

TRUTH



Trotskyist Candidate for Detroit Mayor says

ALL OUT FOR THE MEETING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION!

Organize the fight to elect a Strike Committee to lead a Sit-down at the Rouge!

By JON COHEN

"ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE IN STAMPING TO LEAD A SIT-DOWN AT THE ROUGE!"

This was the central slogan of the Trotskyist Organization of the US and the Revolutionary Worker Youth at Ford River Rouge last week in response to the strike movement taking place in auto.

In preparation of the Stamping unit meeting on May 15th, which has a central role in unleashing the strike movement at the Rouge, over 50 copies of TRUTH and 50 copies of REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKER were sold in the last two weeks. Over 30 workers in the Stamping plant were won in support of the struggle of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit and elect its candidate, Fred Vitale, from Local #551 in Chicago.

The Stamping workers, who at their last union meeting almost succeeded in driving Willie Washington, their unit President and Mike Rinaldi, the President of Local #600 out of their meeting and electing their own strike committee, only to be blocked by the Stalinists of "Time-to-UNITE," who succeeded in delaying the strike for "official authorization," are beginning to see that it is only the Trotskyist Organization and the RWY which is organizing the offensive of the Stamping workers.

"Organization is what we need," I think that this is the most important problem immediately facing the young workers taking up our fight. No longer is it a question for the most advanced workers that our proposals for a strike committee or a sit-down are not "realistic" -- they have learned something in the last months about the "realism" of the bureaucrats and the Stalinists. But the central question is how to organize the advanced workers independently of the bureaucrats and "Time-to-UNITE" and how to lead a fight against them.

"Lenin was the heaviest revolutionary of them all," was a comment of a young worker in Stamping who has fought for the proposals of the TO and RWY. Our offensive to "Return to Lenin" means to answer once and for all how to organize this offensive of the workers and how to build the party of Lenin in the workers struggles.

For me, "Return to Lenin" in the Stamping plant starts with the revolutionary press, TRUTH. It must be used as our organizer, our weapon against the bureaucrats and the Stalinists. The 50 readers of TRUTH in Stamping must be organized in groups to discuss the latest issue -- our proposals for their fight and their response and questions.

With TRUTH in their hand they can confront "Time-to-UNITE" and demand a political response to our proposals. It is the beginning of our fight to build the party by engaging the masses of young workers in our struggle. It is the starting point for constructing the circles of the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH in every department in the factory, discussing the proposals of the party and taking up the immediate fight for these proposals.

Immediately, the circles of the RWY must recruit all the young workers at Stamping and throughout the Rouge who want to fight in the Stamping meeting on May 15th to elect a strike committee and organize a sit-down at the Rouge. These young workers must be organized to come to the meeting of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW on Sunday, May 15th, before the union meeting to organize our fight.

This meeting, open to all the young workers, will prepare our resolution for the Stamping meeting -- for the strike committee, the sit-down and our fight which must continue this week to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit, and to elect our candidate President of the UAW. We must continue our fight to collect signatures for the UAW convention and to collect money to send our delegation to LA.

I know that every young worker who has taken up this fight with us understands that they cannot go into this Stamping meeting without organization, without a means for self-defense. It's happened in the past and will happen again -- the bureaucrats and their Stalinist goons will do everything possible to prevent the militants of the TO and RWY and ANY revolutionary young worker from intervening with revolutionary proposals.

All the young workers -- those in the RWY, but as well, ANY young worker who wants to go to this union meeting to fight for a strike against the bureaucrats and Stalinists, should come to the mass meeting of the RWY on Sunday, May 15th to prepare the intervention of the RWY in the union meeting and to insure the defense of ALL young workers who wish to speak at this meeting.

This is as well a means to confront "Time-to-UNITE" and the other organizations and their honest militants. We disagree politically. Fine. We will fight for our proposals in front of the majority of the workers and see who stands on the side of the bureaucrats and who stands for the interests of the young workers. But first of all, which party stands for democracy in the UAW, for the right of all political tendencies to fight for their policy? Whose party is the party of Lenin and whose party is the party of Stalinist repression?

One final point which I think is very important for those young workers who want to organize. Many young workers say, "OK, I agree with you, but I don't have time to come to a meeting to organize this fight." This is an important problem because many young workers think that our fight can develop spontaneously, magically, or something like that. Without meeting beforehand, discussing our proposals, planning our fight, we in fact waste valuable time and effort. Without meeting beforehand our intervention will be disorganized by the Stalinists and the bureaucrats and the workers who really want to fight won't have the political weapons to do so.

"Return to Lenin".... Meet.... Organize with TRUTH.... build the RWY to engage all the young workers.... Organize the defense of every action.... Confront the Stalinists and bureaucrats with our proposals.... Build the party by organizing the workers struggles and recruiting the best fighters.... These are our means to organize the offensive of the auto workers and to throw out the UAW bureaucracy.

And I think that we must be prepared to continue and lead this fight even if the bureaucrats cancel the union meeting this Sunday. This is our union, not theirs, and we have the

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TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION FIGHTS TO LEAD STRIKE WAVE TO VICTORY!

"Time-to-UNITE" begs bureaucrats to lead

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

Detroit, May 8 -- It is the afternoon of the first session of the convention of the United Auto Workers union in Los Angeles. Jimmy Carter has just risen to speak to the convention when the chairman hands him a piece of paper. The President turns red in the face and grimaces as he silently reads the communique he has just received; "Local #600 Stamping unit of Ford River Rouge has thrown out local leaders, Willie Washington and the Sergeant-of-Arms, and is electing a strike committee. The meeting has passed a motion condemning the UAW leadership for holding its convention in Los Angeles and refuses to recognize the directives or leaders elected by the convention. The workers are organizing a sitdown strike at the Rouge and sending delegations to auto plants all over Detroit."

A hypothetical situation but not so far off as Leonard Woodcock and Doug Fraser would like it to be. Throughout auto the workers are asking how to win a victory, how to really defeat Carter's program

of "sacrifices" imposed upon them daily in the form of grueling workloads and slavish working conditions, layoffs, and price hikes. Such a victory is being forged today by militants of the Trotskyist Organization and Revolutionary Worker Youth with the auto workers of the Stamping unit of Local #600 at Ford River Rouge. Workers have left the meetings of the Stamping unit since the strike, disgusted with the maneuvers of the bureaucrats and the confusion sown by them with one question on their minds -- how to organize a victory?

ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE -- ORGANIZE A SITDOWN

It is the same question being asked by the auto workers in Indianapolis and Fremont, whose strikes were broken by the UAW International. It is the same question being asked by the Sterling Heights Chrysler workers who went back to work last week with practically the same bankrupt contract as the one they voted down.

Resolution for the Dearborn Stamping Unit Meeting May 15

Willie Wash and Mike Rinaldi, and their friends in the UAW International -- Woodcock, Fraser, and Co. have proven only capable of BREAKING STRIKES. So, the first point on the agenda of the Stamping Plant Unit meeting can only be:

- I. ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE NOW TO LEAD A SITDOWN! No more red tape or stalling for "strike authorization." Organize the occupation of the Stamping Plant and all of the Rouge with our own leadership and oust the traitors.
- II. FIGHT FOR IMMEDIATE REDUCTION IN WORKLOADS; RECALL OF ALL LAID-OFF WORKERS; REHIRE OF THE STRIKE LEADERS IN INDIANAPOLIS AND FREMONT! We commission the strike committee to fight for these demands and to organize meetings of the workers in the plant to formulate further demands. We call on our brothers and sisters who have been thrown into the streets by the auto barons to join us in our struggle and elect delegates to the strike committee.
- III. MASS ASSEMBLY OF ALL ROUGE WORKERS -- DELEGATIONS TO ALL PLANTS! We call on all Rouge workers to follow our example and elect a strike committee, throw out the bureaucrats and organize the sitdown throughout the Rouge.
- IV. BRING THE UAW CONVENTION TO DETROIT, OPEN IT UP TO THE MASSES OF WORKERS, ORGANIZE A GENERAL STRIKE OF AUTO AGAINST CARTER'S ATTACK! We won't accept the ground rules of the convention Woodcock and Fraser have organized or its decisions. This is our union and we want our convention in Detroit. We want Woodcock, Fraser, and Carter out. We call on all UAW members to join us in this fight. To send telegrams to the UAW Convention demanding that this resolution be carried out.

VITALE DEMANDS UAW CONVENTION BACK TO DETROIT

By A REPORTER

Detroit, May 1 -- The delegation of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW went to Solidarity House, UAW World Headquarters on April 30th. Fred Vitale, RWF candidate for UAW President and member of the UAW Local #551, demanded the UAW convention be brought back to Detroit, and opened up to the masses of autoworkers. He said the RWF wanted its delegation seated, its resolution on the agenda, and its candidate on the ballot and demanded to speak to Woodcock and Fraser.

The so-called "brother" at the desk said they weren't there, asked the members of the RWF if they thought Woodcock and Fraser worked 5 or 6 days a week or sat around the office just waiting to talk to workers! When he was reminded that plenty of autoworkers work 6 or 7 days a week, he said, "That's your tough luck." He said he wanted the militants of the RWF to leave, told them they could "call back on Monday if they wanted to."

BUREAUCRAT SHAKES

This two-bit bureaucrat was shaking in his shoes. He refused to give his name. He couldn't have felt threatened by the size of the RWF delegation. It was that he knew that thousands of autoworkers want the same thing. The mobilization and organization of these workers in the RWF to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit, throw out Fraser and elect Vitale President is extremely important for the whole working class, especially as the bureaucrats make their final plans for May 15th in LA. The workers can't win their demands without mobilizing and organizing to drive these traitors out of their unions.

Up to now the RWF and its candidate Vitale have won a lot of support for their fight, but it hasn't been sufficiently organized so many workers felt they were alone. This is why the RWF was able only to send a delegation to Solidarity House and not rally there as originally planned.

The Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW are fighting to resolve this problem by deepening the political fight. Names of supporters of this fight are published at the side. The TO and RWF are fighting to win 100 more in the next week, to raise \$200 more to finance the RWF delegation to LA.

It's necessary to go as far as possible in the fight to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit, throw out Fraser, and elect Vitale President. There is no other way to win the leadership of the UAW, today or tomorrow. And there is no party but the Trotskyist Organization fighting to do so.

WORKERS SUPPORT SEE BACK PAGE

Castro proves enemy of workers revolution

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

Thousands of youth and workers in North and South America, fighting US imperialism and its lackeys south of the border, are drawing the conclusion that they cannot rely on Castro and the rest of the leadership of the so-called "Communist" Party in power in Cuba in this fight.

Fifteen years ago they drew inspiration from the determined struggle of the Cuban masses to drive the imperialists from their island, falsely concluded Castro and Co. were at the head of this struggle, and placed confidence in him for this reason. Today, after Castro's capitulation before the US imperialists and the dictatorships it has installed in Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, now Peru and Mexico, their confidence is wanting. What illusions remain are being shaken by the spectacle of the "great revolutionary leader" groveling before Carter and Minnesota businessmen, asking them to do what they are only too willing to do: transform Cuba, the first workers state in this hemisphere into a playground for US imperialism. He promises total compliance with their counterrevolutionary aims in Europe and North America, in Africa and Latin America, in exchange for this "favor".

It's not easy for the Stalinists of the American CP or the Kremlin to convince the youth and workers of the Americas that this represents a victory for the working class, nor for the "left" Stalinists (of the Communist Labor Party, for example) to convince them that Castro's overtures are just a "brilliant tactical maneuver," ala Mao.

The reality of life under the direct rule of the imperialists is ever present and memories of Cuba under Batista -- tourism, gangsterism, gambling, prostitution, drugs, children barefoot and starving in the streets -- are too fresh.

INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION

Thus the youth and workers search for an alternative, for a means to organize themselves and their struggles independently. Yet they continue to do so in a confused fashion, sometimes rejecting any permanent form of organization altogether.

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA is fighting to organize and lead this workers struggle, to resolve this problem, to build the workers party of class independence, of unity of the workers of North and South America, of unity of the workers of the Americas with those of Europe, East and West. This is our objective in our struggle to mobilize and organize the workers independently in support of the Trotskyist Organization's candidate for Detroit Mayor, in defense of the conquests of the Cuban Revolution, for the immediate

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The Resolution of the Revolutionary Workers Faction -- UAW, printed below, distributed massively in the Stamping unit and signed by more than 30 Rouge workers is a product of the experiences learned by the Stamping unit workers from the time of the strike in the fall to the last Stamping unit meeting where Mike Rinaldi and Willie Washington said it didn't matter what the workers decided, there wasn't going to be ANY strike. The strategy put forward in the Resolution is one to put the control of the strike, the demands, and the union meeting into the hands of the workers from the very start. It's a means to extend the strike and win the support of auto workers throughout the country.

Given the way the majority of Stamping unit workers feel about Mike Rinaldi and Willie Washington there is only one question to ask them at the next Stamping unit meeting. "What are YOU doing here?" And without waiting for an answer, the first order of business should be the election of a strike committee in the Stamping unit, as put forward in the Resolution.

Right from the beginning you can be sure that the bureaucrats and TIME-TO-UNITE will try to keep

the militants of the TO and RWY out of the meeting in order to prevent our proposal from coming to the floor. That's why the Stamping workers must take control from the very start and vote to take up the business of electing a strike committee. It's the only serious proposal to lead a strike to victory. Then we'll see who stays and who goes. (You can be sure Willie and Mike will be gone long before the vote is taken.)

The RWF-UAW is proposing to ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE in Stamping because it's the only way for the workers to run the strike, it's the only way to elect a leadership reflecting the true sentiments of the auto workers. We propose the tactic of a SITDOWN STRIKE, an occupation of the Stamping plant to be led and planned by the strike committees in order to use the biggest possible club against Ford Motor Co., and the powers that be who will come to its rescue against the Stamping strike. And precisely because of the boldness and strength of this tactic, the one used to organize the UAW at its birth, the Stamping strike will win the support of workers of the entire industry and their example will be followed by all of the Rouge.

But there is another matter for the workers to take up. What to strike for. If the Stamping workers go out on strike, wage a determined and bitter struggle and then have to return to the same killing pace and inhuman working conditions with only a few grievances settled here or there -- What kind of victory is that? But THAT is exactly what the TIME-TO-UNITE organization and "Leaders for Change" propose. No, if nothing else the Stamping workers must have an IMMEDIATE REDUCTION IN WORKLOAD! The slave driving bosses are using the incredible workload in auto to break the will of the workers. They're driving old men and women and young militants into the ground.

On the basis of struggle to stop this daily grind the Stamping strike can draw on the support not only of all of the auto workers but the entire working class with the demand to RECALL ALL THE WORKERS, REHIRE THOSE FIRED IN FREMONT AND INDIANAPOLIS. The unemployed workers of Detroit will see the strike is for them as well and rally to defend it, feed it, and join it.

This is the key to winning the strike, to how far it will be able to go, that is, to EXTEND THE STRIKE TO ALL OF AUTO. The talk of trade union "officials" and their worshippers about a "local" strike and "local" grievances is pure suicide. There is not a single "local" grievance or contract issue in Stamping which is not felt by every auto worker in the country -- in fact, in the world. The auto barons know this, they are breaking the strikes one by one because they know if one local gets its way everybody will follow suit. Woodcock and Fraser have made a science out of breaking strikes by talking about "local" grievances just as Mike Rinaldi has used the same maneuver to break up the Stamping workers meetings.

It should be clear enough from the resolution of the RWF-UAW alone what the difference is between the strategy for victory we propose and the pressure tactics proposed by TIME-TO-UNITE. No matter what they call themselves, TIME-TO-UNITE has gone down on record as sowing DISUNITY among the auto workers. Never mind for a moment the racist slanders about white women and black men they sling about. Look at the leaflet they passed out after the Stamping unit meeting. They agree with Willie Washington and "Leaders for Change" that "strike authorization" must be obtained from the UAW International. Since Mike Rinaldi who is part of the machinery says the Stamping workers won't get it, where does TIME-TO-UNITE leave the Stamping workers? TIME-TO-UNITE thinks you unite the Stamping workers by uniting the workers with the bureaucratic cowards who have betrayed them time and again.

"The anger and strength of 150 workers at the union meeting brought Local President Mike Rinaldi to visit the DSP on Tuesday," says TIME-TO-UNITE in their leaflet.

Is that what YOU were fighting for Stamping workers? For Mike Rinaldi the blowhard baboon to come down from his air-conditioned office on the hill to grace your presence for one day?

The attention of every Stamping worker is turned toward finding the road to victory, to upsetting the plans of President Carter and the UAW tops in Los Angeles through continuing and extending the strike movement of the auto workers. The key to that victory is to organize the strike of Stamping based on a leadership elected and trusted by the workers and ousting the traitorous strikebreakers -- Rinaldi and Washington. The TO and RWY call on all Rouge Rouge workers to circulate this Resolution and initiate discussions in your department over its proposals. We call on all those workers who want to take up this fight and organize the next meeting of the Stamping unit FOR THE WORKERS TO ORGANIZE THE STRIKE, even if you don't agree with every proposal of the RWF -- UAW Resolution, to come to a meeting of the RWY Sunday, May 15th at 2pm. We will prepare for the Stamping assembly together and organize a defense guard to insure the right of all workers and their organizations to participate in the meeting.

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From our editorial board

Outrageous cold-blooded murder

This May Day hundreds of thousands of workers across the world took to the streets fighting for an end to this system of unemployment, repression and war. In fascist Spain, the Fourth International organized demonstrations under the banner-- NO MAY DAY WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS-- with the objective of mobilizing the working class to open the prisons.

How did the "democratic, peace-loving" bourgeoisie respond? With guns! From Turkey to Spain their hired men shot at and killed demonstrators. In Spain, the hated Guardia Civil, mounted on horses, charged workers in cafes, workers picnicking in parks.

Speaking of these attacks, James Williams, a revolutionary young worker at Ford River Rouge said: "OUTRAGEOUS, COLD-BLOODED MURDER." The Trotskyist Organization agrees!

This stands in marked contrast to the statement of the DETROIT FREE PRESS,

the voice of Carter, Coleman Young, the UAW bureaucrats and the rest of the Democratic Party in Detroit. "May turned bloody," they said. Assiduously avoiding who turned May Day bloody, that is, their counterparts across the world, other so-called advocates of "human rights." Similarly, the Kremlin celebrated the "victories" of its policy of peaceful coexistence with the capitalist barbarians.

More than ever, the working class must renew its determination to finish with this system, beginning with the overthrow of the fascist monarchy in Spain, to build its party to win this fight. Return to Lenin! ALL OUT FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL IN BARCELONA, SPAIN. LET THE WORKING CLASS CELEBRATE THE VICTORY OF THE SPANISH REVOLUTION AND ITS EXTENSION THROUGHOUT EUROPE NEXT MAY DAY!

A common candidate of the working class in Detroit

A PROPOSAL TO THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

In the last two issues of TRUTH, the Trotskyist Organization has launched its campaign for Mayor and City Council of Detroit. We have done this with no other purpose than to lead the present offensive of the working class in Detroit in providing a working-class solution for all the workers and oppressed of Detroit against the Democratic Party of Coleman Young.

Our Platform for these elections says this clearly -- for a Detroit of the Workers Councils, based on democratically elected factory committees, the expropriation of the auto industry under workers control, the institution of a program for jobs for all based on a sliding scale of working hours and wages, a program for free public education, job training and health care, mass public transportation, and a program to unite the struggles of the workers in Detroit with the workers throughout the US through the construction of their own party of class independence, the WORKERS PARTY, the party of the Fourth International.

We think that this mayoral campaign in Detroit is not just any mayoral campaign, that it has an importance for all the workers in the US. Detroit is the center of the auto industry, the center of the offensive of the most advanced section of the US working class. The issues confronting the Detroit workers are those which confront the vanguard of the American working class.

And the enemies which the workers confront in Detroit are not just any enemies. The auto companies-- the center of US capitalism, have concentrated their attack on the workers in Detroit. The Carter regime has its central supporters, its right-hand men in Detroit. In the form of Coleman Young and Leonard Woodcock of the UAW who were the first major black and trade union leaders to support Carter.

The fight of the workers to break from the liberal wing of the Democratic Party is concentrated here in Detroit-- the Coleman Youngs, John Conyers, Joe Madison of the NAACP, and the Leonard Woodcocks being the major obstacle to this fight. And the fight against Stalinism is concentrated here in Detroit -- the Coleman Youngs and the John Conyers being the pride and joy of the "liberal-labor-black" alliance of the American CP. Like in Los Angeles with Tom Bradley, the CP is refusing to present a candidate against Coleman Young, openly supporting him in this fashion.

All of these reasons make it important for all working class organizations, and especially the SWP, which claims to represent the Fourth International to address themselves to this campaign. We have learned that the SWP is presenting a candidate, Al Duncan, for Mayor of Detroit. As far as we know there has been no public reference to this campaign in the MILITANT, or any outline of his platform. If there has been a public reference, it has escaped us, and certainly has not had the prominence of the other mayoral campaigns of the SWP presently taken place.

This is not a small point. One only has to read the pages of the MILITANT of the 30's, 40's and even early 50's to see the central importance that the then-revolutionary leadership of the SWP placed on the fight of the auto workers, the fight in the UAW and the construction of the SWP in auto and compare it with the MILITANT today, where one would be hard-pressed to even discover that there is an auto industry in the US.

What has changed? The auto workers? Their central place in the fight of the American working class? Their repeated strikes, wildcats, and even plant occupations which have taken place in the last decade-- have they been any less militant than in the 30's or 40's?

No. It is the SWP which has changed, because of its centrist leadership. They have abandoned the fight to construct the Fourth International in the vanguard of the American working class. Because the struggle to organize the auto workers is immediately the struggle to construct the vanguard party, the leading party of the

proletariat.

The SWP cannot construct the party by stages in auto as it is trying to do elsewhere. Why are pages and pages of the MILITANT filled with discussion of steel and nothing about auto? Is auto any less important?

No, it is because they are waiting for a Sadowski in auto. That is, a "chief" to do their work for them, to channel and derail the movement of the workers back into the Democratic Party, because according to them, the time isn't ripe for a revolutionary leadership for the unions. The strikes, the wildcats, etc. in auto are nothing for the SWP, there is no "movement" because they haven't yet found a Sadowski.

This is why the SWP has nothing to say to the workers in Detroit, their mobilization doesn't exist. Or what can they say against Coleman Young, a "builder" of the same bourgeois organizations that the SWP is trying to "build" -- the NAACP and NOW (National Organization of Women -- a front group for the Democratic Party). Coleman Young and Joe Madison will keep more workers in the Democratic Party than the SWP ever will.

Or what can they say against Leonard Woodcock and Co.? They call on Leonard Woodcock and others like him to form a "labor party," a leading party of the working class, led by bureaucrats!

What can they say against the Stalinists? In New York they recently joined a coalition of Stalinists, and Liberal Democrats in the "Por Los Ninos" slate for school board elections. They called this a "Parents Slate", devoid of class content, not for the working class in New York to take control of the school system and everything else, but for reform of the existing institutions of bourgeois control of the youth.

Finally, what can the SWP say about the unity of the Detroit workers with the workers throughout the world, especially in Latin America? Throughout Latin America they have liquidated the Fourth International in favor of an alliance with the same "progressive bourgeoisie" -- the Coleman Youngs who paved the way for fascism in Latin America and with the Stalinist bureaucrat, Fidel Castro. What can they say about unity with the workers of the world if they refuse to speak in the name of the Fourth International in the US?

Their campaign in Detroit is only a way to save face in the face of the pressure of their militants who want something better. We propose that the SWP discuss the central place of Detroit in the class struggle in the US and the necessity for all workers organizations in Detroit to unite against the Democratic Party and Coleman Young and the auto companies.

It is our Platform which is key, a Platform to mobilize and organize the auto workers in Detroit in a revolutionary offensive against the capitalists and the Democratic Party. We propose that the SWP discuss this Platform, that its militants take up a struggle in their organization for it, and on the basis of this Platform, in the favor of a common candidate with the SWP and all working class organizations in Detroit.

But this candidate must be one who stands in front of the auto workers, especially at Rouge with this Platform to win them to this struggle. We are ready to do this. This first condition for any discussion of this Platform and a common candidate, must be the fight of the SWP and its militants to support the fight of the young workers at Stamping in Rouge to unleash their strike, to elect a strike committee, to sit-down and to support a revolutionary candidate of the TO, for President of the UAW. Our meeting, on May 15th to prepare the intervention in this unit meeting is open to the militants of the SWP and its candidate for Mayor. This is the best way to begin any joint collaboration.

Not only us, but the young workers and militants of the SWP are waiting for an answer -- unity of the workers mobilization in Detroit -- or shall we wait for a Sadowski or Leonard Woodcock?



Once again-- for a political debate

In the last issue of TRUTH, we challenged the leadership of the Revolutionary Communist Party and "Time to Unite" in the Stamping plant at Ford River Rouge to a political debate on the road forward for the autoworkers.

We haven't heard a political response from them since. Instead, in response to the growing support for the struggle of the Trotskyist Organization in the Stamping plant they've stepped up their campaign of slander, saying that the women militants of the TO gain political support by promising the workers they'll have sex with them. As much a slander of the revolutionary young workers at Ford River Rouge as of the women militants of the Trotskyist Organization.

This is the method that they are forced to rely on in their futile efforts to protect the bureaucrats from the assaults of the workers.

We call on all workers and militants to demand of the leaders of the RCP and "Time to Unite" to take a political stand on the questions before the autoworkers and stop this counterrevolutionary garbage, to join us in the fight to drive all those who continue this out of the workers movement. Chauvinist, racist, Stalinist methods have no place in our movement!

When & Where

All meetings are held at the new headquarters of the Revolutionary Worker Youth unless otherwise stated.

SUNDAY, May 15th.
11 AM -- Revolutionary Workers Faction of Local #600 meets to make final preparations for the fight in the Stamping Unit Meeting.
12 NOON -- Stamping Unit Meeting. UAW Local #600 Hall, Dix and Wyoming.
3 PM -- National Committee of Revolutionary Worker Youth meets to discuss TRUTH, RYW; prepare next issue of RYW, and organize work for following week.

WEDNESDAY, May 18th.
1:30 PM -- Meetings of Revolutionary Worker Youth Circles at Ford River Rouge. Blue Star Tavern, Eagle and Wyoming, Detroit.
2:30 -- 4:30 PM -- Distribution of the press at the gates of Ford River Rouge.

SUNDAY, May 22nd.
3 PM -- National Bureau of the Revolutionary Worker Youth meets.



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Reprinted from our program, THE DEATH AGONY OF CAPITAL



We are beginning in this issue a two-part article on the policy of the Fourth International in the trade unions. The question of our fight in the trade unions is one of the most central questions facing the young workers today as the trade unions are becoming the central arena of the combat of the working class.

PART I reprints the section of our Program, called "The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Tasks of the Fourth International," written by Leon Trotsky and adopted by the founding Conference of the Fourth International in 1938. It remains our Program today and despite the claims of all the other organizations in the US who say that they are "Trotskyist," it is only the Trotskyist Organization of the US who is today fighting to implement this policy in the working class.

PART II, the next issue, will specifically take up the fight of the Fourth International in the US today to implement this policy. We will talk about how the questions brought up in our Program, the fight for a revolutionary leadership, factory committees and sit-down strikes can be realized in the US working class movement today.

This is one of the most important questions in the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International against the centrist leadership of the SWP, which once stood for this Program and now has abandoned it. In the next issue we will specifically take up an article in the April 22nd issue of THE MILITANT, the paper of the SWP, written by Farrell Dobbs, a former leader of the SWP and a leader of the Minneapolis Teamsters.

In this article, Dobbs and the leadership of the SWP attempt to revise and liquidate all the acquisitions of Trotskyism in the US on the plane of the trade unions. Dobbs' article and the policy of the SWP today is a clear abandonment of this Program and an abandonment of the entire fight that Trotsky led with the leadership of the SWP, including Dobbs, to elaborate our policy in the US.

Readers of TRUTH should read this centerfold carefully, think about how it applies to their struggles today and to the policies of the other organizations which claim to represent the Fourth International. It should be used to prepare discussions in the factories on PART II.

TRADE UNIONS IN THE TRANSITIONAL EPOCH

In the struggle for partial and transitional demands, the workers now more than ever before need mass organizations,

principally trade unions. The powerful growth of trade unionism in France and the United States is the best refutation of the preachments of those ultra-left doctrinaires who have been teaching that trade unions have "out-lived their usefulness."

The Bolshevik-Leninist stands in the frontline trenches of all kinds of struggles, even when they involve only the most modest material interests or democratic rights of the working class. He takes active part in mass trade unions for the purpose of strengthening them and raising their spirit of militancy. He fights uncompromisingly against any attempt to subordinate the unions to the bourgeois state and bind the proletariat to "compulsory arbitration" and every other form of police guardianship -- not only fascist but also "democratic." Only on the basis of such work within the trade unions is successful struggle possible against the reformists, including those of the Stalinist bureaucracy. Sectarian attempts to build or preserve small "revolutionary" unions, as a second edition of the party, signify in actuality the renouncing of the struggle for leadership of the working class. It is necessary to establish this firm rule; self-isolation of the capitulationist variety from mass trade unions, which is tantamount to a betrayal of the revolution, is incompatible with membership in the Fourth International.

At the same time, the Fourth International resolutely rejects and condemns trade union fetishism, equally characteristic of trade unionists and syndicalists.

(a) Trade unions do not offer and, in line with their task, composition, and manner of recruiting membership, cannot offer a finished revolutionary program; in consequence, they cannot replace the PARTY. The building of national revolutionary parties as sections of the Fourth International is the central task of the transitional epoch.

(b) Trade unions, even the most powerful, embrace no more than 20 to 25 per cent of the working class, and at that, predominantly the more skilled and better paid layers. The more oppressed majority of the working class is drawn only episodically into the struggle, during a period of exceptional upsurges in the labor movement. During such moments it is necessary to create organizations AD HOC, embracing the whole fighting mass: strike committees, factory committees, and finally soviets.

REVOLUTIONARY W

I. STOP CARTER'S ATTACK ON THE WORKING CLASS! BUILD ONE CENTRAL UNION OF THE WORKING MASSES!

- UNITE with the steelworkers, with all workers of the AFL-CIO and International Brotherhood of Teamsters against the bureaucrats!
- Win full union rights for all young and laid-off workers!
- Organize the unorganized: the sweatshops, the South, the students!

II. THROW OUT WOODCOCK, FRASER MCBRIDE, MEANY AND THEIR CONTRACTS! BUILD A REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP TO HEAD THE UNIONS!
- Reject the "Experimental Negotiating Agreement", all binding arbitration!
- Stop all support to the Carter regime, to all Democrats and Republicans!

III. FIGHT FOR THE RECALL OF ALL LAI FOR AN IMMEDIATE HOURS! NO CUT IN - Stop the speed workers control o standards, of hea safety standards! - Win wage increa with price increa - Nationalize bas Workers Control o
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Fourth International to Unions

AIM AND THE TASKS OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL



As organizations expressive of the layers of the proletariat, trade unions, pressed by all past historical experience, including the fresh experience of anarcho-syndicalist unions in Spain, adopted powerful tendencies toward compromise with the bourgeois-democratic regime. In periods of acute class struggle, the leading bodies of the trade unions aim to become masters of the mass movement in order to render it harmless. This is already occurring during the period of mass sit-down strikes which shake the empire of bourgeois property. In time of revolution, when the bourgeoisie is plunged into exceptional difficulties, the union leaders usually become bourgeois ministers.

Therefore, the sections of the Fourth International should always strive not only to bring the top leadership of the trade unions to act boldly and resolutely in critical moments advancing new militant leaders and to get rid of routine functionaries and bureaucrats, but also to create in all possible circumstances independent militant organizations corresponding more closely to the needs of mass struggle against bourgeois property; and if necessary, not flinching in the face of a direct break with the conservative apparatus of the trade unions. If it be criminal to turn one's back on mass organizations for the sake of entering sectarian fictions, it is no less criminal to passively tolerate subordination of the revolutionary mass movement to the control of openly reactionary or disguised conservative ("progressive") bureaucratic cliques. Trade unions are not ends in themselves; they are but means along the way to proletarian revolution.

FACTORY COMMITTEES

During a transitional epoch, the work-movement does not have a system—neither well balanced, but a feverish explosive character. Slogans as well as organizational forms should be subordinate to the indices of the movement. On the one hand, against routine handling of a situation against a plague, the leadership should respond sensitively to the initiative of the masses.

SIT-DOWN STRIKES, the latest extension of this kind of initiative, go beyond the limits of "normal" capitalist procedure. Independently of the demands of strikers, the temporary seizure of the factories deals a blow to the idol, capitalism. Every sit-down strike is in a practical manner the question: Who is boss of the factory: the capital-

ist or the workers?

If the sit-down strike raises this question episodically, the FACTORY COMMITTEE gives it organized expression. Elected by all the factory employees, the factory committee immediately creates a counterweight to the will of the administration.

To the reformist criticism of bosses of the so-called "economic royalist" type like Ford in contradistinction to "good," "democratic" exploiters, we counterpose the slogan of factory committees as centers of struggle against both the first and the second.

Trade union bureaucrats will as a general rule resist the creation of factory committees, just as they resist every bold step taken along the road of mobilizing the masses.

However, the wider the sweep of the movement, the easier will it be to break this resistance. Where the closed shop has already been instituted in "peaceful" times, the committee will formally coincide with the usual organ of the trade union, but will renew its personnel and widen its functions. The prime significance of the committee, however, lies in the fact that it becomes the militant staff for such workingclass layers as the trade union is usually incapable of moving to action. It is precisely from these more oppressed layers that the most self-sacrificing battalions of the revolution will come.

From the moment that the committee makes its appearance, a factual dual power is established in the factory. By its very essence it represents the transitional state, because it includes in itself two irreconcilable regimes: the capitalist and the proletarian. The fundamental significance of factory committees is precisely contained in the fact that they open the doors if not to a direct revolutionary, then to a prerevolutionary period—between the bourgeois and the proletarian regimes. That the propagation of the factory committee idea is neither premature nor artificial is amply attested to by the waves of sit-down strikes spreading through several countries. New waves of this type will be inevitable in the immediate future. It is necessary to begin a campaign in favor of factory committees in time, in order not to be caught unawares.

WORKERS FACTION

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future: education, sports, music! Drive the drugs out of the factories!

V. UNITE WITH THE WORKERS OF LATIN AMERICA!

- Defend the auto workers of Cordoba! Stop all US support to the fascist Argentine dictatorship! Organize a commission of the UAW to investigate and stop the attack!

- Defend the conquests of the workers revolution! Support a Workers Commission of Inquiry into the repression of the workers in Poland!

VI. DEMOCRACY IN THE UNION!

- For the unlimited right to strike! Abolish receivership!

- Full rights for all workers tendencies within the UAW!

- Full rights to immediately recall any union official!

Latin America, Europe, and around the World

SPAIN: Boycott the Cortes!



Spanish "Communist" Party pretends to defend workers, in reality supports monarchy.

By ANN NELSON

Detroit-- May 8-- On April 30th Carter "warmly greeted" Adolfo Suarez, fascist Prime Minister of Spain. And congratulated him on the fascist's moves toward "democracy," referring particularly to the upcoming June elections to the Cortes, or Congress, in Spain. This is US imperialism's open support to the fascist dictatorship in Spain which is increasing the number of political prisoners daily, which is banning demonstrations, and shooting strikers and demonstrators.

This monarchy has no intention of bringing about democracy in Spain, but it DOES wish to continue the repression while giving the appearance of democracy. This is what Carter is supporting. This is the purpose of the "elections," to contain the mobilization of the workers, to stop the revolution, to give fascism more time to prepare a bloody coup.

We can give no support to elections which have the purpose of winning support for the imprisonment of workers. The PORE (Spanish section of the Fourth International) says: "Boycott the Cortes! Free the Political Prisoners! Bring Down the Monarchy with the General Strike!"

The elections to the Cortes is a maneuver of the fascist monarchy confronted with a huge struggle against it by the workers. It has hoped to gain support for this maneuver by legalizing the Stalinist Communist Party of Spain. The Stalinists are calling on the workers to vote in the elections, and as proof of their support for the fascist monarchy, held their first legal Central Committee meeting under the flag of Franco, the same banner which waves above the prisons.

The centrists are asking for legalization now too. But under the conditions of the monarchy, that is, capitulation to fascism. In this framework, the role of the Socialist Workers Party of the US can be exposed. The SWP is telling the Liga

Comunista (LC), its sympathizing section in Spain, that it must participate in the fascist elections, against the wishes of the majority of the LC which wants to boycott. The SWP has threatened to split with the LC over this question.

This is their policy in the US as well, anything to derail the revolutionary mobilization of the workers. In the US, the SWP called for a "real" Bill of Rights in the elections, in the hope of reforming US imperialism. While the SWP rarely mentions Spain it is very concerned with the events in Spain in order to better support Stalinism. They want to have no part in calling on the workers to boycott the elections and overthrow the monarchy with the proletarian revolution.

The PORE is fighting for the legalization of the workers parties. It is fighting for this everywhere, through the organization of the general strike, demonstrations at the prisons, to boycott the Cortes. It is fighting for legalization, but not under the conditions of the monarchy. It refuses to drop the "4" from its banner, as the centrists have done. For them, legalization means to deny the Fourth International as the SWP does in the US.

The most recent action of the PORE was to call for a May Day without political prisoners by organizing marches to the prisons to free the political prisoners. The PORE says to the most advanced young workers of Spain: "all of our problems are concentrated around which party, which program and which banner."

This is the question for workers in the US as well. Which party for the workers? This is why in Spain, in the US and around the world we are fighting to send young workers from the Revolutionary Worker Youth to the Second Congress of the RYI in Barcelona. We are fighting to build the party which can resolve the problems of the workers and lead them to victory. This is why we are fighting to RETURN TO LENIN.



"Sit down, sit down!"

By FRED VITALE, Candidate of the Revolutionary Workers Faction for President of the UAW

As the UAW Convention draws near, the Trotskyist Organization wants to draw out even more precisely our policy of determined struggle against Carter and his lackeys in the unions. We want to stop the rubber-stamping of the anti-working class Carter program by the UAW bureaucracy at this Convention, where three days are devoted to nothing but hearing these corrupt politicians.

The existence throughout the UAW of organizations claiming "revolution," and receiving more and more support indicates the true character of the recent strike wave in auto. The bureaucracy has attacked these organizations in locals whenever they take any kind of militant stand. They know these organizations, however, much better than most autoworkers and understand that their revolutionary rhetoric is not backed by a real fight.

The Auto Workers Action Caucus (AWC) formed by the Stalinist Communist Party will have several delegates at the Convention from Locals #78 and #2 in Detroit and Local #6 in Chicago, among others. They all voted for Woodcock the last time for President and will most likely support Fraser this time.

As we reported in the last column, they are asking the UAW "to fight for the 30 hour work week for 40 hours pay" by "revising the Federal Wage and Hours Act." They support the Democratic Party and its candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles, Bradley, will be addressing the Convention. The AWAC and the CP are doubly important to defeat for it is their policy of preventing the workers from breaking with the Democratic Party that all the other oppositionists fundamentally support. And behind this policy stands the entire international apparatus of the Kremlin.

The International Socialists, and their "Coalition for a Decent Contract" have bureaucrats in Locals #869 (Chrysler Warren Stamping) and Local #51 in Detroit. Their program formally consists of a shorter work week. In reality, they have attempted to ram a twice-rejected contract down the throats of Local #51 workers.

Indeed, at their National Convention, their National Secretary is reported to have said: "The IS might find itself supporting Fraser..." (1) They have continually supported the Stalinists in preventing the workers from throwing out the bureaucrats (which now include their own) and breaking with the DP. On this most fundamental question they stand with the Stalinists.

The other Stalinists, the October League and the Revolutionary Communist Party, will be demonstrating outside the Convention. This may appear odd since they usually have such a cozy relationship with the bureaucrats. But this is merely the flip side of their consistent refusal to mobilize the workers to actually throw the bureaucrats out now. Instead, they put pressure on the bureaucracy to reform. This has strikingly been seen in Local #600 at the Rouge where "Time to Unite" (RCP) is begging Fraser for strike authorization!

There are those who claim the banner of Trotskyism in the UAW, most particularly the Socialist Workers Party and the Spartacist League. The SWP, with many auto workers, has abstained completely from any fight against the bureaucracy, saying that the autoworkers are too weak to throw out the bureaucrats. We have to wait for Sadowski (like in the USW) to grow in the poisonous soil of the bureaucracy. They too, want the UAW bureaucrats to fight for the 30 hour week by the same methods as the Stalinists.

The Spartacist League, (in Local 906, Ford Mahwah, and Local #6 in Chicago),

while appearing to the left of the SWP, refuses any national fight against the bureaucrats, claiming as the SWP does, that the autoworkers are too weak, and, to cover their own cowardice, that the workers haven't yet figured out yet that they should follow the "caucuses" of the SL. Their militants at the Fremont plant, while calling striking workers "idiots," SAID that mass picketing should be organized if the walkout was to be successful, but they didn't bother to DO it. So they left the strike in the hands of the bureaucrats.

Both the SWP and the SL have refused the calls for common action with the RWF/UAW. We call them again to Support Vitale Against Fraser! Open up the Convention to all tendencies in the UAW and bring it back to Detroit!



"Nothing half-way"

By ANN NELSON, organizer of the Trotskyist Organization at Great Lakes Steel

Since the passage of the Steel contract on April 9th, a mobilization of the workers across the country has rapidly developed. Of 340,000 steelworkers affected, 46,000 (15%) have already passed resolutions in their locals to reject the contract. Several locals have called for a Special Convention to reject the contract. The young steelworkers have said about the contract, which TAKES AWAY medical and insurance benefits from probationary workers, gives an 80¢ raise and extends the ENA for three years: "its insulting," "unacceptable," and "completely unacceptable."

The offensive of the workers in steel, particularly the young workers, is focused on one question: How to organize the struggle against the sell-out? Or, what is the way forward?

The young workers must build their own organization, the Revolutionary Workers Faction, to throw out the leaders who are standing in the way. It is necessary to begin by organizing FACTORY COMMITTEES in every steel plant which must call for a National Assembly of steelworkers. This is how the special convention can be organized.

The Communist Party is supporting the call for a Special Convention only in order to take the place of the present USW bureaucracy (in which it already holds positions) and to contain the current mobilization of the steelworkers. That is why it is necessary for us to organize factory committees of all the steelworkers, to elect the most trusted young workers to the leadership, and to insure the organization of the national strike of steel to win the demands of the workers.

What are the demands of the steelworkers? First is workers control of production and working conditions. The steelworkers must decide for themselves what are safe working conditions, what is "healthy" for them. Wages must go up in accordance with the rise in prices, 80¢ over three years is NEVER going to make it. It is necessary to stop government intervention in union affairs and to abolish the ENA.

The McBride leadership, as well as the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party would like the steelworkers to think

that they are isolated. While talking a great deal about steel, the SWP never mentions that there are hundreds of thousands of autoworkers striking against the auto companies, many in walk-outs that the UAW heads are trying to defeat.

The autoworkers and steelworkers want to unite their struggles. This is why the leaders of the USW and UAW spend so much time figuring out how to isolate and divide the struggles of the workers in auto and in steel. The demands of the workers in the two industries are fundamentally the same.

The steelworkers are saying about their contract that not only is it inadequate, but that they didn't even decide on it. The auto workers went on strike in Indianapolis because they wanted to decide their OWN working conditions. It is necessary for the young militants in steel to give open support to the fight of the militants in auto, to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit, to support the candidate of the Revolutionary Workers Faction--UAW, and to finance the delegation to the Convention.

The way forward in steel is to organize the Revolutionary Workers Faction, the faction of the Fourth International. This fight to build our faction on a national level must oppose the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party in their attempts to build only local strikes which can be easily isolated and attacked by the government. Our Platform:

1. Organize factory committees in every department to call for a National Assembly of steelworkers to win;
2. Workers Control of Production and health and safety. Wages to rise in accordance with the rise in prices. Recall all workers laid off. End the probationary period used against young workers.
3. A National Assembly of the USW to organize a general strike to win these demands. Throw out McBride and his supporters. End the ENA. No support to the capitalist parties!
4. Stop McBride's thug tactics! Workers democracy in our union, Houston Local #16000 out of receivership! BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION IN THE USW! MAY 8, 1977

TRUTH

Realize Lenin's Dream



By MARGARET GUTTSALL,
Trotskyist Organization
Organizational Secretary

"This newspaper would become part of an enormous pair of Smith's bellows that would fan every spark of the class struggle and of popular indignation into a general conflagration. Around what is in itself still a very innocuous and very small, but regular and common effort, in the full sense of the word, a regular army of trained fighters would systematically gather and receive their training. On the ladders and scaffolding of this general organization structure there would soon develop and come to the fore (revolutionary workers leaders) who would take their place at the head of the mobilized army and rouse the whole people to settle accounts with the shame and curse of Russia. That is what we should dream of!"

From WHAT IS TO BE DONE? by VI LENIN.
This is what the Trotskyist Organization of the USA is fighting for: the construction of the workers party to settle accounts with the shame and curse of the whole world, the imperialist US bourgeoisie, as did Lenin and the Bolsheviks with the Tsar in 1917. And for the Trotskyist Organization, our press is the central weapon in this fight, again as it was for Lenin and the Bolsheviks. This is why we have begun this regular column -- REALIZE LENIN'S DREAM -- to report on the progress and take up the problems which arise in our fight to distribute and organize with TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

In the last two weeks, many more revolutionary young workers have begun to read, distribute, and fight to organize their comrades in the plants with TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL. Fifty copies of TRUTH were sold at the gates of Ford River Rouge alone, many by revolutionary young workers.

But a number of workers have reported to us that they aren't sure what to concentrate on in convincing their comrades to buy our press and organize with it. Our column on the left hand side of the front page -- now titled "Trotskyist Candidate for Detroit Mayor Says" -- always takes up what we think are the most important questions before the working class and what the working class, above all its vanguard, the revolutionary young workers, must do about them. This is the best place to start. Our lead article always further develops these questions, in particular the arguments necessary to organize the workers against the maneuvers of the bourgeoisie, bureaucrats, Stalinists, and centrists. The rest of our press does the same thing.

Second, a number of workers have said they often find it difficult to read and understand the articles in TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL. The leadership of the TO is fighting to resolve this problem. One young worker suggested we put a box in the paper saying: if you don't understand this call 894-2659. We think the best way to resolve this problem is for the readers and distributors of our press to come to the meetings organized by the TO and the Revolutionary Worker Youth to discuss the press and plan how to organize the workers with it and organize circles of revolutionary young workers in the plants to do the same. In this way we can learn how to put forward our policy most clearly and respond well to the problems confronting the masses of workers.

Finally, every worker wants to see more of his comrades reading and distributing TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL in the plant. The best way to achieve this is to organize mass distribution at the gates. We propose every Thursday before work.

In our campaign to distribute 250 copies of every issue of TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, we're fighting to win 500 subscribers by August 1st, as we announced in the last issue of TRUTH. We set the following goals for this subscription campaign: FORD RIVER ROUGE Stamping Plant -- 100; Assembly Plant -- 75; Specialty Foundry -- 50; GREAT LAKES STEEL -- 50; HARPER HOSPITAL -- 50; WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY -- 50; FORD TORRENCE Chicago -- 50; FORD BROOK PARK Cleveland -- 25; SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -- 25. In the next issue of TRUTH we will have a chart on which to report our progress in this fight. It's very important that all the revolutionary young workers report the number of papers they sell and turn in the money to the TO. This is the only way to truly measure our progress in our fight to return to Lenin and build our apparatus.

This brings me to the last question raised by a number of militants that I want to take up. Sometimes when you ask a worker if he wants to get a copy of the press, he says: "Is it free?" I always explain that the bourgeoisie doesn't print it for free, that if he wants a copy and doesn't have the money, I'll pay for it and he can pay me later. The bureaucrats, Stalinists, and centrists are always flooding the plants with leaflets, but they aren't fighting to build the party of Lenin to lead the working class to power. It takes a press to build a party and it takes money for a press!

TROTSKYIST CANDIDATE CONTINUED FROM FRONT

right to meet and take decisions against their attempts to suppress this right. We won't go just because the bureaucrats aren't there, but will stay to plan and organize our fight.

"Trotsky stood for the black man." ... Support the Candidates of the Trotskyist Organization and Revolutionary Worker Youth for Mayor and City Council of Detroit. "Trotsky stood for the black man." This comment by a young worker at Rouge who had read some of Trotsky's writings on blacks in the US did not come out of the blue, it has been a result of our fight for the strike in auto.

How? Because in the face of the fight of the Trotskyists at Rouge the Stalinists of "Time-to-Unity" have resorted to the most racist and chauvinist attacks on militants of the Trotskyist Organization using race hatred in the place of a political response. The young workers have seen through this. That this is not in the interests of the "black man" or any worker, that only the political combat of the Trotskyists represents their interests.

The same holds true for the city of Detroit. That the young black workers have learned that Coleman Young and his lackeys in the Democratic Party, despite their color, and the Stalinists who support him, do not stand for the "black man" and only seek to channel the just rage of the black masses in Detroit against this racist and capitalist society into the framework of the racist Democratic Party.

There is thus a link between the KKK race-baiting of the Stalinists at Rouge and their support of Coleman Young, their "black man." And there is a link between my fight to defend the black workers and all the workers in auto and to lead their fight and our campaign for Mayor and City Council of Detroit, to prove that only the Trotskyists can defend and lead the fight of the black masses and the entire working class.

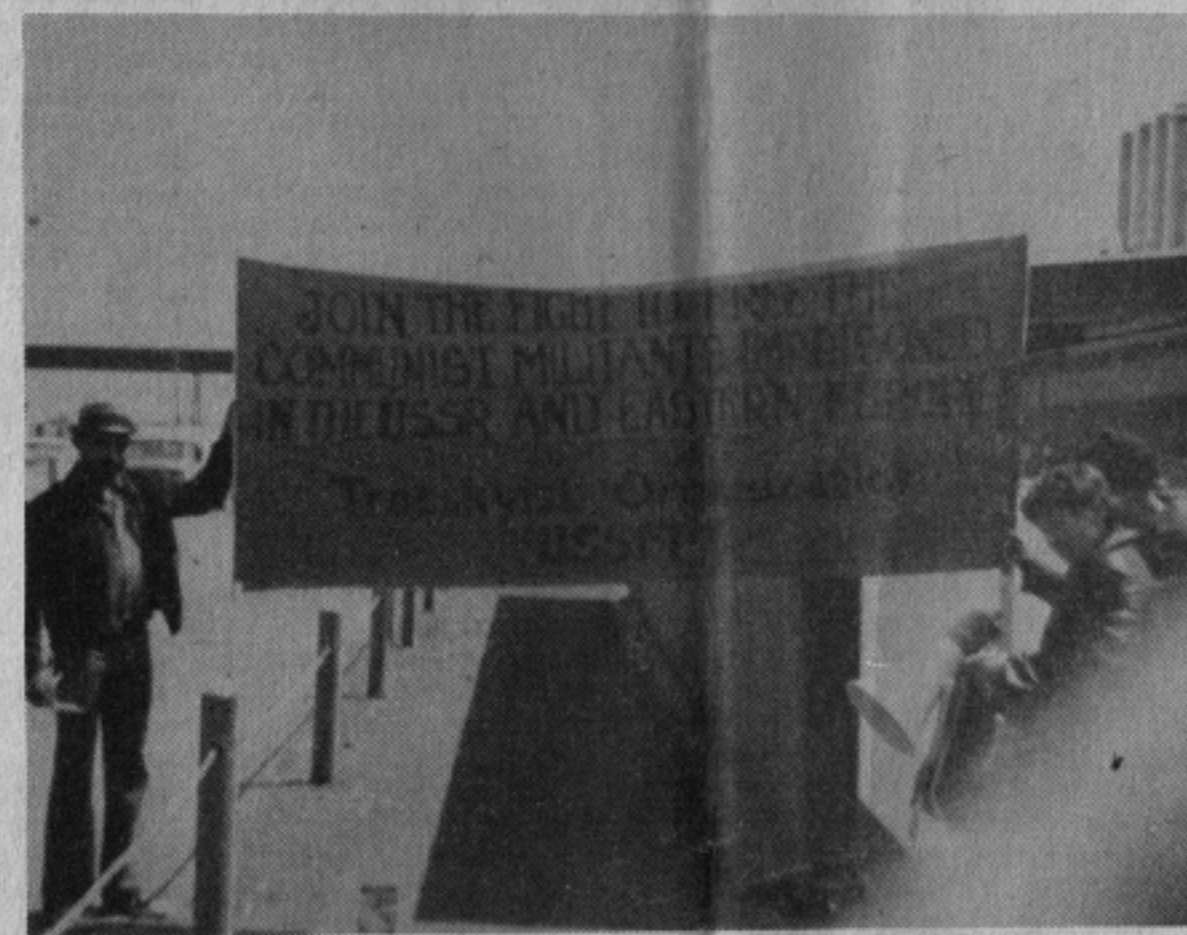
"Trotsky stood for the black man." The Fourth International today stands for the black man. ... 3,000 signatures to get on the ballot in Detroit. Prepare our public rally and meeting of our candidates on May 21st by supporting our Platform and immediately taking up the fight to get signatures at your work place and in your community.

The TO and RWY will be forming Committees of Action to support our candidates, open to all workers, youth and militants of other organizations to carry out this campaign, collect signatures, organize rallies, public meetings, etc. Help us convince the masses of workers in Detroit that the fight of the Fourth International and the black masses are one and the same.

Rouge workers support RWF fight

We, the undersigned workers, support the struggle of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW to:
BRING THE UAW CONVENTION BACK TO DETROIT!
OPEN IT UP TO THE MASSES OF WORKERS!
THROW OUT STRIKEBREAKER FRASER AND HIS CONTRACT!
ELECT VITALE PRESIDENT AND PREPARE A GENERAL STRIKE!

We demand that the delegation of the RWF be seated, its resolution placed on the agenda, its candidate be placed on the ballot. We call on all our brothers and sisters in the UAW to support us in this fight!



By BARBARA PUTNAM
Detroit, May 8th-- Stalinist repression continues in Poland. The Stalinist political police arrested seven new dissidents at a recent public meeting of 30 organized to defend the workers arrested and tortured following the general strike of June, 1976. Four members of the Committee to Defend the Workers, which emerged following the repression against the strikers and demonstrators, were arrested for "illegally organizing a collective" whose purpose is to collect money for defense of fired workers and those awaiting trial.

We who confront the work of the Stalinists in their defense of the bureaucrats in the UAW and in their slanders and physical attacks to silence the voice of the revolutionary young workers at Ford River Rouge will not tolerate further repression against our comrades in Poland! We are picking up the fight we began last fall to defend the Polish workers and to send a delegation from the US to an international meeting of working class militants, organizations, unions and parties of the working class June 24th in Paris.

This meeting, organized by the International Workers Committee will include all the lessons of our struggle thus far to break the isolation of

the Polish workers struggle and to conduct an investigation into the repression through the election of a Commission of Inquiry which will go into Poland to learn the truth from the workers.

The growing mobilization of the workers of Poland strikes fear in the hearts of the powers of the old order, the imperialists and their agents inside the workers states, the Stalinists. Twice in recent years the fearless Polish working class has organized itself and struck blows against the structure of the Stalinist bureaucracy of Gierk who follows orders from the Kremlin. The general strike of 1970-71 began to shatter the bureaucracy and in June, 1976 forced a turn in the relationship of the working class to Stalinism, the agent of imperialism inside the workers states and inside the workers movement on the international scale. The workers of Poland express the highest point of the mobilization of the workers of Eastern Europe against Stalinism which can only capitulate to imperialism. It is now more than ever to the workers that Stalinism is a fundamental obstacle to the struggle for power and can only be answered by the struggle to construct the Fourth International throughout Eastern Europe for the final overturn of Stalinism, the prop of Carter, Giscard, and King Juan Carlos of Spain.

Because of the action of the Polish workers and the support of the working class in the West, the collaboration of Carter and the Stalinists has deepened. Carter is obliged to try to convince the American workers that the bourgeoisie is more just and began a heavy propaganda campaign for "human rights" deploring the psychiatric hospitals of the USSR, its treatment of political prisoners. The Stalinists under this pressure have knuckled under.

A new wing of Stalinism developed in Western Europe with the name Euro-Communist. They want to reassure Carter and the heads of state of fascist Spain and of France that they have "nothing to fear" from the governments that call themselves socialist. They have completely abandoned any pretense to leading the fight for the dictatorship of the working class, which Marx long ago figured out was the necessary means of the workers to suppress their class enemies as they reorganized all of society towards true communism.

Whereas the Euro-Communists of the Spanish CP and the French CP deplore like Carter, like the Socialist Workers Party in the US, the repression in Eastern Europe, the old-line Stalinists of the Kremlin, in the US American CP, and in Poland and the other countries of socialist conquest insist that they, they who represent counterrevolution are the defenders of the dic-

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liberation of the Argentine political prisoners, for a United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas-- against the Democratic Party, the UAW bureaucracy and their Stalinist and centrist lackeys. The organization of the masses of revolutionary young workers in the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International in preparation of the World Congress in Barcelona is the key to victory in this fight.

The only way forward for the youth and workers of North and South America is to build the party of Lenin to lead the seizure of power in the industrial centers of the proletariat -- from Santiago to Detroit. It's impossible to build "socialism in one country" as the Stalinists claim to do. Castro's policy leads to socialism in no country and barbarism in every country.

FICTITIOUS LENINISTS

The central problem before the youth and workers of North and South America in the construction of this party is the Socialist Workers Party which falsely claims to represent our party, the Fourth International, in this hemisphere. It continues to attempt to derail the workers' mobilization and confuse those searching for an alternative to the international Stalinist apparatus and its lackey Castro.

Barry Sheppard, for example, a current leader of SWP and a motor force in its split from the Fourth International in 1963, says what's necessary is a "Leninist strategy of party building" (Intercontinental Press, March 27, 1977). So anyone will continue to listen to him, he admits, after 15 years of whole hearted support: "the Cuban leadership doesn't offer any alternative to the class collaborationism of the Stalinist parties." But what is the SWP's version of a Leninist strategy of party building, what is the SWP's alternative? A "front" with anyone who wants to fight for democratic rights.

The workers have seen the fruits of such "fronts" in Chile, Bolivia, and most recently Argentina. It was with the objective of maintaining just such a "front" that the Socialist Workers Party and its counterpart in Argentina, the Partido Socialista de los Trabajadores (PST), caved into the dictator Videla without a fight.

Where in all of Lenin's work will you find him advocating that the workers organize themselves together with their class enemies to fight for "democratic rights?" It was always the reverse.

The SWP offers no perspective to the workers of the Americas for the defense of the conquests of the Cuban revolution but unification with Carter, Castro and the lot to insure "that the trade embargo be lifted and normal relations... be restored with no conditions." This, they say, has always been the Leninist-Trotskyist position!

In this way the SWP supports Carter's attempt to

POLAND

Build the International Workers Commission of Inquiry!

tatorship of the workers and that they, the assassins of the workers of Spain who fight the fascists, the hangmen of the workers of Chile, they are the in-the-flesh representatives of the dictatorship of the working class!

The criminals in the White House and the political police in the Kremlin have a conspiracy to present to the workers that there is only one choice before them: either accept the prisons of Brezhnev and Gierk or live out your lives as captives of wage slavery. But the choice that the workers of Poland must take is to open up the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe, to unite with their brothers in the West through the party of the socialist revolution, the Fourth International.

The struggle of the Polish workers is a struggle to return to Lenin, the power of the Workers Councils, the democratic rule of the workers Soviets.

This is why it is so important for the workers in the very heart of imperialism to fight for the party of socialist revolution, to join their struggle for the strike of auto against Carter, the bureaucrats and the Stalinists, to the tremendous power of the Polish workers to finish with Stalinism.

The Socialist Workers Party and other centrist organizations in the US who disorganize the working class, disarm it in their support to Stalinism made it possible today for Carter to present the bourgeoisie as a defender of "human rights". The SWP wants the workers to believe that the Polish workers want nothing more than a little more democracy in Poland.

They like the Euro-Communists make believe that Stalinism can be reformed and that it is not necessary to build the party of Lenin to lead the workers to victory. But there are 30 militants inside the SWP who distributed bundles of the BULLETIN of the US Branch of the International Workers Committee which the TO and RWY organized in the US, who are very much concerned with the fate of the Polish workers struggle.

We call on these militants and the 50 workers at Rouge whose signatures appeared in our newspaper last fall and who gave funds and tried to win the support of the workers in the UAW to defend the Polish workers struggle and to form the Commission of Inquiry into the repression in Poland to join us in fighting to send a delegation of working class militants to the central meeting of the International Workers Committee in Paris June 24th. We are preparing a meeting at the office of the Revolutionary Worker Youth at 3363 Michigan at the end of May to organize this struggle, and to propose the next issue of the BULLETIN detailing our fight here in the US to free the political prisoners in Eastern Europe.

TREACHERY

It's precisely the treachery of the SWP, which it presents as Leninism and Trotskyism with the sole objective of confusing the workers and maintaining the Stalinists' domination over them, which is responsible for the fact that thousands of youth turning away from Stalinism and Castroism, who are under the guns of the imperialists and fascists every day, and who have few illusions in their willingness to defend democratic rights, continue to turn to the death traps of guerrilla warfare and oppose the construction of a Leninist combat party to lead the working class to power. This strategy can only lead to the reinforcement of the Stalinists and imperialists because it refuses to organize the masses of workers for the seizure of power.

Why would any youth, worker, or militant who had been through the experience of Chile, Bolivia, and Argentina, had seen the SWP in action, and been under the mistaken impression that this was Leninism and Trotskyism, be for Leninism and Trotskyism?

This is why the completion of the rebuilding of the International in the Americas -- that is the formation of the revolutionary leadership of the working class in the struggle to realize the true policy of Lenin and Trotsky and the destruction of these fakers -- is so important for the working class of the two Americas.

The key to the completion of the rebuilding of the International is the political offensive taken up by the Trotskyist Organization among the auto-workers and militants of the SWP in the US to return to Lenin. On this basis the fight to win the workers and militants in Mexico and throughout Latin America will be developed.

Every revolutionary young worker can take up this fight by joining the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International and building his own organization to return to Lenin.

The masses of workers can support this struggle by fighting to drive the bureaucrats out of their locals, supporting the TO's struggle to get on the ballot in Detroit, and taking up the fight for the defense of the conquests of the Cuban revolution and the freedom of the Argentine political prisoners in their unions.

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TORRENCE

Since I won 148 votes in the delegate elections, the Trotskyist Organization has fought to regroup this revolutionary wing in the Circle of the Revolutionary Worker Youth to win the majority of workers at Torrence to the fight of the Revolutionary Workers Faction/UAW to win our demands, throwing out Cooper and building a sit-down strike.

It is necessary to prove IN ACTION that our fight and our organization, the RWY can lead the workers at Torrence to victory against Cooper, against the whole UAW bureaucracy, and thus against Ford Motor Co. So, for the rally at Solidarity House, we fought to organize meetings of all the workers in different sections to take up this fight. Several workers, especially in Body Construction on both shifts circulated the RWF statement, to gather signatures to organize meetings; a worker from the Merry-go-round was mobilized to come to the rally.

WHAT DID THE WORKERS SAY?

In taking up this fight the militants confronted a number of problems. "I got smart remarks", "These guys don't want to strike while they're making good money", "they just don't want to get involved", "They don't want to talk about it".

Some say our fight is "too radical". The question of leadership must be posed more sharply. If workers think that the policy of the RWF/UAW won't win, whose policy will? "New Minds for New Tomorrow" and their election "appeal" to the strikebreaker Fraser for new elections? As one worker in Body Construction said, "Yea, I followed NMNT. I don't think they're serious anymore. How can we appeal to Woodcock?"

The Stalinists at Ford, the October League and their Stand United State, are doing nothing to organize the workers in a strike, to throw out Cooper. Instead, they banter with him in a friendly way at the union meeting. They want the workers to demonstrate outside the Convention, "to show the world that the bosses' servants don't speak for us". Instead of fighting the bureaucrats for the workers' rightful place -- inside the Convention planning how to stop the attack by the Carter regime and the auto barons. Such a policy is only one of putting pressure on traitors not to betray anymore. It doesn't work.

Tied to putting ourselves forward as the leadership is building the organization to accomplish this. Our supporters, particularly in Body Construction on #3 shift, should go around TOGETHER, circulating the RWF statement to win the other workers to our fight, bringing our full strength to bear against the pressures of Ford and Cooper.

More importantly, these militants must be organized in the Circle of the RWY. If a Circle is not constructed in this struggle we will remain unarmed, unable to either strike NOW, or later.

On the basis of waging the fight to organize meetings, we can raise the \$300 (\$5 from each of 60 workers) necessary to send the RWF delegation to the convention in LA.

The workers at the Rouge Dearborn Stamping Plant are fighting to organize their own strike committee. The TO and RWF are fighting for leadership of this struggle. A strong WORKERS DEFENSE GUARD is necessary for the next union meeting. We call on all our supporters to go to Detroit May 15th to defend the workers in Stamping and the militants of the TO in this fight.

Finally, we need to develop a network of distributors and correspondents for TRUTH. Through this weapon, the organizer of our Party and its fight, we can take up the problems we confront in winning the masses of workers. We have started a subscription campaign to accomplish this, with the goal of 50 subscriptions. In every meeting and intervention, every discussion, we want to fight to get subscriptions to TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.
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