



A YOUTH ALLIANCE TO FIGHT NAZIS & THEIR MASTERS THE IMPERIALIST STATE!

On June 25th 50,000 people are planning to march in Skokie, Illinois against a group of Nazis who have threatened to demonstrate in this predominantly Jewish community.

The Nazis are a provocation against the ENTIRE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS. Their anti-Semitism, race hatred, the physical attacks on blacks they are now organizing in Southwest Chicago, represent the advance guard for fascism in the US.

Smash the Nazis! In Skokie. In Marquette Park. In Detroit. In St. Louis. Wherever they show their ugly faces!

How? With the power of the working class and its youth. By organizing WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS in every community, factory, and union. For armed self-defense. For black self-defense.

But 50,000 people are not just marching in Skokie because of the presence of a handful of miserable Nazis. The young workers, the youth, the blacks and other oppressed minorities are marching because they see something more in this fight.

You see a possibility to fight against this entire system. A system of UNEMPLOYMENT, REPRESSION and WAR. The Nazis are a symbol of every-

thing ugly, vicious and rotten about this society.

And you are right. The problem is not just the Nazis. These Nazi scum have MASTERS who are using them for their own ends. Who are a thousand times more powerful than the Nazis.

Who are their masters? The bosses and their IMPERIALIST STATE with its police, army and courts.

This IMPERIALIST STATE which has now become so "democratic," so respecting of "free speech" when it comes to letting these fascists operate. Very protective of "free speech" when it comes to beating up blacks in Marquette Park.

But not so "democratic" when it comes to meeting any of the demands or hopes of the workers and youth in this country.

To really fight these Nazis it is necessary to fight their masters, the real enemy-- the IMPERIALIST STATE.

The young workers sense this. You sense that the "leaders" of this march against the Nazis-- the Democratic Party, the trade union bureaucrats, the hypocritical religious leaders, the Stalinists and the pseudo-revolutionaries-- are driving you into a dead-end with their legalistic, pacifist maneuvers.



You want to end this system --the Nazis and everything that goes with them. These "leaders" want you to save it, to pretend that the Nazis are an accident in an otherwise "democratic" system.

We say that in order to continue your fight against the Nazis you must continue it against their MASTERS. Against the IMPERIALIST STATE. Against this system of unemployment, repression and war. For Workers Democracy against this fraud of bourgeois "democracy."

You need a framework to do this. A way to break out of legalism, pacifism, deals with the Democratic Party and the courts and police. A framework that can mobilize ALL fighting youth in this country and can UNITE all their organizations in a common struggle.

How can you continue your struggle tomorrow? And the next day? By joining with the Revolutionary Youth International in building a large and powerful YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST WAR AND REPRESSION.

To stop the Nazis. To stop Carter in Africa. To end the PLANT-ation system in the factories. To stop all anti-working class laws. To free all political prisoners. To win full rights for the youth.

A struggle open to all workers, youth and their organizations. A struggle that can continue what you are fighting for in Skokie, And what the youth are fighting for throughout this country and the world.

BUILD A YOUTH ALLIANCE
AGAINST WAR AND REPRESSION!
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Stop the Military Tribunal Against LA AURORA & Miguel Salas!

In the last issue of TRUTH we reported on the Military Tribunal launched in Spain against our party, the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (PORE), the Spanish section of the Fourth International.

Miguel Salas, editor of LA AURORA, the newspaper of the PORE, has been arrested and is now out on bail awaiting a Military Tribunal against him and LA AURORA for "insulting the army." The accusation concerns an article which appeared in LA AURORA arguing against

those who would favor the military entering the government.

He faces several years in prison.

At the same time, the "democratic" government of Spain has launched a whole series of Military Tribunals. All political trials in Spain, even of civilians are being tried by the military.

Against 3 workers in Vitoria for their participation in the general strike of 1975. Against a 16 year-old student. Against a group of

satirists who write for "EL PAPUS."

With Miguel Salas and LA AURORA it is a clear case of FREEDOM OF THE PRESS which is at stake.

All defenders of democratic rights must take a stand against this attack.

-- Down with the Military Tribunals!

-- No Military Tribunal Against Miguel Salas and LA AURORA!

-- Legalize the PORE and all Anti-Francoist organizations! Telegrams and messages of

support demanding the halt to all proceedings against Miguel Salas and LA AURORA should be sent to:

Commander of the 4th Military Region, Barcelona, Spain.

Please send copies to TRUTH.
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**INSIDE ...
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INTERNATIONAL!!**

"You're black-- what are you doing with these communists?"

By JON COHEN

These words, spoken by a black bureaucrat of SEIU Local #79 in Detroit to a young black member of the Revolutionary Young Workers USA who was selling TRUTH to Harper hospital workers, along with the response of the member of the RYW: "You're black-- why are you making these workers go back to work without a contract?" puts right out in the open one of the most central questions of the American revolution-- the place of black liberation and how to fight for it.

The Harper hospital workers are overwhelmingly black, poorly paid, some of the most oppressed workers in Detroit. Their bureaucrats, including many black bureaucrats, fought to send them back to work without a contract, without even telling them what their demands were after the workers had UNANIMOUSLY voted to strike the week before.

The Trotskyist Organization USA and the Revolutionary Young Workers fought against this policy. To throw out these bureaucrats. To build a winning strike based on the workers democratically deciding on their most important demands and to elect a strike committee to lead and organize the strike.

The bureaucrats -- correctly-- called this "communism." But obviously designed to confuse many workers who still identify "communism" with Stalinist totalitarianism. The bureaucrats also tried the charge that we were "not interested in the union" because our slogan was: "It's Not A Strike -- It's a Cause." -- which sent about 20 workers outside to immediately buy copies of TRUTH!

In desperation the bureaucrats tried to take advantage of the fact that the militant of the TO/USA leading this fight happened to be white, accused us

of "just being some white folks trying to stir up trouble" and finally sent someone up to speak preacher-style in the name of "unity." This "preacher" immediately disgusted many of the young black workers, who left the meeting.

Which brings us to the question which is becoming a decisive question in every struggle, strike, meeting-- what IS the road forward for the blacks in the US?

Next to the overall question of the emancipation of the American working class from capitalism, the question of the liberation of blacks from their oppression, from racism, is THE MOST IMPORTANT question of American society. And for us, these two problems are ONE AND THE SAME. The only road to freedom for the working class and the ONLY road to freedom for blacks is through the common struggle of blacks and for the abolition of capitalism.

These are not just platitudes or dreams. The platitudes and dreams come from those who try to say the opposite-- that there can be a solution for blacks under capitalism, that there can be a black struggle "within the system," that "the Man can be dealt with" OUTSIDE of the revolutionary struggle to overthrow capitalism, to destroy this imperialist state, for a Workers Government.

The entire struggle of blacks in the United States has proven this. The most important and significant struggle for social change in this country in recent years has been initiated and led by the struggle of blacks, above all, by black workers. The movement of the blacks in the early 60's was the first expression in the United States of the

international upsurge of the working class and oppressed and helped initiate the present offensive of the entire working class.

The struggle of the black masses in the South in the early 60's for their most basic elementary rights was far more than a "civil rights" movement. It was a mass movement for fundamental social change. Against not only the Jim Crow system in the South, but against this entire system which oppresses and exploits blacks, North and South. In the streets. In the schools. In the factories. EVERYWHERE.

It was a movement which led to massive confrontation with the capitalist state. With its anti-democratic laws. With its police, courts and army. With the Democratic Party and the trade union bureaucracy. And as well a confrontation with the "traditional" "socialist" and "communist" parties of the American working class who refused to lead their fight to victory. In every case a fight for INDEPENDENCE and SELF-ORGANIZATION.

A movement which led to the ghetto rebellions in the North in the late 60's. The explosions of rage after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Armed confrontation with the capitalist state. The formation of independent, subjectively revolutionary organizations such as the Black Panthers and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers. The development of this fight in the factories -- the 1970 wildcat strike of mainly black postal workers, the sit-downs in 1973 in Detroit at Chrysler Jefferson Avenue and Mack Avenue.

It is the boldest lie in the world to

say that this struggle was just a struggle for reform. Just a struggle for a "Civil Rights Act", for a few black Congressmen or Mayors or for more black police. Those who try to erase the memory of these struggles today from the minds of the young black workers were those who BETRAYED that struggle and who are BETRAYING the struggle today.

You know who these people are. The "poverty pimps." Those who took the gains and the concessions won from the US bourgeoisie in order to put money into their pockets and make a miserable "career" for themselves out of the oppression and misery of the black masses. The black "politicians" who rode this revolutionary mass movement into the Democratic Party at the expense of millions. The Jesse Jacksons. Andrew Youngs. Coleman Youngs. Who represent NOTHING and NOBODY.

The black bureaucrats who try to hide the racism of the bosses and the American trade union bureaucracy. Today it is the white bureaucrats who call for the strikes, while it is the black bureaucrats who are called upon to send workers back to work.

But these people aren't the worst ones, they are just pawns. The real enemy remains the capitalists and the imperialist state which has betrayed all of its "promises" towards blacks and which in the end cannot even rely on these traitors in the black movement -- in the end it relies on what it knows best-- brute force, vicious repression, unemployment and social misery -- which is what it presents to the black masses today.

And the worst "leaders" are not the black hatchetmen, but the

so-called "communists"-- the American Communist Party which once attracted thousands of blacks who were searching for a revolutionary struggle and which today turns every struggle into support of the Democratic Party and the reactionary state. The pseudo-revolutionary Socialist Workers Party which abandoned the fight for a revolutionary party of the working class and black masses in favor of a "black party" led by reformists and which channels the black masses into the dead-end reformist strategies of "busing" and "affirmative action."

But it's time for a change. The laws of history are a thousand times stronger than these traitors. The aspirations of the black masses are a million times stronger than these sell-out artists.

While the movement of blacks in the US exists as a distinct movement of a racially oppressed minority with its special characteristics, forms of struggle and methods of action, it is also true that blacks, in all aspects of their social and cultural life are a part of the American people. This is even more true today given the fact that it is the black working class which controls basic production in this country, which is the overwhelming majority of the major industrial cities.

The struggle of blacks for their democratic rights goes hand in hand with the struggle for socialism. And the entire history and struggle of blacks has proven that they are in the VANGUARD, in the leadership of the struggle for socialism in this country.

In the working class it is black workers who have much less illusions in this imperialist state, less belief that this state stands

"above" the classes in this country. Less willing to fight in any imperialist war against its black and yellow brothers and sisters around the world.

And it is the black working class which works together in the factories, everyday, in common struggle against capitalist exploitation, with the white working class. In periods of struggle, it is this unity of the black and white working class which already exists in practice which will be decisive to the American revolution.

It is the struggle of the working class as a whole which is the key to black liberation as well as to the liberation of this entire society from this system of unemployment, repression and war.

But this struggle needs a leadership. A revolutionary leadership. A communist leadership. And a revolutionary party with a revolutionary program to lead this fight. We believe that this party and program is that of the Fourth International, the party that the Trotskyist Organization/USA is building today.

But we don't ask any worker, black or white, to take our word for it. All we ask is for a common struggle together, in order to be able to prove in ACTION, like in the Harper Hospital fight, like in every fight where the interests of black workers are at stake, that our party and struggle represents the continuity of the black struggle in the US and the means to win victory.

The responsibility for relaunching the black struggle today in a revolutionary direction rests on the youth. This is why we propose to the black youth to fight along with us and the Revolutionary Youth International in a YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST WAR AND REPRESSION, to make the struggle for black liberation a struggle against this imperialist, racist state of war and repression-- to end the PLANT-ation system in the factories, to stop the repression in

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WE DESERVE BETTER

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

Three weeks ago 1,100 Harper-Grace hospital workers voted to go on strike. We were ready and we had the overwhelming support of the entire hospital. But then, one week later a lot of us were bewildered when the misleaders of Local 79 told us to go back to work. This is something none of us were prepared for. Despite the fact that a majority opposed this cowardly act, there was no vote taken and discussion was cut off, the meetings were broken up. We were told there was a major "breakthrough" in negotiations. But the union officials refused to say what the "breakthrough" was.

Now we all know that there was no "breakthrough" at all.

The Hospital was shaken in the last days before the strike. The administration, especially at the departmental level was completely panicked, and still are, by the unity

and strength of the desire among us for a strike.

I heard my brothers and sisters saying things like, "they think we're too ignorant to strike, we'll show them."

Yes, they treat us like children at Harper-Grace, they pay us slave wages, they harrass us with their work rules, and they do indeed treat us as if we are too ignorant to know any better.

Then there is the cash issue, the issue of survival. Figure our average wage of \$4 an hour. Figure the government's own prediction of a 10% inflation rate. Never mind the fact that we have already taken a pay CUT even with past raises, due to inflation. Now, how are we going to defend ourselves, or make up what we've lost without a strike against Harper-Grace. No way and everybody knows it.

Everybody can see it clear as day. If we are going to get what we

NEED, if we are going to come out of this struggle AHEAD and not behind, we are going to have to run this union like it is OURS, which it is.

NO SECRET NEGOTIATIONS! The only way we know what is going on right now is from the newsletters that the Administration puts out. And who can believe them! We've got to say NO everytime the misleaders in Local 79 try to sell us a "breakthrough" without telling us what it's about. NO! to any contract offer where we can't read the fine print!

ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE! Let's face it. Nobody is going to lead a strike but US! And any strike that WE lead is going to be opposed by the Hospital administration as well as the Local 79 officials. At the meeting two weeks ago, these labor statesmen told us we were "a mob". Well, if we elect a STRIKE COMMITTEE to run this strike ourselves there's an even bigger MOB that will support us

-- the entire working class population of Detroit!

Someone said it during a strike vote, "it's not a strike, it's a cause." That's what we've got on our side and our CAUSE is more powerful than all the court injunctions they can throw at us. With a strike committee we could take the lead in organizing this cause and build a demonstration in Kennedy Square to demand:

AGAINST HIGH PRICES!-- for a sliding scale of wages.

AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT-- for a sliding scale of working hours.

NO TO THE ANTI-WORKER COURTS AND THEIR INJUNCTIONS! Federal mediators out of the strike!

Let's start organizing meetings at the Hospital to decide how WE can win in this struggle. WE CAN WIN!

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CHICKEN FEED BACKFIRES

By ANN NELSON



On June 30th the contract for 1,500 Wayne State University clerical workers and technicians will expire. One third of the workers in the Staff Association are office assistants who work for \$3.25 to \$4.50 an hour. The union membership has been discussing affiliating to another union and in the course of the less-than-democratic discussion the leadership of the Staff Association has split, one faction supporting the UAW and

the streets, to win jobs for the youth, and to win a future for the black youth in this country-- a socialist future.

Don't take our word for it. But join us in action. Make this ALLIANCE into your weapon for black liberation today.

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the other the SEIU (Service Employees International Union).

On June 5th UAW representatives, including Vice-President Martin Gerber, came to speak to the workers at Wayne about "their union."

They spent fifty minutes of an hour meeting trying to present the UAW as a liberal union which is very concerned about women and minority worker workers and which will fight all the "progressive" causes. Over nice little chicken dinners, the UAW reps, expected the "nice little secretaries" to ask them some questions on whether or not the library at Solidarity House is current.

But instead I was able to ask the first question of these gentlemen. I said that I respected the UAW very much. I respected the struggles that the auto workers had led to organize their union in the beginning and that I knew young autoworkers who always fought not to pay for inflation by having their wages eroded. The auto workers I knew fought back against layoffs and the terrible working conditions in the factories.

"But the leadership of the UAW is different," I said. "I would like to ask these leaders of the UAW why three workers at Ford River Rouge DIED last year from the heat in the factory and why the union said nothing. And about something that happened in 1973; workers at the Chrysler Mack Avenue Stamping Plant walked out of the factory protesting working conditions. It was a wildcat strike. The UAW leader-

ship responded by organizing a thousand-man goon squad led by Doug Fraser, current president of the UAW. This goon squad beat the workers back into the factory with CHAINS. What do you have to say about that?"

An international rep responded after waiting for the applause of the Wayne workers to end, by saying that the strike was in fact "only six or seven people." He said that it is true that there were "one thousand there, I was among them" but "there wasn't one international OFFICER or one union PRESIDENT with chains." (!)

He couldn't explain why 1,000 goons were needed against six or seven workers. And we are to conclude that the squad was composed of vice-presidents and recording secretaries. The UAW can't hide the truth, that they can only main- (CONTINUED TO PAGE 6)

WHY A YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST REPR

Interview with David Heffelfinger, delegate to the Revolutionary Yo

TRUTH: You recently attended the WORLD CONGRESS of the RYI which was held in Paris. First of all, what is the political situation in Europe, especially in terms of the mobilization of the youth?

D.H.: The situation in Europe is characterized by a very deep crisis in the leadership of the working class. This is true especially in relation to the youth, who in recent months have shown a redoubled effort to finish with the bourgeois and bureaucratic regimes.

In Spain there have been demonstrations numbering in the hundreds of thousands, and a new strike wave in the main factories has begun. Daily there are street confrontations between youth and the police.

In France there is pronounced growth of various autonomous movements, "workers councilists," and as in Spain daily confrontations with the police.

In the Soviet Union there is a movement of workers for independent unions, led by Klebanov, who has been imprisoned by the Soviet authorities. This movement had no sooner begun in the Soviet Union than its counterpart immediately sprung up in Eastern Europe, primarily in Poland.

Except for the Fourth International, the RYI, and some of the various anarchist and autonomous movements in Spain and France, the various parties claiming to represent the working class have taken up the cries of the bourgeoisie against "terrorism," which in reality is directed against the mobilization of the radical youth.

This includes the League Communiste Revolutionnaire, (LCR), French Section of the United Secretariat, which recently formed a defense guard against an autonomous group in France that raised the slogan

for defense of the terrorists against the bourgeois state. It includes the Stalinist parties, like the Communist Party of Spain which has made an alliance with the regimes of Suarez and Juan Carlos against the working class -- the Moncloa pact.

TRUTH: What was the central discussion at the Congress and what were its major decisions?

DH: The major discussion was over how to defend and advance the tremendous mobilizations of the working class around the world, especially of the youth. In the West as in the East, the response to this mobilization has been the growth of the repressive powers of the state, and the renewed drive of imperialism to subjugate the oppressed peoples of the world. This is very clear in relation to Africa where Giscard of France has taken a leading role in attempting to police the revolt of black Africa against Western imperialism.

The question is, how to win the masses of youth who have taken to the streets and who reject the passivism of the centrist and Stalinist parties? The central problem is that in rejecting this bowing down of the false leaderships, the youth have rejected all parties and programs.

In this sense the Congress raised two important slogans: DOWN WITH THE TERRORIST STATE! In order to place in the forefront of the youth and their struggles the real enemy, the real terrorists in society. And RETURN TO LENIN! Against the treachery of the parties which claim to be "Communist" and "Socialist" yet who have abandoned the lessons of more than a hundred years of revolutionary experience, the lessons of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Trotsky.

TRUTH: What are the differences between the mobilizations of the

youth in Europe and in the US, are things as different as they seem? What is the character of the mobilization of the US working class youth?

D.H.: There are differences, of course, but not in a fundamental way. There is a definite sense which the youth give to their fight in any corner of the globe. This sense can be briefly stated to be a deep hatred of the old order together with a profound mistrust of the bankrupt parties and their policies.

In Europe there are massive demonstrations and confrontations between the youth and the police powers, the bourgeois states in the West, and the bureaucratic governments in the countries of the socialist conquests. Even if the movement of the youth in the United States does not yet have the strength of the movement in Europe, it nevertheless exists and finds itself face to face with the same enemy -- the terrorist state!

In the United States, the miners strike opened up a real crisis in Carter's government. The source of this crisis was not a mere trade union struggle, but the fact that the young miners were prepared to fight both the government and the bureaucrats who run the unions in the interests of preserving order.

There has been a marked change in the consciousness of the youth who have felt the increasingly brutal and provocative role of the police. The time is past when in the name of "crime" the government can defend the murder of black and brown youth, the time has past when in the name of "national defense" the government can defend the increase of military expenditures while the central cities rot.

TRUTH: In the US, we have proposed an ALLIANCE

OF YOUTH AGAINST REPRESSION AND WAR. What is the purpose of this Alliance and how can it be a means to build the RYI in the US?

D.H.: The basic purpose of the alliance, which is being raised by the entirety of the Revolutionary Youth International, is to make a practical alliance of all youth and youth organizations against the repressive and war-hungry governments of the bourgeoisie. The youth are sick and tired of seeing their struggles divided and fractured. They are tired of waiting and they want to fight now! In this situation it is our elementary duty to do everything possible to advance their movement-- to raise the need for defense guards and strike committees, for instance, which can direct the struggle of the workers and youth independently, and to orient the movement of the youth politically, to show the source of the attacks on the youth; the repressive government of a rich and greedy minority. And more importantly, there is a real need for such an alliance in a situation where some of the largest parties claiming to be revolutionary, the Communist Party USA, the Socialist Workers Party, refuse to lead the struggles of the youth toward a revolutionary goal -- the destruction of the system of war and repression and its replacement with a Workers Government. This alliance is a clear part of the struggle of the RYI for the socialist revolution, and the party which can lead this fight, the Fourth International.

TRUTH: What have been some of the problems of the Revolutionary Young Workers and how can this ALLIANCE be a means to overcome them?

D.H.: Fortunately, the problems of the RYW in the US are the problems

of the youth. We have fought to show the youth the importance of taking up politics. Right now in America there is an idea among the youth that politics is "uncool" and "corrupt" by its very nature. There are related problems like drugs, and the life of the youth in the streets. The working class youth in this country are frankly fighting for their very survival, but we have begun to convince the youth that this struggle cannot be an individualistic one if it is to succeed.

TRUTH: What is the role of INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD in this fight?

D.H.: It's our most important weapon. More powerful than a .357 magnum, and more enlightening than a stick of marijuana.

INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD is the tribune of the youth, their means to communicate and organize. It is as well the way in which the Revolutionary Youth International supports and advances the construction of the revolutionary party, the Fourth International. By giving a framework for the youth to take up politics on their own. Through our newspaper, which is the only international revolutionary journal devoted solely to the youth that I know of, a real revolutionary leadership is beginning to emerge and train itself in the RYI. If nothing else, I would urge all our readers to write for it and help produce and distribute it.

TRUTH: How can we take up this fight for an ALLIANCE in the factories?

D.H.: In the major factories in the US they are trying to reinstitute slavery, driving the youth to their limits. In auto they are forcing young workers to sign away all their rights with waivers. In every instance, the leaders of the UAW take the side of

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labor relations people. It is very clear, the workers must organize their strikes and struggles independently. They must win back their unions from the class collaborationist bureaucracy.

An alliance of youth to fight for the election of a strike committee, to organize mass picketing, and the extension of the strike. An alliance of youth to win the leadership of the unions from the hands of the opportunist bureaucrats. This is what we are after.

TRUTH: As a way to win youth in other organizations, in particular the Young Socialist Alliance?

D.H.: The YSA should work with us in this alliance. They are engaged right now in a struggle to defend Hector Marroquin, a militant of the Socialist Workers Party and YSA who the US government is trying to deport to Mexico. We have taken up this fight as well. The RYI is engaged in a fight to defend a militant of the Revolutionary Workers Party of Spain, Santiago Alegria, who has been imprisoned and tortured by the Suarez regime in that country. Why doesn't the YSA take up this fight with us, it could only strengthen the movement of the workers and youth?

But there is more, the Carter government is trying to whip up a war hysteria in America once again, it's beefing up the police forces in the major cities. We know that the militants of the YSA are against this and we are ready to join them in practical actions.

What is stopping them? In all candidness, I think that the YSA is at a very confusing point in its history. Two years ago, the Socialist Workers Party said to the YSA, "You must be only a student organization, the workers are for the party." Now the SWP says, "We must have an all out industrializa-

tion." Where does this leave the YSA? At their last convention which we attended, the militants were asking questions, "how can we manage our anti-racist work, with our pro-ERA work, and our anti-nuclear work, etc., etc." So after the miners strike the SWP says, "go to the factories" and when the militants arrive at the factories they are told to be careful not to upset the applecart in the unions, it is "sectarian" to fight the bureaucracy. Well, all this effectively cuts the YSA off from the radical youth, whether it be in the factories, the streets, or the schools.

TRUTH: What are some of the most immediate plans of the Revolutionary Young Workers?

D.H.: At the time of this interview we are preparing our contingent to the counter-demonstration against the Nazis in Skokie, Illinois. Here, for example, is another place the ALLIANCE could play an important role in organizing a united defense guard of all youth organizations to the demonstration and in a common fight to oust the Nazis from Detroit, St. Louis, Boston, Cleveland and other cities where they are present.

We have begun a campaign, as I mentioned earlier, against SLAVERY IN THE FACTORIES. Right now we are playing a leading role among the youth in the struggle of Harper-Grace Hospital workers in Detroit for a new contract.

Probably the most important task for us right now is to get the fight of the RYI around to all the youth in the United States through out press INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD. Even though we are small and concentrated mainly in Detroit and Chicago, with IYG we can build circles of the Revolutionary Young Workers in other cities.



SLAVERY '78 ~ HOW CARS ARE MADE

By FRED VITALE

"58 hours a week for three years. It's disgusting." -- Ford Torrence worker -- Chicago

"What I've seen them do to new people in there -- abuse them. And they don't know their rights." GM Fleetwood

"We are completely sold out, we have forced overtime, harassment, dirty locker rooms, no showers, must work Saturdays, unsafe working conditions and nothing is being said." Mack Stamping plant worker - Detroit

"You see the way all these people are coming down the street? That's the way those cars come. It's just too fast." Dearborn Assembly worker -- Chicago

It's with these slave conditions, the "PLANTATIONS," as they're called, that Ford, GM and Chrysler are now making RECORD numbers of cars, RECORD sales, RECORD profits. What we won't hear about is the RECORD rate of oppression, exploitation, of workers' blood being shed for these thieves.

The statistics of slavery give a glimpse of reality. The number of autoworkers is down by 20%. 1/3 of all Ford workers work overtime, tens of thousands, 56 hours a week. More and more workers die in "accidents."

Virtually ALL union rights are gone. No seniority rights. No more "regulated" line speed. Job break-ups long after the time has expired. Forced overtime under the flimsiest excuse. Blatant violation of EVERY section of

the contract.

And no rights for young workers. The signing away of union rights in order to "get your job back" once used occasionally is now in CONSTANT USE.

Their plan is simple and ruthless.

During the first few months when the union bureaucrats refuse to defend the newly hired workers, many are fired or threatened with firing for some minor thing -- being late, missing a day, or even unable to do a job. Some kind of provocation.

Enter the "savior." The union committeeman or steward. He sits down with the company man and "wins you your job back." The only catch is -- sign on the dotted line. Sign away your rights for 30 days to a year.

If you're late once, absent once, or look cross-eyed at your foreman once you can be fired. So -- get back to work, slave, and get used to it!

And, just like on the old plantations, you have house slaves and field slaves. The house slaves lived and slept with the master. Their job was to keep slaves from rebelling. The NEW house slaves are the union bureaucrats.

The unions were built by hundreds of thousands of young workers battling government, for many of the rights that young workers are now losing. The unions can and MUST become weapons again for the workers or it will be all over the country like at Essex Wire Local 1663 UAW -- foremen armed with rifle patrol the aisles of the factory.

The capitalists are determined to crush the unions. Look at GM fight every union election in the South. For the first time in 40 years, a major corporation -- International Harvester -- tried to break a UAW strike with hundreds of scabs. All with the help of the government.

And what's the response of the union bureaucrats? Complete cowardice. When the contract rights are broken, they say "File a grievance." When the courts rule every time against the workers, they whine, "unfair laws." While young workers are laid off, over and over again, they say nothing. What we need is our union back and all these crooks unemployed!

But they aren't just cowards. They JOIN with the capitalists in attack attacking the workers. Especially militant young workers. When the Ford Romeo workers wildcatted over increased production standards, the FIRST thing the bureaucrats said was "Back to work." With 17 workers who organized it fired, and a two year-backlog of grievances!

This is only the most recent in a series of open attacks by the bureaucrats on the workers.

Don't be deceived by talk like -- "It ain't nothing new. It's always been tough in here." As though things will stay the same. They won't. These arrogant attacks on the workers are preparation for the 1979 contract. The capitalists and the bureaucrats are determined that there be no opposition to their plans to throw auto-

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Tax revolt in California "Preserve the American dream"?

Chicken feed

Middle class homeowners in California, in a rampage against higher property taxes and the bankruptcy of the Carter government voted overwhelmingly for sweeping cuts in property taxes by pushing through Proposition #13. Their objective, say their spokesmen, is to "preserve the American Dream" -- two cars in every garage, two refrigerators in every \$30,000 ranch style home, nice lawns, nice vacations, and a total absence of struggle -- far away from the annoying "lower" classes with their hunger and their need.

This is an occasion for the imperialist government to show how "democratic" it is, how responsive to this so-called "people's revolt" -- as it moves to eliminate one social service after another for workers and poor people. These bourgeois terrorists are said to be "moving gingerly to bow to the will of the majority," though they philosophise on the way, with crocodile tears choking them up -- "At what point does the voters laudable intention to eliminate waste and increase government efficiency act instead to destroy the very services a democratic society demands?"

This response on Capitol hill bolsters the middle class dream of being independent. They really think this "tax revolt" is a great, bold and independent act -- that it will greatly benefit them. But it is not them who benefit -- it is the capitalists.

The collective savings for the middle class homeowners of the most populous state will only amount to \$2.3 billion; the rest will go to the "private sector" as the bourgeois class euphemistically refers to itself. To rental and residential property (landlords) -- \$1.2 Billion; to commercial and industrial property (capitalists) -- \$2.9 Billion. The ten largest utilities and railroads benefit by \$400 million next year; Standard Oil -- \$13.1 million

and Lockheed Aircraft -- \$9.5 million. (TIME MAGAZINE, June 19, "Sound and Fury Over Taxes").

Those taking the greatest losses will naturally be the workers and poor people and of course the youth who have no place in this rotten society.

Already hundreds and thousands of workers have been laid off, indefinitely. Many social services are being curtailed or completely cut off: welfare, civil rights commissions, job training programs, money for schools, Medicaid and Medicare, and many, many more. Even the capitalists admit there is a "tinge of class conflict in the Proposition 13 campaign ...with possible portents of racial trouble in the simmering summer months ...worried blacks and Hispanics in California feared...that as government turned more frugal, they would be hurt the most."

The hatred the middle classes feel for the Carter regime, and their fear of being ruined is being diverted against workers, youth and blacks. Under the guise of "democratic processes" this movement is spreading across the country, an excuse for the capitalist class to concentrate all their fire on the working class.

"Leaders" for the distressed middle classes are emerging, the kind that always appear to make make sure the rebellious feelings of the middle classes is launched against the workers and to keep them tied hand and foot to their own worst enemy, the capitalist class, who degrades and ruins them and uses them as a tool to get at the exploited and oppressed class of workers. They too are caught in the visé grip of unemployment, inflation, repression and war. They are seeking the way out.

"Maniac or Messiah?" This is the question TIME asks of Howard Jarvis, the "crusty curmudgeon" (and ex-industrialist) who is the most deter-

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mined advocate of the "tax revolt". From the beginning of this anti-worker career, Mr. Jarvis, described as a "dumpy, bulldoggish" individual "whose voice is a throaty croak," (you begin to picture the guy) was a devoted right-winger, joining the Republican Party which represents the worst capitalists. Now he is moving towards a more "independent" position, calling Republicans "the stupidest people in the world except for businessmen, who have a genius for stupidity."

"We have a new revolution" Jarvis proclaims, "we are telling the government: 'Screw You!'"

This kind of movement prepares fascism by mobilizing the middle classes around their felt needs, but directing it against the workers under the pretext of being against "big" business and "big" government -- in fact this revolution is part of the counter-revolution -- the middle class is incapable of breaking with the bourgeoisie unless it goes over to the side of the contending class, the working class. All this "revolt" has done is helped the capitalists abandon any pretext of "democracy".

But, ah well, the government is after all "bowing to the will of the majority" aren't they?

It is no wonder this so-called "majority," (actually a minority, the real majority being workers, youth and the poor people rotting at the bottom) has revolted "independently" only from the workers down below. Their frustrations are being channeled towards the "lower" classes thanks to the bourgeois propaganda campaign disclosing welfare "fraud" and unemployment "abuse". They want the gullible middle classes to believe that their misery is caused by the workers and poor people and that they, the homeowners of America, are footing the bill. It is no wonder 69% of them are against

welfare and Medicaid, as they envision the "lower" classes to be nothing but welfare chislers and common thieves.

This society is not democratic. If it were there wouldn't be any need for welfare; there wouldn't be any classes. There wouldn't be some people, the majority working like slaves for a tiny minority of pig-gish, money hungry capitalists -- there wouldn't be any middle classes caught betwixt and between...

The dream the capitalist class fears the most in America is the dream of the majority, the working class and oppressed, their dream of being free from wage slavery, of taking power and expropriating the exploiters. This is not only an American Dream, but a European Dream, a South American Dream, an African -- an East European Dream -- this dream knows no national frontiers.

This dream is becoming a reality today, and all the more the classes on top will cling to their "American Dream" that is a nightmare for the working class.

The volcano that is erupting, shattering the old states and destroying their foundations is the vast mobilization of the workers, youth, the oppressed -- the "tax revolt" is but a pale tremor, but a sign that all the people reject this rotten government presently in power.

We, workers, youth, militants who fight for the revolutionary party to ensure the victory of the working class must win the middle classes to a real revolt against our common enemy -- the leadership the middle classes seek is to be found in the working class, the only class left in society that bears the future of mankind in its struggle for power, the only class capable of defeating the bourgeoisie and ending class society, of establishing a Workers Government to this end.

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tain their leadership of the UAW through terror.

The SEIU leaders do not have a better record. Only one week ago they sold out Harper-Grace Hospital workers by postponing the strike which the workers voted for. They are disorganizing the Harper-Grace workers and have refused just like the Staff Association leaders have to make the negotiations or contract demands open to the membership. The leadership of the SEIU is not so gentle either, at a union meeting last week one bureaucrat threatened a hospital worker and member of the Trotskyist Organization with a tire iron.

When Connie Dostie, an aspiring bureaucrat, said in defense of the SEIU that "we're just a bunch of amateurs," she was right, if she was talking about the leadership of the Staff Association.

They want us to vote for the "pros." Those who have made a fat living off of selling out the working class in the United States-- the trade union bureaucracy.

The UAW can have my vote. For one reason and one reason only-- to speed the exit of the bureaucrats from the union which the autoworkers built and fought for and which belongs to the workers.

Only the workers of the Staff Association can organize to win a victory with this contract. We must decide our demands now and discuss how we will organize to win them. The union belongs to the youth and to the workers!

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SPARTACIST LEAGUE-- A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Slavery

"Therefore, one of our major tasks at this moment is to become a study circle!"

(James Robertson, September 6, 1962)

"For a Limited and Orderly Retreat!"

(James Robertson, May 19, 1978)

Not very far in 16 years is it? But it only goes to show you that the American workers are a lot smarter than most people give them credit. And they are not about to let any petty bourgeois philistine who crawls out of the woodwork, proclaims himself "communist" or "workers leader" and who then proceeds to lecture and pontificate for 16 years on the "backward" and "quiescent" nature of the American working class, get to first base with them.

This is the story of the American Spartacist League. The best "organized" example of the huge distance between Trotskyism and the American petty bourgeois philistine.

They tell the story in their own words. What distinguishes this group from others just as bad is that they are PROUD of their contempt for the working class and make no attempt to hide it.

The May 19, 1978 issue of WORKERS VANGUARD, the newspaper of the Spartacist League carried an article entitled "WV to GO Biweekly" announcing that their weekly paper would now become biweekly. Not necessarily a great disaster. Even healthy and revolutionary organizations have to temporarily cut back on resources, make new plans, etc. But this is only the tip of the iceberg for the Spartacist League.

The reasons for this cutback? "The quiescent period through which we are passing." !!! After stopping to say "any rational group half our

size could produce a weekly" (what does this make them?) they go on to state: "our appetites as revolutionary Marxists have run too far ahead of recent objective possibilities and for too long." All of this brought the Spartacist League "right to the brink of a major breakdown."

"Quiescent period?" Do they really think anyone is stupid enough to believe this excuse, to blame the working class for their own crisis, their "breakdown" and loss of "appetite?" Who are they kidding?

"Quiescent period?" What planet are they talking about? Not the planet Earth, which is being shook from one corner to another by the revolts and mobilizations of the working class, INCLUDING in the United States. Would any "rational" person call the recent strike of 180,000 miners for three months, gun battles in the coalfields, mass defiance of the President of the United States-- "quiescent"? Only if you are a miserable petty bourgeois philistine, in despair because the workers have refused to follow your "leadership."

We never thought too much of this organization. But characteristic to the psychology of the petty bourgeoisie, they have as much contempt for themselves as the workers have for them, they realize what rotten types they are.

Their local committees are "too small." Their trade union fractions are "inadequate," their black cadre are "going in spirals" and the leadership of the Spartacus Youth League is "incomplete." And their members? They are becoming "peacetime martyrs."

"Peacetime martyrs." What do you think of when you hear the word, "martyrs?" Were the membership of the Spartacist League undergoing severe police repression? Imprisonment? Torture?

No-- their dues were too high!!!! You can always find a real petty bourgeois by daring to touch his wallet.

In between "disintegrative processes," "exhaustion," "impotence," "frenzy" and "passivity," all characterizing the internal situation in the SL, we learn of a "precipitous break in the WV Editorial Board."

"Precipitous break?" Remember, this is the gossip group of the American "left." They make it their business to publish all the internal problems of other organizations. They even send their members into other organizations to do nothing more than collect internal bulletins and take notes. They recently ran a front page headline, "RCP SPLITS!" based on their gossip.

But when it happens to them? They simply drop the listing of their Editorial Board from their paper for four months, with no explanation, in the best-- STALINIST tradition.

Finally, after this lengthy outpouring of petty bourgeois self-flagellation (intended to make the workers reading their article feel as rotten as they do-- but don't hold your breath), in order to boost their sagging egos, they drag out a quote to prove how "revolutionary they are.

From a young worker? Another organization? No. FROM THE FBI!!!! Which states that the SL has: "a hard core of educated, disciplined, articulate and highly motivated individuals." An "A" from the FBI-- how impressive!

This organization which proudly quotes the FBI as an "authority" on the workers movement has had the nerve and audacity for several years to continue the Stalinist slanders of the Russian Secret police and the French OCI against Michel Varga, one of the leaders of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 and today a

leader of the Fourth International. They call Michel Varga "a highly dubious figure."

We used to get angry at this. But now we take it as a compliment. Anyone "highly dubious" in the eyes of these people is all right with us. This became obvious when they recently showed up at a forum of the RYW on the Harper Hospital strike, selling a YEAR OLD paper with the headline: "OCI SLANDERS, VARGA DUBIOUS." This is their answer as to how to build the Harper Hospital strike and to young workers interested in our party. Any "rational" worker could immediately see the purpose of their "investigation" of Michel Varga-- Stalinist slanders to block workers from hearing our policy.

But we're not too worried. The working class hasn't bothered with them for 16 years, so there's no reason why they will now. In fact, the reason for their "breakdown" is not the "quiescent period" but the opposite-- the new mobilization of the working class and its youth and the development of a proletarian leadership for this mobilization.

The working class is fighting to break itself from the grip of imperialism. And the petty bourgeoisie, tied to imperialism by their wallets and their ideology, are feeling the crunch first.

We compliment the Spartacist League on their "retreat." We don't think that they succeeded in demoralizing or confusing any advanced worker with their sob story. The petty bourgeois philistines are now headed in the right direction.

But we offer only a small "amendment" to their slogan, "For a Limited and Orderly Retreat"-- We suggest: BACK INTO THE WOODWORK! And it will be good riddance.

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workers back to the Stone Age. To make legal everything they do now and the then go even further.

We need only remember that the tough battle of the miners did not win them a better contract but instead one worse than before.

WE SAY NO! The constant repression must stop! The line speed must slow down! Workers must control the production standards! Give us the line key! All laid off workers recalled! FULL RIGHTS for new hires! All rights waivers declared null and void!

The only way to win these demands is with an EMERGENCY CONVENTION OF THE UAW FOR A NEW CONTRACT NOW! Delegates elected from every section in every factory! Throw out Fraser and his mob!

Young workers! Win back your unions! With this fight we can FINISH with the plantation owners and their government!

If you want to end the slavery now, free yourself and all your brothers and sisters, join us in building a YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST WAR AND REPRESSION! In the factories, in the unions in order to make the unions weapons of the youth for the preparation of the revolution!

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DEFENSE OF CUBA

US imperialism has begun a new campaign to overthrow the socialist conquests of the working class in Cuba. It is part of the offensive of imperialism throughout the world designed to crush the upsurge of the working class throughout the world.

Under the cover of lies about Soviet and Cuban "aggression" in Africa, imperialism wants to step up its plans for war, a war which will have as its purpose the overturn of the socialist conquests of the working class in the USSR, Eastern Europe and Cuba.

Even though the POLITICAL power of the working class in the USSR, Eastern Europe, Cuba and China has been taken away from them by the Stalinist bureaucracy the SOCIAL gains of the October Revolution of 1917 remain-- above all the fact that the BOURGEOISIE has been expropriated. Because these represent conquests of the working class and because the RESTORATION of capitalism in these countries would be a tremendous setback for not only the workers in these countries but for the INTERNATIONAL working class, we must unconditionally defend these countries against imperialism.

But NO DEFENSE of the Stalinist bureaucracy which rules these countries, including the Stalinist bureaucracy led by Castro in Cuba. In fact, part of the way to build a successful fight to defend these countries is to build a fight to OVERTHROW this Stalinist bureaucracy, for a POLITICAL revolution to win power back for the working class.

The Stalinist bureaucrats are international agents of imperialism. They act in the interests of imperialism inside the workers movement even though they may claim to be "communists" or even though they are at the heads of states in which the bourgeoisie has been expropriated.

In fact, one of the objectives of Carter's "cold war" campaign is to insure the further submission of the Kremlin bureaucracy. Look for yourself. How have the Stalinist bureaucrats, including Castro, responded to Carter's threats?

By issuing a clear denunciation of imperialism? By defending the need for the socialist revolution in Africa? By calling on the workers of the world to overthrow their bourgeoisies? By calling US workers to the defense of the workers states?

You know the answer as well as we do. The Stalinists have responded by BOWING AND SCRAPING in front of imperialism. EVEN MORE than before.

Castro first denied any involvement in Zaire. Then, he revealed that BEFORE the invasion of Katanga province he informed the US State Department that the invasion would take place and that he was "doing everything in my power to stop it."

A squealer. That's what this Stalinist is. And this "revolutionary" went on to say that he hoped Carter would win the 1980 Presidential elections and that Castro would vote for him if he could!

How many of you are planning right now to vote for Carter in 1980? The thought probably hasn't even crossed your mind, which is the case with not just advanced workers, but with the most average American worker-- who are a thousand times more revolutionary than this bureaucrat, Fidel Castro.

Some brilliant "politicians" of the workers movement call all of this "smart thinking" by Castro in order to deal with imperialism. Other cynics say that Castro "has no choice," that he became a Stalinist to protect Cuba against the US and only cooperates with the US in order to protect Cuba.

Apologetics for Castro's betrayal of the Cuban and Latin American

revolution may succeed in confusing a few people but have nothing to do with a revolutionary policy. Those who claim that a revolution in a backward country cannot succeed without collaborating with either Stalinism or imperialism only wind up justifying the existence of Stalinism and its betrayal of the Russian revolution.

Many people are familiar with the April Theses of Lenin which re-oriented the Bolsheviks and the Russian working class for the seizure of power. But the April Theses did not just concern Russia. Lenin's first words, upon arriving in Petrograd were:

TRUTH IS OUR WEAPON

"TRUTH is talking about the way to fight that will make us win -- it is like going to the roots to build the kind of party you are talking about. It could take ten years to build it, but towards the end of those years things would move real fast -- It may be hard at first but if you struggle every day to convince the workers they can win, and how, you are GETTING READY..."
Julio -- GM Fleetwood, Detroit

In discussing TRUTH with young workers like Julio, we have become convinced that it is vital to the distribution campaign, to the growth of the Fourth International in the US, to really organize the discussion and distribution of TRUTH with young workers and young militants who are buying it. There is a park in Detroit, Clark Park, where young workers like Julio spend a lot of their time on the weekends, playing baseball, cooking-out or just having a few beers with friends -- many who don't speak English.

TRUTH teams have always gotten a warm response in this neighborhood, with young workers and their families

"LONG LIVE THE WORLD SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!"

The Russian revolution and the fight for the world revolution and the party to build it were one and the same in the mind of Lenin. Stalinism did not develop out of this perspective but was a BETRAYAL of what Lenin fought for.

To apologize for Stalinism is to reject and attack this perspective of Lenin, which we are continuing today. One of the most shameful pieces of Stalinist apologetics for Castro just appeared in the INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS of June 26, 1978 in an article by the leader of the SWP, Joseph Hansen, in an article entitled: "Why Carter is Shouting At Castro?"

This article shamelessly justifies the cowardly maneuvers of Castro vis-a-vis imperialism and justifies the Stalinist regime in Cuba, insisting that there is no need for a political revolution in Cuba.

We will take up this article in the next TRUTH. Let us say right now that Cuba is not just any question. It was over the question of Cuba that Hansen justified his abandonment and attempt to liquidate the Fourth International in 1963.

For once Hansen understood something. Support to Castroism and membership in the Fourth International are indeed incompatible.

J.C.
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pressing dollar bills in our hands in support of the fight of the Fourth International in the US to unite the workers of North and South America for the United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas.

Social clubs along Vernor Ave. have said they are ready to mobilize their membership's support given a little notice time.

The majority of youth around Clark Park feel a strong desire to see the police smashed -- they remember the murder of Joe Torres by the police in Houston and know of Hugo Blanco and Hector Marroquin's struggle. They know Carter's aim in signing the Panama Canal Treaty -- to insure an imperialist base in Latin America for crushing the working oppressed masses.

There is a good reason for holding biweekly discussions of TRUTH in Clark Park, bringing young black workers, young whites and Latinos to the meetings to learn how to use a revolutionary newspaper to build a revolutionary party. These discussions help us GET READY, get ready to

overthrow the terrorist state that is crushing the youth, they are a way to PREPARE the political consciousness of the American youth, North and South, prepare them for the task of taking power.

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The final results for #73 were: 125 copies.

The distribution for #74 was as follows:

Ford Rouge	5
Chrysler Dodge Main...	4
Chrysler Warren Stamping	6
GM Fleetwood	9
Harper-Grace hospitals	74
Detroit (Other).....	73
Chicago	10
TOTAL	181
Subs	2