

# TRUTH

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# Unity against the privileged classes! Vote for workers candidates November 6!

20,000 marched against U.S. intervention in the Middle East in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit and other cities on Saturday, October 20. And the shooting has not even started yet.

Thousands and thousands of young workers, students, unemployed, and many others, are growing more and more hostile to the privileged classes that dominate the U.S. and their policies ... their racist attacks on Black people, which constitute a decisive sector of the working class ... their rotten labor contracts, layoffs, plant-closings, union-busting ... their looting of the public treasury through the so-called S&L bailout ... their tax breaks for the rich and tax hikes for the workers ...

The outcome of the big conflicts developing in the U.S. and throughout the world will depend on the *unity* of the working class against the privileged classes (which we Marxists call imperialists, capitalists, or bourgeois).

Thus we urge all working people to vote for working class candidates on the ballot on November 6.

Some tendencies say that *all* voting is useless.

This is not true!

Every vote for a working class candidate is a *blow ... for* the working class and *against* the privileged classes.

Every vote for a working class candidate shows that there are workers who *see* that there are two basic classes in this society — the working class and the capitalist class — and that the interests of these classes are *not* the same. Every vote for a working class candidate shows that there are workers prepared to stand with and defend their class against the enemy class, no matter where the conflict may take place — in a discussion, on a picket line, in an election ...

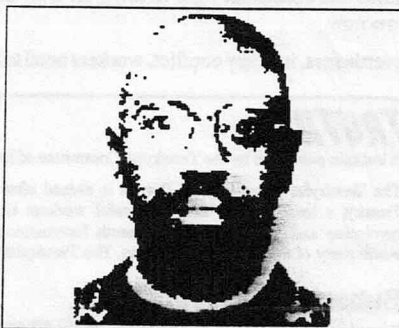
Fighting for a vote for working class candidates, voting for working class

candidates, is *practicing* the unification of the working class against the capitalist class. And the more workers *practice* this unity, the more powerful the working class will be.

This in turn can help develop the conditions in which the working class will build its own, *big*, working class party, that will lead a workers revolution, in which the workers will establish their own government, take over the giant monopolies, and develop a fully planned economy that fully satisfies the needs of the people.

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Vote for workers candidates November 6! ■

## Workers Candidates!



William Roundtree for Governor  
Workers World Party



Brenda Kirby for Lt. Governor  
Workers World Party

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# Other Working Class Candidates to Vote For ...



For U.S. Senate ...  
Kristen Hamel  
Workers World Party



For U.S. Congress from the 13th District ...  
Joyce Ann Griffin,  
Workers World Party



For U.S. Congress from the 13th District ...  
Cleve Andrew Pulley,  
Socialist Workers Party, UAW Local 5960

## For State Representative ...



Cheryl LaBash  
District 1, WWP



Gertrude Cook  
District 3, WWP



Melanie Rios-Nance  
District 6, WWP



David Sole  
District 12, WWP



Emma Curry  
District 17, WWP



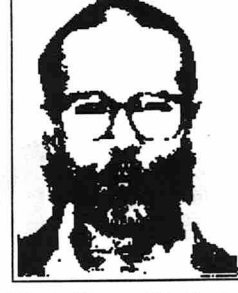
Beverly Bloedel  
State Senate, District 26, WWP



Jerry Goldberg, Univ. of Mich.  
Board of Regents, WWP



Kevin Casey, Wayne State  
Bd. of Governors, WWP



Mark Owen Shelley,  
Atty General, WWP

## Briefly . . .

November 7 is the 73rd anniversary of the first workers socialist revolution, which began in Russia in 1917. Today, workers and oppressed peoples throughout the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (the USSR) are fighting the privileged, dictatorial bureaucracy that arose within the first workers state, due to the poverty and backwardness of the country, the isolation of the first workers revolution, and the pressures of world imperialism, which sent armies from 21 different nations, including the U.S., to crush the workers. This same privileged dictatorial bureaucracy, led by Gorbachev, is trying to save itself by selling all the resources of the USSR which belong to the working people of the USSR, to the big imperialist banks in the U.S., Europe and Japan, at bargain basement prices, in exchange for special status for themselves, or, in some cases, directly to themselves. We will enter into this situation further, and the tasks of the working class, in the next issue of *Truth*.

The Trotskyist Committee of Detroit sold 23 copies of *Truth* No. 247, 16 copies of a supplement to *The Fourth International* on Iraq, and 2 copies of *The Fourth International*, at the Ford Rouge plant, at Wayne County Community College, at the October 20 demonstration against U.S. intervention in the Middle East, and at an Arab Student Association forum at Henry Ford Community College. The Workers World Party, the Revolutionary Workers League, the Revolutionary Communist Workers Organization (including Trotskyists of Middle Eastern origin), and the Arab Students Association are discussing various possibilities for united action against U.S. intervention in the Middle East. The Trotskyist Committee is urging these forces to make a united fight for immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. forces from the Middle East.

## The Workers World Party, the Socialist Workers Party, and the Trotskyist Committee

All of the working class candidates on the ballot in this election are associated with the Workers World Party or the Socialist Workers Party. None of these candidates are associated with the Trotskyist Committee of Detroit.

We of the Trotskyist Committee of Detroit have fundamental political differences with these candidates and parties. We do not think that they *fully* represent the interests of the masses of working people. The Workers World Party has supported capitalist Democratic Party candidates against working class candidates and parties in the past; it has supported sections of the privileged, dictatorial bureaucracy in Eastern Europe and the USSR against the masses of workers and oppressed peoples in these countries. The Socialist Workers Party has caved-in to U.S. imperialism's and the Kremlin's crusade against Iraq; it is now calling for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait and has abandoned a serious and consistent fight to bring all U.S. troops home now.

Nevertheless, in every conflict, workers need to look

for and try to see *the class nature* of the different forces involved in the conflict.

In this election, in which various candidates are competing against each other, we see:

— on the one hand, Republican and Democratic Party candidates that are completely owned and controlled by the huge financial monopolies that dominate the U.S.,

— on the other hand, working class candidates, associated with small working class organizations, influenced by certain sectors of the bourgeoisie and the petty bourgeoisie (particularly the privileged, dictatorial bureaucracy in Eastern Europe and the USSR), but not totally owned and controlled by this bourgeoisie, like their opponents.

This is why we say, "Vote for the working class candidates against the capitalist candidates!" And this is why we are certain that doing so will help pave the way for building a *big workers party* that *fully* represents the interests of the masses of working people in the U.S. and throughout the world. ■

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