandel advocating the desperate strategy of guerrilla warfare against Videla and another group around Hansen advocating the equally

desperate and bankrupt strategy of defending democratic rights with any and all alliances possible with the bourgeoisie and the petty bourgeoisie and publish a newspaper entitled ADELANTE, that is, Forward, in Buenos Aires.

It's the young workers in Argentina and the militants of the "United Secretariat" who have paid and are paying, many with their lives, for the treachery of these "wise" gentlemen "revolutionaries." They and their policy is and will be the main obstacle to the organization of this united demonstration in Washington on the occasion of Carter's inauguration and the regroupment of the vanguard of the working class in this Conference of the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International. In the last months these "leaders" -- Mandel, Moreno, Hansen -- have forged an alliance with the Lambert-Just leadership of the so-called "Organizing Committee For the Rebuilding of the Fourth International," attempting to utilize the place that they once occupied in the fight of the Fourth International to attempt to cover themselves. The young workers and militants in North and South America must not be fooled. These are not the rebuilders of the Fourth International. Lambert and Just are the men who organized the campaign of slander and physical attacks on the rebuilders of the Fourth International.

THE MOBILIZATION OF THE WORKERS AND THE CRISIS OF THE DICTATORSHIPS.

To win the fight against these leaders to prepare this Conference and demonstration in Washington the young workers must base themselves and seek the support of the workers, oppressed masses and true proletarian revolutionaries in these organizations which claim to represent the working class. For despite these leaders, they have had no choice but to continue the fight and they have.

The continued mobilization of the Argentine working class in the face of Videla and his bands of assassins has been the epitome of the determination of the workers and oppressed masses throughout this hemisphere to finish with imperialism and its lackeys. The general strike of Chrysler, Ford, GM, Renault and Fiat workers this September was quickly followed by a strike of light and power workers which paralyzed the dictatorship. Today the generals are fighting among themselves about what to do. No doubt one of the first assignments of Carter's Secretary of State will be to go down there and give them advice, arms, and money as Kissinger always did.

For this reason the RWY has decided to focus its campaign to stop all political, military and financial support in Latin America of US imperialism on Videla's dictatorship. It is the weak link in the chain. Victory here will open up perspectives for revolution throughout the continent. It is a means through which to centralize the struggles of the workers and peasants from Buenos Aires to Ottawa and it is at the same time the only means through which to truly defend the more than 14,000 political exiles trapped in Argentina. The fight to stop all support to the Videla regime and the rest of the dictatorships in Latin America, beginning with a mass demonstration in Washington on January 20th, is a fight for every worker, and especially those in the United States.

In the next weeks, the militants of the Revolutionary Worker Youth and the young workers who have joined them in this fight will be addressing letters to the auto and steelworkers locals and to the political organizations of the working class, beginning with the YSA, the SWP and the other organizations of the "United Secretariat" in Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico, asking them to join in the preparation of the demonstration in Washington, organizing delegations to the meetings of the unions and organizations to present resolutions of support, selling tickets and collecting money to finance the demonstration and the Conference. It's the regroupment of the young workers and militants of the YSA and SWP in the Circles of the Revolutionary Worker Youth which will be decisive in the strength of this blow against imperialism and its lackeys which is being prepared. Join them. Watch for the next issue of YOUNG GUARD, organ of the Revolutionary Worker Youth of the USA. Make it your own. Rosalyn Carter's embrace of Portillo must be her last.

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