FIGHT THE DRAFT!

No Individual Cop Outs; Prepare a Mass Struggle

by a Welfare Worker

New York City. . . "We are gathered here tonight for a common purpose to tell the story that will be heard throughout the country and around the world. We are united in a fight to the finish. We are united against massive power. New York State has declared war on public employees. We will fight back with every weapon at our disposal and forge new weapons." These were the words of Charles Cogan, President of the American Federation of Teachers, as he spoke to a rally of public employees at Madison Square Garden on May 23rd. The rally, sponsored by DC 37, UFT, and TWU, was called to "fight back" against RAC, a vicious anti-labor law designed to make slaves of public employees and to destroy their unions.

Public workers came from all over the country to attend the rally. 25,000 workers flocked to Madison Square Garden. Every seat was taken and, as a result, thousands of workers were turned away at the door. Colorful hats and signs and marching bands brightened the massive building. Banners lined the tiers: "Only Slaves Can't Strike!" The Best is Yet to Come Despite Rockefeller-Truax Anti-Labor Law. Politicians Don't Play Games With Us.

The massive turnout and the spirit of the rally is an indication both of the pressures the city workers are under and the determination to "fight back."

The labor bureaucrats who called the rally are likewise under pressure from their ranks. The leaders of the three sponsoring unions joined together in a call for a mass "mutual support and mutual reliance." The goals of this alliance as expressed by the speakers at the "Declaration of the Rights of Public Employees" are:

1. To demand equal rights and conditions of employment.
2. To banish the resources and expand and perfect the organizations of the workers (specifically DC 37, UFT, TWU) in order to overcome all attacks on the unions.
3. To have the TWU, UFT, and DC 37 stand together in defense of one another until this evil law and its promoters are left in the dust of history.
4. To launch a political struggle of the kind once called for by Samuel Gompers, "to reward our friends and punish our enemies."

The unity of city workers and the pledge to fight politically against the intervention of the state in the trade unions marks a turning point in recent labor history. The question, however, still remains as to what steps must be taken to defeat these laws and to advance the struggles of the workers.

The last contract negotiation between District 65 and the Direct Mail Master Contract Association highlighted a problem of which the Local's membership was already aware. The Association rejected the Union's demands on the basis that any significant wage hikes would further widen the already existing differences between the union and non-union shops. The union workers are aware of the problem of competitive bidding, as we watch one account after another leave our shops. Resulting in lay offs and in the last several months the closing of four organized shops.

Adding to the existing problems in the Direct Mail Field are the activities of the Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters. The Teamsters have already signed Fifth Avenue Letter, one of the largest direct mail shops in the city, and have come close to securing a second shop, Readers Mail. In both cases the Teamsters' actions were despicable.

The Teamsters' actions are clearly illegal. Rather than approaching the shop workers on the basis of the benefits they could gain from becoming unionized, the Teamsters' approach was the same method as in the past, pointing out the savings they could expect with a Teamster rather than a 65.

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Progressive Labor Party Lies About Adam Malik and Trotskyism

Statement by the Political Committee of the Socialist Labour League

Our attention has been drawn to an article appearing in Vol 5 No 6 (February–March 1967) of the Indonesian Labour ‘lour’, organ of the Chinese–Indonesian Progressive Labour Party, ‘Who is Adam Malik?’

In an article which is a reprint of an article by an Indonesian student’s association in China-seriously and unfoundedly, and on the extreme basis of a study about the connections between Indonesia’s most reactionary political and Chineese for Political Affairs and Trotskyism.

Malik, it is well known, is a member of the Partai Muba, a nationalistic party with a certain long friendship with Sukarno, originally founded by Tan Malaka, a leading Comintern figure in Asia, and which has long been opposed to the late Stalin’s policies in South-East Asia, but which has since moved towards Cominformism for nationalism and disappeared in mysterious circumstances in 1946–1948.

His party, the Muba (Communists’ party), survived, but only to further reaction against the movement and government itself.

One can only hope that Indonesia’s future will be better for the movement and government itself.

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Rally Song: Rocky and Tony

Rocky and Tony are buddies
Globally we are working together
On collective bargaining legislation both of them agree
That the bosses are right
And the workers are wrong.

When Rocky was running for office,
He said, “Communists are a curse.”
But once elected he changed his mind
And made that law much worse.
Next time he runs,
We’re gonna go in.

Rocky went up to the State-house,
Met Tony Travia there.
They said, “We’re gonna go in.”
If you’ll help me out,
And I’ll help you with the bosses.

When Tony was running for office,
He said, “I’m the working-man’s friend.”
Now he’s double-crossed us,
And left us for the bosses.
Next time he runs,
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Now all of you Democrats listen!
All you Republicans, too!
If you voted for the union-busting law
Then we’ve got some plans for you.
We’re gonna go in with a sixty-eight.

We are all socialist advocates—agreed to organize the support of the workers against the soaring prices of household necessities. A little of each day’s wage was as much as an artisan’s daily wage. Higher in price than the short supply. The prices of vegetables, fruits, and even clothing were doubled. The price of rice was almost as much as an artisan’s daily wage. Higher in price than the short supply. The prices of vegetables, fruits, and even clothing were doubled. The price of rice was almost as much as an artisan’s daily wage.

The support for NASAKOM and kind of struggle they made from such an acceptance is an indictment—of Trotskyism and the “Progressive Labour”. There are certain that those workers of Indonesia will still further to NASAKOM and the class I will still rise, Phoenix-like, from the ashes of 1967 Indonesia, in all its mutations, however, it is doomed completely.

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In the meantime, the workers at the rally pointed out, with-out the right to strike, collective bargaining and the right to strike becomes compulsory arbitration, the tool the bosses use to prevent any labor movement.

The purpose of VAT is to destroy the labor movement and absorb the union in the state apparatus. VAT represents the renewed and deformed form of governmental and business government on the American working class.

The rallying call for all New Yorkers are feeling the first shot of the war. What they do to fight for their rights is the key to the rest of the labor movement.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SPARTacist MOVEMENT

By Fred Maiman

Last month (BULLETIN, Vol. 3, No. 18, May 8, 1967) we assessed the development of the Spartacist group in the year since its revisionism had been exposed by the International Committee of the Fourth International, held in April 1966. Spartacists believed on the April 1966 peace march in May 1967 as well as a recent split inside the group, were the latest examples of the crisis of this group. It had been exposed in defense of the Bulgarian Revolution on its 10th anniversary, precisely at a time when the butchers of the Hun- ger and Lopez governments were more and more closely with the butchers of the Vietnamese. We see nothing artificial about this action and one only needs to stand to see those who artificially seek to divide the struggles of the workers of Eastern Europe and the colonial world. It was the Tsykhanov, who emerged from the drama and the struggle in defense of the Bulgarian Revolution. Even if a world perspective of the linked crises of imperialism and Stalinism is emerging, the Spartacists are now a revolutionary party. After a world perspective of the linked crises of imperialism and Stalinism is emerging, the Spartacists are now a revolutionary party.

Stalinists

Spartacist is disturbed (6 months after the event) because it seems that the principle intervention of the Trotskyists resulted in the withdrawal of a small contingent of Belgian Stalinist youth from the Liege demonstration. According to Spartacist, that the Trotskyists are unable to politically confront an opponent (1), and that they refuse to struggle side by side with the workers.

We have some questions to ask of Spartacist. What impact did the impact of the SLL have on the Russian students and government? Do you know of any serious discussion of the Soviet Union? Do you know of any serious discussion of the Soviet Union?

A real nature

Spartacist in the past year has proceeded from hating imperialism and the Fourth International to the SWP, to aiding the Pahlavi-inspired Tareh affair, to parroting the Pahlavi's line and criticizing its line on Iran. It has come to the defense of the revisionists at Liege, somewhat belatedly, but it has not reversed its line on the Soviet Union. It has already revealed its real nature on every crucial issue facing the international working class and the Marxist movement.

May 6, 1967

THE RACIST COUNCIL

By Fred Welker

The recent news from Sweden is that the Borrby racists, led by Fred Aker, have been arrested for incitement of physical violence.

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DIRECT MAIL

Personalise your letter (1) or contract. The employer is then told to go out and organize his shop for the workers. The workers are motivated by the organization of the shop but are not interested in increased membership and additional funds. To eliminate any such activity, a Teamsters' District committee were able to mobilize far greater numbers of workers in struggle against imperialism than were the theoretical and political struggle with reaching out to the masses without a trace of sectarianism.

united front

Do not confuse the genuine struggle for the united front with the Pahlavi and Stalinist version of the united front. To them the united front is the opposite of struggle. On their combined May Day demonstration in New York they called for “democracy” in Greece, the CP and SWP showed what they meant by a united front. The behavior of the Pahlavi at Liege was part of this turn to the Stalinists. The turn toward popular front policies has led to the bloc with the Stalinists, which has developed on both sides of the Atlantic since Lenin's line on the blocs.

Where does the Spartacist stand on the bloc between the Pahlavi revisionists and the Stalinists? It sounds more and more as though it is approving this bloc, tailing along after it somewhat reluctantly. How else can we interpret the refusal to raise the slogan of victory to the National Liberation Front, its position on Liege, and its continuing attack on the alleged ultra-leftism of the SLL and its co-thinkers.

The main resolution on perspectives adopted by the founding conference of the Workers League in November 1966, said the following about Spartacist:

"The Spartacist must be understood as a further expression of the new Russian revolutionism of the SWP. As this group never faced up to the history of the SWP and worked towards its own line, necessarily they will inevitably fall prey to nationalism, its theoretical bankruptcy, its unprincipled compromising, its group without perspective or principle."

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YOUTH ASSEMBLY FLOAT WAS FEATURE OF BRITISH MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION.

by a UFT member

"There is no question but that the failure of the Board to negotiate is largely due to a feeling of security prompted by the passage of the Rockefeller-Travis bill."

"We serve notice now to the Board of Education that this sense of security is false. Law or no law, the public schools cannot be operated without 50,000 teachers. Law or no law, we will live up to our policy of no contract -- no work."

This is the strongly worded statement Albert M. Revolt, President Local 2, AFT-CIO, wrote in the April 1967 newsletter, United Letter.

RAT

Like the Union District Council 37, the UFT recognizes the pressure being brought to bear on the city unions by the rockefeller-travia law. The UFT membership and bureaucracy are quite aware that there is no need for the Board of Education to negotiate, to make offers on salaries, class size, etc. The union teachers and the students are operating in the schools on last year's contract 1960 which is getting progressively worse. Or the UFT can live up to President Young's threat of militiam and sound threat and strike.

Two years ago, the union's bureaucracy buckled under the Condon-Wadlin act, and the membership worked for months to win the contract. The state and city administration's reason have reason to feel pretty safe again -- unless the teachers recognize that the Board of Ed. doesn't offer (which is a part and parcel of the financial crisis in most local areas throughout the country). The Rockefeller-travia law must be understood as a way of dealing with city workers similar to Johnson's way of dealing with railroad workers (compulsory arbitration). These are real attacks by the teachers must begin to understand in their relationship to other city unions under the immediate of the attack of the RAT law and also understand that this is just part of the struggle against anti-union legislation in rallies but also must struggle against their union bureaucracy and force them to act consistently like trade-unionists.

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bloody job of defending the system that exploits them and workers all over the world. To shape the youth to task the Army disciplines the youth by breaking their independent spirit and moulding their will to null the needs of the capitalists. To make this more effective Johnson wants to draft the youth as early as possible, at age 19.

The Workers League and Revolt are unequivocally opposed to the draft and we call for the abolition of student deferments. However, we do not believe, like the pacifists, that if everyone simply lays down their arms there will be no more war. There can be no peaceful solutions to the tremendous explosive forces that are shaking the world. We live in an era of increasingly sharp class struggle. This struggle is bringing the working class of every country into bloody conflict with their ruling class. Wherever possible, the UAW-CIO and other unions are using their funds, time, energies, and muscle to ensure that the working class, with the help of the New Left, are able to make the revolution that is necessary.

TRAIVIA LAW

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The first condition of this struggle in the construction of a revolutionary socialist youth movement. The more the more the power to back up mass re- fusal of induction into the draft. The whole army is the people's army on the day the bullets of the National Liberation Front and the defeat of the US can only mean victory. The more, the more the more the more the people's army on the day the bullets of the National Liberation Front and the defeat of the US can only mean victory.

Because the draft is essential to the preservation of the capitalist system, opposition to the draft must be an organized, individual action. Symbolic protest has no meaning to the aggressors because it does not pose the fundamental question of how to change society. In opposing the draft, youth must be armed with the consciousness that they are engaged in a long struggle to build a positive alternative to the war and to the system which causes and exploitation will no longer be possible for those wishing to attend also the annual camp organized by the Socialist Labour League and the Young Socialist.

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