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**Down with the Capitalist Candidates and Their Shadows!**

# A WORKERS CANDIDATE!

Inside this issue of TRUTH is a special supplement containing a CALL for a WORKERS CANDIDATE in the Presidential elections coming up in November. We urge you to join this fight.

But many workers and youth won't even go beyond reading these lines. "Why bother with elections at all?" They ask. Isn't it just one big farce?

They are right, to a large extent. The Presidential primaries this year have been characterized by the total lack of real support for ANY of the capitalist candidates. Those in control of whatever is left of the apparatus of the Democratic and Republican parties, Carter and Reagan, are the "frontrunners" for this reason only. They have mobilized no one.

This is illustrated by the "Anderson phenomenon" as well. Hardly a dime's worth of difference exists between him and the other candidates, but the fact that he has been able to create the appearance of honesty and independence has caused a stir. It is now national news and a "phenomenon" when a candidate is found to be honest!

This farce extends to the pitiful shadows of the capitalist candidates -- the "socialist" and "Communist" candidates for President. Wearing three-piece suits that don't fit, issuing "press releases" and "statements" that no one reads, they try so hard to be like the "real" candidates that they succeed. They are full participants in this farce.

Because of all this, many workers and youth draw the conclusion that nothing can be done in these elections or that nothing should be done. "It's better to just demonstrate over the issues we are concerned about," say many workers and youth. Like the March 22 demonstration in Washington, D.C. against the draft.

But look at the March 22 demonstration! Despite the anti-war and anti-imperialist mood of the vast majority of the youth at this demonstration, the leaders of this march have allowed capitalist politicians to dominate it, to be the central speakers. Democratic and Republican party politicians whose parties stand for imperialism and war. The very things that the youth came to Washington to demonstrate against!

It used to be bad when a significant section of the working class supported the Democratic Party. Now it is even worse -- these politicians continue to try to put themselves at the head of the movements of workers and youth when they have NO significant support at all. When 90% of the youth at this march wouldn't walk two feet to vote for one of these politicians!

It's time to call their bluff. Even a handful of dedicated workers and youth can strip away this charade and farce of the capitalist politicians and their shadows. Can show the entire world that they have no support, rest on nothing. You can show the entire world that the Ameri-

can working class stands against U.S. imperialism, its politicians and shadows.

This would have a tremendous impact in the United States and around the world. It would be the beginning of the end for U.S. imperialism.

This is why it is necessary to bother with the Presidential elections. It's time to take the first step now and call their bluff. It's time to show the rest of the world where the American workers and youth really stand.

It's time for a WORKERS CANDIDATE to shatter this farce.

This fight can begin with a small minority and spread to thousands of workers. It is a fight worth spending your energy on because it can succeed.

We are talking first of all to young revolutionaries to join this fight. Not the "revolutionaries" who never want to go into the water because it is always "too cold," but to those who are ready to take the first step.

The first step is the hardest, but it's the most worthwhile. Join us.

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## March 22: Separate Workers From U.S. Imperialism and Its Servants!

On March 22 thousands of workers and youth will march in Washington, D.C. in opposition to Carter's attempt to reinstitute the draft and mobilize American youth for war. This march will be a reflection of the massive and open anti-war sentiment that has broken out among youth all over the country.

American youth won't accept another war; they are ready to challenge U.S. imperialism.

This mobilization is part of the international mobilization of workers and youth; from Iran to Nicaragua, against U.S. imperialism. It is a demonstration of the fact that throughout the world U.S. imperialism is on the defensive.

In the United States, the "Carter doctrine" is already a miserable failure. His plan to reinstitute the draft was supposed to show the readiness of American youth to die for Exxon. Instead, it showed the vast distance existing between this government and the masses of workers and youth. The plan itself has been virtually shelved; it was rejected by a House Committee and is unlikely to pass Congress given the present mood of the youth.

But at the same time that this march will be an expression of the youth's opposition to U.S. imperialism, it will also express something else. The leaders of this march have announced plans to have as speakers Democratic and Republican Party politicians -- Bella Abzug (Democrat), Congressman Robert Kastenmeir (Republican) and Theodore Weiss (Democrat) and Republican Senator Mark Hatfield.

What are leaders of the two ruling parties of U.S. imperialism, the parties of Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, doing speaking at an anti-war march? What do they have in common with the thousands of youth present? NOTHING!

How can these people who regularly vote for the military budget claim to be against war? How can these loyal members of Congress, which every day wages a real war against American workers and youth, dare to claim to be against U.S. imperialism? How can these leaders of the parties of unemployment, repression and war dare show their faces at this march?

They are imperialism's SERVANTS. Nothing more and nothing less. They are only present at this march because those organizations most afraid of the revolutionary mobilization of the youth, the Stalinist American Communist Party and the pseudo-Trotskyist Socialist

Workers Party, allow them to speak in the name of a "broad opposition" and "democracy."

In reality, in the name of the counterrevolution. Because these Democrats and Republicans are present only in order to destroy this movement of the youth, here and around the world.

The youth have nothing in common with these leaders of the parties of hangmen, of executioners! Down with the Democrats and Republicans! Down with the parties of imperialism! Down with its liberal flunkies!

These imperialist politicians must be driven out of this march. They must not be allowed to speak! Shout them down! Their "right" to speak at an anti-war march is their right to tie the youth to U.S. imperialism. This is OUR march, not theirs.

Separate workers and youth from imperialism and its servants. This is the only way to

insure that the massive opposition of the youth to war and imperialism will continue and deepen. To insure that it becomes an INDEPENDENT movement of the youth. Independent from U.S. imperialism, its parties and servants.

Shout down the Democrats and Republicans! Join the movement to construct a WORKERS PARTY, a party of class independence, a party to overthrow U.S. imperialism. Stop war by preparing the revolution.

Join the revolutionaries on March 22 by marching with the Revolutionary Youth International and its U.S. contingent, the International Young Guard/USA. Take this fight home with you by building sections of its army in your community, factory or school. Continue the anti-war fight by becoming an organizer for the world revolution.  
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## March With the World Army of the Socialist Revolution!



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# Forward to the Conference of the Two Americas

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

The world revolution marches forward. The class struggle on a world scale is characterized by the upsurge of the workers and oppressed of the semi-colonial and colonial world. Their battles are characterized by audacity and boldness and a rejection of the traditional leaderships of the working class, the union bureaucrats and the Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin. U.S. imperialism has been unable to contain this mobilization, all the more so because the two Americas, North and South, have become a focus of the world-wide class struggle. The entrance of American youth on the scene, mobilizing against Carter's war preparations, together with the ferocious response of the Latin American youth since Somoza's downfall, completes the picture. U.S. imperialism is in grave crisis. Politically, economically, imperialism is in shatters. It is ripe for revolution.

No other party sees things in this way. The so-called "Communist" and "Socialist" parties have passed over to the side of the enemy in the framework of "peaceful co-existence," meaning the continued existence of capitalist exploitation. The pseudo-Trotskyist parties, no longer functioning as a world center of the revolution, gravitate toward Stalinism.

Only the Fourth International continues to fight as a world center. This is the essential meaning of the re-building of the Fourth International in 1976 -- to establish a world headquarters of the revolution. From this necessity flows the importance of the construction of a revolutionary party in the heart of imperialism, and in its backyard of decades of bloody oppression -- in the United States and Latin America. In other words, the only element lacking today in order to finish with the world order of imperialism together with its lackeys in the Kremlin, is the subjective factor, the world party that can consciously organize the final battles with this old order.

Trotsky said: "All the problems of the planet will be solved on American soil." Simply put, before the socialist revolution can be victorious, U.S. imperialism must be destroyed; there cannot be "peaceful co-existence" with imperialism.

The goal of the CONFERENCE OF THE TWO AMERICAS is the re-building of the sections of

the Fourth International. This re-building is made necessary by the treachery of the opportunists, in the U.S., the Socialist Workers Party, and their abandonment of the Fourth International in 1963. Not an organizational break, but a fundamental abandonment of the fight against Stalinism and its theories of "peaceful co-existence." Against the revolutionary program of the Fourth International which calls for PERMANENT REVOLUTION, the centrist currents have embraced the theories of the so-called "Third World." In essence, they say that since the proletariat is unprepared for revolution, there is no possibility of fighting for a revolutionary program -- especially in the advanced imperialist nations. From this perspective they support the Stalinist apparatus and even the most reactionary nationalist currents in Latin America.

The Fourth International bases itself on the fact that the proletariat and all the objective conditions for revolution are present, in fact, only the treachery of the "traditional" parties of the working class is holding back the struggles of the oppressed. The revolution bases itself on the action and fight of the youth -- those who are labeled "terrorists" by the bourgeoisie and the pseudo-Trotskyists -- but who in reality are fighting the terrorism of imperialism.

The centrist perspective has been blown apart by the class struggle. In Nicaragua the workers cry, "Workers and Peasants to Power," against the bourgeois government of the FSLN. In Cuba, it is clear that there is opposition among the youth to Castro's "austerity" program. The leaders who the youth are rejecting, are the ones that the centrists defend. The centrists gravitate toward the Stalinist apparatus in the absence of any independent revolutionary perspective.

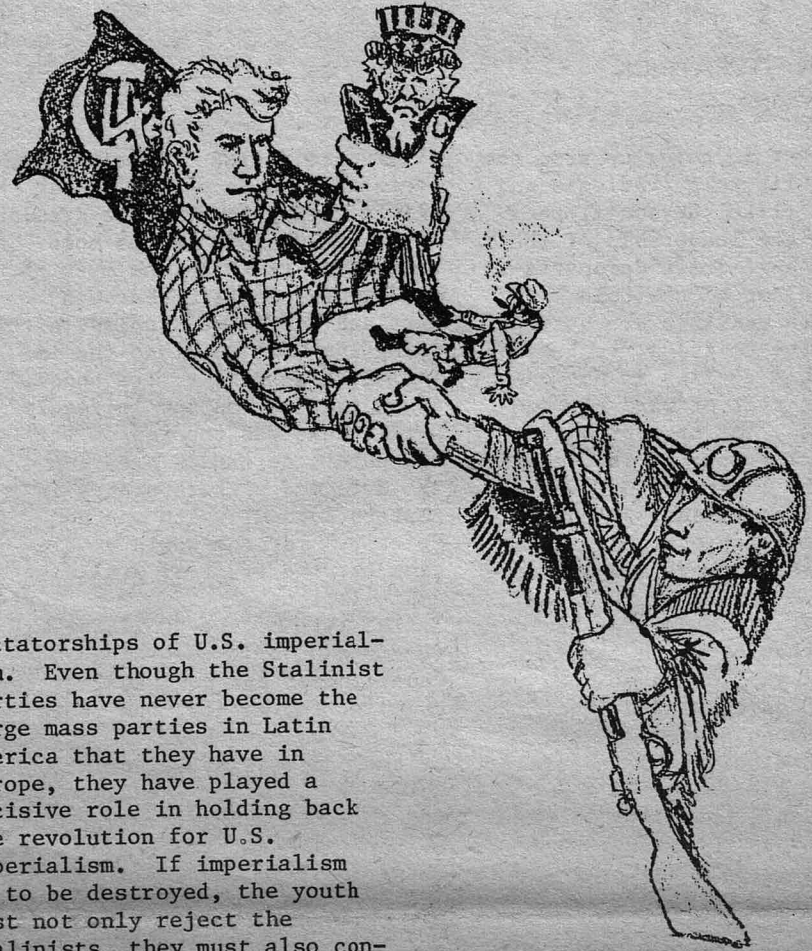
The role of Stalinism in Latin America is one of the worst betrayals anywhere. From Chile to Cuba, "peaceful co-existence" has paved the way for the puppet

dictatorships of U.S. imperialism. Even though the Stalinist parties have never become the large mass parties in Latin America that they have in Europe, they have played a decisive role in holding back the revolution for U.S. imperialism. If imperialism is to be destroyed, the youth must not only reject the Stalinists, they must also confront them with the party of the revolution, the Fourth International.

What are the elements of the re-building of the sections of the Fourth International? The most important element is the struggle of the proletarian youth. By far the most dangerous blow to imperialism is the youth of the United States itself. The U.S. working class and its youth are a cross-section of all the nations of the Americas and the exploited countries under imperialist domination. Blacks, Latinos, and other immigrant workers whose struggles are clearly linked to the struggle of the masses in the oppressed nations of the world. What characterizes all the opportunist currents in the working class is their rejection of the capacity of the U.S. proletariat to make a revolution.

The mobilization of American youth against Carter's draft proves that it is not the fight of the American working class youth that is lacking but rather the clear leadership necessary to centralize their struggles. The Fourth International fights to build the WORKERS PARTY in the U.S. today against the pacifist and class collaborationist treachery of the opportunists. Of all of the elements for the revolution, the party is the most important.

The struggle of the youth contains the contradiction that



even though they reject the "old" solutions, and the traditional reformist and centrist channels of action, they still remain under their leadership. This is a source of nothing but demoralization for the youth, who rise up to fight the system only to find the centrists and pacifists on their backs preaching moderation and caution.

In fact, the masses fight for a revolutionary solution today. This is the meaning of the embassy take-overs in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Colombia. Even if these struggles are limited by the fact that the proletariat as a whole is not unified by a party capable of their loyalty and allegiance, still the Fourth International sees in the bold struggles of the revolutionary youth the ingredients of the socialist revolution. With the masses of Nicaragua we raise the slogan "WORKERS AND PEASANTS TO POWER." For the independent government of Workers and Peasants Councils.

The task of the most conscious workers and youth today is to organize the confrontation with the apparatuses that hold back the revolutionary youth, re-build with the Fourth International the American sections of the World Party of Socialist Revolution. Join us in the preparation of the Conference of the Two Americas.  
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# "Cold War" Myth, Class War Reality

By KEVIN FITZPATRICK

A great cry is going up from the ranks of liberals, radicals and so forth (like the social-pacifists in the leadership of the March 22 anti-draft demonstration) against a "new Cold War," etc. These wailings are attempts to hide the political reality of today. This reality is not one of the "threat of war" between "the blocs," or of repression at home. Instead, it is the reality of the international war between the classes, of the growing revolutionary mobilization of the workers and oppressed.

The Big Lie about the "Cold War" is that it was a conflict that fell just short of open military confrontation ("hot war") between East and West, between Stalinism and imperialism. This lie is shared and spread by all those -- "left" or "right" -- who accept the framework established by the Holy Alliance of imperialism and Stalinism after World War II.

This Holy Alliance of counter-revolution, basically established at the Yalta and Potsdam conferences, was aimed at crushing the revolutionary upsurge that both Stalinism and imperialism knew would arise from the war and which threatened the existence of both.

This Holy Alliance divided the proletariat of Europe into two "spheres of influence" -- in the East under the Kremlin, in the West under the domination of U.S. imperialism. In the East, the Kremlin repressed the mass upsurge of the workers, striving to create coalition governments preserving capitalist rule. In the West, the Stalinist parties (particularly in France and Italy) disarmed the Resistance movements in which they played a dominant role, entered bourgeois governments as ministers and broke the drive of the workers for power.

This policy of Holy Alliance found its classic expression in the division of Germany, the division of the most powerful and most politically experienced proletariat in two.

On this basis, the Holy Alliance was able to deal a defeat to the working class internationally. Imperialism, which had been on the DEFENSIVE in the years following the war, was now able to go on the OFFENSIVE.

This offensive, based on the defeat of the working class due to Stalinist betrayal in the form of the Holy Alliance, is the truth about the "Cold War." Natur-

ally, once on the offensive, imperialism had no objections at all to trying to dump the Kremlin if it could. This is the sole element of truth in the myth of fundamental conflict between East and West. The Kremlin, after doing its best to clasp the imperialist serpent to its bosom, found that it was now in deadly peril. This was the reason for the purely defensive creation of the deformed workers states in Eastern Europe, which was no "victory" for the world revolution but the fruit of Stalinist capitulation.

The myth of the "Cold War" is the myth of "brinkmanship," of "containment and rollback" of the Kremlin. In reality, the "Cold War" was an attack on the forces of the proletariat all over the world IN WHICH THE KREMLIN CONTINUED TO COLLABORATE.

For instance, the repression was deepest in the U.S. itself. The hunt for "reds" was the means through which imperialism sought to purge the unions of any opposition, through which it sought to terrorize the working class. But the Kremlin never broke with support to the Democratic Party, the party that started and carried through the witch-hunt, in its drive for "peaceful coexistence" (Holy Alliance) with imperialism.

And internationally, the myth is even more empty. Beginning with the Greek Civil War -- which was the ostensible justification for the first moves in the "Cold War": Point-4, the Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan -- the reality was not one of conflict between imperialism and Stalinism, but of Stalinist betrayal.

This was also the case with Vietnam, where the Stalinist party of Ho Chi Minh, as its part in the Holy Alliance, agreed to the reintroduction of French troops into the country and its division in two. When French imperialism's attempts to retake the whole country ended in failure, Stalinism and imperialism at the 1954 Geneva conference (in the middle of the "Cold War"! ) once more betrayed, dividing the country again and laying the basis for U.S. intervention.

Similarly, the U.S. never intervened in Hungary, for example, in 1956 because -- despite the myth of its "hostility" to the Kremlin -- it was in complete support of the Kremlin's suppression of the revolution, the revolution which was a deadly threat to it above all.

In 1968, with the French General Strike, the "Prague Spring" in Czechoslovakia and other upsurges around the world, it became clear that the world proletariat -- especially the proletariat in Europe -- had definitively emerged from defeat and had seized the initiative.

This period of the "imminence of revolution" was also that of the "imminence of counterrevolution." This counterrevolution took the form of "detente" ("relaxation" of tensions) between imperialism and Stalinism for more cooperation in the attempt to defeat the world revolution. It is important to remember that the first fruit of "detente" was the horrendous bombing of North Vietnam while Nixon dined with Brezhnev and Mao.

The imperialist campaign for "human rights" is likewise part of "detente," especially in the "Conference on Security and Cooperation" (against the revolution) "in Europe." Beginning with the Helsinki Accords of 1975 and continuing through to Madrid this November, imperialism has tried to use the banner of "detente," of opposition to the "tensions" of the "Cold War," as a weapon against the revolution.

But the revolutionary mobilization has not abated. In fact, with the recent upsurge of the revolution in the colonial and semi-colonial countries, "detente" has been shattered. The Kremlin has not been able to deliver what imperialism expected. Thus, the conflicts today between imperialism and Stalinism, in which imperialism demands more and more of the Kremlin and in which the Kremlin desperately strives to regain its place in the Holy Alliance. This is the TERRORIST REARMAMENT OF THE HOLY ALLIANCE!

This terrorist rearmament, carried out by Castro in Latin America, by the drive toward the "neutralization" of Afghanistan, has as one of its chief components the attempt to subordinate the workers to the diplomatic maneuvers of the Kremlin in its drive for imperialist acceptance. The campaign against the "new Cold War" is precisely such an attempt. In the guise of fighting "Cold War" methods, the Kremlin appeals for a return to "peaceful coexistence" and "detente" -- for a return to Holy Alliance and cooperation against the revolution.

The "Cold War" was based -- in its reality of attacks on the international proletariat -- on the defeat of the world revo-

lution. There is NO "new Cold War" today because the world revolution, far from being defeated, is on the march.

The "Carter Doctrine" and all the military moves associated with it are aimed at the world revolution, but they are already in open disarray. Pakistan rejects Carter's military aid as "peanuts." The attempt to impose conscription (as the NEW YORK TIMES put it: "to demonstrate" that workers and youth are "ready to contemplate conscription for military action abroad") has provoked a massive response from the youth that shattered the lie of "national unity." The Iranian masses have turned the UN commission into a farce. And Carter is twisting this way and that on the UN vote on Israeli occupations, trying to find some way to save imperialism in the Middle East.

Those who cry about "new Cold War" are those who are trying to CREATE THE CONDITIONS for a defeat on the scale necessary to really impose an attack such as the "Cold War" was. Thus, Michael Harrington, one of the most vicious supporters of U.S. imperialism during the "Cold War," is among those in the March 22 leadership protesting any "new Cold War." The links are obvious -- in both cases it concerns subordination to imperialism and its counterrevolutionary schemes.

No, the real war today is the class war. The real war today is expressed by Carter's economic plans -- an assault on the working class, in the face of which the cry about "new Cold War" is a conscious diversion. The real war today is the one that the Fourth International is out to organize. It is out to smash the terrorist rearmament of the Holy Alliance, whatever the mask ("detente," "no 'new Cold War'") it tries to hide behind.

Against the Madrid Conference on "Security and Cooperation in Europe" the Fourth International and the Revolutionary Youth International are organizing a march and boycott, culminating in a Counter-Conference for the Socialist United States of Europe. This is the road to the liquidation of the Holy Alliance, its "Cold War" and all its attempts to stop the revolution -- including the Big Lie of the "new Cold War."

March 16, 1980



# Cuba:

## Revolutionary Youth Defy Castro!

By MARGARET GUTTSALL

Six months ago Fidel Castro complained that "Hundreds of thousands (of Cuban youth and workers) turn up wanting to go to Ethiopia or Angola, or wherever . . . but when it (their revolutionary enthusiasm) is required on a daily basis it fails to appear."

Then he and his brother Raul launched a campaign against worker "indiscipline, buddyism, and faint-heartedness." They attacked their fellow "functionaries" for not being hard enough on the workers. Never questioning their right to special privileges (this would be "petty bourgeois egalitarianism"), they attacked these same "functionaries" for abusing their privileges as this makes it harder to exact sacrifices from the workers!

If Cuban youth and workers are willing and eager to take up arms against imperialism in Ethiopia, Angola or wherever, but not so willing and eager to waste themselves trying to meet Castro's production goals, it's because they know that their future lies in the destruction of imperialism and the construction of socialism on a world scale, and not in Castro's reactionary fraud of peaceful coexistence with U.S. imperialism, while "building socialism on its doorstep" (a policy which has meant countless and needless sacrifices for Cuban workers and in recent years open support to imperialist "human rights" in Latin America, the reintroduction of capitalist exploitation in Cuba, and the "normalization" of Cuba-U.S. relations.)

The Castro brothers' campaign has only fanned the flames of their discontent. This January youth in Havana established an independent press attacking Castro and the regime and comparing it to Batista's, the puppet of U.S. imperialism driven out of Cuba two decades ago. Their leaflets were distributed throughout Havana. 12-year-olds are writing and distributing posters & leaflets in schools.

January 20th, in a desperate effort to maintain his dictatorship over the Cuban youth and workers Castro raided this press, closed it down, imposed a curfew, and raided homes throughout Havana, arresting and imprisoning all those associated with this

press and confiscating their literature. They are accused of being part of a plot "directed from abroad."

This revolutionary upsurge and the desperate crisis of Castro's dictatorship, part of the world revolution and crisis of imperialism and Stalinism, is the reason for the U.S. Socialist Workers Party's sudden interest in the "miracles of socialism" in Cuba and the collected speeches of Fidel and Raul Castro.

It was a matter of weeks if not days after the arrest and persecution of youth in Havana that Andrew Pulley and his entourage showed up and began issuing their glowing reports on "revolutionary Cuba," the first time SWP'ers have been to Cuba in 12 years! These reports included a glowing account of "the particularly gratifying experience" of visiting . . . a psychiatric hospital, notorious in the Soviet Union for their role in the Stalinist persecution of revolutionary militants. How many Klebanovs did Andrew Pulley and Company waltz by?

And it was a matter of weeks if not days after the youth's arrest that the SWP began publishing excerpts of the Castro brothers' speeches against working class "indiscipline" -- nearly six months after the speeches were made and under the deceitful headline "Drive Against Bureaucracy"!

According to the SWP Castro and Co. are guided by the dictum: "All those who fight, no matter where, are our brothers and sisters." This is a lie. What about the Chilean workers, the Peruvian workers, the revolutionary youth of Iran and the U.S. today about which Castro has said not one word!

They say the Castro brothers' complaints against worker "indiscipline" are justified because in Cuba (unlike the U.S.) things are produced to meet society's needs, not for profit. "The benefits of increased productivity flow to the workers and peasants as a whole, and not into the coffers of millionaires and corporations." This is another lie. Cuban workers are forced to produce and sell sugar at a price far below its value. And a disproportionate share of this

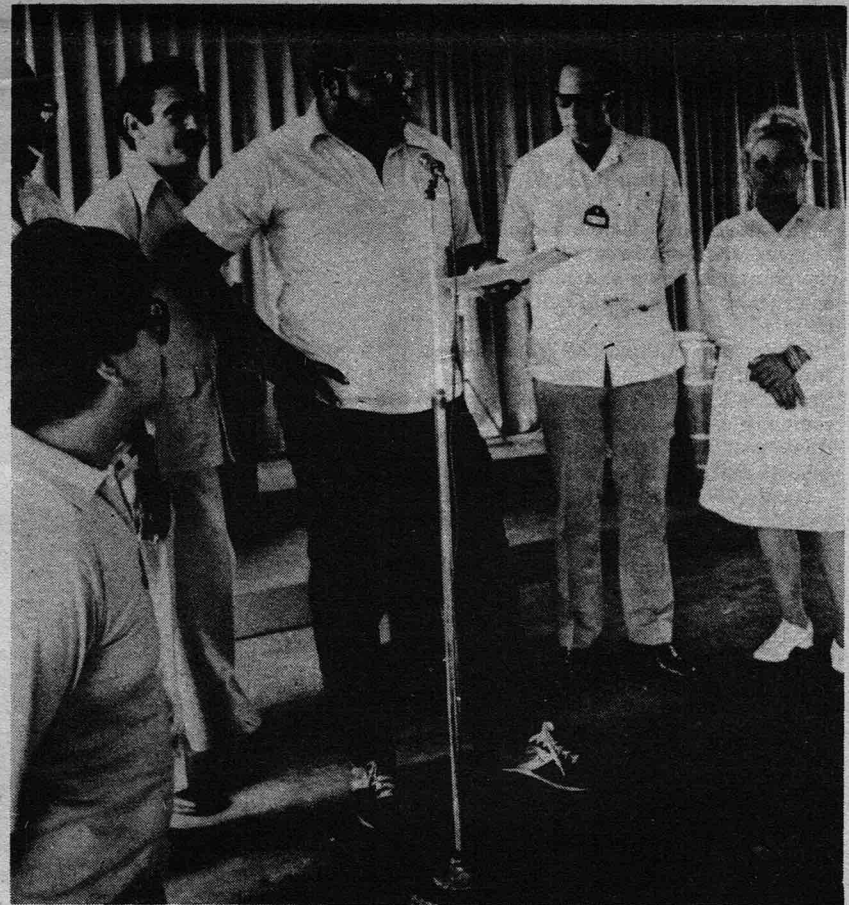
already reduced income goes to the Stalinist bureaucracy in Cuba . . . by its own admission! These are the only parasites in Cuba who "get their share of what is produced, but don't hold up their end in the productive process." Not the workers!

If things are so marvelous in Cuba, if the youth, workers and peasants always get what they should, why then the discontent? The SWP's only response can be some version of the same old imperialist/Stalinist propaganda -- the workers are lazy, stupid, duped by imperialism (if you're in Cuba) or by communism (if

you're in the U.S.).

They are dead wrong. The emergence of independent revolutionary youth in Havana, now sitting in Castro's jails, signifies a new stage in the Cuban revolution which inspired youth and workers the world over nearly two decades ago. It's the age of the permanent, international revolution. As for the rest, imperialism, Castro, the SWP and Co., their days are numbered.

Free the youth in Castro's jails! Victory to the world revolution!  
March 17, 1980



**SWP presidential candidate promotes Stalinist psychiatric hospital in Cuba. He called his visit "a particularly gratifying experience." How many Klebanov's did he find.?**



## Militant Youth Reject the Lie of "No Draft", "No War"

# A Revolutionary Response on March 22

By RICH TETRAULT

The mobilization in the U.S. against Carter's call for draft registration is in its final stages of preparation for the March 22 rally and demonstration in Washington, D.C. The liberal Democrats, Stalinists and centrists have banded together in coalitions once again to "lead" the workers movement and young proletariat. But the great masses of independent and militant youth have rejected these "official coalitions" and have rejected the attempts by the petty bourgeoisie to use this anti-draft demonstration to appease the revolutionary mobilization of the youth against U.S. imperialism.

Around the world the revolution is on the march. In Nicaragua, Iran, Guatemala, El Salvador, Afghanistan, Colombia, Bolivia and on and on, the workers and youth are waging a heroic battle against the state, in particular against U.S. imperialism, policeman of the world. On March 22 in Washington, D.C., thousands of young Americans will join the forces of the revolution against this same enemy; against U.S. imperialism in its homeland.

The similarities are striking. The combat is one and the same: Down With U.S. Imperialism! Defend the World Revolution!

The International Young Guard/USA, U.S. contingent of the Revolutionary Youth International, fights to arm the youth on the side of the revolution. In face of the world revolution and Carter's attack on the youth in the U.S., the response of the youth can be nothing short of the fight to prepare the American revolution to link with the army of the world revolution.

This demonstration in Washington is a focus for world attention and must be carried through to completion. This does not mean the greatest number of participants or the broadest of all broad-based coalitions. It means organizing the first battalions of the American proletariat against U.S. imperialism. It means politically arming the youth to confront the bourgeoisie and its servants in the workers movement. It means constructing a revolutionary leadership from the youth independent of the Stalinists and centrists.

CARD (Committee Against Registration and the Draft) and the organizations that endorse these disorganizers of the youth, are waging a campaign that is counterposed to the independent mobilization of the youth. Their role is to sabotage the struggles of the young proletariat. Their continued existence is based on the betrayal of the working class. The proof is in what they have and have not done.

A poster issued by Mobilization Against the Draft lists the speakers for March 22. Among them petty bourgeois activists, religious leaders, Congressmen and Senators. A partial list of the most despised persons among the youth. Yet CARD and one of its larger groupings, the Socialist Workers Party/Young Socialist Alliance, defend the "democratic right to speak" of these paid assassins.

At an anti-draft rally in Detroit on March 14, CARD put on a sampling of its ability to disorganize. The rally was held at Wayne State University and even though the university is attended by 35,000 students, not one was present for the rally. The speakers were likewise a sampling of what is in store for Washington, reminiscing of the "good old days" of Vietnam.

IYG took a position at this rally, a perspective to lead the youth to victory and not backward in time. If the anti-war movement of the 60's and 70's was so good why are we doing it again in 1980? When will we have to do it again?

IYG also put forward a motion at the March 14 rally that the imperialist speakers for March 22 be stricken from the list. In typical bureaucratic fashion the leadership of the rally passed over this motion arguing later that it wasn't a "business meeting" and therefore couldn't take up such questions.

International Young Guard/USA, U.S. Detachment of the World Army of the Socialist Revolution, wages a constant combat to drive all cancers from our movement. In Washington we will fight to win the youth over to the side of the revolution which means breaking with the bourgeois order and all its servants. March 18, 1980



## IYG/USA Intervention at WSU "Anti-Draft" Meeting

*"We have a different perspective than what you've heard so far. Why is the draft being reinstated? Because there is a world revolution going on -- in Iran, Nicaragua, Afghanistan. And the movement of youth and workers in the U.S. against the draft is a clear indication of their desire to join this mobilization. And it is this resistance, this mobilization which the draft is directed against. It is the world revolution that is the dominant political fact in the world today, not the "threat of war."*

*The youth must march in Washington not to "end the draft" but to join the march of the world revolution. The choice is not war, there is a war going on today, but which army,*

*Carter's army of reaction and counterrevolution or the army of the revolution.*

*Let's go to Washington and say, not "hell no we won't go" but "yes, we're the same people that are in Iran, Nicaragua, Zimbabwe -- these are our revolutions and we are going to prepare with them the world revolution to finish with this government of hangmen and thieves." In particular, we put forward the MOTION that this meeting demand the IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF ALL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, REPUBLICAN PARTY, ALL IMPERIALIST POLITICIANS FROM THE SPEAKERS' PLATFORM OF THE WASHINGTON RALLY. Their presence is an insult to every worker and youth in Iran, Guatemala, Nicaragua and the United States.*



# Zimbabwe:

## The Struggle Deepens

By KEVIN FITZPATRICK

In the elections held in Zimbabwe at the end of February, the ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union) forces led by Robert Mugabe obtained a smashing victory, winning 67% of the vote and 57 out of 80 seats allocated to blacks in the parliament (whites -- 3% of the population -- get an automatic 20 seats).

The victory is even more impressive when the vote won by both ZANU and ZAPU (Zimbabwe African People's Union of Joshua Nkomo), the two groups that made up the "Patriotic Front" that carried on the guerrilla war is totaled. Together, the two nationalist formations got 87% of the vote and 77 seats. When this is contrasted to the 8% and three seats won by the Uncle Tom preacher, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who was supposedly "democratically elected" Prime Minister in the fraudulent "internal settlement" last year, the character of the vote becomes clear.

The black masses of Zimbabwe have repudiated white rule and imperialist domination. They have signalled their support to the war against the racist regime. And they have demonstrated, in particular by voting for ZANU, their support for its promises of a "socialist transformation of Zimbabwean society." For the black peasants and workers of Zimbabwe, these elections were a means of saying that they want to be masters in their own country. This is capsulized by the cry of ZANU fighters: "Let us take up our guns and go forward and take the whole country!"

Taking the whole country means above all taking the land. The 3% white minority owns 50% of the farmland. Agrarian reform -- "the land to those who work it" -- is an essential element of the drive of the Zimbabwean masses to control their own country.

This also goes for the nationalization of industry, especially of the mines.

But agricultural and mining production are linked by a thousand strings not to just a handful of white racists but to imperialist finance capital in South Africa, Britain and the U.S. For the masses to gain control of the wealth of their own country, they must free themselves from imperialist domination. They MUST proceed to the "socialist transformation" of Zimbabwe if everything they have fought for and hoped for is to be attained.

The greatest obstacle to the REVOLUTION, for that is what is needed, is the petty bourgeois leadership of the nationalist movement, in particular, Robert Mugabe. Mugabe, like many other petty bourgeois revolutionaries around the world, is dependent (above all, politically) on Stalinism and its theory of the "national democratic" and "two-stage" revolution. First, you get "democracy." Then, at some undetermined future time, you get "socialism."

What this means in practice is the consolidation of bourgeois democracy - capitalist rule - and the liquidation of the revolutionary mobilization that alone can achieve socialism.

Mugabe (and Nkomo) are trying to follow this course today in Zimbabwe. Their armed forces are to be merged into the racist

white army instead of smashing this instrument of the bourgeois terrorist state. The former Finance Minister (the link to imperialism) in the racist regime is now Minister for Commerce and Industry and the leader of the 5,000 white farmers is Minister for Agriculture in Mugabe's proposed Cabinet!

This goes hand in hand with Mugabe's statements that, "We are not going to interfere with private property, whether it be farms or whether it be the mining sector." But the black masses supported the war and voted for ZANU precisely because they wanted to "interfere with private property"! That was what they wanted, not cozy private meetings with Ian Smith (former head of the racist regime) and Lt. Gen. Walls, head of that regime's armed forces.

Already, the reaction from the militants in ZANU who fear what they openly call a "sellout" has forced Mugabe to slow down his plans for accommodation to capitalist forces.

The struggle for socialism in Zimbabwe is part of the fight throughout Africa for the defeat of imperialism. It cannot be confined to the boundaries drawn by one imperialism or another to suit its purposes. The perspective of the Socialist United States of Africa is inseparable from the struggle of the Zimbabwean masses have already begun for the land, for control of their country, for freedom. March 16, 1980

K.F.

# Colombia:

## True Face of Imperialism

On February 29 several dozen militants seized the Dominican Republic embassy in Bogota. They are now holding diplomats from at least 19 different countries including the U.S., who were all there for a cocktail party, hostage.

The youth are demanding the release of their comrades, over 300 who have been imprisoned, tortured and threatened with "trials" in absentia by a military court for so-called civil crimes. They are demanding publication of a manifesto detailing the political situation in Colombia and their charges against the government, money and safe passage out of Colombia.

Colombia is supposed to be the showcase of imperialist democracy in Latin America. There have supposedly been more elected presidents there and fewer military coups than in any other country.

These militants, like their counterparts in Iran, have shown it and its master U.S. imperial-

ism as what they really are, monstrosities responsible for the deaths of millions. Even government officials were forced to admit before the embassy takeover that many of the militants' charges were true. Nobody can be fooled who doesn't want to be.

In some accounts of the embassy takeover bourgeois journalists have said these youth are Trotskyists. They aren't, but the journalists are calling them this because Trotskyism is the only political force that doesn't play by the rules, begging for "human rights" while comrades rot in jail. And these militants are not playing by the rules.

Colombian youth and workers don't want "human rights," like the Social Democrats, Stalinists and pseudo-Trotskyists say, with their endless tales of torture. They want an end to bourgeois dictatorship.

There isn't one faction of the bourgeoisie in Colombia which is capable of winning the confidence

of the masses and maintaining power. This is why the military has gradually taken over and begun to run the country by brute force, why Turbay Ayala has become a rubber stamp for the military, manifest in his imposition of the Security Statute last September which makes strikes and demonstrations illegal and establishes military tribunals as judge, jury and prosecutor.

The massive mobilization of the Colombian working class in the fight for the workers and peasants government, to DISARM the bourgeoisie and its gorillas, as part of the fight for the Socialist United States of Latin America, and the Socialist United Republic of the Two Americas, North and South, is the only solution. This is the way to put an end to "terrorism" which emanates from Washington and Moscow, not Bogota.

March 17, 1980  
M.G.



## Down With U.S. Imperialism!

In response to the question "Why are we letting 900,000 Iranians in the United States when they are holding Americans hostage in Iran?" Carter said in a press conference that these Iranians are being "allowed into our great democracy" because it is compatible with our "great principles," and that these Iranians are all refugees who are "fleeing Iran" and "seeking a haven" in this "great democracy."

The "great principles" being the jailing of Iranian students as in the case of the 44 students jailed for shouting down a former diplomat of the Shah of Iran, Fereydoun Hoveyda, the first week of March at Northeast Louisiana University. They are on a hunger strike in protest of these same "great principles" that turn the innocent into the guilty and the guilty into the

innocent. "Great principles" that allow U.S. imperialism to devastate another country and impose its will on another people and give this the name "democracy."

Or the case of Mehdi Fazl-zadeh-Haghighi and Mehran Abde-shah, two Iranian students from Detroit arrested for "threatening to kill President Carter," who continue to face charges of gun possession and "violations" of immigration laws when the original charge failed to stand up in the courts. Or the case of Bagher Moomeny, one of nine Iranians arrested for allegedly "smuggling guns" to Iran in February. Or the countless daily persecutions that never make the papers.

In an interview with TRUTH, Iranian students in Detroit explained how the landlords and school authorities set dis-

criminatory rules and regulations. In the schools application of these kind of rules can mean Iranian students will be expelled for not having books, being late too often, or cheating on a test. The end result is deportation. These persecutions go along with Carter's shutting off of Iranian funds and the witch hunt for "immigration law violators."

This special persecution and repression of Iranians has only one reason. It is not simply that Carter is trying to hide the role of U.S. imperialism in Iran, not only that he is lying about why Iranians are in the U.S. The truth is that it is U.S. imperialism which has taken flight, fleeing from the revolution in Iran and from the growing struggle of American workers and youth.

The time couldn't be better

to finish with repression against Iranians in the U.S. The youth of America are joining the struggle of their brothers and sisters of Iran, want a combat against the Carter regime and its plans for war, against Carter's call for the reinstatement of the draft.

The place of Iranian students is side by side with American youth and workers who are grateful for the presence of Iranian students in the U.S., marching side by side under the revolutionary banner.

To march together for the revolution, to bring the full significance of the struggle of the Iranian masses home to the American working class -- to prepare the revolution in common -- this is the goal. The slogans under which the Iranian youth march are our slogans too -- DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM! March 16, 1980  
BARBARA PUTNAM

## "Democracy" Rearms CIA

By FRED VITALE

On March 12 the House Foreign Affairs Committee voted to discontinue its "overseeing" of CIA operations. They gave the President the right to order "covert operations" (secret) under "extraordinary circumstances affecting national interest" and to protect the safety of intelligence personnel and methods, as requested by Admiral Stanley Turner, head of the CIA. This move is only the latest in a series as the cry for "unchaining" the CIA has risen in U.S. ruling circles.

Much truth about the CIA, FBI and other "security" organizations has been uncovered in recent years. Not only from the masses of the world and the U.S. but from their own disgruntled agents. A very incomplete list of their activities includes the CIA-sponsored coup overthrowing the elected Allende government in Chile in 1973; their 30 year support and training of the notorious SAVAK, the shah's secret police, with Nazi-developed torture techniques and U.S. paid-for torture centers; their assassinations of Patrice Lumumba of the Congo and Malcolm X; their mercenary forces against the Angolan revolution; the FBI bombing of a black church which killed four black girls in the South in the early 60's and on and on. These facts reveal, in short, the soul of American "democracy" -- the terrorist state.

Three years ago a "charter" for the CIA was proposed by the Carter administration. Its purpose was to rearm the CIA through streamlining its bureau-

cracy, developing its counter-revolutionary actions in a more systematic way and, with Congressional committees to "oversee" its activities, give the CIA a "democratic" cover. But in the face of the growing world revolution, this charter was not enough. It's been scuttled. In its place new bills currently in the House and Senate contain all the essentials of the charter adding such proposals as exempting the CIA from the "Freedom of Information Act" i.e. it will have completely closed files. And, as for the "controls," one Senator lamented that all that's left is "no political assassinations, except in time of war."(!)

Similar programs are underway for the FBI, Secret Service and National Security Agency. The FBI is demanding a seven year moratorium on the Freedom of Information Act under which it gave up certain files. But even after seven years of this act all its secret files are untouched. The Secret Service has grown in recent years into an agency with over 1,000 people to "protect" the President. The NSA, the largest security organization with 20,000 employees and a budget of \$6 billion, which has developed much of the tele-communications systems and trans-Atlantic cables, had much of its operation turned over to the direct control of the CIA by Carter in 1978.

This is the response of U.S. imperialism to the world revolution. That the Congress has abandoned "overseeing" the

CIA does not "unleash" it. The CIA can hardly be "leashed" by the Congress and Senate who establish its policy. These actions do serve a political purpose, just like the revision of the Federal criminal code: to legally and politically strengthen the state at its core: the courts, prisons, police agencies and army. To strengthen what is the ESSENCE OF U.S. DEMOCRACY -- its bodies of armed men.

What is clear as well is that the state is being rearmed above all AGAINST THE U.S. WORKERS AND YOUTH. Most of the bills concern legalizing CIA activity against U.S. citizens. In the past the CIA kept a file of the 50,000 supporters of the Peace and Freedom Party in California. The present bills give them the right to wiretap, bug, infiltrate, use informants, gain access to records and carry out physical surveillance, all with a "court order." These bills have a "positive information" section which allows the government to force information from anyone that they think might have "useful" information, under threat of criminal prosecution. They plan to renew their past practice of infiltrating journalist, clergy and academic organizations for "cover" in their overseas operations. And even the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence said of the NSA that, "the NSA's potential to violate the privacy of American citizens is unmatched by any other intelligence agency."

At a superficial glance, such actions and agencies might

reduce the prospects for successful revolution. That's a lie. Revolutions, the motor force of history, are stronger than any state apparatus. Nowhere has the CIA crushed revolutions at will. Only when the leadership of the working class and its revolution have POLITICALLY disarmed the workers has their enemy, U.S. imperialism, taken advantage of the situation to deal a blow. But a revolution politically armed against them cannot be crushed. But the rearming of the CIA and others DOES deal a crushing blow to the idea of reforming American democracy. Congresses, Senates and presidents may come and go, but the CIA, FBI, courts, prisons and the army remain. From Truman through Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter they have shown what democracy and "human rights" mean.

The only way to finish with the CIA and the FBI is to dismantle the state apparatus. And only the working class politically armed to carry through a socialist revolution can do that. A ridiculous slogan has appeared among false-revolutionary organizations calling for "the abolition of the FBI and the CIA." That is the same thing as calling on the government to disband and go away! It is a reactionary fantasy nurturing the illusion that American democracy can "correct itself."

U.S. imperialism will be crushed by the working class and its allies, the workers and youth of the world. Not "abolish the CIA," but Down with U.S. imperialism! A workers government!  
March 17, 1980



# A WORKERS CANDIDATE IN 1980

Make Your Voice Heard!

The Trotskyist Organization/USA, U.S. Section (Sympathizing) of the Fourth International, calls on all American workers and youth to make your voice heard in the 1980 Presidential elections by taking up a fight for a WORKERS CANDIDATE for President of the United States. Your voice will be heard around the world.

U.S. imperialism, the policeman of the world, must police its own working class as the condition for being able to maintain its crumbling grip on the old world order, a world order being shaken every day by the revolutionary mobilization of workers and youth throughout the world. The 1980 Presidential elections are designed to serve this end. The bourgeois candidates, from Carter to Reagan, are using this campaign for President as a means to terrorize the American working class, as a means to demonstrate to the American bourgeoisie and the ruling classes throughout the world that the working class can be disciplined, can be made to accept imperialism's policy of unemployment, repression and war, can be made to accept the counterrevolution.

Thus, the candidates are falling all over each other to see who can yell the loudest for war, who can propose the most austere solutions to the economic crisis. Even the "liberals" like Kennedy and Anderson accept this framework for an electoral campaign where the only "rights" being contested are the rights to exploit the American working class and to maintain U.S. imperialism's domination of the world.

And the "right" to use these elections to make an example out of the American working class for the rest of the world.

This policy must and can be defeated. U.S. imperialism's attempt to use these elections to discipline the working class can be turned around and thrown in its face. In place of a defeat for the working class, the 1980 Presidential elections can be used to organize a resounding statement against U.S. imperialism that will be heard by workers and youth throughout the world. The 1980 Presidential elections can be used to organize a massive rejection of U.S. imperialism and its policies that can defeat its plans for the counterrevolution both here and abroad. The 1980 Presidential elections can be used to organize for the revolution.

It requires your participation. No one but the most blind can pretend that this government or any of the bourgeois candidates has any real following among the masses of American workers and youth. In the 1978 Congressional elections a bare 33% of all registered voters (itself only a fraction of all eligible voters) bothered to vote. The so-called "primary" process through which the bourgeois candidates are being "selected" (or bought) represents the votes of only a minuscule percentage of the population.

For all its wealth and power, for all its talk about the "democratic process," it is remarkable how isolated this government and these candidates are from the masses of workers and youth. Bourgeois "politics" has become the exclusive hobby of sections of the suburban middle classes, trade union bureaucrats, some retired workers and a handful of povertycrat careerists.

But the bourgeoisie counts on this: the massive political abstentionism on the part of the masses of workers and youth who will have nothing to do with "politics" of any kind. They count on this abstentionism to then peddle the lie that the collection of hangmen, liars and thieves that gets elected every few years represents the "democratic process" or the "will of the people." They count on this abstentionism to pacify and neutralize the masses of workers and youth.

This has to change. Any balance sheet of the last ten years or more particularly the last four years since Carter's election shows that the repeated mobilizations of the workers and youth against this government and its representatives -- the strikes, the demonstrations, the rebellions -- are not enough by themselves to achieve the kind of change that workers and youth are looking for.

Workers and youth have to take up politics. The politics of the revolution, the politics of the world-wide revolt of workers and youth against U.S. imperialism and its Stalinist servants. All other "politics" have failed. All other "politics" only lead to betrayal or to the abstentionism and disgust that allows the bourgeoisie to peddle its counterrevolutionary policies in the name of "democracy" and the "will of the people."

We don't think that fundamental change can take place in this country through the ballot box. As long as the working class is presented with no real choice in these elections, as long as it is limited to choosing between one capitalist hangman or another, these elections are a farce, a means to deceive masses of workers and youth. As long as the real power remains in the hands of the rich, with its armed state to back up their property, these so-called "elections" can decide nothing fundamental. But they can be a means for workers and youth to take up a political fight, to rally other workers in the fight for the revolution, to signal to workers and youth around the world our opposition to U.S. imperialism. To make your voice heard.



## What Is The Trotskyist Organization/USA?

There is a reason why only the Trotskyist Organization/USA is calling you to a revolutionary fight in the Presidential elections. Because the Trotskyist Organization/USA is part of the Fourth International, the world party of the socialist revolution which is fighting throughout the world to bring down the old order of imperialism and Stalinism. Against all attempts to isolate the working class into the narrow framework of nation states, the Fourth International fights for an international revolution and an international party to lead this revolution. Imperialism and Stalinism are organized on an international basis, only an international revolution and an international party can defeat them. This is the only possible perspective for the Presidential elections, this has been the only revolutionary perspective for the world working class since Lenin and his Bolshevik Party sounded the death knell for imperialism in 1917.

We are not as well known as the Democratic and Republican parties, or even as well known as some of the other organizations which claim to be "revolutionary." But the "bigness" of these parties is a fiction. We repeat, these "big" parties can no longer mobilize ANY significant section of the working class or youth to support their policies. The organizations who talk about revolution except when it comes time to prepare it, will collapse like a deck of cards in face of the first serious revolutionary mobilization of the working class. Or they will turn into open enemies of the working class; their brothers and sisters in other countries have already proven this.

The Trotskyist Organization/USA is small but it is the only organization in the U.S. that is fighting to prepare the American revolution today and because of this it is the only organization which stands a chance of success, because success will come to those who are prepared. This is why our election proposal for a WORKERS CANDIDATE can succeed as well. Not by the number of votes, but because this campaign is the only way to mobilize masses of workers and youth behind a revolutionary alternative in these elections and the only way to forge a vanguard of the working class which will begin the task of preparing the American revolution as part of the world revolution.



**A Nation Can't Be Free As Long As It Oppresses Others — American "Democracy" And The World Revolution**

U.S. imperialism is the policeman and oppressor of the world. In one way or another a vast majority of the world's population is enslaved by U.S. imperialism, or by its loyal servant, the Stalinist bureaucracy of the Kremlin.

The American working class cannot be free as long as U.S. imperialism continues to exist. The "democracy" that exists in the United States is a "democracy" based on the enslavement of others. Even in the United States, our "great" Constitution and Bill of Rights was founded on the basis of slavery and the denial of political rights to the working class. Every time that the American working class has sought to exercise what it has believed to be its "rights" under this "democracy" it has been brutally repressed. It is a "democracy" in name only, a "democracy" based on the enslavement of the rest of the world.

Because the U.S. working class cannot be free as long as U.S. imperialism oppresses others, the unconditional defense of the world revolution is the most important task presently in front of the American working class. Throughout the world workers and youth are in open revolt against U.S. imperialism. All the lies of the bourgeois media cannot hide the fact that the slogans of the workers and youth in Iran are: DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM! DEATH TO CARTER! and that these are the slogans of the masses of workers and youth in the colonial and semi-colonial nations today.

The defense of the world revolution by the American working class is key to the fate of the world revolution today. Our mobilization for a WORKERS CANDIDATE in these elections must be a fight to rally the workers and youth in the unconditional defense of these revolutions, in an uncompromising struggle against U.S. imperialism. In this context, the fight in the elections must be part of the world fight against the TERRORIST REARMAMENT OF THE HOLY ALLIANCE BETWEEN IMPERIALISM AND STALINISM, against the maneuvers of U.S. imperialism and its Stalinist servants to try to maintain their grip on the world through the organization and preparation of the counter-revolution.

The fate of the American working class rests with the success of the world revolution. Our allies are the millions of workers and youth around the world in revolt against U.S. imperialism. Our isolation from these struggles is what allows imperialism to continue to exist, is what the bourgeoisie is trying to reinforce with these elections.

**The American Working Class Must Insure the Victory of the Latin American Revolution**

This national isolation must be broken above all with respect to the struggles of the workers and oppressed masses in Latin America. Latin America has historically been the special fiefdom of U.S. imperialism; the isolation of the U.S. workers from the heroic struggles of the Latin American masses in the last decades has been a key reason for the continued ability of U.S. imperialism to maintain its grip in Latin America through the bloody dictatorships now in power.

This isolation must be broken. The American working class can and must insure the victory of the revolution in Latin America by breaking with U.S. imperialism and all of its policies. A break with any reliance on Carter's "human rights" policy which is nothing more than a

cover for the present dictatorships in power, a break with all ideas that there exists in Latin America a "progressive bourgeoisie" that can be an ally of the proletariat, when instead it is one more means for U.S. imperialism to gain time in preparing civil war against the workers and youth.

Finally, a break with U.S. imperialism and its policies in Latin America requires that the American working class take the lead in the struggle to expose and overthrow the shameful disgrace of the Castro bureaucracy in Cuba. We put it to you simply -- The Castro bureaucracy in Cuba is a Stalinist bureaucracy with nothing to do with the revolution. In fact, Castro is U.S. imperialism's most trusted servant in the Americas, he is the gravedigger of the revolution in Latin America.

We need only to know his vote in the 1980 Presidential elections -- for Jimmy Carter, who Castro has called a "moral man" -- to have a taste of this man's treachery.

While fighting for the unconditional defense of Cuba against U.S. imperialism, for lifting of the economic blockade, which is organized not against Castro and his bureaucracy who live like kings in Cuba, but against the Cuban workers and peasants, we fight for the political revolution in Cuba and to extend the Cuban revolution throughout Latin America.

**Stop War By Preparing The Revolution  
The Future of the Youth Is The Revolution  
And Its Army**

In face of a world-wide revolt against its rule, U.S. imperialism has begun to prepare war. This has become evident in the last months with the rapid increase in military spending, the attempts to whip up a national hysteria against the revolution in the Middle East, with threats to renew the



"cold war" with the USSR. It is also evident to anyone with any understanding of the nature of imperialism, the "highest stage of capitalism." As long as imperialism continues to survive, war is inevitable. That is why we say that the historic choice in front of the working class is socialism or barbarism.

But U.S. imperialism today is in no condition to wage war. The U.S. working class has seen to that. Despite a massive reactionary campaign against the Iranian revolution, against "Arab" oil, against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the U.S. bourgeoisie has not found one significant sector of the working class ready to support its reactionary policies and ready to fight a war. On the contrary, since the announcement of the new "tough" Carter doctrine and Carter's plans to reinstitute the draft, a massive opposition to imperialism's war plans has developed among the youth. An opposition which is a factor in the development of the world revolution. Already Carter has been forced to retreat.

But although U.S. imperialism cannot wage war today, it can prepare it. And it is preparing war by attempting to politically disarm the youth with notions of pacifism, of disarmament, of "peace" which is really only imperialist "peace" -- peace to continue doing what they are presently doing. It is attempting, with the aid of the Stalinists and the pseudo-Trotskyists, to convince the youth that their only choice lies in aligning themselves with one of the two "camps" in the world -- imperialist "democracy" or Stalinism. It is precisely this policy, of subordinating the workers mobilization to either imperialism or Stalinism that will lead the working class to another war and to the slaughterhouse.

The only way to stop war is by preparing the revolution. This is the only future for the youth, this is the only anti-war policy possible today. The youth must arm themselves politically and organizationally against those



who want to lead the youth to another war like lambs to a slaughter. Against the armies of imperialism and Stalinism the youth must build their own army, a world army of the revolution.

This army already exists. Its name is the Revolutionary Youth International. Founded in 1975 at the Berlin Wall, the symbol of the division of the workers in the countries dominated by imperialism from those in the countries dominated by the Stalinist bureaucracy, the Revolutionary Youth International fights to construct the Fourth International by building this world army of this youth, by training the youth in the school of communism, of Leninism. Its U.S. detachment already exists also. Called International Young Guard/USA, to symbolize the international and indivisible nature of the struggle of American youth, it fights to organize American youth to stop war by fighting all illusions in pacifism and all illusions that the youth have to choose between imperialism and Stalinism.

The Revolutionary Youth International chooses the world revolution which is on the march and the fight for the World Republic of Soviets. The construction of this army in the United States; among the masses of youth opposed to war and the draft, among the thousands of young workers in the factories who are betrayed every day by the "anti-war" trade union bureaucrats, among the masses of unemployed youth, by far the largest contingent of the youth today, who know that they will NEVER get a decent job under capitalism, is the key to developing a revolutionary mobilization in these elections.

The construction of the world army of the revolution, the Revolutionary Youth International, is the first task in confronting and defeating U.S. imperialism in these Presidential elections. Against their army we must build a workers army. A WORKERS CANDIDATE must be supported by the troops of the working class.

### The "Economic" Crisis Is Political For A Revolutionary Leadership In The Unions

The "economy" is on everyone's minds. Inflation, which is nothing more than a drastic cut in wages and living conditions for the working class, and unemployment dominate the social life in the U.S. today. The bourgeoisie tries to pretend that this "economic" crisis is something mystical, out of its control. Having to do with "cycles" or else the fault of the masses in the Middle East. In fact, it is a political crisis. The rule of the bourgeoisie, its capitalist state and capitalist methods of production, is incompatible with the expansion of society's resources, is incompatible with social progress. Capitalism means decay and there is only one social group in this society to blame for this decay -- the parasitical bourgeoisie which lives off the sweat of others. Once again, the revolution is the only solution to the "economic" crisis.

But the working class must prepare for this revolution and must learn how to run the economy in its own name. It doesn't have the luxury of waiting until after the revolution to learn how to run things, by then it will be too late. The working class must begin to master the "economic" crisis now. And the primary weapon in this fight has to be the trade unions, which are today the only mass organizations of the working class, mass organizations organized around the point of production, where the working class can exercise control over society.

Workers must organize their own solutions to the crisis of the capitalist economy, solutions that will pave the way to socialism. A SLIDING SCALE OF WAGES AND WORKING HOURS -- all work to be divided up among all those available to work with no loss of pay, wages to rise exactly according to the rise in prices. WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION. THE EXPROPRIATION OF THE OIL TRUSTS UNDER WORKERS CONTROL.

None of this can be accomplished under the present reactionary leadership of the trade unions. Today the unions are weapons in the hands of the capitalists, because they are controlled by a bureaucracy who are nothing more than the servants of the capitalists inside the working class. Agents of the Democratic Party, they transmit the policies of imperialism into the unions and turn the unions into weapons against the workers, especially against the most militant workers and youth.

Because of this the fight for a WORKERS CANDIDATE must be carried into the unions, as a fight to transform the unions into weapons of the entire working class and oppressed, employed and unemployed, as a means to prepare the socialist transformation of society. This can only be accomplished by throwing out the bureaucrats, the agents of the Democratic Party, and replacing the leadership of the unions with a REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP. The unions must have their candidate in the 1980 Presidential elections. It must be a WORKERS CANDIDATE and its program must be a WORKERS PROGRAM.

### Separate Workers From the Petty Bourgeoisie And Its Candidates

But aren't there already "workers" candidates running for President? What about Gus Hall of the American Communist Party and Andrew Pulley of the Socialist Workers Party? But they are "workers" candidates in name only; their programs reflect the program of the petty bourgeoisie, a social layer caught between the capitalists and the workers, with no independent policy of its own save an hysterical fear of the revolution. While often talking "radical" they can only eventually wind up accommodating themselves to U.S. imperialism and betraying the working class.

The American Communist Party led by Gus Hall and Angela Davis defends the interests of the Kremlin bureaucracy in the U.S. This in no way brings them into conflict with U.S. imperialism. On the contrary, the Stalinist bureaucracy of the Kremlin owes its very existence to U.S. imperialism. EVERYTHING it does, including actions such as the recent invasion of Afghanistan, is done in the service of U.S. imperialism.

The most important interest of the Kremlin bureaucracy in the U.S. is the continued existence of the Democratic Party. It is by keeping workers tied to the Democratic Party that the Kremlin and the American CP performs its greatest service to U.S. imperialism. Thus, the American CP openly supports liberal Democrats. It attempts to tie workers to a "liberal-labor-black alliance" with the trade union bureaucrats and the viciously repressive black mayors of the large industrial cities. To support the American CP in these elections would be to support the Kremlin, imperialism's most valuable servant.

The same with the Socialist Workers Party of Andrew Pulley (a "worker," by the way, who scabbed on a steel strike and supported a Democrat in a union election against an independent candidate). This party used to be the Trotskyist party in the U.S., used

to be the party of the Fourth International. Today it is the furthest thing from Trotskyism, is as far from having anything to do with the revolution as a party calling itself "Socialist" can be.

It is a pro-Stalinist party. It reprints the lies of the Kremlin regarding Afghanistan. It reprints the notorious anti-working class speeches of the Castro bureaucracy, speeches which denounce Cuban workers for "malingering." In Nicaragua it openly supports the FSLN's policy of repression against the revolutionaries, even against militants who were once its "comrades." It takes up the slanders of the KGB against the Fourth International and its militants.

In the United States it openly tries to tie the anti-war movement of the youth to the Democratic Party. In the unions it supports the liberal trade union bureaucrats and tries to tell workers that it is possible to build a "labor party" with these traitors. It has been an open supporter of "human rights" for the last four years, standing in Carter's shadow and limiting themselves to criticisms that Carter wasn't "serious" about "human rights."

It is a scab organization running a scab for President. It deserves nothing but the contempt of every American worker and youth. The fight for a WORKERS CANDIDATE in the election is a fight to separate the working class and youth from these candidates who are hostile to everything that the working class and youth really want and need.

### Build An Alliance For A Workers Party!

The fight for a WORKERS CANDIDATE is only a beginning. The working class and the youth need a weapon to organize and continue this fight against U.S. imperialism, a weapon more powerful than any one candidate or election. The American working class needs its own PARTY. A WORKERS PARTY that will organize the historic break of the American working class with the Democratic Party and all illusions in it, a party that will lead the fight for the class independence of the working class.

Such a party can only be based on the fight for the world revolution, its defense and preparation in the United States. The break with the Democratic Party can only be revolutionary, the break with U.S. imperialism can only be in the fight to prepare the world revolution. Thus, the fight for a WORKERS PARTY, which is at the same time the fight to rebuild the U.S. Section of the Fourth International, must be waged against all half-way measures which seek to confine the break of the working class with the Democratic Party and U.S. imperialism to a national and therefore reformist framework. Proposals like the above-mentioned "labor party" of the SWP, the "anti-monopoly people's party" of the American CP which will supposedly include "good" capitalists and the "Citizens Party" of Barry Commoner and Ed Sadlowski which wants workers to "forget" about the "chaos" around the world and instead concentrate on "American" problems. Like getting an "anti-big business" bill passed in Congress.

The fight to build a WORKERS PARTY must be a massive fight -- in every factory, school, community, in every organization that claims to represent the working class. The fight for a WORKERS CANDIDATE is a means to organize this fight, a fight which must broaden by organizing an ALLIANCE FOR A WORKERS PARTY, an alliance composed of all workers, youth and organizations who agree with this program and combat for the class independence of the American working class.





# A WORKERS PROGRAM!

**An Immediate Objective: A Workers Convention  
Labor Day, Detroit  
100 Delegates, 10,000 Signatures**

We propose an immediate objective for this fight. To prepare and organize a WORKERS CANDIDATE for the November election and adopt the program for the campaign. We set the goal of 100 delegates representing the support of 10,000 workers and youth for this CALL.

We would like to be able to organize enough signatures to get on the ballot in Michigan and in other states. But the key point is not the votes or to get on the ballot -- one need only look at the votes and the candidates who are already on the ballot to see that they represent ABSOLUTELY NOTHING in the American working class. Less than nothing.

The key objective in organizing this CONVENTION is to make the voice of the working class and youth heard. By bringing the only revolutionary, working class campaign into the factories, schools, neighborhoods and working class organizations. By bringing this campaign into the struggles that are presently taking place in the working class -- the strikes, demonstrations, the combat against repression and war -- and organizing a revolutionary mobilization and conclusion to all of these struggles. By making this CONVENTION the voice of the working class and the voice of the world revolution in the U.S.

It is a WORKERS CONVENTION that can be your convention, where your voice can be heard. Join the struggle to defeat U.S. imperialism's election campaign to discipline the working class. Join the struggle for the world revolution!

March 16, 1980

## JOIN US!

*I want to help build the fight for a  
Workers Candidate in 1980 . . .*

*Here's my signature.*

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*I am interested in attending  
the Convention*

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- Down with Carter's draft — military training for the youth under workers control!
- Boycott the November Madrid Conference on European Security and Cooperation — For the Socialist United States of Europe!

### 3. FOR THE UNITY OF THE WORKERS OF THE USA AND USSR!

- Down with Stalinism, down with the Berlin Wall!
- Free Klebanov, for independent trade unions in the USSR and Eastern Europe!

### 4. U.S. OUT OF LATIN AMERICA!

- Independence for Puerto Rico!
- For the Socialist United Republic of the Two Americas!

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- For a sliding scale of wages and working hours!
- Jobs and technical training for the youth!
- Workers control of industry — expropriate the oil trusts!
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- Down with the Voorhis Act which forbids workers belonging to international organizations!
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