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## EDITORIAL--BUILD LABOR PARTY

The world crisis of capitalism is putting the American bosses into a very serious bind. Right now the American capitalists are scurrying around the world. Johnson is preparing legislation to reduce the amount of gold in circulation. Speculation on the dollar continues in European markets, and signs point to yet another big increase in the balance of payments deficit of the US. The liquidity crisis has been sharply exposed by the devaluation of the pound. It is simply a reflection of the deep worldwide crisis of the capitalist system.

This all points to the fact that the boom of the fifties is over and that the bosses, faced with the need to cut back on spending, are having to make fresh inroads into the standard of living of the working class.

The major thorn in the side of the capitalists continues to be the American trade union movement. The crisis requires the bosses to intensify the exploitation of American labor through inflation, holding down wage gains, taxes, attacks on working conditions, attacks on jobs through rationalization and automation, and other means. Recently the New York Times called for serious consideration of some form of wage freezing.

American workers, however, fight back against the attacks of the capitalists. They never stop fighting. With an extremely powerful trade union movement, the working class is in constant conflict with the capitalists -- both the bosses directly and more their government lackeys as well -- that is at the very center of the class struggle in the United States. This struggle requires that American workers fight back politically. The old form of simple militant trade union struggles is over. It is the task before trade unions to see a necessity of political struggle. It is the task of trade unionists to join those in Trade Unionists for a Labor Party in the fight to build the political alternative of the labor party in the United States. Otherwise all trade union struggles will be defeated.

Just a short list of some of the major contracts coming due in the next nine months or so reveals the increasing tempo of struggle the American trade union movement is facing: steel, cans, aluminum, aerospace, railroads, telephone, longshore on both East and West coasts, and coal mining. Steel and related industries is one of the largest industries in the country and the struggle here will be fundamental. The New York transit contract also has national significance.

The situation in the railroad industry is at a critical stage, with rail employment slipping below the level of 1889 while rail profits have been soaring. Even the antiquated conservative rail unions are talking of mergers and combining their strength to fight the rail bosses. The question of unemployment will also be raised in longshore and of course in coal. At the same time a copper strike has been going on for five months now with no end in sight. The copper bosses, one of the most powerful arrogant international cartels, are determined to break the unions even if it means closing down copper mining within the U.S. more or less indefinitely.

Each and every one of these contract struggles and potential strikes raises the same central questions, above all the need for a political struggle as part of the building of a labor party. In none of these struggles will militant trade unionism be sufficient for victory. The bosses are girding for big battles and more than ever the usual strike breaking Taft-Hartley injunctions are waiting in the background this time around. Federal anti-strike legislation is being held as a club over the trade union movement. The government has abandoned all the usual phony mediation gimmicks. It is warning the working class in advance that it will have to make sacrifices, and moreover that the Vietnam War makes strike action not in the 'national interest'. A political fight, a head-on clash with the government, is necessary even to reaffirm the right to strike.

The campaign for a labor party, started with the Dec. 3 meeting of the Trade Unionists for a Labor Party in New York City, must be a national campaign. Workers face the same bosses and government threats all over the country and a serious counterattack nationally is needed. We must work towards the goal of a national meeting of rank and file trade unionists. The next step in the fight back is for such a national meeting of trade unionists, in the midst of the 1968 election campaign, to declare its support for the fight for a labor party, to intervene in that campaign to raise the alternative of an independent party of the working class.

### LABOR PARTY MOTION

1. Repeal all anti-strike legislation
2. Provide jobs for all
3. Wipe out inflation
4. Establish trade union control of working conditions in the shops
5. Nationalize all companies which claim they cannot provide decent wages or working conditions

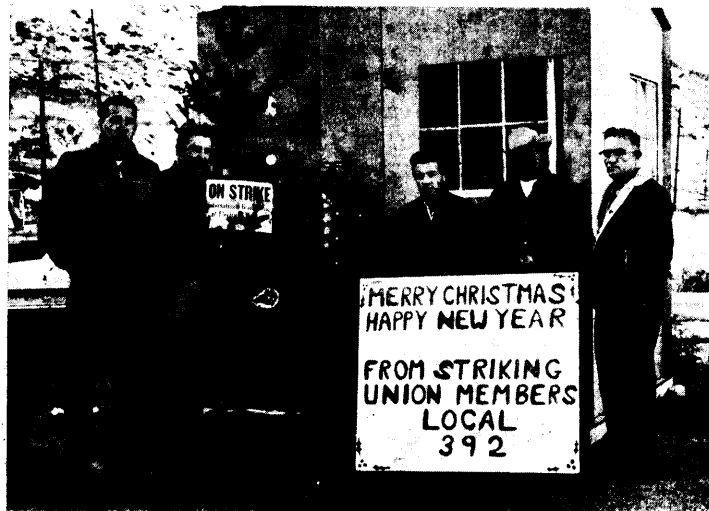
by Dan Fried

The ghost of Joe Hill, famed 'Wobbly' songwriter and organizer, murdered by the copper bosses in the early part of this century, stalks the deserted copper mines and mills in many western states. The 60,000 miners and smelter workers represented by a coalition of 26 unions have been on strike against the copper cartel for over six months.

The Big Four of the copper industry--Kennecott, Anaconda, Phelps Dodge, American Smelting and Refining have brought to bear all the 'modern' techniques of fighting the workers, but today's struggle is just so much new wine in old bottles. The copper bosses are showing that they lead American bosses in cold, ruthless anti-labor toughness today just as at the turn of the century when the Western Federation of Miners was created over the bodies of miners shot down in cold blood by the bosses' thugs.

### DIFFERENT

The conflict in today's strike is not the same as 50 or more years ago. The Big Four today have tremendous mining interests around the world, particularly in



BLEAK CHRISTMAS FOR COPPER MINERS.

Chile, Peru, and Africa. They are backed up by the US government which has 256,000 tons of copper stockpiled in its strategic reserve and under the leadership of LBJ (George Meany's buddy) stands ready in the wings with a Taft-Hartley injunction should they need it to break the strike.

That this is not just 'another' strike which has simply reached an impasse over wages and other economic issues has become apparent even to George Meany and the AFL-CIO council. Only after the strike was approaching its 6th month did Meany decide that 'this is a strike we cannot afford to lose' and pledged a contribution to a union war chest of \$600,000-- (this amounts to about \$10 for each striker or approximately 40¢ for each day of the strike so far). No, this is no ordinary strike--it is a major confrontation between the bosses and the working class. The American corporations personified by the copper barons and backed by the NAM and the US Chamber of Commerce are absolutely determined to push back the trade union movement which is desperately trying to keep pace with inflation, the deterioration of its strength due to automation, and decaying work conditions.

### COALITION

This determination of the

## Copper Bosses Try to Starve out Workers

copper companies comes about in this case because the copper unions formed a coalition in order to bargain for uniform pay scales and conditions, i.e., an industrywide contract such as exists in the steel industry. This same approach was attempted by the electrical unions in bargaining more than a year ago with G.E. and Westinghouse. While the electrical workers at best held their own, they certainly were not routed or smashed.

Today, the bosses clearly aim to rout and smash the copper unions, led by the United Steel Workers--rather than allow this 'coalition bargaining'. The New York Times candidly says, 'most large companies in other fields share the copper companies' belief that its strike represents a Rubicon, where the union drive for coalition bargaining must be halted.'

The companies still want to do things in the 'old way'

ers out while the vast stockpile of 640,000 tons of copper is sold and foreign production upped to meet the needs of the world market.

### STARVATION

There is no doubt that the strategy of the companies has met with much success as the workers in many copper producing areas are reduced to near starvation level. The meager union strike benefits do not even exist for many strikers, savings are largely exhausted and local welfare payments are just this side of starvation.

Meany's pledge is a pittance. Every trade unionist should be outraged by the negligently contribution to the copper workers who are the victims of what is a calculated attack on the entire American working class! We demand that these fat bureaucrats--Meany, Curran, and the whole gang take a pay cut to the level of the wage of a skilled worker in their respective industry and that the excess for the entire union officialdom be donated to the war chest of the copper strikers, as a first step! We know damn well that if the bureaucrats take steps like this the trade union ranks will respond with great sacrifices.

More than financial contributions, even large ones, are necessary to turn the tables on the Big Four. These companies which arrogantly refuse to look at the workers as anything more than cogs in production must be nationalized! This is the only fundamental solution to the attack on the copper unions--let the government nationalize the mines and mills under control of the miners and mill workers.

### POLITICS

The fight of the copper miners is the fight of the entire trade union movement. Like all such fights today it must be seen as a political as well as an economic struggle. Recently trade unionists gathered in New York City to start the fight back against all the bosses. A motion was passed calling for a labor party which would, among other things, 'Nationalize all companies which claim they cannot provide decent wages or working conditions.' This is the only answer copper workers have faced with an arrogant international cartel with greater power and more resources than many a nation. Certainly the Democrats and Republicans are not about to nationalize any of the large corporations, corporations they have so faithfully served over the years.

This is why the fight for a labor party must be seen as an essential part of the struggle of copper workers as it is of all basic labor struggles in the United States today.

# TRANSIT WORKERS FACE ATTACK OF MAYOR

NEW YORK -- As the Jan. 1 strike deadline approaches in New York City Transit American capitalism together with its hirelings in the Democratic and Republican parties and its agents in the labor bureaucracy conspire on a national level to deal the transit workers the defeat of their lives.

The national impact of the showdown developing in NYC Transit is inescapable. Last week spokesmen for Wall Street made clear their feelings that the '66 Transit settlement was not only 'inflationary' but that it set the pace for 'inflationary' settlements nationally over the past two years. This year they demand to see just the opposite precedent set; they are demanding to see the Transit Workers Union smashed.

## MEANY

Last week in Bal Harbor Florida the AFL-CIO leadership reaffirmed its program of appeasement that calls upon labor to cringe before Johnson's barely veiled threats of far reaching anti-strike legislation and wage controls. At the behest of Transit mediator Kheel, Meany carried this program into practice by promising to do everything in his power to prevent a strike in NYC Transit. Meany, by weakening the stand of New York Transit workers jeopardizes the conditions of millions of American workers, just what Johnson asked him to do.

The New York Transit showdown will be particularly key in determining the future course of Mayor Lindsay's now two year old onslaught against the wages and working conditions of New York City employees. Lindsay is under tremendous pressure to beat the Transit Workers so he can get on with the job of smashing every other union in this city. The city is racked with financial crisis. The crisis developing in the economy nationally is reflected in a diminishing flow of funds from

the Federal to the city coffers. This has forced the city to borrow more and more from the banks at interest rates, the highest in 30 years. It is these banks that dictate to Lindsay his policy of cutting city spending at the expense of city workers.

## CONDITIONS

Although the Transit Authority is set up under law as a self maintained independent authority under the direct control of and in the direct interest of the banks that hold TA bonds, these bondholders are driving for the same economies in transit that city bondholders force Lindsay to press for in all other city agencies. Since the TA was established 15,000 jobs have been cut, safety conditions have completely deteriorated; speed up has been achieved as a result of the unions adherence to a 'management prerogative' clause in the union contract putting control of working conditions in the hands of management; workers are summarily disciplined after intimidation by the TA's labor spies and kangaroo court system.

Transit workers work under intolerable air pollution conditions not to mention the cattle car technique used in the operation of subways and buses. Transit workers wage rates are in many cases some 30% behind what other workers in New York get for comparable work. Transit workers are faced with the same erosion of living standards resulting from inflation and threatened tax hikes faced by all workers.

The TWU has put forth 27 basic demands which if won would begin to provide some solution to the deterioration of their conditions and would put a serious dent in Lindsay's offensive against city labor. Key demands include a half pay pension after 20 years, a 30% pay hike, a 30 hour week, an end to company spies known as

the Beakies,

These demands are, of course, inflated as has been the custom with the TWU. These demands do not necessitate a fare hike; they do require the immediate stopping of all payments to leeching bondholders who make profits of public service. The main point however is that how many of these demands are won and how many are thrown away will depend completely upon the way in which the fight against the city is conducted right through the bargaining period and into a possible strike.

We know the program that TWU president Guinan and local 100 president Gilmartin have for waging this fight. In their TWU magazine they can talk about preparing for the fight of their lives; they can warn of the Taylor law, point to the defeats of Ford workers and New York City teachers, call for the abolition of the transit fare, and demand that business and real estate interests pay the taxes to run the buses and subways. But when it comes down to the real fight all this becomes just so much militant noise.

## POLITICAL

The question of who pays for transit, what the fare will be, how to smash the Taylor law, how to end inflation and who controls the working conditions in transit are all political questions. These bureaucrats by fighting as they did at the Madison Square Garden Anti-Taylor Law rally last May to keep labor bound hand and foot to the Democratic and Republican parties leave these decisions in the hands of the bosses. Not only do they shrink from posing any kind of political alternative to the labor movement they refuse even to prepare their union for a strike.

This is why we seek to intervene to bring to rank and file transit workers a program of struggle with which they can go beyond these



COPS PROTECT SCABS IN 1926 SUBWAY STRIKE.

bureaucratic hacks to lead the city labor movement to victory over Lindsay. We say to all transit workers: Lindsay is out to smash your union. If Lindsay and the TA don't meet your key demands satisfactorily you must give them your answer by shutting this city down on New Years Eve, not just till they throw your leaders in jail but until every one of your key demands are won, including the demand that there be no reprisals under the Taylor law.

## SUPPORT

At the same time the Trade Unionists for a Labor Party is fighting to take into every union a program of all out support to transit workers. To the whole city labor movement we say: the wages and working conditions of every city worker and the existence of every city union is at stake in the transit fight. What is required is an all out campaign for full financial support from every union to make it possible for transit workers to stay out until they win. These funds can be used not only for strike benefits but to buy radio and TV time, to print a daily strike newspaper and build a mass rally of all city workers in defense of transit workers.

But what must be understood above all is that the whole campaign in defense of transit workers can only take the city labor movement forward if its central thrust is that of battling to build a political alternative to Lindsay and the rest of the Demo-

cratic and Republican thieves that run this city in the interest of the bosses and the banks. No greater threat could be brought to bear against Lindsay than the threat that the city labor movement will build a labor party that will kick him out and run this city in its own interest.

## CONSTRUCT

It is only by beginning the fight to construct a labor party based on the trade unions that we can begin seriously to tackle the problem of stopping all payments on bonds to TA profiteers. It is the labor party and only the labor party that begins to pose how workers will force banks, real estate and insurance interests to pay the billions needed for subways, buses, schools, hospitals, public works projects, new jobs and the hundred other public services so desperately needed in this city. It is the labor party and only the labor party that opens the possibility of workers actually controlling the working conditions in their offices and shops. It is the labor party and only the labor party that points the way to workers repealing anti-labor legislation like the Taylor law and OCB. Only the labor party answers the question of how workers will gain control of the Federal, State and City finances so as to put an end to the vicious policy of inflation and rewrite the tax laws in their own interest.

It is with this kind of program that the Trade Unionists for a Labor Party seek to unite the city labor movement as the transit showdown nears.

# McCarthy: Enemy of Viet Revolution

by Bob Johnson  
MINNEAPOLIS-- Senator McCarthy of Minnesota jumped on the anti-war bandwagon with his announcement Nov. 30 of his intention to challenge Johnson in several primaries next spring. Almost immediately he won the support of the nation-wide "Concerned Democrats", who have now proceeded to organize the McCarthy campaign in 1968 as an alternative for the "peace movement" to Johnson.

But it would be wrong to believe that the McCarthy campaign rests on his "opposition" to the war in Vietnam. For McCarthy, as well as for Johnson, the Vietcong remain world enemy number one. The differences revolve around how best to crush the revolution in Vietnam, and at the same time oversee

the interests of capitalism as a whole.

McCarthy, following Morse, Fulbright, and Kennedy, is most keenly sensitive to the growing class struggle in the U.S. He now has joined the chorus for an "honorable, rational, and political" settlement of the war, expressing concern for other U.S. interests, and especially, for growing unrest in America.

But upon what basis is a political settlement of the war possible? Defeat or victory for the revolutionary struggle being waged by the Vietcong? The Stalinists have already made it quite clear that "peaceful coexistence" is the goal to which they will sacrifice the Vietnamese revolution. The only unwilling partner to this dirty business so far, is the Vietcong who continue to fight.

So it was only natural that the Stalinists have come out as enthusiastic supporters of the McCarthy campaign. But really, McCarthy has absolutely no programmatic alternatives for U.S. imperialism in Vietnam. This peace movement does not see. His campaign has something else in mind. McCarthy hopes his campaign will "restore to many people a belief in the processes of American politics" and that it may counter "threats of support for a third party or fourth party or other irregular political movements". This takes on its importance in the context of the tremendous class struggles of 1967.

The war in Vietnam is not an isolated war, but rather bound up with the overall strategy of capitalism to roll back the gains of the

working class all over the world.

More and more clearly has been revealed Johnson's program for resolving the crisis of imperialism. Smash the Vietcong. Attack the workers. Isolate China, and prepare to sink the bloody roots of capitalism back into the Chinese mainland. Federal troops to Detroit, mobilize the National Guard. Federal intervention in the Railway strike, compulsory arbitration. Cops and troops for the anti-war youth demonstrators. Cut the 'anti-poverty' budgets.

To wage this war against the working class the bosses need a firm political grip on the workers. But along with the economic crisis of capitalism, its political system is also in crisis. The game of two

capitalist parties containing and entrapping all discontent and potential revolt is near its end.

To all the discontent in the middle class over the war in Vietnam the capitalists offer McCarthy. His campaign is intended to channel all potential political revolt safely into the Democratic party.

The bosses cannot risk any movement toward independent political action by any section of the working class. They are mortally afraid of the LABOR PARTY which could arm the working class politically to do battle with the bosses. Tied to the Democratic Party the working class is mercilessly exposed to all the bosses' attacks. That is why the WORKERS LEAGUE fights so hard for the building of a LABOR PARTY.

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## Labor Under Attack

by Charles Henry

TORONTO—One of the most pressing problems facing the trade union movement in Canada today is the increasing use of the state as a strike breaker. Court injunctions, anti-trade union legislation on behalf of the capitalists are becoming common to break strikes. Workers are faced more and more with the need to fight politically.

One of the best examples of this was the strike of the Montreal Transit Workers in their fight to achieve parity with the transit workers in Ontario. The strike itself could have been used as a model of solidarity of workers on strike but because of the incompetent union leadership the workers weren't prepared for a political battle and the strike was lost. When the Quebec government passed special legislation to break the strike the workers were confused and demoralized and in the words of Premier Johnson of Quebec a dangerous precedent had been established.

This was not an isolated case, all over Canada the same kind of intervention by the state is taking place whether by court injunctions or anti-trade union injunctions to break strikes. Because capitalism is faced with an intensifying crisis it is forced to attack the working class. This was made obvious by the latest austerity measures of the Federal Government in its mini-budget. By raising the bank

rate along with an increase in personal income tax, an increase in purchase tax on Liquor, Beer, and Cigarettes, the government was signalling a new offensive against the standard of living of the working class.

They are trying to solve their crisis by attacking the working class by an attack on the standard of living and on the trade union movement. The working class is posed with the necessity to fight politically. Every strike is now a political fight. Any leaders of the trade union movement who tell their members that it is not, betray those members and they must be fought. The working class must build an alternative to these bureaucrats.

Canadian workers must take their fight inside the NDP. They must force those members of Parliament to oppose any attempt of the Liberals and Tories to make the working class pay for their crisis by either attacking their standard of living or by use of anti-trade union legislation. The working class elected these gentlemen to office to oppose such attempts of the capitalists to attack the working class; it must be insured that they do so.

The only way this can be done is to put these people under the discipline of the trade union movement. That is by trade union control of NDP. Trade unionists must call for 1 worker-1 vote in the NDP.

## Maoists, LSA, Fight Trotskyism

by Robert Hartley

TORONTO--The Canadian pro-Chinese Progressive Workers Movement has been devoting considerable space in their magazine Progressive Worker to attacks on Trotskyism. Choosing the revisionist League for Socialist Action as a "typical" Trotskyist organization the PWM proceeds to attack these revisionists from both the right and left. From the left the Maoists hit the LSA for its class collaboration and unprincipled bloc with the Stalinist Communist Party in the anti-war movement. From the right the PWM hits the LSA for not calling directly for the actual separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada. In other articles Progressive Worker has pushed its line of "Canadian unions for Canadian workers", which differs from the revisionist LSA only insofar as the latter in practice ignores the trade unions for their petty-bourgeois anti-war and student power campaigns.

### CONTENT

The content of the PWM attacks on the League for Socialist Action is that of an organization which operates partially under the influence of the Chinese Revolution, and partially under the influence of anti-American nationalism. The Maoists reject the New Democratic Party calling it a tool of the American trade union bureaucracy. They reject a struggle in the international unions because

they feel Canadian workers should separate themselves from the movement of practically 20 million workers in the USA.

They counterpose the building of the CNTU, which stands for Canadian unions for Canadian workers, to a struggle against the anti-labor bureaucracy which controls both the CLC and CNTU. The role of the CNTU is quite clear. Starting as a national Catholic union movement it carried favor with the bosses. Later it took on a superficial radical character, but at the same time consistently opposed working class political action, and used nationalist demagogery to split the Canadian and American working class in their struggle for parity.

This is the logic of the Maoist line. Instead of struggling for a socialist revolution aimed at the power of Canada's ruling class, the Maoist demagogery leads workers to defeat by their reliance on isolated militancy or middle class propaganda as opposed to building a working class political alternative. Aside from formal and perfunctory arguments against nationalist militancy, in the trade unions the revisionist anti-Trotskyist LSA advances as their main line in the trade union movement anti-war propaganda, ignoring completely the fight for a unified political struggle against inflation and anti-trade union legislation.

DIFFER

This is where the Workers League, as Trotskyists, differ as night differs from day from the revisionist PWM and LSA. We do not engage in nationalist demagogery as do the Pro-Chinese PWM campaigns as does the Pabloite LSA. The Maoists have Trotskyism all wrong. We fight for leadership of the working class. We take the struggle for alternative leadership to the trade unions and the NDP. We have nothing to do with Quebec nationalism. We fight for unity of the working class and internationalization of the class struggle. The League for Socialist Action fights for none of this, it fights for its petty-bourgeois existence and pacifist misleadership.

Only the Workers League, in political solidarity with the International Committee of the 4th International, represents the continuity of Marxism. Both the LSA and PWM have broken that continuity. They are obstacles in the road to workers power. They will be removed.

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## S.F. State-- from Black Power to Terrorism

SAN FRANCISCO -- The recent disturbances at San Francisco State have once again demonstrated the absolute bankruptcy of the ruling class and the revisionists. The ruling class has shown that any demand raised by students will receive an escalated response calculated to smash any student movement, while the revisionists have shown their bankruptcy by pandering to every desire of the Black Student Union on campus and by continuing to support demands which are plainly phony. What is the true story of what went on at San Francisco State, and what are its implications for both students and workers?

### PHONY

On Wednesday, December 6, the campus of San Francisco State was the scene of two rallies, one held by a group called Movement Against Political Suspensions and the other by the campus Black Student Union. Both were held to publicize demands that four Black students have disciplinary suspensions lifted by the administration; the suspensions had been placed originally because of an alleged attack the four had made upon the editor of the campus newspaper. Both groups entered the Administration building, while on the outside groups of Blacks roamed the campus, entering classes and engaging in occasional fistfights. As

a result of this, the campus was closed early in the afternoon of Dec. 6.

On the following Saturday, a meeting was held in Los Angeles of the Board of Trustees of the California State College, at which resolutions were passed taking away all choice of disciplinary action from the college presidents and putting Dr. Summerskill, the S.F. State President, himself on probation.

On the basis of this information we can make the assessment that, first of all, the issue developed by the SDS-YSA-PL-BSU coalition was a phony one. It cannot be compared to the FSM at Cal., for it was quite obvious there that the ruling class meant to shut down any sort of political dissent. At State the issue of free speech was nonexistent; the issue of racism did exist and was exploited by the BSU. But the point is that the issue which started the whole chain of events, the beating of the editor of the paper, was done deliberately as a terrorist act by members of the BSU. What happened immediately was the isolation on campus of the radicals. The vast majority of State students refused to listen further to their demands because it became obvious that it was a deliberate setup. No revolution was ever made by deliberately setting up confrontations, and this incident did

great harm to the cause of revolution by displaying openly the bankruptcy which led to this grasping for an issue. There are enough rotten situations in this country which demand exposure without the need to set up your own.

### TERRORISM

Secondly, the impact of the terrorism at State has had an impact across the state. It has resulted in the further isolation of campus peace movements from the working class. NO ATTEMPT has been made by any of the students involved to explain what happened to the outside community; no attempt has been made to link the struggle for black liberation to the struggles of white workers. The revisionist YSA and others continue to slavishly support a program of suicidal idiocy in supporting a program which leads to the isolation of the campus. THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE ANOTHER INSTANT!

It must be made clear to all students that the fight against imperialism cannot succeed if it is limited to phony set-up issues on the campus; it cannot succeed through the use of harebrained tactics of terrorism at this point; it cannot succeed through the continued belief in non-ideology as expressed by SDS. As long as radical students view themselves as

the natural elite of the revolution they will only end up by being smashed by the ruling class again and again and again. As a matter of fact some of these so-called activists like nothing better than to be beaten up by the cops-- what better way to become a martyr? The only good that does is to enrich the state further by taking away your money and freedom. But do you see these activists take the struggle off campus to the working class? Only in isolated instances has the struggle even begun. It is the duty of every true revolutionary to carry the struggle off campus and to the working class, and, while on campus, bring the message of the class struggle to the students.

As might be expected, the ruling class was very displeased about the activities both at San Francisco State and Cal State at Los Angeles. They moved to smash any resistance immediately by making it mandatory that any student guilty of advocating violence on campus be immediately suspended. The State faculty retaliated by threatening to strike if any action were taken. There the situation stands at this point, but we can be sure that it is only the beginning of further oppression on the campuses. It is obvious that the person who bore the major

share of the student attacks, President Summerskill, was only a pawn in the hands of the ruling class as exhibited by the actions of the State College Board of Trustees. Why waste time attacking a paper enemy? The revisionists know that Summerskill had no real power; THEY USED THE ATTACK ON HIM TO HIDE THEIR OWN INABILITY TO GO TO THE WORKING CLASS! THEY USED THEIR ATTACK ON HIM TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE FORCED BY THE PEOPLE TO ATTACK THE SYSTEM ITSELF!

The Workers League supports any fight against racism; the Workers League supports the fight of any oppressed people to rise up and overthrow the capitalist tyranny. But we say to the campus radicals, do not waste your time being suckered by pseudo-revolutionaries. Do not waste your time playing with revolution within your campus circle. Revolution is a serious business and demands a seriousness of attitude from every person who really wants to remake this country. We say enough of this foolishness about phony campus issues! Only unity with the working class can bring about a true Socialist revolution; only the Workers League supports this demand with every breath.

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# Editorial: We Must Build the YWL to F

Youth today are in trouble. After school -which is a fraud-- what is waiting for us? We can get a rotten job on the assembly line, in the sweatshop, or as a messenger. That goes nowhere. We can go on the welfare line. We can enroll in the government's phony 'anti-poverty' program, which only delays us a little from what's

in store for us. Or we can go into the army and fight the bosses' war in Vietnam. Why are there no jobs? We suffer because it is government policy - the policy of a government run by the same people who run the industries -- in the same way -- FOR PROFIT. As long as they and their parties are in control, the government will

be run in the interests of the same industries that deny us our jobs. The government will not give us jobs because it would be unprofitable for the bosses. Capitalist profit. That's what counts; we don't. As a major capitalist once said, 'What's good for General Motors is good for the nation.'

They need the rotten job

situation they've laid out for us. They put us through their schools which teach us nothing useful so that they can have us around as a reserve to work for cheaper wages when they're in trouble with their regular work force. They think nothing of using us against our older working class brothers. And they need us to go out and fight their wars.

We're nothing but cheap spare parts to them! That's the boss government's 'job policy'.

That's it. The capitalist parties have nothing to offer us. We need jobs and all they can give us is nothing. And while they're whittling away at the little we have left, they're also trying to beat down the labor move-



LUCY FLINN, WELFARE UNION ALTERNATE, CHAIRS.

## Trade Unionists for a Labor Party Hammer out Program

by Ronald Geller

NEW YORK CITY--On Dec. 3rd the Trade Unionists for a Labor Party held its first meeting here. It was called to discuss and pass a program for struggle within the trade unions. Over 50 people from over 8 different unions attended.

The trade unions in this country are being forced into defeat after defeat at the hands of the bureaucratic union leaders collaborating with the two major parties. In New York we saw the SSEU (welfare workers) and the UFT (teachers) suffer defeat at the hands of the Lindsay administration.

### OFFENSIVE

It is time that the labor unions go on the offensive and throw Lindsay and the two bosses' parties out replacing them with a party of their own. This is what the meeting was all about. This is what we intend to do.

The meeting discussed the different problems facing each union and it became clear it was all the same basic problem. We can't defend the interests of the workers of this country by fighting on the trade union level alone. Every time we strike for our just demands the bosses throw the power of the government at us. To win a battle today the unions have got to fight to throw out the agents of the bosses that run this country, the two major parties.

Here is the motion passed at this meeting. Here is the program the Trade Unionists for a Labor Party will be fighting for throughout this country in union after union:

We fight in the unions for the American trade union movement to take the lead in establishing a labor party which will:

1. Repeal all anti-strike legislation;
2. Provide jobs for all;
3. Wipe out inflation;
4. Establish trade union control of working conditions in the shops;
5. Nationalize all companies which claim they cannot provide decent wages or working conditions.

### TRANSIT

We have been holding weekly meetings here ever since the Dec. 3 meeting to mobilize support within the unions and among the youth all over the city for the transit workers who face a New Year's Eve strike deadline. The transit fight is the fight of all workers. The Lindsay Administration, fresh from victories over the welfare workers and teachers, want to beat back transit so they can hold back all unions at a time when inflation is eating away at paychecks and when more and more jobs are being eliminated threatening unemployed workers with no paycheck and youth with less and less of a chance of jobs in any industry.

After the Transit struggle we are planning to support the battles of Direct mail employees (District 65 ) and Hospital workers (local 1199) which are coming up this Spring. Also we will be working with trade unionists in a number of unions to develop a fighting program for the labor party within as

many unions as possible.

### UNITY

This fight is not just the fight of trade unionists. At stake is the very future of working class youth. Every blow which weakens unions means that youth will face worse and worse working conditions and lower and lower pay when they do leave school and find jobs in industry. Just as important many, many working class youth will find no jobs at all waiting for them when they get out of school. This is the importance to working class youth of the second part of the Trade Unionists for a Labor Party motion which states: "Provide Jobs for all".

The Young Workers League campaigns to rally youth in support of the unions when these unions fight back against the bosses, and their government. The Young Workers League fights alongside the Workers League inside the unions for the unions to build a labor party which will remove the threat of unemployment from unionized workers and open up jobs for unemployed youth. Youth fight for the unions and the unions must fight for the youth. Only with the unity of the entire working class, young and old, Negro and white, can we gather together the power to change anything in this country. And the only way we can forge this unity is through this struggle for the labor party. This is the importance of the Trade Unionists for a Labor Party.

Come join us in this FIGHT BACK!

## WE FIGHT FOR A LABOR PARTY

### AGAINST

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by Greg Daniels

NEW YORK- All youth know the school's propaganda line, 'don't drop out, stay in school and graduate, or you'll never get a good job, you'll never be anything or get anywhere in life.' It implies that if we stay to graduate, we will have a better life, a better chance than the drop out who has no job and the draft as his only future. They never let us forget their most important reason for having us graduate -- so that we'll be able to 'get a good job and earn a decent living'. They pressure us to accept this whole pitch blaring from the classroom, TV, radio and printed advertising to stay in courses that have very little relation to our lives by posing a diploma as the solution to the problem of what we will do for the rest of our lives.

They try to conjure up a vision of a prosperous life with an independent and responsible place in society, aimed at working-class youth whose fathers have barely been able to care for their families, or who have been raised on less-than-subsistence unemployment or welfare 'benefits' because of chronic unemployment and the degeneration of family life that so often follows from it. We don't want the same rotten deal for the rest of our lives and for our wives and kids. The school tries to play upon this feeling to make us settle down and accept what they dish out as the 'key to our future' instead of asking questions and maybe fighting back.

### DISGUSTED

I'm basing this on my own recent experience, school in June, 1966. We were assailed with the 'stay in school' pitch regularly and, seeing no future in dropping out, I went through the whole set of irrelevant courses to graduate. As a new graduate you start to feel that you have almost made it, financial and social independence is around the corner. I wasn't perfectly optimistic, but I didn't think things were as bad as they turned out.

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ment and take away what they have. LBJ and his friends in the two parties are threatening anti-strike legislation against the working class. These laws are designed to take away any gains the labor movement makes -- it threatens the job of every working person in the United States. It threatens your future jobs as well.

The bosses' parties mean business -- so we'd better mean business also!

What organized labor needs -- and what we need -- is a political party to beat back the bosses on their own ground. We have to fight for this party because only a government run by a party

of the workers can deliver on a program of Jobs for All. The capitalists and their parties have proven their failure at giving us anything -- they are only out for themselves. Now it's up to organized labor

Only through the fight for the labor party can the workers and youth really begin to win their battles. Without the fight for this party, every

battle will end in defeat.

For some time to come, all of the work of the Young Workers League and the Workers League will be centered around the Labor Party struggle. The real power in American today in the trade union movement (the strongest in the world) and we must connect up with it in our fight for the labor party.

Only this struggle and only this party can answer the big question we face today of Where Are the Jobs?

In the next few months the YWL and the Young Worker will build campaign upon campaign to bring youth around the Labor Party struggle and will agitate on their most important concern of Jobs for All.

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## Great Society: Youth Face Poverty Wages or Vietnam

MINNEAPOLIS--Youth in the United States, just as youth all over the world, are increasingly victimized by the very system they have been taught and even forced to believe in and defend all their lives. All youth are trained to believe in and support the capitalist system. They are indoctrinated by their teachers and so-called spiritual leaders, and pushed around by the cops.

As soon as the youth are at an age when they can legally work, another person comes into their lives to exploit them. This is the one that all young workers must fight, must rid themselves and their fellow workers of; the boss!

### LOWEST

The boss is the lowest form of life that exists on the face of the earth. This leech sits in his overstuffed chair in his air conditioned office making a profit off the youth that are sweating their guts out trying to make enough money to exist.

The bosses are the ones that are making sure that youth are drafted into a bosses' war. In the army youth are further indoctrinated into the merits of the capitalist system. When they are inducted into the army they are taught a trade-the trade of hired killer. Many are sent to Vietnam to fight the war the bosses started

and kill their fellow youth-- the young Vietnamese.

The Vietnamese youth, the 14, 15 and 16 year olds, are fighting against the forces of imperialism with their very lives. We in the U.S. must fight the same imperialism. You ask: 'Why should we fight imperialism (another word for bosses and their system)? How should we fight it?'

### WHY?

Why should we fight the bosses? It's like this, most of us can't find jobs. If we aren't white, we have two strikes against getting a job and a harder time keeping it if we do find one. Those jobs that we do find are of the lowest and degrading nature. After we work and sweat like hell we hardly get paid for working. We get paid \$1.00 an hour, or \$1.40 if we are damn lucky. These are the wages of a slave laborer. The boss gets \$5.00 or more an hour off the job he pays us, say \$1.25 an hour to do. You ask: 'What the hell happened to the \$3.75 difference?' The boss keeps every damn cent! You don't think he is getting fat by working and sweating for it? What he is pulling off is nothing short of legalized robbery. It is legal only because the boss has power. The only way youth

and workers will ever get an even break is to overthrow the bosses and his system and take power.

### HOW?

Now we come to the second question. 'How can we overthrow the system?' We have to remember that we, as youth, are only a part of the working class. Only as part of the working class can we overthrow the system. We can fight by being well organized. When the revolution comes we'll be in the vanguard of the fighting forces. The Young Workers League is the only organization in the United States that has an effective program for organizing and training the youth.

The Young Workers League is organized to fight for the youth's needs. While we fight to win our demands we will learn how to organize and how to fight. As we struggle to solve our day-to-day problems, we will prepare ourselves to overthrow the system.

### UNITE

The only way we can do this is by organizing youth to fight back for jobs, against the draft, against police brutality. We must unite this struggle with the struggle of the workers organized in trade unions and throw the bosses out of the government by organizing our own party, a party of labor.

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That's my experience. But it's not just one man's hard luck story -- this isn't a unique or individual phenomenon. I, like the thousands of New York youth who received academic and general diplomas and like the millions of youth all over the country in similar programs, received no real job training in high school. As we get out of school we face nothing but crummy dead-end jobs or no job but Vietnam. The few anti-poverty job training programs are cruel jokes-- when you come out of one you are better prepared for another dead-end job and more unemployment.

### RIGHT

Youth have a right to a job. We have a right to real job training -- if it's so important to stay in school, make it worth while. This is obvious and makes sense. So why are the schools in such a mess and our job prospects consequently so miserable? The answer is that the schools are run by the bosses through their government, and the bosses need a great mass of unskilled workers to be easily exploited for their increased profit (and) on top of this, the contradiction between new, more productive techniques in industry and capitalist ownership of the means of production for private profit is unfolding in increasing unemployment. It is against the bosses' interests to fix up the schools and job situations. They and their government can only make things worse.

For any solution to our problems we have to throw out the bosses' government and their political parties, Democrats and Republicans. Only labor, organized politically, can fight in the interests of labor. Only a labor party can fight for jobs for all and real job training. The fight for the labor party is the fight of working class youth for meaningful education and real jobs, for economic and social independence. The Young Workers League is the only youth organization fighting for our future by fighting for this labor party.

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CONFRONTATION AT IRVING PLACE, N.Y.

## ANTI-DRAFT WEEK ENDS IN SHAMBLES

NEW YORK-- The anti-war movement reached a peak of frenzy last week during the so-called Stop the Draft Week. It was clear confirmation of the tremendous crisis building up inside the peace movement. More than anything, it expressed the desperation of the middle class youth, frustrated by demonstrations that change nothing and go nowhere, frustrated with their own powerlessness.

This is what was behind the four day Stop the Draft movement, launched by the Fifth Avenue Parade Committee, the aim being to close the Whitehall Induction Center. What was the result? Every day the marchers were overwhelmed by cops who systematically beat and arrested protesters. The whole fiasco ended on Friday with a vicious attack by the cops who charged a crowd, clubbing right and left and hauling hundreds off in paddy wagons. Will the Socialist Workers Party hail this as another victory? They are now going to have another demonstration to protest the violence and ask Lindsay to uphold the Bill of Rights!

### RESPONSIBLE

The SWP and the Communist Party who run the peace movement must take complete responsibility for the violence. They have given absolutely no leadership or perspective to the youth and have led them down a blind alley where the only certainty is going to jail. They have filled people's heads with the garbage that mass protests will end the war if only enough people join in. The SWP makes pious appeals to the government even though the government has made it clear that no amount of public pressure will make them change their policies. That's how much the ruling class cares for public opinion.

### POWER

The youth who participated in this demonstration were forced to confront the main question: power. We cannot stop the war unless we challenge the power of the ruling class. The draft is not a symbol but a real expression of capitalist power. The Young Workers League fights the draft not through pressure but by a revolutionary struggle for power. The only class which can take power is the working class and it is among this class that the struggle must be waged.

It is this policy of the Young Workers League that brings us into bitter opposition to the SWP and the Stalinist DuBois Clubs. These organizations have played the major role in obscuring the class issues in the war by isolating the struggles of working class youth from the struggle against the war. They have led youth into more and more desperate actions in an attempt to cover up the demoralization and discouragement in the peace movement. They have led youth away from the working class by opposing the war on moral grounds.

The YWL says no individual protest! The Resistance, a group in which the DuBois Clubs participates, passes out leaflets at high schools, advising students on ways to avoid the draft. This is not the answer! The issue cannot be evaded!

The war in Vietnam is being fought right here in the U.S.

only in another form. A wave of militant strikes is sweeping the country as workers fight to defend their working conditions and wages. Johnson is trying to destroy the trade unions with anti-strike legislation because he knows that this is where the real threat to his power comes from, not from the endless demonstrations of the middle class. Youth unemployment is climbing and one third of Negro youth cannot find jobs. Things are going to get worse as every worker and youth are asked to pay for the war.

### WIN

Yes, we must fight the draft and the war and we can win this fight. But we can only win it by fighting for the alternative here in the U.S. The Young Workers League is the only youth organization fighting for a program that can answer the attacks of the government. We are launching a campaign to fight against unemployment and to demand jobs and job training for all youth. We will not lie down and let our living and working conditions be destroyed. We must support the struggles of the trade unionists in their fight against the bosses and join with Trade Unionists for a Labor Party in fighting for a political party of the workers that will throw the bankers and the bosses out of power for good!

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# Canadian Youth Fight for Jobs!

TORONTO--The last meeting of the Lakeshore New Democratic Youth was again another great step forward in preparing for a new socialist youth movement in Canada. At the meeting an executive committee was formed which pledged itself to build the NDY through fighting on the basis of concrete demands for youth.

Canadian youth today are faced with the prospect of deadend jobs at low wages working in sweatshops with the threat of speedup continually deteriorating what gains have been made since the 1930's. The Lakeshore NDP sees the necessity of building its organization through the fight around these issues, and taking the fight to the NDY. Only in this way can an alternative leadership be trained which is capable of deepening the experience of the working class in the NDP carrying the class forward in the construction of the revolutionary party.

### MOBILIZE

The youth present at the meeting seeing that the fight to mobilize working class youth on issues like ending dead-end jobs, ending youth unemployment, the vote at 18, etc., as struggles not peculiar to the Lakeshore area expressed their determination to take this fight to the coming NDY conference early in the new year. The NDY conference must have placed before it as a central demand the unification of the struggles of youth in the Maritimes to those of youth in British Columbia, from the youth in Ontario to the youth in Quebec. All these youth face essentially the same problems as youth in Lakeshore. Only by following the example of the Lakeshore NDY can the national NDY become a truly mass youth movement, and only in this way can it lay the basis for an alternative to capitalism.

This fight must be deepened by taking it to the trade unionists inside the NDP. An integral part of this effort is the establishment of direct trade union control of the NDP. It is the same political fight and the same political need as that in the NDY to establish an alternative leadership to that which presently controls the NDP.

### UNIONS

The Workers League in Canada pledges itself to support and assist the fight presently being carried out in the NDY. We urge these comrades to fight also inside the trade unions for the policies which they are beginning to advance in the NDP. The task before the Canadian trade union movement today is the struggle against anti-trade union laws and injunctions, and also the issue of wage parity. Both of these fights because of their very nature are political and directly related to the NDY's fight inside the NDP for an alternative leadership.

Therefore it is the responsibility of these socialist

youth to build a bridge between themselves and the rank and file in the trade union movement. One of the ways of doing this would be to call a meeting of rank and file trade unionists with the purpose of organizing a campaign to make the NDP members of parliament fight against the inflationary spiral of high rents, rising food costs, and thus lower real earnings.

### OPPOSE

Both the League for Socialist Action and the Communist Party each in their own way oppose the necessary tasks facing the working class and the trade union movement. The Communist Party by calling for the "independence" of the Canadian ruling class from American imperialism consistent with their line of peaceful coexistence—that is workers can coexist along side capitalism—reject the basic principle that workers must take power. What this actually means for the day to day struggle of trade unionists for better wages and working conditions is compromise and sell out.

It is easy to expose the Communist Party but the greatest threat in the fight to build a revolutionary working class party is the League for Socialist Action because these revisionists call themselves Trotskyists and claim to base themselves in the class struggle traditions of the 4th International. Their actions prove otherwise. At present their main orientation is to the anti-war movement, and to other petty-bourgeois radical circles. Instead of workers power the revisionist LSA calls for student power. In the final analysis both in their own way reject the perspective of building a revolutionary party. Those who reject the working class as the agent of social change reject the revolutionary party.

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We in the Workers League express our solidarity with the socialist youth inside the NDY in their attempt to build a massive youth movement with real roots in the working class. Therefore we support their attempt to build for a big meeting in January, and we also see the significance of a meaningful social program which can attract working class youth, like the decision of the Lakeshore NDY executive to hold a youth dance early in the new year. The Workers League calls for support to the socialist youth inside the NDY. Forward to a mass NDY!