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## "Keep Chrysler Alive"? - No!

# WORKERS CONTROL OF CHRYSLER!

The great debate is on. "How to save Chrysler?" has become a central discussion in the last weeks in response to Chrysler's threatened bankruptcy and their demand for a \$1 billion loan from the government.

The politicians now screaming for a \$1 billion handout for Chrysler are, not surprisingly, the same ones who regularly scream about "welfare cheaters" and vote to cut social services. The poor? That's not "in" any more-- saving the rich has become the new "social consciousness" in this country.

Some have taken a hard line. GM's President, Thomas Murphy, recently denounced any aid to Chrysler, saying that this was against the "spirit of free enterprise." And then turned around and offered Chrysler a \$250 million loan -- at 15% interest.

That's "free enterprise." But politicians and businessmen aren't the only ones who have suddenly developed a "social conscience" in the last few weeks. The UAW bureaucrats have rushed to the aid of this new defenseless minority, the rich.

Chrysler doesn't need a public relations firm. They have the UAW bureaucracy. When GM's Murphy made his attack Chrysler did not need to defend itself. UAW President Doug Fraser rushed to Chrysler's defense, calling Murphy a "horse's ass" (a key phrase in his very limited vocabulary).

The UAW bureaucracy is more than a public relations firm. They are the most capable part of Chrysler's management. In the last few weeks they have managed to do what Lee Iaccoca could never do-- prevent any strike at

Chrysler, close down Dodge Main and agree to "make concessions" in the Chrysler contract.

Doug Fraser really should be PRESIDENT of Chrysler Corp. He's been trying to "save" Chrysler for the last ten years-- while GM and Ford were eating it up, while Chrysler's management was producing all those big cars. He's been their only really consistent defender.

In 1973, when Chrysler workers occupied Mack Avenue to win better working conditions, Fraser sent in a 1,000 man goon squad with iron chains to drive them out. And when two workers occupied the power plant at Chrysler's Jefferson Ave. plant and WON their demand for the dismissal of a racist foreman, Fraser attacked Chrysler for "cowardice" and for GIVING IN to the workers.

It's just too bad that it is autoworkers who pay his salary.

The UAW bureaucrats aren't the only public relations flacks that Chrysler has. It has the American Communist Party which has also adopted the slogan, "Keep Chrysler Alive," along with their slogan for the auto contract-- "unite members and leaders."

The American CP has caught the drift of things because "Keep capitalism alive" has become the international THEME SONG of the traitors of the working class. In every country these traitors have become the most loyal defenders of this decaying system of imperialism and Stalinism.

None of this is very funny for workers and youth-- for Chrysler workers, autoworkers, for all workers throughout the world who want to find a solution to this capitalist crisis, a solution that will insure their survival.

These traitors are able to sing "Keep Chrysler alive" and find some response in the working class because the working class as a whole does not yet see a positive solution in front of it.

The Trotskyist Organization/USA says that the only positive solution is the revolution-- the expropriation of Chrysler and the large corporations, a WORKERS GOVERNMENT to run this society in the interests of the majority and not the greedy few.

But the masses of workers must be convinced of this goal. The most important task today is to CREATE THE CONDITIONS for the WORKERS THEMSELVES to decide what to do.

WORKERS CONTROL OF CHRYSLER. The workers themselves, along with the unemployed and youth, must decide what to do about Chrysler, must take their fate INTO THEIR OWN HANDS. Everything depends on this.

This is why we call workers and youth to this fight for WORKERS CONTROL OF CHRYSLER. Not as a gimmick, some way to "save Chrysler," but as a fight for the revolution which is today concentrated in a fight for the workers to decide.

WORKERS CONTROL OF CHRYSLER is a fight for the only creative force in this society to impose ITS solution to the latest expression of imperialism's death agony. By engaging the masses in learning how to rule society in their own interests. As a school for a planned economy.

WORKERS CONTROL OF CHRYSLER is our answer to this debate because only the Fourth International fights for the workers to decide themselves and says that this is the fight for the revolution.

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## AN EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE UAW!

- 43,000 autoworkers already laid off
- UAW Bargaining Council decides to make "concessions" to Chrysler
- Fraser will give GM and Ford their "concessions" too

there is a crisis in auto, an emergency in the UAW Autoworkers -- we need an

## EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE UAW

- to confront the world auto crisis
- to develop a WORKING CLASS program and solution
- to make the UAW into a weapon of the working class

DON'T WAIT FOR THE BUREAUCRATS TO CALL IT-- IT MUST BE BASED ON:

- delegates democratically elected by mass assemblies in the factories
- delegates of unemployed auto workers
- workers representatives of industries tied to auto
- representatives of the youth and oppressed

Organize this fight now--

There is a crisis, but there is also a solution

September 9th - September 15th

# International Week of Action in Auto

The international working class is faced with a grave PROVOCATION. The imperialist powers have embarked on a plan of LIQUIDATION of the auto sector of industry. All over the world wage cuts and mass layoffs are on the order of the day. The large factories, those which have shown the most resistance in the past struggles, are being closed down. The "official" bureaucratic leadership of the unions is backing down, hiding the significance of the crisis and making concessions to the auto monopolies. The Stalinist "communist" parties, the centrist pseudo-revolutionaries, bow down to the attack.

The task of the day is to PREPARE THE RESPONSE OF THE ENTIRE WORKING CLASS to this anti-worker assault. A provocation of world-wide dimensions:

IN THE UNITED STATES-- Tens of thousands of autoworkers ALREADY laid off even before the anti-worker contracts are signed. The closing of Dodge Main and the break-up of the large auto plants by Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. IN THE SOVIET UNION-- The arrest and persecution of leaders of the independent trade union movement by the Stalinist gangsters. The importation of capital and the law of profits into the countries of the socialist conquests, submitting the Soviet workers to the capitalist market and its crisis.

IN SPAIN-- The plan of the monarchy of Juan Carlos for the "restructurization" of the automobile

sector of Spanish industry. The sale of nationalized SEAT to FIAT of Italy and the liquidation of jobs in order to open up the workers to the exploitation of the imperialist powers and auto monopolies of Ford, General Motors and Citroen. IN LATIN AMERICA-- The expansion of the auto monopolies into the imperialist dominated continent of South America. Alongside the necessary strengthening of the repressive military dictatorships and the super-exploitation of Latin American workers.

IT IS A WORLD CRISIS IN AUTO. The stakes for the world working class, not just the autoworkers, are high. It means the further deepening of unemployment among the youth. The liquidation of whole plants like Dodge Main and the closing of related industries. THE FUTURE IS AT STAKE!

Autoworkers! Youth! The Trotskyist Organization/USA calls for an INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION to PREPARE THE RESPONSE of the workers to this PROVOCATION. There will be a response, the task is to prepare it, not to give in to illusions of an automatic or peaceful solution to the situation.

On the eve of the anti-worker CONTRACTS OF RECESSION AND LAYOFFS being negotiated now with Ford, General Motors and Chrysler, it is doubly important for American workers to realize the stakes in this world crisis.

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## LATEST ISSUE OF FOURTH INTERNATIONAL OUT!

The latest issue of THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL has just come out!

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL is the central organ of the Fourth International. It centralizes the struggle of the whole world party towards its goals of renewing the leadership of the workers movement, in the fight for the Return to Lenin.

This latest issue takes up the significance of the Fourth World Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International in the context of advancing toward several key objectives of the International.

Thus, there is a key article on the revolutionary reunification of Germany as a central element of the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe. In particular, because of the fact that Germany sums up the division of Europe between imperialism and Stalinism, the article deals with the fight for the Conference of Eastern European Militants for the Return to Lenin.

Similarly, there is an important article on the struggle for revolutionary leadership in

the Americas through building the Conference of the Two Americas. In particular it deals with the bankruptcy of the centrist electoral bloc known as FOCEP in Peru and the significance of this bankruptcy for the groupings responsible for it. These organizations are, in particular, the Organizing Committee run by the French OCI and the so-called "Fourth Internationalist Tendency" of the Bolivian

pseudo-Trotskyist Guillermo Lora, which is trying to establish its "differences" with the OCI to better carry out its fundamental agreement.

In addition to these critical articles, as well as one on the RYI Congress itself, there are also several shorter pieces that are of great interest. These include a demand for the liberation of working class militants in Iran, an attack on SALT II

and those who cover for it, and an article on the crisis of the Spanish Social Democratic party, the PSOE.

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## Behind the "Economic Crisis"

# Your Future is on the Line

By JON COHEN

You can't pick up a newspaper or listen to the radio or TV these days without hearing about the crisis of the "economy." It is on everyone's mind and for good reason.

Whether the recession is here or "just around the corner," depending on who you talk to, the reality is the same. Inflation is at a record high of 14%. Unemployment, which during the recent "boom" "dropped" to 6% is now over 7% and rapidly rising.

Layoffs in auto have reached 50,000 workers and the threatened bankruptcy of Chrysler has the potential of touching over 300,000 jobs.

The people who are paid to be bourgeois economists (witch-doctors would be more precise) have made it clear that this crisis is not just a temporary thing but concerns the entire course that the economy will take for the next ten years. The Joint Economic Committee of Congress recently issued a report declaring that the average American is likely to see his standard of living drastically reduced in the 80's through increased unemployment and inflation.

Everyone sees a pessimistic future ahead. Carter's public opinion "experts" have discovered that "pessimism" is the dominating mood in the country and Carter stated in his "crisis of confidence" speech: "For the first time in the history of the country a majority of our people believe that the next five years will be worse than the past five years."

People are right. They believe less and less that the crisis in this society is simply an "economic" crisis to be corrected through the supposedly natural "boom and bust" cycle of capitalism. The idea of "letting off a little steam" (unemployment, inflation) in order to then "pick up and get going again" is rapidly wearing out as more and more workers and youth see that things are only getting worse, that the so-called "recoveries" take place on the basis of them having less and less.

Look at the last "recovery." 200,000 autoworkers who had jobs in 1974 NEVER got them back again. The unemployment rate at the height of the "recovery," about 6%, remains the highest rate of unemployment since World War II. It was during the "recovery" that massive cuts in social services were made. What do you think is going to

happen during a "recession"?

It is not a crisis of cycles of growth but is a crisis of DECAY. The economic system that we have been living under for the last 60 years, imperialism, is both the highest stage of capitalism and its LAST stage. It is an economic system that can no longer expand the wealth of society. It is obsolete and all of its "crises" express its decay.

This is the reason for the "pessimism" people feel. The real nature of this imperialist system is being revealed more and more. It is a crisis that everyone can see.

That is why it is important to explode the myth that this concerns simply an "economic" crisis. To stop treating the question of the "economy" as some kind of special or separate problem. As something for "experts."

Imperialism is much more than an "economic" system. It is above all a political system and the crisis is above all a POLITICAL CRISIS.

What does "political" mean in this situation? It means that we are not talking about some kind of economic system off somewhere in the air or some kind of problem that can be solved in a special fashion. "Political" means that above all we are talking about WHO WILL RULE? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRISIS? And above all WHO CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

It is not just the "economy" but the entire political system of imperialism's domination of the world that is in crisis. In face of the continued offensive and mobilization of workers and youth throughout the world, their REFUSAL to accept this old order and its decay, imperialism and the Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin which serves it, are in an unprecedented crisis.

This is the source of their "economic" crisis -- their inability to crush the mobilization of the working class, their inability to stop the world revolution which is being prepared in this mobilization. And this as well defines the nature of their attack -- the preparation of the COUNTERREVOLUTION.

The "economic" crisis (unemployment, inflation, etc.) is just one part of this attack which has as its purpose disarming, disorienting and finally DESTROYING the working class in its organized form. It goes

side by side with the political attack being organized against the workers and youth and in the form of the treachery and betrayal of the so-called "leaders" of the workers -- the Stalinist and Social Democratic apparatuses, the trade union bureaucrats.

Given that this is not some kind of mystical "economic" crisis that is the result of some kind of "natural" evolution but is instead part of the crisis of the bourgeoisie and Stalinism in the face of the workers mobilization and is part of the organization of the counterrevolution; what is to be done?

It is first necessary to reject any idea and reject anyone who puts forward the idea that the working class bears any kind of responsibility for this crisis. The working class bears NO RESPONSIBILITY for this crisis which is a crisis of this system of PRIVATE PROPERTY which no worker has a piece of. As soon as this system is ended, the crisis will end. Workers must refuse any "sacrifices" any "cooperation" with this system of making profits off workers' sweat and blood.

But the working class is not a passive spectator. On the contrary, EVERYTHING depends on the response of the working class.

Nothing exists or can take place outside the class struggle. Against all those who mystify this "economic" crisis we say that it can only take place through a confrontation with the working class, through disorientation and disorganization in its ranks. And that only the working class can and MUST turn back this attack.

We reject "pessimism" and all those who preach it. Nothing will just "pass," nothing is yet determined. The question of what the 1980's will be like is wide open.

It is your future on the line and everything depends on the response of the working class and its youth. Everything is possible.

On the condition that the working class is organized and prepared. On the condition that the advanced section of the working class understands that the key element in this crisis is CONSCIOUSNESS -- the understanding of the working class of the historic and necessary tasks in front of it. And that this advanced section takes the lead

of the fight to RENEW THE LEADERSHIP of the working class against the present petty bourgeois "leaders" who are disorganizing and disorienting the workers ranks. It is these "leaders" -- trade union bureaucrats, the petty bourgeois black leaders, aided by the Stalinists and the pseudo-Trotskyists -- who are the greatest source of the pessimism in the ranks of the workers and youth.

There is only one way to prepare the future with confidence. By PREPARING THE REVOLUTION. Only the means and methods of the world socialist revolution -- the expropriation of the imperialists and the destruction of their repressive states, the destruction of the Stalinist apparatus in power in the USSR, Eastern Europe, China and Cuba -- and its preparation can make the working class the leading actor in this society and save humanity from destruction.

It is a world crisis. The same thing that is happening in the U.S. is taking place throughout the world. To confront this crisis it is necessary to organize for the revolution on the world scale as well. And the essential weapon in this task is the fight to construct a world party of the socialist revolution, the Fourth International.

And obviously to construct this party in the United States. The Trotskyist Organization/USA, at its Fifth National Conference which took place in May, set itself the task of founding this party, the WORKERS PARTY, in the Spring of 1980.

Not simply because we want to be bigger. Or because we want to add another so-called "party" that will add to the confusion already in the working class. But for one reason and one reason only -- to prepare the revolution in the U.S. as part of the revolution throughout the Two Americas -- and to lead the necessary fight for the organization and selection of a vanguard in the working class capable of this task.

A WORKERS PARTY that can only be built in the heat of the battle. Against all those sitting around "speculating" about the economy and wondering what the 1980's will bring, the WORKERS PARTY will be built by those who want to do something about their future by taking it into their own hands. By preparing the revolution.  
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## Deepening Crisis of Stalinism Means...

# New Crisis in "United Secretariat"

By KEVIN FITZPATRICK

Once again, the crisis in the chief pseudo-Trotskyist center, the so-called "United Secretariat," has broken out into the open.

The ostensible differences concern whether or not Cambodia under Pol Pot was a "workers state" and whether or not the Vietnamese bureaucracy should withdraw its troops from Cambodia. But these divergent "positions" are only the most superficial reflection of what is really tearing apart these usurpers of the banner of the Fourth International. The "discussion" they are carrying on is precisely an attempt to hide the real cause of the crisis and to deceive militants with an absolutely false and sterile debate.

The origins of the crisis lie in the origins of the "United Secretariat," in its very reason for being. Beginning in 1953, with the revolt of the East German workers, Stalinism entered into crisis. In its hour of need, it found defenders in the leadership of the Fourth International. There Michel Pablo and his followers undertook to present the policy of Stalinism as "Trotskyism."

The betrayal by the Pabloites produced a split in 1953 between these enemy agents, who today call themselves the "United Secretariat," and those who fought their betrayals, who are organized today in the rebuilt Fourth International.

Today, with the mobilization of the workers growing on the world scale, the crisis of Stalinism has reached new depths. The political revolution is on the march in the countries of the socialist conquests; in the capitalist countries the Communist Parties of the Kremlin lose their control over the workers and youth.

This is the source of the new betrayals and the new crisis of the "United Secretariat." To prevent the workers from finding the road of the Fourth International, of the Return to Lenin, Stalinism needs the pseudo-Trotskyists more than ever. At the same time, its demands are so great that they create incredible tensions within the ranks of the Pabloites.

Imperialism is on the offensive in regard to the Stalinist bureaucracies. The increased subordination of the Chinese bureaucracy to imperialism, its attack on the revolution in Indochina in imperialism's behalf, are the immediate expression and cause of the crisis of the pseudo-Trotskyists.

This is the latest expression of this crisis: Before, the

"Cultural Revolution," guerrilla warfare as "tactic" or "strategy," the revolution in Portugal, have all expressed the difficulties of the Pabloites in coming to terms with the demands of crisis-ridden Stalinism.

This is the latest expression and the most dangerous for the pseudo-Trotskyists. Not only have the wars in Indochina revealed more clearly than ever the counterrevolutionary role of Stalinism, but today the Fourth International has been rebuilt and stands as a clear opposite to the schemes of Stalinism and its "Trotskyist" cover. At the same time, "Indochina" is not the only problem. "Cuba" simmers on the back burner, and the questions -- the role of the Pabloites in glorifying Stalinism -- are the same.

Once again, the old sides (whose public factions were loudly dissolved only a short while ago) re-emerge. The "United Secretariat" was formed in 1963 by a "reunification" of the original Pabloites (the "majority") with the forces led by the American Socialist Workers Party (SWP), which deserted the fight of the Fourth International (the "minority"). Long ago, these two groupings agreed on their objectives. The differences persist and grow only as to the means. The differences that divide them are differences on how best to serve Stalinism and are of interest only in uncovering the essence of both wings of the "United Secretariat."

Already, the "majority" led by Ernest Mandel accuses the SWP's "minority" of being "utterly revisionist," while the SWP in turn accuses its opponents of coming down on the side of imperialism and hints at a split.

Mandel seeks to defend the Stalinist bureaucracy as a whole. The fact that he does this by refusing to side with any of the national bureaucracies individually is the "Trotskyist" framework on which he erects his Stalinist structure. He denounces the "infernal logic" of "socialism in one country." He sees the bureaucracies as motivated only by their INTERNAL nature, driven by "national interests" and a mysterious "need for monolithism." The real purpose of this seeming condemnation is to present Stalinism -- however unpleasant -- as independent in relation to imperialism, to 'cover up its role as imperialism's chief agency on the world scale.

"Socialism in one country" is not the result of narrowness

and blindness on the part of the bureaucracy. It is best expressed as "socialism" (really Stalinism) "in one country" -- AND NOWHERE ELSE! It is the codification of the collaboration of the bureaucracy with imperialism against the world revolution. But Mandel asserts that "imperialism ACTS mainly through its own instruments, not through Peking and certainly not through Pol Pot." In other words, letting the bureaucracy off the hook as precisely the "instruments" of imperialism.

Only in this context does Mandel's characterization of Cambodia as a "workers state" (the Pabloites habitually omit the little words, "deformed" or "degenerated") acquire any significance. We are told that Cambodia was a "workers state" precisely because of the "class nature of the Khmer Rouge bureaucracy." This bureaucracy is "tied to the working class" and, like the Maoist bureaucracy, "was (and remains) a working class bureaucracy." Here, Mandel openly identifies a workers state with the rule of the bureaucracy, identifies the bureaucracy with the socialist conquests. That is why he shamefully refers to the Khmer Rouge as "communists of Stalinist persuasion": Mandel is of a different "persuasion" himself, but he is open-minded.

The SWP wing, however, uses "orthodoxy" to arrive at an equally Stalinist conclusion. While it has no difficulty in making mincemeat of Mandel's OPENLY pro-Stalinist statements -- to the extent that the majority resolution repudiates a whole series of resolutions that the minority denounces and makes strong concessions to it -- it does this in order to openly present the Vietnamese bureaucracy in particular (as well as Castro -- and thus the Kremlin itself) as the revolutionary leadership in Indochina. The SWP admits that it "supported the action taken to overthrow the Pol Pot regime, hailing the replacement of that reactionary government." And why not, since "the government in Hanoi has made concessions to popular pressure and at decisive points has mobilized key sections of the Vietnamese people to drive through anti-capitalist measures."

This is the real meaning of the SWP's "defense of the Vietnamese revolution," of its fight against "imperialism" -- to defend the Vietnamese bureaucracy and to present it as identical with the socialist conquests. This is how it reaches the same end as Mandel, but by a different road. Since the SWP is "Trotskyist," it adds the little phrase: "It

would have been better if Hanoi had been guided by a revolutionary Marxist rather than a Stalinist leadership." But since regretfully this was not the case, they go on "hailing."

Similarly, while Mandel bewails the new deepening of Stalinism's crisis -- the "new stage in the degeneration of the bureaucracy" which places him in such a bind, the SWP sees the "accelerating crisis and decomposition of world Stalinism ... to the advantage of the working class." In this way, it hides the necessity of consciously crushing Stalinism and replaces it with a gradual process in which perhaps even more "concessions to popular pressure" will give the SWP even more to "hail." This is how it goes even farther than Mandel in opposing the fight of the Fourth International for the Return to Lenin, for winning the revolutionary leadership.

The culmination of the SWP's revisionism is its theory of the "workers and farmers government" as a halfway house between the capitalist and the workers states. In terms of this article, the key point is that the SWP is trying to identify Stalinism with Bolshevism in a more careful way than Mandel does. It repudiates his idea that the coming to power of a Stalinist leadership equals a workers state. But it does this only in order to say that attributing the creation to the Bolsheviks of a workers state on November 7, 1917, would be "strictly subjective." "As long as capitalist property relations predominate, the class nature of the state remains capitalist." So, by presenting the Bolsheviks as ruling a capitalist state, it obscures the role of Stalinism in actually ruling the capitalist state in the interest of preserving it against the workers and peasants. In the end, it all comes down to the same thing. The Bolsheviks did create a workers state. And so too, with enough "firmness" (like Castro), or under enough "pressure," do the Stalinists.

Here is expressed in the sharpest way the fight of the SWP and the whole "United Secretariat" against Bolshevism and its heir today, the Fourth International. Both of these factions are determined to defend Stalinism to the end. The only benefit their dispute provides to the working class is an opportunity to destroy this pseudo-Trotskyist center in the fight to Return to Lenin! August 12, 1979

## 4 Textile Workers Condemned to Death

# Defend the Fighters for Independent Trade Unions in the USSR!

The hangmen of the Kremlin have struck again. In a style reminiscent of the purges of the 1930's, the Stalinist bureaucracy of the USSR has recently condemned four textile workers in the Ukraine to death for "economic crimes."

Their "crime"? Being part of a group of 54 workers fighting to form a free and independent trade union. These four workers are the apparent leaders of a strike in a textile factory that took place in the Ukraine, near the city of Donetsk.

In this land of "socialism" leading a strike is punishable by death.

All four workers are of Jewish origin, along with 48 other workers of Jewish origin arrested at the same time. This is being used by the Stalinists as "evidence" of their "economic crimes" which include the charge of "illegal sale of surplus textiles."

As every good anti-Semite and Stalinist knows, Jews love money and clothing!

But the fact is that these workers-- Gabriel Sepiachvili, 39; Raphael Adziashvili, 48; Elia Michalashvili, 42; and Abasov, (age unknown)-- are being condemned to death for being part of a growing movement for class independence, for trade

unions free from the grip of the Stalinist policemen, that is sweeping across the USSR and Eastern Europe.

In Poland and Rumania this movement has taken on a massive character. In the USSR, in the heart of the Kremlin bureaucracy, this movement has defied all the attempts at brutal repression.

It is a movement that is part of the Program of the Fourth International and should be supported by every honest worker and youth throughout the world. These workers cannot be murdered in the name of "socialism"! Their fight is the fight of every worker and youth.

The four workers were origi-

nally condemned by the court of Donetsk in August 1978. This verdict was confirmed by the Supreme Court of the Ukraine in Kiev on June 18, 1979. They can be hung as early as October 28, 1979. This is how Brezhnev will celebrate the anniversary of the Russian revolution!

Their lives must be saved. These men are not writers, intellectuals or religious-- they don't want to emigrate to Israel. They are only Jewish workers, fighting for the same rights and demands that workers throughout the world are fighting for. Textile workers-- fighting for the same rights that J.P. Stevens workers are fighting for.

Because of this no one will speak or fight for them but the international working class and youth. They have nothing to do with Carter's "human rights." Nothing to do with the "socialism with a human face" of the "Euro-Communists" or the "respectable" opposition of the pseudo-Trotskyists. They are fighting for workers democracy-- which only the mobilization of the workers and youth can defend and win.

American workers and youth must join this fight to free these four textile workers and all the working class militants imprisoned in the USSR and Eastern Europe. It is part of the fight to drive these Stalinist strikebreakers and assassins out of the workers movement throughout the Americas.

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## THE AMERICAN CP AND TROTSKY'S MURDER

The American Communist Party was deeply and directly involved in the assassination of Leon Trotsky. Its continued silence on its guilt is due to its continued collaboration with and loyalty to the Kremlin bureaucracy that plotted the crime.

This collaboration was organized at the very top of the CP's leadership. Earl Browder, its general secretary at the time; Louis Budenz, editor of the DAILY WORKER; Jack Stachel, a key CP leader who, together with Browder, had discussed the murder since 1936 -- these were the chief figures.

Browder, as head of the American CP, was responsible for the work of the Stalinists throughout Latin America, including in Mexico, where the crime was executed. He, together with the agents of the Stalinist Comintern, "reorganized" the Mexican CP to exclude any who hesitated at this murder. In addition, he "supervised" the work of others in the U.S. and in Europe who were taking part in the conspiracy.

Browder has long since been deposed as head of the CP and reviled. But not for his role in Trotsky's assassination. Far

from it. Browder's "error" was that he carried Stalin's policy of class collaboration to an extreme that the Kremlin found embarrassing in its overall plans. It was precisely this full-blooded Stalinism, his loyalty in carrying out every despicable turn, that made Browder the perfect tool in a counterrevolutionary murder plot.

Louis Budenz, who as editor of the DAILY WORKER, was Browder's political mouthpiece, was first of all responsible for setting the "moral climate" for the assassination with a stream of the vilest slander, defense of the Moscow Trials frame-up, fighting against Trotsky's being granted political asylum, etc. Here too, this was not an individual flaw, but a reflection of the deep corruption that Stalinism worked on working class militants, transforming them into willing thugs.

Budenz, besides his "moral" role (he later returned to the Catholic Church) was also directly involved with the selection and planting of Ramon Mercader, the assassin, and with his moves under false names from Europe and Mexico.

The individuals named have all

died or left the CP years ago. But the CP itself, as a political party whose very reason for being is to support the Kremlin bureaucracy, has no choice but to continue to cover up for the murder, to support it.

This is because the CP as an organization was completely and is completely involved in the counterrevolutionary maneuvers of the Kremlin. The assassination of Trotsky, the attempt to behead the Fourth International as the leadership of the working class, was a high point in these maneuvers, but far from an isolated one.

The betrayals of the 1930s in Germany and Spain, the subordination of workers to their "patriotic" rulers in World War II, the complicity in and support of all the crimes of Stalin against the Soviet and Eastern European workers, these are what made the CP of today what it is. The individuals are gone, but the party they created lives on and cannot, will not, separate itself from its past. Together with all the elements of the international Kremlin apparatus, it can only be driven from the workers movement.

In this context, it is necessary to deal with the slanders

and spy stories of the pseudo-Trotskyist Workers League of the "International Committee." Under the cover of revealing the role of Stalinist "agents" in the Fourth International, these centrists are actually doing Stalinism's work. They wind up attributing Trotsky's assassination to the Fourth International's being riddled with "spies" and gross negligence, not to say betrayal, on the part of others.

This not only covers up for Stalinism in general and confirms its long slander of "provocateur Trotskyites," but it has gone so far that "Euro-Communist" Spanish CP leader Santiago Carrillo, himself a Stalinist murderer, can actually try to absolve the CPs of any guilt in Trotsky's assassination by citing the accusations of the "Trotskyists" of the "International Committee"!

Down with the Stalinist murderers and their slandering accomplices! Drive them out of the workers movement! Forward to the victory of the Fourth International.

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# The 22nd Convention of the Communist Party/USA: "Marxist" Mumbo-Jumbo, Disco Music and

# Keeping the Democratic Party

By JON COHEN

They just don't seem to be able to pull it off. I'm talking about the make-believe national "convention" of the American Communist Party which will be taking place in Detroit from August 22-26th.

Sure, they've published some of the documents for this convention. They've even published a public "debate" over the resolutions-- a few articles by some well-known leaders affirming the present policy of the CP. But they don't even try to hide the obvious phoniness of this "debate."

Nor can they hide the fact that all the "publicity" they have organized for this convention, to make it a "real" convention "just" like the Democrats and Republicans" -- has been met with a large yawn by most workers and youth.

Because even the "mass disco party" they are organizing on the Saturday night of their convention is an expression of the fact that they cannot hide the stench of this rotten Stalinist party. It smacks even the most politically naive right in the face when they encounter this party. Even if it is just the idea of some 65-year old Stalinist hacks "discoing."

But to sense that something smells about this convention of the CP/USA is not yet to understand its purpose and what workers and youth can do about it. This convention is more than the boring resolutions, the straw hats and noisemakers, the disco music.

This convention of the American CP has its place in the crisis of the Carter government and the world crisis of U.S. imperialism. It has its place as a meeting of the LOYAL OPPOSITION to Jimmy Carter and U.S. imperialism. A meeting of those who support this system in the name of "communism." With a few "criticisms," of course.

This convention is being held at a time of an unprecedented crisis of U.S. imperialism, concretized in the crisis of the Carter government. Its manifestations are obvious -- Carter's decline in popularity to lower than Nixon's, his panic at Camp David, his "crisis of confidence" speech. It is manifested in the massive distrust of workers towards the "official" leaders of the workers movement, the trade union bureaucrats, and towards the Democratic Party.

For the first time in modern history the Democratic Party is no longer the "majority" party -- a third of the electorate consider themselves to be "independents."

In this crisis, as the representatives of the LOYAL OPPOSITION to this system, the American CP has a very concrete task. A task which this convention will dedicate itself to-- KEEPING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ALIVE.

This has been the historic role of Stalinism in the United States and is the role of the American CP today-- to keep imperialism alive by keeping alive its means to politically dominate the American working classes-- the Democratic Party and its trade union bureaucracy.

It isn't simply an "American" question or a

task restricted to the American CP. It flows from the role and policies of the INTERNATIONAL STALINIST APPARATUS led by the Stalinist bureaucracy in power in the Kremlin.

This Stalinist bureaucracy strangled and betrayed the Russian Revolution of 1917 led by Lenin and the Bolshevik Party. It sits on top of the gains of the Russian Revolution as a PETTY BOURGEOIS agent of imperialism, acting in the service and interests of imperialism. The history of Stalinism is the history of the counterrevolution, of the greatest betrayals of the workers and youth. It has been the central obstacle to the world revolution.

The leadership of the American CP is part of this history, up to their necks in Stalinism, linked to all these betrayals. They are petty bourgeois servants of the Kremlin in the U.S. They derive their power and influence in this country precisely from the power and influence of the international apparatus of the Kremlin.

This servility is concretely manifested in its leadership. Gus Hall and Angela Davis, the two central speakers at their "mass" "People Before Profits" rally and the likely presidential candidates, represent two generations of servants of the Kremlin. Hall rose to power in the CP as one of the few remaining in the CP (over 3/4 left during this period) who unconditionally defended the Kremlin's invasion of Hungary in 1956. And Angela Davis won her "Lenin Prize" for her public defense of the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968.

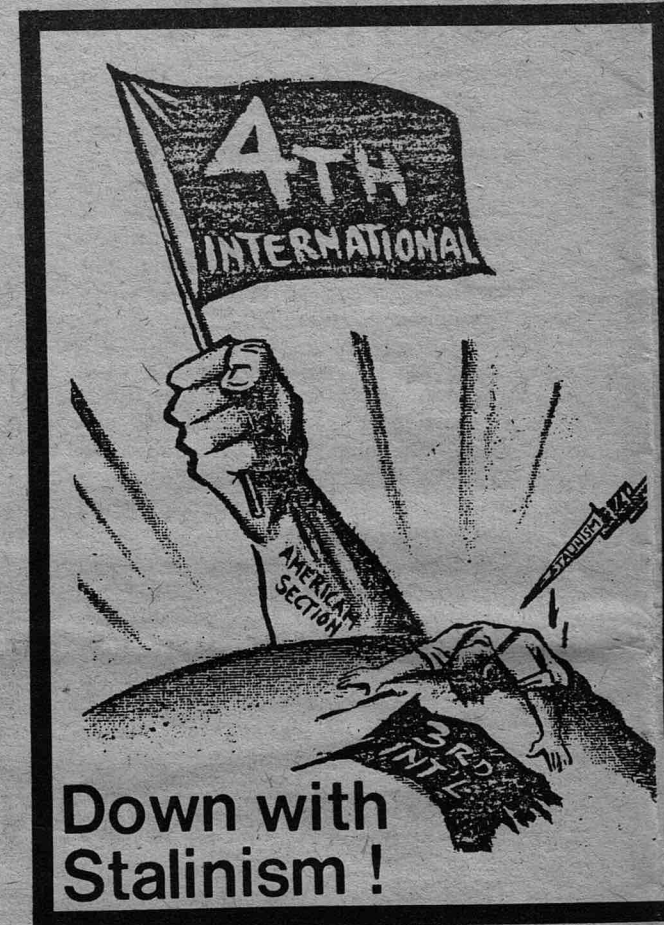
Which should make them sworn enemies of every American worker and youth.

The historic support of the American CP to the Democratic Party, its central role in keeping this party alive in the working class, is thus not an "American" particularity, something having to do with some supposedly "special conditions" in the United States, but is part and parcel of the international framework of class collaboration struck between U.S. imperialism and the Kremlin. It flows from this framework.

Russian tanks in Budapest and Prague. The Iranian CP marching along with Khomeini shouting "death to communists." Santiago Carrillo of the Spanish CP saluting the fascist banner. Castro standing alongside the dictator, Pinochet.

The support of the American CP for the Democratic Party flows from these international images of Stalinist betrayal far more than any "special tactics" for the United States. And it is this international policy of betrayal which is the key for American workers seeking to understand and combat the policies of the American CP.

It is especially key to understand this because all the efforts of the American CP are dedicated to hiding the international origins and scope of their policy. This is where they above all try to confuse workers and youth in order to try to hide their treachery under a pile of "Marxist" mumbo-jumbo and so-called "tactics."



The "Draft Main Political Resolution for the XXII Convention of the CPUSA" published in the April and June editions of POLITICAL AFFAIRS is a perfect example of this. It is an ANTI-LENINIST DOCUMENT. Not only because the policies it puts forward are counterrevolutionary, but because it consciously uses Marxist words and phrases to talk about things which HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH MARXISM OR LENINISM.

We say this at first because we don't want workers to think that it concerns debating or disputing this document with them in the framework of some kind of "discussion" in the "workers movement." This document is anti-Leninist, it was written by people FOREIGN to the working class and has NOTHING TO DO with the workers movement.

This is important for a worker or youth to understand in arming them to read through this mumbo-jumbo of confusion. Some things are immediately striking. Like the fact that in a document of 20-30 pages the word "revolution" is never mentioned. Nor is the word "communism."

The suppression of any mention of the revolution is conscious because the CP openly presents its 60-year history as a history of struggle for reforms. They write: "The Party had an initiating input and led in the struggles for unemployment insurance and other social security programs, industrial trade unions, old age pensions, the shorter work day,

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the Civil Rights Act, federally funded housing construction and child care, and many others."

All of which, one might notice, the Democratic Party accomplished much better.

As they bury the revolution, they bury the youth. In the entire resolution TWO paragraphs are devoted to the "special problems" of the youth. While there are at least seven paragraphs on the "farm problem."

But all of this is just icing on the cake. The real treachery of this resolution lies in the notion put forward of "left-center unity" which camouflages the central task of this resolution and convention, which is, as stated earlier, TO KEEP THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ALIVE in face of its unprecedented crisis.

Perhaps to some workers and youth "left-center unity" sounds like it has something to do with Marxism, with Marxist "tactics." After all, aren't everyone, including Marxists, for "unity"?

But beware. This "left-center unity" is nothing but anti-Leninist mumbo-jumbo to hide the Kremlin's international policy of the counterrevolution, of betrayal of every mobilization of the workers and youth.

Everything about this "left-center unity" is based on hiding the revolution and the need to prepare it in the U.S. They write: "The process of radicalization moves people from Right to Center, from Center to Left and from Left into the Communist Party."

A lie! Having nothing to do with Marxist "theory" or with your own experience. You should know from your own experience that consciousness moves in LEAPS, that when people, especially youth, become "radicalized" they immediately want to go all the way and not pass through a whole series of demoralizing stages. And that the task of Leninists is to raise the working class TO THE LEVEL OF ITS HISTORIC TASKS which is the revolution and not to submit to any so-called "process of radicalization."

This "theory" has a concrete purpose. If workers must pass from "right" to "center" to "left" then the Democratic Party (which is the "center," by the way) HAS A PLACE IN THE WORKING CLASS. Then the Democratic Party is part of the "process of radicalization."

Then U.S. imperialism and its agents have a place in the American working class. Then support for capitalism and U.S. imperialism is simply part of the "radicalization process."

You can figure out the rest and the conclusions of this policy which is nothing more than a "theoretical" and "Marxist" rationalization for the continued existence of U.S. imperialism and the betrayal of the American revolution.

It is a policy directly aimed at tying workers to the petty bourgeois traitors of the Democratic Party. They talk about "anti-monopoly sentiment" as a "much broader phenomenon" than the class struggle: "Therefore, the anti-monopoly movements cannot be confined within the limits of the class struggle, although they have a relationship to it."

But the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO writes: "The history of all hitherto-existing society is the history of class struggle." What could possibly exist outside the class struggle? Only the petty bourgeois policy of the American CP which RENOUNCES this class struggle.

And who are these "anti-monopoly movements"? "These ideas have been expressed in a number of conferences, including by many who attended the Democratic Party mini-convention in Memphis."

Like Doug Fraser and Ted Kennedy. Like "The Congressional Black Caucus and the new Hispanic Caucus" which "play an active, advanced role." Like "the Black mayors" who "are an important force for new politics of political independence."

Like Detroit's Coleman Young who recently declared (DETROIT FREE PRESS): "I will not throw the slightest pebble at Jimmy Carter, I'd cover him up at night to keep him from catching cold."

So will the American CP. This is the purpose of this "Left-Center unity"--- to keep Carter from "catching cold"-- a "unity" of traitors in order to keep the crisis of U.S. imperialism from breaking out in the open, in order to keep the Democratic Party alive.

It is important to note that the American CP is not alone in putting forward this policy. All the other centrist (Maoist) and pseudo-Trotskyist organizations in the U.S. distinguish themselves through their total lack of independence from this policy of Stalinism in the U.S.

Sure, they engage in verbal battles with the American CP. They have their criticisms, they appear more "radical." But the KREMLIN STILL CALLS THE SHOTS.

Everyone fundamentally accepts the underpinnings of this "Left-Center unity" because they accept the argument that the Democratic Party and the trade union bureaucrats have a "place" in the workers movement. They accept this definition of an "official" workers movement dominated by the Democratic Party. And they ALL accept the Stalinist theory that the break from the Democratic Party by American workers and youth cannot be revolutionary, but must pass through a "reformist" stage dominated by the trade union bureaucrats and Democratic Party liberals.

Thus, the Kremlin calls the shots not only for the American CP but for the pseudo-Trotskyist SWP-- their "labor party" based on a reformist program is precisely just another version of this "Left-Center unity" theory. This is proven by the fact that in the trade unions their policy is INDISTINGUISHABLE from that of the Stalinists.

Unfortunately, this is not simply a quiet, intellectual discussion. As I stated before, it is not a "debate" among "friends" in the workers movement. "Left-Center unity" for the Stalinists requires a confrontation, both for the Stalinists and for revolutionaries, because it is a confrontation between the revolution and the counterrevolution.

It is no accident that in this resolution, full of nice talk about the "Black mayors" and "elected public officials" the CP has this to say about "left sects":

"These sects are a problem because they provide a convenient base of operations and a launching pad for the agents of the FBI. It is now an open record: released FBI files show a clear pattern of how, for many years, the FBI has used the different Trotskyite sects and other phony Left sects as a base of operations from which it sent agents into other organizations and movements. This is convenient because there is very little difference between the FBI and the Trotskyites in their use of anti-Communist rhetoric and policies of disruption."

"Left-Center unity" is one thing, but the old, vile Stalinist slanders of the Moscow Trials and the KGB today remain the only weapon of the CP against the Fourth International. And it is indeed against the Fourth International that these slanders and implicit calls to physical violence are aimed-- we aren't ever found on the same podiums with the Stalinists.

In order to keep the Democratic Party alive, in order to implement this policy of "Left-Center unity," the American CP, like the Communist Parties throughout the world, must POLICE THE REVOLUTIONARIES. And in this effort they find the essential support of the pseudo-Trotskyists who use the same Stalinist slanders against the Fourth International.

This is the real source of the stench coming from Cobo Hall-- a meeting of petty bourgeois bureaucrats training themselves to become policemen of the left in the proud tradition of 50 years of American and world Stalinism.

Because it concerns not an exchange of ideas but a confrontation that must be prepared. This preparation is the entire fight of the Fourth International and the Revolutionary Youth International to RETURN TO LENIN! as the revolutionary answer to the betrayals of Stalinism, as the revolutionary means to organize this confrontation between the forces of the revolution and the counter-revolution on the international level. And in the U.S. as well.

The smell of decay is coming from Cobo Hall because the task of keeping the Democratic Party alive is a task that runs against history, that runs against every experience of the American workers and youth and their aspirations today. Their task can be made hopeless and buried once and for all.

On the condition that workers and youth join the fight of the Fourth International to destroy Stalinism in a conscious battle to prepare the world revolution and construct the party for its victory.

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# Stalinism Vs. Black Liberation

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

On August 25th and 26th the American Communist Party will hold its convention in Detroit. One of the major discussions will be about blacks.

There's been a great deal of publicity, a front page interview with Angela Davis, placards on the buses, leaflets, yet few black youth will be there.

Nevertheless, this convention discussion is important because the ideas of the Communist Party continue to influence black youth, continue to keep them from engaging a resolute struggle to destroy this party, this LOYAL OPPOSITION to U.S. imperialism, as part of an international struggle against Stalinism and the imperialist state and system it protects.

Over a decade ago thousands of black youth drew the conclusion they would never get what they wanted under this system -- freedom. They marched, they organized sit-ins, they got little or nothing but false promises and police attacks. So they started to organize themselves independently of the liberal bourgeoisie. They looked around, didn't see a revolutionary party fighting for them, so founded their own -- the movement led by Malcolm X, the revolutionary Black Panther Party, the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement, the League of Revolutionary Black Workers -- which had a powerful impact on the masses of youth and workers of all races in the U.S.

Today, three years after the election of Jimmy "Human Rights" Carter and all his false promises to black people, all his support from petty bourgeois black leaders (Andrew Young, Coleman Young, ad nauseum), the same thing is happening but on a much higher plane. Black youth are drawing the conclusion they will never get what they want under this system and searching for an alternative. It's possible to go beyond the struggle of the 60's.

Yet the American Communist Party, in its Resolution for its convention concerning blacks calls on them to "unite with the center," and fight for a series of "progressive reforms." They make reference to, in the course, of this struggle, recruiting people to the Communist Party and one day electing an anti-monopoly people's government which will lead a peaceful transition to socialism. But it's

just a passing reference so it's not even worth discussing.

They want this generation of black youth to go back to the same leadership and the same program -- the liberal bourgeois Democratic Party and reformism -- which has dissipated the energies of one generation of blacks after another and which one generation after another has thus correctly rejected -- as if the problem was simply Jimmy Carter and not the whole capitalist system, class and not-so Democratic Party.

This is totally unrealistic. The capitalists are not only unwilling to provide blacks with what they want, they are unable to. They and their system based on the exploitation of labor for profit is bankrupt, incapable of providing the masses of people with what they need. Blacks are most aware of this and thus a constant threat to them.

It's also suicide. For while blacks are occupying themselves with getting a youth full employment act passed, the bourgeoisie will be preparing to crush them, once and for all. That's why Chrysler's Dodge Main Plant in Detroit is being closed, because it represents a concentration of 12,000 workers beginning from which the working class can seize power. That's why Coleman Young spends all federal grants that come to Detroit on increasing the police force.

While the Stalinists have been saying this for years it would be wrong to write this off as just more Stalinist treachery. Like their counterparts in Europe, the American CP is now going further than ever with this convention. They call on blacks to concern themselves "with the interests of the nation as a whole" and complain that the capitalists don't.

They define the U.S. as a "family of nations," blacks as a national minority "deprived of full rights and equal status" in this "family of nations," and freedom for blacks as "equal status in the U.S. nation".

But the U.S. isn't a "family of nations"! It's an IMPERIALIST nation, indeed the most powerful, bloodthirsty and corrupt nation in history, exploiting and oppressing other nations and peoples across the planet, the working class, races and nationalities within its own borders. Blacks aren't a "national" minority "deprived of equal

status." They are a race, enslaved then exploited and oppressed by U.S. imperialism. So freedom can hardly be defined as equal status with the rest of the wage slaves in America!

This is the "nation" whose interests the CP demands blacks be concerned with! They're not talking about the interests of the masses of workers and oppressed people in this "nation"! They're talking about the interests of the imperialists, the capitalist class.

This is the American CP's contribution to the "National Unity" which Carter has called for and which the petty bourgeois leaders of blacks and the masses of workers, like Coleman Young and UAW head Doug Fraser are doing their best to realize. "Left-Center unity," by which the CP means unity with these same petty bourgeois leaders, is just another name for "National Unity."

This is not the first time the American Stalinist Party has decided it would sacrifice the interests of the black masses to those of the "nation." This course coincided with their abandonment of the world revolution and campaign against Leninism which they called Trotskyism, in 1927.

First they tried to avoid a confrontation with the American bourgeoisie over black liberation by calling for the establishment of a black nation in the impoverished "black belt" in the South. This was Stalin's personal contribution to black liberation.

Then they decided this was sectarian, abandoned much of the work with poor and working blacks in favor of building a "Popular Front Against Facism" with the higher-ups in the 30's. During World War II they signed a no-strike pledge and opposed a March on Washington for black rights as against the "national war effort."

More recently and most importantly, the American Stalinist Party with the assistance of the renegades of the pseudo-Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party, derailed the movement of blacks of the '60's. They fostered the illusions in the possibility for freedom and democracy under capitalism. They isolated the revolutionary black youth from others in the U.S., Latin America and Europe. Their attacks on the revolutionary black youth made it possi-

ble for the U.S. government to assassinate revolutionary leaders like Malcolm X or Fred Hampton and dozens of Black Panthers with impunity.

It was only after they destroyed the independent movement of black youth and workers that they were able to resurrect the moribund organizations like the NAACP, the SCLC, and begin to rebuild the "liberal-labor-black alliance" which elected Jimmy "Human Rights" Carter.

Black youth today must assimilate the lessons of this struggle, not just pick up where their predecessors left off, by building an independent, revolutionary organization against Stalinism.

Organizations like Malcolm X's, the Black Panther Party, DRUM, the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, weren't wiped out because they were trying to be independent, trying to be revolutionary. They were wiped out because they weren't sufficiently prepared. And they weren't sufficiently prepared because they were cut off from the International, from the revolutionary lessons of the world class struggle it embodies and from its leadership.

The struggle is one above all against the illusion that black liberation can be achieved within the framework of this imperialist nation and the Stalinist apparatus which perpetuates this and demands the allegiance of blacks to this "nation."

The Fourth International is prepared to lead this struggle because it is the only party which has never abandoned the interests of the world revolution in favor of the interests of the "nation."

When the American Stalinist Party did this in the 30's it was the American section of the Fourth International which began to organize the struggle for black liberation and train black youth and workers as revolutionary communist leaders, continued this struggle throughout the 40's and 50's.

This struggle has prepared it to lead the struggle against imperialist and Stalinist "National Unity" today, to train black youth as revolutionary communist leaders, the future leaders of the masses of black workers and the rest of the working class, the only road to black liberation.  
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# The Proletariat & Euskadi

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The policy followed by all social classes in Euskadi(1) is extremely rich in lessons and experiences. They have appeared in the absence of a real independent political position of the revolutionary proletariat. This fact demands a clarification and delimitation among the Basque fighters in order to rally the conscious sector which will, in an organized way, take up the banner of the proletarian revolution and of the World Party of the Socialist Revolution.

Euskadi is a continual and tragic testimony to the real life led under the regime that is the heir of Franco. THEY CAN NO LONGER HIDE THIS REALITY although the press and the official propaganda try to dilute it.

Their way of proceeding is, as you already see if you read the majority of journalistic literature, to present Euskadi AS SOMETHING SPECIAL, as an exception, a new Ireland, in order to try to separate the worries and problems of the European and world offensive that the proletariat is constantly developing.

## ETA: A FALSE SOLUTION OF INDIVIDUAL TERRORISM

Supported by thousands of demonstrations by young Basques and by the entire population which has supported it in all possible ways, ETA constitutes, for a large part of the youth, the only way that they see to fight the monarchy. This fact is the product of the support of the Spanish CP and Socialist Party to the Francoist institutions and their wish to tie the working class to them. Consequently, new and numerous generations of fighting youth have been pushed towards methods of individual terrorism, which has widened the gap between them and the working class. Thus, in an unconscious way, they have abandoned the revolutionary methods that belong to the working class, to the proletarian revolution, and continually deprive themselves of possibilities of transforming the factories into solid bases for the support and organization of the proletariat and revolutionaries in their confrontation against the centralist and oppressive Francoist state.

The existence of ETA, the existence of individual terrorism of the oppressed against the collective, institutionalized terrorism engendered by the Francoist army which in 1939 defeated and crushed the working masses and people of the Spanish state, is the expression of the extreme violence of the state terrorism on which the Francoist state was created and grew. The successive generations which built ETA are the product of both the Francoist violence and the shameful and continual betrayal of the interests of the proletariat by the Spanish CP and SP, as well as the political weakness of the proletariat. The latter had never been able to count on a political leadership which would organize it in a conscious way for revolutionary struggle independent of centralist chauvinism. On the contrary, they always confronted the powerful petty bourgeois nationalist movement, led in the 1930s by the reactionary and national-Catholic PNV(2).

The Basque proletariat, the petty bourgeoisie of its industrial centers and its peasants, with a still faltering workers movement, was not able to go through the "fets de maig" in 1937 in Catalonia(3).

There, the working class waged an insurrection and was crushed by the government of the Generalitat of Catalonia ("nationalist" self-government)(4) in collaboration with the Popular Front of the Republic. Nor were they able to assimilate the betrayal of these same Catalan nationalists when they in 1934 proclaimed the "independence of the Catala Estat"(5) in order to immediately capitulate to the Madrid Republic and succeeded in isolating the Catalan proletariat from the working class insurrection in Asturias and in crushing it(6).

Nor were they able to assimilate the participation of Irujo in the Popular Front government(7), nor the negotiations for a "Basque self-government" in order to establish an independent republic obedient to fascism, nor even the fact that this "self-government" would have left the main industrial cities in the hands of the fascist army, with prisons full of revolutionaries. With the complicity of the other parties the PNV still hides the fact that the big Basque bourgeoisie was and remains completely integrationist(8), that it totally supported Franco, sat in his Cortes and Royal Council, serving as an important basis for the highest institutions of the Francoist regime. They hide this because politically this corresponds to the needs of the idea of a "national Basque unity" that they wish to impose in order for them to also collaborate in the ISOLATION OF THE PROLETARIAT AND THE OPPRESSED BASQUE PEOPLE in relation to the international working class.

## POLARIZATION BETWEEN THE DEFENSE OF THE TERRORISM OF THE STATE AND THE DEFENSE OF RADICAL INDEPENDENCE (THE "ABERTZALES")(9)

The latest assassination of a young woman, at Tudela in the province of Navarre, by the Guardia Civil is the product of the constant confrontation with the population under repression and oppression. It demonstrates the Francoist character of the monarchy, even if the latter presently bases itself on the Sacred Union forged with the Spanish CP and SP.

In startling fashion, all the political options that which were lined up in defense of the Sacred Union to support the monarchic state have met with defeat after defeat. This dynamic forces them to advance the basic institution around which they realize their Sacred Union of counterrevolution -- the FRANCOIST ARMY, and with it the police and the Guardia Civil, intensified centralism -- THE TERRORIST STATE.

From the forum of the Cortes, Fraga(10) proclaims that this parliament is totally useless and inoperative. He calls on the army to intervene in the Basque Country. Ibanez Freire, general and new Minister of the Interior, bases his activity on force of arms (even if, for the moment, it is "only" the arms of the police and the Guardia Civil), ON THE "CIVIL SECURITY LAWS" which constitute a PERMANENT STATE OF SEIGE, camouflaged thanks to the good offices of the monarchic Cortes. Let us recall that, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL STATISTICS PROVIDED BY THE DAILY "EL PAIS," 231 persons were detained between June 30, 1977, and June 30, 1978, FOR ALLEGED LINKS WITH TERRORISTS (none of which were proved); 173 detentions took place in the second trimester of 1978. The following figures have been officially recognized for the same trimester: 323 telephone bugs, 17 mail covers, 188

HOUSE SEARCHES AND 435 CASES OF HOLDING INCOMMUNICADO. These are very modest numbers, as you can see from the 17 ostensible mail covers, while there has always existed in the post offices a team doing nothing but that. The new Minister of the Interior bases his activity also ON THE INTENSIVE COLLABORATION OF ALL PARTIES AND UNIONS AGAINST TERRORISM. Thus, recently, the Workers Commissions and the UGT(11) called a one-hour strike in all factories in Spain against terrorism, at the time of the assassination of the high ranking officers in Madrid; on the other hand, THEY HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO PROPOSE ABOUT THE MURDER OF THE YOUNG WOMAN IN TUDELA.

For the monarchy, the only solution to the problem of Euskadi is to subject the country by arms. If it does not do this it is because, as General Alvarez Rodriguez said in his speech as new director of the Army War College, in face of the present dynamic of events, "it is necessary to think before acting, for what is at stake is too great to LOSE IT IN A BLIND LEAP WHICH COULD LEAD US TO A STERILE SUICIDE." They know that it took Franco three years to conquer the Spanish workers, that his "uprising" provoked a workers insurrection which was defeated only due to collaboration from within the "red" territories; that is, the Popular Front. The serious losses by the PCE and the PSOE in the last elections makes even the militarists, who have a putrid fear of revolution, doubt.

In these elections, in which the national abstention rate reached 46%, the big loser was the Sacred Union with the monarchy, in two ways: on account of the electoral disaster of the parties which support the Crown and, on the other hand, of the important upsurge of forbidden "abertzales" groups which have relations with the ETA.

As before, the PCE elected no deputy from the Basque Country and it even lost votes. The PSOE and the UCD(12) fell back in retreat. The Basques, like the majority of the population in Spain, have not accepted the Crown. And if it still maintains itself, this is not due to the will of the people, but to the betrayal of the so-called "workers" parties and unions.

The reactionary nationalist option of the PNV has likewise met a defeat at the ballot boxes by striving to find a place in the Sacred Union through negotiation of a Statute of Autonomy which could safeguard the "unity of Spain" and promote the Sacred Union. IF THE PNV MAINTAINS ITS POSITION AND SEEMS LIKE A DOMINANT FORCE, THIS IS DUE TO THE CAPITULATORY ATTITUDE OF RADICAL NATIONALISM.

The big winners, the "HERRI BATASUNA" (People's Unity)"abertzale" electoral coalition, which officially counts on the support of ETA, owe their success to the proposal for Basque independence starting from the formation of a Basque Popular Assembly in North Euskadi and South Euskadi. A great portion of the youth and workers voted for them, seeing in this way a possibility of organizing the confrontation with the monarchy. Today, one sees the radicalization of a whole political evolution and the situation is explosive. The population has seen the work of the PNV, which today presents itself as "moderate independentist and nationalist," but it has not drawn the balance of its betrayal; it has not yet grasped that

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# Auto World Crisis Demands International Solution

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

The pages of the bourgeois press are splattered with glum forecasts and half-wit predictions. There is even a discussion over the severity of the current downturn, a "mild recession," or a "severe depression." One thing is certain, the future of humanity IS at stake, and the working class holds the key to the future in its hands.

Nowhere is the true political and economic nature of the crisis clearer than in the auto factories. The fact is that the current wave of layoffs in auto, which has hit every one of the Big Three (not just Chrysler), was not the first sign of the explosive outbreak of the crisis. The bankruptcy of Chrysler is, if anything, an advanced sign of the process of rot and decay of the world order of imperialism.

The current popular bourgeois line, "more profits for us means more for everyone," is a proven LIE. While the imperialist auto corporations like Ford, and General Motors, not to mention "poor" Chrysler (the tenth largest industrial corporation in the United States) have greatly increased their domination of the world market, while they have amassed record profits every year, the economic downturn has steadily gained steam for the workers. Concentration of wealth in the hands of a smaller and smaller minority leads to the increased misery and oppression of the vast majority. It is a law of capitalism.

The reorganization of the auto industry, now under way at a ferocious pace in the United States, proceeds with the concentration of wealth on a global scale in the hands of a few of the most powerful monopolies. In France, at Renault, in Spain at SEAT, in the United States at Ford and General Motors, the large concentrations of workers, the gigantic plants that could lead the entirety of the working class against the capitalist assault are being broken up. The so-called "Southern Strategy" of General Motors is nothing more than an attempt to take advantage of a sector of the U.S. working class that the cowardly trade union bureaucracy has left unorganized as part of the price for "labor peace."

Nowhere are the stakes of the current crisis clearer as in auto. It is not just that "Chrysler is folding," or that the automobile industry accounts directly or indirectly for one out of every six jobs in the U.S.

Rather, it is that a conscious strategy of mass unemployment, political repression and misery is being tested out in auto. The plan for saving Chrysler amounts to nothing more than an all-out attack on the gains of autoworkers since the industry was first organized. It is a provocation designed to confuse and isolate autoworkers, to make them accept a social CONTRACT of permanent "recession" and political retreat.

In every country in the world it is autoworkers that are in the vanguard of workers struggles. In recognition of this fact, the bourgeoisie tries to oppose the autoworkers to the rest of the working class as the most "privileged" and well-paid workers. The plans of "austerity" in Europe and America center on forcing the autoworkers to accept this defeat without a fight.

But where would the rest of the working class be without the struggle of the autoworkers? That is the truth to the matter. The provocation against the autoworkers is a prelude to open warfare on the entire working class. The bourgeoisie wishes to obtain first the submission of the strongest, best organized and most conscious fighters among the workers, in order to get at the rest.

And what does the crisis in auto mean for the rest of the working class? Mass unemployment, rising prices, the turning of the youth out into the streets -- this is the SOLUTION of the world order of Imperialism.

And nowhere as in auto have the betrayals been greater. The American trade union bureaucracy is the product of the increasing misery of the workers on a world scale. The importance of the Doug Frasers and George Meanys in the preservation of this system of exploitation has become enormous. In 1970 James Johnson, a black worker from Chrysler, was acquitted by a jury for shooting down his foreman because of the inhuman working conditions in Chrysler's plants. Today, nine years later, Fraser heads a "movement" of Stalinists and pseudo-revolutionaries who want to "Save Chrysler."

On a world scale the re-structuring of auto can exist only because of the treachery of the Stalinist "communist" parties. An international apparatus which submits itself even to the anti-communism of the nationalist union bureaucrats. In the name of Carter's "national unity" the

American trade union bureaucracy, in particular the UAW, and the American Communist Party have joined hands to support the re-organization of auto. "Save Chrysler" is their present motto. This movement clearly has as its goal the cynical crushing of any independent initiatives of autoworkers.

They are joined by the pseudo-revolutionaries. In particular, the Socialist Workers Party, part of the "United" Secretariat, a centrist world re-groupment in the service of Stalinism. The centrists recognize only the "official" labor movement, meaning the bureaucrats and the international Stalinist apparatus. They denounce the attempts of autoworkers to destroy the bureaucracy as "ultra-left," and participate in the "national unity" as the "left" wing of the "official" labor movement.

Autoworkers! Youth! We must not be disarmed by this call for "national unity." To think for a moment that there will be a peaceful resolution to the "recession" and reorganization of auto is to invite defeat. The cynical attitude of the older

generation, that "GM" or "Ford" will survive "no matter what" is disarming because it ignores the recent experiences of the working class. On an international scale there will be a response to the provocation against autoworkers. The problem is how to prepare it, and what are its aims and goals.

The crisis is worldwide and the response must be international. American autoworkers have a large role in the struggle because it is the largest imperialist auto barons who are organizing the provocation.

Our objectives must be:

THE EXPROPRIATION OF AUTO AND LARGE INDUSTRY! The commanding heights of industry under workers control.

A WORLD GOVERNMENT OF WORKERS COUNCILS!

But above all the task is to PREPARE THE RESPONSE OF THE WORKERS TO THIS PROVOCATION! A task which means the complete renovation of the "official" leadership of the workers movement in order to renew the link of the workers and their struggles with the revolutionary tasks in front of it.

August 14, 1979

## August 22: DEMAND A SOLUTION FOR WORKERS !

August 22 is the day Douglas Fraser, President of the UAW, has set for a "work stoppage" to "protest" the energy "ripoff." That is the rhetoric. The actual proposal is to write your congressmen at work about the energy crisis and gas prices.

Congress!? The latest polls gave it a lower mark than Carter!

The solutions Fraser proposes are not clear, but they must be either those put forward by the UAW in the past, or those of Congress. What are these solutions?

Thus far, Congress has freed gas, oil and natural gas prices from regulation. The President of the United States can ration gas. Further tax incentives have been granted to the energy monopolies. Obviously, these are solutions of the bourgeoisie.

The UAW has demanded the roll-back of prices and the formation of a public energy corporation.

Clearly, these are clever demands. But equally ridiculous. It is just as absurd to think that the government, which is owned by the oil capitalists, would form a competing corporation, as it is to think that the oil interests, which are being bankrolled by the government, would voluntarily roll back their prices.

In truth the purpose of Fraser's "day" is not to provide any solution at all, but rather to further disorient the autoworkers from seeking their own solution.

-- NATIONALIZATION OF ENERGY AND AUTO UNDER WORKERS CONTROL!  
-- NO COOPERATION WITH SACRIFICES!

Above all, the purpose of this day should be to expose and denounce the absolutely cynical, corrupt and cowardly leaders of the UAW! DOWN WITH FRASER AND THE DEMOCRATS! FOR A WORKERS PARTY!

August 15, 1979

TRUTH

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its class content is petty bourgeois which, in decisive moments, pushes it into the arms of Big Capital. There is no balance sheet of the activity of the PNV, either during the Civil War or in emigration, because the ETA, the radical but above all petty bourgeois and not proletarian solution, is still extremely weak and carefully maintains its connections with the anti-worker PNV.

In the first Cortes elections after Franco's death, a more radical coalition appeared, Euskadiko Esquerra, but it also was the prisoner of its nationalism; it was unable to break completely with the PNV, even if it maintained an ambiguous defense of ETA.

To fill the void of a radical program, "HERRI BATASUNA" appeared, equally nationalist and "abertzale" independentist, which launched in demonstrations the slogan "ETA -- LONG LIVE INDEPENDENT EUSKADI!" It too has not broken with the PNV and remains tied to it through its petty bourgeois nationalism. This was visible in its support to the PNV in obtaining mayors' offices, as well as the enormous hesitations in really fighting for a Basque Popular Assembly, changed into a call for the calling of a Basque Assembly (Euskadiko Batzarra). And if "HERRI BATASUNA" refuses to sit in the Cortes, demands the liberation of hundreds of Basque prisoners and refuses to condemn ETA, placing the responsibility on the monarchy's shoulders, it however has not been able to clearly define itself ON THE NECESSITY OF OVERTHROWING THE MONARCHY. It has avoided taking a stand on the arbitrary government ban on the "Workers Cortes Slate" put forward by the PORE and the JRE in the last elections, as well as on the court procedure aimed at banning the PORE.

The successive appearance of more radical nationalist groups is the product of the incapacity of "HERRI BATASUNA" to inspire a really revolutionary alternative which could organize the whole population.

THE REVOLUTIONARY PROLETARIAN POSITION:  
FEDERATION OF WORKERS CORTES, FIGHTING TO  
FORM AN "EUSKADIKO BATZARRA" AS A SOVIET  
GENERAL STAFF OF THE OPPRESSED MASSES

With enormous hesitations and fears, "HERRI BATASUNA" constitutes a certain difference in this evolution with its call for setting up an "EUSKADIKO BATZARRA" (Basque Assembly). Even if it delays this, it will open the road to the organized confrontation and the proletariat must assert its position in an independent way by actively intervening and without watering it down. Its objective must be to transform this Assembly into a leadership of the popular mobilization, by transforming it into a revolutionary movement against the monarchy, beginning in the great factories.

For the PORE and the Fourth International this is a question of the proletarian revolution throughout the Iberian Peninsula and throughout Europe. It is a question of reforging the links with the European proletariat to destroy all exploitation and oppression by building the Europe of Workers Councils, the Socialist United States of Europe. Only in this framework can the questions of North and South Euskadi, as well as that of Catalonia, be resolved. The revolutionary unification of the German proletariat is the basis for this mobilization of the whole continent.

It is very important to understand that the revolution and the Civil War of 1936-39 forged profound links between "Spain" and "Europe," in fact between the proletariat of the whole continent, beginning with the Iberian Peninsula itself; the Spanish state and Portugal.

The independentist currents foment illusions in solutions that remain in the framework of North and South Euskadi. The revolutionary proletariat must present its alternative, which is international: the destruction of all the bourgeois states on the Peninsula and the continent, the struggle to overthrow the monarchy and to build the Iberian Federation of Republics

of Workers Cortes, the Socialist United States of Europe.

The independentist currents are supported against the revolutionary proletarian policy by all the centrist positions, by the LCR (LKJ in the Basque Country) and by the nefarious policy of the OCI (French and Spanish). In the name of "Trotskyism," they spread slander against the Fourth International in Bilbao, while preaching a "Basque national insurrection" and the "unconditional EXERCISE of the right to separation"; it supports "HERRI BATASUNA" in order to avoid the fact that the proletariat defends in a consistent manner the RIGHT to separation in its struggle for the Federation of Workers Cortes, without participating in the myopic program of petty bourgeois nationalism.

The OCI supports "HERRI BATASUNA" AGAINST THE PROLETARIAN INSURRECTION starting from the independent organization of the proletariat as a CLASS, and against the immediate and practical organization and preparation of the overthrow of the monarchy.

June 7, 1979

NOTES:

1. Euskadi: Basque Country in the Basque language.
2. PNV: Basque National Party.
3. "Fets de maig": in the Catalan language, the "May events," popular name for the armed insurrection of the Barcelona workers against the Popular Front government of Stalinists, Social Democrats and the CNT.
4. Run by Luis Companys.
5. "Estat Catala," in Catalan, the Catalan State.
6. In 1934.
7. Irujo: petty bourgeois Basque nationalist.
8. "Integrationist": favoring the maintenance of the forced unity of Spain.
9. "Abertzales": radical nationalists.
10. Fraga Iribane, leader of the extreme-rightist Popular Alliance.
11. UGT: General Workers Union, controlled by the PSOE (Socialist Party), Workers Commissions, controlled by the Spanish CP. UCD: Democratic Center Union, governmental party of Adolfo Suarez.

# SWP Convention: Their Crisis is Their Betrayal

By BARBARA PUTNAM

The Socialist Workers Party just held its annual Convention on the Oberlin campus in Ohio. What we have been saying in the pages of TRUTH concerning the degeneration of the SWP and its deepening crisis was proven true at this Convention. It was indeed a Convention of "loyal oppositionists" to the world order of Stalinism and imperialism, a convocation of pseudo-Trotskyists bent on justifying their further abandonment of the working class under the cover of our banner, our name: FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

Truly, the petty bourgeois leadership of the SWP had nothing to say. Nothing to say to the working class because they see no independent role for the working class -- NO role at all. They have a "new" theory, (really an old theory dug up out of the centrist rag bag), the theory of "two choices."

In every struggle unfolding today, the SWP conventioners

see "two choices" -- in Nicaragua, the Sandinistas or Somoza; in Iran, Khomeini or the Shah; in the Steelworkers union, Sadlowski or McBride.

If anybody inside the SWP asked: "What happened to the working class?" they will be met with the centrist line "The workers? They are not ready."

If these same people were to ask "Who WILL lead the revolution then? The answer is: "Castro, Khomeini, the Sandinistas." The role they see for "Trotskyists" is that of HOUSE OPPOSITION to the Stalinist apparatus and its agents attempting to turn the revolutionary tide into maintenance of the status quo. Nothing independent of Stalinism.

The Trotskyist Organization/USA went to Oberlin fighting to shatter the SWP leadership by revealing the political basis of the crisis of the SWP -- that they are a tame loyal opposition to the bourgeois state through

their championing of the bureaucratic led "union movement" of Fraser and Co. and prostrating themselves to the Stalinist Castro in the name of the Fourth International.

This meant a combat to expose and isolate this anti-Trotskyist, anti-working class sect; a combat to separate the working class militants from their rotten petty bourgeois leadership and to break them away from political support to the pleas of Carter, the bureaucrats and the Stalinists for "national unity." For the independent struggle of the Fourth International, founded to finish with the treacherous obstacles in the way of the revolution.

Our fight was to make it clear to the SWP militants that WE ARE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, there is no other. We said what should be clear to any revolutionary: the SWP leadership's current crisis, reflected in the "normalization" of its ranks at the

Convention (forced agreement over their capitulation to the bureaucrats and Stalinists) is totally the result of each step it has taken since it left the Fourth International in 1963 in order to support the Stalinist Castro -- a result of its abandonment of any pretense of being independent, of being ANY kind of leadership of the working class. Its disorientation stems from following the "progressive" union bureaucrats into support of the Carter regime, from looking to the Stalinists to lead the revolution.

But it is not enough to just say they are in crisis. Because their crisis is not positive in and of itself for the youth and workers. They will not just go away or die. They will continue to inject centrist poison into the struggles taking shape, above all in the auto industry.

They didn't accidentally swarm into Detroit and into Dodge Truck, Ford Rouge, Lynch Assembly. Their purpose is to spread confusion about who will lead the working class, what kind of combat is necessary and what the goals of the battle are. To prevent the youth and workers from seeing and hearing the Fourth International. That is why they have to be politically defeated. August 13, 1979

## THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE RYI:

# Enlist in the World Army of the Socialist Revolution!

By RICH TETRAULT

The Fourth Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International was held in Paris on July 28-31. A Congress of youth, a working congress of delegates from the sections of the RYI in Spain, France, Sweden, Norway, Eastern Europe and the U.S. A Congress to reaffirm that the youth is the flame of the proletarian revolution and that the youth today must join the political struggle to insure their independence from the USA to the USSR in a fight to destroy imperialism and Stalinism.

The Congress opened with a Report by the outgoing International Executive Committee. The Report, a balance sheet of the work of the RYI over the past year, laid the basis and provided a framework for discussion throughout the Congress. The struggle to prepare the world revolution, to liberate the working class from the exploitive, terrorist state, hinges on the construction of the RYI as THE WORLD ARMY OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION. Only through the massive regroupment of revolutionary youth around the world will the independence of the workers and youth be insured. This is the struggle to prepare the world revolution-- to RETURN TO LENIN!

The youth around the world are faced with the problem of how to prepare the revolution. The Congress clarified that the fundamental struggle for independence is today blocked by the Stalinists and centrists who attack the consciousness of the youth with talk of "a democratic revolution" and "reform of the bureaucrats." These servants of imperialism are the main enemies of the youth and stand in the way of the youth organizing independently.

An army, a world army, an army of the revolution, an army for socialism-- this is what the youth demand-- the means to deal with all the illusions that stand in the way of the youth taking up the struggle to prepare the revolution. The illusions in drugs, religion, abstentionism, individualism and terrorism. Illusions in the

concept sown by the Stalinists that we can peacefully coexist with the terrorist state and over a period of generations and centuries of oppression can arrive at a satisfactory system. Illusions that obscure from sight the confrontation of two antagonistic classes-- a treacherous ruling class and an oppressed working class. We insist that the preparation of the revolution is on the order of the day. There is no other solution-- no other discussion for the youth.

Around the world the working class youth have suffered the political attacks of the old order. Massive unemployment, rising inflation, gas crisis, military control of various state apparatuses in severe crisis, large scale layoffs and plant closures, re-structurization of industry, auto in particular. These are just a few ways by which the bourgeoisie reflects its crisis, a crisis which has been brought on by the continued mobilization of the most revolutionary youth-- a mobilization which can only impose the total of its force in a struggle to construct an international leadership.

The Congress was organized as a working congress. The various sections were assigned a specific resolution several weeks prior to the Congress in order that a discussion and elaboration could take place on the resolutions before their introduction at the Congress itself. A Central Resolution was prepared by the International Bureau of the RYI. This resolution was a Call to the youth to join the combat of the RYI in organizing a counter-conference and boycott of the security conference of bourgeois, bureaucrats, dictators and kings.

A conference of THEIR security against OURS! The RYI, in adopting this resolution clarifies that it is the role of the youth around the world to bring down this terrorist state, to prepare our boycott of this "Third Security Conference" to be held in Madrid in November 1980. Our preparation must be immediate and precise, for to hesitate is



to allow these greedy leaders to go free.

The Spanish Section prepared a Platform of Combat for the RYI-- a platform for the international combat of the young proletariat. The youth must be armed with the program of the International to confront the bourgeois state and its agents who are waging a vicious anti-Leninist campaign of counterrevolution. These are the immediate tasks of the RYI-- the struggle to construct an international leadership to insure the independence of the youth, the freedom to organize, the freedom to study and work, the right to be young.

A resolution on the Political Revolution and the European Revolution was prepared by the French Section. The question of the combat for the unity of the political and social revolutions, for the unification of East and West Europe on the basis of the construction of workers councils. The link between these two is a merciless combat against the bureaucrats in the struggle to impose an international leadership. This is above all a combat against the Stalinist apparatus for its treason in the countries of the socialist conquests.

The resolution on Klebanov, prepared by the Swedish Section, further elaborates this combat in a struggle for unions of class independence. In the USSR and Eastern Europe a confrontation with the Stalinist apparatus for the right to organize

independent of the state.

The RYI states that the key to the revolution, the means to insure their victory and the independence of the youth is the fight for leadership, to construct the international party to educate the youth in Leninism. No other generation can or will lead this fight. No other organization insists that it is the revolution that is being prepared every day. No other organization fights for the total and complete independence of the youth in a combat to bring down the terrorist state of the imperialists and Stalinists. This is why the RYI calls on all youth to RETURN TO LENIN-- the consolidation of theoretical, political and practical forces to arm the youth-- to prepare for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The Revolutionary Young Workers/USA wages a battle to prepare young workers, especially in auto, to join the struggle of the RYI for unions of class independence. In face of the shutdown of Dodge Main, relocation of several GM operations, massive layoffs and the sell-out of the UAW bureaucracy we say RETURN TO LENIN-- to the weapons of communist education. The RYW is scheduling an educational on August 19th to further clarify the role of the youth in auto and the construction of the Workers Party and to further discuss the acquisitions of the Congress of the RYI.  
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