



Fourth International Under Attack in Spain **FREE SANTIAGO ALEGRIA SANCHEZ!**

The Fourth International is under attack in Spain. The Spanish government has launched a campaign of vicious repression against our party, the Partido Obrero Revolucionario de Espana (PORE).

On January 3rd military police arrested SANTIAGO ALEGRIA SANCHEZ, a member of the PORE and a corporal in the Spanish army stationed in Gerona. He is accused of being a leader of a group which took weapons from a nearby military arsenal.

The charge is a complete fabrication, an excuse to launch a full-scale provocation against our party under the cover of a campaign against "terrorism."

The police claim to have found a leaflet written by the PORE in the mountains through which the people who supposedly took the weapons passed! This is their "evidence."

Santiago Alegria Sanchez's life is in grave danger. He is being held incommunicado by the military and there is a danger that a secret military trial will be organized against him, of the kind that sentenced working class militants to death in Burgos in 1970.

The Francoist monarchy of Juan Carlos is using this as an excuse to brutally attack our party which has been declared illegal by this so-called "democratic" government. Illegal, not because it stands for, or has anything to do with terrorism, but because it is the only party in Spain to openly defend the Program of the Fourth International. Illegal, because it is the only party in Spain fighting for the workers revolution, for the Workers and Peasants Government.

In Terassa, seven other militants of the PORE, including Sanchez's wife were also arrested. Among them were NURIA MARTI, a metalworker and Secretary of the local federation of the Workers Commissions (CCOO-- Spanish trade union), ALBERTO MARTI, a teacher, and ANTONIO RUIZ. All these militants are well-known trade union leaders in Terassa.

These militants were arrested, held incommunicado for five days and then released-- with all charges against them dropped. Nuria Marti was severely tortured. So much for the new "democracy" in Spain!

Under interrogation no questions at all were asked about this supposed robbery of military weapons. All the questions concerned the PORE-- its organization, leadership, etc. It is clear that these arrests have nothing to do with this supposed "terrorism" but are an open attempt to destroy our party.

The PORE has called for a



Workers Commission to be formed to investigate this provocation by the Spanish government. Demonstrations of 400 people in Terassa and 800 people in Barcelona have already been organized in defense of these militants.

But even as we go to press the government is continuing its arrests as the government attempts to see how far it can go with this new attack against the Fourth International.

This attack is the logical result of the Moncloa Pact signed by the treacherous leaders of the working class several months ago. The monarchy must crush the leadership of the opposition to this Pact-- the PORE.

Criminally shameful is the total silence to-date of the pseudo-revolutionary centrist organizations in Spain who falsely claim our banner, especially the LCR, the sister organization of the American SWP. They have refused to say a word in public in defense of our party.

Their hands are now "clean." They are now "legal" in Spain, having "won" their legality by bargaining with the monarchy, by renouncing the Program of the Fourth International in their Statutes, and by joining with the Spanish Communist Party in trying to tie the working class to the counterrevolutionary plans of the regime.

But the Spanish government and its police have made it clear that they understand who really represents the Fourth International in Spain. This was why the PORE was the first workers party in Spain declared illegal.

This is the reason for the present attack. Not against "terrorism," but against the workers revolution.

Only the working class can free our comrade, Santiago Alegria Sanchez, and defend the PORE. We call on all working class organizations and militants to support the campaign for his freedom in their press, through resolutions in unions and other organizations, through the collection of signatures.

The American working class

Bourgeoisie prepares terror against the working class **STOP S.1437**

1978 began the same way the old year ended -- with the national strike of 188,000 coal miners, a symbol of the combativity of the American working class.

Mass caravans of 800 to 1,000 miners continue to travel throughout the coal fields shutting down non-union mines. Last week, 300 picketing miners were arrested in Virginia in front of a non-union mine. This form of mass action has had some effect. The figures for coal production released in mid-December showed that coal production was down by 75%, while only 54% of coal is union-mined.

But the bitter battles taking place in the coalfields represent more than percentages. They are skirmishes in a war that is shaping up in this country. A war between the working class and the bourgeoisie over who will run society.

The bourgeoisie, those who own the wealth in this country, and their servants in the government have responded with their own methods of fighting -- unemployment and repression.

Massive layoffs in steel have been announced in Youngstown, Ohio. The auto bosses have said that there will be 10,000 more layoffs this year.

And on January 6th, Mack Lewis, a 65 year-old retired UMW member was shot dead by a company goon in Ivel, Kentucky as he was bringing sandwiches and coffee to a picket line.

And while a miner has been shot in cold blood the capitalist courts in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kentucky

and elsewhere have issued injunctions to prevent mass picketing and assemblies near the mines.

No free speech or right of assembly for striking miners but in Detroit, a mile from Ford River Rouge, just blocks from UAW Local 600, the largest local in the country, the capitalist government, courts, press and police have all mobilized to guarantee the right of "free speech" to Nazi scum who have opened up an office.

The right of the bourgeoisie to organize its fascist, terrorist gangs. This is "free speech." Bourgeois terror. Their final response to the fight of the American working class for a decent life and society.

The bourgeoisie would like to "legalize" this terror and prepare its war under a "democratic" cover for as long as possible. Attacking the working class in the name of "democracy."

This is the purpose of Senate Bill #1437 or S.1437 which is about to go before Congress. It defines all the federal crimes and penalties in this country.

This Bill must be stopped. The Trotskyist Organization of the USA, US Section (Sympathizing) of the Fourth International, proposes to all working class militants and organizations a massive campaign to defeat this law. The bourgeoisie must not be allowed to "legalize" its terror!

We cannot stop this law by writing our Congressmen or petitioning Congress. The working class must defeat bourgeois terror with its own methods -- THE INDE-

pendent organization of the working class.

FREE SANTIAGO ALEGRIA SANCHEZ!

NO MILITARY COURTS OR SECRET TRIALS!

LEGALIZE THE PORE, SPANISH SECTION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

January 15, 1978

PENDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE WORKING CLASS.

Through a general strike to defend the miners. By defending and expanding the mass pickets in the mines. By organizing workers defense guards in the mines or at Ford River Rouge to crush the Nazis. By building a revolutionary leadership in the unions.

By counterposing WORKERS DEMOCRACY and WORKERS RIGHTS to the rotten, stinking corpse of bourgeois democracy and its latest creation, S.1437.

The fight to stop S.1437 means a mobilization for a government of the working class and oppressed, a WORKERS GOVERNMENT which is the only way to decisively end bourgeois terror and establish real democracy and freedom.

The fight against S.1437 is also a fight to construct and renew the leadership of the workers movement, to build a party of the American revolution for the working class and oppressed -- the WORKERS PARTY, US Section of the Fourth International.

This is not the conclusion of the fight against S.1437. It is the beginning. To lead this fight we must begin by building a party of the working class.

This party is being built now by the Trotskyist Organization in the fight to organize the mass of fighting youth into the ranks of the Revolutionary Youth International. In the auto plants, in the steel mills, in the mines.

Begin by joining us in this fight.

January 12, 1978

TRUTH

SENATE BILL 1437 -- Bourgeois democracy against the independent organization of the working class

By JON COHEN

On the front of this issue of TRUTH we launched a campaign to smash S. 1437, a bill before the US Senate which is described as the "Federal Criminal Code Reform Act of 1977," a complete revision of the federal criminal code.

We described this Bill as an attempt by a ruling class in crisis to "legalize" its repression and terror against the working class, all in the name of bourgeois democracy.

S. 1437 is not an accident, nor is it just another meaningless law. It is a reflection of the class struggle in the US and around the world. It is one more proof that bourgeois democracy, the way the capitalist class rules in the US is not a timeless principle, but changes to meet the demands of its capitalist masters.

S. 1437 had its origins over ten years ago, in 1968, the beginning of the present period of the international upsurge of the working class. The French May-June General Strike of 1968, Prague Spring, the anti-war movement in the US, the rebellion in the army in Vietnam, the strikes of GM workers, postal workers and Teamsters in 1970, shook the old order of imperialism and Stalinism to the core.

The Nixon administration wrote and sent the "father" of S. 1437, called S. 1, to Congress in the early 70's. S. 1, like S. 1437, only "legalized" what the Nixon administration had been doing in order to crush the rebellion of the working class and its youth.

Illegal wiretapping. An "enemies list" with 100,000 names to be sent to concentration camps. "Conspiracy trials" to jail anti-war protestors. "Dirty tricks." Illegal break-ins. Infiltration and provocation in working class organizations. Assassinations. An attempt to create a secret police agency responsible only to Nixon.

These are the "roots" of S. 1437. Nixon was not trying to destroy bourgeois democracy as the liberals complained. No. He was only trying to "modernize" it, as Carter is trying to "modernize" it today.

The US bourgeoisie has always tried to "legalize" its repression. It wants to keep alive the illusion that it stands for democracy as long as possible in order to hide its brutality and anti-working class plans from the working class and its youth.

10,000 working class militants were "legally" deported in the Palmer raids in the early 20's to block the Bolshevik revolution from spreading to the US. Sacco and Vanzetti were "legally" murdered in the electric chair. So were the Rosenbergs. The leadership of the Fourth International in the US were "legally" sent to jail during World War II and hundreds of thousands of Japanese-Americans were "legally" put into concentration camps.

Today the US bourgeoisie also wants to "legalize" what it is already doing today -- the injunctions against strikes and picketing, the prohibition of the working



Nixon-- wrote S. 1, "father" of S. 1437

class from belonging to an international party, all the while allowing "free speech" for the Nazis and KKK.

But S. 1 had to be revised. It had to be given a "human face" once Nixon was gone. Nixon's resignation did not prove that "our system really works" as the liberals claim.

On the contrary. It proved that this system was rotten to the core. That the only real opposition to Nixon and the real reason for his removal was the offensive of the international and American working class. An offensive which both S. 1 and S. 1437 were determined to stop.

The new S. 1 Bill, its "son," S. 1437, is sponsored by the liberal wing of the Democratic Party, namely Edward Kennedy. Some of the more blatant anti-working class sections were removed. Or rather, better hidden.

But it remains old wine in a new bottle. Just like Carter's "human rights" campaign covers for the same kind of brutal anti-working class repression that Nixon was responsible for.

S. 1437 begins by saying: "the general purpose of this title is to establish justice in the context of a federal system." Let us begin by saying that there can be NO JUSTICE under capitalism, under a system of class exploitation.

But further, Under a whole series of vague definitions, able to be interpreted differently at any moment, a whole series of actions by the working class and its organizations can be defined as "conspiracy," "treason," "sabotage," "criminal contempt," "disorderly conduct," "blackmail," and "espionage."

Little things. Like the right to strike. The right to assemble. The right to demonstrate against the government. The right to associate with workers around the world. Freedom of speech.

How about the definition of treason, punishable by life imprisonment: "someone who adheres to(?) foreign enemies(?) of the US and intentionally gives them aid(?) or comfort(?)."

Or sabotage: "to impair, interfere with(?) or obstruct the ability(?) of the US to prepare for(?) or engage in war or defense activities(?)." Like a demonstration in front of any army base?

Or disorderly conduct: "obstructs or impairs an official(?) proceeding by means of unreasonable noise, by means of violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance, or by similar means."

What about blackmail, a felony: "improperly subject any person to economic loss or injury to his business or profession." Could this be a wildcat strike? You're right.

This Bill goes on and on in outlawing all types of working class activity, especially the kind that has taken place in the US in the last ten years, without ever openly saying so. There are also laws in here against "obstructing military recruitment or induction, "obstructing a government function by physical interference."

Then S. 1437 goes on to legalize wiretapping and opening up of mail to "investigate" any of the offenses committed in the entire Bill!

Finally, S. 1437 directly attacks the organization of the working class in its most conscious expression -- its international party, the Fourth International. Here is a clear counterposition between the basic principle of workers democracy -- that the working class has no country and is international by nature and bourgeois democracy which stands for nationalism and the isolation of the working class.

Under Section 1126 of the Bill, called "Failing to Register as, or Acting as, a Foreign Agent," S. 1437 defines as a Class D felony, punishable by six years in jail for the crime of "espionage," the right of the US working class to belong to an international organization.

This is how S. 1437 defines a "foreign power": (a) a foreign government, faction, party, or persons purporting to act as such, whether or not recognized by the United States; and (b) an international organization.

This is a law directed against the Fourth International, against the Revolutionary Youth International or ANY OTHER international organization that US workers want to belong to or participate in. Or maybe you think they're after the Korean CIA which "owns" about 200 of our Congressmen?

This is the essence of S. 1437 and the bourgeois democracy

which created it. To crush the working class and its methods of organization and struggle internally while closing the borders to an alliance with the international upsurge of the working class and its youth.

Because of the origins of this Bill, its purpose and its meaning today, the fight against it is a fight to take up the entire struggle of the American working class in the last ten years. Its struggle to make this largely spontaneous and unconscious struggle a conscious one, to strip bare what has been at stake for the last ten years in the open light -- WORKERS RIGHTS vs. CAPITAL-

has authored the Bill, S. 1437, for sure, allows full membership in the Democratic Party.

The American Communist Party claims to be against the Bill. But what about Edward Kennedy, part of their "liberal-labor-black" alliance who sponsored the Bill? Nor does S. 1437 outlaw an "anti-monopoly people's party," that is, a reformist, pro-capitalist party which has nothing to do with the American or world revolution.

The pseudo-revolutionary Socialist Workers Party has officially remained silent about the Bill (perhaps one or two articles in its press talking about how "bad" it is). But a militant of the SWP



Carter, Woodcock, and Coleman Young--S. 1437 is theirs

WORKERS RIGHTS, WORKERS DEMOCRACY vs. BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY. AN INTERNATIONAL WORKERS PARTY vs. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. A WORKERS GOVERNMENT vs. US IMPERIALISM.

The fight against this Bill is not a fight to write your Congressmen, to merely collect petitions or pass resolutions. To do so would be to miss what is at stake in this struggle -- THE SURVIVAL OF THE INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS of the working class -- its unions, factory committees, picket squads and its parties. It is a fight to prepare the American revolution, because only a workers revolution can insure the survival of the working class, only a Workers Government can do away with this death trap called bourgeois democracy.

We propose a struggle open up to all workers and militants and working class organizations. We make no conditions and say that the fight against this Bill must be taken up above all in the unions where the working class must organize its combat against it.

It will be in this struggle that the working class will find its friends and enemies. Almost everyone says they are against this Bill, but what are they going to do about it?

The AFL-CIO passed a resolution against it. But its leadership is in the Democratic Party which

honestly told us their true feelings about S. 1437 when we proposed a united front with them against this Bill:

He said: "I don't think our leadership will go for this. You all call for 'Workers Democracy' against this Bill. 'Workers Democracy' comes after the revolution. Now our fight is for democratic rights."

Precisely. For them, workers democracy, the fight for the class independence of the proletariat comes "after the revolution." Now the job is to tail after the bourgeois liberals like Ted Kennedy who are interested in "democratic rights." Like those he put into S. 1437.

Yes, in this fight the working class will find out who its friends are. Revolutionary young workers. Striking miners and autoworkers. But not Stalinists, centrists or union bureaucrats.

Above all to fight to defend the independent organization of the working class against bourgeois democracy, the workers need the highest expression of their independent organization, their international, revolutionary party.

As the Editorial says. This is not the conclusion of the fight against S. 1437, it is not a "stage" in the fight for workers democracy. It is the very beginning and the only way to insure victory. To join in the construction of the Workers Party, the US Section of the Fourth International.

YSA Convention --

Leadership Attacks Youths' Political Consciousness

By ANN NELSON

The Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance, (YSA, youth group of the Socialist Workers Party) was held on December 28-31 in Detroit. The crisis of the SWP/YSA was out in the open at the Convention. Above all, there was a clear division between the youth who are seeking revolutionary answers to their questions and the opportunist policy of the SWP leadership.

The decisions that the Convention took: to continue to fight against Bakke and to defend Hecctor Marroquin (SWP/YSA militant who is seeking political asylum in the United States) were the only action proposals that the SWP/YSA leaders made. These decisions were pushed through despite the desires of the YSA youth who loudly cheered the slogan "For the Socialist United States of North, Central and South America."

The proposals, to continue fighting against Bakke and defend Marroquin, were made as if nothing else of importance was going on in the world today. Here and throughout the world, a revolutionary mobilization of the working class youth is intensifying, and political developments of large consequence are happening in rapid succession.

Youth, particularly in Europe are challenging their old leaderships, particularly the Communist Parties. In Spain, hundreds of youth booted their own leaders of the Spanish Communist Party at a National Convention, and cheered at every mention of the October Revolution. Youth are breaking away in mass from the Stalinist parties in Italy and France.

In the United States, striking miners have burned bridges, taken up arms and have been murdered defending their right to strike. They want to strike when THEY think it's necessary no matter what bourgeois law says they can't.

The SWP and YSA leaderships are aware of this situation. But they propose a parochial policy for the United States because it is an "exception." And their policy of calling for Stalinists and Social Democrats to form governments in Europe is an "exception" too. Behind all the explanations is their true policy: "We are too small", so we must be opportunists by calling on the betrayers of the working class to take its leadership.

LEADERS TURN YOUTH AWAY FROM POLITICAL STRUGGLE

The overall method of the leadership of the SWP and YSA at the Convention was to in-

hibit political discussion and thinking. This in fact is the role of the centrist organizations which claim to represent the Fourth International. The fact that the youth in Spain and throughout Europe are breaking from the Stalinist Communist Parties is a healthy sign in that they show that they are disgusted with the policy of their organizations who call for compromise with the bourgeoisie.

But the break of the youth from the old leaderships will only be a factor in favor of the revolution if the revolutionary party is present with a correct policy capable of winning the working class youth.

There is no more important struggle other than to embolden the youth, to give them confidence in themselves and the tools with which to defeat the bourgeoisie and Stalinism. But the leadership of the SWP and YSA make jokes about the Revolutionary Youth International and the urgent necessity of building it. They call the fight for the "Socialist United States of Europe" or even "Workers Democracy" sectarian!

Instead, the SWP talks about "flanking tactics" in the unions, through which it tries to make support to bureaucrats Patrick and Sadlowski seem revolutionary. Or the SWP leaders talk about bourgeois leaders being "caught in their own contradiction." "Carter talked too much about human rights." Did Carter develop the line of "human rights" to be caught in a contradiction? No, the task of the revolutionary party is to deny before the working class that Carter wants rights for any one except the bourgeoisie.

Unfortunately, many of the youth of the YSA have listened to this kind of talk and some very basic revolutionary lessons hard-learned throughout the years, are new to them. "Revolutionary policy" as taught by the SWP is a series of maneuvers and stages divorced from the working class, its struggles and the building of its party.

If Carter can be "caught in a contradiction," why not support the Democratic Party? And Workers Democracy in the unions WOULD seem sectarian to a leadership which prints interviews with Patrick of the UMW who would not return to the mines to work under any conditions because the pay is too low. How can you support Patrick while at the same time fighting for union officers to earn no more than the average workers salary which is a part of the fight to win Workers Democracy?

By limiting the membership of

the YSA to students the SWP attacks the independent organization of the working class youth. And at the convention, the SWP acted to de-politicize the youth by either allowing no discussion (the Report on the World Situation) or by making presentations so boring that the majority of youth had left the room before the discussion began. This was how the YSAers showed their dissatisfaction and this restlessness has contributed to the crisis in the SWP.

REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH

The RWY was allowed two observers at the convention which was later challenged because they were handing out literature and no speaking time to address the convention was allowed. As well, Hotel security called the police several times on the newspaper sellers of the RWY because they had had "complaints." It was all too obvious that the SWP and YSA organizers did not want the militants of the YSA to know our policy and activities.

An open letter to the militants of the YSA proposed that the RWY and the YSA work together in a United Front to defeat the reactionary S.1437 Bill now pending in Congress. The method we proposed to do this was very different than that of the SWP/YSA "defense campaigns." We did not propose to enter into coalitions with representatives of the Democratic Party. We proposed that this fight be taken up in the working class, in the miners strike, in the factories. Independent organization of the workers, self-defense guards which the miners have begun organizing themselves; this is actual opposition to the S.1437 Bill, the only way it will be defeated, by the workers, by building their revolutionary party, the Fourth International in the United States.

Some YSA militants supported this proposal right away. Twenty copies of the MANIFESTO OF THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL were sold. We call on all YSA militants to take up this struggle, to work with our organization to defeat S.1437! Take up the fight to defeat S.1437, discuss it with your comrades in the YSA. Defeat S.1437 through the struggle to impose Workers Democracy against the old opportunist leaders of the unions. Defeat S.1437 by building the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International and the Fourth International. Defeat S.1437 through a political struggle to win the consciousness of the masses of young workers in the United States!

Stop Stalinist slander! -- letter to YSA & SWP

National Committee
Socialist Workers Party

National Committee
Young Socialist Alliance

Dear Comrades,

On December 30, 1977 at the YSA Convention in Detroit a member of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth started a political discussion with a member of the Detroit branch of the YSA. We also believe he is a member of the SWP. The discussion began over the proposal contained in our leaflet for a common struggle against the S.1437 Bill now pending in Congress.

Your comrade responded: "I don't know why you people keep insisting that you're part of any other International but the Vargaite International of spies and lunatics." The comrade refused to give us his name, but we know that he attends Wayne State University and can be identified by the special eye glasses he wears.

We call on your leadership and this comrade to publicly repudiate this slander.

Even the "Commission" which the SWP participated in along with the LCR of France and the US Spartacist League, which "investigated" Michel Varga, drew the conclusion that the "charge is unproven." Members of your leadership, namely Jack Barnes, have told us in private that these accusations were slanderous.

But you have never stated any of this in public. But IN PUBLIC, militants of your organization (and this is not the first time) have repeated the Stalinist slanders of the OCI against our party, with the same purpose as the OCI, to block political discussion and debate with our organization.

The fact that this militant is not a leader, does not hide the fact that you continue to tolerate these statements in your organizations. This statement should be examined in light of the slanders of the so-called International Committee. Slanders like those of the International Committee and the OCI have no place in the workers movement. They are Stalinist in nature and origin.

Once again, we demand a repudiation of this statement made by one of your militants.

We are sending copies of this letter to the other participants in your commission: the LCR and the Spartacist League.

Comradely yours,

Jon Cohen
The Secretariat, Trotskyist Organization
David Heffelfinger
Revolutionary Worker Youth, USA

Camejo: Left Comedian

Pedro Camejo, a leader of the SWP and their candidate for President in 1976, gave the speech at the central "rally" at the YSA Convention. This speech was a perfect illustration of the SWP's leadership of the youth -- making the revolution and the working class seem like a joke, making building a party of the working class an "in group" affair for "revolutionary" cynics. One line for the "backward" masses, jokes and cynicism for the party "cadre."

Just a few lines printed below show the phillistine nature of a section of the leadership of the SWP and how little they really have in common with the working class youth.

"The working class-- why it's like a drugged animal. Doesn't know enough to slap a parasite that lives off it."

"Young comrades are in too much a hurry to make a revolution-- you know, a lot of them try to hurry up the process. Come up with a lot of gimmicks. Like flushing all the toilets at once."

"It's good someone else called this march and organized this coalition against the Baake decision. We couldn't do it by ourselves. The bourgeoisie would just denounce it for being red."

"The revolution is like a pot of water. The Communist Party and Socialist Party are like cubes of ice in this pot. Our job is to get things hot enough so we can melt them."

"YSAers-- they're like bubbles of gas on top of a boiling pot of water. Just like you never know which bubble is going to pop off, you never know which person you're working with will bubble up as a YSAer."

Some youth walked out of this "rally" with the same feeling of disgust we had. Two YSAers said that they were going to go across the street and see "Star Wars" instead. Others walked out congratulating themselves for being part of such a witty, urbane, "in" group.

No one walked out with any amount of confidence in the proletariat or determination to make the proletarian revolution. That wasn't part of his "act."

M. G.
January 13, 1978

RYI and Truth go to the coalfields

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL and FRED VITALE

In late December we traveled to the coalfields of southern Pennsylvania. Last week a miner was murdered in eastern Kentucky while exercising his right to picket. We went to distribute the call of the International Young Metal Workers Conference and TRUTH, to convince the most militant young miners to take up a political struggle for workers rights. Only through this kind of struggle can the murder of the miner be avenged. And, what is the same thing, can the miners win their demands -- full medical and pension benefits not tied to coal mined; full right to strike; all coal, union coal.

We went to Carmichael, Pennsylvania in the heart of "coal country". We first went to talk to picketing miners, but the bureaucracy had pulled all the pickets down using the holidays as an excuse. A young striking miner working at a gas station took copies of TRUTH and REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKER and directed us to a power plant as the only place where pickets were in all of Greene County, but this post too was abandoned.

Finding no pickets, we distributed on the streets of Carmichael. We tried to get our press into a bookstore in Morgantown but the clerk told us "they didn't accept political literature because an egg dealer who had sold eggs which were later thrown at the Ku Klux Klan, had been driven out of business."

A MEETING

We were impressed by the militancy of the young miners we spoke to their loyalty to the UMW and their openness to our press. The best part of our trip was our meeting with one miner, Dennis. He worked in a non-union mine and had taken his boss to court for refusing to let him belong to the UMW. He won. "If you mine coal, you belong to the UMW," he asserted. His sights were focused on his future. He laughed at the suggestion of spending 30 years in the mines.

He was enthusiastic about our policy and our last headline: **GENERAL STRIKE TO DEFEND THE MINERS!** -- is what made him stop. We discussed a number of questions. He agreed it was necessary to organize the strike with independent strike committees. "The most important thing is to shutdown all the non-union mines." He told us a number of decertifications (miners voting out the union) had occurred, "because the leaders really just take on issues from the big mines and not the little ones." The need for independent strike committees to organize shutting these mines down was made even sharper.

Dennis thought for sure that Carter would intervene in the strike and "send us back to work until they came up with a settlement." He thought that the government was against the miners and he remembered many of his coworkers going to demonstrate in Washington.

He thought it was important to get the union fully on the side of the miners. "Without the UMW

we'd be no place." He supported Harry Patrick in the last elections but after some reflection said he would probably side with Carter and the government against the miners.

Like many young workers, Dennis didn't see these questions as political ones or any place for himself in politics. When asked what his politics were, he said: "Do you mean like Democrat or Republican? I'm not for that." He wanted an organization to unite all the workers to take on the government but he didn't really see it as a political one.

He didn't really see any place for himself in the unions either. While he staunchly defended the UMW, he didn't attend union meetings because "nothing ever happened." He said: "If you mean union politics, my brother (a local UMW organizer) keeps me up on that." He didn't see politics as the fight to run the society, a workers task, but a secretive infighting between "politicians" or "bureaucrats."

But he did think that he and the other young workers ought to concern themselves more with these questions. We told him about the Metal Workers Conference and he agreed to organize a meeting of young miners to discuss these questions.

POLICY OF TO AND RYI AFFIRMED

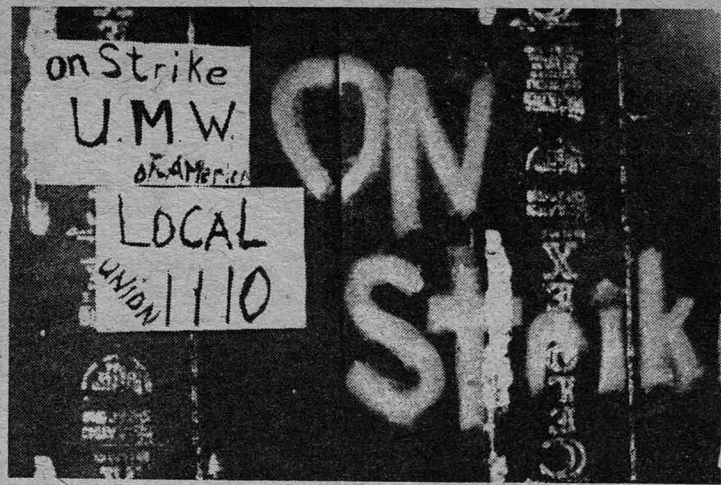
From the abandoned picketed to the small mobile homes of the miners, from the friendliness of all the young people to Dennis' remarks about the government, the policy of the RYI was affirmed. The independent organization and an all out struggle for the political rights of the masses tap the hostility of the youth for the old society and unite the class.

The true strength of the workers lie in their political capacity to represent the interests of the masses. To go as far as possible in every struggle towards becoming the rulers of society, is the only way to get concessions from the ruling class, to win the reforms that the miners are demanding.

By taking up a struggle against the governments attack on all workers crystallized in S. 1437, the miners can break through the suffocation imposed by the bureaucracy, gain support among the masses and thus really threaten the ruling class.

In this struggle the workers leadership can be built that is necessary to finish with this system -- the Workers Party.

The opportunists like the bureaucrats, phoney socialists like the CP/USA and SWP all want to keep the young miners from politics. They all want to limit the strike to economic issues. They claim that by limiting the struggle to economic issues they can involve "broader forces". The broader forces they're talking about aren't other workers or the poor and oppressed masses, but liberal bourgeois. It's no wonder the CP/USA and SWP say that now is not the time for the workers to claim the union as their own -- they still need Miller and Patrick. For these people, that time is always in the future.



By taking up a political combat in every gathering of the miners, to save their strike by fighting for the rights of all workers, and building the independent strike

committees to organize THAT kind of strike, the miners can build the leadership necessary to free them from the coalfields. January 12, 1977

STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT, TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION

Defend Hector Marroquin

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA, Section (Sympathizing) of the Fourth International, calls upon all working class militants and organizations to defend Hector Marroquin and to support his demand for political asylum in the United States.

Hector Marroquin is a young working class militant, a member of the US Socialist Workers Party and the Young Socialist Alliance, organizations which claim to be Trotskyist. He is also a former leader of the student movement in Mexico.

Marroquin was forced to flee Mexico in 1974 after being falsely accused of guerilla activity by the Mexican government. The charges against him have been proven to be completely false and Marroquin is certain to face torture and possible death if returned to Mexico, which has been the fate of his fellow comrades.

In September 1977 Marroquin was arrested by US immigration authorities for being an "illegal alien." He now faces a deportation hearing scheduled for January 1978.

Marroquin must be defended. He has the right to political asylum. The charges against him in Mexico must be dropped.

The defense of Marroquin concerns not only a fight against the brutal, racist and anti-working class policies of "la migra" or the Immigration Service of the Carter regime which daily threatens the lives of thousands of Mexican workers living in the US. It concerns the defense of the working class movement throughout the Two Americas against the collaboration of US imperialism and the dictatorships in brutal repression against the working class and its militants.

The defense of Marroquin is not only a fight to force the US government to grant political asylum to a victim of political re-

pression. A repression supported wholeheartedly by the Carter regime. It is also a fight to demand that the Mexican government drop the charges against him. This fight must unite the American and Mexican working class in a common struggle against imperialism and the Mexican bourgeoisie.

Finally, the working class must defend Marroquin because he is a militant who belongs to an organization which claims to represent the Fourth International. We disagree with this claim, but this attack on Marroquin is part and parcel of the overall attack of the US bourgeoisie against the international party of the working class. The working class must defend its party.

In a speech to a rally in Detroit for Marroquin, Hugo Blanco, an international leader of the Pabloite United Secretariat claimed that the Program of the Fourth International has nothing to do with the defense of Marroquin (MILITANT, Jan. 13, 1978, p. 5).

We think our Program has everything to do with Marroquin's defense. The mobilization of the working class to prepare the revolution throughout the Americas, the construction of its leadership and its party, the Fourth International, is the best way to win the fight against repression, ANY kind of repression. We would like Marroquin and other militants of the SWP and YSA to become convinced of this.

POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR HECTOR MARROQUIN!

DROP ALL CHARGES IN MEXICO!

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among them the conquest of the Russian working class in 1917 of its own government, is the precondition to the victory of the socialist revolution over the exploitation and oppression of capitalism.

Stalinism, as the greatest betrayer of the working class and its revolution, remains the foremost obstacle in the workers movement to the revolution. To unite the workers under Stalinism with the workers in the capitalist nations for the objective of the workers government and the socialist revolution is the only solution worthy of notice to the daily attacks on the working class. It is the only future for the working class youth.

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Carter and the "crisis" of the Union of the Left in France



FRENCH POSTAL WORKERS STRIKE

By JON COHEN

Jimmy Carter has just completed his first international tour. The bourgeois press in the US has not yet decided whether to take this trip seriously or take it as a joke.

Alternating between reports of "dramatic" diplomatic "breakthroughs" and outright comedy, the bourgeois press described Carter's voyage around the world. What they do not see is that both the comedy -- the mistakes of his translator in Poland (saying that Carter had an "erotic desire" for Poles and that he had "abandoned" the US), putting 100,000 people to sleep in India and allowing a private conversation to be overheard, forcing his wife to walk behind him and to eat separately in Saudi Arabia -- and the "breakthroughs" -- the visit with Sadat, the tears on Normandy beach -- reflect imperialism in its crisis.

There is a method behind all this madness, at least an explanation. Behind all this stumbling, confusion, media "hype" and outright sentimentality that the bourgeoisie likes to give to the image of "international diplomacy" lies the real purpose of diplomacy. It is the frantic and desperate attempt of the international bourgeoisie and the Stalinist apparatus to hide its crisis from the working class and to prepare the counter-revolu-

tion against the working class offensive.

Behind all the comedy and "hype", the US bourgeoisie, through Carter, is making a last ditch effort to assert its position as policeman of the world. To do this they must also crush the American working class at home.

Everywhere he went, Carter made a point to solidarize himself with the proven enemies of the working class and its youth. In Poland, he praised the bloody Gierek regime, saying "our concept of human rights is preserved in Poland." He sent Secretary of State Vance to Hungary to give back a royal crown to "the most liberal regime in Eastern Europe," the regime which crushed the Hungarian revolution of 1956.

Nor did mistakes in translating or stupidity prevent him from solidarizing himself again with the Shah of Iran, or with the "democratic leaders" of India who are in the process of brutally crushing a strike wave, or with Sadat, ready with the Zionist butchers to drown the Palestinian revolution in blood.

This is the real face of US "diplomacy". Solidarity with all the enemies of the working class in order to prepare the counter-revolution. The comedy, the mistakes, the "hype" is just part of a system in its death agony -- unable to completely

control what it is doing, but even more dangerous because of this.

But Carter saved his best show for last, his visit to France. The "spontaneous" walk down the Champs d'Elysee, the shedding of tears on Normandy Beach, the snub of Chirac, the visit with Mitterand expressed this central truth of US "diplomacy" -- that it is Europe that is at the center of the preoccupations of US imperialism, that France holds the key to the situation in Europe.

The situation in France simply concentrates the pre-revolutionary situation throughout Europe, above all in France, Italy, Spain and Portugal. In Spain, hundreds of thousands of workers and youth have repeatedly taken to the streets in protest against the Moncloa Pact. The Social Democratic government of Soares was forced to resign in Portugal in face of its inability to control the working class. The US government has just called its ambassador to Italy home to Washington as it appears that the Christian Democratic government is about to fall and Washington must define its attitude towards the participation of the Communist Party in the government in order to save capitalism in Italy.

But as we have pointed out before, France holds the key to the situation in Europe. It is in

France, that the offensive of the working class, the most conscious with the longest tradition in Europe, can turn the situation decisively in favor of the working class throughout Europe.

The US bourgeoisie, in its own manner, realizes this as well. Thus, Carter's visit to France was an overt attempt to solidarize US imperialism with the Giscard government that threatened by the possibility that the French working class will use the elections coming up this March to make a decisive advance on the path to the French revolution.

Thus, the "spontaneous" walk with Giscard down the streets of Paris, to show how Carter and Giscard were "close to the masses." The snub of Chirac, Giscard's right-wing opponent, to show that Carter and US imperialism were "liberal."

And the insult to both the French and American working class on the Normandy beaches. Don't anyone believe that this was just "sentimentality." The message was clear -- the US bourgeoisie is once again ready to "make the world safe for democracy," by slaughtering its own working class and the workers of the world through war.

Don't anyone believe that D-Day had anything to do with democracy. As much to do with democracy as Vietnam did. To save capitalism in Europe and crush the working class, that was D-Day, and that was why Carter and Giscard were again on the Normandy beaches.

Finally, Carter intervened in the "crisis" of the Union of the Left in France -- the supposed split between the French Communist and Socialist Parties, by holding a meeting with Mitterand and the leader of the French Socialist Party. As we said before, Carter left no stone unturned in solidarizing himself with ALL the enemies of the working class, at least the most important ones.

Carter told Mitterand that he was "proud of all that you have done for France," thus provoking the outrage of the rightists and then "warning him of the dangers of cooperation with the Communist Party," thus, provoking the outrage of the Stalinists.

But there was no stupidity here. Carter has no worry of the anger of the French Stalinists, he takes care of them through their masters in the Kremlin. And he was not really supporting Mitterand over Giscard, he was only insuring the already close links of Social Democracy with US imperialism.

The only stupidity is in the actions of the Stalinists and the centrists who pretend that all these maneuvers are the basis for the "crisis" of the French Communist and Socialist Parties. The crisis of the Union of the Left has nothing to do with maneuvers, nor will it be patched up through maneuvers or with the centrists' cries of "unity!"

Not Carter, not Mitterand, nor Marchais (leader of the French CP) have shattered the Union of the Left. It has been the class struggle in France, Europe and throughout the world that has thrown out the basis for the "Popular Front" represented in the formation of the Union of the Left in 1972.

The Stalinist parties in Western Europe can no longer control the working class, they can no longer be trusted to share power with the bourgeoisie or to save the bourgeoisie in the name of a "popular" government. Chile, Portugal, Spain, have all proven this. It is proven more and more everyday.

In a sense Carter also knows what the Stalinists and centrists refuse to admit to the French working class. That these elections will resolve nothing by themselves, no matter whether Giscard wins or whether the Left wins. For Carter, it means deepening his preparation of the counter-revolution -- tying his alliances with the Giereks, Kardars, Brezjnevs, Giscard, Mitterands, increasing the NATO forces, standing on the Normandy beach.

The Fourth International also knows these elections will mean nothing by themselves. That they will only mean something if they can be used as a turning point in the struggle of the French working class, as part of the preparation of the French revolution and the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe.

This is the fight of our section in France, the Ligue Ouvriere Revolutionnaire (LOR) which is running its candidates in the March elections on the basis of a revolutionary program, a fight for the Workers and Peasants Government, and a fight to prepare the French Revolution as the beginning of the European revolution.

This wasn't reported in the bourgeois press. Carter did not meet with any of our candidates, although he met with Mitterand who the pseudo-revolutionaries of the SWP want to take power in France.

But just because the fight of our French Section, and our Polish Section were not reported on regarding Carter's voyage, doesn't mean that their fight isn't important to the American working class. In fact it is the most important thing.

Because behind all the corruption, hypocrisy and lies of "international diplomacy" lies the real international question. The struggle of the international working class and its youth for power. And the struggle to build their party, the Fourth International.

The struggle that will sweep Carter and his international gang of thieves and murderers from the face of the earth.

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Essex Workers Remain Strong After Sellout

66 got their jobs back, 104 are on a "recall list." The rest were fired for militant picketing.

The majority of the workers openly and publicly denounced the lackey Fraser and the whole International leadership. As one worker said, "if people knew how much the International wasn't backing up, they'd die." They are not the least bit demoralized. The bourgeoisie, and their servants in the UAW applied a great deal of intimidation, maneuvers, including threats of the National Guard and jail terms to break this strike of 222 workers. Yet they weren't able to break their spirit. "Sure we lost a strike... we've learned things... what was required here would probably be classified as a revolution."

The struggle of the Essex workers -- a struggle for their rights in the UAW and for the rights in the US continues. The striking workers lost much of their union leadership and the workers returning were met by armed guards patrolling in the factory. The whole day-shift of scabs were given union membership and super-seniority and will probably try to vote out the UAW.

TWO-FACED BUREAUCRATS

The Frazer dictatorship made much to do about the Essex strikers in the September issue of SOLIDARITY, how the "workers boldly rejected the pitiful 'take away' program "of the company "three times." Yet four months later, the UAW bureaucracy said, "Take the settlement." "What about SOLIDARITY?" the workers asked, "Solidarity is a fine slogan."

Because autoworkers and thousands of other workers around the country were sending money and support to the Essex workers, Fraser had to send out a circular to all the Locals on December 20th saying, "no more money or aid to the strikers."



LESSONS

The lessons for the workers are written in blood. The Fraser dictatorship will not defend you if you are under attack. More, they will turn on you as a cowardly General does, trying to execute all the soldiers who witnessed his retreat. Fraser and that regime must be ousted if the present gains of the autoworker are to be defended, let alone new gains made.

And how about the opportunists?

We await on the edge of our seat the coughing and clearing of throat from the Communist Party/USA who has time and time again written of "the progressive UAW." We await the SWP's Frank Lovell's telling us its not time not to throw out Fraser -- that we've got to unite against the company. Opportunists, this betrayal stains your hands as well!

VENGEANCE!

And now with the layoffs coming, more harassment and speed-up, they'll do the same thing again. They did it at In-

dianapolis-Local 1226 last summer. It was only the RWF/UAW in making a political fight to oust Fraser, to turn the union into weapons of the workers and oppressed, who presented its candidate against Fraser, the only serious opposition. We won the support of a Local 1226 last summer. And it will be that fundamental political combat which will avenge this incredible betrayal.

But in all honesty, the most important lesson is a message for the bourgeoisie from the Essex strikers. "You threatened us with the Army against 222 workers, 4/5 of us women. You had to march your liberal darling Doug Fraser down to Indiana and threaten us. You sent seven federal mediators. And no sooner than the ink was dry on your "contract," then we are out denouncing you, your Governor, and aching with the desire to spread what we learned about you to workers across the country." With such audacity and such firmness do you seriously think that you'll be here much longer?

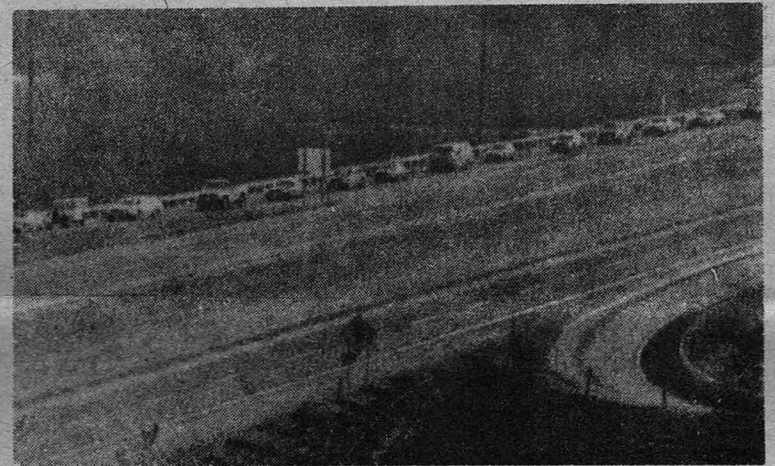
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By FRED VITALE

After an eight month strike in which one young worker was critically shot and an older woman seriously beaten, the Frazer UAW regime has joined with United Technologies and the government to break the strike of the Essex Wire workers in Elwood, Indiana, Local 1663. The facts: out of 222 workers only

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In the last issue of TRUTH we published an article exposing the latest maneuvers of the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party concentrated around the attempt to make Harry Patrick, a former leader of the United Mineworkers Union, a spokesman for their attempt to build a reformist "labor party" in this country.

We denounced this as a means to derail the struggle of the working class to build a real party of class independence, a party in which strikebreaking bureaucrats like Patrick had no place. We explained that the pseudo-revolutionaries of the SWP did this because while they sometimes use revolutionary words, their real policy is to have others do their work for them and this means support to the trade union bureaucracy and the left-wing of the Democratic Party.

The pseudo-revolutionaries, or centrists, are more and more desperate in the face of the workers revolt against this old order. This makes their "labor party" more and more dangerous for any worker to have some kind of faith in.

The NEW YORK TIMES published an interview with this Patrick on December 23, 1977, as his term of office as Secretary-Treasurer of the UMW expired (he was defeated in a race for President this June). In this interview Patrick shows his true qualities as a working class leader, making him just right for the SWP's "labor party."

When asked if he will have to return to the mines to work, Patrick replied: "If there was any kind of other job offer that would come along, I'd do it."

Why? For health reasons maybe? No. "Because I can't stand the \$456 a month house payments," and because I have "learned to love quiche Lorraine and Grand Marnier."

There are no nice French restaurants in West Virginia or Kentucky like those in Georgetown. And how could Patrick have a \$456 a month house on a miner's wages?

Perhaps the SWP's new "labor party" led by Patrick will be based in Washington where Patrick can have his Grand Marnier, his apartment and be a "rank and file leader" too.

The pseudo-revolutionaries say their support of Patrick is just a "flanking tactic." But who is flanking whom?

Even though there is some humor to all this and young workers should indeed laugh in the face at anyone that claims to be a workers leader but who prefers Grand Marnier to fighting alongside the workers in the mines, this "labor party" proposed by the centrists is a serious business.

It is a serious attempt to block the working class from decisively breaking with the Democratic Party. An attempt to block the working class from building a party that will struggle for power, a party that will lead the working class to its own government.

It is a serious attempt to block the working class from joining in the fight to rebuild the US Section of the Fourth International and to construct its party, the Workers Party, which will lead the American working class to power.

There's nothing wrong with liking quiche Lorraine or Grand Marnier or even \$400 a month apartments. But there's something wrong with expecting the working class to pay for it.

And it's even more wrong to claim that this fat bureaucrat has anything to do with the struggle of the working class for its freedom.

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50 Years of American Trotskyism -- Build its press!



Nazis and the Klan- scum of the land!



By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

1978 marks the passage of 50 years since young communists in America decided to join Leon Trotsky, leader of the Russian Revolution and comrade of Lenin, in the fight for Bolshevism, for the destruction of Stalinism.

We who continue this fight today want to commemorate this 50th anniversary of American Trotskyism. We want to do so with a victorious struggle to bring our program to American working class youth and revolutionary militants, organize them in the Revolutionary Youth International, and with them, finish rebuilding our section.

We want to prove we continue Trotskyism in America, that the Socialist Workers Party, regardless of its name or size, does not.

Because every organization is known first by its press, this struggle is first a political struggle to make our press -- FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH -- equal to the task; to get it to the most political and militant youth in the factories, unions, schools, and in the SWP and YSA; to raise the funds to do this. This is key to building the Revolutionary Youth International.

We have to deepen our fight to make our press one in which working class youth, SWP and YSA youth can find a profound understanding of the problems before them especially the leadership crisis they sense, and the way to solve them. We have to make FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH formidable weapons for youth in the battle against the bourgeoisie and Stalinism, the kind of weapons INTERNATIONAL CONTINENTAL PRESS and THE MILITANT will never be.

We must make the most political and militant youth in the factories and the SWP and YSA readers of our press. This is the first step in making them leaders of the Revolutionary Youth International. We're not like THE MILITANT. We want to build a party to lead the working class to power. So one young reader in an auto plant in Detroit, Chicago or Cleveland is worth a dozen in the NAACP, La Raza or NOW chapter in Los Angeles or New York. It's quality, not quantity that counts.

And all this takes money: to finance full-time writers, offices in which to work, machinery to produce the press in the most efficient and readable fashion; organizers. And we have only one source for this money: our readers and ourselves.

The discussion of FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH, of their contents, how to use them, must be at the center of every meeting of the party and the youth. Everyone must bring his experiences in distributing the press, the response of the masses of youth and workers to it, his assessment of the degree to which it met the situation, into these meetings. The same is true in raising funds. It is necessary to analyze; learn everything we can. This is what is key to insuring the success of our plans; politics not pep rallies.

In the next two weeks the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth will be discussing and deciding precise objectives for the distribution of our press and our readers 50th Anniversary Fund. In the meantime we ask all our readers, especially those of the Revolutionary Worker Youth Circle at Ford River Rouge in Detroit, to get an early start in this fight. Read FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH. Discuss them. Write us a letter about what strikes you most about them. And plan what you and your comrades can do to build the distribution of our press and raise funds to finance it.

Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of American Trotskyism!
Build its press!

By BARBARA PUTNAM

Just as bloodhounds are trained to track down, maim and kill prisoners for their masters, the Nazis are in training to track down and destroy working class organizations and to disrupt the workers revolution brewing in the factories.

The Nazis have opened a recruiting station just a mile away from the largest union local in the country, Local 600, UAW, with 30,000 members. Here, near the largest center of production, Ford River Rouge, in order to unleash their hatred against the fighting autoworkers.

It is inevitable that young workers will come into mortal conflict with these fascists, just as they came into conflict with the fascist "Brownshirts" in the 30's at the height of the mobilization of the working class into vast industrial unions.

Many young workers think that the Nazis pose no present danger, that they are merely curious relics from the long-forgotten past of goose-stepping machine-men who killed six million Jews and who preached hatred of non-whites.

This is the worst sort of confusion, perpetuated each day in the bourgeois papers. The Nazis are not just another "nut group" destined to melt away with changing times. Their aim is always the same -- to DESTROY the working class.

The bourgeoisie, liberal and conservative, says: "we cherish the right of free expression by everybody -- including the Nazis." (DETROIT NEWS, Jan. 3, 1978). They are echoed in this by the Socialist Workers Party who have abandoned the fight to lead the

working class, but claim our banner, and who say the Nazis should have free speech.

The Stalinists, close to this outlook, ask the bourgeoisie to pass a law against racism. This gives the trade union bureaucrats the excuse to leave the workers wide open to having their union destroyed. All in the interests of "democracy."

"Freedom of speech for one and all!" Freedom for the parties in the workers movement to be indifferent to the fate of the workers. Freedom for the betraying leaderships to be passive in the face of the attack of the bourgeoisie against the working class mobilization. Freedom to confuse and disorient the flower of the working class, its youth. This is THEIR freedom of speech.

The Nazis are here in Detroit to menace the advancing organization of the working class. They have no use for the working class, are afraid of it and seek to take state power to serve the bourgeoisie in instituting a regime of terror against the workers and blacks.

They are diametrically opposed to socialism, even though they call themselves "National Socialists." Their movement may look small today but are growing among sections of the population who are sick of Carter and want a total change but do not see the working class as capable of leading the fight against the bourgeoisie.

The toothless and gutless leadership of the unions are responsible for the growth of fascism. They are standing in the way of a massive march down Vernor Avenue in Detroit to teach the Nazis about Workers Demo-

crazy. A workers march could mobilize all the autoworkers in Detroit to close the Nazi headquarters and trample their SWASTIKA into the dirt.

White youth who saw the various "protestors" who have marched in front of the Nazi office in the last weeks -- the NAACP, church groups, and Maoists began to taunt them, saying: "What are YOU going to do? The Nazis have GUNS!"

These groups, who want to rely on "community pressure" in place of the independent organization of the working class, look ridiculous to these unemployed youth.

They make the Nazis look a thousand times more bold and decisive. They can only offer words but no real alternative to unemployment, deteriorating living conditions and the despair these youth feel.

These youth must be won to our banner and not be allowed to fall into the fascist trap. This means taking action today to prove to the youth and suffering masses that the working class is the only force capable of stopping fascism and providing a positive solution to the decay of imperialism.

Join the Trotskyist Organization and the Circle of Revolutionary Young Workers at Ford River Rouge in organizing the 30,000 Rouge workers to march to the Nazi headquarters and drive them out of Detroit.

The Nazis and the Klan are the scum of the land -- and it is up to the working class and above all its youth to take care of them.

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