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BUILD THE PARTY TO LEAD THE WORKERS TO POWER!

Smash Carter's new law against the International!

In the last several weeks many young workers at the Rouge have been won to the fight of the Trotskyist Organization of the US and the Revolutionary Worker Youth to take leadership of the strike movement in the Stamping plant, to lead a fight to stop all the disciplinary action and re-hire John Ellis with a sit-down strike, to elect a strike committee and throw out Willie Washington and Rinaldi. But even more important is the fact that in the course of this struggle a small number of young workers, the most militant fighters, have begun to see that in order to carry this fight forward a party must be built, a leading party of the working class to lead the working class to power.

They have begun to ask, "How can we build this party, how can we lead this struggle forward?" They are not yet completely convinced that the only way to do this is to build the Revolutionary Youth International in the US as a mass organization of the working class youth and to engage in a direct mobilization to construct the WORKERS PARTY, the US Section of the Fourth International. That the struggle to build the Second Congress of the RYI in Barcelona, Spain and to unite with the revolutionary youth of Europe in the construction of the world party of the socialist revolution is our first and foremost task in the US.

To convince the young workers of this and to engage in an all-out mobilization in the next weeks to construct our party we propose that the revolutionary young workers at the Rouge join the Revolutionary Worker Youth and in the next two weeks organize a central campaign at the Rouge and throughout Detroit to construct the Workers Party with a mass RALLY on July 2nd in Kennedy Square under the slogans: **BUILD THE PARTY TO LEAD THE WORKERS TO POWER! DOWN WITH CARTER'S LAWS AGAINST THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL! UNITE WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS OF SPAIN AND POLAND IN BARCELONA FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!**

There is no way to carry our struggle forward at the Rouge

without directly fighting to build a party that can lead the workers to power. There is no way to defeat the attacks of the Stalinists and the bureaucrats at the Rouge without building our weapon of combat and organization, which can only be a party, a world party of the socialist revolution.

We must wage a strong fight to convince all the young workers that our struggles cannot be organized spontaneously, that "just all of us getting together to fight for a strike," is not enough. We need an organization and we need a party that will not only fight the bureaucrats and the Stalinists at the Rouge, but that will lead a fight against US Imperialism and against the INTERNATIONAL apparatus of the Stalinist parties. We need to wage a fight to convince all the young workers who think that the Fourth International is just one party among many others that it is only the Fourth International that can lead the struggle of the working class for its own power and its own GOVERNMENT.

This is why we are calling on all young workers to join with us in a campaign to smash the reactionary laws of Carter and US imperialism which attack the right of the Fourth International to exist in the US. This fight is not just a fight for democratic rights, but is a fight to OPENLY mobilize and construct our party in the US against all those who want to drive our struggle underground or make our party just one party among others, another "national" party and not a WORLD party.

First of all there is the Voorhis Act, passed against our party by the US Congress in 1946. It effectively prohibits workers in the US from belonging to any international organization. In order to do so, workers must open themselves up for repression, turn over complete lists of our membership, dates of meetings, financial reports, etc. to the FBI and other police.

While Carter is talking out of one side of his mouth about "human rights", his Congress is preparing to destroy them in

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Unite with the revolutionary youth of Spain and Poland in Barcelona for a Socialist United States of Europe!

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Two cents for the SWP's "democracy"

By ROBIN EVERETT

"At our rallies, everyone gets a chance to talk -- with their wallets." This was the way the pitch for funds went at the end of the SWP's first rally in the Detroit Mayor's race. This was certainly the best organized part of their whole rally, and it must be said that people "talked" to the tune of over a thousand dollars.

But anyone who saw the true value that the SWP places on workers democracy would not give two cents to their campaign. Two events at this rally -- one played up by the SWP for "public relations" and the other one hushed up but closer to the truth -- can give the reader a perfect picture of the lying hypocrisy of the SWP leadership and its rotten attitude toward its own militants.

The "public relations" face of the SWP was shown in its announcement of victory for free speech at Central Michigan University. But the true face of the SWP showed when they tried to provoke a brawl and dragged me out of their rally for the "crime" of talking to people there about our fight for working-class unity in the Detroit Mayor's race.

At Central Michigan University, three militants of the YSA (Young Socialist Alliance -- youth group of the SWP) were arrested for the "crime" of distributing their literature at a public political meeting. Naturally we were happy to hear that although we did not have the forces to take an active part in this fight, this attack on free speech was turned back and all charges against the YSA militants were dropped.

But what does the SWP do at its own public meetings? First of all, we were informed that we could not sell or distribute any literature. We accepted (for the moment) this undemocratic restriction on our free-speech rights in order to get into the rally at all. But this wasn't enough for the great SWP "democrats." Something more had to be done when they saw that (oh, horrors of horrors!) we insisted on circulating around, TALKING to people about our platform and candidate in the Mayor's race. So SWP member Tim Craine took it upon himself to hound me around and disrupt every conversation I started. (Perhaps he thought he was still working at his job as a public school teacher.)

Finally, Craine and two other SWP "democrats" tried to start a fight by dragging me out of the rally -- despite the fact that a member of the YSA was right there and told them that I was following their undemocratic rules "to the letter." Can anyone with an ounce of honesty believe the SWP's talk about democracy after seeing the way they run their own meetings? Can any young militant hope to learn the truth about revolution in the SWP or the YSA, after seeing the way they disregard even elementary honesty and the word of one of their own members?

But the SWP's cowardly attempt to shut off political debate did not succeed. The militants of the TO raised such a loud protest outside the rally that the SWP leadership was forced to let us back in again -- with our weapon, the press. A number of young militants found out a little bit more about the true program of the Fourth International and the true program of the SWP.

"Money talks" at the SWP rallies -- and it talks right to the SWP program, which is designed to support the program of the bourgeois liberals for saving rotten bourgeois "democracy." But from the Fourth International and the young working-class militants, who want real democracy, the SWP demands silence.

They may get their money, but they will never get our silence!

Detroit, June 21, 1977

WHY A PARTY?

Question: I support the fight you are making against the bureaucrats but why do we need a party?

Answer: To lead the workers to power and build a workers government to suppress the imperialists and their apparatus, their police, the army, and the court system. The trade union bureaucrats are the agents of the imperialist government and its parties inside the unions, but the fight against them is only part of the struggle. The entire apparatus they represent must be smashed. The workers can not take power spontaneously. We have to form a revolutionary leadership in every mobilization of the workers to fight for this -- that's a party.

WHY A WORLD PARTY?

Question: I don't understand why you always bring up so much about the struggle in Spain or the struggle in Poland and other countries. Why can't we just build a party here?

Answer: Because the working class itself is international. It has to be organized on a world scale to win. The bourgeoisie and the Stalinists are organized on a world scale and constantly try to isolate and divide us. With a world party we can concentrate our forces and attack them where they are weakest like in Spain and Poland.

WHY CAN'T ALL THESE PARTIES GET TOGETHER?

Question: There's all these parties and organizations around why can't you all stop fighting each other and get together, after all you all want the same thing don't you?

Answer: We are the US Section of the world party of the working class, the Fourth International. All these other parties are national parties. Asking our party to get together with these nationalist and reformist parties is like asking the working class to put aside its differences with the capitalists and to "get together" with the trade union bureaucracy and the Stalinists. We're ready to unite with anybody for specific objectives, but we can never unite with reformists, Stalinists and trade union bureaucrats and build a world party that is based on a revolutionary program. Reformist and national parties do not want the same thing, they do not want to lead the working class to power by fighting for the revolutionary program.

Barbara Putnam



By JON COHEN

In 1936, James Cannon, the founder of the Trotskyist movement in the US wrote an article about the policy of the Stalinists in the maritime unions on the West Coast. He titled his article, "The Color of Arsenic -- and Just as Poisonous," taking note of the fact that the Stalinists were publishing green, mimeographed leaflets, not in their own name, but in the name of their various "caucuses," whose political positions matched the color and quality of arsenic.

Now, over 40 years later, the Stalinists are still putting out their green leaflets and they are just as dangerous. I was reminded of Cannon's article when I read the latest leaflet (green) put out by "Time to Unite" at Ford River Rouge, an organization which is under the political domination of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) a Maoist organization whose leadership says that they are "with Stalin all the way." They devote over half of this leaflet to an attack on us, under the title "Who Are These Trotskyites?"

First of all, any young worker must ask, why are they attacking us? Their leaflet lists some of their gripes but never really says what is fundamental. What Cannon pointed out in 1936 is true today. The Stalinists think that the workers are suckers, they live by the old motto of the circus magnate P. T. Barnum who said; "a sucker is born every minute." The Stalinists at the Rouge have been playing the workers for suckers for a long time now and this leaflet is a good example-- they think the young workers don't understand what is really involved in the conflict between them and the Trotskyists, that they can continue to hide this.

Why they are attacking us is clear in the first article in their leaflet, their proposal for Sunday's unit meeting. This is what they propose: "The union meeting this Sunday will be crucial in determining whether or not we push ahead to get this strike deadline... Now is the time to take this commitment a step further and come out to the meeting."

We oppose this policy and this is why they are attacking us. "Time to Unite's" main complaint is that the

"Time to Unite" leaflet attacks the Trotskyist Organization -- it's the color of arsenic and just as poisonous

International bureaucracy hasn't yet set a strike deadline. We don't think a "strike deadline" set by Washington, Rinaldi and Fraser will carry the struggle of the Stamping workers forward one inch. The bureaucrats, Rinaldi and Company, have time and time again sabotaged the fight of the Stamping workers. Placing a strike in their hands, which is what asking them to set a strike deadline means, will do nothing for the Stamping workers, it will only be a means of stopping the militant workers in Stamping who want to go all the way and strike right now to win their demands.

We have consistently fought against this and many young workers have joined this fight. We have said that the only answer is to prepare a strike now, not by asking the bureaucrats to lead it, but by immediately electing a strike committee, elected by all the Stamping workers on the basis of the demands for the strike, and throwing Washington, Rinaldi, and Co. out of office and electing a revolutionary leadership for the Stamping workers. "Time to Unite" never mentions throwing out Rinaldi and Washington because they think the workers in Stamping are not ready for this and this is why they propose to JOIN with Rinaldi and Washington in keeping the Trotskyists out of the next unit meeting.

We are also opposed to the demands "Time to Unite" puts forward for the strike which appeared in their last leaflet-- 22 minutes relief time for all workers, wash up time and one day a month absence without a doctor's excuse. No wonder they want the bureaucrats to lead the strike. No young worker will lead a strike for just these demands which in no way solve the basic problems in the Stamping plant.

We have said that the central demands for the strike must be an immediate stop to the work overloads, stopping all the disciplinary layoffs and harassment and the immediate rehiring of John Ellis. "Time to Unite" is really surprised in their leaflet that we are waging a campaign to rehire John Ellis, even though he is a member of "Time to Unite" and has engaged in violence against us. The point is that we are fighting to rehire Ellis because it is an attack on all the workers and against a strike, which we are for. "Time to Unite" still sees this as just an individual attack and this is why they only propose to ask the bureaucrats to get his job back. But what about the jobs of ALL the young workers who have been fired or received

disciplinary layoffs or are harassed? "Time to Unite" proposes to do nothing to defend them and we do. And we have at the same time condemned Ellis for his violence against other workers because this is precisely the type of thing which turns away young workers who want to wage a fight to get his job back. He is only hurting himself with these kind of actions.

This finally gets us to the conclusion of their attack on us. The only thing they really propose to the young workers for the union meeting is to join their goon squad against the Trotskyists. What possible conclusion can young workers draw from this? You have seen what we stand for at the Rouge, above all against Rinaldi and Washington. Who is "Time to Unite" going to stand with at the unit meeting? The young workers who want to throw Rinaldi and Washington out and elect a strike committee or with the bureaucrats who want to stop ALL revolutionary workers?

Finally there is the question of simple honesty, something completely foreign to the Stalinists. Where did "Time to Unite" discover the word, "Trotskyites?" For weeks, in fact just yesterday, members of "Time to Unite" were telling us and the workers they knew nothing about Trotskyism and Stalinism, they were just "rank and file workers." But their article exposes this charade. In fact, as all the young workers know, "Time to Unite" is led and organized by the Revolutionary Communist Party, an organization which defends Stalin, the mass murderer of over 20 million Russian workers and peasants and defends the Chinese Stalinist bureaucracy which rules China with an iron fist.

"Time to Unite" plays the workers for suckers when they try to pretend that the young workers don't know this or aren't bothered by the fact that a "revolutionary" organization hides its name, its banner and its real policy from the workers. This bothers the workers a lot more than whether the members of the Trotskyist Organization work in the Stamping plant. Worse are those who stand next to the young workers every day and lie to them about their real aims.

What bothers "Time to Unite" is that the TO and RWY have never tried to fool the workers and have always said straight out what we think. They say we want to be "great working class leaders." What is wrong with this, isn't this what any honest revolutionary

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The road forward for the youth, workers and milit to defend and advance the conquests of the black

Build the party to lead the workers and oppressed masses to power with the Fourth International. Or build a black political party to lead a new civil rights movement with the Socialist Workers Party.

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

In every struggle of the workers and oppressed masses in the United States, the youth, workers, and militants fighting to defend and advance the conquests of the black masses, above all the young black workers, unemployed, and students, are at the forefront. Thus the lessons of this struggle, the clarification of the way to carry it forward, and the resolute fight to achieve this warrants the attention and determination of the whole of the working class and each of its militants.

CIVIL RIGHTS, BLACK POWER AND THE RAINBOW COALITION

Nearly two decades ago masses of youth, workers and militants took up a fight to win full democratic rights for the masses of blacks. They organized strikes, sit-ins, boycotts, demonstrations and marches. It became increasingly clear to the most militant and audacious sectors of this movement that this would never be achieved without overthrowing the powers that be; organizing the political power of the black masses, that pressuring the imperialist, reactionary and racist US government was was at best a waste of time. So the militant wing of this movement split from their liberal bourgeois and Stalinist "allies". Black power, not civil rights became the cry.

Youth, workers and militants, among them Malcolm X and later Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver and Fred Hampton, began to organize the masses for revolution, began to build black workers caucuses in the unions, black unemployed leagues, black students organizations. In the face of the vicious repression of the imperialists, at that time led by the Democrat LBJ and then Nixon, it became clear that black workers unemployed, students by themselves could not topple the government. So once again the most militant and class-conscious wing of the movement split. In 1969 and 1970 Black Panthers, Young Lords (Puerto Ricans) and white working class youth and student radicals formed "rainbow coalitions" in the major cities throughout the US.

But these organizations as well were not able to stand the test of time. Thus in the last years the most farsighted youth, workers, and militants fighting to defend and advance the conquests of the black masses have sought to take their place at the head of the whole workers movement. They've sought, albeit in a confused fashion a party to lead the workers and oppressed masses

to power. They're the 1st to take up the defense of and join the parties which claim to represent the working class in the factories, the unions, the schools, the neighborhoods. They've sought unity with the workers and oppressed masses of the world.

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA, Section sympathizing of the Fourth International, is the only organization fighting to organize and lead the struggle to build the party to lead the workers and oppressed masses to power, to build a Workers Government. This is the only way to realize equality for the black masses or independence for the black masses. The organization of the workers government unlike that of the imperialists and Stalinists, demands the full participation and support of the most oppressed layers of the society. For this reason dozens of youth, workers and militants fighting to defend and advance the conquests of the black masses in the US have turned to the Trotskyist Organization. It is continuing the struggle of the early communist party, the Left Opposition, the Socialist Workers Party, and the International Committee of the Fourth International, a struggle which was abandoned first by the Stalinists in the 30's in the interests of peaceful coexistence with Roosevelt and the rest of the Democratic Party and trade union bureaucracy, and then by the liquidationist leadership of the Socialist Workers Party in the 60's in the interests of peaceful coexistence with the Stalinists. They left the masses of blacks in the factories and the streets in the hands of liberal bourgeois, trade union and Stalinist bureaucrats and occupied themselves with building "a broad based multi-class black movement" largely on the campuses.

PROBLEMS

The principle problem before the Trotskyist Organization, the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International and all the other young black workers supporting our struggle to build a party to lead the workers and oppressed masses to power is still this Socialist Workers Party.

The SWP, which masquerades under our banner in the United States, is doing all that it can to drag young black workers, students and unemployed from the places they have taken at the head of the whole fighting workers movement, to block them from organizing a workers party and its militia to lead the workers to power. It wants to organize them behind the liberal bourgeoisie, trade union bureaucrats, and Stalinists to pressure the government and remain pacifist in the face of its attacks.



The question -- Which way forward? Build the party to lead the workers to power or build a black political party to lead a new civil rights movement -- is all the more important since Carter's government is deepening the attack on the conquests of the black masses -- jobs, housing, schools -- encouraging the mobilization and organization of the most backward racist white petit-bourgeois, workers, and unemployed behind the fascists. Fascists in the Democratic Party town Chicago were just granted full freedom to organize. They've started a campaign to organize in Detroit without a word from Coleman Young.

In an article in THE MILITANT -- March 4 -- Willie Mae Reid, once SWP candidate for Vice-President, says: "What we need is a party that bases itself on the power of the black community -- an independent Black political party." Speaking of the necessity for jobs, housing, etc. she says: "it will take massive demonstrations,

ants fighting masses --



picket lines and rallies -- organized again and again -- to get this across to the government officials in charge of the purse strings." James Harris, the SWP candidate for Atlanta Mayor goes even further; he complains that bourgeois liberal leaders like Lewis and Abernathy don't run for office on an independent ticket, and he says: "To make no gains and defend those won in the past, we need to repeat the successful mass-action strategy of the Civil Rights movement."

But it's precisely the struggle that black youth, workers and militants have waged at the head of the whole workers movement -- in strikes, in demonstrations against Nixon, for jobs, that's convinced more and more young white workers that their place is at the side of their black comrades, not at the side of the white imperialists. Willie Mae Reid fights for the need to abandon this struggle -- a struggle to organize the power of the whole working class and unite with anyone

black community to build a black political party based on the power of the black community. It's unity with the liberal bourgeois and Stalinist agents of the imperialists in the "black community" she seeks. She hides that there are two powers in the "black community" -- one bourgeois and one proletarian.

This is even clearer when she says the objective of this black political party must be "to get this message across to the government officials in charge of the purse strings." She hides that there are two classes in this society -- one bourgeois and one proletarian -- that Carter's government is a bourgeois government and as long as it stands there can and will be no lasting gains for the black masses.

Her comrade comes right out into the open with their strategy of unification with the liberal bourgeois and Stalinists to ask the government to change when he wishfully says how nice it would be if Abernathy would break with Carter and start a civil rights movement again.

In so doing these false Trotskyists reinforce the hands of the fascists who say that the interests of the black and white working masses are not the same and disarm the workers, above all the blacks, in front of their increasingly violent attacks.

Reid and Harris pretend that this is a strategy of organizing the black masses independently of the Democrats, that it will "spark" the formation of a labor party. How can this be when they want Democrats in it? And how will this spontaneously spark the organization of a labor party when all of the bourgeois efforts are directed against any such party. At best we'll get another rainbow coalition telescoping the most backward aspects of the civil rights and black power movements.

The only way to advance the cause of the black masses, to split and smash the burgeoning fascist movement is under the banner of the party to lead the workers and oppressed masses to power, to provide jobs, housing and education for all, not under the banner of a black political party to build a new civil rights movement to get jobs, housing, education for some. This will get jobs, housing and education for none.

But this would demand that the SWP break with its liberal bourgeois and Stalinist allies and organize a real confrontation with the bourgeois state. That they will not do.

So they keep repeating the necessity for mass action and hide the fact that mass actions with young blacks in the forefront are taking place today and they oppose them. They oppose the strikes in auto and steel today just as

they opposed the efforts of young blacks in Boston to organize their own armed self defense last year. Instead the SWP wants contracts in auto, court suits in steel just as they wanted federal troops in Boston last year.

Here is mass action. They're against them. What they're complaining about is that there isn't any mass action under the leadership of liberals and Stalinists because the masses of blacks don't trust them anymore.

Thus to justify their position the SWP re-writes history. All of a sudden we find that the leaders of the SCLC, the NAACP, the urban league etc., people hated and denounced by the revolutionary wing of the movement of the black masses like Malcolm X, were once great fighters for black rights. And in Harris' scenario you would never even know the black power movement or rainbow coalitions ever existed.

Why, because the leadership of the SWP wants the black masses to go back to zero, start all over again, repeat all the same mistakes and wear themselves out. Why? Because the youth, workers and militants above all the young black workers, taking the leadership of the fight to build the party to lead the working class to power means an end to the SWP. It masquerades under our banner, but it's a centrist party whose occupation is to confuse the workers, to stop them from breaking with the Democratic Party, the trade union bureaucracy, and the international apparatus of the bureaucracy in the USSR which is their main support.

REBUILDING THE US SECTION

Thus the completion of the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International, that is the regroupment of the fighting young workers and true proletarian revolutionaries of the SWP under the true banner of the FI, the selection and formation of a bolshevik leadership from among them, and the destruction of the SWP, is a burning necessity for the black masses.

The Trotskyist Organization calls on all the youth, workers and militants fighting to defend and advance the conquests of the black masses to join this fight by joining the Revolutionary Youth International and taking up the struggle to build the party to lead the workers to power.

Many young black workers ask: "Is my place with the other workers in the US, mostly white, or is it with the colored peoples of the world, especially those of Africa? With the Fourth International it's not necessary to choose. It's the world party of workers revolution -- from Detroit, to Barcelona, to Warsaw -- above all of the most oppressed workers of the earth.

Spain - - An unholy alliance against the workers and the Fourth International

By JON COHEN

By now workers should have read in the bourgeois press about the supposed great victory for "democracy" that is being heralded by the US bourgeoisie concerning the recent elections in fascist Spain. The "moderate" party of Suarez won a majority, the Socialist Party and the Communist Party received the next highest number of votes. Carter praised this supposed "great step towards democracy" in Spain.

But no one is talking about the mass strike wave taking place throughout Spain, above all in the Basque provinces, but including a strike of Ford workers in Valencia. No one is talking about the violent confrontations, barricades set up by the workers in the Basque provinces and the vicious attacks of the police. And no one is saying that this farce of a Cortes and the elections had nothing to do with democracy-- the power in Spain still rests in the hands of the fascist monarchy and its clique.

It is not surprising that this information is not in the bourgeois press. But what may surprise young workers is the way in which the Stalinist and centrist organizations in the US have covered for the bourgeoisie in this interpretation of the events in Spain.

This is true for anyone who has read the recent issues of THE MILITANT, the paper of the Socialist Workers Party who fraudulently claims the banner of the Fourth International. They have run a series of articles on the elections in Spain in which a reader would be very hard-pressed to discover that Madrid wasn't really New York City, that fascism and dictatorship still existed in Spain. To the SWP, every election in the world is simply one more electoral struggle for a "bill of rights for working people."

Next, it would be hard for anyone to discover that there were revolutionaries in Spain who opposed this farce of the fascist elections and were organizing a revolutionary fight to boycott them with a general strike to overturn the Juan Carlos monarchy. This was the fight of the Fourth International and its party in Spain, the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (PORE).

First, the SWP is just plain dishonest. They talk about the LCR in Spain, a group which participated in these elections, as "a sister organization of the US Socialist Workers Party." They lie to the US workers about the fact that the party in Spain which they have supported for many years, which is part of their "faction" in the United Secretariat, the Liga Comunista, refused to participate in the elections, also called for a boycott and that the SWP has threatened to split with them over this question if they haven't already done so.

But the real dishonesty comes from the fact that they have said nothing about

the price their "sister organization" paid for their participation in the elections-- an unholy alliance with the Stalinist Spanish Communist Party. First of all, when the LCR asked to become legal (which was denied) they left out any reference to the fact that they belonged to an international organization, just as the SWP does in the US.

Their "sister organization" was the only party to be officially invited to the cocktail party of the Spanish CP to celebrate its legalization. The banner of the LCR was "present in solidarity" at the meeting of the CP in Spain where the CP stated that the flag of Franco was their own.

Worse than cocktail parties is the fact that the LCR has joined with the Spanish CP in suppressing workers strikes and demonstrations in order to preserve "peace" for the elections. Where the Stalinists have been discredited in the eyes of the workers as at Roca and in the Barcelona construction workers strikes, the LCR has stepped in to take up the place of the Stalinists and send the workers back to work without victory.

This alliance between Stalinism and centrism in Spain shouldn't be a shock to workers in the US who have seen the SWP make a turn to openly supporting the Stalinists' policy in the trade unions, who have seen militants of the SWP marching with the Stalinists and the Rouge while the Fourth International was being violently attacked.

The fight of the Revolutionary Youth International to hold its Second Congress and Rally for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE in Barcelona is a revolutionary fight to smash this unholy alliance between Stalinism and centrism which is against the outbreak of the revolution in Europe. It's an international fight and this is the only way to defeat them in the US as well.

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New Repression in Poland

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

A fierce wave of repression has been opened up against the workers in Poland by the Stalinist Gierek regime. The police measures of the bureaucracy, have now been turned once again toward the Polish workers movement and its vanguard. On May 22nd, sixty workers of the Ursus factory work were arrested. It was these workers who were in the forefront of the Polish workers general strike against the program of sacrifices laid out by the Stalinist ruling clique of Gierek, and later the

most active in defense of the leaders of that strike, thousands of whom were imprisoned by the Stalinists.

The key question facing the Polish workers and those throughout the world who have come to their defense, is what direction the struggle in the countries of the socialist conquests must take and the nature of the party necessary to lead this struggle. These questions have immediate importance for workers in the US in order to clear up the confusion spread by Carter's campaign for "human rights."

On the one hand, the Communist Party of the USA, the CP, has opened up a campaign in the pages of its press, the DAILY WORLD, to defend the new Soviet Constitution and the Stalinist bureaucracies of the Eastern European countries. They defend the repression of the Polish workers and would have US workers believe that the mass demonstrations which have taken place throughout Poland in the last weeks are an appendage of Carter's campaign for "human rights."

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Polish workers offensive re-opened with the general strike of June 1976 has as its aim the seizure of full political power from the grip of the anti-worker Stalinist bureaucracy, Carter's campaign for "human rights" has as its aim the paving of the way for private property to overturn the socialist conquests of the Polish workers.

Thus the campaign of the Fourth International to constitute an International Commission of Inquiry into the repression of Polish workers is one directed against both Stalinism and imperialism. It is a means to advance the construction of the Fourth International in Eastern Europe, the only party which remained true to the workers against the Stalinists, by defending the vanguard fighters among the Polish workers. For this reason, it has won the support of workers in the United States, particularly in the auto plants in Detroit, as a means of fighting the Stalinists in the US and their anti-worker alliance with the trade union bureaucracy, in particular of the UAW.

But Carter's campaign against the socialist conquests of the Polish workers has found an echo among the centrist organizations which falsely claim the banner of the Fourth International, foremost among them in the US, the Socialist Workers Party. In place of the revolutionary objective of the overthrow of the bureaucracy, the SWP fosters a policy of reform of Stalinism. Thus they propose a policy of pressuring the Stalinists by the "liberal" world bourgeoisie and see the construction of the party of the socialist revolution as a far off objective, at best, in Poland.

It is the policy of the centrists which

disarms the workers in the United States the most because it gives legitimacy to Carter's attempt to present "democratic" imperialism as the only alternative to the Stalinists.

The re-launching of the work of the US branch of the International Workers Committee to Free the Workers and Militants imprisoned in the USSR and Eastern Europe around the campaign for the constitution and support of the Commission of Inquiry into the repression in Poland is an indispensable weapon to win the young workers in the United States to break with the Democratic Party of Carter and build the Fourth International.

The Trotskyist Organization calls on all workers to help build and finance the work of the Commission of Inquiry and to build with us the RALLY of the TO and RWY in Kennedy Square, Detroit on July 2nd to UNITE WITH THE WORKERS OF SPAIN AND POLAND, BUILD THE WORLD PARTY OF SOCIALIST REVOLUTION! DEFEND THE URSUS WORKERS FROM THE STALINIST REPRESSION!
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campaign of Patterson (candidate of the Boyle machine) for head of the United Mineworkers. The Vice President of the USW headed up a goon squad which attacked a picnic of militant steelworkers in Pittsburgh. And at the center of their plans is the heading off of any opposition to the "contract settlement" nationally or locally, through bureaucratic maneuvers, "legal," or violent means.

The question posed before steelworkers is what is the obstacle to defeating the plans of the bureaucrats, the companies and the government, and how can we go forward?

THE OBSTACLE: STALINIST AND CENTRIST

Sadlowski, the candidate for President of the USW, supported by the American Communist Party, is presently appealing his "election challenge" to the Labor Department of the US government after having gone through union channels. His appeal means two things: one, that the US government is some kind of "impartial" arbitrator,

OUR POLICY

It is an immediate necessity for young steelworkers in their fight in the union, to elect a strike committee and throw out the old leaders, to have their own organization. This organization is the Revolutionary Youth International, builder of the world party of the socialist revolution. We must carry the fight of the international into the steel plants and unions in order to build it. All young steelworkers should support the RALLY of the TO and RWY on July 2nd in Kennedy Square in Detroit. Join the Revolutionary Worker Youth USA and build its National Committee!

Steel: Throw out the bureaucrats and their supporters!

By ANN NELSON

Detroit, June 21-- Recently, the Trotskyist Organization has won more support from steelworkers at Great Lakes to smash the no-strike pledge, the harassment, by electing a strike committee and throwing out the bureaucrats who head up the USW. Against the local bureaucrats' recent "passing" of a local contract without a union meeting, young workers at Great Lakes have agreed to circulate, discuss and defend the Resolution of the Trotskyist Organization at the June 22nd meeting of Local 1299, USW.

Many of the young workers at Great Lakes are becoming more confident as a result of the policy of the Trotskyist Organization. One worker said in response to the struggle of the auto-workers at Rouge: "yeah, if all of Detroit went out we'd win." There exists as well among steelworkers a distrust of the union officials, when one official told a young worker that "workers just don't want to go to union meetings and won't do anything." the young worker called him a liar. This distrust was shown as well when many young workers did not support Sadlowski or think him any alternative to McBride.

But as this mobilization builds, the bureaucrats, leaders of the steelworkers union are continuing their plans to break any fight of the steelworkers. McBride has "donated" union funds to the

and two, that the steelworkers should place their faith in the imperialist government and do nothing for the moment.

The policy of the Socialist Workers Party is the same. And they, in the name of our party, the Fourth International, built in the struggle against Stalinism, have gone one step further in telling workers in steel not to strike (see last issue of TRUTH).

The young workers are constantly being told by these "leaders" that the struggle is impossible against the bureaucracy and the companies at least for now. The pressure on the young steelworkers to not immediately build their own international organization with a policy of independence from the government and the bureaucrats comes from these organizations.

And how are the Stalinist and centrist policies expressed in the steel factories? One the one hand, very specific talk about how bad working conditions are, and on the other hand, very abstract talk about how bad the ENA is (and how complex the struggle against it is) or very abstract talk about the need for democracy in the union (Sadlowski). In Lenin's day, the conciliators said: "it's a process," and Lenin said that all the hesitations are dotted with this little word "process." Today, they say the same thing, using the same words. And all of this is to delay the taking up in deeds the fight against the ENA and for union democracy.

Trotskyist Candidate Continued

organization wants to do-- lead the workers? And yes, we are fighting in Stamping with the sole purpose of building our own party, we say this openly and proudly because unlike the Stalinists we are proud of our party because it has no crimes to hide, it has never betrayed the working class. The real "elitists" are those who take the workers for suckers.

The real poison at the Rouge are those who don't want the young workers to decide for themselves who is right and who they want to follow and want to settle with fists what they are afraid to settle politically. "Time to Unite" must not be allowed to stop this strike by attacking the Trotskyist Organization at the unit meeting. We don't want or threaten any violence because we are confident of our policy and confident that we are winning young workers to it.

This is why we call all young workers who agree with our Resolution for the meeting to come out with us and take part in our defense guard for the meeting and for all workers who want the issues in Stamping to be settled by an open and clear discussion of propositions for going forward and not with fists to join this defense guard also.

The young workers at the Rouge know who the TROTSKYISTS are. We want to know who are the honest militants of "Time to Unite" who want to put an end to this gangsterism and dishonesty and who want to join with the most militant workers at the Rouge in preparing and organizing a victorious strike?
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Build the Party

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the US. Before the US Senate is a new law, called S. 1437 which revises the criminal code in the US to outlaw not only a world party, but lays the basis for making any strike, any meeting to organize a strike, any picket line or demonstration, a criminal offense. Also before the Senate is a Bill called S. 1566 (the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) which could classify US citizens, groups or organizations as "agents of a foreign power" and legalize wiretapping. A "foreign power" is defined as not only a foreign government but "a faction of a foreign nation, a foreign based political organization, or an entity directed and controlled by a foreign government or governments."

We refuse to give up our right to organize and must smash these laws. Because of these laws many young workers have come to think that a world party, a revolutionary fight for power must be something secret, "underground" or conspiratorial. Nothing is further from the truth. Our fight must be an open, public fight of the masses of young workers for their own party and their own government. It is the bourgeoisie which engages in secret plots and maneuvers, not us. The way to make this clear to the young workers is to organize this campaign to smash and defeat these laws and win the right, through our own power and mobilization to openly build our world party in the US.

This is the way to really fight to unite with the young workers in Barcelona, Spain. Above all, these laws are directed against the European revolution and against any unity of the American workers with their brothers and sisters in Europe. We must build this unity by openly fighting to defend the European revolution in the US and building our party to do this, just as the Communists and young workers in the US did in 1917 after the outbreak of the Russian Revolution. Our fight to build our party as a world party is a direct fight against the Stalinists and the centrists who above all try to keep the American workers isolated from the workers around the world.

By waging an open, public fight to build our party through this campaign against Carter's laws we can convince the masses of young workers that this is the road forward for them. The fight at the next Stamping unit meeting at the Rouge for our Resolution: to prepare a strike to rehire John Ellis and stop all the disciplinary action, stop the work overloads, to defend the Polish workers and to smash Carter's laws against our party is the first way to build this campaign.

We don't hide the fact that we are fighting in this strike to build our party, we don't have "two faces", one for the workers in the UAW, and another face somewhere else. This fight in the UAW for a strike to stop all the disciplinary action is indeed a way of building our party by building a leadership among the most militant young workers who are prepared to go all the way in leading the combats of the workers in every domain for power and for our own government.

We must tell the truth to the workers in Stamping, that the only way to carry forward their struggle is to build the world party and to engage in the preparation of the Congress of the RYI in Barcelona with us. Even if all the workers aren't convinced of this right away they will soon see that only a party which wages an open fight for its right to exist and its right to fight for a Workers Government will be a party that they can respect. The best young workers who want to WIN and want a party to lead this victory will wage this fight at the next Stamping meeting and build the Revolutionary Worker Youth in order to lead it. In the next two weeks they will join us in insuring the success of the Congress of the RYI in Barcelona by building the Fourth International in the US as the party of their power and government.

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Realize Lenin's Dream!



By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

In the last weeks there has been a very positive response to Issue #50 of TRUTH. Over 100 issues have been sold by militants of the TO and RWY, workers at the Rouge and Great Lakes Steel. Most of the young workers and militants of the RWY like the new format, think it is more clearly written and a better tool for organizing our struggle. We have also won several new subscribers with Issue #50 of TRUTH.

Still, TRUTH is read in a scattered way and thorough discussions on the articles in TRUTH, particularly the Mayoral campaign, the front page articles and the centerfold are not taking place. It is necessary for us to begin to discuss TRUTH in an organized way, beginning with the National Committee of the Revolutionary Worker Youth. The only way to build our Workers Party is to know what it is saying above all in the newspaper.

All young workers must be armed by TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and by the policy expressed in their pages. In the next week and a half we have set the goal of organizing our RALLY in Kennedy Square to build our party with the fighting Stamping workers at Rouge and workers at Great Lakes. Our RALLY will be twice the success and go twice as far if TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL are used consciously as our tools to organize it and to win other workers.

As well, in order to build for the World Congress of the RYI in Barcelona, we must step up the sales and discussion of INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD, the paper of the Revolutionary Youth International.

Young workers, get your supporting subscriptions to TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and discuss them at the next National Committee meeting of the RWY.

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