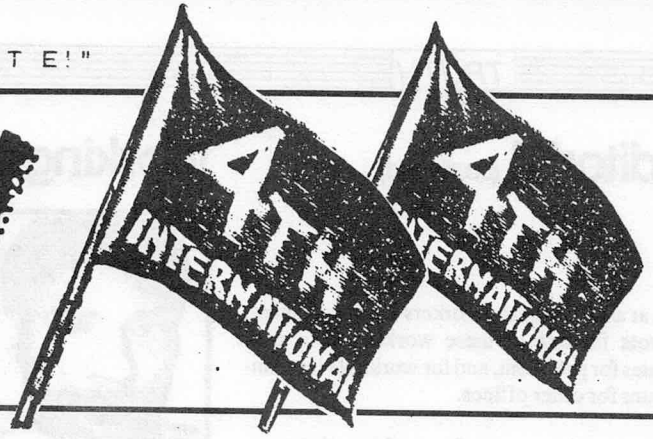


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A BULLETIN FOR SOCIALISM AND TROTSKYISM

No to the Old Parties of Unemployment, Poverty, and Racist Oppression!

Working

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Candidates

November 8!

Emergency Measures to Provide Jobs for All!

Editorial

On November 8, some young workers will vote for Bush, some will vote for Dukakis, and some will not vote at all.

But there probably won't be any young workers who will vote for either of these candidates with any enthusiasm. In fact, the vast majority of young workers, Black and white, are totally disgusted with Bush and Dukakis, and the corrupt, decadent, and decrepit old society that they represent.

But it's not enough to be disgusted with this society. It's necessary to begin to build an alternative to it.

This is why we urge young workers, women workers, all workers of all races and nationalities, to *vote for working class candidates November 8.*

- Larry Holmes, of the Workers World Party,
- James Warren, of the Socialist Workers Party,
- or Ed Winn, of the Workers League,
- and the Workers Against Concessions Party candidates.

These candidates are the only ones on the ballot that oppose the old society in any way. They are the only ones that oppose the union leadership's support to the leading parties of the old society, the Republicans and Democrats, which have shared power for nearly 200 years and profited from it.

Their opposition is very limited. They haven't even tried to join forces and run a united working class or socialist campaign, which would obviously be a much greater threat to the powers-that-be than four separate and competing campaigns. But it's better than no opposi-

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Working Class Candidates

tion at all. So we urge workers to support them, to vote for one of these working class candidates for president, and for working class candidates for other offices.

But votes alone, even for working class candidates, won't change things.

A struggle for *emergency measures* against unemployment, poverty, and racist oppression, is necessary. For example:

- a special tax on the richest families' fortunes; a special tax on luxury goods; a 100% tax on all defense contractors' profits; cut funds to the military, the police, and right-wing terrorists in Nicaragua, Southern Africa, and the Middle East.
- a program of public construction and services to provide jobs for all unemployed workers at union wages and to provide necessary services; cut the work week to 30 hours for forty hours pay; raise the minimum wage to the level of union wages; extend unemployment compensation, welfare, and Medicare as long as necessary.
- free 24-hour childcare through the public schools; open admissions to all schools, trades, and neighborhoods.
- nationalize all major banks and businesses that refuse to cooperate with this program and place them under workers control.
- a labor party and union defense guards based on the power of organized workers — autoworkers, steelworkers, teamsters to lead this struggle.

This must be a first step in a struggle for more *revolutionary* and *socialist measures* to resolve the problems before workers and oppressed peoples: a workers government; crushing the capitalist forces; central planning of production and distribution of goods.

We urge all those interested in this struggle to begin to work on *Truth*. There are many different things to do: photos, cartoons, drawings, reports on various events, clippings from other newspapers, articles, distribution, etc. There is a place for every young worker, woman worker, worker and student in this struggle.

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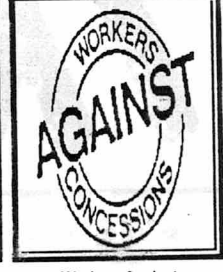
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Workers Against Concessions for Senate and other offices

A Labor Party to Unite Black and White Workers

Bush says that Dukakis is an upper class liberal from Massachusetts who doesn't know or care that "ordinary working people" are tired of "tax and spend" liberals. Dukakis says that Bush favors the wealthy and that he is running a racist campaign.

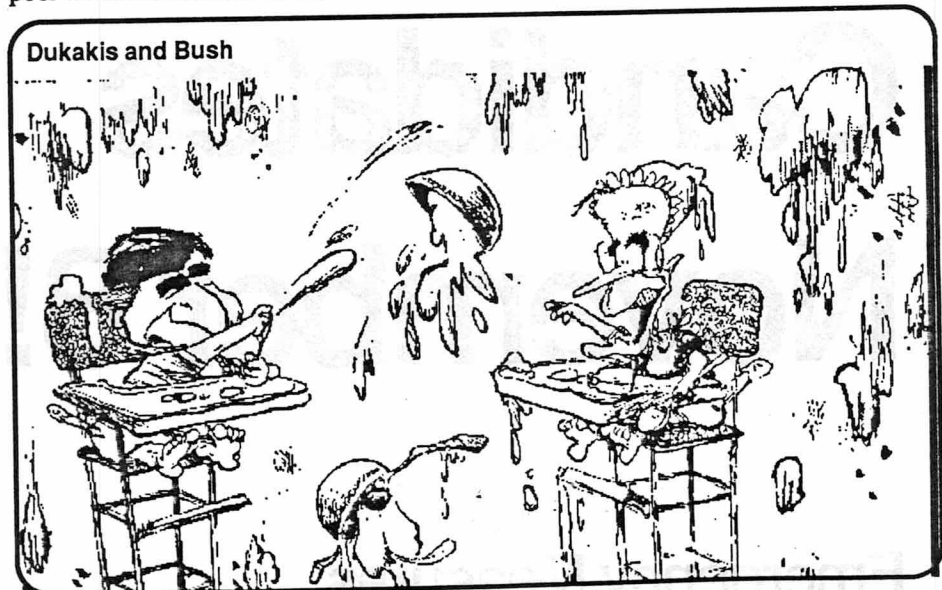
Bush is obviously trying to appeal to better-off white workers and middle class people, and to pit them against poor whites and Blacks.

Dukakis and Jackson are also trying to appeal to certain better-off white and Black workers and pit them against backward white workers who voted for Reagan, and poor white and Black workers who did not

vote at all.

Dukakis and Jackson both blame workers who voted for Reagan or who did not vote, for Reagan's victories. They hide the fact that Reagan could not have taken a single anti-working class or racist measure without the Democratic Party's support, *which has had a majority in Congress for decades!*

A labor party based on the solidarity and power of organized workers — autoworkers, steelworkers, miners, teamsters — is necessary to unite Black and white workers against the capitalists and their demagogic politicians.
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Jobs for All, Not for a Few

Bankers and businessmen, organized in the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, are talking about providing jobs for young people in Detroit.

"The program, called Detroit Compact, is supported by 35 metropolitan Detroit businesses that would promise summer and long-term jobs to high school students who maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, a 95 percent attendance rate, are punctual and well-disciplined ... Students would sign contracts with compact workers at the schools and would be provided tutors, mentors and various financial aid ... the number of students involved in the programs depends on available funds ..." (*Detroit Free Press*, September 18, 1988).

The U.S. Congress also just passed a bill that is supposed to help young people and others on welfare get jobs.

This program will: "Establish a work, education and training program to help prepare welfare recipients for work. Extend to welfare mothers and their children day-care assistance and Medicaid health coverage for up to one year after the mothers go to work ... Require one of the parents in a two-parent family to work at least 16 hours a week as a condition for continuing to receive benefits. Suspend benefits to any welfare recipient who, without good reason, refused to take part in a training program or to accept a bona fide job offer." (*Detroit Free Press*, October 1, 1988).

These programs are not programs to provide jobs for all at union wages. The first is a program to force young people to compete with each other for a limited number of places, to scratch, claw and scrape, like capitalist businessmen. The second is a program to justify cutting off welfare payments to anyone who doesn't want to take whatever training program or job that the government says he has to take. Maybe young workers don't want to be trained to type the capitalists' letters or wax the capitalists' floors. Maybe they want to do something more interesting and important with their lives.

This is why it is necessary to fight for a program of *public construction* and *public services* to provide jobs for all unemployed workers at union wages. — M.G.

The Right to Abortion

A year ago the Michigan State Legislature voted not to allow people to use state funds for abortions. Now the U.S. Senate just voted not to allow people to use federal funds for abortions, even in cases where a woman has been raped. And anti-abortion forces just organized demonstrations at abortion clinics in Atlanta, Georgia in an effort to prevent women from using these clinics.

At the same time that these things are taking place, the Senate is refusing to increase the minimum wage, refusing to provide adequate federal funds for childcare, preparing to cut off welfare for anyone who refuses to take whatever training program or job that the government dictates, and allocating billions of dollars for military men, defense contractors, and financial speculators that have invested in savings and loan associations.

These forces are obviously *hostile* to women and children. They want to force women to bear children whether they are prepared to or not. They want to force children into the world whether anyone is prepared to care for them or not.

Senator Jesse Helms said: "Whether a child is conceived by force or by consent, that child does not deserve to be put to death."

This is the same Jesse Helms who is a personal friend of the Nicaraguan contras and the most racist and reactionary forces throughout Latin America, who have *tortured* and put to death thousands of young people.

We urge readers in Michigan to vote *no* on the Michigan legislature's decision to cut off funds for abortions. The right to have an abortion, to decide whether to bear a child or not, is a simple democratic right, that must be defended, by any means necessary, including defense guards at clinics, etc.

But defending this right in and of itself will not solve the fundamental problem. It is necessary to fight for schools, jobs, and homes with childcare so that women can have as many children as they want to without worrying about whether they will be provided for. Working class revolutionaries have nothing in common with forces that look to the future with despair. — M.G.

Black Students Sue After Racist Attack

Two Black students from Cranbrook High School in the Detroit area and their parents are suing Harper Woods and Cranbrook officials, on the grounds that their civil rights were violated when they were attacked after a basketball game. Harper Woods players are evidently white and have had a history of racist abuse. 10% of the students at Cranbrook are Black.

Naturally, we support these students' efforts to get some compensation for the attacks on them. At the same time, it has become clearer and clearer that it is impossible to rely on the courts to defend the rights of Black people or to punish racist attackers.

The New York judicial system has not only allowed those who attacked Tawana Brawley to go free, it has also begun to try to persecute Tawana Brawley and her family for fighting for justice against these racist "pigs," as young people correctly characterized them in the 60s.

Racists burned a cross in front of Shirley and Henry Griffin's home near Howell, in Livingston County, Michigan, in late September. The Livingston County Sheriff arrested three suspects — Jonathan Hornback, Robert Salyer, and John Pichler. Each put up \$200 to \$400 cash bond and was allowed to go free. Now the Livingston County sheriff has dropped

charges against them, allegedly on the grounds that this will allow the federal government to pursue more serious charges against them. Yet to date we have not seen any federal charges against them. It seems far more likely that this is a tactic to let local officials off the hook. Robert Miles, a Ku Klux Klan leader, lives nearby and Howell has long been a center of its activity. Miles even claims to oppose the cross burning: "These kinds of things are usually done by kids, drunks, or neighbors. It's rare that it involves an organization. I don't approve of this. It's idiotic. Who lives where is their choice and they are entitled to their beliefs." (*Detroit Free Press*, September 22, 1988)

It is necessary to form independent action committees to defend the rights of Black people and punish racist attackers. This is the road that working people have taken to drive drug dealers out of their neighborhoods in Detroit, and it's the correct road.

It is also necessary to take the offensive, and fight for open admissions to all schools, jobs and neighborhoods, as well as for the right of Black people to establish their own nation on American soil. As Leon Trotsky, a leader of the Fourth International, world party of socialist revolution, said: "... for every lynching (we) should lynch ten or twenty lynchers." — M.G.

The Tawana Brawley Case: Grand Jury Protects Racists

Tawana Brawley's assault and rape by New York state government officials continues to be covered up.

The New York Times leaked the Dutchess County grand jury report, on September 29. The report states that Tawana was not assaulted or raped; that she made the whole thing up so that her father would not beat her for "partying" for four days.

It has not supported any of the actions taken against the dozens of Black people murdered or beaten by police and racists in New York in the last seven years.

According to *Newsweek*, ... "Jesse Jackson, during the March New York primary, said he was sure authorities were handling the case adequately." (*Newsweek*, June 27, 1988).

The Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party

Two of the largest working class political parties, the Communist Party (CP) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), do not support this struggle. The CP's paper, the *People's Daily World* of October 12, stated: "Most Afro-Americans and their elected leaders want the Tawana Brawley case to stop commanding big headlines and television coverage so that the many unsolved problems of inequality in this city, state and nation can get more attention." They go on to highlight the quote from Hooks above, implying, without stating it directly, that "nothing" happened.

The SWP's paper, *The Militant*, on October 21 stated: "The operation carried out by [Brawley's attorneys] has dealt a severe blow to the struggle against racist and sexist violence and antilabor attacks." And it goes on to say: "Whether the grand jury report is true or false. . ."

Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam has supported Tawana Brawley. Since this is the only Black organization that has, it is not surprising that Tawana Brawley now joined the Muslims.

It is absolutely shameful that organizations that claim to be working class and revolutionary are not clearly defending Tawana Brawley and her advisors against this racist state. Why is everyone kowtowing to the Dutchess County grand jury? Has everyone forgotten that juries participated in hanging the Haymarket martyrs, Sacco and Vanzetti, Joe Hill, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and dozens of other innocent people? Since when is a grand jury's word sacred? — F.M.

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Tawana and her advisors are under attack for refusing to cooperate with the grand jury. They think that it is not possible for a Black person to get justice in New York. They demand that a special prosecutor, outside the "normal" (that is, racist) justice system, be appointed.

Now the grand jury seeks revenge against Tawana and her attorneys. It has demanded that charges be brought against them.

On September 30, the day after *The New York Times* leak, several hundred demonstrators marched through Brooklyn, New York, and tied up rush hour traffic for several hours. They chanted "No justice, no peace" and "Justice for Tawana Now."

These facts show that it was principled to refuse to cooperate. Workers and revolutionaries must defend the right of Black people not to cooperate with this racist state. They must defend Tawana Brawley and her advisers against this racist state and its attacks.

Opportunist Organizations Abandon Tawana Brawley

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The top leadership of the unions has the worst attitude. It supports Mario Cuomo, the governor of New York, and his attorney general in their coverup of the attack on Tawana Brawley.

Benjamin Hooks

Now, Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, says: "How in the name of God can responsible news people continue to make a national spectacle out of something that they were convinced was nothing?" (*People's Daily World*, October 12). And New York State Senator David Paterson, a key Democrat from Harlem, said, "What happened to the 14 other cases of bias-motivated violence? . . . [The governor's office has] decided to pursue the one case where they never had an assurance from the victim that she would testify." Both are implying that the attention given to this case is a result of the anti-Black bias of the media. But on the issue of Tawana Brawley, Hooks and Paterson agree with the media: Tawana Brawley and her advisors are the criminals.

Separate City in Boston, Massachusetts

For the second time in two years, a referendum will again be held in Boston, Massachusetts to determine whether a separate city of the predominantly Black neighborhoods inside Boston will be established. The proposed city has the name "Mandela City."

20% of those voting in this area supported it in 1986. Those that are fighting for this Mandela City are accepted by over 50% of the Blacks as more legitimate leaders than the more conservative leaders who support the Democratic party mayor and particularly the Governor, who is running for president.

Dukakis has often referred to the "Massachusetts Miracle," that is, to so-called improvements in the standard of living for people in Massachusetts. The fact that a significant portion of Blacks want to establish their own city, shows what they think of this "Massachusetts Miracle."

We support the right of Black people in Boston to establish their own city, if they choose to do so. Even more, we support the right of Black people in the United States to establish their own nation on American soil and separate, if they chose to do so. — F.M.

Drugs: A Capitalist Enterprise

There are three reasons for the large quantity of drugs in Detroit:

- 1) There are huge profits to be made by producing and selling drugs.
- 2) There is a great demand for drugs in Detroit.
- 3) America's rich capitalist ruling class needs a weapon that it can use to attack the youth, workers and unemployed of the big cities, like Detroit.

The ruling class can be found any place there is lots of money to be made. There is nothing more important to it than increasing its wealth and power. That means that it is necessarily involved in the big money making activity of drug sales in this country.

There is a huge demand for drugs in Detroit and other large American cities because of the deteriorating conditions of life that many people cannot get out of.

In Detroit, decent employment opportunities for the youth are very few and unemployment is high. In a January 8, 1988 editorial the *Detroit News* said: "If you count the jobless who may have dropped out of the labor market altogether, unemployment could exceed 25%" in Detroit.

In addition, public education is poor, health care is expensive, public transportation is not reliable and the crime rate is awful.

People who are locked-up in this urban prison look for a way to escape — *drugs*.

Many are drawn into selling drugs in order to survive. Others use drugs to escape from the frustration of daily life, and are forced into crime to feed their costly addictions.

The conflict and fear of one another generated by this dog-eat-dog situation weakens us all.

America's wealthy ruling class needs to attack the workers, youth, and unemployed with drugs in order to keep us pacified, humiliated, divided and weak.

As long as we are weak, it's harder for us to unite to challenge and fight the capitalists. They control the economy and force us to live like dogs so they can stay rich and powerful.

But we, the working class, built and maintain this economy. We owe it to ourselves and to our

youth to run this economy in the service of our basic needs. To do that, we have to build a labor party, a party that can fight to take control of this country, a party to lead the working class to socialist, democratic power. And with this labor party we can help our brothers and sisters

in other countries, too.

Now's the time to dig the rich man's grave! We can do that by starting to build the working class party of socialist revolution. — Steve Kovar

March on Washington — August 27

The August 27 March on Washington, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington, showed the growing determination of Black youth to fight for the democratic rights of Black people. This contradicted many of the speakers, particularly Jesse Jackson, who said that racial violence is no longer a central issue, that the problem now is "economic violence."

There were no American flags in the march, as there had been in the past. One of the most popular items at the march was the Black

nationalist flag — red, green and black. One of these flags had a map of the United States with a map of Africa within it. Many of the young people wore shirts saying "Black to the Future" and "Black by Popular Demand." Some wore t-shirts with pictures of Malcolm X with two machine guns crossing.

Finally, there was a large contingent of marchers who wanted statehood for Washington, DC, which is 80% Black and has no representation. — F.M.



Minimum Wages Equal to Union Wages!

The U.S. Congress failed to pass a bill to raise the minimum wage from \$3.35 an hour to \$4.55 by 1991. But even \$4.55 an hour is not enough. They say that no more than 25% of your income should go for housing. Where is it possible to find an apartment, much less a house, for \$150 or \$175 a month? Why should one worker make

enough to have a house and feed a family, but another worker barely even make enough to feed himself? Minimum wages should be equal to union wages so that every worker makes enough to have his or her own place, feed his or her family, etc. — M.G.

Algeria: A Youth Insurrection

Weeks ago a tenacious strike announced a tempest in Algeria. On the second day, massive protests of the youth began which, in this country, constitute two-thirds of the population, and which express the true future of popular misery. On the fifth day a large crowd of unemployed and students marched from the neighborhoods to the center of the capital. The police were overwhelmed. The Government, seized with panic, fell within days. The army intervened with tanks and the sixth day declared martial law. The protest continued and spread to other cities, like Oran. More than 200 dead and 1000 arrested were not enough for the army to maintain public order. Jobs, freedom, bread, are the slogans of this popular insurrection without a program, leaders or organization.

Only the working class can give these things to this movement. The democratic opposition from exile (Ben Bella) and the Islamic opposition within, have limited themselves to putting forward slogans from outside the movement, like someone fishing in troubled waters.

On the other hand, the popular movement initiated by the youth has defined its objectives by its acts: attacking and destroying the headquarters of the sole party, the FLN, it demands an end to its regime and political freedom; sacking the luxury hotels and stores, it sends a message to the rich speculators of the regime who do not suffer from high prices and unemployment; destroying the office of Air France and stoning the consulates, it threatens the beneficiaries of the misery of the Argentine people: the imperialist nations of Europe ...

The party that thirty years ago represented the independence and progress of the Northern African people, represents for the current generation, the chains of imperialism, totalitarianism and intolerable misery. It is not surprising that the well-known executioner Hassan II has solidarized himself with the Algerian government. It is more lamentable that Qaddafi has done so. Let the people not forget!

It is the end of Arab bourgeois nationalism. It is the hour of the Northern African working class. It is only a beginning.

The young Algerians, that no one is yet leading, have learned directly from their Palestinian brothers. The Palestinian insurrection gelled thousands of kilometers away in the popular insurrection in Argel and Oran. (And isn't it too bad that the leaders of the Chilean people have

learned nothing.) It is an event of tremendous international importance: in Palestine, in Burma, in Algeria now, the intolerable situation of the people leads to insurrectionary uprisings, without leaders up to the height of them, without organization and without arms, because the only social class capable of taking charge of this situation and leading the struggle — that is, the working class — does not respond to the challenge because of the singular and total fault that its leaders have become

Global Conflict

Around the world, entire nations are rising up against the dictators and Stalinist regimes of the old order. We are mentioning only the main ones here.

El Salvador

For the first time the Reagan regime has admitted that U.S. troops have fired on Salvadoran people fighting for their freedom. On September 15 Lt. General Charles Brown said three U.S. military advisers took part in a firefight with rebels at El Paraiso on September 13. During the week of October 15, hundreds of people across the U.S. protested support to the dictatorship in El Salvador by Reagan and the Congress.

Burma

The Burmese people have revolted against the 26-year old military dictatorship in their country. General strikes of workers lasted 8 weeks, hundreds of thousands of people protested and fought riot police and troops. On September 20, the army, fearing for its rule, took over the crumbling government. It rounded up leaders of the revolt and killed hundreds of them. The United States government supported the military coup. It urged the military leaders to enter into talks with opposition leaders.

The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe

Armenian workers have staged general strikes, demonstrations, etc., to force the government to allow the unification of all Armenians in the Armenian republic. Armenians living in cities outside the republic have been persecuted by the majorities there. This struggle was met by 50,000 Soviet troops, curfews. All strikes and meetings were declared illegal.

There has been a revolt by the Serbs and Mon-

bourgeoisified.

Every conscious worker must think about these facts: their leaders are bourgeoisified; the oppressed people demand revolutionary methods and goals, they try to put them into practice. The working class has to put itself at the head of the explosions of popular violence that are beginning to shake up the world from one end to the other. From *La Aurora*, October 13, 1988

tenegrins dominated by Albanians in the southeastern part of Yugoslavia. At the Boris Kidric iron works, 30,000 workers organized a sit-in. It was here that the president of the Montenegro Republic resigned amid jeers from the workers. In addition to national oppression, unemployment is at 15%, inflation is running 217% annually because the country owes \$21 billion dollars to US banks.

In Hungary, 30,000 to 50,000 people participated in the largest unofficial demonstration since Soviet troops crushed the 1956 uprising.

In Romania, violence erupted when the largest group of demonstrators in more than a decade attacked Brasov City Hall and the mayor's office, chanting, "We want bread."

Palestine

The intifada, or uprising, by Palestinians against the Israeli occupation of their country continues. There have been several major clashes with Israeli troops; Palestinians have declared Burqa a liberated area; there have been armed attacks against Israeli soldiers; general strikes occurred twice in the last few weeks.

Palestinians closed down all their shops and stopped working October 4 to protest the closing of school by Israeli authorities. The Israelis closed school to "punish" the Palestinians for intensifying their rebellion against Israel with more armed attacks.

Palestinians marked the 32nd anniversary of the slaughter of the citizens of Kafr Qasim by Israeli troops October 29 with another general strike. It was called by the Muslim Hamas movement and the Unified National Leadership of the Uprising. Palestinian flags were flying throughout the occupied territories, in defiance of Israeli laws banning their appearance. — F.M.

Chrysler Workers Strike

Fenton, Missouri — On October 5, 3700 workers went on strike at the St. Louis II Chrysler Assembly plant (UAW Local 110). The plant makes mini-vans and 40% of Chrysler's profit. Chrysler had refused to reach agreement with the workers over health and safety issues and outsourcing of work currently done by UAW workers. Workers said that Chrysler wants to eliminate 600 to 800 jobs in the next year by cutting maintenance workers and using pre-assembled parts to cut assembly line workers.

During the summer heat wave, one worker died of a heart attack in the plant. The company was later fined by the federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration for violations during the heat wave.

New Directions

Jerry Tucker was recently elected director of UAW Region 5 centered in St. Louis, Missouri. This is the first time in 40 years that someone who is not part of the top leadership's caucus has been elected to such a position.

Tucker claims to be opposed to concessions, to represent "New Directions" for the UAW. But instead of mobilizing the ranks of the UAW to overturn the initial election results — when the top leadership stole the election from him — he went to court and got the court to overturn the election results and supervise the elections. This sets a dangerous precedent as the

Twice in three days the workers rejected a contract that did not solve these problems. Chrysler went to court to get an injunction forcing the workers to go back to work, but agreed to "drop it" if the original contract was ratified. The top UAW leadership refused to support the striking workers. They agreed with Chrysler that the workers had no business striking over "national" issues like outsourcing. Local leaders agreed. They put virtually the same contract up for a vote again on October 21 and it was approved.

GM workers at the plant in nearby Wentzville showed their support with a rally of 500 workers on the shop floor during the strike. — F.M.

government's attempt to takeover the Teamsters' union now shows. And the day that he announced that he had won the most recent elections, he urge workers to vote for Dukakis.

Whether or not to support Tucker or his supporters, against other candidates, in any given election, is a tactical question. Whether or not to politically support his program is not. It's necessary to mobilize the union ranks against the top UAW leadership and its collaboration with the bosses, not the bosses' courts, and it's necessary to build a labor party based on the unions' power, not the bosses' party. — F.M.

Workers march on Labor Day from the Groton Shipyards in Connecticut. The 10,000 workers there recently ended a strike.



Solidarity

Delores Huerta

United Farm Worker vice president Delores Huerta was beaten by San Francisco police on September 14 outside the St. Francis Hotel where George Bush was speaking. In emergency surgery, her spleen was removed. Several ribs had been broken. Several of the hundreds of other demonstrators were beaten. They were all protesting against the crimes of the Reagan regime against working people here and abroad. Delores was protesting Bush's attack on the Farm Workers Union and its grape boycott.

Puerto Rican Independence Fighters

On October 10 the trial of 15 Puerto Ricans who advocate independence for their country, a direct colony of the United States, began in Hartford, Connecticut. They are being tried for conspiracy in a 1983 bank robbery. The defendants should be freed. Puerto Rico has a right to be free and the U.S. government has no business ruling the country or placing its freedom fighters on trial.

Kentucky Miners

Four Kentucky miners have been convicted of murder in the death of a scab in the 1984-85 strike against Massey Coal Company. These miners have been framed with the help of the FBI and local police. Their convictions must be overturned. — F.M.

Jesse Jackson and the United Secretariat

The leadership of the United Secretariat recently published an article by Kim Moody in its publication *International Viewpoint* on "The Democrats in post-Reagan America."

The United Secretariat is one of the largest international organizations that claims to be the Fourth International, that is, the world party of socialist revolution founded by Leon Trotsky and his comrades in 1938. And there are four tendencies associated with

Jackson's Program: Pro-Capitalist

In the last issue of *Truth*, we published a document signed by Jesse Jackson that basically sums up his program and that of the wing of the capitalist Democratic Party that he represents: "a competent and constructive anti-drug campaign," "policies that will foster growth, prosperity, and full employment," "embrace those leaders of conscience who are seeking ways to resolve world conflicts through non-violent means," "aid their brothers and sisters in

can claim two great accomplishments ..." — is equally false.

The Jackson campaign *split* the movement that began to develop against *both Reagan and the Democrats* as it became increasingly clear, after Reagan was elected, that the Democrats were fundamentally supporting his racist and anti-working class measures — the cuts in social programs destined for Blacks and workers, the union-busting, aid to the contras, etc. It *burned up the energy* of thousands of militants, engaging them in the hopeless task of trying to reform the capitalist Democratic Party. And it *shut out* thousands of young Black and white workers, disgusted with this society, who obviously could have no place in all the elitist Democratic Party clubs, caucuses, conventions, etc., in which the Jackson campaign was involved.

"There is not one single, solitary item in Jackson's program that 'challenges the practices of business in a crisis-ridden capitalist world' or that 'implies a significant redistribution of wealth toward the poor and the working class.' And we defy the author of this article or its publishers to quote one concrete measure advocated by Jackson in the course of his 1988 election campaign which does."

the United Secretariat in the United States: the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), the Fourth Internationalist Caucus (FIC), the Fourth Internationalist Tendency (FIT), and Socialist Action (SA).

However, this article is further proof that the United Secretariat is *not* the Fourth International. It is *not even loyal* to the Fourth International's program.

The Fourth International's program says:

"The Fourth International ... uncompromisingly gives battle to all political groupings tied to the apron-strings of the bourgeoisie ..."

And:

"The Fourth International sweeps away the quacks, charlatans and unsolicited teachers of morals ... All methods are good which raise the class-consciousness of the workers, their trust in their own forces, their readiness for self-sacrifice in the struggle ..."

Yet this article, published by the United Secretariat leadership says:

"Though Jackson's message was by no means a socialist one, he presented the party and the electorate with an inspirational populism that strongly challenged the practices of business in a crisis-ridden capitalist world. Furthermore, Jackson's populism implied a significant redistribution of wealth toward the poor and the working class ..."

And:

"The Jackson campaigns and the Rainbow populism they projected can claim two great accomplishments. The first is to have regenerated pride, self-esteem and hope in the Black community ... Jackson's second accomplishment has been to open the minds of millions of whites to the ideas of a Black leader representing much of the Black community ..."

South Africa," "resist the ever-rising tide of extremism," "enforce vigorously the laws for equal employment and equal education opportunities," "a broad non-partisan coalition to press for basic legislation and actions to turn this nation around ..."

We also published excerpts from an interview published in the *Detroit News* in which he equated communists and drug dealers. And in this issue of *Truth* we are publishing excerpts from an article Jackson wrote for *Mother Jones* entitled "What We've Won," in which he says that he has built a coalition, transformed the Democratic Party, and that the American economy is basically sound.

There is not one single, solitary item in Jackson's program that "challenges the practices of business in a crisis-ridden capitalist world" or that "implies a significant redistribution of wealth toward the poor and the working class." And we defy the author of this article or its publishers to quote one concrete measure advocated by Jackson in the course of his 1988 election campaign which does.

Jackson's Accomplishments: Splitting the Movement

The author's second contention — "The Jackson campaigns and the Rainbow populism they projected

If Jackson's campaign was really doing what Moody said, then why did the capitalist press give him such favorable publicity, why did the pro-capitalist union bureaucrats open their halls to him, why did a Democratic Party regular like Willie Brown agree to manage his campaign, and, why are capitalists like Donald Trump contributing to him today? They gave Malcolm X and Black Panther Party leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark bullets and graves.

Jesse Jackson represents precisely one of "the political groupings tied to the apron-strings of the bourgeoisie" that the Fourth International's program says "it uncompromisingly gives battle to." He is precisely one of the "quacks, charlatans and unsolicited teachers of morals," that the Fourth International's programs says it must "sweep away."

Instead of doing this, the United Secretariat publishes articles *embellishing* Jackson, praising Jackson.

And this article does not include one word of support for working class or socialist candidates in the 1988 elections in the United States.

This is simply one of many examples that show that the United Secretariat is *not loyal* to the Fourth International's program. Thus those who *are loyal* to the Fourth International's program, should not be loyal to the United Secretariat. They should make a common fight to rebuild the Fourth International on the basis of its program. — M.G.

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Fifty Years of the Fourth International

The International League (for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International) held an educational event and public meeting in Paris, France, to celebrate the founding of the Fourth International fifty years ago. We have not yet received a report on the meeting. But we have received a copy of greetings from Chilean revolutionaries to a preparatory meeting in Barcelona, Spain. American readers will find these greetings especially interesting. Chile is the country in which the events pictured in the popular movie "Missing" took place—including a bloody coup d'etat backed by the U.S. under Nixon, the massive round-up and execution of innocent young people and workers, in

stadiums, the unexplained disappearance of others, etc. Now the U.S. government claims that the recent referendum in Chile, in which thousands of Chileans voted "no" to Pinochet, the bloody dictator who headed the coup, means an end to the kinds of things pictured in "Missing" and a return to "democracy." These Chilean revolutionaries say it's not so simple. The purpose of the referendum is to stem the tide of popular revolution and maintain Pinochet's dictatorship but without Pinochet... They urged a boycott of the referendum and an active struggle by the people themselves to bury the dictatorship... —M.G.

revolution, of putting an end to this regime, that of winning a popular and revolutionary Government. Our option is the option that it be the workers who are the ones who are really the masters of power in Chile. This is our popular democratic alternative for beginning to create socialism. And in this, comrades, we do not want to deceive anyone. Our objective is, was, will be and continues being socialism in Chile.

We will be loyal to the heritage of our fallen ones. Their sacrifice will bear fruit in the struggles of each day and in the final triumph of the proletarian revolution.

Socialism costs what it costs.

We will win!

Greetings from Chilean Revolutionaries

Comrades of the Fourth International.

In the first place we would like to transmit to you a revolutionary greeting from the Coordination of Revolutionary Organizations (COR) of Chile.

Comrades:

There is no doubt that we are living in moments of far reaching decisions in Chile, but these decisions go far beyond a "yes" or a "no" in Pinochet's plebiscite farce, whose conclusion we already know will not change either the road or the objective that the dictatorship and its allies in power have been in the process of imposing.

The decisions that confront us with more profound and great consequences are: the perpetuation of the Dictatorship, the consolidation of the ultraliberal system and as a consequence our own crushing as a people, or opposition to this the implacable struggle against the entirety of the dictatorial system on all terrains, in order to win a popular and revolutionary government in our own country.

There are no other alternatives, comrades. And this is not the consequence of our will or whimsy. These are the new conditions in which the capitalist system in Chile is recomposing.

Beginning with the coup d'etat in 1973, whether we like it or not, our country was inserted into a concrete international situation, in an imperialist-capitalism system that tries to recuperate international loans with great profits and that provokes an external debt that is im-

possible to cancel; that imposes upon dependent economies what they must produce; that fixes the value of their products in international markets and that sells its own merchandise at the price of gold.

The military regime and its allies, comrades, responds steadfastly to these demands.

(...) The facts are before our eyes, we have suffered for 15 years, the assassinations, the executions, the chronic unemployment, the marginalized people, the child prostitution, the disappeared, the miser, the hunger, has a single objective: to defend the ultraliberal economic model. The defense of this model is also a condition of international capital. This economic model is the one that is canceling ponderous external debts at the expense of millions of Chileans, which is selling our products at low prices, which is practically giving the factories to the State and which maintains starvation wages, for the broad masses of workers in Chile. It is for this reason, comrades, that national capital as well as international capital, needs a dictatorship to maintain its domination, and we say once again: the plebiscite was useful for this. It was designed to continue with the same scheme.

(...) For all these reasons we say with the Socialist Party-Comandantes, the Socialist Party-Unitario, Mapu-Lantaro, MIR-Pascal that (1) that the Dictatorship seeks to continue its power, consolidate it, and the plebiscite was a tool for its goals.

This comrades, is an option, the other option which we raise to our people, the option of

(1) The Socialist Party of Chile (Collective Leadership) and the organizations cited here ... maintain a frontal opposition to the plebiscite.

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