



Defend the working class and its vanguard ACTION COMMITTEES TO STOP S.1437

It is time to call a halt. A massive campaign is now underway throughout the world, organized by the imperialist bourgeoisie and the Stalinist apparatus to DECAPITATE the revolutionary movement of the working class. By first of all trying to exterminate its leadership.

All in the name of a campaign against "terrorism." But, young workers, militants of working class organizations, who are the real "terrorists" in this world?

Not the young working class fighters of this world struggling to build a better and more humane society, a society governed by the workers and the oppressed.

Not our party, the Fourth International, fighting to lead and organize this fight in a conscious and consequent way. Not our comrade, Soldier Santiago Alegria, in jail in Spain for: "wanting to establish a planned socialist economy."

No. You know who they are. You see and feel them everyday. The bourgeoisie -- its police, courts, army, its CIA and FBI. The Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin -- its police, KGB, its psychiatric hospitals and prison camps.

This old world -- this world of bourgeoisie and bureaucrats -- it is a world of butchers and hangmen.

These hangmen have now organized to assassinate and exterminate the vanguard of the working class, its most determined fighters. In the name of "human rights."

The provocation against the Fourth International in Spain. In Germany, the Social Democratic regime of Schmidt assassinated Baader and his comrades of the Red Army faction in their prison cells. They called it a "suicide." But every youth knows the truth -- that it was cold-blooded murder.

This is bourgeois justice. This is what they call civilization! Murdering revolutionaries in cold blood.

In France they extradited the lawyer Klaus Croissant without the slightest regard for bourgeois "legality." Today, the Giscard government is organizing a vicious, racist hunt after immigrant workers.

In Poland, the Gierk regime was responsible for the assassination of the young student, Stanislas Pyjas, fighting to defend workers victimized by repression. Carter just visited Gierk and declared: "You and I share the same idea of human rights."

This Europe, it is a Europe of hangmen. They all met recently to form a "European Convention for the Repression of Terrorism." To organize their bloodbath

throughout the continent.

This repression against the working class is being centralized by US imperialism and the Stalinist apparatus under the lie of "human rights," at the Belgrade Conference now underway.

American workers -- Carter and US imperialism are leading these hangmen throughout the world. And they are leading this attack against the best fighters of our working class.

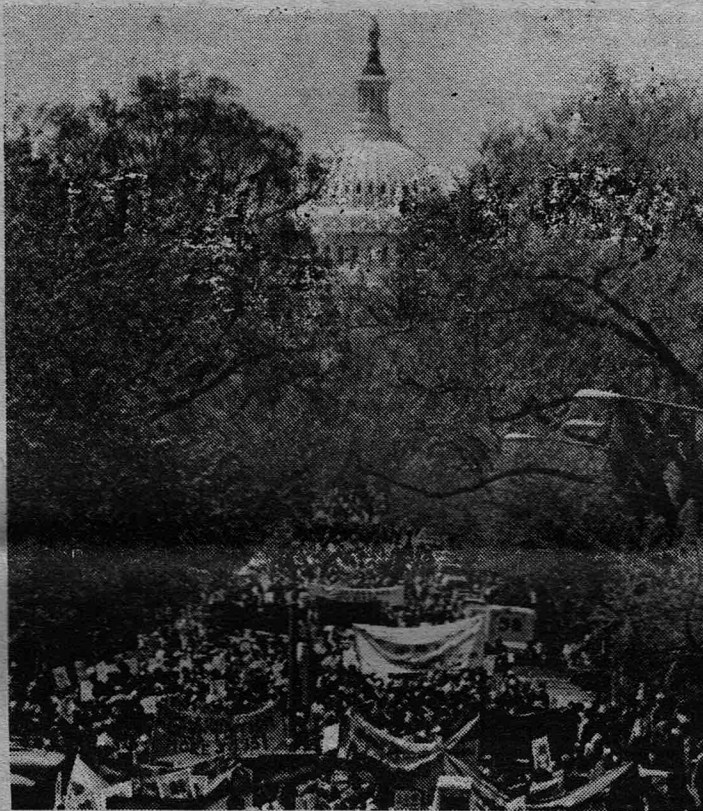
An attack carried out cynically in the name of "democracy" of bourgeois "legality."

Last month, the Trenton Seven, Chrysler workers convicted of "contempt of court" for leading a wildcat strike last summer during the heat wave, were sentenced by Federal Judge John Feikens to a week in federal prison. And they lost their jobs.

The judge declared: "this is not a labor question. It is significant that not the union International or the Local supported these defendants." In other words, these workers were being sent to jail as "common criminals" and nothing more.

"Criminals." For refusing to work in 130 degree heat and leading other workers. Criminals. For leading a strike without the "approval" of the UAW official bureaucracy. A bureaucracy which let 3 Rouge workers die of heat this summer.

This is the strategy of the American bourgeoisie. To attack and isolate the leadership of the working class. To link the political struggle of the working class for its rights, its strikes, its organizations with common crimes: "contempt of court," "blackmail," "espionage."



This is the nature of the bill, S.1437, now before the US Congress. A threat against every action by the working class which can be defined as common crimes, "blackmail," "espionage," etc. A cynical way to legalize its terror against the working class and its youth.

A law which joins the Europe of

butchers and hangmen, joins the "European Convention For The Repression of Terrorism" by defining membership in the Fourth International as "acting as an agent of a foreign power," or "espionage."

This law must be smashed! Young workers -- this is not your "democracy," your "legality,"

or what you call real "crimes." This is democracy and legality of butchers and hangmen, above all Jimmy Carter and his police!

See bourgeois democracy in action! The US Senate has put this Bill forward as the first point on its agenda for the New Year. It is being railroaded through -- with no discussion or even amendments allowed. As we write these lines, it may even be passed.

See how bad they want this law! See how afraid they are of the true nature of S.1437, being understood by the masses of American workers!

The fight against S.1437, for WORKERS DEMOCRACY can centralize the offensive of the American working class against the terror of the bourgeoisie. It can centralize all our initiatives -- the miners strike, the fight in the UAW, the fight to defend our comrades in Spain, the fight to defend political prisoners in the US, such as Hector Marroquin, Gary Tyler, the Wilmington 10, etc.

Young workers, militants of other working class organizations -- we propose this fight but it is OPEN TO THE ENTIRE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS -- a way to unify our struggles, despite our differences.

Join us in building ACTION COMMITTEES TO SMASH S.1437! FOR WORKERS DEMOCRACY! A fight to be taken up by every union, every working class organization and centralized through ACTION COMMITTEES.

Join this fight now. Against bourgeois terror. Against S.1437. For Workers Democracy. For the defense of the working class and its vanguard.

RYI LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO FREE SOLDIER SANTIAGO ALEGRIA SANCHEZ

By JON COHEN
The International Executive Committee of the Revolutionary Youth International, meeting recently in Paris, has launched an international campaign to strike back at the provocation against the Fourth International in Spain and to win the immediate liberation of soldier Santiago Alegria Sanchez who is now in the hands of the Spanish military police.

For the RYI and for the Fourth International this campaign must be the first response, the first offensive of a broad and powerful mobilization of working class youth throughout the world against the counterrevolutionary attack now being organized by the bourgeoisie and the Stalinist apparatus.

Throughout the world the bourgeoisie and the Stalinists have or-

ganized a concerted campaign to exterminate the vanguard of the working class -- its rebellious youth, and in the first place its party, the Fourth International.

Under a supposed campaign against "terrorism," the old order is organizing its own terror -- police repression and assassination.

This campaign against "terrorism" is a provocation, designed to hide the real terrorists in this society -- the bourgeoisie and the Stalinists and their police apparatus. Designed to link the struggle of the working class to prepare its revolution with isolated individual actions, cut off from the masses.

The extent of this provocation is clearly shown in the attack unleashed by the Francoist monarchy in Spain against our party, the

Partido Obrero Revolucionario de Espana (PORE) and the Revolutionary Youth of Spain (RYE) which is fighting alongside it to build the Fourth International in Spain.

At the end of last year a "robbery" of weapons supposedly took place at the air force base of El Pani located in the northern border of Spain. Immediately, the bourgeois press, the loyal lackeys of the Spanish police, began publishing reports linking this robbery to "terrorists," and to our party, the PORE. The bourgeois press, even the so-called "liberals" began referring to our party as "the PORES," like a terrorist group and refused to publish official statements of the PORE. MUNDO DIARIO (the "New York Times" of Spain) even refused to publish a

PAID statement by the PORE.

The Spanish police arrested a corporal at the El Pani base, Santiago Alegria Sanchez, who in civilian life was a member of the PORE. He was accused of being the "ringleader" of the "robbery". His wife was also arrested.

The "evidence" against him? A leaflet, "found" in the isolated mountain region nearby, supposedly written by the PORE, calling for a demonstration in the Canary Islands. This "evidence" did not prevent the police from holding Santiago Alegria in secret and from torturing him.

Next, the police arrested Nuria Marti, Albert Marti, Antonio Ruis, members of the PORE and Andres Romero, Raimon Pi and his brother.

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The struggle in the mines-- The fight for class independence



By DAVID HEFFELFINGER
Caravans of hundreds of workers, mass picketing of non-union mines, and the election of workers committees to lead their struggles have become the rule of the miners strike.

The appearance of strike committees, defense committees, and mass picketing, organized by the workers themselves, begin to pose on the level of the actual workers struggle the forms of workers power-- independent mass organizations of the proletariat, the basis for the Worker Government. Only the beginning, it is true, but these spontaneous expressions of workers power contain in them the seeds of the mass workers councils of the Russian Revolution which have appeared since then in every revolution of the masses -- Spain 1936, Hungary 1956, France 1968, to name the most important.

But can these spontaneous organizations, even if they become more widespread, which certainly seems to be the course of events, overthrow capitalism? Is a revolutionary party necessary, or can the working class achieve power without it? This question, moreover is not an intimate matter, it is being asked by millions of youth the world over who are breaking with the treacherous parties of the working class -- the Stalinists, Social Democracy, and centrists. There has been a measure of growth in Anarchist, and anti-party currents especially in Spain and France among the youth, which can be traced directly to the crisis in the Stalinist apparatus in these countries, and the mass exodus of youth from the Stalinist parties.

CLASS INDEPENDENCE

There is no question that these independent forms of organization have had an important effect in the miners strike. Coal production HAS been cut significantly, though not stopped, in non-union mines. The lever of power that these new and bolder tactics instill in the workers is unmistakable in the spirited and bullish demonstrations and picket lines of the miners. And these advances are the workers OWN doing, perfected in several years of wildcat strikes against the coal companies, and violently opposed

by both the bourgeoisie and their servants in the leadership of the United Mine Workers.

Such was the reason for the well-spring of anger that rose from the miners when, only a bare month after their strike had begun, UMW negotiators tentatively agreed to a "labor stability" package which provided for the firing of any miner who participated in a wildcat strike, with no appeal. Shortly after the angry response of the miners, the contract talks broke off.

And their is no doubt either that the government of the capitalists, Carter's administration, is frightened to death by the prospect of more mass strikes organized independently of the "official" leadership of the unions. The newly redecorated child of Nixon's S-1 bill, Senate bill 1437, labels as "Blackmail" punishable by a felony, any action that would "improperly subject any person to economic loss or injury to his business or profession," aimed at terrorizing wildcat strikes. The coal operators and their courts have already begun their own terror against the miners strike with sweeping injunctions against strike activity, mass arrests, of hundreds and the murder of Mack Lewis, a Kentucky coal miner.

But even with the new ferocity of the class struggle in the mines still the mobilization of the workers is characterized by illusions in American imperialism -- that it can be reformed, that the economic struggle alone (for better wages and working conditions) will defend the workers. Individual workers, here and there, can come to more far reaching, revolutionary conclusions, but who will draw these conclusions for the working class as a whole? In fact, very large sectors of the working United States, especially among its most oppressed strata, have begun to draw such conclusions on their own, but nevertheless they still remain isolated for the most part in local struggles.

An excellent example is the strike of UAW organized by Essex Wire workers in Elwood, Indiana. The workers, a majority of them women, fought for eight months until the UAW leadership, led by Fraser sold them out. (see report in TRUTH #64). Though a small factory, only a few hundred workers, the state nevertheless threat-

ened to call out the National Guard. One of the workers concluded, "Sure, we lost a strike... we've learned things... what was required here would probably be classified as a revolution." But how can the lessons of this strike be drawn for all workers without the party, the collective "brain" of the working class?

PARTY OF CLASS INDEPENDENCE

Even large sectors of the working class who think of themselves as revolutionary, however, reject the need for a party. This is especially true among the youth who have some good cause to be wary of the political parties of the so-called "left", given the opportunist character of 9/10 of these leaderships. Opportunism drives the youth away from the need for a combat party. And the



anarchist and anti-party currents exploit the just hatred of the youth for opportunism with the formula: "Leninism and the vanguard party lead to Stalinism."

This simplistic formula hardly does justice to Lenin's struggle. The question, simply put, is, "can the spontaneous struggle of the workers bring about a revolution?" If the anarchists and anti-party currents answer this question yes, then let them pack up their bags and leave the workers alone. "Yes, it is enough, they say, "that the workers have good intentions, never mind the political parties of the bourgeoisie, the mountains of propaganda heaped on the youth, the crushing power of the bourgeois state, each to his own, hurrah!

If young miners are caught by such arguments it is only because the opportunists who lay claim to Lenin's struggle have managed to separate the question of the party from the problem as it is seen by the workers in the mines, that is, the need for more independence from the bourgeois political parties and their henchmen in the unions, the rapacious bureaucracy, and the "labor" party, is something totally removed from the

The workers are looking for a road away from the Democratic Party and the trade union bureaucracy because they have begun to see in these gentlemen a certain resemblance to their bosses.

The opportunists do not see things in such clear cut class terms. They approach matters from a loftier viewpoint, one which sees the working class as merely one progressive "force" among many.

This is the lynchpin of the policy of the Communist Party-USA, and of Stalinism in general -- class collaboration. The CP offers to the miners who are striving for their class independence an alliance with such "progressives" in the Democratic Party as Edward Kennedy, who has pushed in Congress for a more acceptable version of Nixon's S-1 bill, already mentioned, S-1437. This "Anti-monopoly People's Party" covers a long stretch indeed, all the way from the miner's hardship to the policeman's nightstick. But after all, the two aren't so far apart these days are they?

Nor is there any hostility between the miners and the UMW bureaucracy, to believe the SWP. Harry Patrick and the SWP want to build a "labor" party. Harry, who recently whined to the NEW YORK TIMES of his fear of losing his cushy life and diet of "quiche Lorraine and Grand Marnier," can't be blamed for all the strikes he helped to break. With such extravagant appetites as Harry has, the SWP may find it very difficult indeed to boost him up in front of the miners.

Both these "parties" are a betrayal to the miners and the American working class. They offer the workers who are striving for their class independence in their own struggles, nothing but the class treachery of the trade union opportunists, nothing but the preservation of capitalism. And the "real" party, the party behind the "anti-monopoly peoples party"



daily fight the miners wage against the coal operators and the government.

The party for the miners and American workers is the party that fights to extend and deepen the offensive of the working class, in every corner of the world, for its class independence. What is at stake in the miners strike is not "health and safety" or "the right to strike" by themselves, but what party, and what government can represent the interests of the miners.

The construction of the Workers Party is not an affair of the chosen few. It is a deepening of the struggle for the class independence of the workers by leading this struggle against the Carter government, for a Workers Government, based on the independent organizations which the miners themselves have begun to throw up.

The strike committees and mass picketing are themselves the consequence of the offensive of the Carter regime, the capitalists' government, to smash the organizations of the workers and block their independent initiatives. This is the real meaning of S-1437, it is a response to the growing combativity of the workers.

It is the class treachery of the trade union bureaucracy, even of its so-called "reformist" wing ala the now defunct Arnold Miller, or his benefactor Harry Patrick, which has put the miners on their present course. And the young workers in the mines who received their political education in Vietnam and in the coalfields, can see the course of this struggle leads into direct confrontation



with the government. The fight against the S-1437 bill through extending the independent organization of the workers to the elections of Workers Defense Guards, and factory committees to control production in the mines is the program of the revolutionary wing of the United Mine Workers.

And the Fourth International, the continuator of Lenin's struggle against opportunism and spontaneism, says to the youth that this struggle, which the miners have already begun to take up is the way to construct the Workers Party, the section of the Fourth International in the United States. The party of Lenin and Trotsky, belongs to the working class and its fighting youth, as their party of class independence.
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No more layoffs!

The US Commerce Department recently announced that 10,000 auto workers would lose their jobs in 1978. The silence of the UAW bureaucracy tells us it's true. Already, low seniority workers have been laid off at Ford Utica Trim, Detroit Diesel, the Detroit Chrysler plants, and Ford is shutting down its Louisville truck plant to "adjust its inventory." These figures do not include the 120,000 autoworkers NEVER RECALLED from the 1975 layoffs. This attack by the capitalists, for more profits is supported by the Carter government and accepted by the UAW leadership. The answer of the workers must be to fight to organize production in this society for OUR needs not for profits. For a SLIDING SCALE OF WORKING HOURS AND WAGES!

This solution, a sliding scale of working hours and wages, is the only REAL solution to this constant problem. Divide up all available work among all available workers with no cut in pay, and all wages to rise with prices. This solution says that the people who can best organize production in the interests of the workers... are the workers themselves.

Certainly there is no solution to layoffs and unemployment in Carter's proposals. He's already cut back unemployment benefits. The only jobs he's got are either \$2.35 an hour leaf-raking to keep the youth "out of trouble" or union-busting CETA jobs.

The UAW bureaucracy and the left-wing Democrats have no solution either. They say; "We don't like layoffs anymore than you do. Fight with us for this Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Act and win your right to a job."

There are already laws like this on the books. Workers rights is not a legal problem. The layoffs and unemployment get WORSE with every new law they pass AGAINST them. This bill is only to prevent the workers from thinking about their OWN solution to layoffs; their own way to assure their right to a job.

One of the lies perpetrated by the bureaucrats in the plants is that layoffs are due to reduced car sales, it is the fault of the "consumer," not the companies.

The main reason for the layoffs is not reduced car sales. They could always lower the prices and still make plenty of profit. The main reason is the need for MORE profit to retool and remachine the rundown factories. And that profit can only come out of the backs of the autoworkers. Every time there are layoffs less workers are called back. The companies profits per worker increased 30% over the last four years. Layoffs and unemployment are the ONLY way that the capitalists can increase their profit.

The workers must impose their solution -- a sliding scale of working hours and wages. This fight can only be waged through the workers own organizations, their unions, factory committees, their own government. By making this fight, the autoworkers can POLITICALLY win the support of the masses of oppressed and the rest of the working class.

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NEWSPAPER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH

FORWARD TO THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH, USA

For in this Congress, join us in this fight... The Revolutionary Worker Youth is still a small organization, but we know that we have many supporters and sympathizers in the plants. Those who support our struggle must join us. For in this Congress the Revolutionary Worker Youth must become a MASS...

Second anniversary of founding of Revolutionary Worker Youth

An international organization for American youth

By ANN NELSON
The Revolutionary Worker Youth, USA, was founded in Detroit, Michigan on December 21, 1975. The RWY was founded by young auto workers from Ford River Rouge, the founding Conference received greetings from young steelworkers and autoworkers in Chicago.

It is significant that a youth organization was founded to build a revolutionary struggle among autoworkers, Autoworkers, more than any other section of the American working class had a clear sense of their oppression as workers and they fought back militantly. This is still true today.

In December 1975 500,000 young autoworkers and workers in related industries were laid off. The RWY was founded to give a place for young autoworkers to develop as proletarian leaders in the bastion of US workers. This was a first, but there was something even more important for American workers in the founding of the RWY.

The Revolutionary Worker Youth, USA was founded as a part of an International youth organization. The Revolutionary Youth International was founded at a rally after a demonstration in front of the Berlin Wall in West Germany in December 1975.

The RWY was founded one week after the RWY to unite the youth East and West against imperialism and Stalinism, for the Socialist United States of Europe.

This is still the fight of the RWY today which is planning to launch its 3rd Congress this May with a demonstration in Paris for the unity of the working class East and West.

This is also of course, the fight of the Revolutionary Worker Youth. The first Platform of Combat of the RWY said that the RWY was devoted to building a new leadership in the unions by throwing out the bureaucracy. The platform said it was necessary to fight for a sliding scale of hours and wages, and to defeat the S-1 (now S.1437) bill.

The founding Platform called on young workers to join the new

International and to support the newspaper of the RWY, YOUNG GUARD (later REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKER), as the educator and organizer of the youth. The Platform, passed by young workers two years ago is still sound.

This is important because the founders of the RWY did not have any experience to draw upon, no one had ever tried to build an international revolutionary youth organization in the United States.

The first issue of YOUNG GUARD, dated December 29, 1975, was greeted with enthusiasm by autoworkers. This was not only a youth group that belonged to the young workers, but it was international.

THE INTERNATIONAL

In 1971, on July 3rd, 5,000 youth from all over East and West Europe rallied in Essen, Germany to build the Revolutionary Youth International. Their slogan was: THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

Both the SWP and the Workers League, organizations in the US which claim to represent the Fourth International and claim to stand for the revolutionary unity of the youth around the world, were silent about Essen, and young workers in the US never got to go to Essen to build the International and bring the lessons of the rally back to the United States. But while the 5,000 youth were abandoned and prevented from forming their youth International by the cohorts of the WL and SWP in Europe, our organization, now the Fourth International, continued the fight to found the youth international, and finally succeeded at the Berlin Wall in 1975.

Youth have always been in the forefront of the workers struggles in Eastern Europe against Stalinism and in the West against imperialism. In 1968 in Czechoslovakia, the youth were in the front lines against the Soviet tanks. The same was true in Poland '71, the French General Strike in '68

and the uprisings of the workers and students in the US in 1968 against imperialism.

And the political slogan which is the logical conclusion of these struggles is: unity of the young workers East and West, against imperialism and its supporter, Stalinism!

Only the RWY and the Fourth International have fought for this. And the Revolutionary Worker Youth brought this fight to the United States. This is the significance of its founding.

PRETENDERS

The pseudo-revolutionary SWP has been talking a lot more about the youth, precisely because of our fight. Opportunists can't be truly effective without "sounding" revolutionary.

For instance, at the YSA Convention, Jack Barnes, National Secretary of the SWP, said: "We

parties. He said of a university defense case in 1963, "We scoured the country, got every professor, every unionist, every person we could meet to sponsor this defense case of the three Blooming-ton students."

For the SWP leader, "every unionist" is the head of the local, not the guys on the line. But Woodcock will not defend the RWY. Nor will the Stalinist bureaucrats end the repression of workers in Poland. Only the youth and the Fourth International can lead the workers to win real defense cases and true workers rights.

The centrists did not found the Revolutionary Worker Youth or RWY, and their policy says why. Unfortunately for Jack Barnes, what he said was true, Bolsheviks must build revolutionary

are convinced that Bolsheviks that cannot collaborate in building revolutionary youth organizations cannot build proletarian parties." In practice, however, the opportunists have ruled that the YSA, is to be composed only of students. The working class youth will have to go elsewhere.

The substance of Barnes's talk at the convention was to try to convince the youth that reformist coalitions build revolutionary

youth organizations to build proletarian parties.

**LONG LIVE THE RWY AND RYI!
LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!**

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Build Young Guard!

First issue of Young Guard

SMASH THE PROVOCATION AGAINST THE PORE

Declaration of the Political Bureau of the PORE

Workers:

A few days ago numerous arms disappeared from the air force base of El Pani under mysterious conditions, but which without a doubt implicate the same military chiefs. A few days later the police attributed this supposed "robbery" with all their cynicism to the PORE ... and began to repress it.

Early in the morning of January 4th, at home, the police ILLEGALLY held Nuria Marti, 21 years old, married, member of the Secretariat of Metalworkers in the Workers Commission of Terrassa, Albert Marti, 23 years old, teacher, and Antonio Rius, 25 years old, married, with two children; all members of the PORE. At police headquarters, the fact that they no longer insisted on the supposed "robbery of weapons" did not prevent them from interrogating our comrades for more than 72 hours in the cells of Layetana, from brutally beating Nuria Marti and also Antoni Rius ... Today they are free, FREE OF ANY ACCUSATION; the accusation was a filthy police provocation.

Some soldiers are also detained and held incommunicado in order to prevent them from testifying concerning the provocation underway. The wife of one of them, a sympathizer of the PORE, was held in total secrecy for three days.

The Second Congress of the Juventudes Revolucionarias of Spain, Section of the RYI, organization fraternally linked to the Fourth International, met under great difficulties in Madrid because it was prohibited by the Governor of that city. Other fighters were arrested in Barcelona with no other charge than that of demanding the freedom of their comrades, and were later set free after being registered as "members or sympathizers of the PORE."

Workers: ATTENTION!; Workers rights, before ever being really won, are now threatened by the torturers of the police and the Francoist generals who are bragging once again under the cover of the shameful Moncloa Pact in which Carrillo and Gonzalez put their signatures to the plans of the reaction.

The PORE was declared illegal. Its crime is to be an unshakable party of the working class, a threat to this Pact of treason, a party ready to lead the international worker revolution by the methods of mass mobilization, organization. Let us say: **IT CONCERNS FREEDOM! WITHOUT THE FREEDOM OF PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONARIES, NO WORKER IS FREE, NO FREEDOM IS REAL!**

But the Monarchy which prohibits us does not have the courage to repress us FOR OUR POLICY, FOR OUR FIGHT, to be able to put our side to the mass of workers. Thus, it has decided to pass to the most filthy provocations: the lackeys of Juan Carlos have hidden the arms from El Pani and accuse the PORE of terrorism in order to isolate it from the masses and to repress it unmercifully. The

¡PROLETARIOS DE TODOS LOS PAISES, UNIOS!



SEMANA DEL 1 AL 13 DE ENERO DE 1978

¡ALTO A LA PROVOCACION CONTRA EL PORE!

La lucha del PORE ... la lucha nacional cada vez que se con el terrorismo al con los sucesos de la semana de la matanza de los mil trabajadores. Por eso la lucha contra la Monarquía y el Gobierno Francoista es el eje de la organización del PORE. La lucha del PORE es la lucha de los trabajadores contra el sistema de explotación de la clase trabajadora en los países de Europa y América Latina. La lucha del PORE es la lucha de los trabajadores contra el sistema de explotación de la clase trabajadora en los países de Europa y América Latina. La lucha del PORE es la lucha de los trabajadores contra el sistema de explotación de la clase trabajadora en los países de Europa y América Latina.

Moncloa Pact begins to function: the press publishes the false communications of the police and censures the notes of the PORE, including notes PAID line by line; the parties of the Pact, like the SCP and the PSOE (Socialist Party) and including its minor satellites like the LCR all pretended to ignore this affair and on the level of Barcelona, its leaders continue to refuse to meet with the PORE to explain this affair ... while our comrades, already arrested during the time of Franco, were once again beaten in Via Layetana.

But the first blow of the Monarchy has been shattered! Our comrades and sympathizers and many other workers mobilized in Terrassa, in front of police headquarters in Barcelona, in Madrid, and Nuria Marti and her comrades in Terrassa were freed. It is necessary to win the freedom of all the other political prisoners, and in the first place that of soldier Santiago Alegria, accused of this supposed "robbery"; today unmasked! It is necessary TO CONTINUE TO THE END, TO DESIGNATE THE TRUE AUTHORS OF THE PROVOCATION, THE POLICE TORTURERS, ITS MILITARY ACCOMPLICES AND FIND AN EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT!

Because, workers ... if you have seen the latest declarations of the generals of the regime, if you saw in Tenerife and Malaga the violent assassinations of the police and the intolerable cowardice of the official leaders of the workers movement ... recognize, comrades, of the workers movement ... recognize that this attack against the PORE is the announcement and the very condition for a broader attack against the working masses, against the immediate struggles.

The workers are ready to elect factory committees. For a long time the PORE has initiated a struggle to elect candidates ready to centralize the committees by cities, to form: A WORKERS CORTES, FORMED BY DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES OF FACTORY COMMITTEES.

Because in face of the failure and the deception of the Cortes of June 15th and its "deputies" and its parties, it is necessary to find another road to finish with the crisis, with the regime, with its repression: the revolutionary road of the centralization of factory committees into a Workers Cortes, to go to the general strike, to finish with the Francoist Monarchy and prepare the working class to take political power into its own hands.

The provocation against the PORE was an attempt to interrupt this struggle. The factory assemblies, the different candidates, etc., must pronounce themselves at the time of the elections concerning the prohibition of the PORE and demand the freedom of all political prisoners and the dissolution of the armed police and civil guard as well as the public trial of the torturers and provocateurs, organizing a WORKERS MARCH TO THE DOOR OF THE PRISONS.

The PORE considers the liberation of the Terrassa comrades as a first victory, but we want to go to the end: to free soldier Santiago Alegria and identify the nature, authors and means of the provocation of Pani. For this we have patiently and insistently called together all parties and groups. Communists, socialist workers, or from the LCR or CNT: your leaders have not appeared, they have not given the smallest

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support. Will you tolerate this? Is this a proletarian attitude however grave our disagreements are? The PORE calls all organizations, without accepting excuses, to form a Commission of Investigation that will clarify the hateful police-military provocation, to this contribute to the liberation of Santiago Alegria and all prisoners and the lifting of the prohibition of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario of Spain.

Workers: The PORE is convoking different meetings that will take place at the end of this week in different cities to fight the provocation and the provocateurs to demand the le-

galization of the PORE and the liberation of Soldier Alegria and all the political prisoners, and to thus impulse the struggle for a WORKERS CORTES of factory delegates.

Well then, who has the Interview from LA AURORA



with Nuria, Albert, and Toni

After the liberation of Nuria Marti, room. Albert Marti and Antoni Rius, LA AURORA held an interview with them, in order to demonstrate to all workers the provocative content of these arrests.

LA AURORA: What was the motive used by the police to arrest you?

ALBERT MARTI: The motive began with a search of our homes, with a search warrant which said that there were "basis for suspicion of finding stolen arms in our homes", the judicial order was from Barcelona.

ANTONI RUIS: I want to say that there was no order for arrest, only for search. I saw no arrest warrant.

LA AURORA: How did the searches and arrests take place?

NURIA MARTI: In my house there was a great amount of propaganda but they did not look for anything, they only took a walk around the

ALBERT MARTI: I voluntarily refused to be a witness to the search, it was curious to see them looking over things and then saying it was a legal procedure. Afterwards, they took me to the Commissariat in Terrassa and later to Barcelona.

ANTONI RUIS: They handcuffed me.

ALBERT MARTI: I want to say that one thing was clear, it was not arms but the detention of militants of the PORE that they were looking for, all this, the searches, the accusation of theft, make me believe it was a provocation and I say this.

LA AURORA: Once at the police station, what did they accuse you of?

ANTONI RUIS: They told me that my car was seen in Roses, next to a R-12, a "payes" and for this reason I was the transporter.



Demonstration in Spain for release of political prisoners -- 1975

monstration against the Tenerife assassinations.

ALBERT MARTI: There is no doubt that despite these questions the line of the interrogations placed in relief that the police themselves did not believe our implication in the robbery of arms but that it was only a tool of compulsion to ask information about the functioning of the party. Everytime it was asked: "but what are we accused of? They would say for robbery of weapons and then return to questioning me about the party.

NURIA MARTI: The interrogations were from Midnight to 5:30 in the morning, from 11:00 to 2:00 in the afternoon and from 6:00 to 10:00 at night and thus begin again with insulting treatment at all times and all types ("son of a . . . , etc.") and the beatings were worse, with a rubber tube, with blows of a telephone book to the head.

"In Via Layetana nothing has changed," a policeman told me and this is clearly seen, in all rooms there are photos of Franco and copies of his testament placed over those of Juan Carlos I.

LA AURORA: What were your declarations?

ALBERT MARTI: At all times we recognized our membership in the PORE, and in the declaration we emphasized our demand for the legalization of the party.

NURIA MARTI: The judge, questioned us once we left the commissariat, only over political questions without mentioning arms, it is necessary to emphasize this because these questions of the judge and the police made clear that these arrests were a provocation against the PORE.

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NURIA MARTI: They told me that I was the leader. But this was only the smokescreen in order for them to demand information concerning the Central Committee and Political Bureau of our party.

ALBERT MARTI: They did not try to implicate me in the robbery of weapons (thus, what was I doing there?) But at all moments questioned me about the structure of the party . . .

LA AURORA: Along with you some members of other parties were also detained.

ALBERT MARTI: True, but it is clear that they were set free once they proved that they did not belong to the PORE.

LA AURORA: How did they try to implicate you in the robbery?

NURIA MARTI: According to them in the area around the base, they found a leaflet of the Local Committee of Terrassa calling for a de-

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respectively members of the CSUT, the LCR (fraternal organization of American SWP) and the CNT in connection with this "robbery."

Funny thing. In their searches and interrogations the police made no mention of any robbery or arms. Andres Romero, Raimon Pi and his brother were released as soon as the police were convinced they did not belong to the PORE.

And during three days of secret interrogations and torture, after which our comrades were released WITH NO CHARGES AGAINST THEM, the only questions asked by the police were those which concerned the internal structure of the PORE, Central Committee, Political Bureau, etc.

The repression continues. All while the bourgeois press continues to orchestrate a campaign against "terrorism." On January 10th, Martin Pretel, a militant of the PORE, member of the Secretariat of the Workers Commission of AEG was arrested inside his factory. Immediately, the workers in the factory formed a permanent assembly to demand his freedom. He was freed a few hours later but remains charged with "illegal association."

On January 8th during a demonstration in front of police headquarters in Barcelona, Herminio Santamaria of the CCOO and Francisco Raset and Ana Llado of the PORE and sympathizer Carlos Anjesta, all members of the CNT were arrested and later set free.

In Madrid on January 7th, the Governor of Madrid prohibited the holding of the Second Congress of the Revolutionary Youth of Spain (JRE), the meeting hall being totally occupied by armed police and several comrades were arrested.

But the PORE has turned back this first provocation of the Spanish government. In the face of a massive mobilization of our party against this attack, for a Commission of Inquiry to unmask this provocation and find the stolen arms, the government retreated. Nuria Marti, Albert Marti and Antonio Ruis were released with-

out charges. The military police dropped charges of robbery against Santiago Alegria in the face of the resignation of the general in charge of the base who protested against the methods used. All the soldiers at El Pani were sent home on leave!

And finally, a few days ago, a right-wing group claimed responsibility for the "robbery". Undoubtedly, the arms are now in the hands of the originators of this "robbery" -- the Spanish police themselves.

But the danger is not over, Santiago Alegria remains charged by a military court with: "there exists indications for suppose that the soldier... Santiago Alegria is a member of the Central Committee of the PORE, an illegal party and whose goal is to take power in order to implant a planned socialist economy which at its extreme point will be decided by an insurrection, considering his political activity during his time under the flag... the facts related above constitute the crime of illegal association."

This is the real provocation. It has nothing to do with "terrorism," least of all with "robberies" of weapons. It has to do with the fact that our party in Spain remains one of the very few workers parties still declared illegal. Open at any moment for the government to strike.

And the Spanish monarchy has well chosen its moment to attack. Just three months after the total collapse of the "democratic" farce of the Cortes, which was totally unable to contain the working class offensive, in the face of the sole organized opposition to this farce, our party, the monarchy signed the Moncloa Pact with the Communist and Socialist Parties and the fascists in order to crush the working class mobilization.

In the face of the massive working class rejection of the Moncloa Pact, in the face of the upcoming trade union elections, in which once again the PORE stands as the only pole of revolutionary regroupment of this offensive, the Spanish "democratic" regime of Juan Carlos has passed to new methods.

The assassinations of workers in Malaga and Tenerife. Open discussion in the Cortes over "who will win the next civil war?" A-

most-open preparations for a military government. And the provocation against the Fourth International.

In order to decapitate this working class offensive the bourgeoisie must exterminate its vanguard -- all revolutionary opposition to the regime and above all its most conscious expression, the Fourth International.

"Here in Via Layetana nothing has changed," declared a policeman who tortured comrades of the PORE during the days of Franco, as he beat Nuria Marti.

Indeed. This is the answer to all those who brag about the "evolution towards democracy in Spain," from Carter and the Stalinists to the shameful centrists who hide from the working class the price they paid for their so-called "legality."

No. The fight to free Santiago Alegria and the fight to legalize our party is the fight for real democracy in Spain. There can be no democracy, no freedom for the working class alongside fascist torturers, alongside the repression against revolutionaries and its party.

This is why the campaign to defend Santiago Alegria is an affair for American workers as well. Accused of fighting "for a planned socialist economy." For being a revolutionary. For belonging to the Fourth International.

The right to be a revolutionary. To stand up for a better and brighter future against this rotten decaying order.

Against those who cover up in silence this attack against the vanguard of the youth.

A campaign that every young American worker can be proud to be a part of. A campaign that any militant of any organization which speaks in the name of socialism can take part in, no matter how grave our differences are.

It is time now to unite and meet the attack of the counterrevolution head-on.

Free Soldier Santiago Alegria!
Stop All Judicial Proceedings!
Stop the Provocation Against the PORE!
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Attend the first meeting to form a US Committee for the liberation of Santiago Alegria to prepare an international demonstration the day he goes to trial.
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BOURGEOIS PRESS LEADS PROVOCATION AGAINST THE PORE

Sustituido el juez instructor después de diferencias con la actuación policial

Un cabo de la base aérea de El Pani, sospechoso del robo de armamento

ALFONS QUINTA, Barcelona

Con relación a la desaparición de armas de la base aérea de «El Pani», en la provincia de Gerona, EL PAIS ha sabido, de fuentes responsables, que la persona en quien se centra la mayor parte de las investigaciones es el cabo segundo de dicha base, Santiago de Alegría Sánchez-Cabezudo, el cual pertenece, en la vida civil, al comité ejecutivo del Partido Obrero Revolucionario de España (PORE), reducida organización trotskista, simpatizante de la IV Internacional.

Como informó este periódico en su día, el 27 de diciembre se echó en falta en un barracón de aquella base veintinueve pistolas Star (una de ellas averiada), dieciocho fusiles ametralladores Cetme (todos ellos averiados), dieciocho metralletas Zeta, cuatro pistolas de fuego y 12.000 cartuchos.

El cabo antes mencionado estuvo retenido varios días en la comisaría de policía de Figueras e interrogado por funcionarios especializados de la brigada regional de información, con sede en Barcelona. Los indicios que condujeron a esta persona se basaban particularmente en el hallazgo, en el camino de Monte, seguido por quienes robaron las armas, de una octavilla del PORE. El cabo reconoció que tanto él como su esposa militaban activamente en dicha organización, no legalizada, pero negó de plano toda participación en el robo.

La retención, en la sede gubernativa de la policía de Figueras, del mencionado cabo, junto con otros tres soldados, originó alguna diferencia de enfoque con el comandante del Ejército del Aire que había sido designado juez instructor del caso. Este comandante se personó en el lugar de la retención y sostuvo criterios que no coincidían con los de la policía gubernativa. Poco después, la autoridad militar aérea decidió la sustitución del primer juez instructor, que fue reemplazado por otro comandante de la misma base, el cual lleva ahora el caso.

Ningún soldado se encuentra ahora en manos de la policía, como informó en su momento EL PAIS. Pero es la policía gubernativa la que continúa desarrollando muy activamente las gestiones del caso, de pleno acuerdo con el citado juez instructor militar. Así, la policía detuvo en la localidad

de Tarrasa, cerca de Barcelona, a seis personas, tres de las cuales fueron puestas en libertad poco después. Las otras tres pertenecen al PORE. Es en esta vía donde, sin duda, la policía piensa poder avanzar en su labor.

Por su parte, el PORE difundió un comunicado por el que negaba toda participación de los hechos al tiempo que afirmaba: «La lucha del PORE y la IV Internacional nada tienen que ver con el terrorismo, ni con las acciones separadas de la movilización de las masas trabajadoras.» Miembros del PORE se pusieron en contacto con la redacción de EL PAIS, en Madrid, para desmentir su participación en el robo de armas y reafirmaron las tesis mantenidas en el comunicado.

Respecto a la posible conexión con el robo de armas de una persona hallada en el interior de un vehículo en Olite (Navarra), fuentes consultadas por EL PAIS se mostraron escépticas. Las fuentes indicaron que actualmente las investigaciones se centran principalmente en Barcelona, precisando que en el robo habrían participado unas siete u ocho personas, quienes habrían utilizado dos coches y el procedimiento revelado en su día en estas páginas.

EL PAIS

AND THE CENTRISTS

A special word must be said about the role of the pseudo-revolutionary centrists, especially those who claim to represent the Fourth International in this provocation against our party in Spain.

To this date they have maintained a total silence. In Spain, the LCR has refused to join with the PORE in any mobilization in defense of our comrades. Only in Terrassa have militants of the LCR joined in joint actions, but their leadership keeps a total silence.

You see, the pseudo-revolutionary LCR is 'legal' in Spain. They won their legality by abandoning any reference to the Fourth International in their Statutes, by dropping any reference to a Workers Government, by dropping the hammer and sickle from their banner. And they passed the "acid test" set by the Spanish government for legalization -- participation in the farce elections to the Cortes last June.

They are now "legal". And thus, along with the Stalinists and Social Democrats they wash their hands concerning all repression against those parties still declared "illegal," still revolutionary. They let the Francoist torturers do their work for them.

And in France? While LE MONDE, the leading French bourgeois paper published news of the arrests (in a shortened and confused fashion) nothing has yet appeared in ROUGE, the "communist daily" of the French Pablo-

ites, the LCR.

"We do not have enough room," the editors of this pseudo-revolutionary "daily" told a delegation of the Fourth International which came to their offices with information concerning the arrests of our comrades in Spain.

Not enough room. But the next day the issue of ROUGE appeared with a full page article devoted to "Pedophilia". Sexual relations between adults and children. Apparently the latest fashion among the readers of the newspaper of the French Section of the United Secretariat.

But not enough room for saying something about the attack against the PORE in Spain. No honest worker or militant could understand this complete cynicism in the face of the repression of the bourgeoisie, no matter what their differences with the Fourth International.

We have yet to hear anything from any of the pseudo-revolutionary organizations in the US who claim the Fourth International, especially the SWP.

Perhaps all the winter snowstorms and blizzards have delayed their response. We hope so. If not, the American working class and its youth who are repressed and attacked today will one day make them answer for their refusal to defend their revolutionary comrades around the world. January 27, 1978 J.C.

Detenidos seis izquierdistas

MADRID 6 (D16). -- Tras militanos del Partido Obrero Revolucionario Español (PORE) (rama española de la IV Internacional), uno de la CBUT, otro de la LCR y un tercero de la CUT, fueron detenidos en la madrugada del jueves en Tarrasa por efectivos policiales que arrebataron permisos judiciales de detención y registros domiciliarios. Ramón P., de la LCR, y Andrés Romero, de la CBUT, fueron puestos en libertad ayer por la noche.

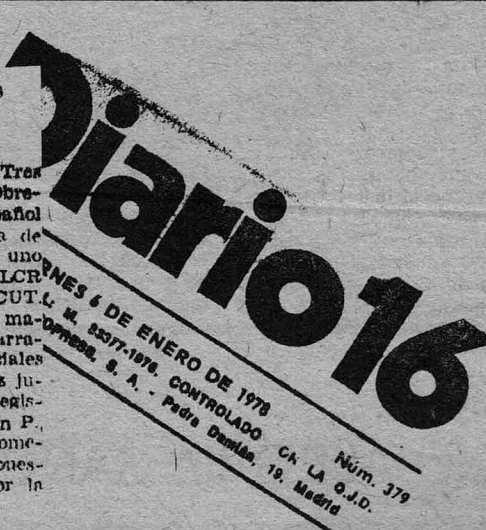
Entre los detenidos se encuentra Nuria Martí, miembro del Secretariado del Metal de Tarrasa de Comisiones Obreras (CC OO).

Las detenciones pueden estar relacionadas con la desaparición de armas registrada hace pocos días en la base aérea próxima a Rosas (Gerona), según manifestaron ayer fuentes del PORE a D16. Las mismas fuentes indicaron que las detenciones "responden a una maniobra del Ministerio del In-

terior, que se empeña en cegar al PORE de terroristas para no legalizarlo".

Un portavoz del PORE denunció a D16 que dicho partido estuviera implicado en el robo de armas en Rosas, añadiendo que el Partido Obrero Revolucionario Español "está contra el terrorismo individual porque lucha por la insurrección armada".

SAMPLES FROM SPANISH BOURGEOIS NEWSPAPERS ABOVE -- "A corporal from the El Pani air base suspected of stealing arms" BELOW -- "Six Leftists Detained"



SWP cheers on Helsinki accords

The Socialist Workers Party, and others have just published a statement in INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS, THE MILITANT, and THE NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS. It wishes success to an "INDEPENDENT" Human Rights Conference being held in Paris, France at the same time as the imperialists' Human Rights Conference in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

The aim of this "INDEPENDENT" Conference -- organized by, among others, the very "INDEPENDENT" CFDT, the Social Democratic Labor Federation, French friends of the German Social Democracy, murderers of Baader Meinhoff -- is to review compliance with the now infamous HELSINKI ACCORDS.

The Helsinki Accords, as young workers and militants may remember, much to the SWP leadership's chagrin, were a series of agreements demanded by the US government and accepted by the Stalinists. Under the guise of "democracy", "human rights", etc., imperialists were granted freedom to travel, speak and trade within Eastern Europe and the USSR in exchange for recognition of the post World War II borders of these countries. THEY WERE SIGNED BY GERALD FORD AND LEONID BREZHNEV.

This is not simply a cowardly refusal to fight for the working class's OWN program and party AGAINST bourgeois democracy, now masquerading as HUMAN RIGHTS. ("Me, too; me, too," cries the SWP leadership, tailing after Ford and Carter. "We're for Human Rights, too," they say.) It's a way of reinforcing illusions, indeed sowing further illusions within the working class, that it can count on the liberal bourgeois and the Stalinists; that its demands can be won without a political and open confrontation with them.

"The real allies of those fighting for democracy in the East and in the West are those -- PROGRESSIVE FORCES [our emphasis] in the ranks of organized labor, the socialist movement, among women, and among oppressed nationalities -- who challenge violations of human rights ..." Says the statement. It's a lie.

All the references in the world to Trotskyism and the Fourth International can't cover that up.

M. G. January 27, 1978