

Unite millions against Engler and Bush!

Workers party! Workers candidates!

Working class and popular agitation against Engler, Bush and their policies continues to grow.

People are furious that:

— Engler *cut* all public financial aid to 90,000 single adults in Michigan (including many people too old and/or too unhealthy to work);

— Engler *increased* funds for his government by 10% (including an additional \$383,000 for himself and his staff).

— Bush refused to sign a bill extending unemployment benefits to thousands of laid-off workers throughout the United

States on the grounds that it would “break the budget”;

— Bush spends \$298.3 billion a year on “defense” (not including “Desert Storm”), \$288.7 billion on interest to bankers, and talks about sending funds to Gorbachev.

These are only the most obvious issues that working women and working men of all races and nationalities agree on and feel very strongly about.

Many people are also very angry that

rich, racist, white politicians like Engler and Bush are trying to create a climate in which:

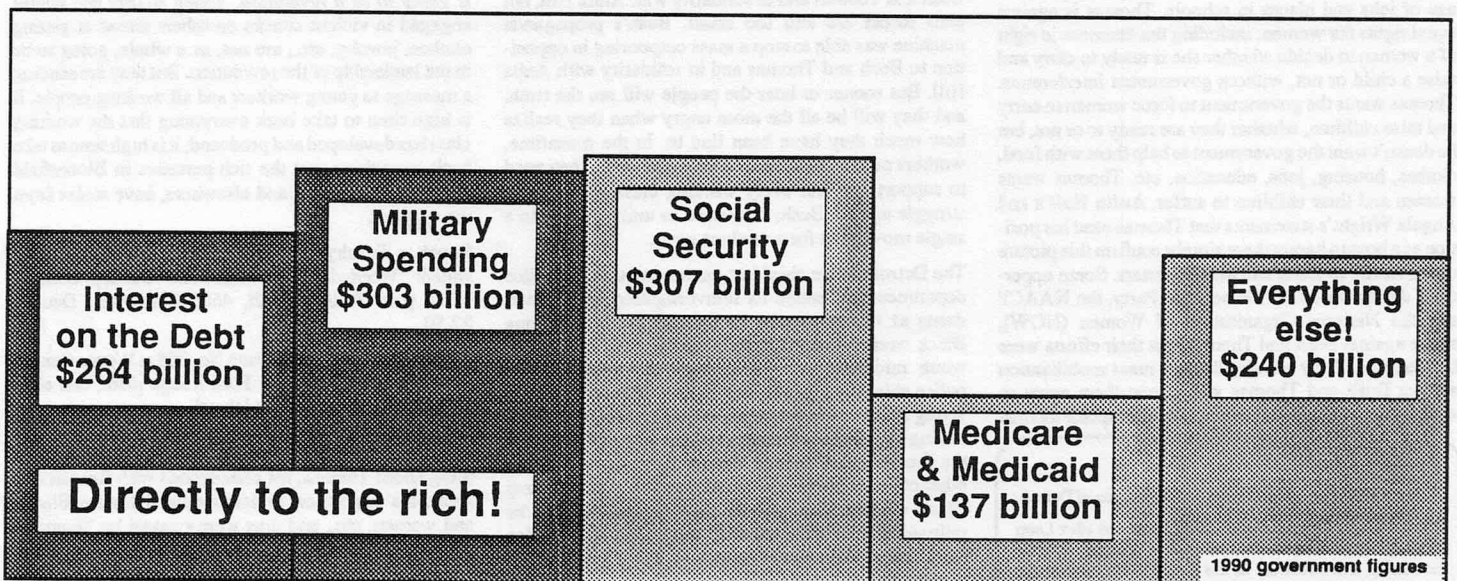
— young Black women who allegedly committed crimes at the fireworks in Detroit are *railroaded* (faces and names plastered all over the media; bullied into giving up their right to a trial; convicted; sentenced to long prison terms);

— white men who beat a Black man nearly to death at Harpo’s bar in Detroit are protected (little media coverage; 3 months in a half-way house).

— there is another individual —

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• The railroading of the
young Black women from
the fireworks affair

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Clarence Thomas — on the already overwhelmingly rich, white, male Supreme Court, who is not interested in equality for Black people or women. Or that Congress rejected Anita Hill's statements that he harassed her.

There is nothing that anyone can do about this by himself. There is nothing that a small handful of people can do by themselves. But there is something that millions of young people, working women, and working men can do.

This is why we are fighting to unite all the agitation, all the struggles, all the movements, against the privileged classes and their representatives, into a single movement for a workers party and workers candidates for office in 1992.

When millions of working women and working men of all races and nationalities are united, they will have the power to resolve all the problems before them.

They will have the power to build a society where working people own everything they produce, where everyone has what he needs, where there are no rich and no poor.

The Republican and Democratic parties, their candidates, and their election campaigns, are aimed at *dividing* working women and working men. They aim to pit U.S. workers against Iraqis, Japanese, Germans, etc. They aim to pit whites against Blacks, men against women.

Working women and working men must have an alternative to these privileged parties and their candidates. ■

Briefly . . .

The U.S. Senate voted to make Clarence Thomas a Supreme Court Justice. Thomas may have been poor and Black, but today he has a Black man's face and a rich white man's heart. Thomas supported Reagan; Thomas supports Bush. Thomas is against affirmative action laws and programs for Blacks and women that say that Blacks and women must have a certain percentage of jobs and places in schools. Thomas is against equal rights for women, including the democratic right of a woman to decide whether she is ready to carry and raise a child or not, without government interference. Thomas wants the government to force women to carry and raise children, whether they are ready to or not, but he doesn't want the government to help them with food, clothes, housing, jobs, education, etc. Thomas wants women and their children to suffer. Anita Hill's and Angela Wright's statements that Thomas used his position as a boss to harass them simply confirm this picture of the nature of Bush and his supporters. Some upper-class democrats in the Democratic Party, the NAACP and the National Organization of Women (NOW), spoke against Bush and Thomas, but their efforts were half-hearted. They are afraid that a mass mobilization against Bush and Thomas will sweep them away as well. Working class organizations also spoke against

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Revolution is coming ...

Working and living conditions in the United States are becoming so bad for so many people that there is going to be a revolution, or a series of revolutions, sooner or later.

This revolution (or revolutions) may begin as a generalized or popular revolution. But

of working people have an opportunity to learn how to fight for political power, how to use political power.

This is why we urge all young and working people to join and build Labor Party Advocates — which is the only independent

“This revolution . . . may begin as a popular revolution. But it will end as a working class and socialist revolution, in which working people take back everything that they have produced with their labor and that rightfully belongs to the working people . . .”

it will end as a working class and socialist revolution, in which working people take back everything that they have produced with their labor and that rightfully belongs to the working people — the giant monopolies that own and control the production and distribution of all the food, clothing, housing, cars, transportation, medical care, etc.

The working class is going to come to power, takeover the monopolies, and build a truly socialist or communist society, because it is *destined* to do so. This is the *nature* of the working class. The working class naturally struggles every day to get the biggest possible share of what it itself produces with its own labor. When the working class owns and controls everything that it produces, and when it has totally eliminated privileged classes and strata that live off of it, then socialism or communism will be complete.

Today, working people in the United States need their own political party — a party open to every working class youth, every working woman, and every working man, no matter what his or her political or religious views may be — so that millions

working class political organization in the United States open to all working people, regardless of their political or religious views — and to work for independent working class candidates in 1992.

Working people also need a *revolutionary party* that brings together all working women and working men (as well as elements of other social classes devoted to them) who see that revolution is inevitable and who want to do everything in their power to see that the revolution proceeds as smoothly as possible, at every point, in the best interests of the working class.

This is why we urge working people to join the most working class and revolutionary Trotskyist group in your workplace, school, or neighborhood.

The Trotskyists are the only working class, revolutionary, and socialist current that exists throughout the world. The Trotskyists are the only ones who have waged an irreconcilable struggle against the privileged classes and strata in the U.S. and the USSR, whether these privileged called themselves Republicans, Democrats, socialists, or communists. ■

Bush and Thomas and in solidarity with Anita Hill, but their forces are still too small. Bush's propaganda machine was able to stop a mass outpouring in opposition to Bush and Thomas and in solidarity with Anita Hill. But sooner or later the people will see the truth, and they will be all the more angry when they realize how much they have been lied to. In the meantime, workers need to build their own machine — they need to support any and every working class and popular struggle against Bush; they need to unify them into a single movement for a workers party.

The Detroit police chief just announced that the police department has ended its reinvestigation of the incidents at the fireworks in Detroit in which young Black women from Detroit allegedly beat and robbed white middle-class women from the suburbs. The police chief says that there is more evidence that these young Black women were provoked by racist remarks, having beer thrown at them, and that Joanne Was threw the first punch. Coleman Young, the police chief, and other officials obviously do not care about these young Black women. They sat by and allowed them to be railroaded; now they are only concerned about being sued. But workers should not allow this to lead them to ignore evidence that these young Black women were provoked. Moreover, even if they were not directly provoked by racist remarks or acts that day, they were provoked by the *institutional racism* that exists in our society and that denies the vast majority of young Black people decent jobs, schools, homes, recreation facilities, etc. The fact that young Blacks are engaged in violent attacks on others — aimed at getting clothes, jewelry, money, cars, etc. — shows that their conditions are becoming more and more unbearable. Young Blacks are becoming more and more desperate. *There*

is going to be a revolution. Young Blacks and whites engaged in violent attacks on others aimed at getting clothes, jewelry, etc., are not, as a whole, going to be in the leadership of the revolution. But they are sending a message to young workers and all working people. It is high time to take back everything that the working class has developed and produced; it is high time to take back everything that the rich parasites in Bloomfield Hills, Grosse Pointe, and elsewhere, have *stolen* from the workers.

Spark, a Trotskyist group, is holding a public meeting called: “Worried About Recession?” Sunday, October 27, 5 p.m. Pullman Hall, 4605 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$2.50.

Truth sold 38 copies of *Truth* No. 268 at Wayne County Community College, the Ford Rouge plant, and elsewhere in Detroit. We found that there were some young people and workers who supported Anita Hill. However, there were many people who did not know anything about Thomas, his connections with Reagan and Bush, his opposition to democratic rights for Blacks and women, etc., and thus were swayed by Thomas's dishonest speech on prime-time television against the alleged racist attacks against him. We also found a number of young people, including young Blacks, who support Bush and his policies. This shouldn't be surprising since Reagan and Bush have now been in power for almost 12 years, the Democrats have not made any fight against them, except for weak, phoney fights, every four years, and there is a constant stream of propaganda in support of Bush. Liberalism and the Democratic Party are on their death bed. Workers who want to defeat Bush are going to have to build their own party and run their own candidates.