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EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE UAW! A Movement That Can Win!

By FRED VITALE

A mobilization to organize an Emergency National Convention of the UAW has begun among Detroit autoworkers. Several from GM Fleetwood, Chevy Gear and Axle and Ford River Rouge supported the resolution printed below.

The main question these workers raised in organizing this battle is: "CAN WE WIN?"

Yes! We CAN win, but only with a BATTLE TO WIN -- an Emergency National Convention/UAW to REORGANIZE AND REVIVE THE POWER of the UAW. A Convention that is forged in an open mass movement of autoworkers in the locals, among the unemployed. A Convention to CONFRONT the liquidation of the auto factories. With such a movement an Emergency National Convention can take the UAW into the 1980 elections as the LEADING FORCE for the entire working class, supporting a Workers Candidate against the candidates of the capitalists. With a Battle to Win, we can forge a NEW LEADERSHIP in the UAW. A leadership capable and willing to organize the workers power.

When Ford threatened to pull work out of the Cleveland Stamping plant last month, workers demanded a Conference of all Stamping plants to stand together against Ford. The international refused. In California, local bureaucrats had, for their own reasons, opposed the Fraser machine candidate for regional director. The international leadership has summoned them to Detroit and has threatened action against the locals!

At Chrysler Assembly at Lynch Road in Detroit, workers filled a local union hall to hear the latest concessions package to "save Lynch Road." Many denounced the bureaucrats' deal and, in particular, that it was a "local problem." The workers declared that it was a problem of all autoworkers and demanded the UAW deal with it.

In these struggles as in many others, workers are drawing a balance sheet of the Chrysler "concessions" and the "Save Dodge Main" campaign. The workers more and more are searching for a solution on the level of the WHOLE UAW. But they are not prepared, not politically ARMED, to organize their power against the bureaucracy -- a movement for the Emergency National Convention is the means to arm the workers.

The UAW bureaucracy lives in CONSTANT FEAR of such an organized movement, such a "uniform force," as one Lynch Road worker put it. At the bureaucrats' Convention in Los Angeles in June this year, Fraser pooh-poohed the idea of a mass march on Washington: "Hell, if I thought that we could solve this problem by having a massive march on Washington we'll do it every week." Who does he think he is kidding? Who would follow Fraser anywhere? Who would march in Washington behind capitalists' slogans of "stop imports" and "re-elect Carter"? That's the reason for his "opposition" to a march in Washington. It would expose him for what he is -- one of the most hated and scoffed at union "leaders" in the history of the US workers movement.

In total fear of the organized POWER of autoworkers, the bureaucracy is organizing a "poll" of their Convention delegates to see who, if anyone, to endorse in the 1980 elections. They didn't even parade Kennedy and Carter at the Convention as they did in 1977. Instead, they had a "socialist," Michael Harrington, to praise Fraser's seat on the Chrysler Board of Directors and urge support for Kennedy. But no matter how hard he tries, there is no one Fraser can hide behind. The UAW bureaucracy is POWERLESS to stop a mobilization for an Emergency National Convention.

The Trotskyist Organization calls on all autoworkers to take up the combat in their locals for an Emergency National Convention /UAW (resolution printed below) as the MOST IMMEDIATE AND URGENT DEMAND, to direct all our efforts towards the same goal.

We are targeting the Ford Rouge (Local 600) and Chevy Gear and Axle (Local 235) (Lynch Road is shutdown for 8 weeks), to win endorsement for the resolution. As a stage to the Convention, Detroit area autoworkers must organize a City-Wide Emergency Conference of the UAW this summer.

This resolution and TRUTH are the autoworkers' weapons in this battle. TRUTH is your forum, open to you to raise your questions, problems and confront the difficulties in the course of the struggle.

With these weapons, militants can bring together those workers in their locals that support the resolution. This is the FIRST step to winning the whole local.

To bring this movement to more autoworkers through confronting their enemies, the Trotskyist Organization is organizing a Autoworkers Demonstration AGAINST the Republican Invasion of Detroit FOR a WORKERS CANDIDATE -- July 14th, 5:30 -- Kennedy Square.

BUILD THE MOVEMENT FOR AN
EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE UAW NOW!
July 7, 1980

Resolution

RESOLVED: We, members of the UAW, employed and unemployed find the present situation intolerable. While over 220,000 autoworkers are laid off, more plants are being closed every day. Doug Fraser sits on the board of directors of Chrysler, joins U.S. capitalists in their "competition" with the Japanese and tries to rally the UAW around yet another bourgeois politician, Kennedy. The UAW bureaucrats have helped to organize this attack just like they did in 1974. Now they have the nerve to say that "things will get better in 1980" and that there is nothing to do now but picket foreign dealerships. "Nothing to be done" while they paint the slogans of U.S. imperialism on our local halls. There is something to be done. This leadership must be thrown out. The UAW must be reorganized before it is destroyed.

This is why we therefore resolve to immediately fight to organize an EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE UAW:
-based on locals, delegations of unemployed workers, youth and workers from related industries;
-to confront the world situation facing autoworkers and to organize around an international working class program that can meet this crisis;
-to renew the leadership of the UAW by electing a new leadership capable of leading this fight;
-to embark the UAW on the road of POLITICAL ACTION on behalf of the entire working class, to break completely with the Democratic Party and all of its servants and fight for a WORKERS CANDIDATE to lead the fight for a WORKERS PARTY, the only party capable of defeating imperialism's attack.

THE MOVEMENT FOR A WORKERS PARTY IS GROWING!

It is no accident that at the moment a Workers Party has been forged by metalworkers in Brazil, that in the USA the Democratic Party is in a shambles. The moment for the construction of the WORKERS PARTY is now. Now when the entire fabric of US imperialism is being torn to shreds by the explosion of the class struggle.

In Miami, the president of the United States is pelted by bottles and bricks as he "tours" the riot area. Voter turnouts in the primary elections are the lowest in recent history. The Kennedy campaign, the "man on the white horse," has fallen flat on its face.

It is no accident either, that the idea of a workers party has suddenly become very popular with trade union bureaucrats and opportunists. Bureaucrats like John Henning, secretary treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, who has called for a movement to "investigate" the idea of a labor party.

These two-faced traitors are up to their necks in the crimes they have committed against the workers movement. Their maneuvers are aimed at breaking up any INDEPENDENT political movement of the working class in the same way they have tried to stop the workers mobilization in the unions -- through chaining the unions to this rotten system.

But the pressure the bureaucrats feel IS an expression of the complete crisis of the traditional "two-party" system. The crisis of the Democratic Party, the party of empty promises and populist lies. Several electoral coalitions of unions, Steelworkers in Ohio and Pennsylvania, teachers and miners in West Virginia, have met with success because the American working class IS searching for an alternative.

Like the vaguely worded resolution of United Steelworkers of America, District 38, which called for a "labor party or its like," (like what?) the timidity with which these "ideas" and "proposals" are being paraded about express the real FEAR of the bureaucrats of a party of the workers and oppressed, and the total MISTRUST of the American working class for anything that comes out of the mouths of these traitors.

Fear, because the movement for a WORKERS PARTY is growing and is directed against the union machines and the parasites of the poor and oppressed. In Miami, the pious representatives of the black "community," as they call themselves, were shouted down and had to run for their lives. Here is a movement of blacks, Latinos, and oppressed which has no respect for anybody!

In Detroit, weeks before the Republican Convention, city workers threw all the crap about Detroit's "renaissance" back in the face of Coleman Young, Carter's faithful supporter, with a massive strike. "We won't be sold out again," is what they are saying.

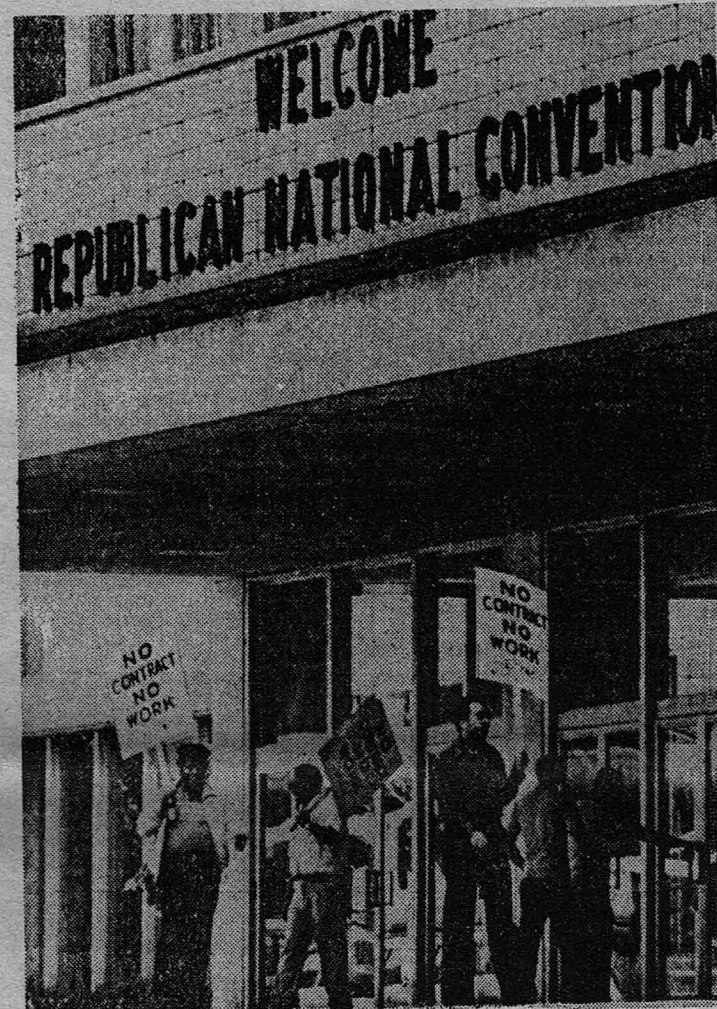
These confrontations expose the lie that the abstention of the youth and workers in the 1980 elections is an expression of apathy. That was the explanation before Miami, it won't hold water now.

No, this abstention shows the growing stench of a "Democratic" party that serves as a podium for racists and fascists like Tom Metzger, a Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Southern California, who is running as a Democrat in the 43rd Congressional District. Not so outrageous when you consider who the president of the United States is. Remember the famous "ethnic purity" scandal?

Yes, there is a movement for a WORKERS PARTY and it is growing. Taking place in a confrontation of the most oppressed with the parasites and bureaucrats who have betrayed them. This is the party that workers and youth are searching for. A party of NO COMPROMISE and CLASS INDEPENDENCE.

WORKERS CANDIDATE

But 9/10ths of the workers leadership is trying to hide the tremendous opportunities for the fight for a WORKERS PARTY in the 1980 elections. Trying to hide the fact that the TIME IS NOW to fight for a WORKERS PARTY in the elections. In the face of the struggle for power that is taking place around the elections, in face of the strength of the struggle of workers and youth and their complete HATRED for the candidates of the ruling class, so-called "communists"



DETROIT CITY WORKERS ON STRIKE

and "socialists" are completely paralyzed.

They are incapable of developing a mobilization in the elections based on the workers confrontation with the apparatuses.

Gus Hall, candidate of the Communist Party USA and official stooge of the Kremlin, has joined the pack for a Labor Party. At the same time he explains, "... We do not think such party can or should take a stand for socialism."

What a lowly scoundrel. A "communist" party that does not think a workers party "should take a stand for socialism."

This is the policy of all the hordes of opportunists who are "running for office" in the 1980 elections -- from the Pseudo-Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party to the Citizens Party of Barry Commoner. "We want your votes," they say, "but we don't think worker workers and youth 'can or should' really fight for all the crap we talk about."

This is their impotent message.

Every worker and youth must

take a stand against this bankrupt policy.

The fight for a WORKERS CANDIDATE expresses the revolutionary alternative that the youth and the most oppressed sectors of American workers are looking for. It is a fight to construct the WORKERS PARTY by presenting a revolutionary alternative in the 1980 elections.

The revolution has nothing to fear from the mobilization of the workers today.

The Trotskyist Organization calls on every worker and youth who is searching for an alternative to the farce of "independent" and pseudo-revolutionary candidates in the 1980 elections to make your voice and fight heard in the campaign for a WORKERS CANDIDATE.

It is a movement which is growing with every new turn of the struggles of workers and youth. It is a movement to construct the WORKERS PARTY in a mobilization of NO COMPROMISE with the capitalists, their parties or their lackeys in the workers movement.

7-9-80

TRUTH

From the USA to the USSR: THE UNIONS FOR THE WORKERS!

By KEVIN FITZPATRICK

There is great news from the Soviet Union!

From May 6 to May 8, autoworkers went on strike at two key plants. At Togliattigrad as many as 70,000 workers were involved and at Gorky as many as 200,000. According to reports, the strikes were over food shortages and in support of striking bus drivers.

The tremendous importance of this outbreak is reinforced by the fact that workers in Poland just a few days ago struck against food price increases. Similar increases inspired the revolts of 1970 and 1976 in that country.

What is really important about the strikes in the USSR is not the particular "economic" issues involved.

The key question is that these strikes were organized by "an unofficial workers leadership...that had become more influential than the official labor federation."

(NEW YORK TIMES, June 14, 1980)

For the "official" unions are really nothing but machines to discipline the workers, to subordinate their struggle to the Kremlin bureaucracy.

The struggle for unions that really represent the workers is a direct struggle against the bureaucratic apparatus. And it directly raises not only the question of workers control over their organizations but also of the workers' regaining political power in the state, power that was torn away from them by the counterrevolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy.

Naturally then, the Stalinists are loudly denying that any strikes took place at all. And their pseudo-Trotskyist centrist attorneys, like the U.S. Socialist Workers Party, are presenting the strikes merely as "unconfirmed reports."

The answer to these lies is not even that the Kremlin "doth protest too much." It is not even that, judging from internal evidence, the reports originated from within the bureaucracy. No, the proof lies in the development of the class struggle itself.

On June 3, Vladimir Borisov, head of the free trade union movement known as SMOT, was snatched off a Moscow street by the KGB secret police. On June 22, he was forcibly expelled from the Soviet Union.

There is no reason for this frenzied reaction to come out of the blue. UNLESS, there were in fact major strikes and the Kremlin is trying to politically behead the movement by literally removing those who can give it leadership.

This is reinforced by Bor-

sov's announcement of a strike in Minsk, also in early May.

These strikes are a major threat to the Kremlin because they pose the determination of the Soviet working class to preserve and extend the socialist conquests of the Russian Revolution.

Thus, one of the handwritten leaflets that appeared in Gorky said: "We should show who is boss of this factory." And the bureaucracy fears that the next question is: who will be boss of the country?

The POLITICAL REVOLUTION, the reconquest of power by the workers through overthrowing the bureaucracy, is posed from now on. The bureaucracy and the imperialists in whose interests it rules see this all too well.

That is why, beyond the Stalinists and centrists, imperialism has tried to deal a blow against this mobilization on a critical political level.

The Fourth International has always said that the Kremlin bureaucracy is the chief agent of imperialism in the workers movement, not only in the USSR but throughout the world.

That is why the struggle to overthrow the bureaucracy is not something for the Russian workers, or even the workers of the East, alone.

It requires the unity of all the workers, East and West. In particular, it requires the unity of the two strongest proletariats, those of the USA and the USSR.

So it is not enough to confine the attacks on the Soviet workers to the USSR. This attack has to be carried directly into the USA, too.

The Stalinists are imperialism's CHIEF agents. But second only to them is the pro-imperialist trade union bureaucracy, especially in the U.S.

And that is why one of the vilest of these labor bureaucrats -- it's no accident we use the same word for both the Stalinist and trade union traitors -- UAW President Douglas Fraser, was forced to come out and attack the real meaning of these strikes.

The Soviet workers want unions that are free from domination by the agents of imperialism. They want UNIONS OF CLASS INDEPENDENCE!

The UAW, under the leadership of the Fraser gang, is just as much dominated by imperialist agents as are the Soviet "unions!" The American workers, too, need UNIONS OF CLASS INDEPENDENCE!

Fraser, in the guise of "supporting" the Soviet workers -- of course, he offers NO practical aid in his article



BORISOV

in the June 18 NEW YORK TIMES -- has two real goals.

The first is to slander the struggle for the revolution, for socialism. So he sneeringly repeats all the phrases created BY STALINISM about the "workers' paradise" and the "classless society" supposedly existing in the USSR.

In this way, he tries to hide that the greatest conquest of the revolution remains alive in the consciousness of the Soviet workers -- that they have thrown out the capitalist class. Remember the Gorky workers' "who is the boss of this factory!"

Second, and even more importantly, Fraser tries to hide the fact that these strikes represent a movement for class independence. He tries to divide the American workers from their Soviet comrades by presenting the struggle in the USSR as one to get to what the UAW already offers.

What a dispiriting perspective that would be for American workers!

The title of Fraser's article says it all: "At Togliatti, Gorky, There is no UAW." And a damned good thing, too; or there never would have been any strikes!

Just what is Fraser's perspective? If it weren't so reactionary, it would be comical. "...Send people around to talk with the Central Committee, to lobby the Supreme Soviet," etc. And, of course, the Helsinki Accords.

That is how what Fraser presents as the "democratic" way would work.

And this is precisely the policy that has resulted in what even he admits are "more than

300,000 of our members laid off."

The Soviet workers really don't need that.

But these massive layoffs are the reason for Fraser's extremely sudden concern with the struggles of the Soviet workers.

When autoworker members of the Revolutionary Youth International tried to get the UAW to support the fight to free Vladimir Klebanov, who began the fight for free trade unions in the USSR and who remains imprisoned in a "special" psychiatric hospital, the response was: "It has low priority right now -- since we're involved in negotiations," (TRUTH #97).

Similarly, an article in the UAW's SOLIDARITY about imprisoned unionists around the world studiously ignored the situation in the USSR (TRUTH #102).

But now, these 300,000 and more autoworkers are breathing down Fraser's neck. In his own words: "Their anger is very, very deep." And so is his fear.

That is what motivates his attempts to attack the consciousness of the American working class, to hide from it that its struggle must be an international struggle for class independence, a struggle in which the fight for the unions is key.

In the Polish workers revolts that we mentioned before, the workers burned down Stalinist headquarters and hanged a few bureaucrats for good measure. As he sits in his suite in Solidarity House, Douglas Fraser "should profit from their example."

July 6, 1980

Conference of Two Americas Sets Task

Rebuild the Fourth International on Both Continents

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

The Conference of the Two Americas, rebuilding the sections of the Fourth International in the Americas, was convoked June 20-21 in Madrid, Spain. Present at the Conference were delegates from the sections of the Fourth International in the United States, Sweden, France, and Spain, and Latin American militants representing Columbia, Chile, and Brazil.

The Conference was prepared in Spain with debates organized by the International Young Guard of Spain, and in the United States with the fight for a WORKERS CANDIDATE and the fight in auto for an Emergency National Convention of the UAW. As well, the Conference's preparation was marked by a regroupment of Iranian militants who have fought together with the Trotskyist Organization to defend and advance the Iranian revolution.

In taking up the central question facing the mobilization of the working class and oppressed people all over the world -- the question of the need for a revolutionary leadership -- the Conference fought to lay the basis for the rebuilding of the sections of the Fourth International in the Americas. The Conference affirmed that the present moment of an unprecedented crisis of "peaceful coexistence" and "human rights," based on the upsurge of the class struggle, opens up great possibilities for the construction of the revolutionary leadership in the Americas. The condition for this advance is a clear banner in front of all the leaderships -- from Castro to Fraser -- who have betrayed the workers struggles.

This is the meaning of REBUILDING the American sections of the Fourth International. The FI as a world center was rebuilt in 1976 on the basis of the fight for an international leadership and the Revolutionary Youth International. But the Fourth International in the Americas must still be rebuilt.

This task expresses the necessity of regaining and surpassing the place which the Fourth International once had in the Americas -- gains which were liquidated by the United Secretariat of pseudo-Trotskyists and the Organizing Committee for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International (OCRFI) of the slanderer Lambert.

DRIVE THE SLANDERERS OUT OF THE WORKERS MOVEMENT

In this sense a fundamental discussion at the Conference was the combat against the Stalinist campaign of slander launched by the leaders of the OCI, Lambert-Just, against our comrade Michel Varga. What does the fight against these slanders have to do with the rebuilding of the American sections of the Fourth International?

Everything. For the fight to rebuild the sections of the FI in the Americas is above all a fight to build a world center of the revolution. This task is complicated by the fact that more than one current claims to represent the Fourth International, the world center constructed against the Stalinist degeneration of the Third International. But in fact the world class struggle itself has tested openly the leaderships which falsely claim our banner -- the United Secretariat of Barnes and Mandel, the Organizing Committee for the Reconstruction of the FI of Lambert-Just. In front of the tremendous possibilities opened up by the explosion of the class struggle the "reunification" of the U-Sec and the OCRFI fell apart. This split resulted in the expulsion of a faction of the U-Sec, that of Moreno, which represented practically all of the sections of the U-Sec in Latin America.

The Conference of the Two Americas therefore addressed the Parity Committee formed by Moreno and Lambert-Just, demanding the condemnation and repudiation of the slanders. In this sense the Conference adopted the proposal of the Fourth International for an intervention in the World Conference being prepared by the Parity Committee, supposedly "open and democratic." Specifically, an intervention to condemn the campaign of slanders launched by Lambert-Just of the OCRFI. ALL MILITANTS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS COMPRISING THE PARITY COMMITTEE MUST CONDEMN THESE SLANDERS WHICH HAVE THEIR ROOTS IN THE ATTEMPT TO STRANGLE THE FIGHT TO CONTINUE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

In 1972 when the forces in the International Committee who eventually rebuilt the FI as a world center, broke with the attempts of Lambert-Just to maintain the federative character of the FI, the slander campaign against Michel Varga was launched. First that he was an agent of the KGB, and later extended to include the CIA. Varga, a leader in the Workers Councils during the Hungarian revolution and a leader in the International Committee, was singled out because the slanderers Lambert-Just were determined to destroy all the gains of the IC in Eastern Europe, every advance of the IC in constructing an international center against Stalinism. These slanders had their political roots in the attempt to destroy the Fourth International.

For the militants in the organizations of the Parity Committee, as for all advanced workers and youth, these methods must be condemned if any true balance sheet of the Fourth International is to be drawn. It is the same Stalinist method which is behind the denunciation of the members of the Simon-Bolivar brigade to the petty bourgeois FSLN by the American SWP of Barnes. But the condemnation of the campaign of slander and physical attacks launched by Lambert-Just is basis for every Stalinist attack on the Fourth International in the sense that it attempts to eradicate the most important gains of the FI against the international apparatus of the Kremlin.

DOWN WITH THE CARTER-CASTRO RECONCILIATION!

The Fourth International was founded against Stalinism. And the American sections of the Fourth International will be rebuilt against the Kremlin's spokesman in the Americas, Fidel Castro, and against all those who apologize for him.

The Conference of the Two Americas emphatically rejected all positions which identify the socialist revolution in the Americas with the defense of Castroism. The task of revolutionaries and advanced workers today is not the defense of Castro against US imperialism, but rather the defense of the proletariat from the new agreement being prepared by Carter and Castro in the Americas.

The Socialist Workers Party of Barnes has hitched its wagon to the defense, and even the glorification, of Castro and Stalinism in the Americas. But the dramatic events surrounding the emigration of more than 100,000 Cubans has shattered their campaign of cover-ups and lies. The SWP labeled the emigres as "counter-revolutionaries" and "scum" as Castro did, attempting to hide the fact that Castro, the servant of "human rights," prepared the exodus by twenty years of service to US imperialism. But this "explanation" has only produced a greater crisis in the ranks of the SWP.

The Parity Committee, trying to appear as a "left" alternative to the extreme crisis of



the United Secretariat, nevertheless maintains the basic line of support for Castroism, and the guerillaist and nationalist movements, which have isolated the struggle of the two proletariats of North and South America. In their journal, INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, they speak of the errors of "Cuban leadership between 1967 and today" as if the whole policy of Castroism from the beginning has not been the policy of Stalinism, the policy of "peaceful coexistence."

But the Conference of the Two Americas affirmed in its central resolution that what characterizes the relations between Castro and imperialism is not this or that error but rather the RECONCILIATION OF CARTER AND CASTRO. That is, the rise of the class struggle demands of Stalinism new and deeper capitulations in order to maintain the world status quo. For Castro, this must take the form of a RECONCILIATION with Carter and US imperialism, even in the face of Carter's provocations against the Cuban revolution. This is what is behind Castro's support to Carter against Reagan as the lesser of two evils.

This statement which appeared in GRANMA (press of the Cuban Communist Party), expresses clearly both the true meaning of Carter's "human rights" policy, and Castro's role as the pillar of "human rights" in Latin America.

Many other important questions of the class struggle were clarified in the Conference of the Two Americas. These questions will be developed further in the pages of TRUTH. But the central questions which were developed were those which clarified the lessons of workers throughout the Americas in confronting Stalinism, and the fight against the pseudo-Trotskyist centers who take the name of the Fourth International.

In fact all the questions of the American revolution -- the party, the revolutionary unity of the two proletariats, nationalism, and guerillaism -- can only be clarified and understood as a combat against Stalinism and centrism. For the victory of the revolution North and South, passes through the arming of a vanguard, the construction of a new leadership! This is the task of REBUILDING THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL IN THE AMERICAS!

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El Salvador: A Massive Boycott of the Bloody Junta!

Workers, students, poor peasants and shopkeepers of El Salvador shut down the capital city with a general strike June 24 and 25.

Whatever the demands of their leadership may be, the masses won't be satisfied with anything but wiping out this bloody, puppet junta. A junta which has murdered more than 1,468 people since January. A junta trained, installed and maintained by the U.S. (Congress just voted it another \$5.6 million).

This struggle is very important for U.S. youth, workers and other oppressed people. The victory of the impoverished masses of El Salvador over this bloody junta and its master will be a terrible blow to the corporations, politicians, and all the rich and powerful in the U.S. and their parties, Democrats and Republicans.

Victory in El Salvador will mean the CONTINUATION of the revolution begun in Nicaragua last summer, the revolution threatening the power of this rich class.

It will open the road to the revolutionary unification of El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras, a whole region, against U.S. imperialism and its puppets.

Workers and Peasants Central America will be a powerful partner in the struggle to put an end to the system in the U.S. and the parasitical class that profits from it.

But El Salvadorean workers can't achieve victory alone. U.S. imperialism is too powerful.

The day after the strike the U.S. puppets organized vicious reprisals -- occupied the university and working class districts, used helicopters to machine gun them.

Revolutionary unity of U.S. and El Salvadorean workers is necessary. A MASSIVE, ACTIVE AND TOTAL BOYCOTT of all shipments to the junta, especially money, guns, ammunition and other military equipment is necessary. It must begin in the U.S. and involve the masses of oppressed throughout the hemisphere.

Against such a boycott of the workers and their most powerful unions, U.S. imperialism and its puppets won't have a chance!

It's time to STOP ASKING U.S. imperialism not to maintain these murderous puppets. It's time to take INDEPENDENT ACTION to prevent them from doing so. Saying "Hands Off El Salvador" to the U.S. is like saying "Hands Off the Jews" to Hitler.

This boycott needs:

ORGANIZATION -- A committee of youth, workers, militants and organizations to initiate the fight in the U.S.

INFORMATION -- Where is the money coming from? Where are the guns and ammunition coming from? All public and private sources must be exposed. Anybody with such information must come forward.

ACTION -- Delegations to workers and unions that handle materials destined for the junta (Teamsters, Longshoremen, Airline Workers), to involve them in the struggle, to develop a fight within the union to put the union on the workers side; demonstrations and confrontations to block specific shipments.

Join the struggle now! Victory to the workers and peasants of El Salvador!

M.G.

July 7, 1980

Bolivia: THE LAST LINK

Juan Lechin, General Secretary of the Bolivian Workers Federation (COB) withdrew from the presidential elections at the last moment.

This isn't the first time Lechin has betrayed the COB. Last fall he tried to stop the COB strike against the Natusch coup and put Lidia Gueiler in power to protect the dictatorship.

An Extraordinary Congress of the COB is necessary to lead the movement for class independence, for a workers party, and to replace Lechin. This betrayal must be his last.

Lechin's supporters in the U.S. Socialist Workers Party say this withdrawal is a setback, the elections are a rerun of 1977, and another coup is inevitable. At the same time they glibly promise Lechin will call a general strike which, presumably with the support of the "Committees to Defend Democracy," being organized by the Socialist Workers Party's group in Bolivia, and the rest of the "democratic" bourgeoisie, will defeat the coup.

These are lies.

There is no "democratic" bourgeoisie. Lidia Gueiler herself, bourgeois democrat par excellence, tells how she distracted the workers outside the palace while the military dictators slipped out the back door. These "Committees to Defend Democracy" are organs of her government designed to do exactly the same. And there is no reason to think that Lechin won't do in front of a coup, exactly what he did in the elections -- withdraw.

Lechin is the last link in a chain going from the trade union officials, to the "democratic" bourgeoisie, to Banzer and the fascist gorillas themselves. It's time to break with it.

M.G.

Greetings to the Conference of the Two Americas ...

All workers in the US and around the world must be brought together because they have the same interests...

We need a candidate in the 1980 elections that represents the workers, not the candidates of US imperialism, which is the policeman of the world, keeping down workers around the world. The Conference of the Two Americas rebuilding the sections of the Fourth International in the Americas establishes the foundation of the workers rule by building the workers party. Parties to represent the workers interests to win their goals -- control over their wealth and to distribute it equally.

All around the world, among workers in North and South America, the workers have the same interests, the same system dominates them and they are going strong -- the people want to see a change, a revolution.

Castro is a phony. He says he stands for revolution but he is with Carter. He doesn't want a complete revolution. Why are all these people coming to the US? They fought against Castro, saw they couldn't change it, and came here. Both US workers and Cuban workers should get rid of Carter and Castro. The Castro government just wants it like it is in the US in Cuba. They are both against the complete revolution of workers control...

I hope very much that the Conference is a success. Because the workers in North and South America have the same problems, we must make a joint fight for our victory.

Mike Appling, student WSU

Greetings to the Conference of the Two Americas from an Iranian student in the US

As a friend and Iranian student who believes in the international revolution, and that workers have to have a leadership, I have some words for you. I want you to know that wherever in the whole world there is a sound from revolution and freedom, the Iranian student would be in the front ranks. I have been working with the Trotskyist Organization/USA for five months, and in my belief, this group is the only one which is going the way of revolution. All other organizations are only talking and far away from revolution...

I reached some basic agreement with the Fourth International...that there should be a world international revolution and that the Trotskyist Organization/USA showed that the revolution in Iran is their revolution by their paper and their actions. When one of our friends was arrested and had difficulty with immigration, they tried to help him as best as they could. They put out a petition about him, talked to his lawyer, and tried to engage other organizations and high school students in this but as you know, in this case we didn't hear or see any kind of action from the other organizations...

Some of the American people, especially the blacks, have shown their readiness, especially in Miami. But the masses in Miami have to stand up on their demands and make it a big political struggle. Iranians in Iran had big demonstrations and showed they

are with the American masses. This is very important, the cooperation between the Iranian people and the American oppressed. It shows they both know who their enemy is and that they have the same enemy and that they have to work with each other to destroy this enemy. Imperialism has to be destroyed.

The important thing the government here does is to push the American workers away from politics and offer them the Democratic Party, which can do nothing for workers. And they teach that the revolution is impossible here because they can give the workers the Democratic Party. The time for revolution is now and it is impossible without having a clear policy. This is what the Fourth International has to offer.

I think the government here in America knows who its enemy is and what they must do to stop it. They are afraid of revolution. They know if Stalinism happened here it wouldn't bother them. As we know, Stalinism is an empty drum and it is not for Stalinism that all the people all over the world are struggling. This is why the bourgeoisie doesn't do anything against Stalinism. Because Stalinism will revert things back to imperialism.

I hope we will all be successful in our demands which is a struggle for the workers to replace the imperialist government with their own government.

Mohammed Ali

AN OPEN WORKERS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE CUBAN EMIGRATION!

Comrades:

The Trotskyist Organization/USA calls on you to join us in forming an Open Workers Commission of Inquiry into the Cuban Emigration to determine the TRUE nature of this emigration. A large, open Commission to take a position, on the basis of a full, free and thorough investigation, on the charge that these emigres are "counterrevolutionaries," "scum."

More than 100,000 have now left Cuba and entered the United States, where they are being confined in virtual concentration camps or worse. This is one of the largest and most rapid emigrations in history, certainly the largest and most rapid from a country where the imperialists have been expropriated.

Youth, workers and militants, not only in the U.S., but also in Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia are asking -- "WHO ARE THEY? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?"

Could the most significant aspect of this emigration be the youth, workers, unemployed and downtrodden people looking for a future they couldn't find under Castro? Certain reports in your paper even suggest this -- the interview with the

young auto mechanic, the young woman looking for a job whose sponsor tried to force her into prostitution.

Could this emigration be proof of the anti-working class, Stalinist nature of the Castro regime, of its total bankruptcy?

Could Castro and his policy of "human rights" and "peaceful coexistence with imperialism" -- letting gusanos out of prison, increasing work discipline to "solve" economic problems -- have created an openly counter-revolutionary layer of Stalinist bureaucrats and factory managers who have made the island uninhabitable for thousands of sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters of the very workers who made the revolution? Is this what drove them away?

If so, then the charge "counterrevolutionaries," "scum," is slander -- designed to hide this balance sheet of Castroism, of Stalinism, from the eyes of the working class, designed to deepen the collaboration of Castro and Carter against the oppressed masses in the North and South. How else to interpret GRANMA's support to the persecution of Cuban emigres ("Antisocial elements cause disturbances in Yankee paradise") and Castro's pledge to

support Carter in the 1980 elections?

This emigration proves the necessity of determining the truth in an open mobilization. This question must be thoroughly investigated. We are absolutely confident that an Open Workers Commission will be able to do this and draw the proper conclusions.

From the beginning you have taken the side of the Castro regime. Harry Ring quoted extensively from Castro's denunciation of the emigres. You reprinted his speeches in full in THE MILITANT and in INTER-CONTINENTAL PRESS/INPRECOR. In the most recent issue (July 4), you refer to the emigres as "Cubans who left their homeland because they opposed the course of the revolution" and suggested that their persecution is a much-needed "lesson."

We propose to you to join us in a full investigation of this question, to subject your assessment to an Open Workers Commission of Inquiry composed of representatives of the workers, militants and the unions, who wish to participate, working in a free and public fashion.

The Commission must seek out

and hear testimony from emigres, from youth jailed in Cuba for spreading "counterrevolutionary propaganda," from members of the old Cuban section of the Pabloite International which published VOZ PROLETARIA and whose members were arrested and imprisoned by Castro when they fought for free trade union elections, from the Parity Committee, formed from the Organizing Committee for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International (OCRFI) and the expelled "Bolshevik Faction" of the United Secretariat.

The commission must be willing to hear testimony from anyone willing to participate in such a free and open investigation.

On this basis it will be possible to determine the truth, the irrefutable truth, and draw the proper conclusions from it.

Remember, the truth is always revolutionary. "He who takes somebody's word for it is a hopeless idiot, who can be dispensed of with a simple gesture of the hand." (Lenin)

We look forward to your reply.

Fraternally,
Secretariat of the Trotskyist Organization/USA

City Workers Strike:

What is Coleman Young Afraid Of?

By ANN NELSON

What is Coleman Young afraid of? 9,000 Detroit city workers, certainly not a large number, have been on strike for six days. They are asking for only a 7% wage increase and cost-of-living.

Since the strike began, Young has: (1) threatened workers they "will live to regret" the strike; (2) said he will fire the strikers and hire new workers; (3) called in U.S. Marshals to restrain workers while scabs are led into the sewage treatment plant; (4) threatened to get a court injunction to force workers back on the job, and used the newspapers to wage a propaganda war against the strikers.

Of course, Young is afraid of having the Republican Party Convention ruined. A convention which he views as his personal gift to the people of Detroit.

But he is more afraid that

workers will see the real gift he has bestowed upon Detroit: over 20% unemployment, dismantling of the auto factories and inflation. It is racism, unemployment and inflation that the city workers strike exposes. Young has asked Detroit city workers, bus mechanics, drivers and garbage collectors to accept NO WAGE INCREASE AT ALL. Why should Detroit city workers respect the Republican Convention? They shouldn't. Why should Detroit City workers believe or trust anything Coleman Young says? They shouldn't.

Young also made a deal with the union that if it would limit picketing, he wouldn't go to court to get an injunction. Of course AFSCME agreed to limit picketing, and of course Young decided he would go to court and hire scabs to top it off!

What is Young afraid of? What is the leadership of AFSCME afraid of? They are most afraid that workers will realize that Young's Democratic Party AND the Republican Party, whose hat he has donned for the next few days, are bankrupt.

They are afraid that the struggles of the city workers will reveal that no one has the answers to the problems of Detroit or any other city but the WORKERS THEMSELVES.

At just one picket line, thirteen of the striking city workers signed petitions for a WORKERS PARTY and a WORKERS CANDIDATE circulated by the TO/USA. They did this in the middle of their strike because they have drawn correct conclusions about the Democratic and Republican parties. And we call on these workers to join our fight for

the WORKERS PARTY as the independent expression of the political struggles of the workers.

We support the city workers strike 100%. Sellers of TRUTH have already been out on the picket lines, and the pages of TRUTH are open to city workers to write.

The consciousness of workers in the United States is changing. City workers in New York also threatened to strike during the Democratic Party convention.

Young is afraid of this changing consciousness. He is afraid of garbage workers dumping on his Republican Convention and his Democratic Party, too! Victory to the Detroit City workers strike! City workers, join our fight for a Workers Party and a Workers Candidate!

July 7, 1980

Rosanne Goustin 1952-1980

By JON COHEN

Rosanne Goustin died on June 4 in Eureka, California. She had been shot in the head at point-blank range two days earlier, victim of a political assassination.

With absolutely no chance of living, she stayed alive for two days. Her doctors could not explain why she was still alive. But those who knew Rosanne know why-- her heart was the strongest part of her.

Rosanne was an artist, a poet and a revolutionary. Her story must be told and her memory honored because it is also the story of a generation of revolutionary youth.

Her life and death was intimately tied to the fate of a generation which came to the forefront of world history in 1968. 1968 marked a turning point in the international class struggle, the beginning of a new offensive of the working class, led by the youth. The 1968 May-June general strike in France, the Czech "Prague Spring," the Italian "hot summer," the Chicago Democratic Party Convention all marked this new offensive. An offensive which has continued unbroken since then.

An offensive led by the youth. From the jungles of Vietnam to Bolivia and Central America, from the streets of Chicago to Tehran, the youth are in the forefront of this struggle for a new and better world.

Rosanne was part of this generation from the very start. In 1969 she was suspended from high school in Miami, Florida, for organizing against the Vietnam War and in particular, for organizing the defense of the Black Panthers. One of her co-fighters from those days, Andy Banks, presently a teacher at Florida International University, wrote: "Many of my strongest and profoundly-felt beliefs are directly attributed to her."

Rejecting what this country stood for she travelled throughout the world, working to support herself. Tied to no country or nationality, she even changed her name in order to travel to Arab-speaking countries. Wherever she travelled she found herself with rebels.

Rosanne was also an artist. A good one. Her early paintings won prizes in high school. But none of her paintings or sculptures are in museums today.

She saw her art as intensely personal, it was for herself, her family and friends not for fame or approval. Above all, Rosanne wanted to devote her artistic talents to the cause of freedom.

More than this, Rosanne had the unique ability to see the world as an artist. In this sense she was a true revolutionary. She had no "theory" for this, much less the "theories" of some so-called revolutionary artists we know today whose "art" is a mere excuse for abstention. In both her art and her devotion to the revolution, she gave everything. She lived her art. The French surrealist poet, Benjamin Peret, described this view of the world best when he wrote:

It was Romanticism that re-discovered the marvelous and gave it a revolutionary significance which it has kept to this day, and which has allowed it to live—like an outlaw, but to live, nevertheless. I say outlaw because the real poet cannot be recognized as such if he does not oppose the world in which he lives by total nonconformism. He combats everyone, including the revolutionists who take a purely political viewpoint—which must necessarily be isolated from the cultural movement as a whole—and who advance the idea that culture should give way to the attainment of the social revolution. There is not a single poet or artist, conscious of his place in society, who does not think that this urgently needed and indispensable revolution is the key of the future. However, the idea of submitting poetry and all culture dictatorially to a political movement seems to me as reactionary as to want to keep them separated from politics. The "ivory tower" is only one face of the obscurantist's coin—the other face is "proletarian art". While the reactionaries would like to make poetry the lay equivalent of religious prayer, the revolutionists are too apt to confuse it with publicity. The poet of today has no other choice than to be a revolutionist or not to be a poet, for he must constantly hurl himself into the unknown; the step he took yesterday in no way dispenses with the one he will take tomorrow, since every day everything has to be begun all over again. Even what he acquired in sleep turns to ashes on awakening. There is no secure movement—there, where he has nothing to receive, neither praise nor laurels, but where he has to give all his strength to the task of beating down the barricades of habit and routine—barricades which keep on rising. Today he must be the "accursed" poet. This malediction cast at him by society points out his revolutionary position; but he will come out of his enforced reserve and be placed at the head of society when it has been split from top to bottom, and when it will have recognized the common human origin of both poetry and science. Then the poet, with the active and passive collaboration of the people, will create marvelously exalting myths that will send the entire world out to the assault of the Unknown.

This was Rosanne.

Politically, Rosanne had no coherent theory. If there is any tragedy, it is this. Not a personal tragedy, because to the end of her life she fought for political clarity. But a tragedy of her generation.

Like thousands of rebels throughout the world Rosanne was most politically comfortable with those slandered by the bourgeoisie and Stalinists alike as "crazies," and "terrorists." Or, by the pseudo-Trotskyists in a little more "sophisticated" fashion, as "ultralefts." That is, the revolutionary youth.

Those who refused to be tied to the "traditional" apparatus of the workers movement-- the Stalinist Communist Parties, the Social Democrats, the trade union bureaucrats. Rosanne was most comfortable with these people, the most radical and oppressed.

Thus, in her last years she associated herself with the "Wellsprings

Communion," a group in the San Francisco area. She was active in their restaurant, which provided cheap meals for workers and youth. She organized a public radio program devoted to women's liberation issues and international news. She worked on the docks and was active in the Longshore Union, working on health and safety issues. She taught political classes and was active in prison reform; in the last days of her life taking the lead of a fight to win amnesty for Pancho Aguila, a Nicaraguan poet sympathetic to the FSLN, who is in a California prison.

In her total honesty and devotion to the cause of freedom, Rosanne could not believe, or believed too late, that this group was dominated by a clique of counterrevolutionary criminals or provocateurs who had nothing to do with the working class movement or the revolution. But her honesty, hatred of fraud and her refusal to capitulate could not be stifled. Alone, she broke with this group and was seeking a new life.

Like their fellow oppressors throughout the world, these counterrevolutionaries thought they could buy her silence with a gun. But they have failed miserably. Rosanne's fight continues.

Along with thousands of other revolutionary fighters Rosanne did not escape from a political dead-end in time. Why didn't this generation of young fighters, the very best, find their way to the Fourth International, the only unstained revolutionary banner existing today?

In part it is due to our own weaknesses. But those of us who rebuilt the Fourth International in 1976, are also part of Rosanne's generation and have had to wage a fight to the finish against those forces that sent Rosanne

and her generation into political dead-ends. Above all against the pseudo-Trotskyists and the U.S. SWP in particular.

Her own experience tells the story. For Rosanne and thousands of uncompromising honest and dedicated youth "Trotskyism" was the SWP. And the fact that a clique of criminals, without program or perspective, without any origins or the slightest ties to the movement of the workers and oppressed could be seen as more revolutionary, as preferable to "Trotskyism," says more about the SWP than it does about Rosanne.

But Rosanne did not live or die in vain. A new generation of fighting youth stands on her shoulders. The shoulders of the best of a generation of uncompromising fighters for freedom, who refused to capitulate. Her particular contribution; that of a revolutionary artist and poet who had a vision of the new world remains an inspiration for thousands of creative youth.

The Fourth International and the Revolutionary Youth International in particular, also stand on her shoulders and take her struggle forward by drawing the political lessons of her life and her generation; by building the leadership and party necessary to insure the victory that Rosanne and her generation fought and died for. By politically arming the new generation of youth.

Rosanne was my sister. I will always remember her. But not with sadness. Because wherever the fight for freedom is, Rosanne will be there, wherever the working class wins a victory, she will be there. Wherever the sun shines, Rosanne will be present. And she'll be part of the new world which she helped create.

July 10, 1980

AVENGE THE MURDER OF ROSANNE GOUSTIN-- A FRIEND & COMRADE OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL On June 2, 1980, Rosanne Goustin was brutally shot by two members of an organization called the "Wellspring Collective," in Eureka, California, Wendi Sue Heaton and Betty Abramson. Rosanne was not a member of the TO/USA. She was the sister of one of our members. Like many of the best fighters of her generation, Rosanne expressed her devotion to the cause of building a new world in many and various ways-- she wrote poetry, worked on a radio show, and fought for the freedom of the oppressed and exploited. She came to break with the "Wellspring Collective." Her murderers, foolishly thought they could silence her cause by silencing Rosanne. But there is no force on earth that can silence the work of an honest fighter of the revolution. And the TO/USA states now, to those who were responsible for her murder, whether by actually pulling the trigger, or by condoning this act, that we will AVENGE this murder. WORKERS and YOUTH! Those who murdered Rosanne are servants of the terrorist state, its police, and the counter-revolution. The TO/USA calls on all working class organizations and all militants, especially in the San Francisco area to support a COMMISSION OF INQUIRY to find & punish those who were responsible for this cowardly act. SECRETARIAT OF THE TO/USA

Circles of the RYI!

To Prepare Workers Victory

By RICH TETRAULT

In the name of the "American Way," of the bankrupt policies of a ruling class and the opportunists who support it, the youth in the U.S. are forced to accept a deal which is no deal. At the very least there is gross conflict of interest between the bosses operating through the Democratic and Republican Parties and the workers and youth suffering under the weight of false leaderships loyal to the capitalist parties. More precisely, the terrorist rearmament of U.S. imperialism means increased repression, more attacks on the right of the workers and youth and new developments in the class war between the world working class and a degenerating ruling class. The task of every militant worker and youth in this situation is the struggle to disperse and crush these parasites and traitors by building class opposition to U.S. imperialism in its every form and in every corner of the world.

Central to building this opposition against U.S. imperialism is the development of working class solutions, of workers democracy. Immediately in the U.S. this fight takes form in the campaign for a WORKERS CANDIDATE in the 1980 Presidential Elections. Only the Fourth International proposes this fight in the Americas because the Fourth International is the only party capable of fighting for working class independence against a policy of national independence, is the only party capable of politically arming the world proletariat for CLASS WAR in order to break the program of pacification and demoralization, of attacks on class consciousness on which U.S. imperialism bases its continuity.

Today's youth represent the most significant force in the arena of this battle. It is easy enough to say that the youth in this way represent the future of the working class, but what is important in this is drawing all possible conclusions. Most importantly is that the youth fight in their own name, which requires political and organizational independence. The Revolutionary Youth International is the product of this political realization by thousands of youth from around the world who took the decision to found the RYI in Germany in 1975 in order to rebuild the Fourth International, World Party of the Socialist Revolution. This was above all a struggle for working

class solutions against the policies of the centrists and Stalinists, policies which are defined in terms of U.S. imperialism.

The combat of the RYI has been a continuous struggle to build a new leadership of the youth. At an International Conference of Young Auto Workers which was prepared by the RYI and held in Paris in June, this objective was reaffirmed as was the fight of the RYI to construct itself as the World Army of the Socialist Revolution.

International Young Guard/USA, the U.S. Detachment of the Revolutionary Youth International, took part in the preparation of this conference and on the decisions of this conference developed a plan of combat for youth in the Americas.

A focus of the combat of IYG/USA is a fight against unemployment in demanding that every young person and worker has the right to a decent and satisfying job. This is not simply some formal demand, a good slogan or anything like that. The situation facing the youth demands revolutionary action. If you agree that everyone has the right to a good job with good pay, then by what means can we gain this victory for the American working class and defend this conquest against the agents of U.S. imperialism?

IYG/USA isn't the only organization that has something to say about unemployment, so what's so different about the fight that we are proposing? First of all, unlike the centrists organized in the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Socialist Alliance, or the Stalinists organized in the Communist Party/USA, WE are proposing a FIGHT and not a betrayal. The Stalinists and centrists are tied directly to the apparatus and are incapable of a policy independent of the Democratic Party. But isn't it true that these Stalinists and centrists call for jobs and a sliding scale of hours and wages? Indeed they do. The SWP calls for a shorter work week, a massive public works program, nationalization of basic industry and a list of demands and proposals that the Fourth International, as well as the class conscious worker anywhere in the world, would agree with in formulation. These are demands that will be won as a result of an independent mobilization by workers and youth, through the construction of workers committees in order

to lead the struggles.

The Socialist Workers Party is trying to convince the working class that this fight can be won in the absence of a revolutionary leadership, but they wouldn't be so bold as to say it quite so clearly. Their perspective is that a labor party can be materialized in this state of capitalist crisis and that the labor bureaucrats, the likes of Doug Fraser and company, can represent a new leadership. This spontaneist fantasy of a labor party, a party which will never be constructed, must be unmasked in the same way that the lie that a constitutional amendment could possibly grant equal rights to women or any other oppressed minority without a confrontation with the terrorist state that develops the conditions for oppression. These centrists, as well as the Stalinists who they tail after, are channeled into the crisis of U.S. imperialism. In a most parasitical fashion, they bleed workers and youth of any independent struggle, insisting that Doug Fraser or some other bureaucrat could do revolutionary things for American workers. Above all these dreamers are petty bourgeois. That is, they cling to this system and all its bankruptcy with the hope that through pressure and reformist politics, by building opportunist alliances with the petty bourgeois of dozens of other organizations, they can someday free the world proletariat.

The youth have the right to dream and hope for a good life, but the dreams of working class traitors have turned from fantasy to nightmares. The great masses of workers and youth have rejected the lies of the traitors, for unconsciously they realize that the only way to solve even their most immediate problems is in a struggle to politically replace U.S. imperialism on this globe with workers democracy. It is in this way that the Revolutionary Youth International in the U.S. is fighting to engage and arm the youth in order to break completely with the politics of the Democratic Party and its Stalinist and centrist servants. The RYI is organizing this fight in the USA as a revolutionary battle to construct a new leadership. The questions of unemployment and the fight for a good job is a focus of this fight.

We are building this fight as an independent mobilization by first of all constructing circles of youth who see the RYI as a

solution to problems and not just an alternative to them. Throughout the country, the politically bankrupt are overwhelmed by the statistics left behind by the burnt-out capitalist economy. They see that capitalist greed, its drive for bigger profits, is a problem and that by challenging the profits of the corporate bosses they can provide jobs. This is pure PACIFIST MUCK. Certainly capitalism has long outlived whatever usefulness it may have represented but the conflict between the workers and the bosses does not stem from a dollar value on the exploitation that takes place but precisely over the conditions that the bourgeoisie imposes on that exploitation. Above all, that means that the workers have no independent voice in this or any other situation. The bourgeoisie uses unemployment to crush and disarm the workers and youth and not simply to take more money out of their pockets. Because what is at stake is the control of society, the control of industry and production, for the world proletariat and the masses of oppressed. It is not an economic tug-of-war but a political struggle for power. Only one class can survive, control and advance itself.

The working class, especially its youth, is the only class that can really wage a combat. The middle class cannot see for itself, the ruling class is but a rotting corpse, and the petty bourgeois in the workers movement have already made their choice. The youth have yet to make theirs.

The attacks which accompany unemployment, the increased police repression, the slashing of social programs, the disintegration of education and the rise in the number of suicides are not normal developments due to conditions. They are ATTACKS IMPOSED by the terrorist state of bourgeois and bureaucrats.

International Young Guard/USA proposes to all youth to join in the construction of circles at the schools, in the universities and factories and among the unemployed to develop a plan of combat. Carter and the rest of the imperialist hangmen pin their hopes on the millions of unemployed young men to fill the ranks of their army of no future. We say Join the RYI, the World Army of the Socialist Revolution, in order to prepare a future. DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM! BUILD CIRCLES OF THE RYI TO PREPARE A REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE FOR JOBS! July 8, 1980

How Can We Build a Workers Convention?

The answer to how we can build a WORKERS CONVENTION lies in the nature of this Convention itself.

Our struggle is for a WORKERS CANDIDATE as the response of the thinking and fighting youth and workers to the capitalist elections and to the crisis they express.

The WORKERS CANDIDATE is the key to the struggle for the WORKERS PARTY, the achievement at long last of all the struggles of the American workers to organize themselves independently of and in opposition to their imperialist master and to all the petty bourgeois lackeys of these masters.

A Convention for Labor Day weekend, composed of 100 delegates, doesn't mean a charade like the conventions of the capitalist parties.

It means a revolutionary gathering of 100 of the most determined, far-sighted and conscious elements among the working class. Because of that, these 100 will REALLY represent a FORCE! They will represent every struggle, every battle, that the proletariat and the oppressed are engaged in. They will represent the SOLUTION, the ANSWER, to these fights.

Just over 75 years ago, on June 27, 1905, the founding convention of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) took place in Chicago.

"Big Bill" Haywood, one of the greatest leaders of the working class movement, defined this convention in his opening speech: "The Continental Congress of the international working class."

A "Continental Congress," a revolutionary convention. "...Of the international working class," a mobilization not just of Americans as Americans but as a section of the world proletariat.

Revolutionary and international, just as our Convention must be. The two hundred men and women present that day founded an organization that led the most class conscious and dedicated fighters into the greatest and most historic battles that had yet been fought by our class in this country. They founded a movement that indelibly shaped the political experience of the American workers and that left a tradition of struggle and devotion that has NEVER died!

But the IWW thought this struggle for the class inde-

pendence of the workers could be conducted on a union basis.

The IWW boldly declared an absolute truth of class independence: "The working class and the employing class have nothing in common." But it was unable to carry out this perspective because it was not a revolutionary PARTY, in part because it ignored the role of capitalist elections and the fight against them.

The IWW failed. But the lessons of the ultimate failure and of the battles that it waged have been drawn out and concretized by the Fourth International.

We must have a party, an international and revolutionary party, a party that knows how to fight imperialism on all terrains, including the electoral.

Our Convention, our Workers Candidate, will be the product of a struggle to centralize and to advance every battle that is going on today.

ONE HUNDRED DELEGATES, TEN THOUSAND SIGNATURES. Where can these come from but from those who are now confronting the Democratic Party in the Detroit city workers strike?

From the ranks of those who want to take back their unions from the grip of the pro-imperialist bureaucrats. From those who are determined that the fascists will not tread the streets of Detroit.

Above all, from those who want to ORGANIZE these fighters, who want to CONVINCED the youth and workers of the fight for the WORKERS CANDIDATE, who want to carry the struggle for signatures into every strike, every union, school, neighborhood.

These will be the leaders of the revolutionary workers, the REAL representatives of the class struggle in the U.S. today.

When 100 fighters like that gather in our Workers Convention, there will be no force on earth that can stop them. This force will turn these capitalist elections into a bloody nose for the rulers of this country that will be seen all over the world.

The American workers will take their place, their absolutely critical place, in the world revolution.

That fight is yours!

K.F.
July 7, 1980

A WORKERS PROGRAM!

1. **UNCONDITIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION IN THE COLONIAL AND SEMI-COLONIAL NATIONS!**
2. **DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM — STOP ITS PLANS FOR WAR!**
 - 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!
5. **STOP CARTER'S AUSTERITY!**
 - For a sliding scale of wages and working hours!
 - Jobs and technical training for the youth!
 - Workers control of industry — expropriate the oil trusts!
 - Confront the crisis in auto — for international unity of autoworkers, for an EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE UAW!
6. **DISARM THE TERRORIST STATE!**
 - Stop plans to "revitalize" the FBI and CIA!
 - Down with the Voorhis Act which forbids workers belonging to international organizations!
 - Stop S.1722!
7. **DISARM THE BOURGEOISIE — FOR A WORKERS GOVERNMENT BASED ON WORKERS COUNCILS!**

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Defeat Imperialism, Dictatorships of Latin America

By RICH TETRAULT

The unity of the workers and youth of North and South America is the most important task in the development of the revolution in the Americas. Critical to this fight is a clear battle plan to bring down U.S. imperialism, policeman of the world, in its own homeland.

International Young Guard/USA, the American section of the Revolutionary Youth International, fights to mobilize the youth around this battle in developing a campaign for the BOYCOTT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN DICTATORSHIPS. The Conference for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International in the Two Americas, which recently took place in Madrid, Spain, concluded that an offensive of the youth in the Americas, in particular the youth in the U.S., is the only guarantee of victory, North and South.

To the youth in the U.S., this means taking the initiative around the BOYCOTT OF THE DICTATORSHIPS as a means to build a revolutionary army to confront U.S. imperialism, which is directly responsible for erecting these dictatorships against the will of the people of Central and South America and thereby against the proletariats to the North. This boycott means confronting the illusions of workers and youth who think that a campaign of sympathy or

letters of solidarity can in some way lessen the brutality of imperialist intervention in the Americas. The only solution lies in a united struggle to bring down U.S. imperialism, for the Socialist United Republic of the Two Americas.

It is in this framework that the BOYCOTT OF THE DICTATORSHIPS takes on a living and active character. But what is a revolutionary boycott and what can I do to take part?

First of all, a revolutionary boycott means a complete break with the policies of U.S. imperialism and its parties of war and repression, in particular the Democratic Party. This means basing our solutions on the decisions the workers and youth themselves take in building an independent leadership.

Secondly, this boycott represents a mobilization that will lead to a confrontation between U.S. imperialism and, initially, the proletariat of the U.S.

The American working class cannot defeat U.S. imperialism, nor win even a single significant battle, on its own, isolated from its allies to the South. For as long as the dictatorships of Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, El Salvador and so on are allowed to stand, so is U.S. imperialism allowed to stand. For this reason IYG/USA states that the U.S. or any other na-

tion can never be free as long as it subjects the peoples of other countries to the kind of repression and misery that the great masses of people in Latin America are forced to accept.

In this way, a boycott of Latin American dictatorships is not directed abstractly against a foreign power but against U.S. imperialism directly. This is also a way to separate militant workers and revolutionary youth from the line of the pacifists, in particular the centrists organized in the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

These counterrevolutionaries want to avoid at all costs a confrontation with U.S. imperialism. That is why in every situation where the workers must take the initiative to prepare a confrontation with the bourgeoisie, the SWP calls for U.S. HANDS OFF, or a solidarity drive or a literacy campaign. These campaigns are not completely incorrect, but they are implemented as a derailment to the revolution. In sincere centrist style, the SWP slanders and denounces young revolutionaries who refuse to accept capitulation in favor of revolutionary struggle to bring down U.S. imperialism and its servants.

The significance of this boy-

cott cannot be overemphasized. IYG/USA calls on all youth -- Blacks, Latinos, Chicanos, whites -- to join this struggle, convince workers, especially in transportation and on the docks, to locate and identify all goods, especially military arms and equipment, going to Latin America. No support or money to the dictatorships. Down with the junta in El Salvador. Join the RYI in building boycott committees to centralize this fight. Stop all aid to the military dictatorships!

The RYI calls on these committees to develop a campaign to discuss and prepare the RYI March on Madrid and the counter-conference of the youth against the Conference on Security and Cooperation between bourgeois and bureaucrats to be held in Madrid in November 1980. Down with the Terrorist Re-armament of the Alliance Between Imperialists and Stalinists! This fight is the initiative of the youth of North and South America, of East and West Europe, of the advanced capitalist nations and the colonies, against imperialism. JOIN THE RYI - FOR THE RETURN TO LENIN!
DOWN WITH US IMPERIALISM!
DOWN WITH THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS!
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Smash KKK and Nazis!

"Marxist" Councilman, Ken Cockrel of Detroit, made a now famous speech saying the Nazis and Klan must have a permit to hold a march they plan for August, through downtown Detroit. The explanation is that then the people would hold a counter-demonstration to show their feelings about the fascists... of course, he explained, not on the same day.

Youth in Detroit long ago showed their "feelings" by stoning the headquarters of the Nazis when they tried to open bookstores, both on the northwest and southwest side of town, both black youth and white youth.

This approach is a far more basic and correct way to deal with the "white power" advocates. The coalitions that sprang up in 1978 as a result of the opening of Nazi bookstores, on the other hand, were saturated with sickly reformism and stuffy proclamations of church "leaders" and union hacks, like Mr. Boatman of

the UAW.

The youth who wanted to smash the Nazis and KKK in action could find no leadership in these coalitions, dominated by Democratic Party liberals, union bureaucrats and so-called "socialists" and "communists." Boatman of the UAW became the central spokesman for what became the "Inter-Faith Anti-Nazi Alliance."

This coalition, appealing to liberals and well-wishers, showed movies of the "holocaust," put out bumperstickers saying "Drive the Nazis Out of Detroit" with little American flags stuck in the corner -- clearly, the whole appeal was to middle class moralizers.

The only forces capable of smashing the fascists and breaking up their organizations is the organized working class and its youth.

In the spirit of the united front, we in the Trotskyist Organization and International Young Guard are fighting to build

a vast alliance of the youth and workers, to form workers defense units in the neighborhoods and factories, to prevent the fascists from attacking, sniper-like, black families, such as happened recently on Detroit's west side, where a black family was driven from their new home, "white power" slogans painted on their walls.

The fascist "alternative" to unemployment and inflation is the organization of division and exacerbation of racial tensions, a platform appealing to all those elements of society who fear the massive struggle of the working class and the prospect of working class revolution -- the destruction of the working class and the cessation of workers strikes and struggles is the "nirvana" they seek.

It is this "program" which is being given the right to air itself under the guise of "democracy," but it is a program of the bourgeoisie itself, in a differ-

ent form.

The Detroit City Council is puzzling over the "dilemma" of granting the parade permit to the fascists, meanwhile it is necessary to fight for the alliance of the youth and workers, to take into account the depth of this mobilization and to make manifest its content through meetings, formation of defense guards and the development of specific plans to counter each development and manifestation of the growth of the fascists. Whether or not there will be a mass counter-demonstration (not on a different day, but if and when the Nazis and Klan march in Detroit) depends on the strength of the mobilization of factory workers, youth and organizations of the working class that will organize and build such a demonstration, and defend it as well. But the content of such a counter-demonstration must be that of representing a fight, a mobilization of working class forces, and not another farce of would-be "socialists" and phony "revolutionaries."
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MADRID AND THE AMERICAN WORKERS

By KEVIN FITZPATRICK

Who is Ramsey Clark, who are his friends, and what is their significance for the American working class?

What is at stake is the attempt to bring the rearmament of the counterrevolutionary Holy Alliance between Stalinism and imperialism, especially through the "peace offensive" of the Kremlin, "home" to the workers and youth of the United States.

Since Clark attended the "Conference to Investigate U.S. Interference in Iran" in Teheran, he has been presented by imperialism and Stalinism, especially by the pseudo-Trotskyist aides of Stalinism, as a "friend" of the Iranian Revolution and of "peace" and "democracy."

In fact, Ramsey Clark is a dedicated, long-time, faithful servant of U.S. imperialism. His role in Iran and since his return can be understood only in that light.

Ramsey Clark was Attorney-General of the U.S. under Lyndon Johnson at the height of the Vietnam War. That is, he was the CHIEF AGENT OF THE IMPERIALIST STATE in its police -- the FBI is under the control of the Attorney-General -- and court functions.

Ramsey Clark was who Jimmy Carter turned to last November when the U.S. "embassy" was seized in Iran. Clark was halfway to Teheran on his imperialist mission before the Iranians told him he was unwelcome.

Ramsey Clark is also an active leader of the Democratic Party, the party of imperialist domination over the U.S. working class.

So, has the leopard changed his spots, or the skunk his stripes? Has Ramsey Clark become a "born-again" anti-imperialist?

Not hardly.

It was clear last November that Ramsey Clark was literally an IMPERIALIST AGENT. That is, he was openly acting on behalf of U.S. imperialism.

It has to be made equally clear that in his recent trip, although not so openly, he continued and continues to be an IMPERIALIST AGENT.

The heart of the Kremlin's "peace offensive" is the attempt, under the cover of the fight for "peace" and against imperialism's war drive, to subordinate the independent revolutionary struggles of the masses to the Kremlin's maneuvers with imperialism, to the attempt to rearm the Holy Alli-

ance.

The last issue of TRUTH, quoted U.S. Stalinist leader Gus Hall on how this would work out in the United States.

Wrote Hall: "The United States hostages in Iran must be freed, and the sooner the better...There is an even more urgent reason -- to avoid war."

That is, if the Iranians give up the "hostages," then imperialism will no longer have "a standing pretext for armed intervention." The same argument Ramsey Clark underlined in Iran.

Really, Trotsky summed up this Stalinist swindle a long time ago: "...the profound thought that if the oppressed do not balk, the oppressors will not be obliged to beat them." (WHITHER FRANCE?)

Let's look at Ramsey Clark's ever-so-"radical" statements at the Teheran Conference in this context.

Clark stated that the holding of the hostages "provides the excuse for the power of intervention, the power of imperialism -- never doubt it -- a delicious excuse to war, to dominate, to intervene."

Clearly, Gus and Ramsey are on the same wavelength.

Asserting that the "hostages" were all "little people," he asked: "For where is Allen Dulles? Where is Kermit Roosevelt? Where is Richard Helms, or Henry Kissinger, or Richard Nixon?"

This list of CIA agents and "real imperialists" has a strange imbalance. It consists only of Republicans!

Let us ask Ramsey Clark: Where is Franklin Roosevelt? Where is Truman, or Kennedy or Johnson? Where is Cyrus Vance? And where, oh where, is Jimmy Carter?

On Ramsey Clark's return from this Conference, he published an article in the liberal magazine, THE NATION.

Clark's article says the U.S. should "renounce intervention in the affairs of others." And the Gus Hall article previously quoted says: "Iron-clad assurances of non-intervention must be publicly given."

Clark says: "Initiate a Congressional investigation." Hall says: "There should also be a report, or white paper, by a joint Senate-House committee."

And so on, throughout.

Of course, the question is not these points by themselves,



BABAK ZAHRAIE, RAMSEY CLARK, REZA BARAHENI, REP. FORTNEY STARK

but the overall policy they represent.

Their significance lies in the CONCLUSIONS, especially as given by Gus Hall: "These steps can be most effective in an atmosphere of detente between the United States and the Soviet Union."

And Ramsey Clark chimes in: "We need a new face and the reassertion of the principles on which our country is founded, in democracy, in freedom, in justice."

This is the "peace offensive" all fleshed-out in terms of the United States.

It would not be sufficient to leave things at this point.

Ramsey Clark and Gus Hall need their attorneys. This is where Ramsey Clark gains some more friends.

Take a look at the photo on this page. Here we see Ramsey Clark between Babak Zahraie and Reza Bahareni, two long-time Iranian supporters of the U.S. Socialist Workers Party of the pseudo-Trotskyist "United Secretariat."

Zahraie is now the leader of the SWP's group in Iran, the HKE, which has distinguished itself by its craven prostration before Khomeini and his attempts to rebuild the bourgeois state.

This was back in the good old days when they all stood for "artistic and intellectual freedom" and against saying "down with the shah."

The HKE, which has uncritically supported Khomeini, now suddenly discovers, in order to pursue its friendship with Ramsey Clark, that it "would be an isolationist, divisionist and wrecking policy to make explicit

agreement with the taking of the hostages a condition for solidarity with the Iranian revolution."

From Carter to Brezhnev, through Ramsey Clark and Gus Hall, with the SWP playing "honest broker," the line of the "peace offensive" is being worked out. Already, the fix is in on Afghanistan. And, just coincidentally, the "friend" of the Iranian revolution, Ramsey Clark, eagerly defended imperialism's position on this question at the Tehran Conference.

All these friends of Ramsey Clark are out to convince the American workers that their interests lie in accepting "peace" on the terms offered by imperialism, on the basis of betraying the revolution.

The Madrid Conference "on security and cooperation" to be held this November is the culminating point of all these maneuvers. The workers and youth of the U.S., if they want to be free of the domination of these friends, of the "democracy" of Jimmy Carter and the non-imperialism of Cyrus Vance, of the Democratic Party and the Kremlin, must take up the fight now for the World Open Workers Counter-Conference, for the International March on Madrid against the Conference of the bosses of the world.

It is no longer a "European" question, if it ever was one. It is now a question of the political independence of all US workers from their class enemies, the friends of Ramsey Clark.

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