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DOWN WITH THIS CONGRESS OF MILLIONAIRES!

# BUILD THE WORKERS PARTY!

The 1978 elections are over. Along with the entire US House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate, various state Governors and legislators were elected.

Basically the same gang of thieves, liars and social degenerates were again chosen to "serve the people."

There is one thing clearer about this Congress than ever before-- it is a Congress of millionaires. A Congress bought and owned by the capitalists.

There are now over 30 millionaires in the US Senate. \$150 million was spent by business interests to support candidates in this election which saw the first "\$6million Senator"--Jesse Helms of North Carolina who spent that much to get re-elected.

But the most important fact about these elections is rarely mentioned by all the commentators who are now talking about a "conservative trend."

The most important fact is that the voter turnout was the LOWEST in US history. It now appears that only around 30% of eligible, voting-age Americans voted.

In other words, a vast majority of the population voted with their feet by refusing to participate in this farce called bourgeois "democracy."

A "trend" that above all shows the deep crisis of the Democratic Party which historically has been the "majority" party, receiving the votes of the workers and oppressed.

A sign of this crisis being the results in Minnesota-- where the "Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party" of ex-Hubert Humphrey, Walter Mondale and the Stalinists was thrown out of the offices of Governor and BOTH US Senate seats--indicating again, not a "conservative trend" but a total disgust with the Democratic Party

and its "farmer-labor" fraud.

The crisis of the Democratic Party is the most striking aspect of the political situation today. A crisis caused by the inability of the Democratic Party and its agents in the workers movement-- the bureaucrats, the black "leaders," with the support of the American Communist Party-- to control the mobilization of the workers, to block their struggle in the name of reforms and this anti-working class Congress.

All the talk about the "conservative trend" and the "danger of the far-right" is designed to cover up this crisis and once again try to keep the workers and youth from breaking the framework of the Democratic Party.

Workers-- the most important problem is not the "far-right" but the Democratic Party and trade union bureaucrats who have never delivered on the promises they have made.

And the most dominant and determining factor in society today is not the "far-right mobilization" but the OFFENSIVE OF THE WORKING CLASS.

It is the power of the working class that is the real power being felt in this country. Felt in the White House. In the halls of Congress. It is this power which is the object of every reactionary maneuver of US imperialism today.

But this offensive lacks a leadership, an organization to centralize this power. A voice for the millions of workers who went on strike this year, the millions who voted their disgust with this "democracy."

Workers, youth-- the Trotskyist Organization/USA, fighting to rebuild the Fourth International in the US, says that there is only one perspective in face of this new Congress-- the construction of the WORKERS PARTY

as a mass party of the American workers and youth.

Perhaps you've heard this before. A lot of people talk about the need for a "workers" or "labor" party.

And most often you're not interested in this. Not interested in a "labor party that will stand up and fight in Congress" when you think this Congress should be destroyed. Disgusted by the programs proposed for these "labor" parties-- a series of petty reforms and hand-outs. Disgusted by who is proposed to lead these "labor" parties-- the same bureaucrats who sell you out daily.

We stand for a different WORKERS PARTY. A party of the workers revolution. A party to bury this Congress and this fraud

of bourgeois "democracy" and replace it with real democracy-- WORKERS DEMOCRACY and the only kind of democratic government possible--a WORKERS GOVERNMENT.

Not a party of smoke-filled rooms and bureaucrats but a party of the working class youth, the unemployed and the oppressed in which the youth will be armed politically to confront their enemies.

A party that will be the American Section of a world party --the Fourth International. A party that the Trotskyist Organization/USA along with the Revolutionary Young Workers is building today.

Down with this Congress of millionaires!

Join our fight!  
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# Come to the Revolutionary Young Workers Educational

In the last issue of TRUTH we announced the plans of the Revolutionary Young Workers/USA to hold an Educational Retreat during this coming Thanksgiving weekend under the central theme, "The Youth in Revolt."

The preparations for this Educational are continuing and we invite all young workers to join in its preparation and participate in it with us.

As we pointed out in the last issue, only the Fourth International is today fighting to educate the young generation of the proletariat.

What passes for "education" in the public schools is only a cruel joke as the bourgeoisie is trying to take away all the fundamental rights of the working class in this country in which the right to a decent, free education was once a historical conquest of the working class, bitterly fought for.

With 75% of all tax money as it is going towards military spending, and with the bourgeoisie trying to take away what little money there is left from public schools, education is once again becoming a luxury for the rich in this country.

And the bourgeoisie is as well systematically trying to destroy the cultural level of the working class in this country. The rise in illiteracy, the trash they peddle on TV and radio and in their newspapers are part of a conscious policy to degrade the working class, to drown it in the mire of this old society and make it incapable of building a new one.

On all levels the Fourth International and the Revolutionary Youth International fights against this cultural attack. For the rights of the youth to education and culture. In opposition to all the daily degradations of this society.

This is one of the very reasons for the existence of the Revolutionary Youth International as an organization of the youth independent from the Fourth International yet fighting for the same policy as the Fourth International.

In order to pay SPECIAL attention to the problems of the youth, to lead a constant fight for the rights of the youth and for their education. In order to be a training-ground for revolutionary Marxism and also a place to lead and organize the daily struggles of the youth against this old order.

Because only the Fourth International fights to educate the youth, only the Fourth International fights to construct an organization like the Revolutionary Youth International to fight alongside it.

The fight to educate the youth is not just a fight against the bourgeoisie. The Fourth Interna-

tional also leads a fight for the MARXIST education of the youth. Against not just the bourgeoisie but all those in the workers movement who are today trying to bury Marx and Lenin and trying to mis-educate the youth.

Thus, there is no way that we could lead a fight for the education of the youth without leading at the same time a fight to educate the youth against their enemies in the workers movement-- Stalinism and centrism.

The fight for the education of the youth is therefore not just a matter of reading Marx's books, Lenin's books, or Trotsky's books. Although it is certainly important to read their books.

But the fight for the revolutionary education of the youth is above all a matter of using the works of Lenin, Trotsky, etc. in order to arm and educate the youth about their enemies TODAY, about how to pursue and organize their struggles and combats TODAY.

This is why the theme for our Education Retreat is "The Youth in Revolt"-- to take up the living rebellion of the working class youth around the world--from Iran to Poland to Nicaragua to the US-- and to draw the lessons for the young workers in the United States.

"The Fight for the Revolutionary International" will take up the fight of revolutionaries since Marx's time to construct a revolutionary, international party of the working class. This topic will also take up the specific attempts to build an international, revolutionary organization of the youth and how young workers today can organize their combat on an international level.

Flowing from this, the RWY will take up the question of "Stalinism-- and how to fight it." Stalinism being the deadliest enemy of the fight for the Revolutionary International. It will take up the current crisis of Stalinism and how the pseudo-Trotskyists are trying to patch it up.

And finally, "The combat for the United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas" will centralize the discussion on our combat in North and South America to forge the revolutionary unification of the workers and oppressed of North and South America.

Once again, we invite all young workers and welcome militants of other organizations to participate in this Educational where everyone will be free to express and argue for their point of view.  
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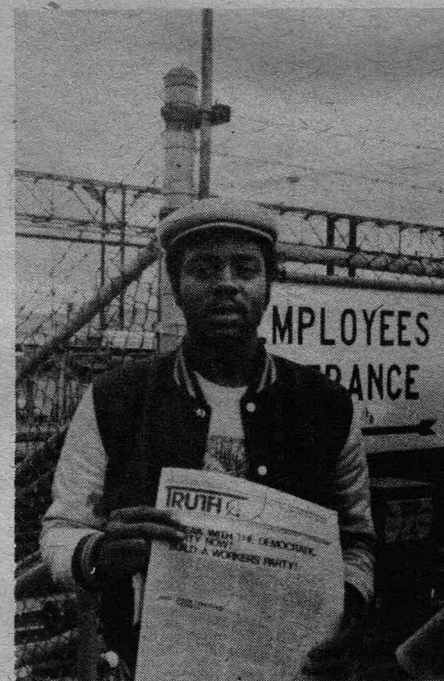
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## THE REVOLUTIONARY FIGHT IN THE UAW

# NO COOPERATION with Jimmy Carter's Recession!

By JON COHEN

The US bourgeoisie has been forced to wash its dirty linen in public. This is the meaning of the latest attempts of the Carter government to restore the confidence of the world bourgeoisie in its ability to resolve its deepening crisis.

The "voluntary anti-inflation program," the attempts to reinforce the price of the dollar overseas and the tightening of the federal interest rates represent both an open declaration of US imperialism's crisis and a declaration of its plans to directly confront the American working class.

US imperialism, which has forced the European and Japanese bourgeoisies to organize plans of austerity against their working class, which through its International Monetary Fund has forced mass starvation on the people of Peru, must now, as a condition for the maintenance of the world capitalist order, organize this austerity against the American working class.

Don't be fooled by all the attempts of the bourgeoisie to convince the working class that "we are all in the same boat," that the working class shares any responsibility for this crisis. That there ever can be any commonality between victims and executioners.

Or another bit of foolishness-- that the United States is now a "poor" nation and thus US workers must make even greater "sacrifices." A fool of a bourgeois journalist wrote recently in the DETROIT FREE PRESS under the title: "From lofty lender to humble debtor" that: "The US Wednesday joined the ranks of nations like Zaire, Egypt and Italy that have had to go hat-in-hand borrowing overseas."

General Motors has recorded \$528 million in PROFITS in the third quarter of 1978 alone, up 31.3% from 1977. US corporations as a whole have reported record profits of \$119 BILLION for the first three quarters of 1978.

Does this sound like a "humble debtor" to you?

The Chairman of GM, Thomas Murphy, was a lot less foolish when he told a business audience recently the real aim of all these maneuvers: "Labor must tighten its belt."

If the US bourgeoisie is trying to act "humble" today, it is only in the vain hope of softening the US working class up for the killing.

Because although the US bourgeoisie has been able to reap these profits it has not done so without meeting a tremendous resistance on the part

of the American working class. For the first nine months of this year strikes in the United States reached a four-year high with 32.6 million lost working days compared to 24.3 million for last year.

Capitalism cannot survive without profits and these profits cannot continue without crushing this working class resistance. The miners who defied Carter and his Taft-Hartley. The railroad workers who shut down the nation's rail system AFTER Carter told them to go back to work. The postal employees and other public workers who have fought throughout the country to defend their most basic rights.

A resistance which has placed the Democratic Party and its trade union bureaucracy in a deep crisis because they are unable to control this mobilization, which along with the offensive of the workers and oppressed throughout the world has shaken the Carter regime.

This is why they are washing their dirty linen in public, proclaiming their crisis for everyone to hear. In order to rally together ALL their reactionary forces in this society in a common front against the American workers and youth. And in order to tie all the treacherous and pseudo-revolutionary leaderships inside the workers movement to this reactionary front.

They are now threatening a recession. Everyone is making their predictions; the Chairman of Citicorp banks, the second largest in the country has declared: "very definitely, without a question, there will be a recession in 1980." The "wise" labor "leaders" like George Meany have made similar predictions.

Workers must reject all this talk about a "recession"-- designed to scare the working class into submission to the capitalist exploiters and their state. This "recession" is not something for the future-- IT IS BEING ORGANIZED TODAY and will be GUARANTEED if the working class submits to this capitalist attack.

It is up to the workers and youth of this country to determine their own future-- only the working class can resist this attack, only the working class can prevent the economic ruin of the workers, oppressed and youth in this country.

How? By organizing every worker, student, or unemployed worker in a massive resistance to this attack of the US bourgeoisie in a united fight for NO COOPERATION with Jimmy Car-

ter's recession.

It is a fight against everyone who wants to make the working class submit to this attack. The enemy is not just the Jimmy Carters, the Thomas Murphys and Henry Fords. Or the Democratic Party-controlled Congress of millionaires. Most workers see these enemies.

But the enemies are in the workers movement itself. They

The American Communist Party isn't even pretending that their bureaucrats will lead any kind of a fight. In a recent issue of THE DAILY WORLD they published a long article giving workers "advice" on "austerity" -- telling workers how to cut down on food, clothing and energy. Workers don't need this kind of "leadership" either.

The Trotskyist Organization/

## AUSTERITY FOR WHO?

INFLATION UP - 9.5%

AVERAGE 1978 WAGE INCREASES - 6.5%

REAL WAGES DOWN - 3.3%

GM THIRD QUARTER Profits -  
\$528 MILLION - UP 31.3%

must be driven out as a CONDITION for the workers being able to organize a resistance to this attack.

Like George Meany, head of the AFL-CIO. He has denounced Carter's plan. Why? Instead of "voluntary" wage controls, he wants "mandatory" controls.

This is a typical labor bureaucrat for you. "Voluntary" controls place too much responsibility on the bureaucrats themselves for controlling the workers. If the controls are "mandatory" bureaucrats like Meany can tell workers: "See, I don't like it, but the government is making me do it." This is a labor "leader."

Or Doug Fraser of the UAW who recently discovered "class war" in this country and was thus honored with a reprint of his entire statement in the pseudo-Trotskyist MILITANT. The UAW leadership has given its "conditional" support to Carter's plan. Why? The UAW leadership wasn't planning to ask for more than 7% in 1979 anyway. This attack fits perfectly into their plans to sell-out the UAW workers in 1979. How do you think GM made its record profits anyway?

The fight to organize resistance to this attack and the fight to drive these traitors out of the workers ranks is one and the same. Anyone who is waiting for these bureaucrats to lead any kind of fight is only deceiving the working class and can't be trusted either.

USA believes that this resistance can be organized and that the working class doesn't have to wait for the bureaucrats or anyone else to lead this fight. In every factory, in every school, in the streets, in union and community meetings-- EVERYWHERE--workers and youth must organize their fellow workers and organizations in a fight for NO COOPERATION!

We propose to all fighting youth in the US to join with the Revolutionary Youth International in building a vast, mass YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST WAR AND REPRESSION to organize the youth in this resistance.

For NO COOPERATION with this imperialist, racist and terrorist state. For a SLIDING SCALE OF WAGES AND WORKING HOURS to meet inflation and end unemployment, for WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION in the factories.

To organize the fight for young workers to WIN BACK YOUR UNIONS from the trade union bureaucracy and build a new, revolutionary leadership for the unions.

Forget all those who are waiting for someone else to take up this fight. Forget all those who are sitting back and speculating when the recession will come.

This resistance must be organized today and every young worker and working class organization can take part in it. This is the only way to make the latest imperialist "crisis" its last.

# PUERTO RICO MUST BE FREE!

Puerto Rico is a colony of US imperialism. This fact has a special significance for American workers in their struggle against US imperialism and in their fight to unite the workers and oppressed of the Two Americas.

The common struggle of the US and Puerto Rican proletariat to drive out imperialism is one of the most important starting points of our fight for the United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas. It does not simply concern the struggle against US imperialism in general as the policeman of the world. Nor even its specific domination of the workers and oppressed in Latin America.

Puerto Rico is under total colonial domination. The US bourgeoisie has a total right to exploit the Puerto Rican people with NO RESTRICTIONS whatsoever.

No American worker can decide himself free as long as this colonial domination remains. The fight for the liberation of Puerto Rico from this colonial bondage must be part of the preparation of the American revolution.

The US bourgeoisie also understands the importance of the fight for Puerto Rican independence as a threat to its imperialist domination of the Americas.

It is a bastion of capitalist exploitation. 78% of all industry and 75% of all factories are directly owned by US corporations. On the average, Puerto Rican workers are paid 1/3 of US wages-- Puerto Rico is subject to all laws of the United States except certain "unnecessary" ones--like the minimum wage law and the right to vote.

All of this has disastrous consequences for the Puerto Rican people. The unemployment rate is over 40%. In 1976 70% of the population was living on food stamps in order to eat. Puerto Rico is a tropical country with plenty of food but is forced by imperialism to import most of its food at inflated prices. And thousands of Puerto Ricans are forced to immigrate to the US where they are a source of cheap, expendable labor.

It is rape, pure and simple. With brutal repression of any opposition to this exploitation. It is therefore no accident that the LONGEST-HELD political prisoners in the Americas are Puerto Rican nationalists-- Lolita Lebrón, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Irvin Flores and Oscar Collazo-- in US federal prison for over 25 years!

Puerto Rico has been under colonial domination for almost 500 years. For 400 years, until 1898, Puerto Rico was a Spanish colony, used primarily as a military base and ruled by a brutal

military church dictatorship.

On July 25, 1898 Puerto Rico was occupied by the US Army during the Spanish-American War. It has been a colony of US imperialism since then.

On July 25, 1952--the 54th anniversary of the US invasion--the "Commonwealth" of Puerto Rico was proclaimed by the US Congress after a "plebiscite" organized by US imperialism under conditions of martial law and the brutal suppression of a

No support to bourgeois and petty bourgeois nationalism and its so-called "solutions" in the framework of the imperialist world order. No trust in Stalinism and especially its Castroist agent.

Only the revolutionary expropriation of US imperialism through the independent organs of the Puerto Rican workers-- factory and strike committees, armed self-defense, workers councils-- can win self-deter-

Nor should anyone forget that in 1952 it was the same UN that endorsed the "Commonwealth" fraud, declaring that Puerto Rico was a US "internal problem."

Along with this UN hot air, Puerto Rican workers must as well reject those in the workers movement who perpetuate this fraud. Above all the Castro bureaucracy in Cuba whose daily collaboration with US imperialism helps to continue the enslavement of Puerto Rico. This "friend" of Puerto Rico has recently had the audacity to place the counter-revolutionary Cuban "gusanos" in Miami in the same category as the oppressed blacks, Mexican and Puerto Ricans in the US.

Or the Castroite Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) which has gone from the dead-end of guerillaism to open support for capitalist politicians with the full support of Castro.

Finally, Puerto Rican workers must reject those who use the name of Trotskyism to cover for these imperialist and Stalinist maneuvers. Since their entire policy is based on covering for the maneuvers of Castroism throughout the Americas it is not surprising to find the US SWP swimming up to their necks in this UN fraud.

In the September 29, 1978 issue of THE MILITANT they wrote: "The vote was a victory for the pro-independence forces of Puerto Rico and a vindication of Cuba's consistent support for Puerto Rico's independence."

From the same people who tell American workers that unemployment can be ended by an act of Congress!

And worse. What role do they give to the American working class in the fight for Puerto Rican independence?

They write: "Working people in the US should pay close attention to it (the UN vote--ed.) and add their voices to the demand that Washington end its colonial oppression of Puerto Rico now."

The US working class should "add its voice." Totally logical if you see the liberation of Puerto Rico as being the result of the collaboration of imperialism and Stalinism in the framework of the "den of thieves" called the UN.

Totally illogical and pseudo-revolutionary if you believe, as Trotskyists do, that the liberation of Puerto Rico can only be won through a revolutionary and common combat of the workers and oppressed in both the US and Puerto Rico in a fight for total class independence.

Puerto Rico must be free! The Fourth International is preparing to lead this fight to its conclusion. We call on all Puerto Rican militants, in the US and in Puerto Rico to take up this combat with us, to draw a balance sheet of the treachery of Castroism and pseudo-Trotskyism in the Americas and to join us in the preparation of the Conference of the Two Americas convoked by the Fourth International for Spring 1979.

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Where in the U.S.A. can  
a business earn a million dollars  
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Puerto Rico, U.S.A.  
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revolt led by the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party.

This "Commonwealth" status is a total un-democratic and reactionary fraud.

First of all, the United States has nothing at all to do with the government of Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is an oppressed nation and the Fourth International is totally opposed to any kind of US-dominated "plebiscites" or "referendums" -- opposed to any solution other than the complete and unconditional RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION and INDEPENDENCE for Puerto Rico.

The "Commonwealth" status itself is a cover for colonial domination. Under the guise of "local self-government" Puerto Ricans are subject to the laws of the United States--pay taxes, serve in the military, etc. with NO REPRESENTATION. They have no right to vote for US President, Senate or Congress, are only entitled to an "observer" in Congress. Colonialism pure and simple.

How can this right to self-determination and independence be won?

Although the conditions of colonial domination are special, the revolutionary fight of the Puerto Rican masses to defeat US imperialism is totally integrated into the strategy of the Fourth International in the Two Americas and its revolutionary orientation of the United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas.

A fight for complete and unconditional class independence.

mination for Puerto Rico.

Only through a Workers and Peasants Government, led by a revolutionary party in unity with the US proletariat and the proletariat of the Americas, as part of the struggle for the United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas can national independence for Puerto Rico be obtained.

In the framework of this struggle we warn US and Puerto Rican workers against any participation in the latest maneuver of imperialism to contain the mobilization of the Puerto Rican masses.

On September 12, 1978 the United Nations Committee on Decolonization adopted a resolution introduced by Cuba and Iraq affirming "the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and national independence." The resolution placed the UN in favor of "a complete transfer of power" in Puerto Rico.

This is a fraud having nothing to do with the fight of the Puerto Rican people for self-determination. There is nothing "positive" about it.

Because above all there is nothing positive about this United Nations which is nothing more nor less than what Lenin called its predecessor, the League of Nations: "A DEN OF THIEVES." This UN is a weapon of US imperialism, financed by US imperialism with the collaboration of the Stalinist apparatus to cover for their crimes with a lot of "radical" hot air.

# LATIN AMERICA: the Revolutionary Upsurge and the Rebuilding of the Sections of the Fourth International

By PEDRO RAMIREZ

## PART IV CONCLUSION

The enormous combativity shown by the Latin American proletariat in its fight against North American imperialism and its national regimes has not spontaneously been able to overcome the principle obstacle in front of it in all its struggles-- the necessity for a revolutionary leadership. Because of the lack of this leadership, the defeats of the proletariat of these countries has occurred through the policy of open treachery in defense of peaceful coexistence on the party of the Stalinists and aided by the incapacity and capitulation of the petty bourgeois and centrist organizations.

Giving the Latin American proletariat a revolutionary leadership is the task assumed by the Fourth International in preparing the Conference of the Two Americas, open to all Latin American militants and groups, with the objective of rebuilding the sections of the Fourth International, linking up with the new upsurge of the proletariat and oppressed masses which from Mexico to Argentina are threatening the order imposed by imperialism with the total support of the bureaucracy.

This task is not easy. As a product of the crisis of the Fourth International through Pabloite dislocation and through the later abandonment by the French OCI and English WRP, pillars of the International Committee, the treacherous influence of the petty bourgeois nationalist movements who count on the support of the renegades of Trotskyism has multiplied. These renegades, in breaking with the International in the service of Stalinism have been given the shameful task of burying the history and revolutionary tradition of the Fourth International, constituting the major obstacle to the construction of the International in Latin America.

For the Fourth International it concerns regaining the combat taken up before the Pabloite dislocation, above all the combat realized by the SWP, which on the basis of the revolutionary unity of the proletariat of the Two Americas strengthened the International in the Continent, giving it a mass influence in the face of Stalinism and bourgeois nationalism. It fundamentally concerns breaking with the national framework imposed by Stalinism which today counts on the support of these

usurpers of the banner of the Fourth International which time and time again keeps the proletariat and the masses in the grip of bourgeois nationalism and imperialism.

If the Fourth International is built as the world center of the revolution, these usurpers prostitute it with images which accentuate narrow nationalism, totally opposed to the combat of the Fourth International to rebuild its sections, a combat which must begin with a balance sheet of the International in Latin America, to break the proletariat and oppressed masses from the influence of these usurpers.

### LATIN AMERICA AND THE PABLOITE DISLOCATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL

Although only one South American militant, the Brazilian, Pedroza, participated in the Founding Conference of the Fourth International. Trotskyism rapidly grew in Latin America, beginning with the activity of the SWP, mandated by the International, first in Mexico and later in Chile and Argentina where the sections, a large part coming from the ranks of the CPs, from the start occupied a leading role in the workers struggles and constituted a reference pole in the face of Stalinism and its policy of capitulations to Stalinism and imperialism.

Without a doubt, the liquidators, with Pablo at the head, cut short this process, turning the Fourth International from within towards Stalinism, this under the characterization of the Stalinist bureaucracy as "progressive," dislocating the Fourth International and destroying sections wherever possible by entering the Stalinist parties. This particularly was the fate suffered by many Latin American organizations.

Pabloism thus became a sworn enemy of the Fourth International, acting in the service of Stalinism under various forms of collaboration. If at first the price paid was the physical destruction of sections through entry into the Stalinist parties, presenting the proletariat as a mere spectator of the class struggle which according to them unfolded between imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy, it was later modified on the terrain of the petty bourgeois guerillaist movements, again dissolving its followers, this time into guerillaism. After all the de-

feats of this criminal policy of the Pabloites in Latin America the United Secretariat has seen the necessity for taking a new step in its course and to do this they have taken from the anti-working class arsenal of the slanderers of the Fourth International, the Organizing Committee of Lora and Lambert, taking up the policy of the "Anti-Imperialist United Front" which abandons the hegemony of the proletariat in the hands of the supposedly "anti-imperialist" national bourgeoisie, with this threatening the future of the new revolutionary upsurge of the Latin American masses.

The forms may change but the essence remains. The path of Pabloism has in common its opposition to the fight of the Fourth International and its sections in the period before the Pabloite dislocation to link together the combat of the North and South American proletariat in order to open up the road to the proletarian revolution. Pabloism deepened the division imposed by imperialism with the close collaboration of the Stalinist bureaucracy, trying to paralyze the proletariat in a national framework and to constantly lead into the adventurism and reaction of the national bourgeoisie. Stalinism needed this ally to continue its betrayals.

### THE COMBAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE -- STILL INSUFFICIENT

The International Committee was established in 1953 to confront Pabloism to rebuild the Fourth International, but it proved to be limited in its ability to confront this battle. Its own federative structure demonstrated the insufficiency of the balance sheet of Pabloism. Thus, and despite all the gains realized, the organizations which started the International Committee, the SWP, the OCI and the SLL (today the WRP) little by little abandoned it, all of them falling into the arms of Pabloism.

One of the conquests of the International Committee was the integration of the Bolivian POR in 1969. However, this conquest was obscured by the lack of a serious balance sheet of the POR of its orientation since the break in 1953 until its integration into the International Committee. On the other side, no one in the IC asked for this and the POR remained shut up in its country,

avoiding the international fight against Pabloism. This problem of a nationalist content was one of the elements which dissolved the International Committee and which would later lead to the policy of the Anti-Imperialist United Front.

If in general the policy of the POR with respect to the Bolivian revolution was correct, setting up the Popular Assembly, soviet-type organ of the masses with a dynamic of workers power in face of imperialism and the bourgeois national regime of General Torres, the POR later abandoned its own past after the military coup, setting up the Anti-Imperialist United Front with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of General Torres, the National Liberation Army and the National Left Revolutionary Party.

Evidently, this policy could not exist in the framework of the International Committee in order for the POR of Lora to unite with the destructive combat of the OCI to liquidate the IC, abandoning with them the struggle to rebuild the Fourth International, giving light to the Organizing Committee, a truly anti-working class conclave where the POR, with its Anti-Imperialist United Front established the policy for Latin America.

If we go deeper into the nature of this Front we will arrive at the conclusion that it again concerns the question of substituting the proletarian revolution, in this case, with a "national" and "anti-imperialist" revolution. With the Organizing Committee thus following the steps of Pabloism. This policy, an underdeveloped version of the CP-SP Government in capitalist Europe, only tries to alleviate the counter-revolutionary responsibility of Stalinism, to justify, in the name of Trotskyism, its reactionary activity.

Thus, in the founding manifesto of the Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist Front formed in Bolivia in 1971 one can read:

"If it is of course evident that the August coup was directed against national independence and sovereignty, against freedom and the fundamental rights of the Bolivian people; if it is certain that the coup could not have been accomplished without the previous annulment of the progressive sectors of the armed forces who had begun to take up their place in the process of

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# The 25th anniversary of the "Open Letter" of the SWP and the founding of the International Committee

## WE CONTINUE CANNON'S FIGHT

By JON COHEN

This month marks a very important date in the history of the Fourth International. It is the anniversary of a struggle for the very survival of the Fourth International as the world center of the socialist revolution.

On November 16, 1953 the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party which at that time represented the Fourth International in the US issued an "Open Letter" to the world Trotskyist movement in which it called for an international resistance to be organized against the:

"consolidation of an uncontrolled, secret, personal faction in the administration of the Fourth International which has abandoned the basic program of Trotskyism. This faction, centered around Pablo, is now working consciously and deliberately to disrupt, split and break up the historically created cadres of Trotskyism in the various countries and to liquidate the Fourth International."

The "Open Letter" concluded by saying that: "the lines of cleavage between Pablo's revisionism and orthodox Trotskyism are so deep that no compromise is possible either politically or organizationally."

And on November 23, 1953 a "Resolution Forming the International Committee" was signed by the English, French, New Zealand and Swiss Sections of the Fourth International declaring their solidarity with the "Open Letter" of the SWP, declaring that they represented the Trotskyist program and forces of the Fourth International and calling on every militant "to clearly and swiftly take a position between the revisionist and liquidationist center of the Pabloite usurpers and the International Committee of the Fourth International."

Why should any young worker today be concerned about all this? Is this just "history," forgotten, having nothing to do with the issues of the day? Are we "sectarians" and "hair-splitters" for bringing all this up again?

If a young worker listened to all of the major participants in this fight who are still around today he would certainly get this impression.

The SWP of today for example. Writing in the November issue of INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW on "50 Years of American Trotskyism," SWP leader George Novack (who was around then) makes no mention of the "Open Letter," or the existence of the International Committee and simply refers to "a split in the Fourth International" that was "healed ten years later."

Or the French OCI. Which was a bastion of the International Committee from 1953 until its liquidation in 1972. In a recent "educational" it organized in Paris in which both the Pabloite United Secretariat and specifically the SWP participated, Stephan Just of the OCI declared that "Trotskyism was alive in the United Secretariat and its sections" and that "we form two branches of the same International." (ROUGE, October 24, 1978)

Having declared in 1953 that "no compromise is possible" the French OCI, on the occasion of the Fourth International's 40th anniversary has signed an agreement to participate in the upcoming 11th World Congress of the Pabloites.

And Ernest Mandel, who is the central leader of the Pabloites today and was Pablo's right-hand man in 1953. He also managed to write an article on the 40th anniversary of the Fourth International (INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS, October 9, 1978) which never once mentions the International Committee, never mentions Pablo and

again simply refers to a "split" that was "healed" in 1963.

But Mandel is a little bolder than George Novack. He goes on to write in this same article that "none of these international splits was programmatically justified... no one adopted positions that were a betrayal of the proletariat." What were the fundamental causes for the split?

"Organizational sectarianism and factionalism" writes Mandel, stating that the splits happened because "weak and relatively stagnating organizations do not produce any centripetal force that can neutralize the centrifugal tendencies inevitably radiating from the social environment."

Do you understand any of this gibberish? Of course not. You're not supposed to because this is just one more piece of centrist double-talk from the mouth of the "Professor" of double-talk -- Ernest Mandel. Obviously to hide the fundamental issues that were really at stake.

But perhaps now you are a little more interested. What do they all have to hide?

And perhaps if you know a little bit about these people and their organizations you will be even more interested. About the French OCI which tried to destroy the Eastern European Sections of the Fourth International through a campaign of vicious police and Stalinist slander against our comrade, Michel Varga. About the US SWP which long ago gave up any pretensions about leading the American revolution and is the number one cheerleader for the Stalinist bureaucracy in Cuba. Or Ernest Mandel, who today petitions the Kremlin assassins for the "rehabilitation" of Trotsky, the founder of the Fourth International!

Young workers-- all these pseudo-Trotskyists want to hide and confuse the nature of the fight in 1953 because their fundamental REASON FOR EXISTENCE in the workers movement today is to aid the international Stalinist apparatus in its campaign to attack and erase the revolutionary consciousness of the working class. A campaign designed to prevent the young generation of the working class from finding out its revolutionary traditions, from using the past as a weapon for today's struggles.

This campaign to cover up the history of the International Committee with silence fits totally into the Stalinist campaign, organized especially through the mouths of the "Euro-Communists" to bury Lenin. Because these pseudo-Trotskyists aid Stalinism where it is most important-- in attacking the history and the present living struggle of the Fourth International today. They are trying to prevent the junction between the fighting young generation of the proletariat and the living embodiment of the Bolshevik, revolutionary traditions of the working class-- the Fourth International.

This is why the same people who hide the existence of the International Committee from the youth and from their own militants call us "cops" or "dubious." Because one lie leads to another and because only the Fourth International can unmask their pseudo-revolutionary fraud in front of the young workers. And only the Fourth International can arm the young workers today in a fight against these pseudo-Trotskyists to RETURN TO LENIN.

But there are even more reasons for why they want to hide and cover up what happened in 1953. Because the formation of the International Committee concerned a struggle against Stalinism masquerading in the name of the Fourth International. Because it concerns a struggle WHICH CONTINUES TODAY. They want to hide the fight



that began in 1953 because it is not yet finished and it is against THEM.

As the "Open Letter" points out, in 1953 there developed a pro-Stalinist faction inside the ranks of the Fourth International. A faction that was under the leadership of a man named Michel Pablo. Hence, the term PABLOISM.

Pablo did not just represent a "tendency" or a "point of view" within the Fourth International. He represented an ALIEN, Stalinist and liquidationist influence. The political and practical conclusions of Pablo's policies were the physical destruction of the sections of the Fourth International and the destruction of the Fourth International itself as a world center founded to combat and destroy Stalinism.

In an article written in 1952, entitled "Where Are We Going?" Pablo wrote: "The objective social reality for our movement is composed essentially of the capitalist regimes and the Stalinist world... the overwhelming majority of forces opposed to capitalism are presently led or influenced by the Soviet bureaucracy."

The working class? Just an appendage of the "Stalinist world." The Fourth International? Useless, since Pablo then went on to say that "the transformation of capitalist society into socialism will probably take up an entire historic period of several centuries." "Centuries of deformed workers states" is what Pablo predicted, in which the Stalinist bureaucracy was given a progressive historical role that would last for centuries. Why bother with the Fourth International if the Stalinists were doing its work for it?

And today, when Mandel writes that "no one adopted positions that were a betrayal of the proletariat" he is lying. At least this wasn't the position of those who wrote the "Open Letter." The "Open Letter" proves how Pablo's policies led to a direct betrayal of the political revolution of the East German working class in 1953 in which Pablo's faction refused to call for the withdrawal of the Kremlin's troops and in the French general strike of 1953 in which Pablo apologized for the betrayals of the Stalinists and denounced Trotskyists militants who were waging a fight against this treachery in public.

As James P. Cannon, the founder of Trotskyism in the United States, a central leader of the Fourth International and the leader of this fight against Pabloite revisionism wrote in 1953:

"The present split is different from 1940 in that it is more definitive. There is not a single member of this plenum who contemplates any later relations with the strikebreakers of the Pablo-Cochran gang... The essence of Pabloite revisionism is the overthrow of that part of Trotskyism which is today its most vital part-- the conception of the crisis of mankind as the crisis of the leadership of the labor movement summed up in the question of the party. And that

is what the Pabloites are throwing overboard in favor of the conception that the ideas will somehow filter into the treacherous bureaucracy, the Stalinists or reformists and in some way or another, "In the Day of the Comet," the socialist revolution will be realized and carried through to conclusion without a revolutionary Marxist, that is a Leninist-Trotskyist party. That is the essence of Pabloism. Pabloism is the substitution of a cult and a revelation for a party and a program."

"No one betrayed the proletariat." What is "strikebreaking" "Professor" Mandel? This fight concerns every young worker today not because it is "history" but because it concerns part of the struggle of the working class to construct its independent, revolutionary leadership, its world party in the face of Stalinism, a struggle which is continuing today. Because the fight in 1953 and the formation of the International Committee, as well as those who continue this struggle today concerns the organized, conscious resistance of the working class vanguard to Stalinism.

Rather than being an act of "sectarianism and factionalism" the formation and existence of the International Committee was a historic gain for the international working class. Without the International Committee, with all of its problems and weaknesses, the Fourth International would have disappeared as a world center of the socialist revolution. The entire heroic and revolutionary battle of Trotsky and the International Left Opposition from 1924 to the foundation of the Fourth International in 1940, the heroic combat of those militants who fought during brutal Nazi and Stalinist repression in World War II to continue this fight would have been scattered to the wind. The healthy and revolutionary forces of Trotskyism around the world would have been dispersed.

And today the vanguard of the working class would not be armed to continue this fight against Pabloism, to continue to defend the continuity of the Fourth International against Stalinism.

The International Committee itself was not able to carry through this fight to its conclusion. In 1963 the SWP abandoned the International Committee and joined ranks with the Pabloites in forming the "United Secretariat." Anyone today who doesn't just want to take the present SWP leadership's version of this "unification" without their own self-examination should read the documents of this unprincipled re-unification. They will quickly discover that by 1963 it was not the Pabloites who had changed but the SWP-- which had abandoned any perspective for the American revolution, any confidence in the Fourth International as a world center against Stalinism, in order to, as Cannon wrote in 1953: "Substitute a cult and a revelation (in the form of Fidel Castro) for a party and a program."

In 1971 and then in 1972, the British WRP and the French OCI, who had fought against this capitulation of the SWP, abandoned the International Committee as well, to retreat into national isolation, to adapt to the pressures of world Stalinism and to viciously attack those in the International Committee who wished to continue this fight and to go beyond it.

It was the healthy, Trotskyist forces inside the International Committee-- above all the Eastern European sections, who along with the Spanish, Moroccan and French militants of the OCI fought to defend the International Committee and to surpass its fight by forming the International League--Rebuilder of the Fourth International which carried out a political and organizational fight against Pabloism and the liquidationism of the French OCI in order to succeed in rebuilding the Fourth International as a world center against Stalinism in 1976.

It was the continuation of the fight of the International Committee and above all the rebuilding of the Fourth International that has provoked a vast, international front of the pseudo-Trotskyists against the Fourth International today. By dismissing the International Committee and the Fourth International as

"sectarian" and "factional" they want to rationalize to the youth and their own militants the unholy alliance they have formed against the Fourth International today in the service of Stalinism.

Despite the fact that the SWP later abandoned this struggle, despite the capitulations of the WRP and OCI, the struggle that Cannon began in 1953 and the struggle of the International Committee was a struggle for principles, a combat against Stalinism. A struggle that is totally opposed to the centrist and pseudo-Trotskyist regroupment taking place under the banner of the Pabloite 11th World Congress and its burial of the dictatorship of the proletariat. A regroupment that is against the Fourth International and against the young generation of the proletariat seeking an alternative to Stalinism.

For this reason they hide the existence of the International Committee and the revolutionary fight against Pabloism.

Because when Ernest Mandel can write in 1978 that: "We will still have to go through many regroupments and unifications, both with currents coming out of the traditional organizations and with those that have developed on their left, before being able to say that sufficient forces have been gathered to enable us to launch the battle to win control of the workers movement away from the traditional apparatuses." (IP, Oct. 9, 1978) anyone can clearly see that Pabloism is not a thing of the past, but a living enemy in the workers movement to be fought.

This quotation is almost a CARBON COPY of the quotation from Pablo's "Where Are We Going?" cited earlier in this article. Ernest Mandel and the United Secretariat are still waiting for

that "Day of the Comet" that James Cannon wrote about, still waiting for someone else or some other forces to substitute for the revolutionary leadership of the Fourth International.

If the United Secretariat is not even ready to "launch" the fight against Stalinism and reformism what in the world ARE they doing?

An embarrassing question which strips away all their boasting about how "big" they are or how many posts the Stalinists have given them in the trade union bureaucracy in Spain. What they are doing is what they were doing in 1953-- trying to liquidate the Fourth International. Today acting as a large flytrap sucking in revolutionary workers and youth who are repulsed by Stalinism and who are looking for Trotskyism.

If it wan't for the fight of Cannon and the International Committee the young generation of the proletariat would have no way out of this flytrap today.

And it is on the basis of this struggle in the United States and its lessons that the Trotskyist Organization/USA was founded and is able to lead a fight to resolve the crisis of the Fourth International in the United States by rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International against the pseudo-Trotskyist leadership of the SWP.

It is why we call on militants of the SWP, and young workers to take up the lessons of the fight in 1953, the "Open Letter," and the founding of the International Committee as living questions in the fight to RETURN TO LENIN today.

And we are convinced that you will see that we continue the struggle of Cannon today against all those who are trying to bury every revolutionary principle he and American Trotskyism ever stood for.



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## The 61st anniversary of the Russian Revolution

# WHY DO THEY WANT TO BURY LENIN?

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

November 7th is the 61st anniversary of the Russian Revolution. We of the Trotskyist Organization/USA think this is worth writing about in TRUTH because we are fighting to continue Lenin's struggle, to build a party to lead the workers to power, to continue the Russian Revolution.

Most fighting working class youth aren't yet for this. Many have learned that Lenin and the Russian Revolution are the worst things that ever happened to this planet. "America may be bad, but what's 'over there' is worse."

Others think Lenin and the Revolution may have started out OK, but then went "bad." This proves that whatever we do will inevitably go bad -- "power corrupts."

Still others think that Lenin and the Revolution were positive from start to finish, but that it's been impossible to continue. "Trotsky tried. He lost. The good guys always lose."

IN FACT, none of these things are true!

Lenin's party, the Bolshevik Party, brought the Russian working class to its feet in 1917. It led the Russian working class in overthrowing the Czarist regime and began to build socialism -- democracy for the working class, a dictatorship of the working class AGAINST the imperialists. It inspired and led workers across the world.

Every other party in Russia-- from the liberal bourgeois to the pseudo-socialist Mensheviks -- wanted to turn power over to the bourgeoisie when the bourgeoisie itself had already proven its bankruptcy.

Lenin, Trotsky, and all the best Bolsheviks who survived the civil war, continued this struggle. They fought until they died for these principles, to industrialize the country, to build the workers culture and freedom, to lead workers across the world to power. They weren't corrupted by power. STALIN, acting in the interest of the imperialists, organized a faction against them. He based himself on people who had OPPOSED the revolution and he brought them into the Bolshevik Party. He had to kill the old Bolsheviks to stop the continuation of the Revolution.

Stalin, and the faction he trained, WHICH IS IN POWER TODAY IN RUSSIA, did NOT GROW OUT OF LENIN and the Bolshevik Party. It grew over Lenin's dead body and the bodies of hundreds of thousands of other Bolsheviks.

Once again, you don't have to take our word for it. Read what Stalin stood for. You'll see the two are incompatible, just as incompatible as the interests of young workers and the Ku Klux Klan. That's why they fought and that's why Leninists/Trotskyists fight

Stalinists today.

Well, if we were right, why did we lose?

We haven't lost. We lost a battle, but we haven't lost the war. The destruction of the Bolshevik Party and workers democracy in Russia was a tremendous defeat for the world working class. But the struggle of Trotsky and his comrades and the young militants who went with them across the world, stopped the Stalinists from destroying all the workers gains in Russia. They stopped them from turning Russia over to the imperialists. Most importantly, on the basis of this struggle, Trotsky and his comrades built a new International, composed of all the most principled and courageous revolutionary militants, to destroy imperialism AND STALINISM, and lead the workers to power from Washington to Moscow.

This International exists today. It's the Fourth International, our International, the one the Trotskyist Organization belongs to.

Joining the Trotskyist Organization and the rest of the Fourth International in building a Leninist Party, to construct a workers democracy and destroy the dictatorships of the imperialists and Stalinists, is the only road forward for the masses of working class youth, all workers.

Think about it.

In the last couple of weeks there have been armed uprisings in Nicaragua and Iran. The governments of these countries are some of Carter's closest allies. There are massive mobilizations in Europe, Africa, the Middle East. Dozens of parties are claiming to represent the workers. Carter just launched an austerity program.

In this situation, what kind of a party does the working class need? A party based soundly on Marxist, Leninist, and Trotskyist principles, on the lessons of a hundred years of workers struggle? A party based on the working class, to organize its thinking, to organize its activity? A party with one line on the basis of which the working class can go like a locomotive against the bourgeoisie and Stalinists? A party like Lenin's?

Or a loose conglomeration of individuals coming from all different places and going all different ways, like the one the Socialist Workers Party's candidates are currently campaigning for?

What kind of party does the working class need to lead it to power? One which openly fights for this aim? One which struggles every day to build and reinforce the political and organizational independence of the working class, its unions, strike committees, defense guards, councils, as future organs of state

power? One which fights to politically destroy all the bourgeois institutions. A party like Lenin's?

Or a party that isn't sure about all this? And thus isn't sure what to do from day to day. Go with the workers or agents of imperialists like Doug Fraser and Fidel Castro.

A PARTY LIKE LENIN'S PARTY! This is the only road forward!

And this is why, all the other parties, unlike the Trotskyist Organization want to bury Lenin. They want to obliterate all knowledge of Lenin's struggle from the minds of the young generation of the working class.

They know -- all of them -- from the leaders of the "Communist Parties", and the pseudo-Trotskyists at the head of the American Socialist Workers Party -- that the workers cannot spontaneously overthrow imperialism and Stalinism. They know the workers can't just keep fighting harder. They know they won't just all rise up one day and the imperialists and Stalinists go away.

They know that only by joining the Fourth International, drawing the lessons of the workers struggle, and fighting consciously to continue Leninism and the Russian revolution as an organized party, can the workers be victorious.

So they want to bury Lenin. They want to turn the youth and workers away from the Leninists of today, the Trotskyists, the Trotskyists, the Fourth International.

You haven't heard about this campaign? Remember what they told you in school. Every American youth from day one learns that Lenin and the Russian Revolution turned into the terrible bureaucratic dictatorship over the Russian workers today.

What's new is US imperialism is so bankrupt it needs the Stalinists to help them get across this lie. So a whole faction has formed within the international Stalinist apparatus of "Communist Parties", led by Carillo, Marchais, Berlinguer, leaders of the Spanish, French and Italian CP's, and friends in Eastern Europe, which calls itself "Eurocommunist," and pretends to draw a balance sheet of Leninism and the Russian Revolution. Like the US imperialists, they say it led to the current Stalinist dictatorship. What do they do about this? Collaborate with these same imperialists to defend democracy and try to reform their Stalinist brothers in Moscow. Try to put the Leninists in jail.

What's new is the Stalinists are so bankrupt they need the pseudo-Trotskyists. So the Socialist Workers Party has spent the last year preparing a World Congress which builds up

these "Euro-Stalinists" and draws the same balance sheet of the Russian Revolution they do.

They hint at this in the introduction to their resolution, SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY. They say: "The resolution attempts to revive the real meaning of the 'dictatorship of the proletariat'....At the same time the resolution is a real elaboration of this question. It goes beyond the general positions of classical Marxism."

But you'll have to plow through 30 pages to find out that this "elaboration" beyond classical Marxism, consists of rejecting the construction of a single party of the working class and organs of power which are exclusively proletarian, in favor of having many parties and many tendencies in workers councils.

This is not an "elaboration" of Marxism. This is exactly what the Mensheviks stood for in 1917 and its exactly what the "Eurocommunists" are for today.

Does all this sound strange?

It's pretty easy to see why the US imperialists would denounce Lenin and the Russian Revolution and any thinking or activity like them today. But why would people who call themselves communists and Trotskyists do this?

Because they're not. Most of them never were. Others have given up on Lenin and the Revolution like Stalin did in his time and gone over to the other side. They use what they learned in the workers movement against the workers movement.

Sure the SWP denounces Stalinism from time to time, calls for its overthrow. This is formal. They gave up on building the Fourth International, the continuity of Lenin and the Russian Revolution, in North and South America 15 years ago. They went over to the Stalinists.

IN FACT, if American youth think what they do about Lenin and the Russian Revolution, it is entirely the responsibility of this party, which betrayed its trust, and joined the Stalinist campaign to bury Lenin and his legacy, our International.

It is certainly not because they are backward, as the SWP arrogantly claims.

We want to discuss the question of Lenin and the Russian Revolution with you. Young workers, honest militants of other organizations -- We're sure we can convince you this is the correct course to follow.

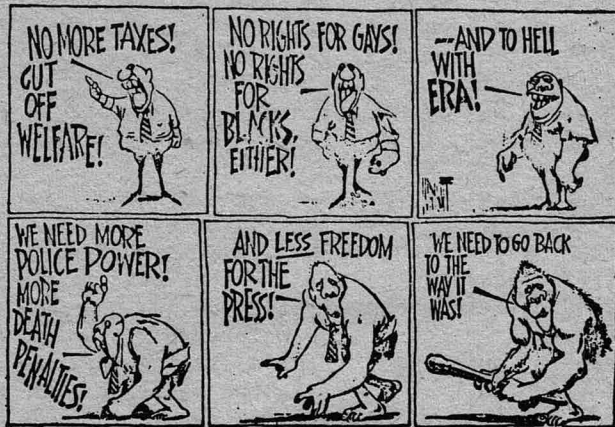
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# PARLIAMENTARY CRETINISM 1978:

## How the Stalinists and Centrists keep the Democratic Party Alive

By JON COHEN



Another series of bourgeois elections has passed. Another election in which almost 70% of the eligible voting population did not bother to vote. Another election to decide which gang of thieves and millionaires will get the chance to kick around the workers and youth for a few years and fatten their wallets in the process.

No wonder most workers, youth, and especially oppressed workers do not bother to participate in this fraud. Last night on CBS-TV, after most election returns were in, Walter Conkrite turned to their "political analyst" (probably getting paid \$100,000 a year) and asked: "Well, what's going to be different about the next Congress?"

Their "analyst" answered: "Not much."

Most workers and youth do not have to be paid \$100,000 a year to understand that this illusion of "democracy," in this country is a massive fraud, that their "right to vote" is a joke because there is no one and nothing to vote for that represents their interests.

But why does this continue? What keeps this fraud of "democracy" alive in the face of this massive alienation? Above all, what keeps the Democratic Party, the party that is supposed to represent the interests of the workers and poor people, alive in the face of the hostility of the workers and youth who are rejecting it with their feet?

There are certainly plenty of enemies of the working class trying to keep the Democratic Party alive. It has even taken on certain ridiculous proportions like the McDonalds hamburger chain in California offering free hamburgers to those who voted or like the leaflet distributed by UAW bureaucrats at GM's Cadillac plant in Detroit offering a free trip to Las Vegas and a color TV for workers who voted.

But it is really more serious than this. The Democratic Party today is not being kept alive through the efforts of Jimmy Carter, McDonalds, or even the trade

union bureaucrats who are being more and more rejected by the workers and especially the youth.

A great responsibility for the continued existence of the Democratic Party and with it the myth of bourgeois democracy and "making the system work" must fall on the shoulders of those in the workers movement who call themselves "communists" or "Trotskyists." It must also be said that the failure and crisis of the Democratic Party is also the failure and crisis of these organizations and their policy of keeping alive the possibility of reforming this system.

Who are we talking about? Above all the American Stalinist Communist Party and the pseudo-Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party who are keeping the Democratic Party alive by perpetuating the fraud that this system can be reformed and who participate in the bourgeois elections not as revolutionaries, but as pitiful versions of the Democratic Party, disgusting workers with politics in the name of the revolution.

The Trotskyist Organization/USA is not opposed to the participation of revolutionaries in bourgeois elections. In fact, the Trotskyist Organization/USA has run its own candidates in the past.

The question is not whether to participate in elections but in what way and especially how to use the occasion of elections to break the influence of the Democratic Party, to denounce this system of unemployment, repression and war, to use elections, in the words of Lenin: "Not for votes, but for the mobilization of the masses under the slogans of the proletarian revolution."

Does the American Communist Party do this? The fact that occasionally they run their own candidates is only a charade for the fact that the American CP is a LOYAL SUPPORTER of the Democratic Party.

The American CP openly calls for its supporters to vote for Democratic Party candidates under the guise of the "greater danger"

of the "ultra-right." Thus, the they supported the convicted thief, Congressman Charles Diggs in Detroit, Bill Bradley in New Jersey and even hinted at supporting REPUBLICANS in Minnesota and Tennessee.

They do this because they are STALINISTS. Because without imperialism the international apparatus of the Kremlin throughout the world could not exist and without the Democratic Party in the United States the American CP would be nothing. Like the Stalinists throughout the world their fate is totally linked to the fate of imperialism.

Instead of rallying the workers to the proletarian revolution during elections they demobilize and disgust the workers and youth, thus keeping the Democratic Party alive.

This same kind of parliamentary fraud is practiced by the pseudo-Trotskyists of the Socialist Workers Party who make participation in bourgeois elections the axis of all their daily work. They always run their own candidates and never formally endorse Democratic Party candidates. But here any similarity between their policy and that of the revolution ends.

In the name of revolution (they have the audacity to publish a pamphlet called "Lenin as Election Campaign Manager" their electoral activity consists in playing the role of left critics of the Democratic Party, advisors to the bureaucrats and the Stalinists, the authors of various "left" reformist schemes to keep the Democratic Party alive.

The real Lenin (in the Second Congress of the Third International) wrote: "Parliament can not be the theater for a struggle for reforms and for the improvement of the situation of the working class ... the center of gravity of present political life is completely, definitively outside of Parliament."

The young workers in the US who abstain en masse from participation in the bourgeois elections understand Lenin's policy a lot more than the pseudo-revolutionaries of the SWP who base the ENTIRE ACTIVITY of their party around participation in elections every two years.

And what is this activity geared around? "The immediate, political and technical preparation of the proletarian uprising which must destroy the bourgeois power and establish the new proletarian power" which Lenin defined as the purpose for the participation in elections?

No. Their activity and electoral platforms are geared around PROPOSALS FOR REFORMS within the framework of the US Congress. For a "labor party" that "will

stand up and fight in Congress." For a "bill to end unemployment." For the ERA. For THEIR "tax bill", for THEIR "anti-inflation program."

All counterposed to the Leninist electoral policy of "the mobilization of the masses under the slogans of the proletarian revolution."

All of this provides a very practical answer to the question: how can 70% of the eligible voters in this country abstain in the elections and the Democratic and Republican parties stay alive?

Because the workers and youth in this country have not seen a real, revolutionary alternative to the Democratic Party. Because for the most part they have seen those organizations speaking in the name of revolution like the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party disgust and demobilize them through their policy which has only one word: parliamentary cretinism.

Part of our fight in the United States to RETURN TO LENIN against Stalinism and centrism, to turn the youth against and isolate these traitors and pseudo-revolutionaries is to expose these campaigns and their parliamentary cretinism and to use the opportunity of bourgeois elections to BURY the Democratic Party, not to keep it alive.

And to channel the hatred and disgust of the youth with this system into a revolutionary fight to unmask the fraud of bourgeois "democracy" and win the only real democracy possible in this country — WORKERS DEMOCRACY.  
November 8, 1978

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# BLACK LIBERATION AND NATIONALISM

By MARK LUV

Among the political questions facing the American revolution, Black liberation is one of the most important. Not only because of the super-exploitation of the black masses in the United States, but because American imperialism came to power and survives today on the racial and national oppression of diverse sectors of the American and world proletariat. This oppression is the essential foundation of the myth of American "democracy."

Black occupy a place of central importance for the American working class, making up a majority of the industrial proletariat, the real producers of wealth in this country. And despite the attempts of bourgeois politicians to mask the truth, the condition under which black live and work have steadfastly deteriorated after the small reforms won by the black rebellion of the sixties.

Black Nationalism, in its most revolutionary and most reactionary forms has touched every aspect of the struggle for Black liberation. Nationhood in the form of programs of black leaders like Marcus Garvey and latter-day exponent, Joshua Nkomo, has attracted in one period or another thousands of American blacks. Yet these programs have failed definitively because they did not succeed in confronting Imperialism as the source of black oppression.

What has survived and continues to be part of the black liberation struggle are the theories of community control, and cultural identity for blacks. These theories have evolved, however, in two different directions. On the one hand, revolutionary leaders such as Malcolm X, who began from a religious analysis of black oppression, developed the idea of black political power and black consciousness in a revolutionary direction -- including the need for black armed self-defense, and the necessity of the overthrow of American imperialism. This led Malcolm X to break with the Muslims and develop contact with the Fourth International.

On the other hand, black leaders such as Andrew Young, US ambassador to the United Nations and Coleman Young, Mayor of Detroit, have used the ideas of community control and black consciousness to mislead blacks into supporting the Democratic party and American capitalism.

## WORLD REVOLUTION

Black liberation and black nationalism are completely linked to the liberation struggles of colonial and semi-colonial countries. In Latin America, nationalist political currents, such as the Peronists are responsible for holding the tremendous mobilization of Latin American workers



and peasants from confronting American imperialism. While espousing "anti-imperialist" rhetoric these currents have no intention of challenging American imperialism.

Without the collaboration of the Stalinist Communist Parties and the centrist parties, however, nationalism would be a dead letter in Latin America, as well as the United States. In their program of class collaboration in the name of "democracy," these traitorous parties help to maintain the division of the working class in Latin America from the American proletariat, as well as the division of blacks and whites.

The theory of the Permanent Revolution developed by Leon Trotsky and the Fourth International explains the failure of nationalism to advance the cause of the working class and the oppressed, including its failure to change the condition of blacks in the United States. The Fourth International, while it supports the struggles of colonial nations against imperialism recognizes that this struggle can never succeed without destroying imperialism. Even the most radical nationalist program cannot challenge imperialism without going over to the program of international socialist revolution.

## RACE BEFORE CLASS?

In Latin America the spokesmen for nationalism say: "National Independence and Democracy before class war." An excuse for maintaining the rule of private property and class exploitation. In the United States, nationalism says: "Race before class." This represents the basis of the support of the American Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party for reformist traitors of the black liberation struggle in the United States.

The oppression of blacks however, as well as the exploitation of colonial and semi-colonial

nations, is based on the division of the proletariat made possible by the domination of the ruling class in capitalist society -- the bourgeoisie. As long as the entire working class is held in a position of relative poverty, no section of the working class can be free.

The fact that blacks are the heart of the working class in the United States, and divided out for super-exploitation by the American bourgeoisie, puts them in the position of being in the vanguard of every struggle of the working class. **IT IS BY COMBATING THE IMPERIALIST RULING CLASS IN THE UNITED STATES THAT RACISM CAN BE SMASHED.** Any struggle short of this goal reduces itself to asking for crumbs from American capitalism to support the growth of a privileged aristocracy of black businessmen and politicians. This layer of petty bourgeois actually acts to support capitalism and thereby maintain racism channelling the anger and

hatred of blacks into the Democratic party and the continued existence of American imperialism.

And black liberation can never succeed while American imperialism continues to maintain its position of policeman of the struggles of the world proletariat. To destroy the racist system which exploits them, blacks must be in the leadership of the battles against this system and in this way point the road forward for white workers. Racism will be destroyed, including the racism of the white working class, through an unyielding combat against all the spokesmen for the maintenance of the capitalist system by gradual reforms.

In future articles dealing with black liberation, TRUTH will take up the question of reformism and how to fight racism based on the theory of the permanent revolution and the international socialist revolution.

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## LATIN AMERICA Continued

the liberation of the country; if lastly, it is evident that the coup was directed against the popular decision to obtain national liberation, it is undeniable that it is necessary to build the fighting unity of all the revolutionary, democratic and progressive forces to begin the battle under conditions that offer a real perspective of national and popular power."

Adding, with respect to its objectives: "every battle must take into account the fact that the Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist Front is not the only instrument to defeat the dictatorship, but is the power itself with which the people will impose its rights and Bolivia its independent existence."

This is the consequence of the abandonment of the International, the national parasitism which Lora demonstrates extraordinarily well with these paragraphs and who today through the Third Latin American Conference of the Organizing Committee wishes to impose throughout Latin America with the support of the Pabloites and with the complacent eyes of the Stalinists.

## TO WIN-- ONLY THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

In the fight opened up by the International League--Rebuilder of the Fourth International to conclude its own rebuilding an important place was taken up in

the struggle against the leadership of the Revolutionary Marxist Organization of Chile, which despite its formal break with the Organizing Committee and the acceptance of the combat and continuity of the International through the International League had to break with the negative side of its past, that is, with narrow nationalism and tailing Stalinism, sown by the International Committee. And even though in the end this organization was not able to be won to the rebuilding of the Fourth International, the FI came out of this battle stronger and today confronts the enormous task of rebuilding the Fourth International in the Southern part of the Continent, following the method proposed by Trotsky to the young International--welding together the combat of the revolutionary proletariat of North and South America in the perspective of the Socialist United States of the Two Americas.

In this way the Fourth International assumes the combat supported by the FI before its dislocation and the battle of the International Committee in the face of the Pabloites and the Latin American Organizing Committee in preparing the Conference of the Two Americas. (Translated from Issue #185 of LA AURORA, paper of the Spanish Section of the Fourth International).

# Down with "La Migra"! Down with Carter's Racist Fence!

A poet once wrote that "good fences make good neighbors." He must have had US imperialism and Jimmy Carter in mind.

From the "Good Neighbor" policy of Franklin Roosevelt to the "Alliance for Progress" of Kennedy to Jimmy "human rights" Carter, US imperialism has proven to the workers and oppressed in Latin America what kind of "neighbor" it was-- through brutal exploitation and its bloody puppet military dictatorships.

Now Carter seems to want to give Mexican workers and youth even further proof of what kind of a "neighbor" he is. On October 23rd the Immigration and Naturalization Service, or "La Migra" announced plans of the Carter administration to build a ten-foot high fence along the border.

At a cost of \$3.5 million the fences are to be built between El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez and along the San Diego-Tijuana border. The fences are to be made of galvanized steel grating and will be razor-sharp. The government contractor for the fence has stated that the fence will be so sharp "it will shear off toes."

DOWN WITH "LA MIGRA"! DOWN WITH THIS RACIST FENCE!

This fence, the daily and

continual harassment of Mexican workers and youth in the United States, the imperialist exploitation of Mexico itself demonstrates to every worker and youth what this old order of imperialism and Stalinism represents.

National oppression and national boundaries, symbolized by this new fence and its Stalinist counterpart in Germany-- the Berlin Wall and the newest contribution of Stalinist barbarism-- a killer fence along the entire East German border-- represent everything that is wrong and repressive about this old order and the terrorist bourgeois and Stalinist states which rule today.

No fence can stop the fight for the revolutionary unification of the US and Mexican working class. This fence is as much an insult to the US working class as it is to Mexican workers. The enemy is not Mexican workers leaving Mexico because of the starvation caused by US imperialism, but the White House which is everyday reinforcing its invisible fence around the American workers and youth.

The attacks on all immigrant workers must be stopped. The deportations must be ended. Full rights for un-documented workers must be won. This fence must be brought down!

As a concrete part of the

preparation of the CONFERENCE OF THE TWO AMERICAS which the Fourth International is convoking to build the fight for the United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas we call on all working class youth and their organizations to join with the Revolutionary Youth International

in the US in building a YOUTH ALLIANCE to organize a fight to stop this fence from being built, to defend the rights of Mexican workers in the US and to unite the struggles of the Mexican and American youth.

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## HUNGARY '56

Twenty two years ago revolutionary youth led the masses of Hungarian workers in rising up against the reactionary bureaucrats, the Stalinists, who had stolen their power. They built workers councils, armed themselves to defend them, and fought to destroy their enemies.

Like the Russian Revolution, it inspired workers across the world. It showed that the Stalinist bureaucrats, the grave-diggers of the Russian Revolution, hadn't been able to obliterate the revolutionary spirit of the youth and workers. It showed the bureaucrats weren't invincible.

Today the Fourth International is fighting to continue this revolution by building its parties in Eastern Europe and the USSR with the youth, by going back to Lenin.

This is the only road forward. In 1956 the Hungarian workers didn't have their own party. The Stalinists had murdered most of the Hungarian Trotskyists. A pro-Stalinist faction had formed within the Fourth International which had blocked the reconstruction of the sections in Eastern Europe until it was expelled in 1953.

Hungarian workers were forced to improvise a leadership in the course of the revolution which was unable to stop the Stalinists who slandered the workers and their leaders as "counter-revolutionary agents of imperialism" and sent troops and tanks from Moscow to crush them.

But the struggle of revolutionary militants of the Fourth International, organized in the International Committee, enabled leaders of the Hungarian workers to draw the correct lessons of this struggle. In 1962, Balazs Nagy, now known as Michel Varga -- former secretary of the Young Communist and the Petofi Circle which led the Revolution -- and his comrades joined the Fourth International and founded the Revolutionary Socialist League of Hungary to carry out its struggle there. Since that time, he and his com-

rades have taken a leading role in the construction of the International, not only there but across the world.

What are the pseudo-Trotskyists in and around the Socialist Workers Party's United Secretariat doing twenty-two years after the Hungarian Revolution?

They're continuing to slander Michel Varga and thus the revolution in its entirety, just as the Stalinists have done, while trying to help the Stalinists "reform" themselves, including types like Jiri Hajek, leader of the Charter 77 reform movement in Czechoslovakia, who wants to "reform" Stalinism, but says the Hungarian workers "went too far". (See I. Andreaszky's article in FOURTH INTERNATIONAL No. 64.)

Why? Because they want to turn workers away from the Fourth International, isolate it, destroy it.

So they call Michel Varga a "dubious figure" and circulate this slander behind closed doors to whomever will listen. In the last few weeks we've heard this repeated by members of the Spartacist League AND the Socialist Workers Party.

Michel Varga, leader of the Hungarian revolution, of the Fourth International, a "dubious figure"! How arrogant, how contemptible, how counter-revolutionary! No wonder they want to discuss with Jiri Hajek. They really think the Hungarian workers went too far too.

No young worker should miss and opportunity to take up the defense of the Hungarian Revolution and the people who led it, above all Michel Varga. How militants of all the other organizations respond to this is a good test of who is honest and who is not.

LONG LIVE THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION, THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

DOWN WITH THE STALINIST SLANDERERS!

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## RESOLUTIONS OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS

We, workers and youth participating in the meetings of the Trotskyist Organization/USA on the 50th anniversary of Trotskyism in the United States resolve:

1. To take up a fight together with the TO/USA and the Revolutionary Young Workers in face of Carter's latest attack on the working class-- his "voluntary anti-inflation program." The business leaders have met and pledged their cooperation, the "labor" leaders have met and pledged their cooperation. We have met on the 50th anniversary of Trotskyism in the US and pledge:

NO COOPERATION!

NO COOPERATION with this imperialist, racist and terrorist state-- for a YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST WAR AND REPRESSION. NO COOPERATION-- with the greedy, slave-driving bosses. A sliding scale of wages--wages to rise exactly with prices. A sliding

scale of working hours--divide up all the available work--among all those ready to work--end unemployment. WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION--no productivity deals! NO COOPERATION-- with the trade union bureaucrats and their Democratic Party. Young workers--win back your unions! For a new, revolutionary leadership for the unions. Join us in the fight to build a WORKERS PARTY to win WORKERS DEMOCRACY in this country.

2. Further, in order to defend our right to take this up as an INTERNATIONAL fight, on this occasion we resolve to fight for: FULL LEGAL RIGHTS FOR THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL IN THE US! For the right of US workers and youth to belong to an international organization of their choice.

(Adopted unanimously in Detroit, unanimously with one abstention in Chicago)

# TRUTH

US IMPERIALISM OUT!

## SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS & OPPRESSED IN IRAN!



Tehran, November 5, 1978

US imperialism has made a new effort in its attempt to prop up the bloody regime of the Shah of Iran, the bastion of imperialist reaction in the Middle East. On Monday, the Shah announced the formation of a military government, placing the country under total martial law.

The military government is headed up by a military chief-of-staff General Gholam-Reza Azhari.

Make no mistake about it. The decision for this latest attempt to crush the massive revolt of the Iranian workers, students and peasants was made directly in Washington, D.C. This "new" regime, like that of the Shah is nothing more or less than a puppet regime of the Carter government in Washington.

Carter and the US State Department have confirmed this in the last weeks. Last week, on the same day that 40,000 oil workers went on strike, Jimmy "human rights" Carter wished the Shah "our best" and declared: "Our friendship and our alliance with Iran is one of our important bases on which our entire foreign policy depends."

Indeed, and throughout the last months in which the butcher Shah has met the massive revolt of the ENTIRE population with bloody repression and torture, the US government has given its total support to the Shah.

And in its statement on Monday the US State Department took pains to make clear that the new general, Azhari was a "loyal

friend of the US government and especially the Pentagon." More than a "loyal friend", Azhari was educated and trained by the US Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and the military government which he heads up is armed with over \$12 BILLION worth of US weapons.

There is a lesson in all of this for American workers and youth. The desperation of the efforts of US imperialism to contain the mass mobilization of the Iranian people demonstrates above all that the continued survival of US imperialism is totally incompatible with the fight of the workers and oppressed throughout the world for democracy.

The bourgeois press is trying to portray the situation in Iran as "confusing". But there is nothing confused about it. The ENTIRE POPULATION is in mobilization against the Shah and US imperialism. In no country in the world today is this as clear.

In the last weeks every important sector of the population-- from the oil workers to rail workers, dockers, public employees, airlines, teachers, have gone on strike in political opposition to the Shah and his bloody regime.

Daily, in the face of brutal repression and slaughter by government troops; workers, students and the oppressed population have taken to the streets in massive demonstrations in all the cities, towns and villages of the country. The massive charac-

ter of the opposition has been demonstrated by the fact that in some cities with populations of 100,000 people -- 70,000 people have turned out into the streets to demonstrate.

In Vietnam, US imperialism was able to invent a "civil war." In other countries it has always been able to find some sectors of the population to support it. But in Iran there is NO ONE, aside from the hired guns of imperialism who dare to support the Shah and his regime.

Totally unmasking US imperialism and the Carter regime as the most un-democratic and counter-revolutionary force in the world today, totally opposed to the democratic aspirations of the workers and oppressed.

Even the potential allies of imperialism in Iran such as the bourgeois Iranian National Front or the Muslim religious leaders have proven themselves totally incapable of controlling the mobilization of the masses. Their calls to "stay off the streets" and "keep calm" going totally unheeded.

All of which shows the deep crisis of US imperialism, both at home and abroad. Iran is indeed a bastion of imperialism. As a bourgeois journalist put it: "Iran is the most important piece of real estate between Israel and Japan." It is the second largest oil exporter in the world. And it has the THIRD largest army in the world after the US and the Soviet Union.

The revolutionary overthrow of its puppet regime set up by a CIA-led counter-revolution in 1953 would shatter one of the fundamental aspects of the world order set up by US imperialism after World War II which enabled the US bourgeoisie to become the policeman of the world.

And everyday the workers and youth around the world are more and more seeing the real nature of this imperialist world order-- that of bloody reaction.

Including the workers and youth in the United States whose mobilization today is a DIRECT factor in the crisis of US imperialism around the world. A direct factor that prevents US imperialism from being able to "stabilize" its counter-revolutionary order or to pass its crimes off under the name of "human rights."

The workers and oppressed in Iran have been able to go as far as they have against US imperial-

ism because the American workers and youth have also been able to go far in placing the Carter government and its Democratic Party in crisis.

Proving that there is a world unity to the class struggle today and that it is becoming clearer and clearer that there is one central enemy in front of the workers and oppressed of the world-- US imperialism and the Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin which supports it.

The fate of the revolution in Iran and elsewhere indeed depends on the construction of a revolutionary leadership and the parties of the Fourth International to lead the fight against US imperialism and its puppets to a revolutionary conclusion. No "National Fronts", reactionary religious leaders or bourgeois "Constituent Assemblies" will carry out this task.

But this is not a process of building sections of the Fourth International one by one, country by country and waiting until the Fourth International is "strong" in every country before a revolution can happen.

Because there is a unity to the world revolution today, the question of defeating imperialism and Stalinism in ANY country is above all the question of building a WORLD CENTER of the revolution, a WORLD PARTY to centralize all the struggles against imperialism and Stalinism throughout the world-- the Fourth International.

Fighting to build this world party in the United States as a world center against US imperialism is above all the way American workers can show their solidarity with the workers and oppressed in Iran and aid their revolutionary fight against the Shah.

DOWN WITH US IMPERIALISM AND ITS PUPPETS IN IRAN!

STOP ALL MILITARY AID TO THE SHAH--US "ADVISORS" OUT!

FOR A WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT IN IRAN!

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