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ORGAN OF TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION USA SECTION (SYMPATHIZING) FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

Down With the WAR Candidates!

A WORKERS CANDIDATE!

The Fourth International calls on all American workers and youth to build a mass mobilization for a WORKERS CANDIDATE based on a WORKERS PROGRAM for the November 1980 Presidential elections.

The future of the American and international working class can depend on this battle.

The 1976 Presidential elections also had an international significance. Jimmy Carter's "human rights" program at home meant a supposed end to what was represented by Nixon, Watergate and Vietnam around the myth that the U.S. imperialist state could be reformed.

Abroad it meant the reinforcement of the myth of imperialist "democracy" as an alternative to the revolution.

But "human rights" has failed. EVERYWHERE. From Iran to Nicaragua to Spain to the U.S. The working class throughout the world has refused to hold back its struggles in the name of "human rights."

"Human rights" failed because of your struggles.

Now, instead of "human rights," the 1980 Presidential elections are being held in the name of war. The world crisis of imperialism and Stalinism makes these elections even more important.

The 1980 Presidential elections are being organized in the name of war in order to try where "human rights" failed, in order to directly TERRORIZE the American working class into submission to imperialism.

EVERY candidate stands for this. From Carter's obscene war threats and his re-institution of the draft, to George Bush, a former director of the CIA, to Kennedy's impotent liber-

alism, all the candidates are WAR CANDIDATES who want to submit the working class to imperialism's war plans.

They want these elections to be seen around the world as a defeat for the American working class! They want to make the elections an international VOTE FOR IMPERIALISM!

We must organize a VOTE FOR THE REVOLUTION. A blow against U.S. imperialism that will be felt by workers and youth throughout the world.

We must have our own candidate and our own program to challenge Carter's war program. A WORKERS CANDIDATE and a WORKERS PROGRAM.

Not only to get votes; no decisive advance for the working class can take place through the ballot box, but to make these elections a rallying cry for the revolution. To organize a revolutionary fight against U.S. imperialism that will be heard around the world.

A campaign for the defense of the world revolution against U.S. imperialism's plans for war and repression.

A campaign to unmask the American Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party who have their own "candidates," but who are telling the workers and youth that in the present situation the working class must choose between "democratic" imperialism or the Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin.

When the only possible choice is the revolution to bring down BOTH imperialism and Stalinism.

DOWN WITH THE TERRORIST REARMAMENT OF THE HOLY ALLIANCE BETWEEN IMPERIALISM AND STALINISM! Down with all those who have one foot in this alliance and dare to claim to be

"workers candidates"!

For the world revolution to bring down imperialism and Stalinism, its LOYAL SERVANT!

For a WORKERS CANDIDATE!

Join this fight today. The struggles of the American working class helped destroy "human rights." Our struggles have placed imperialism and Stalinism on the defensive.

The world revolution is on

the march-- Join it!

The spotlight is on the American working class-- Make these elections a defeat for U.S. imperialism and all its servants throughout the world. --DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM! -- FOR A WORKERS CANDIDATE AND A WORKERS PROGRAM IN 1980!

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Resolution of the International Executive

Down With the Terrorist Rearmament of the Holy Alliance Between Stalinism & Imperialism!

A new stage in the class struggle has opened up. The preparation of the Seventh Congress of the Fourth International will take up this new stage as the precision and deepening of its international strategy and tactics, as the formulation of new tasks. As the party's conscious and organized preparation for the mass struggles which are on the agenda.

The present situation is characterized by the mass struggle of the oppressed peoples of the colonial and semi-colonial countries. A struggle which on the one hand is precipitating the class confrontations in the metropolitan capitalist countries and in the countries under the domination of the Stalinist bureaucracy, and on the other hand is precipitating the accelerated decomposition of the mechanisms set up by imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy to maintain control of the proletariat through the policy of class collaboration in face of this revolutionary wave which is deepening on a global scale.

The preceding stage was determined by the large movements which began in 1968, particularly in Eastern and Western Europe and Latin America which transformed the situation in the class struggle in favor of the proletariat. And also by a defensive contraction of the counterrevolutionary Holy Alliance of imperialism and Stalinism in crisis in order to adapt to this new situation. The Helsinki agreements constituted the culminating point of an attempt to stop the revolutionary process in Europe, particularly in Spain, Portugal and Poland, to install the military dictatorships in Latin America and to lower the standard of living of the workers and oppressed masses. An attempt to do this on the basis of an imperialist peace in the Middle East, Far East and Africa, on the basis of a "normalization" in Czechoslovakia and doing this in the framework of an effort to integrate the Chinese bureaucracy into the counterrevolutionary plans. These agreements included a growing collaboration on a world scale between the Stalinist bureaucracy and Social Democracy, particularly in Germany, France and Chile, as well as an integration into the policy of class collaboration through the so-called "Euro-Communist" faction of the international apparatus of the Kremlin of the centrists who claim to represent the Fourth International.

In face of the new turn being prepared in the class struggle, announced by the struggles of the workers and peoples of Central Asia, "peaceful coexistence," already in difficulty since the Belgrade Conference, is today on the verge of collapse. This is determined by the fact that the bourgeoisie, with the aid of the Stalinist bureaucracy, has not been able to turn back the proletariat in a significant fashion in any bastion of the world working class, by the fact that this class collaboration did not succeed in preventing the defeats of U.S. imperialism in Indochina, Latin America and in Iran.

The principal danger for the proletariat in the stage which is opening up is the new illusion that can be created by the conduct of the Stalinist bureaucracy in face of the threatened collapse of "peaceful coexistence." The world bourgeoisie, and above all U.S. imperialism, without being able to immediately organize the counterrevolutionary war against the proletariat, are trying to re-order their political and military plans towards this objective. They are doing this today through the means of blackmail-- installation of nuclear missiles in Europe, the process of integrating Spain into NATO, new military spending for the U.S., preparation for American intervention in Iran and Pakistan, etc.

The Stalinist bureaucracy, whose power is tied to the maintenance of the imperialist order, but is condemned to disappear in the class war between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, will try to use the workers movement to save its "peaceful coexistence." This will take the form of maneuvers, adventures in countries under the control of imperialism and police repression in Eastern Europe in the name of saving peace and democracy. And in the name of not returning to the "cold war" in favor of the so-called coexistence of "blocs." It is in this way that the Kremlin will try to prepare the Third Conference on European Security and Cooperation in Madrid in order to there negotiate its latest capitulation to imperialism. It is in this way that it will try to cover up an attempt at the terrorist rearmament of the Holy Alliance behind the campaign for disarmament. The Stalinist bureaucracy is presently putting this policy into practice in Afghanistan.

The danger for the proletariat therefore comes from the fact that some workers can take the diplomatic maneuvers of the Stalinist bureaucracy, led in the name of disarmament, as a democratic and peaceful solution to the impasse of national unity and the Sacred Union. That already disoriented during the preceding period by the anti-Leninist campaign of the "Euro-Communists," workers will be pushed into the grip of imperialism in face of the bureaucratic adventures of the Kremlin.

This is the danger that the intervention of the troops of the Stalinist bureaucracy into Afghanistan has revealed. At the same time that it is organizing the proletariat to submit to the policy of Khomeini (out of fear of the extension of the revolutionary upsurge in Iran to the republics kept under its dictatorship), the Stalinist bureaucracy has run to the aid of a decomposing bourgeois state in Afghanistan. This intervention, organized to save "peaceful coexistence," is at the same time a desperate bureaucratic attempt to prevent the intervention of U.S. imperialism into Iran. In reality, it only prepared it, because the invasion of Afghanistan gives fundamental support to the maintenance of the imperialist order, being directed against the struggle of the world proletariat and oppressed peoples.

The lying propaganda that the Stalinist bureaucracy and its agents are developing around its policy in Central Asia, under different forms, in function of its ties developed with the national bourgeoisie during the preceding period, is directed in the first place towards subordinating the proletariats of the capitalist metropolitan centers to its diplomatic maneuvers and to blackmail in the form of class collaboration in each country. A section of workers, as in Spain for example, today approve of the intervention of the Kremlin in Afghanistan because they see in it a rejection of the Sacred Union concluded by Carrillo. While the fact is that the Kremlin more than ever is for maintaining the Sacred Union, all the while wanting to prevent the entry of Spain into NATO.

At the same time this police and bureaucratic intervention has the risk of pushing certain working class sectors into the arms of imperialism. In the U.S., for example, a number of workers support the organization of the economic boycott of the USSR by Carter's circle, which facilitates Carter in his attempt to militarize the country. This confusion is the consequence of the criminal support that Stalinism has always given to the Democratic Party.

Committee of the Fourth International

The preparation of the 7th Congress of the Fourth International must consequently be defined as a struggle for the independence of the world proletariat in relation to the international apparatus of the Kremlin and its campaign for disarmament, as the political armament of the proletariat against the Stalinist theory and practice of dividing the world into two blocs. This struggle for the independence of the proletariat means the affirmation of the program and objectives belonging to the working class, whose goal and method is the proletarian dictatorship in a Universal Republic of Workers Councils established through the world revolution.

The Fourth International will organize workers and youth around this policy by preparing the international boycott of the Madrid Conference and the proletarian Counter-Conference:
--Against the Terrorist Rearmament of the Holy Alliance!

--Against the Subordination of the Proletariat to the Diplomacy of the Stalinist Bureaucracy!

--For the Socialist United States of Europe!

--For the Universal Republic of Workers Councils!

--Return to Lenin!

This battle will be concentrated around the slogan of a united and socialist Germany. The international proletariat must advance its own solution to the division of Germany to the degree that it constitutes the centerpiece of "peaceful coexistence." If the international proletariat does not intervene the efforts of the Stalinist bureaucracy to save "peaceful coexistence" will reinforce the national oppression in this country and allow the bourgeoisie to reorganize and prepare the counterrevolutionary reunification of Germany against the socialist conquests that have come out of the October Revolution.

It is on this basis that the Fourth International prepares its combat in the 1980 Presidential elections in the U.S., as a combat for the world revolution. These elections have an international significance, of great importance for the world working class, because it is through these elections that the U.S. bourgeoisie is attempting to terrorize and submit the American working class to the new world order it is trying to establish. By waging a massive campaign for a Workers Candidate

on the basis of a Workers Program, to organize the American working class against U.S. imperialism, for the defense of the world revolution in these elections, the U.S. working class can deal a decisive blow to U.S. imperialism and its reactionary plans by regrouping its vanguard in the struggle for the foundation of the Workers Party, U.S. Section of the Fourth International.

It is in this framework that the Fourth International unconditionally defends the Iranian revolution. At the same time the proletariat must in no way associate itself to the campaign of U.S. imperialism for the withdrawal of the Kremlin's troops from Kabul. This withdrawal could only mean the occupation of Afghanistan by the Pakistani army, supervised by imperialism. It calls on the workers and peasants of Afghanistan to continue their struggle against the feudal landlords and the bourgeoisie, to expropriate them and to prepare with the peoples of Iran, Europe, the USSR and America to bring down imperialism and its agent, the Stalinist bureaucracy, through the method of the world revolution.

This entire struggle necessitates that the Fourth International clarify further the question of democracy. The international apparatus of the Kremlin more than ever presents the saving of its "peaceful coexistence" with imperialism as saving democracy. In reality, this lying campaign, in which it finds the support of the centrists, attempts to further subordinate the working class to the bourgeois states and to hide the ferocious repression against the workers in Eastern Europe. The maintenance of democracy can only have this content because the epoch in which we are living, the epoch of imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism, means that any struggle for democratic rights, any struggle for national independence, can only succeed in the framework of Free Socialist Federations of Workers and Oppressed Peoples. That is, on the ruins of world imperialism, brought down by the methods of the socialist revolution.

The struggle for democratic rights constitutes an element of the education of the proletariat, of its liberation from the control of the apparatuses; a means for the proletariat to assure the support of the poor peasantry only to the degree that this struggle is led by revolutionary means and in the perspective of the world revolution. These are the lessons of the combat of Lenin and the

Bolshevik Party, this is the struggle of the Fourth International. Otherwise, the struggle for democracy is a noose around the neck of the international proletariat.

In the stage of the class struggle which is in the process of concluding, the centrists who claim the name of the Fourth International subordinated all their policy to the "human rights" campaign of Carter and the Kremlin, through its "Euro-Communist" faction. Thus, they were integrated into the Sacred Unions that the Stalinists set up with the bourgeoisie in Europe. Today, at the moment when this entire counterrevolutionary set-up of "peaceful coexistence" is threatening to collapse under the pressure of the revolutionary upsurge, the centrists are desperately trying to conciliate the principles of imperialist democracy with their support to the diplomacy of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

Thus, in face of the intervention of the Kremlin's tanks in Kabul, incapable of showing a revolutionary road for the proletariat, the centrists content themselves with taking a position and staying passive. They condemn the intervention from the point of view of pacifism and the principles of imperialist democracy, all the while trying to convince the proletariat that, by intervening in Afghanistan, the Kremlin's apparatus will be obliged to go further than it wishes and that it defends in a deformed manner the interests of the proletariat and the conquests of October.

As for the American SWP, it supports the intervention as a revolutionary act, all the while supporting the international apparatus of the Kremlin in its policy of submitting the U.S. proletariat to the Democratic Party and the trade union bureaucracy; that is, to imperialist democracy. The French OCI condemns the entry of the Kremlin's tanks into Kabul in the name of the same democracy the defense of which, according to them, in France and in other countries the Social Democratic and Stalinist parties must take up with the support of the workers. It is on this basis of mass pressure on the treacherous apparatuses, so that they will undertake democratic and parliamentary actions, that the centrists are trying to constitute a confusionist conglomerate on the world and national scale with the debris that is the product of the crisis of Stalinism and Social Democracy. It is in this way that they participate in the efforts of Stalinism to further subordinate the working class to

imperialism.

The Fourth International firmly rejects such a policy, for this policy attempts to persuade the proletariat that it cannot either influence or control the development of the class struggle in its favor by building its leadership independent of the Kremlin. This policy says that the proletariat can only ally itself with one of the so-called "blocs," that is, with the policy of the defense of democracy developed by the Stalinist bureaucracy.

Thus, the preparation of the 7th Congress of the Fourth International means for the party a struggle to take the lead of the mass movements which are being announced, to lead them towards the confrontation with the bourgeois state and the police dictatorships of the Kremlin, for the seizure of power.

It concerns a struggle for delimitation in face of the Kremlin bureaucracy, its apparatus and the pseudo-Trotskyist centrists, a struggle which at each step must lead to the organization of the proletariat in and around our party. It is by resolutely taking up this combat that the Fourth International offers the revolutionary perspective to the youth so that it will massively regroup in the Revolutionary Youth International for the construction of the international leadership of the proletariat.

It is also by placing the construction of the international center of the world revolution at the center of its activity that the French Section will give to the foundation of the Parti Ouvrier Revolutionnaire in France its content of an international delimitation against the pseudo-Trotskyists whose center is situated in France.

By launching a WORKERS FUND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL, the Fourth International launches an appeal to the world working class for it to take up a financial aid for the construction of the international center. The struggle for the WORKERS FUND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL is a political struggle in the workers' ranks around the necessity for an International independent from Stalinism. It is this comprehension of the financial campaign -- political education of the workers around the necessity of taking responsibility for the material forces of class independence -- which will constitute the gauge of its success.

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The International Executive Committee of the Fourth International

After Tito - What ?

The recent amputation of the leg of Tito, the boss of the Yugoslav Stalinist bureaucracy, plus the fact that he is 87, has raised the question of Yugoslavia's fate. After Tito -- what?

The great specter being raised today is of a "Russian invasion." This is part of the vast fabrication that the Kremlin bureaucracy is "out to conquer the world" or something.

What is the truth?

Up until 1948, Tito was a notorious Kremlin loyalist. He got his job as head of the Yugoslav Communist Party over the dead bodies of the CP's leadership slaughtered in Stalin's Great Purges.

During World War II, his anti-Nazi resistance movement, the "Partisans," completely supported the "democratic" objectives of the war and in turn was completely supported by imperialism and Stalinism.

Following the war, Tito carried out Stalin's policy faithfully in Yugoslavia, crushing all independent working class organizations -- above all, the Trotskyists.

With the development of the "Cold War," Tito was Stalin's right-hand man in the defensive turn toward the creation of the "Cominform" and the expropriation of capitalism in Eastern Europe.

At this point, Stalin started a new series of purges to subject the bureaucracies of the new deformed workers states directly to the Kremlin. All CP leaders with any prestige, Tito among them, were the targets.

Due to a certain organizational independence from the USSR, and above all by demagogically exploiting the hatred of the Yugoslav and international working class for the Kremlin, Tito was able to defy Stalin and achieve "independence" for Yugoslavia from the Kremlin.

This "independence," however, was not a real break with Stalinism. "Socialism in one country"



continued -- but this time in Yugoslavia.

On this basis, Tito and "Titoism" have come to mean this "independence" of Yugoslavia, combined with direct subordination to imperialism. As early as the Korean War, Tito took up an openly counterrevolutionary position.

Yugoslavia is the country in which the pro-capitalist "economic reforms" have done the most damage in terms of their attacks on the socialist conquests, seen in the combination of the exportation of Yugoslav workers with brutal repression at home.

At the same time, this policy has been unable to integrate, and meet the just demands of, the various nationalities that make up the country.

Thus, in order to control this chaos and to remain in power, the bureaucracy has created the figure of Tito as the symbol and incarnation of "independence." The specter of "Russian invasion" is raised to terrorize the workers into accepting Tito.

Now, with Tito's imminent death, the bureaucracy must step up this campaign. "After Tito-- what?" means: either support Tito's bureaucracy or the Russians will get you. "After Tito -- what?" means for the workers: the overthrow of the bureaucracy (political revolution) or growing Stalinist reaction.

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Free Sakharov!

The Kremlin's secret police, the KGB, have kidnapped the oppositionist Andrei Sakharov into virtual internal exile in the city of Gorky, which is closed to non-citizens of the USSR.

At this moment when, in Afghanistan and around the world, the Stalinist bureaucracy is deepening its subjugation to imperialism, it must turn with redoubled fury on those in the Soviet Union who are defending the socialist conquests of the masses.

In attempting to silence the world-famous Sakharov, who is in addition openly friendly to imperialism and "human rights" -- and this in no way separates him

from the bureaucracy! -- the Brezhnev gang is out to show that NO ONE IS safe from persecution.

Klebanov and Borisov of the free trade union movement and Skobov of the revolutionary youth, together with their comrades, remain in the clutches of the KGB. They must be freed, not joined by others!

FREE SAKHAROV AND ALL THE OPPOSITIONISTS!

DOWN WITH THE STALINIST BUREAUCRACY, THE REAL "IMPERIALIST AGENT"!

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British Steel Strike



By FRED VITALE

On January 29th, 150,000 British steelworkers enter the fourth week of their strike against the government-owned British Steel Corporation. It was sparked by a contract "offer" of a 2% wage increase (with inflation running 17% a year), proposed elimination of guaranteed wages during temporary layoffs, and notice that 60,000 more workers would lose their jobs over the next two years.

This strike is the first major confrontation by the workers with the nine month-old Conservative Party government of Margaret Thatcher, elected on a program to smash the workers unions. It is the first major battle since the miners brought down the Heath government in 1974. It's the first national steel strike since 1926. The offensive of the workers around the world once again shows itself wearing a British face. This strike deserves the unconditional support of every American worker and youth.

The "offers" by the government are part of a larger effort to "restructure" the basic industries in Britain and "make them profitable again." In fact governments everywhere are "restructuring." This means

liquidating the working class strongholds -- the large factories -- forcing the most class conscious and militant workers into unemployment lines, scattering their ranks, breaking the back of their organizations, above all the unions. This is what the strike is against.

In South Wales two out of every three steel jobs will be eliminated by the government. In 1976, the Welsh steelworkers struck major factories to stop a plan to eliminate 40,000 jobs. They elected their own strike committees: independent organizations that drew up and coordinated their battle plans. For example, they sent workers squads to shut down other factories (flying pickets). The miners, who brought down the Heath government in 1974, are particularly strong in Wales. Their class consciousness and militancy is the reason that South Wales workers are being "restructured."

In the face of this attack, workers all over Britain support the strike. Dockworkers refuse to unload any imported steel. Truckers and railroad workers refuse to move any steel. Flying picket squads shut down the private steel sector and got all 13 unions at the British Steel Corporation to join the strike, against the orders of the union "leaders."

The "leaders" refuse to confront the "restructuring." Not only have they refused to fight the plant closures with this strike, they have refused any nationwide strike. Some of them sit on the Board of Directors of the BSC!

As long as the strike remains in their hands, remains a simple trade union struggle, it will not stop the "restructuring." These leaders, agents for British imperialism, must be driven out and the strike led by the workers themselves, organized in their own independent strike committees. Only on this road is it possible to organize a general strike to bring down the Thatcher government.

The defense of this strike by American workers, especially refusing to load and ship American steel, coal and iron ore bound for Britain, is the means to hasten the victory of the British steelworkers and the end of "restructuring" everywhere.

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Kremlin Serves Imperialism

Not a Policy of "Blocs" but a Class Policy

By KEVIN FITZPATRICK

All over the world a great outcry is heard against the so-called "two superpowers" of the USA and USSR. The Chinese bureaucrats join the chorus and are reinforced by the wailing of the Khomeini regime, while even UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim chimes in from New York.

It is no accident that this outcry arises so sharply at exactly the same time that the entire propaganda machinery of the old order is engaged in presenting the clashes between the Kremlin bureaucracy and U.S. imperialism as a gigantic collision between the forces of communism and capitalism, revolution and counterrevolution.

The purpose of both these falsehoods is to hide the fact that THE KREMLIN SERVES IMPERIALISM, that it is its chief agent in the international workers movement. Likewise, the purpose of both these falsehoods is to deprive the workers of the possibility of gaining real independence from both American imperialism and its Kremlin agent, of finding the road to this independence through the policy of the Fourth International.

CRISIS

What is the source of the conflicts between U.S. imperialism and the Kremlin then?

The upsurge of the world revolution, most recently and most sharply in the colonial and semi-colonial countries, has broken up the framework that existed between "Washington and Moscow." This framework was a framework of counterrevolution in which the Kremlin did Washington's work around the world.

When U.S. imperialism announces that "detente has failed" and that "you can't do business with the Russians" it is talking about the breakup of this framework. "Detente" has failed because its purpose was to control and defeat the world revolution. Iran, Nicaragua, etc., spelled its doom, not the "aggressive drive" of the Kremlin.

"You can't do business with the Russians" means that the Russians haven't been able to deliver; they haven't been able to hold up their end of the bargain.

In this situation, U.S. imperialism is highly dubious about the usefulness of its Kremlin servant. It places increasingly heavy demands upon it for it to prove its worthiness, to capitulate more and more. At

the same time, because of its doubts, imperialism is moving directly where before it would have moved through the Kremlin.

The Kremlin wasn't able to control the mobilization in Afghanistan so U.S. imperialism began to intervene directly. At the same time, the Kremlin intervenes to prove its determination to do imperialism's work, thus giving imperialism a pretext for stepping up attacks directly -- not on the bureaucracy -- but on the socialist conquests of the workers in the USSR.

Similarly, SALT II was scrapped by U.S. imperialism both because the Kremlin's concessions were no longer sufficient and because the imperialist senators doubted the worth of deals with the Kremlin, preferring instead to make non-negotiable demands.

"Detente" has failed, indeed, but "peaceful coexistence" as the policy of the Kremlin's subordinating itself to imperialism remains. The clashes between the Kremlin and Washington reflect the tensions that exist in a period when the Kremlin is being forced to capitulate on a previously unheard-of scale, in a period of the TERRORIST REARMAMENT OF THE HOLY ALLIANCE BETWEEN IMPERIALISM AND STALINISM.

A THIRD WAY?

The counterrevolutionary role of the Kremlin is grossly apparent on the world scale to all the thinking and fighting elements of the oppressed.

Every day the Kremlin is less and less attractive as anything even approaching a revolutionary leadership.

But hatred for the bureaucracy is not enough. The political task is to drive the international apparatus of the Kremlin out of the workers movement, to destroy its stranglehold over the workers organizations. This is the way in which the revolutionary fight of the masses can find a solution, a way out. This road of struggle to drive the Stalinists out of the workers movement and to renew its leadership is the path that the Fourth International points out to the masses as the only one that can lead to their victory.

But around the world other petty bourgeois agents of imperialism seek to detour the masses, to derail their struggle and to preserve the existing domination of imperialism over the workers movement through the Kremlin.

When a youth or worker or peasant in a colonial or semi-colonial country says "neither Washington nor Moscow" he is expressing in a confused way his revolutionary hatred for both imperialism and its Kremlin agent. But the petty bourgeois leaderships in such countries exploit these sentiments in order to tell the oppressed that the Kremlin IS the workers movement, IS socialism, and that it too ends up being "imperialism" out to "conquer the world."

In this way, these petty bourgeois leaderships continue the lies of Washington that the Kremlin is "aggressive" and "communist" and the lies of the Kremlin that it represents "the global class camp" of the workers and that the fight for socialism means accepting its leadership and its crimes.

These petty bourgeois leaderships thus create the fantasy of a "third way, neither capitalist nor communist" behind the slogan of "neither Washington nor Moscow." Between "socialism and barbarism" there is no "third way."

This "third way" demagoguery of the myth of the "two superpowers" inevitably means subordination precisely to either imperialism directly or to the Kremlin; that is, to imperialism indirectly.

REALITY

The classic expression of the completely reactionary nature of the "two superpowers" myth has been the policy of the Maoist bureaucracy. For twenty years now it has railed against the "two superpowers." For twenty years it has spread the lie that the "third world" could find a path "independent" of the "two superpowers" that would not be capitalism or communism.

And what do we find today after twenty years of this "thought" of Chairman Mao? We find Maoism itself in disgrace in China and its adherents abroad in the greatest confusion. Because after twenty years of this "revolutionary" and "independent" theory, we find the Chinese bureaucracy acting DIRECTLY on behalf of U.S. imperialism both in Vietnam last year and in Pakistan and Afghanistan this year. Deng Xiaoping's little maxim is "seek truth through practice." The "practice" of the theory of the "two superpowers" amply reveals its lack of "truth."

Similarly, the "non-aligned

movement," another expression of fake "independence" from the "two superpowers," in recently supporting the Kremlin representative Castro, has been advocating a "new world economic order." This is NOT socialism, but in fact is a pipe-dream that imperialism will rearrange its control over the wealth of the world and politely give the "developing countries" (more precisely, their bourgeoisies) a cut of the action. This is the fantastic schema that the masses of the backward countries are supposed to swallow.

"Islam" is the latest proposal for the "third way." Supposedly both "capitalism" and "communism" can be avoided by following the "economic precepts" of the Koran -- which was written 1200 years ago. "God" may be great, but he is not an economist.

More than this, however, there is the concrete expression of these policies in Iran today. Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, the president-elect, is the chief exponent of "Islamic economics." It is thus not surprising that he is also the chief exponent of a deal with U.S. imperialism, of resolving the "minor problem" of the "hostages" and the upsurge of the revolution.

In Iran today a constant struggle is going on between workers and bosses. The factory committees ("shoras") are striving to exert their control over production. In this situation "Islamic economics" preaches "cooperation" between employers and employed. There is nothing "new" about this; it is the old line of subordination to capitalism, on the world scale to imperialism. Under the cover of ranting about the "two superpowers," "Islamic economics" has very openly chosen the U.S. imperialists.

The policy of the Fourth International is clear. It stands for unity of the workers all over the world against their common enemy -- imperialism. It calls for winning independence from imperialism by destroying the hold of its agents, above all the Kremlin bureaucracy, over the workers. It calls for reconquering the leadership of the workers movement from these traitors and for the defense of all the gains of the workers, especially the socialist conquests of the revolution, from the Stalinist AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM.

January 28, 1980

Build the Conference the Fourth International

For the Socialist United States of Latin America!

Nicaragua, El Salvador, Chile, Bolivia. A new stage is unfolding in the Latin American revolution. Since the fall of Somoza, it is clear that the Latin American proletariat is re-constituting itself, preparing to finish with imperialism. This is the message in Chile, where the dictatorship of Pinochet, one of the bloodiest in the history of the Americas, is facing the renewal of the struggle of the Chilean proletariat. The days of imperialism's servants are numbered.

In these latest struggles, the working class is drawing lessons from the treachery of the past. Above all, as in Nicaragua where the Defense Committees initiated by the masses refuse to give up their arms to the government of "reconstruction," the proletariat senses the necessity to maintain its political and military independence in relation to the national bourgeoisie and the petty bourgeois movements which still gravitate toward imperialism. This is a healthy mistrust by the masses of the Sandinista Liberation Front which has pronounced its desire to give U.S. imperialism "a second chance."

Clearly, it is senseless and treacherous that these national struggles remain isolated. For every revolution is based on the struggle of the proletariat, an international class whose interests in every country are basically the same. For the UNITED SOCIALIST STATES OF LATIN AMERICA -- that is the perspective which is both possible and necessary today.

The Latin American revolution must break from the isolated national character given to the revolution by the radical nationalists, and the opportunist currents in the workers movement -- the Castroite and centrist misleaders.

Both the Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin, through Castro, and the pseudo-Trotskyists are united in their policy of "peaceful coexistence." But their place in holding back the revolution is different. Through its policing of the Cuban revolution and loyal support for "human rights" Jimmy Carter, Castroism is the main counterrevolutionary force in Latin America. It is no accident that Castro was chosen by the "non-aligned" movement as its spokesperson at the UN. For the very idea of a "non-aligned" movement is the essence of the Stalinist treachery against the international workers movement.

The pseudo-Trotskyists are essential today in this "non-aligned" movement of apologists for imperialism. Their role is to trap the workers who are seeking a revolutionary alternative to the radical nationalists and the Stalinists. Only an organization which claims to be Trotskyist could play this role today, for Trotskyism and the Fourth International represent the unbroken fight for the independence of the proletariat and the international, permanent revolution.

It is in fact because of this place assigned to the pseudo-Trotskyists that the renewed struggle of the Latin American proletariat has forced a split in the "United Secretariat" and a temporary break in the

march toward "re-unification" announced before this recent upsurge.

The faction which split from the USec, led by Moreno and representing the majority of the Latin American sections of the pseudo-Trotskyists, has joined with the Organisation Communiste Internationaliste of Lambert in France. The revolution in Latin America has made it impossible for the pseudo-Trotskyists to re-unite precisely because the treachery of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) of the USA has been too deep in Nicaragua to be "attractive" to the workers and youth who are attempting to break with Stalinism and nationalism.

The Conference of the Two Americas, building the sections of the Fourth International in Latin America, has the task of forging a revolutionary alternative. The key to the treachery of the Stalinists and pseudo-Trotskyists is in relation to their support for American "democracy." Every Latin American worker, and every conscious American worker knows that "democracy" in the U.S. is

El Salvador

Avenge the January 22nd Assassinations!

Tuesday, January 22nd, over 200,000 people gathered in the capital of El Salvador, Nicaragua's northwestern neighbor, in a general strike against the U.S. imperialist puppet regime, led by military chiefs Gutierrez and Majano.

While government troops stationed on top of the national bank and palace fired on the demonstrators murdering 16 and wounding 90, revolutionary youth, workers and militants still managed to shut down all transportation and regroup at least 60,000 in another demonstration that same afternoon.

This is the latest, deepest and broadest in a series of confrontations.

-- Oct. 25th: Popular Revolutionary Bloc militants occupied the Ministries of Economy and Labor and demanded a 100% wage increase and an immediate reduction of consumer goods prices.

-- Oct. 30th: 300 people stormed the U.S. embassy but were driven back. Their leaflets said: "Down with imperialism, we want to live in peace."

-- Dec. 14th: 30 television workers occupied the Communications Center and demanded a wage increase while 2,000 marched against unemployment.

-- Throughout December agricultural workers began occupying plantations, the El Porvenir coffee plantation, the Entre Rios Cotton Gin, at least 14 other sugar plantations and six other cotton mills.

based on the imperialist exploitation of the world.

In order to finish with imperialism, all illusions in bourgeois democracy must be finished. And in order to continue the Latin American revolution to its conclusion imperialism must be destroyed.

This is the essential lie put forward by Castro and his pseudo-Trotskyist supporters: that the revolution in the Latin American continent can succeed in the national framework set by the radical nationalists, that there can be political independence from imperialism without destroying it, and secondly, that the American revolution is impossible, that only "democratic rights" can be successfully fought for.

The Fourth International and the Trotskyist Organization/USA fight to directly link every struggle of the two proletariats. In reality, these struggles are already linked by the fact that the American proletariat -- blacks, Latinos, immigrants -- is in the main a product of imperialist exploitation. Our common goal must be THE UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLICS OF THE TWO AMERICAS!

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D.H.

In recent weeks revolutionaries have taken over working class districts and organized attacks on the National Guard.

U.S. imperialism and its puppets have exploited the El Salvadorean masses for decades. These masses produce coffee, sugar and cotton, with 47% of El Salvador's exports going to the U.S. and other imperialist countries which set the prices and set them low.

Over 80% of the people are forced to subsist on 33% of this already reduced national income. "Foreign aid," \$11 million in 1978, doesn't begin to compensate for what the U.S. has stolen. Average income is \$503 a year.

U.S. Undersecretary of State William Bowdler is supposed to be meeting with Gutierrez and Majano this week to plan their counter-attack.

Since Oct. 15th, when the U.S. forced out long-time dictator Humberto Romero and replaced him with Gutierrez and Majano in an effort to head off another Nicaragua (the Oct. 15th "coup" was announced in the Sept. 17th NEW YORK TIMES), these two have promised "to break down the absolute economic structure... to allow everyone to participate," "a new social order within a democratic-republican system," "elections." Yet thousands of people have been denounced as "leftist extremists." At least 600 have been murdered. Twenty-five agricultural workers occupying El Porvenir were executed and buried in a mass grave Dec. 18th. Government troops sur-

for the Construction of in the Two Americas!

Victory to the Oil Workers!

Workers of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union (OCAW) are striking the large oil refineries in the U.S. Beyond the economic issues of wages and benefits, and the safety issues, the strike raises political questions. In fact, every strike in the U.S. today cannot help but confront Carter's austerity plan.



The oil companies, whose profits last year were exorbitant (over 100% increases in year to year profits were common) are refusing to offer more than a 9% wage increase over the life of the two-year agreement. And they refuse to give the oil workers full company-paid health benefits which are common gains of workers in other major industries like auto.

The health issue is very important among oil workers who are exposed to all manner of chemical hazards. The belt of refineries along the Gulf Coast is referred to as "Cancer Alley" for this reason. Rates of cancer among oil and chemical workers are significantly higher than among the general population.

In a period in which inflation is running at plus-15% a year and in which the drive for "oil self-sufficiency" by the U.S. bourgeoisie is sweeping health and environmental hazards under the rug, the oil workers' demands directly come up against the Carter administration, its "energy plan," and its demands for more "sacrifices."

This strike, together with isolated strikes in the auto industry (Volkswagen,

West Virginia; International Harvester, Chicago) show that the American working class is not passive. It also shows that all the patriotic hysteria against "greedy Arabs" is not going over either.

The fundamental problem facing the oil workers' strike, the same one facing every worker, is that the most minimal demands of workers are not going to be won outside of class war. The arguments of trade union leaders, who basically agree with the necessity for more sacrifices by workers, are pure treachery. Oil workers can learn a valuable lesson from the "Save Chrysler" movement in auto, a movement that has not saved one job for one worker. In fact, by disarming the autoworkers politically, it has resulted in mass layoffs. Outside of seeing every struggle of the workers today as a matter of which class will rule, even small victories for economic gains are practically impossible.

It is not just the oil workers who face this attack. Every worker in the United States must choose his side -- with Carter and the bosses or with the revolution and the working class. Therefore, the most important issue for the oil workers is not economic, but POLITICAL. NO CONCESSIONS!
January 27, 1980
D.H.

Chile

Workers Regain the Initiative

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

4,000 copper miners in Chile are now on strike, defying their fascist "union" leaders and shutting down the state-owned El Teniente mine where one third of the nation's copper is produced.

This is the first major strike since Augusto Pinochet took power Sept. 11, 1973 in a fascist coup inspired and financed by the leading imperialist corporations and the government of the U.S.

Copper miners have always been in the forefront of the struggle in Chile.

-- They led the fight in the early 60's to expropriate American corporations, which owned the mines and reaped superprofits off the workers, against Christian Democratic President Eduardo Frei who collaborated with the imperialists.

-- They were in the forefront of the combat against the Allende regime which claimed to represent the workers, was supported by the Kremlin, Castro and the pseudo-Trotskyists but also refused to fully expropriate the imperialists copper companies and arm the workers. It was thus unable to meet the demands of the oppressed masses, caused the middle classes to lose confidence in what they thought was a Marxist, working class government and paved the way for Pinochet.

Today the "state," i.e., Pinochet and Co., own the copper mines and send the U.S. government alone \$33 million in repayment of their debt. The average worker in Chile, where prices are similar to ones in the U.S., makes \$100 a month.

The strike, according to a worker inter-

viewed by the NEW YORK TIMES, is not just against the government's "offer," (a 9% increase which together with a reduction in production bonuses is an actual decrease), but also against the government's policy toward workers in general.

Thus it is also a strike against U.S. imperialism, "human rights" and Jimmy Carter. Last fall, Pinochet, under Carter's guidance, in an effort to block the reconstitution of the Chilean proletariat and give his fascist regime a human face, declared a state of seige in the copper mines, banned dozens of unions, rounded up hundreds of militants and then declared that there would be "free elections" in the unions. Last month Pinochet, again with Carter's advice, declared there would be "free elections" in all of Chile.

The copper miners' strike shows that the working class in Latin America, even in Chile, despite all the lies and torture, has definitively regained the initiative and will not accept U.S. imperialism and its fascist puppets, even with a human face.

It shows that a dictator in one country, even with imperialism's support, even with the theoretical and practical disarmament of the working class by Stalinism and centrism cannot "exterminate Marxism" because it represents the interests of the only progressive class on the planet.

Victory to the Chilean copper miners strike! Victory to the revolution!
January 29, 1980

rounded the Entre Rios Cotton Gin with planes, helicopters, tanks and machine guns, and murdered eight striking workers.

The Stalinist led National Democratic Union has withdrawn its representatives from the government. They claim the junta has "shifted to the right," so they now "support" armed struggle and revolution. As of Jan. 7th, two or three dozen others had followed, including Salvador Samayoa, ex-Minister of Education. He called a press conference and announced he was joining the Popular Liberation Forces.

While the masses of El Salvador are breaking with their last illusions in imperialist democracy and its puppets, their only organized leadership is not. The People's Revolutionary Bloc, the United Front for People's Action and the February 28 People's League have formed a "National Coordinating Committee" calling for "an armed people's revolution" which will "guarantee democratic freedoms and rights to the entire people...establish real democracy," adhering to the resolutions of the Conference of Non-Aligned Nations, and including the Stalinists and other ex-members of the imperialist puppet regime.

This committee, formed in the presence of representatives of what's left of the pseudo-Trotskyist USec, and saluted by the American Stalinist Party and the Sandinista National Liberation Front, issued the call for Tuesday's general strike then responded to the government assassinations with a call for three days of mourning.

But now is not the time to mourn! Avenge the assassinations of Jan. 22nd! Down with U.S. imperialism's puppets! A Worker-Peasant Government!

January 25, 1980
M.G.

The Iranian Revolution is Our Revolution... Defend it!

Around the world the youth are taking up the combat to destroy the terrorist state of U.S. imperialism and the international Stalinist apparatus. This fight shows a revolutionary unity among the workers, students and masses of oppressed people in every corner of the world. For the working class to live, to do more than merely exist and represent statistics for the vicious ruling class, it must be organized into the preparation of the world revolution. INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD/USA, U.S. Detachment of the Revolutionary Youth International is leading the struggle to organize the young proletariat by leading the struggle for the revolution. **FOR THE RIGHT OF THE YOUTH TO ORGANIZE! TO THE ATTACK!**

In this framework, the IYG/USA has developed a petition campaign for the defense of the Iranian Revolution. **THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION IS OUR RE-**

VOLUTION -- DEFEND IT! We are fighting to defend and advance the armed insurrection of the workers and young militants of Iran against the butcher Shah and the treacherous Carter regime which supported the Shah through thick and thin and continues to protect him today. There is, without question, a workers revolution in Iran. **DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM!** The young militants in Iran demand that the U.S. government be held responsible to the workers of the world for crimes against them.

Youth in the U.S., this is your fight. This same imperialism is responsible for throwing you out of the factories, holding you prisoner in their rotting schools, and making your future one of confusion and war against your brothers and sisters in other lands. Our future is the international mobilization of the workers and youth for the world revolution. Its prepara-

tion must be immediate.

IYG/USA is developing this campaign to link the advanced American youth with their Iranian comrades in the U.S. and abroad. Only by constructing the international party of the revolution can the world proletariat be united to smash U.S. imperialism and its Stalinist agents. In this way we can deal with the lies about the Iranian Revolution -- that it's the work of fanatics, religious crazies, or terrorists. We can deal with the illusions the youth in the U.S. have in "democracy," or the national illusions of the Iranian people. The struggle for freedom, for **WORKERS DEMOCRACY** underlies our daily fight.

The petition campaign of the IYG/USA takes on a real significance in face of the mobilization of the workers and oppressed throughout the world and especially in the Middle-East and Latin America.

The struggle for revolutionary consciousness among the youth must persist with all the tenacity that only the youth can exhibit. The American workers and youth play a key role in defending the advances of the Iranian Revolution against the police state -- play a key role in waging a combat against the police state of bourgeois and bureaucrats throughout Europe.

The petition campaign has been an important fight. We have had good results at Wayne State University, Wayne County Community College Downtown and Downriver, downtown Detroit, and at several Detroit-area auto factories. A combat for the American and world revolution, for a workers government. This is the fight of every worker and youth. Defend the revolution on the march today -- as **A SHOW OF FORCE ON THE SIDE OF THE REVOLUTION!**
January 30, 1980
R.T.

Greensboro

The Best Memorial is the Army of the Youth!

By ANN NELSON

There will be a march and demonstration in Greensboro, North Carolina on February 2 where five members of the Communist Workers Party (CWP) were murdered by the KKK on November 3, 1979.

"To commemorate the last twenty years of struggle" and to have a "peaceful nonviolent mobilization" are the reasons for the demonstration say its organizers the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO). These reasons

are echoed by the pseudo-Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

It was this attitude of non-violence which allowed local black ministers to be persuaded by police not to hold a memorial service. The police, however, are not bound by such a philosophy and were two blocks away during the murders.

What 20 years of the civil rights movement has really shown is that "nonviolence" is a cover for class collaboration -- peaceful change and reform through the Democratic Party.

But it is the Democratic Party, particularly in the South, which instructs the police and when it is desperate, the Klan.

The murder of the CWPers was not caused by a "growing right wing movement" as the pseudo-Trotskyists say. The real movement that is growing in the South, from Newport News to Houston, is the workers movement. It is this deepening mobilization of Southern workers that the Democratic Party wants to stop and this is why they have unleashed the Klan. It is not often mentioned that the

five murdered CWPers were also unionists.

The Klan can be stopped by the Southern working class and blacks who refuse the class collaboration of the SCLC, IFCO, NAACP and SWP. They can be stopped by a working class which is independent politically and armed to defend itself. Workers defense guards should be fought for in unions. The Revolutionary Youth International is fighting for these things. It is not nonviolent -- it's building an army of the youth!
January 25, 1980

A Daily Struggle for the Revolution

By RICH TETRAULT

For the working class and its youth to live, capitalism must die. To the youth in the U.S. this means an immediate break with the decaying society of the American ruling class in a daily struggle for the American and World Revolution.

International Young Guard/USA, U.S. Detachment of the Revolutionary Youth International, is fighting to construct itself as an army of the youth, as the U.S. Detachment of the World Army of the Socialist Revolution. Its struggle as an army is to politically arm and develop young revolutionaries, to break the youth from the lies and treachery of the bourgeoisie and its servants in the trade union bureaucracies and pseudo-revolutionary parties.

At a recent meeting of the International Young Guard/USA, several Iranian students were invited to attend and join in the discussion of constructing the IYG/USA. The discussion focused on the nature of the Iranian Revolution, the petition campaign of the IYG/USA to organize the defense of the Iranian Revolution, and the role of the American working class in defending the Iranian Revolution as OUR REVOLUTION.

But how does someone go about "defending a revolution"? This question demands a clear response. First, we unconditionally defend militant workers and youth who make a fight against U.S. imperialism. Likewise, we defend the world working class against the Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin which functions as a servant and enforcer for U.S. imperialism. It must be made clear that imperialism and Stalinism are not rivals, are not "two superpowers" battling for control of the world. It is not Russian aggression that we are seeing in Afghanistan but the TERRORIST REARMAMENT OF THE HOLY ALLIANCE. On this basis U.S. imperialism and Stalinism, policeman of the world and servant, will move to a higher level of repression and exploitation, will further subordinate the workers and masses of oppressed around the world to the TERRORIST STATE OF BOURGEOIS AND BUREAUCRATS.

Much of our discussion centered on organizing an offensive among American workers and youth for the American and world revolution. Comrade H. (Iranian comrades will be identified by initials) in responding to a statement concerning the strength of U.S. imperialism said, "We have everything in

the U.S. to fight the bourgeoisie. If the international people make a fight they can defeat U.S. imperialism. We have to go forward, cannot say U.S. imperialism is too strong. U.S. imperialism is the weakest point in the world."

The idea that we cannot make a fight because the enemy is too strong must be immediately and decisively put to rest. The future of the workers and youth is at stake today. It is not a question of imperialism being too strong but the reality is that the army of the workers and youth must be organized and constructed in order to wage the decisive battle.

As Comrade H. said, "We have to go forward. . ." For the youth in the U.S. this must be clear. Passivity in face of the counterrevolution will guarantee certain victory for the Carters and Brezhnevs over the international proletariat. An offensive on the part of the workers and youth around the world has brought on the attacks by the bourgeoisie, has stirred the forces of the counterrevolution. Only the continued offensive of the working class, the DAILY STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD REVOLUTION, can guarantee victory for the international proletariat.

In face of the world revolution on the march today, U.S. imperialism indeed "is the weakest point in the world." The youth in the U.S. play a key role in crumbling the foundation of that apparatus and thereby linking with the Iranian Revolution.

IYG/USA focuses its forces on preparing an offensive among American workers and youth to defend the revolutions in the Middle East and Latin America. In doing this a deep discussion about the revolution in Iran is necessary. Necessary to educate and arm the American working class to the treachery of the American "democracy" -- the freedom of the bourgeoisie to murder people and destroy nations in order to maintain domination over the workers, youth and oppressed masses -- all in the name of "democracy." A necessary discussion to identify and isolate the illusions and prejudices that are developed by American "democracy" to separate American workers and youth from their allies around the world.

Comrade H. summarized this point in saying, "This is like my country [the U.S.], it doesn't matter what nation [you're in] you have to fight imperialism." The youth in the U.S. and throughout the globe must see the world as their home. We have no nation but are united on the basis of our class, the working class and its history of struggle for power.

American youth, stand with the revolution, with the young militants around the world who demand DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM! This is our fight, our future in constructing a new society. The Iranian youth in the U.S. and in their homeland continue the struggle even under the most repressive conditions. Comrade A. tells us, "the FBI is looking for active

people. They offer money, look for informants, and if they don't cooperate they charge them with threatening to kill Carter."

Comrade M.A. said, "the FBI told an Iranian friend that if he cooperated they would give him 25 credit hours in school." Reports from Iranian students indicate that some Iranian students have been murdered and several young Iranian women have been raped. This is the "democracy" that the burnt-out generations around us are speaking of.

Honest workers and youth in the U.S. must demand the truth about the Iranian Revolution and the attacks against the Iranian youth in the U.S. We must wage a combat for workers democracy against the lies and betrayal of the bourgeois state.

IYG/USA, the Revolutionary Youth International as a whole, is fighting to construct just such a leadership in the independent mobilization of the masses of workers, youth and oppressed. Anything short of constructing an international leadership for the world revolution, the Fourth International, is nothing but a diversion and a false solution.

The struggle is a daily one and in it many are won to our side and several are lost. Comrade H. makes clear, "No, you can't fight step by step. You have to see who are the best fighters around you." Indeed the best fighters, the best thinkers and propagandists, and the ones most capable of enlisting others into the struggle for independence, for the revolution, for a society without classes.

IYG/USA fights to make clear to the youth in the U.S. and throughout the Americas that the revolution is on the agenda and further, is on the march around the world. The youth of IYG/USA along with our Iranian comrades stand with the revolution -- unconditionally. From this perspective we are open to discuss with anyone or any organization how to best defend and advance the revolution.

DOWN WITH THE TERRORIST REARMAMENT OF THE HOLY ALLIANCE!

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A Workers Party is our Our Fight!

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

The 1980 elections are bringing with them a whole host of "third party" attempts. One of these, the "Citizens Party," held its launching rally in Detroit last weekend and is probably running Barry Commoner, the ecologist, for President. It features such opportunists as Ken Cockrel and Ed Sadlowski. Another, of greater historical importance in the American workers movement, is the "labor party," which has found some supporters in the California AFL-CIO and is being pushed by the pseudo-Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party.

The emergence of these so-called alternatives to the traditional hegemony of the Democratic Party over reform movements is not accidental. It is linked to the deep crisis which any worker or youth can see today in American imperialism, and hence American "democracy" which is based on imperialism. It is inevitable in a period of deep crisis of the Democratic Party that attempts at "third parties" should emerge. What is not inevitable, is that these parties offer any alternative whatsoever to either the Democratic Party or the rotten BOURGEOIS democracy it is based on.

As revolutionaries, the bottom line is that we are opposed to any bourgeois parties or parties based on class exploitation. In the U.S., the Fourth International and the Trotskyist Organization/USA fight for the WORKERS PARTY. The natural question which is being asked by any conscious youth who has come in contact with the attempts at "third parties," is: Are they real alternatives to this system?

This is not some kind of squabble over a name -- at least not on our part. The fact is though, that names like "labor party" and "Citizens Party" have been completely compromised by the history of the workers movement. American workers are familiar with the British Labor Party which squeezed the life-blood out of the British working class in the name of "sacrifices." It wouldn't hurt for American workers to be even MORE familiar with this treacherous party that claims to be for "labor." But at any rate, all the ideas about a nice, gradual development of the struggle for reforms associated with the "labor party" are poison for the American working class. There never was a struggle of American workers that wasn't confronted from the very start by the bloodstained hands of

the American bourgeoisie.

The SWP likes to talk about the fact that Trotsky proposed a fight for a labor party in the U.S., but the fact is that even Trotsky recognized the significance of the name. "...The question was not of a labor party in the specific British sense of that word but in the European sense, without designating what form such a party would take..." And in the same letter, he states, "We can admit hypothetically that the American trade union bureaucracy will be forced, under certain historical conditions, to imitate the British trade union bureaucracy in creating a kind of party based on the trade unions. But that eventuality, which appears to me very problematical, does not constitute an aim for which the Communists must strive and on which one must concentrate the attention of the proletarian vanguard."

Actually, "compromise" is the best name for the "labor party" and the Citizens Party. Even though different political currents are behind the two parties, they are essentially the same. The expressed intention that these parties will lead to the revolutionary reconstruction of capitalist society is a FICTION. The reality is that these parties are based on disaffected liberals, anti-worker radicals and the trade union bureaucracy -- sectors of American "labor" and "Citizenry" who are completely linked up with all the attempts to restore American "democracy," meaning American imperialism, to its former place.

The Citizens Party probably has the most attraction for the youth in the United States because it sounds "new" and contains the names of many prominent ex-radicals. Nevertheless, it is basically only a warmed-over version of Dr. Spock and the Peace and Freedom Party, an attempt to trap the most militant youth.

These two parties have in common the perspective of a gradual evolution toward a more "progressive" society, whatever that is. Says Pete Camarata, known in Detroit for his reform campaigns in the Teamsters Union, "Everybody knows it is gonna be 10, 15, or 20 years down the road and there's no guarantee they're going to get any return." Camarata is a supporter of the International Socialists which is backing the Citizens Party. And admittedly he made these remarks before the Citizens Party was actually formed -- at a convention of Teamsters

for a Democratic Union. But these words are very revealing for a kind of fight that these fakers see.

The fight for the WORKERS PARTY is therefore not a fight for another version of the "third party." It is the fight for the revolution. And while

the Trotskyists are for taking every opportunity to put forward a revolutionary alternative in the 1980 elections, we are totally opposed to any notion that the Socialist Revolution and the Workers Government can be "voted in."

January 29, 1980

Citizens Party Wants "Cheaper" Imperialist Army

The Citizens Party held its first national rally opening up its 1980 election campaign in Detroit, January 18th. A crowd of about 250 people, most of them over 30, heard Mark Levitan, Citizens Party president; Ken Cockrel, self-proclaimed "Marxist and socialist" Detroit City Councilman; and Barry Commoner, scientist turned liberal politician from Washington University in St. Louis.

The Citizens Party claims to have "different principles" than the imperialist parties, the Democrats and Republicans. They bill themselves as a "real alternative" in the 1980 elections for the "100 million Americans of voting age who expressed their confidence in the two party system by staying home on election day."

Who does the Citizens Party count in its ranks? 1) people who once claimed to be revolutionaries who have long since given up even the name -- Mark Levitan and Ken Cockrel; 2) union leaders like Ed Sadlowski of the United Steel Workers Union who have always been loyal supporters of Democrats -- 3) Julian Bond, a Democratic State Senator in Georgia some years back.

Present at the Detroit rally, and proudly pointed out by the chairman were Zolton Ferency, long-time Democrat in Michigan, and Congressman John Conyers, a Democrat in the House of Representatives from Detroit.

The purpose of creating the Citizens Party is to isolate and confuse workers and youth seeking a road forward from the imperialist parties in the 1980 elections. To prevent them from forging a truly INDEPENDENT path which can only be done in a struggle AGAINST ANY IDEA THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS A "DEMOCRACY."

To put it another way, "can

a nation be free if it oppresses other nations?" The Citizens Party joins in a loud chorus with the Democrats and Republicans-- 'YES!'

After moaning that the "hostages in Iran are one more problem like inflation and 200,00 laid off autoworkers," Barry Commoner said, "the government doesn't expect the army to run at a profit, why should the railroads?" The hell they don't!

The U.S. army is the single greatest "profit-making" organization in the history of the world. With its army and its police, the U.S. government protects and ensures the flow of profits made off the backs of people around the world and in the United States. It's the National Guard and police that went into the black communities to crush their rebellion. And it is the Navy that the U.S. parked in the Persian Gulf as a threat against the revolution in the Middle East!

In fact, it has been the DEFEAT of U.S. imperialism by the oppressed people of the world that has caused the stock market to fall, gold prices to soar, and thrown the government into a political crisis!

Is the Citizens Party for stopping at once U.S. imperialism. No. They are for "reducing" the military budget. Their difference with the imperialist parties can be measured in dollars and cents. And that is no "principle."

The only Party worth building and fighting for is the party that has no compromise with this "democracy," a party that unites the struggle of American workers and youth with that of the world revolution -- the Workers Party, U.S. Section of the Fourth International.

F.V.

January 27, 1980

Workers Occupy U.S. Steel

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, January 28. A demonstration of several hundred steel workers at the offices of U.S. Steel Corporation turned into an occupation of the bosses' headquarters. More than a hundred out of the large crowd gathered to protest the liquidation of two plants, smashed down the glass doors of U.S. Steel and entered the office building demanding to speak to the corporate chairman, David M. Roderick.

Over the last two years, over 10,000 steelworkers have been put out in the streets by plant closings in the Youngstown area alone. The two new plants to be shut down would eliminate more than 3,500 more jobs. A NEW YORK TIMES article says paintings of steel mills were torn down from the lobby of the headquarters and raised to the roof. It quotes a worker saying the reason for this was "to show the world what our ancestors built and what we are going to have taken away from us."

The president of the United

Steel Workers local involved denounced the "violence" in typical bureaucratic form. The only thing that the USW has done to stop the plant closing is to take the case to federal court. A fat lot of good that will do.

The definition that says it is not violent to institute plant shutdowns and mass layoffs, yet it is "violent" to stop them is straight from the dictionary of the American bourgeoisie. The steelworkers actions must be hailed as a forceful answer to the calls for "sacrifices" that are heard from every corner of government and politics. The plant shutdowns in steel are obviously linked to those in the auto industry as part of the intensification of the austerity measures laid out by Carter in his call for "national unity."

At the same time there are great dangers still ahead for steelworkers and autoworkers. The worst danger is that of the political atmosphere which Carter and the American bourgeoisie are trying to create of national

chauvinism and intimidation.

Both the steelworkers and the autoworkers unions heads have launched vicious attacks on foreign workers in the disguise of attacks on excess "imports." In reality, the issue of "foreign imports" is being used to support the American ruling class in a time of crisis. All these arguments have the common denominator that the working class is responsible for the layoffs because of declining productivity, cheap labor in foreign countries, or the "energy threat" from the countries in the Middle East.

In one sense, the working class has caused this crisis. The offensive of the workers in the colonial and semi-colonial world, and the refusal of the U.S. working class to accept the politics of "sacrifices" is the source of the political crisis of U.S. imperialism. But at the same time, the ultimate blame must be laid squarely on the shoulders of capitalism, a

system which has nothing left to offer humanity.

The road to victory lies in the unity of steelworkers and autoworkers against Carter's austerity plans. More than any sector of the working class, they have the power to lead such a confrontation. The entire struggle will finally be decided much the same way as the occupation of U.S. Steel's headquarters was, by the independent actions of the workers themselves.

• FOR THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE!
A NATIONAL CONVENTION of workers delegates elected democratically in the factories. For workers committees and committees of unemployed youth to fight Carter's austerity. For a workers solution to the layoffs and plant shutdowns -- NATIONALIZE AUTO AND STEEL UNDER WORKERS CONTROL! For FACTORY OCCUPATIONS and MASS PICKETING to enforce the workers' demands.
January 30, 1980
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What is the Future for Uniroyal Workers ?

By BARBARA PUTNAM

DETROIT--January 23. After months of "speculation" the Uniroyal bosses announced they will close two of their five operations in the U.S. One is the Uniroyal Jefferson plant in Detroit, the other in Chicopee, Massachusetts, throwing 3,300 more workers into the streets.

The tire industry, floundering in the wake of the crisis in auto, has no future under the executives of Uniroyal.

Their concern is only to maintain profits. They are closing unionized plants and forcing the bulk of tire production from the north to the non-union plant in Ardmore, Oklahoma, which already produces over half of

the company's tires.

In the name of "salability" and "profitability" they are taking the opportunity to attack the gains of the organized section of the rubber workers.

Peter Bommarito, President of the United Rubber Workers union accepts all the "economic" rationalizations of the imperialist bosses. He declined to say whether or not the union will sit on its hands while the plants are closed down. The existing contract supposedly requires the company to negotiate such a move with the union, but Bommarito is already talking about severance pay, concluding his remarks saying the average

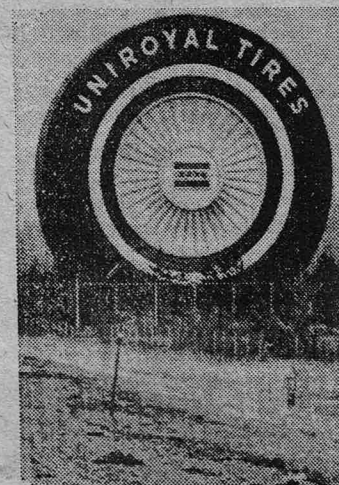
rubber worker gets "close to \$400 a week." (By 1979 the U.S. dollar was worth 43 cents).

City officials have been negotiating for over a year with Uniroyal to get the company to stay in Detroit, but have given up hope after the closure of Dodge Main showed them "the writing on the wall." Maryann Mahaffy, President pro tem of the City Council, wants to "investigate the effects on Detroit's economy" and set up an "early warning system."

But we don't need "an early warning system" to tell us what is going to happen. The imperialist bosses have no answer to the demand for a better life

now, nothing but plant closures and attacks on the standard of living of the working class. The Uniroyal workers must take up the struggle against the plant closures using their own methods because they can't depend on Maryann Mahaffy and Peter Bommarito to resolve their future

The only "early warning system" workers need is their own leadership to PREPARE their confrontations with the bosses and their lackeys in a fight to take over the rubber factories and finish with a system that throws workers in the streets.
January 28, 1980



DEFEND THE IRANIAN MILITANTS!

Two Iranian students have been arrested by the Secret Service and imprisoned on charges of "making threats to take the life of the President of the United States." The arrests were made Gestapo-style based on the testimony of the students' landlord. The landlord had been arrested earlier for discharging a weapon while drunk, and later was "convinced" that the Iranian students had threatened the life of the President while in his presence.

Mehdi Fazalzadeh-Haghighi and Mehran Abdeshah were arrested in Detroit and Washington, D.C. respectively. In an interview with their friends, TRUTH learned that the FBI and the Secret Service have stepped up their witch-hunt against Iranian militants. Agents are using every pretext to enter Iranian students' homes, and have

reportedly offered money and other inducements to Iranians if they give information or names to police. Iranian students have simply "laughed in their faces," in response to the bungling efforts of the FBI.

The INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD and the Trotskyist Organization/USA are building an open defense campaign to defend these militants, and we call on all organizations, unions and workers to support it. DROP ALL CHARGES AGAINST IRANIAN MILITANTS! DEFEND THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION!

These arrests show the tremendous lie of American "democracy." The charges were so trumped up that those of "threatening the life" of Carter were dropped at the first hearing. NEVERTHELESS, THE ORIGINAL COMPLAINT STILL STANDS

AND IS BEING USED TO INDISCRIMINATELY HUNT DOWN IRANIANS AND REVOLUTIONARIES WHO DEFEND THEM.

The real meaning of Carter's "national unity" is obvious. All those who disagree with the President in this "time of crisis" are criminals and terrorists -- a new definition of "democracy" and a more honest one at that.

How many workers have cursed Carter and thought of ridding humanity of one more corrupt bourgeois politician? A thousand, a hundred thousand, a million? These witch-hunt laws will be turned against all the youth who are sick and tired of this rotten system.

Reportedly, Iranian students in other parts of the country have been not only jailed but also murdered. These arrests and political assassinations

are linked to the murders by the KKK in Greensboro last year. It is not a sign of a "strengthened right wing" as many political observers have concluded, but a result of the open protection and support for terrorist acts against the working class and the youth by Carter's government.

If anything this shows the desperate PANIC of Carter and the American bourgeoisie, not their strength. The lessons of the Iranian revolution, which Carter would like to drown in blood, are that U.S. IMPERIALISM CAN BE DEFEATED.

Join us in this struggle.
DEFEND THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION!
January 28, 1980
TRUTH

Down With U.S. Imperialism!

Free Mehdi Fazalzadeh-Haghighi and Mehran Abdeshah!

Stop the Attacks on Iranian Students in the U.S.!

Declaration of the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International

The International Executive Committee of the Fourth International calls on all workers and youth throughout the world to undertake an immediate campaign for the liberation of Mehdi Fazalzadeh-Haghighi and Mehran Abdeshah, victims of the terrorist government of Jimmy "human rights" Carter.

Mehdi Fazalzadeh-Haghighi and Mehran Abdeshah were arrested by the U.S. Secret Service (special police force charged with "protection" of the President of the U.S.) on January 18th for "threatening the life of the President." This lie and provocation did not even meet the test of imperialist bourgeois "justice" — the judge threw out this charge — but the students remain charged with possession of weapons and various "violations" of immigration laws.

The International Executive Committee of the Fourth International denounces this obvious provocation designed to hide U.S. imperialism's attack on the Iranian revolution in the name of "protecting the President" — in reality "protecting" the right of U.S. imperialism to remain the policeman of the world — designed to divide American workers from the struggle of their brothers and sisters in Iran, designed to prepare the way for further attacks on immigrant workers and youth.

It is in the name of "protecting the President" that U.S. imperialism is attempting to reinforce its role as policeman of the world — it is in the name of "protecting the President" that the American bourgeoisie with the aid of the Kremlin and the trade union bureaucracy is attempting to submit the American workers and youth to its plan for war and counterrevolution.

DOWN WITH CARTER!

DEFEND THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION!

The International Executive Committee of the Fourth International calls on all workers and youth, especially in the U.S. and the advanced capitalist countries to stop this reactionary attack on the rights of all workers and youth.

While the imperialist bourgeoisie cries its hypocritical tears about the invasion of Afghanistan — it tramples on the democratic rights of workers and youth in the U.S.!

DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM!

FREE MEHDI FAZELZADEH-HAGHIGHI AND MEHRAN ABDESHAHI!

NO DEPORTATIONS! STOP THE ATTACKS ON IRANIAN STUDENTS IN THE U.S.!

January 27, 1980

Form A. O. 91 (Rev. 10-1-77) Complaint

United States District Court
FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN - SOUTHERN DIVISION

Magistrate's Docket No. **706009**
Case No.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.
MEHRAN ABDESHAH and
MEHDI FAZELZADEH-HAGHIGHI

COMPLAINT for VIOLATION of
U.S.C. Title 18
Section 871

1013 Federal Building
Address of Magistrate

BEFORE THOMAS A. CARLSON
Judge of Magistrate

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:
That on or about Oct., Nov., & Dec., 1979, at Detroit, Michigan

in the

Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division

(1) MEHRAN ABDESHAH and FAZELZADEH-HAGHIGHI, defendants herein,
did (1) knowingly and willfully make threats to take the life of the President of the United States, James Earl Carter, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §871.

And the complainant states that this complaint is based on his investigation as a Special Agent of the United States Secret Service, which revealed that from October, 1979 through December 1, 1979 (just prior to and during the Iranian Crisis Situation in Tehran, Iran) Mehran Abdeshah and Mehdi Fazalzadeh-Haghighi (Iranian students) made repeated threats to "kill" President Carter and the Shah of Iran in the presence of their apartment manager, Elick Verdulla, while at 624 W. Alexandrine, Apt. B-1, Detroit, Michigan. That both subjects were arrested by Campus Security Officers of the Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan on October 14, 1979, charged with having in their possession a sawed-off Japanese model 7.7 mm rifle (overall length 20", 9 1/2" barrel). That subsequent to their arrest, Mehran Abdeshah and Mehdi Fazalzadeh-Haghighi approached Elick Verdulla and requested that he assist them in securing "weapons". That both subjects have been known to associate with Mohammad Kasraie (Iranian student) for whom an arrest warrant has been issued in the Southern District of New York charging him with "Unlawful Conduct At The Statue of Liberty" during an Anti-American demonstration. That Mehran Abdeshah is known to be a soldier of the Iranian Army, whose present whereabouts are unknown. Affiant has personally interviewed Elick Verdulla. Both defendants are currently absent from this jurisdiction in violation of their visas according to immigration officials.

The undersigned believes the above to be true through personal interviews and investigation and he further states that Elick Verdulla is a

see material witnesses in relation to this charge.

H. CRAIG SPRAGGINS
Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence, 19____
THOMAS A. CARLSON
THOMAS A. CARLSON
Judge of Magistrate

(1) Exact name of person
(2) Exact statement of the essential facts constituting the offense charged
FBI FD-570 (10-6-77)

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