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Bring all U.S. troops home now! Union jobs for vets and all working people!

It hurts the working class when working class youth are forced to choose between being unemployed, being in the armed forces, or being in training programs aimed at training them to be bosses.

The working class is getting smaller and smaller, and the ranks of the unemployed, the armed forces, and various forces trained to serve the bosses are growing.

The U.S. government just mobilized thousands of men, women, and machines. It has taken over the Kuwaiti region oil fields and it has put down the Iraqi people. U.S. banks and enterprises are already bidding on contracts to rebuild everything necessary to extract, process, and distribute oil, including pipelines, pumps, plants, roads, transportation, offices, homes, etc.

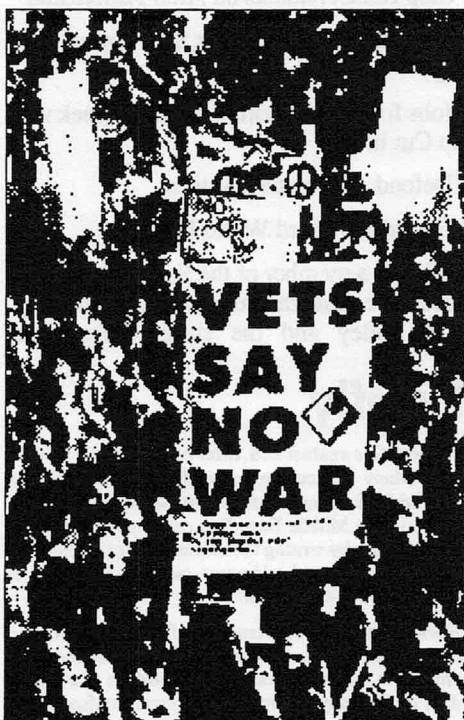
Yet, for years, this same government has said that it does not have the resources to provide jobs for working class youth, to rebuild working class neighborhoods, schools, parks, recreation centers, healthcare centers, etc. And many politicians are already talking about a special war tax to force working people in the U.S. to pay for this war.

This shows that what the U.S. government can and cannot do, is not totally fixed. When the rich want something — like war for the Kuwaiti region oil fields — they find the resources. When the workers and poor want something — like jobs, homes, schools, or healthcare — the U.S. government suddenly becomes poor.

We urge all working people and their organizations to enter into a common fight for:
Bring *all* U.S. troops home now!

Union jobs for veterans and all working people!

Why should working class youth be forced to choose between being unemployed or being in the armed forces, while upper class youth live, study, and work in luxury?



March 8: International Working Women's Day

March 8 is International Working Women's Day. The international workers movement decided to set aside this day to commemorate the struggle of working class women for their liberation. The international workers movement decided to especially honor working class women like the women garment workers in New York City that organized a series of very militant and audacious strikes between 1908 and 1910. These striking women said things like:

"I am a working girl, and one of those who are on strike against intolerable conditions. I am tired of listening to speakers who talk in general terms. What we are here for is to decide whether or not we shall strike. I offer a resolution that a general strike be declared — now!"

And:

"If I turn traitor to the cause I now pledge, may this hand wither from the arm I now raise."

The workers movement in the U.S. does not celebrate International Working Women's Day. It

This struggle will provide an alternative for thousands of working class youth; it will help unify the working class against the bankers, businessmen, and politicians that enrich themselves at the expense of the people; it will help win returning troops to the side of the working class.

And as bankers, businessmen, and politicians prove unable and unwilling to make any substantial progress in this direction, it will help show millions of working people that they need to build their own workers party and their own workers government. They need to take over the giant banks and monopolies, owned by a handful of rich families, that own and control almost everything in the U.S. and that dictate to the American people. They need to develop the planned economy that we already have so that it fully satisfies the needs of the masses of people, rather than the appetites of a handful of rich parasites that enrich themselves at the expense of others. ■

is dominated by upper class white men who look down their noses at ordinary working women of all races and nationalities.

But this is going to change. Working class women are going to come to the forefront. The old leaders that look and act like bosses are going to be pushed aside.

We urge working class women, and women of all classes devoted to the working class, who see this now, to celebrate International Working Women's Day. Meet. Discuss the struggle for the liberation of working class women. Map out plans to carry forward this struggle.

For union jobs; free public education at all levels; free, quality childcare centers; public dining rooms, laundries, etc.; in other words, everything necessary to fully integrate women into the working class and free them from the drudgery of caring for children, cooking, cleaning, in *isolation*, separated and segregated from other working people. — M. Guttshall ■

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U.S. victory is no victory for workers

The victory of the United States against the people of Iraq is not a victory for U.S. workers.

About 90 Americans were killed and hundreds wounded in the Gulf war. The majority of these were workers.

Did these young workers die for their families, their neighbors, their standard of living, their rights?

No. Young working people were killed fighting so that the heads of the corporations and banks could control the oil that belongs to the Arab people. These men want to control the oil so that they can make super-profits. It was a trade war: blood was traded for oil. In the last three months of 1990, the oil companies made profits in the billions. The workers' income fell.

The taxes that workers pay will increase. The Democrats in the House of Representatives are already predicting an increase in taxes to pay for the war. They want to revive the "war tax," of World War II and the Korean War which fell most heavily on the shoulders of the workers and not on the corporations.

While loss of lives and income are terrible for the workers, there is another loss that is most important. The victory of the U.S. divided the workers, internationally and in the U.S.

The day of the declared ceasefire by Bush, February 28, was the day that Ford Motor Company announced reductions in the salaried workforce benefits and layoffs. A few weeks earlier, General Motors hinted at reopening the UAW contract so that it could stop paying unemployed workers their regular salary. Engler, the new governor of Michigan, announced vicious cuts in social services for unemployed workers, working mothers on welfare and so on.

What is the connection with the victory in Iraq? Some of these things took place before the ground war started.

Only when the workers are confused and divided can the owners of the large corporations and banks and the politicians that represent them feel that they can force the workers to accept such attacks. Only when the workers are divided.

Divided? Aren't the workers basically united in support to the war?

No, they are divided and confused. First, and most important, some young workers of the U.S. have been used to oppress and kill the workers of Iraq. The rest of the workers remained neutral, a few actively supported the war. The workers' positions on the war have divided us from the workers throughout the Middle East. Confused because Bush and the army hid from the workers the real purpose of the war — to steal the oil.

We need to be united internationally to defeat international corporations. Workers' unity is based on equal treatment for all workers, not on oppression by workers from a rich country over workers from a poorer country.

It has divided the workers in the United States. There are workers that opposed the war, especially among Black workers, Arab-American workers and poorer white workers. The strongest support for the war has come from the section of the workers

that tends to support what the large corporations want, the better-off workers. So the best fighters for the workers, the Black and poorer workers, are weakened inside the U.S. working class.

The situation is temporary. The young workers in the Army will eventually understand that their interests are the same as the interests of the rest of the U.S. workers and

workers around the world. They will not fight for the rich when they understand this.

The U.S. workers will eventually understand that their interests lies in a united fight of all workers, internationally and in the U.S. against the corporations. When they understand this, they will not support wars that oppress other countries and divide the workers. — Jack Marlowe ■

Workers candidate for City Council

Cleve Andrew Pulley, 39, a worker from the Lake Orion GM plant, UAW Local 5960, is running for Detroit City Council in a special election to be held April 23.

Pulley is a Vietnam veteran who spent 2 months in Army prison for organizing GIs against the war.

He is fighting for:

"Stop the war on Working People at Home and Abroad — Bring the Troops Home Now ...

"Stop the Cutbacks

"Stop Racist Attacks on Arab-Americans

"Defend Workers' Rights, Stop Union-busting

"Jobs for All — Shorten the Workweek with no Cut in Pay

"Defend Affirmative Action

"Cancel the Third World Debt."

Pulley is a member of the Socialist Workers Party. We think that all workers should support Pulley and the struggle for these



demands in the elections against all the other candidates, candidates of the heads of GM, Ford and Chrysler and the large banks, and candidates of their two parties, the Republicans and the Democrats.

It is not possible to win all these demands without a workers party, a workers government and a workers socialist revolution to take over the monopolies, develop a planned economy, and begin to build a truly socialist society.

Vote for a workers candidate April 23! ■

Briefly . . .

Support GIs against U.S. intervention in the Middle East! Many servicemen opposed U.S. intervention in the Middle East and refused to go. Some were taken in chains to the Middle East. You can support them and their struggle by writing to them and their families. For a list of names and addresses call 313-584-6556 or write *Truth* at our address.

Workers in the USSR continue to fight Gorbachev and the privileged bureaucracy. When Gorbachev attempted to address assembly line workers at a tractor plant on Tuesday, February 26, he was confronted by many angry workers. "I don't even have boots," said one. "There is no food, no goods ... I have a booklet of shopping coupons, and there is not a single coupon that has been clipped out ... I can't buy anything after work ... The shelves are bare," said another. All workers should support their struggle against Gorbachev and the privileged bureaucracy. It is a step toward socialism. The struggle for socialism is a struggle for a fully planned economy, planned by workers, in the interests of workers, that fully satisfies the needs of the workers. Socialism is not a semi-planned economy aimed at serving privileged, dictatorial bureaucrats.

Spark, a Trotskyist group, showed a film about the struggle of Black people against the war in Vietnam called, "No Vietnamese ever called me nigger ..." There were also very interesting presentations and a lively discussion. Everyone agreed that Black workers are going to play a decisive role in the struggles ahead.

The Trotskyist Committee of Detroit sold 11 copies of *Truth* at the Ford plant and Wayne County Community College. We also passed out a leaflet against the war called "War for oil hurts workers" and circulated a petition against the war with members of another Trotskyist group, the Revolutionary Communist Workers organization. ■

Marxists say . . .

"The advance of industry, whose involuntary promoter is the bourgeoisie, replaces the isolation of the laborers, due to competition, by their revolutionary combination, due to association. The development of modern industry, therefore, cuts from under its feet the very foundation on which the bourgeoisie produces and appropriates products. What the bourgeoisie therefore produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable." —

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*, 1848

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