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## NO COLLABORATION WITH THE DEMOCRATS!

### Take the leadership of the Strike out of the hands of Woodcock and Co.!

STATEMENT OF BARBARA PUTNAM AND FRED VITALE, CANDIDATES OF THE TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION OF THE US, FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The autoworkers in the United States and Canada have only one force to rely upon in the negotiations and the upcoming strike against the auto companies: that of their own independent organization and power. The Trotskyist Organization of the USA, Section (Sympathizing) of the Fourth International, World Party of Socialist Revolution, believes that the autoworkers in the US and Canada must strike on September 14th, that it must be a strike of all the auto companies, that the autoworkers must use this strike to take the leadership of the strike movement of the US working class to launch an offensive against this decaying system of unemployment, repression and war.

A victorious strike, a strike that will turn back the attacks of the US capitalist class against the workers and oppressed in the US can only be led on the basis of the independent power and organization of the autoworkers themselves. This is above all the lesson that that the autoworkers have learned in the last years since the auto contract in 1973. The last contract with the auto companies was signed by Woodcock and Co. in September 1973. In A MATTER OF MONTHS, in the winter of 1974, the US capitalist class launched the largest attack against the US working class since WWII. Massive layoffs, the "energy crisis," inflation and increased police repression was the answer that the US capitalist gave to the struggle of the workers and oppressed in this society for a decent living. The auto workers were directly attacked -- at one point over 1/3 of the UAW was on layoff-- today there are still over 200,000 auto workers unemployed -- unemployed since the last contract. This is the record that the leadership of the UAW-- Woodcock and Co. stands on today-- the record of 200,000 unemployed auto workers, the record of collaboration with the US government and the auto companies in their attack on the working class.

This is the same "victory" that Woodcock and Co., along with the Democratic and Republican parties are preparing for the auto workers today. Calling the auto workers "demoralized" and "afraid of another recession"(which they aided), the UAW bureaucrats are leading today a defensive and losing struggle against the "take away" demands of the auto companies. They have nothing to offer against the auto companies, who along with Ford and Carter are determined to continue the attack against the working class-- unemployment is rising once again, a massive attack is being prepared against the youth in the streets and the auto companies are adding to it with their demands to pay youth the minimum wage and to take away health care benefits, vacation time, while increasing the massive speed-up and repression in the plants.

A victorious strike of the auto workers must be led by waging a fight against the entire counter-revolutionary plot of the US ruling class and trade union bureaucrats, throughout society. The independent

power and organization of the auto workers means first of all an offensive against the strikebreaking capitalist state and its Democratic and Republican parties. DOWN WITH THE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS-- EXPELL WOODCOCK FROM THE UAW FOR CLASS COLLABORATION! In return for selling out the auto strike, Woodcock has been promised a place in Carter's Cabinet. Carter has already proposed the institution of wage controls, Carter was a fervent supporter of "right to work" laws while Governor of Georgia. No wonder he is Henry Ford's choice for President as well!

The strike of the auto workers must be a fight against unemployment and inflation-- throughout society. A SLIDING SCALE OF WORKING HOURS AND WAGES-- to divide up all the available work among all those able to work with no loss of pay and with wages to rise in full accordance with the cost of living-- to give everyone in this society a decent job, to end the brutal speedup and repression in the plants must be the center of the struggle of the auto workers. The SLIDING SCALE OF HOURS AND WAGES has nothing to do with the "gimmicks" proposed by the UAW leadership--"extra vacation time," "longer weekends," etc.-- but is a fundamental fight against the entire system-- to end unemployment once and for all, to impose workers' control over production.

A victorious strike, an offensive against the entire US ruling class cannot be led without ousting this treacherous leadership of the UAW. This is why we call upon all UAW workers, to prepare and lead this strike by organizing a REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION OF THE UAW, the faction of the Fourth International, to take the leadership of the strike, to build the independent organization and power of the UAW workers. The UAW workers must organize their own STRIKE COMMITTEES, elected in mass meetings of the UAW workers, elected by all the UAW workers, to take the leadership of the strike out of the hands of the bureaucrats, to formulate the demands of the auto workers, to organize MASS PICKETING through organized workers defense guards in order to shut down the BIG THREE on September 14th.

We call upon all auto workers to join with us in making this strike against the bourgeois elections this November. Join the fight of the TO and its candidates for a WORKERS PARTY AND A WORKERS GOVERNMENT in '76 as the only answer to the attack of the US capitalists. In opposition to the other so-called "workers candidates" in these elections -- the US Socialist Workers Party which hides from the auto workers in the plants, saying "they are not yet ready to fight," and the American Communist Party which makes "suggestions" to the UAW bureaucracy and calls upon the auto workers to fight unemployment through legislation in Congress (i.e. the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill) we say that the auto workers in the US are ready to fight -- against the treacherous bureaucracy of Woodcock and Co., against the plots of the Democrats and Republicans and the auto companies and against all those in the workers' movement who are trying to hold back this fight.

Turn the strike of the auto workers



WOODCOCK EXTENDS HAND OF FRIENDSHIP TO THE BIG 3

into an offensive of the entire US working class. Unite the employed and the unemployed, organized and unorganized behind this struggle. Build the independent organization and power of

the auto workers -- BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION OF THE UAW. Cast your vote NOW in ACTION -- for the WORKERS GOVERNMENT AND WORKERS PARTY.

### SWP... CONTINUED FROM BACK

of members who refused to give their names who then attempted to continue the Convention Session until after the scheduled time of the meeting.

The Workers League and the Spartacist League, both of which claim to represent Trotskyism in the US, brought support to the leadership of the SWP in its struggle against the Trotskyist Organization of the USA through their support to the campaign of the SWP in the '76 elections (the WL openly, the SL through its characteristic failure to present an alternative) and their support to the methods of slander and physical attack, including those used against the militants of the FI and the TO/USA.

The plans of the leadership of the SWP to continue its struggle against the TO/USA in the same vein were ominously affirmed in the presence of SPARK and the RMC, against which all true proletarian revolutionaries must be on guard. SPARK, at the side of the SL, has taken the lead in the slander of the militants of the TO/USA and the RWY/USA as provocateurs at the Ford River Rouge Plant. The leaders of the RMC -- Landau, Olson, Shephard and others -- distinguished themselves in the campaign of slander against the organizers of the Trotskyist and Soviet Defensist Tendencies in the RSL -- Brecht, Myers, and Tracy -- who went on to join the IL/RFI and found the TO/USA. They've now moved their entire organization to Detroit. This is the plan of the SWP to reinforce its branch at the Rouge and in the city of Detroit.

To continue the struggle within the YSA and SWP, the Trotskyist Organization proposes to all the militants to take up the discussion of the Text preparing the Congress of the TO Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International, to respond to it with letters to TRUTH, to take up the fight for a COMMON CANDIDATE of the working class on the basis of the Platform of Combat, for the organization of the Committees of Action to build the International Week of Action for the Socialist United States

of Europe in the US, culminating in a rally in Paris on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Spanish Revolution and the 20th anniversary of the Hungarian revolution, to demand of the leadership of the SWP that it respond to these proposals for common action against the preparation of the counterrevolution. The distribution of the WHITE PAPER summarizing the results of the work of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, of FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH will continue to be critical weapons in this fight. The Trotskyist Organization of the USA is convinced that in the course of this struggle that the young proletarian militants of the YSA and SWP will come to see the necessity to join with the TO/TO/USA in the fight to complete the rebuilding of the International in the Americas, to organize a proletarian faction in their organization to carry out this task.

There have been a number of militants who have seen what they considered "problems" with the policy of the leadership of the SWP, seen the importance of this fight for the working class, but been overwhelmed by the apparent strength and size of the leadership.

It is necessary to remember that it is the leadership based on the policy of the world proletariat -- proletarian revolution -- which represents the future of the working class; that every party based on an opposing policy, whatever its apparent strength or size at the moment, can only shatter and die.

At the conclusion of the convention of the US SWP, in the midst of a rapturous monologue about the months ahead for the SWP, in which it would become the strongest and biggest party since the SP of Debs, Peter Camejo denounced the militants of the Trotskyist Organization of the USA distributing FOURTH INTERNATIONAL at the gates as "crazies." He remembered this. And this was all he could say.

It is the hour of the world working class. It is the hour of its party.

Detroit, August 30, 1976.

## Demonstrate!

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# THE US SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY CONVENTION: A regroupment to support the Stalinists' preparation of the Popular Front (PART 2)

By Margaret Guttshall

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA fought to win the militants at the convention of the US SWP to the fight to build a WORKERS PARTY to lead the working class in the fight for a WORKERS GOVERNMENT and a UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC of the TWO AMERICAS; to join the TO/USA in the completion of the rebuilding of the International in the US and throughout the Americas to carry out this task; to subscribe to FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH, the central weapons with which to wage this fight. In this struggle the TO/USA was supported by the Revolutionary Worker Youth of the USA, Section (Sympathizing) of the RYI, which distributed hundreds of copies of its Call to support the Platform of Combat and Candidates of the Trotskyist Organization in '76, for a COMMON CANDIDATE of the working class on the basis of this Platform.

This political struggle received a very positive response from the militants of the YSA and SWP, especially the young militants from the industrial centers and allied organizations in Latin America, a response in marked contrast with that of the leadership. They read FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH, compared the Platform of Combat with the "Bill of Rights for Protection." Most often they asked and argued about: Is the working class ready for this fight for a WORKERS PARTY, a WORKERS GOVERNMENT, and a UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC of the TWO AMERICAS? Where does THIS Trotskyist Organization and THIS Fourth International come from?

It's a matter of time before these same militants, faced with the increasing acceleration class struggle and the deepening collaboration of the leadership of the SWP with trade union

bureaucrats and the Stalinists in capitulating before the bourgeois attack and blocking the workers' mobilization -- already announced with their tacit support to the UMW Executive Board's attack on the striking miners, their full support to Sadlowski's Fight Back Caucus in the USW, and their silence in the face of the new attack in Argentina and the government's announcement of its intention to persecute the SWP under the Voorhis Act, all in the post-convention issue of the MILITANT -- begin

of the working class in the RYI to fight for the Platform of Combat and Candidates of the Trotskyist Organization in '76, will bring it back and be decisive in the struggle they engage against the centrist leadership of the SWP. This will become their response to the attempt of the leadership of the SWP to solve their crisis at the expense of the workers' movement and its militants.

In order to unmask the political character of this leadership, demonstrate its inability to defend itself against the Fourth International with

Hundreds of copies of the brochure on the WHITE PAPER of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS COMMISSION were distributed. And despite the fact that the organization of this "objective" "commission of inquiry" to whitewash the perpetrators of the slanders and attacks -- the French OCI -- constituted the first step in the attempted centrist regroupment against the rebuilding of the International, many militants said they supported the struggle of the TO/USA against them, and a number were under the impression that it was not this "objective" "commission" that the SWP had joined, but the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS COMMISSION against the slanders and attacks. They were quite astonished to find out otherwise.

For its part, the leadership of the SWP deepened its efforts to block the developing political discussion between the TO/USA and the militants of the YSA and SWP, through its now characteristic methods of harassment, force and slander, with the now well-known John Hawkins in the forefront. They organized a band of 35 members of the SWP to prevent the RWY from holding a meeting to discuss the Platform of Combat and the "Bill of Rights" and win support for the fight for a COMMON CANDIDATE and the TO/USA from holding a meeting in support of the struggle of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS COMMISSION. When the TO/USA rescheduled its meeting at another location at the close of a session, its militants distributing leaflets -- recounting the previous efforts of the SWP leadership to block the meeting and advertising the new location and time, were greeted by increasingly hysterical cries that Michel Varga was a police agent on the part

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to ask and answer the question: What role is the leadership of the SWP playing in readying the working class for this fight? Where does it come from? In what struggles was the leadership of its "United Secretariat" forged? Who is it grouping around it?

And if to these same militants the struggle led by the TO/USA does not immediately come to mind, its deepening struggle to complete the rebuilding of the International through the mobilization of the young generation

anything but slander and physical attacks, and regroup the true proletarian revolutionaries against these methods, the Trotskyist Organization continued its fight to build support for the struggle and results of the work of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE SLANDERS AGAINST MICHEL VARGA AND THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, to expose the true nature of the allegedly objective commission of inquiry organized by the centrists.

## Free the Political Prisoners in the USSR and Eastern Europe! Against the Repression in Poland!

by BARBARA PUTNAM

Mustapha Djemiliev, the Crimean Tartar imprisoned in the USSR is closer to freedom today because of the work and actions organized by the International Workers Committee for the Immediate Liberation of the Political Prisoners of the USSR and Eastern Europe! The Committee decided to make the fight to free Mustapha Djemiliev on an international scale to focus the struggle of the Committee to free all the political prisoners beaten down by Stalinist repression. He has struggled for long years for the return of the Crimean Tartars to Russia who were exiled by Joseph Stalin, and has taken a stand against the occupation of Czechoslovakia by the tanks and military of the USSR.

The Committee held a demonstration in Paris in June of workers, militants and organizations of the workers movement at the Russian embassy. Through the BULLETIN OF INFORMATION put out by the Committee, the decisive aid of the international working class is brought to bear against Stalinism to force the release of the prisoners. The BULLETIN contains information about the prisoners, articles and reports of the activities of the national committees of the International Committee, and in this way has centralized the struggle, and developed plans on the broadest scale possible for continuing to bring moral and material support to the prisoners.

The US Workers Committee is planning demonstrations in Chicago and Detroit, Oct. 2nd and 3rd at the Polish and Russian embassies. Key to the success of the demonstrations is the wide distribution of the BULLETIN among the young workers and militants in the US, to engage the support of the US working class in the fight to free Djemiliev and the Polish workers who built the general strike against the Stalinist regime of Gierk in July.

It is above all the working class of Poland who have shown the world that the workers do not want Stalinism, that they do not believe Stalinism can be reformed. What is at stake in the fight of the Polish workers as well as the struggles of the working class in the USSR, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and the other countries of socialist conquest is the revolutionary unification of the workers in the East and West, which is aimed at the Socialist United States of Europe -- a system of workers governments based on the organized power of the working class.

There is an agreement between the Stalinist bureaucracies and the imperialist powers to prevent information about the events in Poland and Hungary from reaching the ears of the international working class, which can only spur on the fight against Stalinism. It spells the end to the minority rule over the workers as well as an end to capitalism. The International Workers Committee is organizing an International Commission of Inquiry of the workers movement into the repression in Poland and Hungary, to make it known the full extent of the repression, to bring to the light of day the names of the workers massacred in the 1970-1971 uprising, and to expose the secret "trials" and jailing of working class militants who led the general strike of July in Poland.

No fight is proposed by the centrist US Socialist Workers Party who claim to defend the political prisoners of the USSR and Eastern Europe, in particular Mustapha Djemiliev. They have printed letters from his mother and tried to enlist the sympathy of bourgeois liberals to "defend" him in an effort to appeal to the Stalinist oppressors to be a little more democratic and let the prisoners go. But the workers are not interested in attempting to reform Stalinism!

The US Workers Committee, in

accord with the International Workers committee bases the fight to free the political prisoners among factory workers. At Ford River Rouge there were several rallies to Free Mustapha Djemiliev, in Chicago a demonstration at the Polish Embassy, but the work must deepen.

To insure the success of the demonstrations planned for October, the Committee is attempting to engage young workers at Ford River Rouge and Torrence in Chicago in the distribution of the BULLETIN and to engage militants of the YSA and SWP in the actions. Many have expressed true interest and wanted to sign a statement of support to the founding of the US Workers Committee but were prevented by the leadership of the SWP.

The US Workers Committee is organizing a planning meeting Sept. 29 to discuss the BULLETIN, and to prepare the posters and defense of the demonstrations of Oct. 2nd and 3rd, at 3310 Junction in Detroit. The Committee proposes to all the organizations and militants of the workers movement to make a joint effort to free the political prisoners through actions developed in the working class.

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