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# MOBILIZE AGAINST THE DRAFT!

- Thousands of blacks and youth forced into the army for lack of jobs
- Million of oppressed from El Salvador to Iran must defend themselves from the real "barbarians" — U.S. imperialist rulers

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

The weekend of February 13-15, hundreds of youth will meet in Detroit for a National Conference of the Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD).

The political strategy that the participants in this Conference will map out for the anti-draft movement will be of enormous importance not only for American youth, but for the youth and the exploited of the entire world. This conference has two choices — it can tie the anti-draft movement to a pacifist and reformist policy of pressure on the U.S. government, a government which millions of youth here and abroad know cannot be reformed, or it can base the anti-draft movement on the struggle of young fighters from Poland to El Salvador and solidarize itself with the world revolution.

**HANDS OFF THE POLISH REVOLUTION!  
UNCONDITIONAL DEFENSE OF  
THE REVOLUTION IN IRAN AND  
EL SALVADOR!**

In his first press conference, Ronald Reagan was asked about "detente" and the intentions of the Soviet Union. He replied, "their goal must be the promotion of world revolution." Even the NEW YORK TIMES felt it necessary to inform Reagan that for the last six decades the last thing the Stalinist

bureaucracy has been interested in is "world revolution."

How can Reagan say something so obviously stupid when right now the Kremlin has hundreds of thousands of troops poised to invade Poland, which is the most advanced point of the real world revolution today? When only months ago the Kremlin's troops marched into Afghanistan to prop up the bourgeois state and prevent the spread of the Iranian Revolution?

Reagan can make such hypocritical remarks in order to take the heat off U.S. imperialism which is still the foremost enemy of the world revolution today. He must say it because the revolution, in particular in Poland, has shattered the period of "peaceful coexistence" between the U.S. and the Kremlin. Now the revolution is pressing imperialism to the wall, provoking a blind response including sharp pressures on the Stalinist gangsters, their partners for almost 60 years in counter-revolution.

This is a blind response by imperialism which brings with it the real possibility of military intervention against the revolution in El Salvador and Iran. This is why millions of youth are opposed to the draft.

Let no one be fooled by Reagan's opposition to registration. Ten years ago, dozens of bourgeois politicians made their careers based on their supposed "opposi-



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## Murder of Rosanne Goustin — Police Provocation

Six months have passed since Rosanne Goustin, a revolutionary of the generation of 1968, was assassinated.

The assassins have been identified — Wendy Sue Heaton and Betty Abramson — but nothing has been done.

In a telephone conversation, the Humboldt County, California Sheriff's Office complained it had no leads, that the assassins have gone into hiding.

Since when do assassins hand out leads to their whereabouts? Of course they are hiding!

It's up to youth, revolutionaries, the entire workers movement to take as their own the struggle to avenge Rosanne's assassination. Thus, the Trotskyist Organization renews its call for a Commission of Inquiry to lead this fight.

The first task of this Commission is to unmask the lies that have been peddled about this assassination, lies that have served to blind the working class and protect the assassins; to expose the assassins, not only those who pulled the trigger but those who stood behind them and do to this day.

When Rosanne was killed the liberal Democratic Party newspaper THE MIAMI HERALD published articles by Fred Grimm saying she was killed as a result of a dispute over a land deal with The Tribal Thumb, an allegedly radical organization, and its Wellsprings Communion. In a later article (June 5, four days after Rosanne was shot), this paper said she was a victim of "an extremist subculture," that she was probably shot because she was trying to leave the group of which she was a member (and supposedly so are Heaton and Abramson).

Supporters of the Tribal Thumb and the Wellsprings Communion have described it as an unfortunate incident that shouldn't have happened. Still others have said that Rosanne was a "rat," a police informer, and also slandered the woman who identified her assassins.

These are all lies — from the liberal Democratic Party MIAMI HERALD to the miserable slanderers who show themselves to have nothing to do with the workers movement or the revolution by their charges, without one ounce of proof.

Rosanne Goustin was a revolutionary, someone who lived, worked and fought for the revolution for over a decade and in many different ways. Her life and work were described in an article by her brother published in TRUTH six months ago.

She was also a member of The Tribal Thumb and the Wellsprings Communion, organizations which SHE THOUGHT were revolutionary organizations, as they claimed to stand for the armed overthrow of the imperialist order and concentrated all their efforts on military training.

A year ago, as a result of discussions with the Trotskyist Organization, Rosanne began to question the politics of these organizations. Last June she decided to break with them and expressed interest in the Fourth International.

The Tribal Thumb and the Wellsprings Communion are organizations which are in fact influenced, if not fully dominated and controlled, by POLICE PROVOCATEURS, organizations which use peo-

ple to carry out thoroughly COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTS IN THE NAME OF THE REVOLUTION, in order to turn the masses of workers against the revolution.

This fact was revealed when a member of the group murdered prison reform advocate "Popeye" Jackson, and the FBI was forced to admit in a public trial that it had at least seven agents active in the group, one of whom was its "weapons instructor."

The Tribal Thumb, Wellsprings Communion, and the murder of "Popeye" Jackson are not isolated organizations and isolated incidents.

They reflect a method that (for example, the "Symbionese Liberation Army") has been developed into a fine art in California since revolutionary youth in the Free Speech Movement and the Black Panther Party first made the imperialists shake in their boots.

The results of this method were used as an excuse to reinforce police power in California, and now one of the major architects of this policy, Ronald Reagan, is in the White House!

Rosanne Goustin was murdered because her rupture with this organization, TOWARD THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, threatened not only this group influenced by police provocateurs, but an entire network of police provocation.

Her murder was designed to silence her,

others like her, AND INTIMIDATE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

Heaton and Abramson were not the only ones involved. The provocateurs in the group surely had knowledge of the plot. The San Francisco police have admitted they had the organization "under surveillance." And there is a good chance that the FBI had advance knowledge of the plot, as well as knowledge of the whereabouts of Heaton and Abramson today.

THE PROVOCATION IS NOT FINISHED. The police must be afraid that Rosanne shared her knowledge of this organization with her FRIENDS, FAMILY AND THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

The struggle to expose the assassination of Rosanne Goustin as a police provocation designed to protect the imperialist state, to punish her assassins, is a struggle against the rearmament of U.S. imperialism being led by Reagan and his cohorts from California.

We call on all youth, workers and working class organizations to join us in this struggle. This is the only way to advance the cause of the working class and protect it and its members from further provocation.

M.G.

(A first meeting of the Commission will be held in Detroit on March 7. Contact TRUTH if you would like to participate.)

## Who Fights the "Union Busters"?

On the eve of the ratification of the Chrysler Pact, a large variety of trade union officials, in collaboration with Wayne State University Labor Studies Department, held a Conference on "union-busting."

Most militants in the unions know the tactics of the bureaucrats and how they create diversions when there is a burning question in front of the workers. Any mass meeting in the workers movement at this particular moment could not avoid the rotten agreement between the UAW leadership and Chrysler to make the workers pay for the "saving" of Chrysler Corporation, without it's being consciously deceptive.

The unions are being busted from without and from within. But who will take responsibility for the unions as the only mass organizations of the American working class? This Conference only revealed the incapacity of the union officialdom to lead the struggle of the working class. In addition, it exposed the passivity and incapacities of the many organizations at the Conference claiming leadership of the working class.

A real danger exists from right-wing attacks and anti-union propaganda of the bourgeoisie. We of the Trotskyist Organization/USA who are fighting to build a struggle for independence for the unions and for a workers party take this into account and above all TAKE RESPONSIB-

BILITY FOR THE UNIONS. The danger of "union busting" is not to simply be dismissed as "the bureaucrats are union busters." Several organizations at the Conference said this.

This is true in the sense that the union bureaucracies have weakened the unions through a policy of "business unionism." They have made the unions just another business-like affair. A way to discipline and control workers.

If the desire of the workers is for independent unions, then the desire of the bureaucrats is for unions that they can control; not for freeing the working class and fighting for its interests, but to find a place for themselves in the class struggle as labor lieutenants.

But this is all common knowledge to most workers. What is a little different is that this Conference was held to rally the workers in support of their unions. But not in any real sense, only in the sense of defending the present leaderships, who are indeed under attack, as is the whole union movement.

We take as a task the defense of the unions, but this cannot be in any way separated from an offensive to free the unions, to organize a general strike against the Reagan regime which seeks to regiment the unions and destroy their fighting capacity.

BARBARA PUTNAM

# Organize the General Strike!

Open Letter of the Secretariat of the Trotskyist Organization/USA to the Socialist Workers Party

On the first weekend of the new year militants of the Trotskyist Organization/USA (sympathizing) section of the Fourth International, made a proposal to the Young Socialist Alliance convention for a common struggle to defend the independence of the unions. The outlines of the proposal were contained in a leaflet which called for a common fight to defend the free trade unions in Eastern Europe and the USSR as well as a united front of combat for the independence of the unions in the United States. And it proposed a first step: Reject the Chrysler pact.

As we write this letter, the latest package of "concessions" to Chrysler has passed by only a 3 to 2 margin — and this after Fraser called the proposal accepted even before all the votes were counted, and with the abstention of MORE THAN HALF of the Chrysler workers. We think this shows that the basis for a large struggle existed and that it could have TURNED THE TIDE.

At a second opportunity, a public meeting sponsored by The Militant Forum in Detroit, where the topic was the Chrysler concessions, militants of the TO/USA proposed to all the tendencies present — which included several workers, Pete Kelly of the RANK-AND-FILE EXCHANGE who was speaking that night, and the SWP — a common struggle to ORGANIZE THE GENERAL STRIKE as the only concrete means to defend the independence of the unions. We said at this meeting that Chrysler workers WILL fight if they see an alternative that is a COMBAT and see the means to organize this combat. Several workers, including the speaker, Pete Kelly, also spoke to the necessity of preparing the general strike, spoke of a definite mood of combativeness which existed in the autoworkers movement.

Less than two weeks passed before 1,100 Ford workers from the UAW Local 900 signed a petition for a Special Convention of the UAW and demanded a policy of NO CONCESSIONS from the UAW bureaucrats.

We have addressed this letter particularly to the SWP, but it applies to every tendency in the workers movement because EVERY TENDENCY WILL DEFINE ITSELF BY THE STAND IT TAKES TOWARD THE TASK OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL STRIKE. It is a question of a test to which every organization will be submitted before the revolution, which has taken a turn of sharp combat of the classes after the outbreak of the Polish Revolution and the whole upsurge of the revolution on the world scale.

We therefore propose the following common combat to all tendencies in the workers movement — to the parties, unions and militants:

(1) ORGANIZE THE GENERAL STRIKE, MAKE NO CONCESSIONS. No plant closings, no wage cuts. Open the books to workers inspection committees. For a sliding scale of hours and wages and workers control.

(2) Fight for an EMERGENCY

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE UAW to organize a general strike to turn back the Chrysler pact. A Convention based on democratically elected delegates of autoworkers and unemployed, with the participation of other unions. A specific campaign to win locals to support and organize the Convention.

(3) For an INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION COMMISSION TO DEFEND THE FREE TRADE UNIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE USSR. The defense of independent unions based on a proposal of Victor Fainberg and Vladimir Borisov, leaders of the Soviet Free Interprofessional Association of Workers (SMOT).

The Trotskyist Organization/USA is in favor of the various initiatives that unions have taken to organize a workers party or labor party; that is, the proposals for dele-

gated conferences. We are for a CONFERENCE OF UNION DELEGATES FOR THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORKERS PARTY.

Those elements of the labor bureaucracy who for their own opportunist reasons have been forced to pay lip service to the "idea" of a labor party have all insisted that now is not the time for such a party. On the contrary, NOW MORE THAN EVER IS THE TIME FOR A WORKERS PARTY. Now more than ever, the workers party can appeal to masses of workers ON THE CONDITION THAT THIS MOVEMENT BASE ITSELF ON WORKERS DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPE AS A MOBILIZATION TO IMPOSE WORKERS SOLUTIONS: the General Strike, a struggle for WORKERS CONTROL. These two conditions — workers democracy and a mobilization for

workers solutions — are not OUR conditions, they are those of the workers themselves.

We note in the December 19, 1980 issue of THE MILITANT, in an article based on a report to the SWP National Committee, the statement: "The more Reagan moves to implement his program . . . the more opposition it will provoke. Strikes, demonstrations, rebellions, attempts by the oppressed and exploited to forge effective political alliances among themselves." Revolutionaries are not fortune tellers; their task is not just to analyze but to change what is. Therefore, if the quoted statement is not just rhetoric of the worst sort (which workers are tired of seeing) then isn't it indeed necessary to prepare, organize and centralize these new struggles?

ORGANIZE THE GENERAL STRIKE!

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tion" to the Vietnam war, and now they are all "rethinking" the matter and laying the groundwork for U.S. intervention. Richard Nixon, until his rehabilitation by these same politicians one of the most hated U.S. presidents in history, organized the volunteer army — for the same reason that Reagan favors doing away with registration — fear of the mobilization of the youth. Only weeks after Carter announced his plans for registration more than 50,000 marched on Washington.

Make no mistake about it. Reagan is the enemy of the world revolution. He has even said he is not against the draft, only registration because it has not been "successful."

Yes, the anti-draft movement, like the movement of the whole American working class, has two choices. But it must choose to base itself on the world revolution in order to advance. Its only allies are the youth and oppressed of the world who are struggling against the REARMAMENT OF IMPERIALISM AND STALINISM from Poland to Iran, not the bourgeois politicians who are trying to make a career off the mobilization of the youth — only to turn this mobilization into its opposite.

The anti-draft movement must be a movement for the thousands of youth and blacks who are being forced into the army for lack of jobs. It must be a movement for the millions of oppressed from El Salvador to Iran who must defend themselves from the real "barbarians" — U.S. imperialist rulers.

**BUILD THE ARMY OF THE REVOLUTION**

Right now in Madrid the masters of the world are meeting to discuss "European Security and Cooperation." Their security of course. The security of the Holy Alliance of imperialism and Stalinism, rocked by the upsurge of the revolution on

an international scale. They are attempting to coordinate the various counterrevolutionary initiatives which the youth have already felt — the threats of the Kremlin against the Polish revolution, military intervention of U.S. imperialism in El Salvador, the terrorist rearmament of the state, its prisons, racist and fascist organizations.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SIXTIES?**

"If the movement in the Sixties was so great then how come we still have the draft?" That is a question which many youth have asked.

It is not the "movement" that failed in the sixties. The movement of the youth today shows that the mobilization of youth from the Sixties has not been and never was defeated.

It is the leadership of the movement that failed. Or, more precisely, the failure of the leadership of the anti-war movement to prepare the revolution and organize its general staff, the fact that so-called "revolutionaries" coexisted with pacifists and thinly disguised out-and-out pro-imperialist Democrats and Republicans, is what finally led to the break-up of the anti-war movement. The period between then and now represents ten years of reassessment by the youth. And for the failed leaderships who are trying to organize the present anti-draft movement on the same failed basis of the Sixties, it has been ten years of retreat.

These failed leaders will say: "Look, it got us out of Vietnam, didn't it?" Sure it did, but questions persist: "Why is the draft coming back now, how can the U.S. be preparing military intervention once again?" Then, as now, the movement of the youth is looking for PERMANENT, in other words REVOLUTIONARY, solu-

tions.

That is why we are calling on youth to help build the OPEN WORLD WORKERS CONFERENCE. It is OUR conference and YOUR conference, it is an OPEN conference of all the workers and youth who want to draw a balance sheet of the last ten years and who want to PREPARE THE REVOLUTION.

**BOYCOTT THE MADRID CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION!**

The fall of the Shah and Somoza, and now the Polish Revolution, have defeated the first attempts of imperialism and the Kremlin to reach a new counterrevolutionary agreement. The anti-draft movement is part of the cause of this defeat. But it has not succeeded in stopping the rearmament of the Holy Alliance. The massive abstention of youth in the election of Reagan shows this, shows that it is necessary to consciously prepare the revolution.

The workers movement must rearm itself and take the initiative. American workers and youth, and all workers, have an example to imitate in the Polish workers. But it is necessary to organize the army of the revolution and its general staff. The youth of the anti-draft movement must take this as their fight.

That is why the Trotskyist Organization/USA, (sympathizing) section of the Fourth International, and International Young Guard/USA call on the CARD conference to endorse the INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MARCH for the BOYCOTT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE MASTERS OF THE WORLD. It is a march which will precede the convocation of the OPEN WORLD WORKERS CONFERENCE, a regroupment of the revolutionary youth and workers to organize the consciousness of the revolution.

# Rearm the Workers Movement Prepare the Op

## Poland and the Return to Lenin

The bourgeois press is reporting yet another "compromise" in Poland between the free trade union SOLIDARITY and the Stalinist bureaucratic government.

This particular "compromise" involves the questions of Saturday work and of SOLIDARITY's access to the press.

This is the third such "compromise" since the massive upsurge of the Polish workers began last August.

In every case, these "compromises" — the settlement of the original strikes, the "legalization" of SOLIDARITY, the most recent deal — express the same dynamic. The dynamic is the irrepressible drive of the Polish workers to take political power into their own hands, to make the poli-

tical revolution.

But this drive is being blocked by the present Walesa leadership of SOLIDARITY. That is why the bureaucracy can each time make concessions at the last minute, threatening and plotting all the time, and still keep itself in power.

This is the real meaning of "compromise" in the Polish situation.

The bureaucracy makes agreements — Saturdays off, access to the press, legalization of the free trade unions — that date back to the Gdansk Accords that settled last summer's strikes, but it makes these agreements for one purpose only: TO STOP THE MOBILIZATION.

And every time that the mobilization

ebbs from its previous high point, the bureaucracy goes back on its promises and tries to subordinate the free trade unions, the workers movement, to its rule.

That is why we put the word "compromise" in quotation marks; because these are compromises only in the sense that the workers' independence and all their gains are COMPROMISED by them.

The Walesa leadership, each time that it faces a renewal of the workers drive for power, is put in a position of trying to force the bureaucracy to make some kind of deal that will head off the discontent, will prevent it from erupting in a revolutionary explosion.

"Three strikes and you're out." The bourgeois press is now worriedly reporting that Lech Walesa, by which they mean the political tendency that he represents, is becoming discredited among the workers, that the most militant workers look on him as one trying to sell them out, as one "too close to the Church."

And this leadership for its part is becoming increasingly blatant in its opposition to the workers. "Anarchy," "rank insubordination," cries this leadership about the recent wave of strikes that compelled it into yet another deal with the government.

It is precisely these strikes that reveal the real situation in Poland. Because what the workers were threatening, what Walesa and the bureaucrats were trying to stop with this latest "compromise," was the GENERAL STRIKE.

The demands of the strikers — free Saturdays, access to the press, freeing political prisoners, recognition of the farmers' union — are all demands that go against the continued rule of the bureaucracy. The general strike raises, every time that it emerges, or even threatens to emerge, the question of WHO WILL RULE?

In other words, the whole mobilization of the workers heads directly toward the revolutionary confrontation, but it is being blocked by the opportunist leadership that is still at its head.

How can the workers who were opposed to the original Gdansk Accords, those who have learned to distrust Walesa, how can the students and other youth in open revolt against the bureaucracy's stooges in the universities and elsewhere find a revolutionary way out?

The Fourth International is organizing a CONFERENCE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN MILITANTS FOR THE RETURN TO LENIN.

The Return to Lenin is a code word for finding once again the path of revolutionary struggle that has been buried by Stalinism, for finding the revolutionary program and leadership that continue the struggle that made the Russian Revolution, that lies behind all the socialist conquests of the workers in Eastern Europe.

And the most precious of these conquests is the changed consciousness of the workers that enables them to say: "We want to be the real masters in the factories."

The Return to Lenin summarizes and develops what the most advanced Polish workers have learned well in the last six months: there can be no compromise with Stalinism.

The Return to Lenin means grasping the necessary lesson that it is not possible to evade the question of the rule of the bureaucracy, that it is not possible to make an end run around it, that it is not possible to "go beyond" the Gdansk Accords.

No, it is necessary to prepare and organize the revolution on the basis of an international program and leadership that can lead it to victory.

And international in this sense, too, that it is far from applying only to Poland, to Eastern Europe, even to Europe as a whole.

The American workers also have to draw these same conclusions: the general strike, the Return to Lenin, the preparation of the revolution.

K.F.

### Contribute to the International Workers Fund!

From Europe to America, in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, the working class and the youth have an example to imitate — the example of the Polish workers. The Fourth International has established the WORKERS FUND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL in order to support and extend the Polish revolution. The Polish revolution has begun!

From its very first moments the Fourth International was present. A delegation of Trotskyists from the PORE (Revolutionary Workers Party of Spain) and militants of the Revolutionary Youth International went to the shipyards in Gdansk where their message was received by hundreds of workers.

#### CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORKERS FUND!

Our message — build the party of the political revolution in Poland — now received by thousands of Polish workers through WALKA KLAS ("Class Struggle") the journal of the Polish section of the Fourth International, is the one that expresses the mobilization of the Polish workers. A mobilization which began with the General Strike for free trade unions and workers rights and must end with the

working class in power, must end with destroying the parasitical bureaucracy and stopping the strangulation of the socialist conquests by U.S. banks.

It is a struggle which begins from the mobilization of the Polish workers and the spark it has given to working class militants and youth all over the world but doesn't end there. A NEW CURRENT of workers and youth is pressing forward against the dangerous passivity of the compromised leaders and parties. Those who link themselves with the frightened bureaucrats and their calls for "order" and "peace," while Moscow marshals its tanks on the borders of Poland — waiting for the first sign of "order" to intervene.

#### OUR PLEDGE — YOUR PLEDGE

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# Open World Workers Conference

## 1,100 Workers Call for Special Convention



"Save Chrysler" campaign means attacks on autoworkers. Now is the time to take the offensive.

By KEVIN FITZPATRICK

On January 23, 1981, representatives of 1,100 workers from Local 900 at Ford's Wayne Assembly and Truck Plants presented a petition to UAW headquarters at Solidarity House calling for a Special Convention and for NO CONCESSIONS to Ford Motor Company along the lines of the recent Chrysler pact.

This upsurge on the part of Ford workers is a major advance in the fight for an Emergency National Convention of the UAW. This Convention's goal must be to prepare the general strike as a major political advance for the U.S. working class, culminating in the building of the Workers Party.

For the first time since the major attacks began with the closing of Dodge Main and the opening of the "Save Chrysler" campaign, and in a certain sense for the first time since the Reuther bureaucracy took over the UAW after World War II, autoworkers have moved to find an INDEPENDENT SOLUTION to the problems confronting them and the whole working class.

From the very beginning, the Trotskyist Organization has fought for an Emergency National Convention. It has taken the combat for this Convention to autoworkers at Chrysler, Ford and GM, raising the necessity of this Convention at the meetings of UAW Local 174, the old "West Side" Local of Reuther himself.

That is why we greet this move by the Ford workers, as well as similar proposals from oppositionists like Pete Kelly, as a real breakthrough.

There were no slogans to "save us," no blaming the "crisis" on "imports," etc.

NO CONCESSIONS explicitly repudiates the whole policy of the UAW bureaucracy, the conception that by making "sacrifices" (and, adding insult to injury, calling it "equality of sacrifice") the autoworkers can somehow achieve a stabilization, a plateau, a new level at which

they will be able to rest, free of the demands of the auto companies for giving up more and more of the workers' gains.

The whole course of the past period since "Save Chrysler" has shown that this is a cynical lie. Not only are Ford and General Motors now demanding "concessions" to match those given Chrysler, but this incessant cry for greater and greater surrender is spreading to the whole capitalist class.

The demand of the 1,100 workers for a Special Convention is the demand which opens up a political response to the demand for NO CONCESSIONS. It is the demand which can make it possible to organize the fight against the concessions, those who demand them and the UAW bureaucracy that is out to stuff them down the workers' throats.

TRUTH has mentioned before that the UAW Constitution says that, following a demand for a Special Convention by 15 locals in 5 states, the leadership must conduct a union-wide vote on calling such a Convention.

We are for utilizing every means available to us to make this question real among the ranks of the UAW. But it is necessary, first of all, to see clearly our goals and the methods that we must use to achieve them.

We are for a fight for a Special Convention. But from the very beginning we must make it perfectly clear, and be completely clear ourselves, on what we want this Special Convention to do, to accomplish, to set in motion.

For us and, we think, for the 1,100 workers and those who have not yet had a chance to speak, this Special Convention cannot be an ordinary UAW Convention, only convoked at a different time.

It cannot be an out-of-season rehash of the bureaucratically-controlled Conventions that are standard practice in the UAW. No stifling of discussion, no agendas that are rigged to prevent the real ques-

tions facing autoworkers from being raised.

So, from the very beginning, the fight for this Convention must be organized on the basis of WORKERS DEMOCRACY.

The fight for a Special Convention must be waged, not as a means to simply meet the mere organizational requirements of the rules made by the bureaucrats, but as a way to involve MASSES of autoworkers in a fight to take back their union, to organize a working class offensive.

Thus, WORKERS DEMOCRACY is not an organizational question but a political one.

That is also why the fight for the Special Convention must really acquire the character of a fight for an Emergency National Convention.

What do we want this Convention for? What do we want it to do? What do we want to come out of it?

We have to know our perspective now. If we do not, you can be sure that Fraser and the rest of the leftovers and heirs of the Reuther regime will not hesitate to turn any gathering into a means for them to try to defeat the autoworkers, to turn back the mobilization and even to ENDORSE their policies of capitulation and betrayal.

## "Disinformation" and the Iranian Revolution

The release of the American "hostages" has been accompanied by a whole series of allegations of brutality, mistreatment and even torture. These allegations are nothing but the latest stage in the continuing attacks by U.S. imperialism on the Iranian Revolution.

There is a certain technique of psychological warfare known to the imperialists and Stalinists as "disinformation." "Disinformation" does not consist of misinformation, or even of lies by themselves. "Disinformation" is the systematic manipulation of all kinds of lies to completely disorient those on the receiving end. In other words, it is intended not simply to deceive, but above all to completely confuse the issues, facts and reality.

The allegations about torture of the "hostages" are precisely part of such a "disinformation" campaign.

First of all, the charges are already beginning to be revealed as fakes. The supposed "Russian roulette" incident has been denounced by Elizabeth Rollins, to whom such charges were attributed, as a "sheer fabrication."

Likewise, Marine Sgt. James Lopez, in answering provocative questions, had to respond: Were we subject to torture? No sir.

And, finally, Elizabeth A. Swift stated: "NEWSWEEK magazine . . . has a statement by me, a quote by me, in here on torture. I never talked to anybody from NEWSWEEK. I never said this to any-

The Trotskyist Organization/USA proposes the Emergency National Convention as a gathering not to "discuss" the "crisis," but to organize a solution to it.

We propose that this Convention have as its goal the preparation and unleashing of the GENERAL STRIKE as a way to unite all the workers in a mass offensive against their enemies.

The GENERAL STRIKE, to pose the question of who will make the decisions about jobs and factories, about what the real situation is and how to deal with it. The GENERAL STRIKE to impose the workers demands: NO MORE PLANT CLOSINGS, NO MORE WAGE CUTS! OPEN THE BOOKS! The GENERAL STRIKE to pose the question: who will rule?

On the basis of such a mobilization, the road will be opened to the building of a working class political alternative, the WORKERS PARTY.

The Trotskyist Organization proposes to these 1,100 workers and to their leaders, to all those who agree with them, a United Front for these objectives, a UNITED FRONT FOR THE GENERAL STRIKE THROUGH THE EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONVENTION.

body, any other correspondent. And it's not true."

The truth of the matter is that it may be that these servants of U.S. imperialism were not treated like the masters of the world they consider themselves to be. For once, they were not the ones in charge.

But while these cogs in the imperialist machine were being subjected to such brutality as having to wear sandals instead of shoes, other things were going on in the free, democratic, humane U.S.

Yes, at that very period, workers were being cattle-prodded, one to death, in Detroit police cells. In Chicago, police performed strip searches, including body cavity searches, on those arrested for traffic violations. And, more important still, what happened to Iranian students in this country during that same period? Just ask yourself that.

The final point is that the imperialist lies about torture are above all intended to hide the fact that the "hostages" were not "innocents," but were working out of the American Embassy, the organizing center of counterrevolution in every country, against the Iranian Revolution, attempting to bring back the Shah's regime and all the U.S.-trained torturers that went with it.

UNCONDITIONAL DEFENSE OF THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION!

U.S. FORCES OUT OF THE PERSIAN GULF!

TRUTH

No nation can be free that oppresses another . . .

# Victory to the Revolution in Central America!

By MARGARET GUTTSALL

Last week Reagan decided to cut off "aid" to Nicaragua because it is sending guns to the oppressed people of El Salvador.

He decided to renew "aid" (that is, guns) to the bloody junta in El Salvador which has been responsible for the murder of nearly 10,000 people in the last year alone!

It's really incredible. The U.S. can go all over the world, do anything it wants — organize coups, murder thousands — Vietnam, Chile, Iran, Nicaragua; Pinochet, the Shah, Somoza. But Nicaragua can't send guns to the people in El Salvador. If it does the U.S. self-righteously cuts off aid — "aid" which is in fact nothing but a small portion of the money stolen from Nicaragua and the other oppressed peoples of the world in the first place!

The U.S. working class cannot accept this miserable attack on the people of Central America and their revolution. It cannot be party to it.

No nation can be free which oppresses another. The fact is the U.S. now occupies the place in the world that Great Britain occupied a hundred years ago and Spain did before it — that of an imperial power exploiting and robbing the peoples of the world.

This is the source of its great wealth in the midst of world poverty, not "American know-how" and "stick-to-it-ivness" as the imperialists claim.

When colonies throughout the world began to rise up against Spain and England — in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, before, during and after World Wars I and II — the U.S. took over for them.

Through the so-called Spanish-American war the U.S. acquired its first colonies — Cuba (indirectly), Puerto Rico and the Phillipines.

But, unlike its predecessors, in many cases it decided to grant them formal independence in exchange for treaties and terms of trade which maintained the old exploitative relations, but in a new and different form. That's your "American know-how."

Today the world-wide rebellion against these exploitative relations is shaking American imperialism to its foundations — from Vietnam, to Iran, to Central America, to the revolution that is knocking at the door of Europe, Poland. And like Spain and England before it, U.S. imperialism is engaged in a life and death struggle to maintain its failing power.

The American working class must take the side of this revolution — without conditions. This must be a matter of principle for the working class.

It has the responsibility not to ASK the imperialists not to crush the revolution, which is a lot like asking a tiger to change its stripes, but to stop it from doing so. And this means an active struggle to boycott the puppet dictatorships of the U.S., above all in Latin America, above all in Central America, as has been done by the boycott of arms shipments from the

U.S. to the Salvadoran junta organized by the West Coast longshoremen's union, the ILWU.

Stop all communications! Not one penny, not one gun!

The American working class cannot accept the decision inspired by the Kremlin and taken by the conference of leaderships from Nicaragua, El Salvador, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Panama, ACCORDING TO WHICH THE UPRISING IN EL SALVADOR HAS FAILED, that it is necessary for the Revolutionary Democratic Front of El Salvador to MAKE A DEAL WITH THE JUNTA! (NEW YORK TIMES; January 23, 1981.)

This same conference decided there would be "no direct or indirect intervention in the internal affairs of El Salvador by any country," and is soliciting Castro's help in enforcing this policy.

The American working class must say no! Interfere in the affairs of El Salvador — on the side of the workers and peasants, on the side of the revolution!

The youth and workers of North and Central America must be united if they are to bring down the imperialist colossus. They must "interfere" in each other's affairs.

Such a decision on the part of the American working class, above all the anti-draft and union movements, will bring new life to the revolution in Central America.

The opening presented by the ILWU boycott can enable us to wage a deeper political struggle in the unions to expand this boycott to the whole labor movement and to extend it to all the dictatorships in Latin America.

For instance, William Winpisinger, president of the International Association of Machinists (IAM), in a December 23 telegram to the ILWU, announced his sup-



port of its boycott. He further added: "If we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call upon us."

"Of any assistance"? The IAM is the chief union in many of the key "defense" — that is, arms production — plants in the United States. Carrying the boycott into these plants would literally strangle imperialism's "military aid" to the dictatorships, beginning with El Salvador.

Likewise, the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) has, through various bodies, called for "solidarity" with El Salvador. Fine! Now, yet the members of CLUW, who are members of numerous AFL-CIO and independent unions, struggle to make this "solidarity" concrete by fighting for their unions to, first, support the ILWU's boycott and, second, to extend it to all the dictatorships.

## 44 % of Chrysler production workers say NO! Poland Shows the Road Forward!

A total of 17,228 Chrysler production workers voted NO on the recent "contract" between the UAW and Chrysler. This represents 44 per cent of the vote cast — TWICE the percentage that voted NO on the last "agreement" of concessions.

These workers want NO MORE PLANT CLOSINGS, NO MORE WAGE CUTS — NO MORE CONCESSIONS! They represent in the U.S. the revolutionary mobilizations of Iran, Nicaragua and Poland. They must do as the Polish workers are doing — organizing a revolutionary offensive against the government for WORKERS DEMOCRACY.

The autoworkers can continue their fight by taking up the call by the 1,100 Ford workers from Local 900 in Detroit which demanded a Special Convention of the UAW to stop the concessions. An Emergency National Convention of the UAW based on Workers Democracy to prepare a General Strike — this is the road forward.

The fight for WORKERS DEMOCRACY gives the voting results a proper context.

First, there are reports by workers of foremen telling them that they should vote "yes" or they will lose their jobs.

Second, there is the glaring ABSENCE of the laid-off autoworkers. Since, only one third of those eligible voted, obviously the unemployed workers abstained in large numbers. Fraser wanted this. Three days before the balloting was done, and before balloting at key Detroit inner-city locals, Fraser declared the contract PASSED.

This is Fraser democracy — bourgeois democracy.

Voting fraud has been reported at several plants. Autoworkers know that, if anything, there were even more votes against the contract than reported. Indeed, in terms of votes actually cast but not counted, it may have even been rejected.

The fight for Workers Democracy is the way to smash this agreement. This is what

In the last issue of TRUTH we reprinted the UAW leadership's evasive response to the proposal for a boycott of the Bolivian junta. The two reasons the leadership gave for their refusal were the lack of other unions' support and the noble "human rights" effort of the U.S. "administration."

But now the ILWU boycott exists. But now the IAM, which is close to the UAW (which also represents "defense" workers) has endorsed it. But now the "administration" is that of the openly pro-dictatorship Ronald Reagan.

Time for a change of position, UAW! Unconditional defense of the Central American Revolution!

Extend the Longshoremen's boycott of the junta until total victory!

Build boycott committees now!

the Polish workers did. They didn't accept the call for sacrifices by the Stalinist government, they presented their alternative — a mobilization for Workers Democracy. They have begun to decide what jobs there are, how much workers are paid, what is produced. In short, they have begun to decide what their future will be.

American workers can, too. With the fight for an Emergency National Convention of the UAW to prepare a General Strike, a fight now in the UAW to organize this Convention, we can do what the Polish workers are doing.

The only "New" Chrysler that this country is going to see is the "Chrysler" headed by workers like the Polish workers in the Lenin Shipyards.

NO MORE CONCESSIONS!  
EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE UAW TO PREPARE A GENERAL STRIKE!

F.V.

# Widespread attack on black voting rights Keep Jim Crow Dead!

By FRED VITALE

A series of articles recently ran in THE DETROIT FREE PRESS (reprinted from THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION) documenting widespread violation of black voting rights in the South.

The articles showed that imperialism is trying to bring back Jim Crow, the system of racial oppression in the South and, to a lesser extent, throughout the U.S., that was smashed by the black revolt of the 1950's and '60s.

This must be stopped and stopped now! All working class organizations, especially the unions, must demand the jailing of all violators! New and open elections in every place where violations are found!

Most importantly, thought, the unions must launch a full investigation of these violations, independent of the government. Permanent union militias must be organized to patrol these areas and insure that no further violations take place.

The details of these violations are outrageous. The articles concern themselves primarily with Georgia. Counties, (like Pike County, for example), were "redistricted" to prevent black majorities in key districts. According to the Voter Education Project, such Jim Crow practices as registration only during work hours, white bosses instructing their black workers how to vote, loss of jobs and other retribution for blacks not voting "the right way" or for running for political office are widespread throughout the South.

Jimmy Carter's own home county of Sumter was one of 27 Georgia counties which made "changes" in their methods of selecting school board members in order to exclude blacks and weaken black voting power, in direct violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Senator Strom Thurmond, new head of the Senate Judiciary Committee and former head of the segregationist States Rights Party ("Dixiecrats") has declared that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is "un-constitutional." He intends to organize against it when it comes up for extension in 1982.

Why this attempt to revive Jim Crow?

The U.S. government is attempting to rearm itself in the wake of the revolutions in Iran, Nicaragua, and now Poland. To politically and militarily defeat the "world revolution" (as Reagan put it). This new period in the U.S. has been launched with the "sacrifices" in the auto industry and with the increased attack on blacks. The government would like to eliminate all black rights.

Particularly crucial are voting rights, as part of the political rights of blacks. Jim Crow began with taking away the rights of blacks to vote because politics, that is, who rules the country, is the key to winning full equality for blacks. This is why these first efforts to bring back Jim Crow center on taking away this crucial right.



Demonstration for voting rights in '60's attacked by police in South.

The unions, as the working class organizations in the U.S., must obviously demand the extension and the strengthening of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. But the working class cannot depend on this racist government to insure black rights. The unions should launch their own independent investigation of the violations of black voting rights in the South. They must organize permanent union militias to insure that no further violations take place again.

This is part of a larger struggle the unions must take up for defense of blacks, for full economic, political and social equality for blacks.

The working class organizations must take this up because the American working class can never be free if it is party to the oppression of others by "its own" government.

Today the unions do NOT defend black rights. First, internally they are racist. They allow racists to become union officers. Any union official who makes racist remarks should be immediately expelled from the union. They allow KKK and Nazis to remain members of the union; for example, at the Lackawanna Steel Plant in Buffalo, New York, where KKK members and Nazis placed a cow's heart with a threatening note to blacks attached to it after two black cab drivers had their hearts cut out by a racist murderer. The unions must seek these people out and (at least!) expel them from the unions.

Secondly, as is obvious by the increased attacks on blacks, they do not defend blacks on the job, or in society as a whole.

This fight must be taken up by white workers. Many white workers, while not openly racist, are used POLITICALLY to oppress blacks.

Most white workers live better than blacks who work at the same factory. They have nicer houses, better schools for their children, a higher standard of living.

Unemployment, the scourge of the whole working class, is TWICE AS HIGH today for blacks as it is for whites, the greatest gap in the history of the U.S.

Many white workers think that blacks have "trouble" getting their act together. They "hurt themselves" by all the crime they commit against each other. Their "families" aren't strong enough; they use race as "an excuse"; etc., etc. In short, blacks could live like whites if they just acted like whites.

Some say, even if there is a lot of racism, what should I do about it? "If it was me," they say, "I wouldn't stand for it at all."

Racist government and corporations are what keeps blacks down — nothing else.

The advantages that white workers have over blacks are granted in return for helping to keep blacks in their place. They are expected to LOOK THE OTHER WAY as the bourgeoisie develops its program against blacks. They are expected to support a divided working class and a society where blacks are oppressed.

White workers must reject this POLITICAL ROLE they find themselves in. They must take up the fight for the defense of blacks, for the full and complete equality of blacks.

Workers cannot win unless they are united. And they can never be united in the U.S. as long as white workers do not defend their black brothers and sisters from every form of oppression visited on them by the powers that oppress us all.

## Attacks on Revolution in Ireland

Bernadette Devlin McAliskey and her husband Michael, while dressing their small children for school, were shot down on the morning of January 16 by terrorists seeking to maintain British rule in Ireland.

Bernadette Devlin was shot seven times and was near death for a period. Michael McAliskey is still in serious condition.

When she regained consciousness, Devlin's first words were: "Now they think they've got me, but I'm not dead yet." Together with her vow to "fight on," these words reveal the spirit of a rebel and fighter against imperialism.

American workers and youth, especially blacks, may recall Bernadette Devlin for turning over the key to New York City that she received on one U.S. tour to the Black Panthers as a symbol of the international fight against oppression.

Bernadette Devlin has been in the forefront of the struggle against British imperialism, for the national unification of Ireland, since the late 1960's.

But the attack on her is directly related to her role in the struggle against "H-Block," against the terrorist sentencing and imprisonment of Irish revolutionaries.

Since June of last year, four other leaders of the "H-Block" campaign, Miriam Daly, John Turnley, Ronald Bunting and Noel Lyttle, have been killed by "loyalist" murder gangs. (Despite the lies of imperialism that the struggle in Ireland is

between "Protestants and "Catholics," only Daly among those four leaders was not of Protestant background.)

The campaign against "H-Block," culminating in the hunger strike of the prisoners themselves, set in motion a vast upsurge in Ireland. Tens of thousands marched and demonstrated.

Fearing this upsurge, British imperialism tried to de-mobilize late last year by making empty promises to the hunger strikers in order to get them to stop their fast and the explosion that would follow any deaths.

Bernadette Devlin, who considers herself a Trotskyist, was forced to say: "The big mistake that we and the hunger strikers made was to accept the word of an English gentleman as his bond." No, the big mistake was to orient the "H-Block" campaign around "human rights," so that it could be considered settled by empty humanitarian declarations.

Foollowing the exposure of the British lies, the movement in "Northern Ireland" had begun to be re-mobilized. This is the situation in which the British, through their "loyalist" thugs, had to move against Bernadette Devlin.

The way out does not lie through a new "human rights" struggle, but through a conscious mobilization for socialist revolution in Ireland.

K.F.

# TRUTH

## Revolutionary Solution For Anti-Draft Movement

**NO DRAFT! NO REGISTRATION!  
NO U.S. INTERVENTION!  
BOYCOTT THE SALVADORAN  
JUNTA!  
UNCONDITIONAL DEFENSE OF  
THE COLONIAL REVOLUTION!**

**Proposed Resolution of the National  
CARD Conference submitted by the In-  
ternational Young Guard/USA, Section  
of the Revolutionary Youth Interna-  
tional World Army of the Socialist Re-  
volution.**

American youth and workers must demand no draft, no registration, no U.S. intervention. They must go farther still — actually STOP this rearmament, build the alternative to it, the revolution, and unify this struggle with that of youth and workers of other countries against the rearmament of U.S. imperialism and the Kremlin.

Therefore CARD resolves to:

1. Fight for a total boycott of the Salva-

doran junta, all U.S. puppet dicta-  
torships in Latin America!

Unconditional defense of the Iranian  
Revolution!

Hands off the Polish Revolution!

A national march under this banner!  
2. Build the international youth march  
and open world workers confer-  
ence against the rearmament of U.S.  
imperialism and the Kremlin and their  
world security conference, for the re-  
volution! Madrid, Spain; April 19,  
1981.

3. Win the unions to this fight. Fight  
for youth military training under union  
control!

The IYG/USA calls on all individuals,  
CARD chapters and organizations who  
support this orientation to join it in win-  
ning the entire CARD Conference and  
in forming a united slate to run for lead-  
ership of CARD.

IYG/USA, Box 13, SCB, Wayne State  
University, Detroit, MI

The anti-draft movement in the United States is gaining strength with each discussion that centers on its program and policies. To thousands of young people throughout the country, the mobilization against the draft is an immediate task. To hundreds of thousands more, the immediacy of this struggle must be made clear in an open and revolutionary confrontation with the imperialist state.

The Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD) is sponsoring the First National anti-draft Conference at Wayne State University in Detroit, February 13-16. This conference represents a tremendous opportunity to advance the struggle of the youth in the U.S. and throughout the globe.

**NO DRAFT, NO REGISTRATION, NO  
U.S. INTERVENTION**

The Revolutionary Youth International and its American section, International Young Guard/USA, accept the slogans put forward by CARD in preparing this conference. However, for CARD to be successful a program must be developed and implemented to confront the rearmament of U.S. imperialism and its attacks on the youth.

Above all this means bringing the anti-draft movement over to the offensive. In face of the world revolution and the attempt by U.S. imperialism to rearm itself, the response of the youth can only be one of unconditional defense to the revolution. Indeed this decisive turn faces us in

the U.S. today, and we must confront and carry through with it.

For sure, we are against U.S. interven-  
tion; for it most certainly can be equated  
with the oppression of peoples and entire  
nations. The response of the youth must be  
one of preparing the vanguard.

As regards Latin America, this struggle  
must be immediate. The youth must lead  
the struggle for the boycott of the dicta-  
torships, in particular to defend the revolu-  
tion in El Salvador. The U.S. government  
has made its intentions clear in El Salvador,  
as well as in the United States: counterre-  
volution at any cost. The workers and  
youth have yet to speak. The best way to  
support the masses throughout Latin  
America is through an active boycott of the  
dictatorships — blocking weapons, muni-  
tions, communications, government and  
private funds to the dictatorships.

Similarly, the lessons of the Polish Re-  
volution bear great fruit for the American  
youth. There can be no peaceful develop-  
ment for the anti-draft movement. U.S.  
imperialism must rearm itself in face of the  
world revolution, in face of the opposition  
of American youth to imperialist interven-  
tion.

A national youth march under the slo-  
gans: Hands Off the Polish Revolution!  
Defend the Iranian Revolution! Boycott  
the Dictatorships in Latin America! could  
give great impetus to the anti-draft move-  
ment in focusing attention on the attempts  
of U.S. imperialism to rearm itself.

From this perspective, we can see that  
the anti-draft movement in the U.S. must

be raised to the level of its international  
significance. It is not simply a national  
question.

The International Open Youth March  
against the Madrid Conference on "Secur-  
ity and Cooperation in Europe," which is  
being organized at the initiative of the RYI  
to prepare the Open World Workers Con-  
ference, marks the point of departure for  
American youth to wage this battle against  
imperialism and its draft as an internation-  
al battle with concrete links to the world  
revolution.

In this framework American youth can  
best be organized to confront the draft.

Critical to the success of the anti-draft  
movement is the participation of the trade  
unions. The trade unions in the U.S. must

be won to the struggle of the youth against  
the draft and against the rearmament of  
imperialism. The large battalions of the  
working class must be brought into this  
mobilization.

Above all, the anti-draft movement  
must develop as the rearmament of the  
workers movement in the U.S. The con-  
struction of a mass youth organization  
must be of central importance. This orga-  
nization should represent the Army of the  
Revolution, with military training for the  
youth under the control of the unions, and  
with Defense Guards organized by the un-  
ions to defend against goon squads and  
racist attacks.

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