The New York Sanitationmen’s strike is now settled—at least for the time being. But the dangers to all labor exposed during the strike persist.

As far as Mayor Lindsay was concerned—a man elected with strong labor support—there was only one issue in this strike: his campaign to break city labor. He broke the SEIU in a long strike. He broke the UFT after a short strike, when its leaders sold out for a contract which gave teachers and students virtually nothing. He broke the TWU when its leaders followed the UFT leadership’s course but without even attempting a strike and hiding from the mem-

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toss the fakers out!

All over the country the rank and file militants in the unions are making clear exactly what they think of the trade union leadership. This time around, when the president of the SEIU, was almost lynched by the rank and file, he was no longer a guy to call off a strike. She had to be escorted to a car by fifteen SEIU officers. Then in the Spring apartment house workers threw chairs at the strikers and when the leadership held off calling a strike.

This December, Harry Van Arsdale of the taxi union and head of the City Labor Council, sent a police escort to get out of a taxi union meeting and avoid calling a strike. It was a tumultuous meeting of garage workers that forced the leadership of that union to bring to a better settlement this month. The almost lynching of John Delury of the Sanitationmen forced the leadership to call the present strike.

The bosses are taking on the unions in order to maintain their profits through attacking working conditions and holding down wages. They want to fight back the trade union leaders and prevent a strike. They are tied in with the bosses. They know how to buy off the leaders but they don't know how to fight. Their concern is with the privileges and the dues which make these privileges possible not with rivaling the leaders or the workers in struggle.

So the workers are learning that they must fight the leadership in order to fight back against the bosses, to win. The rank and file leadership are not enough—fighting the bosses and the leaders of the unions who want to take the struggle of the workers. Sometimes unionists can force a strike but they have to win it. The rank and file leaders must force the union out of the hands of the bosses and into the hands of the workers.

The bosses must be forced to take up the struggle to build caucuses in the unions where it is to replace the false leaders of labor with new militants. A fighting program that can force the union to fight again in each union and to build caucasuses in each union dedicated to the defense of the workers. This must take place in the interests of and under the control of the rank and file.

Tossing chairs is not enough. We must toss out the fakers and toss them out of the union. Join with us in struggle.

WITNESS!

NLF extends war into cities

Thus the 'defenders' of South Vietnam have become its destroyers. It is no longer a matter of bombing Hanoi, today they are bombing Saigon, Hue and other South Vietnam cities. This illusion of a military victory does not, as the Pentagon and the US press claim, vindicate when they work, of a 'criminal' when they don't work. But it is a trend that is being fought by the workers and peasants of the South. The war threatens, and will continue to threaten the survival of the workers and peasants of the South. The only way the war can continue is by putting the whole world at stake.
SANITATION—THE LESSONS

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bership behind a mail ballot. He would have broken the Sanitation union the same way if the ranks had not intervened and forced the leadership into a strike.

So the issue of the strike became the issue of power—the power of the state representing the power of the working class represented by the million and a half organized workers in New York City. This is a question of the power of such a head-on conflict when he spoke of the danger of ‘fighting in the streets’ if the strike were called.

He sought to compromise the strike issues by giving the Sanitationmen a wage settlement above what they had been offered before the strike but without giving them anything on working conditions. He was able to postpone for a while a head-on conflict which sooner or later will come.

Rockefeller is no friend of labor. Let us get that straight. He signed the infamous anti-union law under which Sanitation’s head DeLury was sent to jail. Rockefeller is one of the biggest capitalists in the United States and he is in the habit of building up the labor movement as Lindsay. He differs only in tactics, only in timing. He hopes to compromise with the unions for a little longer, to hold off an armed struggle with American workers for a little longer. That is all.

What Lindsay threatens now, Rockefeller, Johnson and the rest of the political representatives of the bosses will do later. Remember that these are the same men who supported Lindsay in his call for the National Guard.

Last summer, when the Federal government mobilized the National Guard and U.S. troops against the Negro mass we warned the American labor movement that the unions would be taken by the power to run this country. We must now take the struggle to mobilize this power by organizing an independent trade union movement. This is the most pressing task facing labor today. Must we wait until these politicians come to the rescue?

Once again we warn American labor: YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS IN THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES. They will continue to let these people run this country they will turn on you and send troops against the unions and break the back of labor. American labor has

by Fred Calhoun

NEW YORK—It was a wonderful sight to watch: three-quarters of the membership of the Uniformed Sanitationmen’s Association gathers at City Hall in the early dawn on February 2 to fight for their rights. They had been working without a contract since June 30. Then, they had seen everyone else do the job and deteriorate as less money was spent for maintenance of equipment, resulting in many serious injuries, and they had heard of Lindsay’s plans to reduce the work force. All the while, union head John DeLury had been conducting secret negotiations with the sanitation department.

DeLury had been forced the week before to call a slow-down, but more was needed to budg Lindsay.

The membership knew what was going on. They knew that DeLury was afraid to tackle the Taylor Law, would settle for a few paltry concessions—‘if he could get them’—like a fif

next. We urged the unions to defend the Negro masses against the armed might of the bosses. Now this threat is more urgent than ever.

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BOSSES SETTLE WITH MILITANT GARAUS

by Ivy Hacker

NEW YORK—This past week in New York City 3500 members of Teamsters Local 272 were on strike, effectively closing all midtown garages.

The strike was anticipated by the garage owners who three weeks before the strike advised their customervisitors to come downtown rather than take the subway or bus. The Metropolitan Garage Owners Board of Trade insisted that they would not afford to meet the demands of the striking workers.

These ‘improved’ owners normally charge $3.00 per car for parking during the normal work day. In addition, the same garages re-serve their space to the drops for an additional $3.00 an evening.

Unlike other transit strikes in the past two months, this strike affected little of the working public. Most workers could never afford the $3.00 per day parking charge. As such, their pay was little pressure being applied externally for the workers to compromise their demands.

On January 27th, expressing the new militancy of labor in this city, strikers refused an owners’ offer of a $7.50 a week increase in the minimum wage, refusing even to hold a council ballot on the question. As a result the leadership was forced to go back in and negotiate a larger increase.

The result was a $10 increase in the minimum wage this time accepted by the members. There is a lesson here for unionists who believe those “it’s the best we can get” speeches of the union bureau-

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The world capitalist system is in crisis. There is no country of the world which is unaffected by this crisis. The imperialists have a hand in maintaining their rule by attacking the working class and peasantry—sometimes with arms in hand; other times in more subtle ways. But everywhere, everywhere the capitalists are deepening their war against the working class.

In this issue of the Bulletin we show what the crisis of capitalism means to workers in Vietnam, Spain, Africa, Cuba, Canada and the United States. In each case we deal with the program necessary to lead the workers in the fight back against the capitalists.

We must see these struggles as but one worldwide struggle, one great battle of the workers of the world against the united front of the world capitalists. So must every attempt to divide the class of one country from that of another, to divide the class within a country. American workers must unite in a common struggle with the Vietnamese workers rather than allowing the capitalists to use them to attack these workers.

The Vietnamese workers must battle against the dividing of their country into warring tribal groups while the imperialists continue to exploit all sections of the country. American workers must battle against racist poison aimed at splitting the class, splitting black against white and destroying the unions.

Cuban workers must battle a government which turns its back on the international class struggle, does business with Fascist Spain and then blames all the difficulties in the country on the workers. Cuban workers face a country heading closer and closer to a split on linguistic lines while the social democratic NDP fails to fight for the interests of labor.

The working class can only be united in any single country through the creation of a Marxist party which fights for this unity around a socialist program. The working class of the world can only be united if these parties are part of one international party.

Such an international party of the working class was created by Marx in his own lifetime—the First International.

CUBA: CASTRO FINDS A SCAPEGOAT

by Mike Bassa

Aníbal Escalante for many years had a reputation of being a known figure in Cuba. Now it seems he has acquired a new title as Castro’s chief whipping boy and most obvious scapegoat.

In 1962 Escalante was pre-emptorily summoned and dismissed by a military court. The charges were for crimes of bureaucracy. What these crimes were we still do not know. Nor will we be told in the future. There was little or no discussion on the subject and whether Escalante was permitted to defend himself at a meeting of the Central Committee.

Escalante was allowed to return to his own devices.

On January 5, 1962, Escalante was transferred to the post of director of the Trotskyist group in Cuba and was kept there until his resignation in June 1962. It was during this period that the Stalinsist Sofia Cisneros assumed control of the group.

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national. The banner of internationalism was swung by the Second International which let it drop into the muck and mire of patriotism during World War I. Then came the triumph of the Russian Revolution and the red flag of international solidarity was once again raised by the Third International.

stalin
But the Russian Revolution, left in isolation, degenerated and a new bureaucratic caste headed by Stalin grew up to once again drop the banner of internationalism into muck and mire--this time into the blood of the very leaders of the Russian Revolution who were butchered during the Moscow Trials.

The Fourth International was founded in 1938 to carry on the task of building the international party in the tradition of Marx and Lenin. The program of the Fourth International is today fought for only by the International Committee of the Fourth International.

build
Only the International Committee begins from this world wide crisis of capitalism and poses a program of working class unity for the fight back of the workers in all lands. Only the International Committee poses the question of political power in the struggles of workers in every country.

Only the International Committee fights for the socialist revolution and exposes every bureaucrat, every revisionist who stands against this program and seeks to compromise with capitalism.

Every single event in the past period has fully confirmed the perspective and program of the International Committee of the Fourth International. Sections of the Fourth International will be built in every country of the world. These sections will develop firm roots in the working classes and gain the leadership of the mass of workers forging an international army capable of tossing out the exploiters in all countries and building a socialist society on a world scale. LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

WORKERS REVOLT STIRRS SPAIN

by Neil Martin

Right on the heels of Spain's devaluation of the pound Spain followed with the devaluation of its currency, the peseta. The purpose of the devaluation was to put a brake on the deterioration of the Spanish economy.

Except for auto and steel, the year 1967 saw a sharp drop in industrial production, resulting in increased numbers of mergers and bankruptcies of weaker companies. The workers were hit by layoffs and elimination of overtime and a cost of living increase of more than 12% in the year. Except for a few products, like wheat and sugar, the devaluation was gross and for the first time in her history Spain became a net agricultural importer.

Franco hopes that devaluation will help exports and increase tourism, which Spain needs to offset her trade deficit, and maintain her balance of payments.

The hitch in devaluation for the Spanish worker is that along with it came a decree that there would be a year's freeze on wages. Even with some progress in the Spanish economy over the past several years the Spanish worker must still work three times as long as the French worker, and twice as long as the French worker for most of the basic necessities of life.

millitant
In this period the workers have become more and more restless and militant. Since the great strikes of the miners in Asturias in 1962 there have been continual strikes, protests, demonstrations, and work stoppages. Airports were blocked, of course, were illegal and the workers were fully aware that they faced arrests, jail, and repression.

Just last October workers and students put Madrid in a state of siege. In a day of action called by illegal 'workers commissions' workers left their factories and joined by students marched into the heart of the city, in the face of police mobilization, 'civil guards', tear gas, and arrests, the marchers held their ground and had their day of action. At the same time stoppages were held in Barcelona, Vizcaya, Seville, and Asturias.

rights
An immediate demand of the workers is for the elementary trade union rights: the right to organize, strike, and elect their own representatives. The only legal trade union is the compulsory government controlled 'Central Synagogue'. Due to the militancy of the working class, lately this organization has shown some independence from the official government line on how to handle the workers demands. It favors giving concessions in order to maintain control of the workers and prevent them from joining the clandestine workers commissions. In some areas, it has called for much larger minimum wages, and it has told the government that it would fight the wage freeze if prices weren't kept in line.

It should not be forgotten, however, that the Syndical Organization is an organ of the bourgeoisie, and that any liberal or independent stand from the official government line represents the position of the portion of the Spanish bourgeoisie who want to handle the country's "labor problems" in a "democratic" capitalist manner, as opposed to the autocratic, repressive manner of Franco.

stalinists
Such facts, however, are forgotten deliberately by the Spanish Communist Party in their political perspective. Their position can be summed up in the slogan: Spain is not France.

This means workers, peasants, small businessmen, large industrialists, Catholic priests, the Church, monarchists, everyone should unite in a popular front and rid the land of that monster Franco.

It is true that there is widespread 'democratic' opposition in Spain in all layers of society, but can their perspective really offer anything to the Spanish worker. A few years ago in the midst of the so-called Spanish miracle when some economic development was taking place, when the Castiliso talked of stepping down, a peaceful transition to a more democratic Spain might have seemed possible. But all those hopes and optimism are now past history.

hard
The devaluation of the pound signaled hard times ahead for the proletariat of all countries, because it represents a crisis in the whole system, not just Britain. Spanish workers have become one of the first to feel the pinch. What does democracy mean to the working class if it can't act to raise or even maintain its standard of living? It is ludicrous to think that there is a liberal-capitalist solution for Spain, that it can offer the Spanish workers the chance to break the chains of poverty and win gains, when in Britain--certainty more advanced--the Labor Party policy is one of wage freeze and anti-working class from A to Z.

When in the United States, the bastion of capitalist democracy, the only future offered the workers is one with high costs, higher taxes, higher prices, and death in Vietnam.

MADRID UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MARCH DEMANDING 'YANKIE KILLERS GET OUT OF VIETNAM'

The international nature of the crisis can be seen concretely in the fact that the pressure on the dollar has caused the United States to curb private investments in foreign countries, and 70% of Spain's external financing depends on U.S. sources.

lesson
The only road for Spanish workers is that of overthrowing Franco and establishing a workers government. At the present there doesn't exist in Spain a party that has this perspective. The Socialists are tied to a Popular Front policy, and the other workers and socialists groups have no political perspective. None has absorbed the tragic lesson of the Spanish Civil War; the failure of revolutionaries to build a party to lead the working class to power led to capitulation and defeat to fascism. Only the Fourth International teaches this lesson and is prepared to build a party of Spanish workers that will lead them to power, throwing out Franco, or any other capitalist servant that replaces him.
A WARNING TO THE WORKING CLASS

by Lucy St. John

Last week George Wallace launched his attack on the Negroes in his Wallace campaign in a number of Northern states. Wallace is attempting to raise a million to spread his poison throughout the country. Wallace poses himself and his American Independent party as an alternative to the Republican and Democratic parties. He poses as a friend to the workingman. He appeals to those sections of the American workers who are being hit hard by the crisis of capitalism, such as the low paid, unorganized white workers and small farmers, and those workers who face lay offs through automation and heavy cuts in wages through inflation. Wallace uses the disillusionment of many workers with the Democratic and Republican parties to gain support for his reactionary ideology.

appeal

What alternative does Wallace offer? Racism, nationalism, and police power. He bases his appeal on racial prejudice within the working class. He tells white workers that the Negro workers threaten their jobs, their homes and their way of life. He tells them that more patriotism, more flag-waving, and more police power are the answer. He uses the black, the 'Communists', the 'pseudo intellectuals' to baffle the workers. He hides the real enemies of the workers, the bosses, because it is they who represent.

Wallace is the mouthpiece of the most repressive and reactionarian section of the ruling class, those bosses in the South who keep workers divided, unorganized and at each other's throats in order to keep wages below even the minimum wage and working conditions reminiscent of the Middle Ages.

danger

Wallace and figures like him are dangerous and should not be viewed lightly. As the crisis of capitalism deepens, the soil grows richer which produces weeds like Wallace. These forces wish to exploit the racist and nationalistic demogogy to hide the real threat to American workers, and they will use their ideology to turf even more repressive measures against the working class to destroy the unions. Let there be no mistake. Wallace's program is more reactionary but not different from the Democratic and Republican parties. Racism is rampant in these parties. Every day Johnson appeals to blind patriotism to gain support for the capitalist war. Everyday the government is perfecting new methods of police control.

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Yes, Wallace is a real threat. That is a real threat to the future of working class, to the existence of the trade unions. The white workers have got to prepare now to fight back against this threat before Wallace and his racist buddies are able to build a real base. There has got to be an end to this business of looking the other way while racist police run rampant through the union and union officials cover themselves with small contributions to 'worthy' Negro causes.

beto

Every form of racist discrimination must be routed out of the unions as part of the fight for a new leadership in the unions. The unions have got to wage a real battle to organize unorganized workers North and South and lead the fight for new jobs for workers. When the government turns its guns on the Negro masses, the unions rather than supporting the government as Heather did in Detroit last summer, must support the Negro masses.

suicide

Of course black nationalism is a complete blind alley for the Negro people. Every second with a black face has jumped on this bandwagon and every second with a white face uses black power as an excuse for really tackling racial discrimination.

Wallace offers racism and a police state

Every job in America, every union in America, every apartment in America must be open to all. Jobs must be available for all so all can afford to live a decent life. No, it is not a matter of Negroes taking Iron Whites or whites from Negroes. White and Black workers must fight together to take what is rightfully ours from the exploiters of any color who stand in our way. It is not enough to criticize the black nationalists. What really has to be done is fight in the unions to make the unions fight against the racist policy which threatens to turn the whole country back to feudal barbarism. This and only this will undercut the black nationalists as well as destroy Wallace and his fickle allies.

LBJ AIDS BLOW AT STEELWORKERS

by Deanas O'Casey

Though the July 31 contract deadline for steel is still 6 months off Johnson is wasting no time in preparing a final blow against the United Steelworkers union. Bargaining began early this summer at the 18th meeting of the union's Wage Policy Committee in Washington. Last night the union in addition to a substantial wage increase, a guaranteed annual income, reduction of the 30 year requirement for retirement and a cut in the work year.

The beginning of bargaining came close on the heels of the Administration's presentation of the issue of the President's report on steel workers. This report was a clear indication that steel workers are being forced for a big precedent setting wage hike upward of the 5% average for white paper pressing for voluntary no strike pact in steel and 'other industries capable of causing significant balance of payments trouble.' This plea sets the stage for an all out Administration effort to use the Gold crisis and Vietnam to cut back the wages of steel workers.

Already an increasing flow of cut rate steel products into the US in anticipation of a shutdown together with Wall St. attacks has done tremendous damage to the nation's trade surplus and marked a beginning of the fourth quarter of '67. The effort by steel producers and users to provide themselves with enough steel to hold up against a long strike has the industry already operating at over 100% capacity while steel imports are expected to reach a few weeks pitch by the Spring of the threat in steel continues.

threat

Even more of a threat from the Administration's point of view is the danger that steel workers will fight for a big precedent setting wage hike upward of the 5% average for white paper pressing for voluntary no strike pact in steel and 'other industries capable of causing significant balance of payments trouble.' His plea sets the stage for an all out Administration effort to use the Gold crisis and Vietnam to cut back the wages of steel workers.

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It is clear that in 1968 workers who achieve less than inflation (with wages hiked above) will fall behind increases in taxes, consumer prices and productivity. Nevertheless Johnson in his annual economic report to Congress emphasized that a slowdown of the wage price spiral can only be achieved if the average of new union settlements is appreciably lower than 5.5%.

Meany and the AFL-CIO bureaucracy, retreating from government threats of mandatorily controls has acceded to Johnson's backed wage program for '68. This is why Steel union president, I.W. Abel has recently been pressured to agree to a new all issues unresolved by June 1 into binding arbitration. Subsequent strikes by the USW executive board has turned what was optimism in business circles that a strike could be avoided into warnings to steel workers to get in stocks of the metal before the deadline.

cringing

In 1968 steel workers must repudiate the policy of Meany and Abel of cringing before Johnson's threats. They must build an organized force in their ranks that can prevent I.W. Abel from selling away their strike threat or selling out their strike. We say that any union which wants wage increases of 5% or better and anything short of this means a lowering of their members living standards--will face the government as well as the companies this year. This is why strikes today must be viewed as political strikes.

Twin Cities Holds Labor Party Rally

by Bob Johnson

MINNEAPOLIS--Trade Unionists For a Labor Party held its first meeting here, a real success, on Feb. 4. 20 trade unions, unorganized workers, and youth heard the main report on the problems facing the unions, held a good discussion, and unanimously passed our motion: We fight in the unions for the American trade union movement to take the lead in establishing a labor party with a program.

1. Repeal all anti-strike legislation
2. Provide jobs for all
3. Wipe out inflation
4. Establish trade union control of working conditions in the shops
5. Nationalize all companies which claim they cannot provide decent wages or working conditions.

Our next meeting in Minneapolis the TULP will be Feb. 25, and we expect to reach out to even more workers and begin to really sink our roots in the trade union movement of the Twin Cities.

UNIONISTS TALK ABOUT TWIN CITIES TULP MEETING
by Jeff Sebastian

An historic confrontation is being prepared Section after section of the American working class is moving into struggle; well organized, militant and unafraid. We have already seen the first skirmishes in air, rail, trucking, auto and now copper and coal.

The employers are hardening their positions. Strikes are becoming increasingly prolonged, bitter and violent. As the nearest strike action among a growing labor struggle is developing in the face of the united front of the bosses. This is a period of preparation for what will develop into the most bitter confrontation between the employers and the working class in American history.

The government is well aware of what is brewing. Johnson is calling for voluntary no-strike agreements. At the same time, anti-strike legislation and wage controls are being readied to back this up.

Government pressure is so great that I.W. Abel, president of the steel workers union, was forced to come out for compulsory arbitration. "Hold down the ranks or the government will do it for you" is Johnson's message to the labor bureaucracy.

This is no time for middle class protest politics. The capitalist and bureaucratic forces are looking for an opportunity to provide the working class with an alternative, a program for victory.

The only answer to government intervention in the unions is the struggle for a labor party.

The battles taking place in the labor movement lend themselves to the working class with an alternative, a program for victory.

The key thing to understand is that one worker armed with a political program today can literally change the course of events.

To avoid the task of arming this worker or to oppose it is to condemn the working class to defeat.

role

This is the role of the Peace and Freedom Party in California.

This is a time when the working class needs clarity and a program for political struggle. Peace and Freedom emerges as a huge swamp of middle class confusion, demoralization and anarchy. Its only purpose is to mislead militants seeking an alternative.

That Peace and Freedom arises at this time should surprise no one. It expresses completely the bankruptcy of middle class politics. It is the outcome of years of protest marches and demonstrations which led nowhere but to frustration.

Lacking a working class perspective these marches have only lead to the decay of movements isolated from the struggles of the class. Now, those who have learned nothing from these experiences have come forward with a new gimmick to pragmatize their agony.

Peace and Freedom is an unprincipled combination of discredited Democrats, frustrated peace and campus activists, refugees from the movement offering no alternative to the working class. Indeed they can only regard it as a competitor to their own propaganda of electoral peacefulness. One thing in common is their inability to objectively analyze of providing any explanation of where P&F comes from. That would be too close to home.

opportunist

The CP has adopted an incredibly opportunist position, even for them. They have been kicking themselves publicly for months in their failure to get out on the ground floor. They have failed to out-campaign McCarthy in their dump Johnson campaign. They are struggling to turn P&F to support this movement. Not to alienate anyone they point out that if P&F is not satisfied with the result of the dump Johnson effort it can always run its own candidate. Their paper is filled with sneaky little hints that it might be nice if P&F registrants were to support the Democratic party or vote for McCarthy. Their perspective is to build a 'peoples movement' in the Democratic Party in order to tie the workers more firmly to capitalist leadership.

They view P&F as a threat to this campaign but so far fear to denounce it. Such are the problems of peoples co-existence in a period of crisis. They simply can't decide which way to jump.

One more group remains to be dealt with, the PIP. The PIP was formed presumably to offer an alternative to the revisionism of the CP. All they have accomplished is to build a left wing version of the same thing.

They have jumped into P&F head first. Their paper calls it as a real alternative. Their people speak at its meetings proclaiming that P&F is a movement, a vanguard development. They are the best and most loyal P&F spokesperson.

The PIP has long opposed the labor party. Now they reveal concretely their real perspective. Where the CP hopes to build its movement on victories, the PIP now expect to accomplish the same thing by burying themselves in middle class swamps. Both are united in their abandonment of working class politics.

The Workers League has struggled continuously to understand, expose and provide an alternative to these revisionist parties. This is why we are now the only ones prepared to carry on the struggle to turn the growing working class militancy into a political struggle. The continuing political struggle of the American working class will sweep the P&F Party and its revisionist supporters off the face of the earth.

by Fred Mueller

The nationwide copper strike is now seven months old. In this fundamental test of strength 60,000 workers from 25 different unions are pitted against four giant copper companies--Kennecott, Anaconda, Phelps Dodge and American Smelting and Refining Co. The strike has already become as well organized and determined in more than a decade.

Secretary of Labor Wirtz and Sen. James B. Clark of the Cairo Wyoming appointed a 3-man panel to look into the strike which might lead to a settlement by the end of January. This committee began its hearings. It is headed by the same George Taylor who gave name to the New York State anti-strike law for public employees, the law used to send labor union president Shanker to jail and now being used against the mine workers. The government has been careful to maintain a neutral pace so far, this is just a pose. The copper strikers can expect nothing but trouble from any government intervention, including this committee.

payments

The long shutdown is having an effect on the serious balance of payment crisis. Although the copper workers are able to use the overseas investments, to completely shut down copper production in the U.S. and try to walk out the strike. But this means greatly increased imports of copper which in turn means more U.S. dollars leaving the country and a greater payment imbalance.

The copper strikers must demand full support from the government, the nationalized working class is capable of providing the copper strikers with real benefits, not the bare subsistence or less that they now get.
BOSSES COURT JAILS UNION FISHERMEN

by Robert Harvey

TORONTO--The President and Secretary of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union are still serving a one-year sentence meted out by a British Columbia Superior Court for carrying out a democratic vote of their membership to continue their strike in British Columbia. President Stavenes and Secretary Stev-

en had been ordered by the court to

injunction to dis-

patch a telegram to the union membership stating that the union and its people are to unload the ships affected by the strike. For refusing to violate the demonstra-

tion of the membership, vo-

lunteer constitution of the union, by order of the court, the union's leadership was packed up and sent off to jail as "criminals."

escalation

This week the bosses' government represented an escalation against the trade union movement. More than a year ago a ban on the carrying of arms was declared in Ontario and workers in 24 trade unions were convicted as criminals as a result of a court in-

stitution in the Tiltco strike, Quebec teachers faced the same music, and in the Len-

kurt strike in Vancouver four unionists were sent off for up to six months.

The New Democratic Party, the official opposition, is convinced that the trade unions are the only defense against the attacks from the em-

ployers' courts and govern-

ment. The attack is a pol-

itical one and the counter attack must also be political.

The New Democratic Party is not a union machine nor is it an instrument to be used for the benefit of those who mistreat the workers. A union Must not be a tool to be used by the bosses. The bosses have given a note of appointments as if they were the judges of their own actions. They have said that the union is not the judge of the employers' actions. They have declared that the union is not the judge of the actions of the government. They have declared that the union is not the judge of the actions of the courts.

The Fishermen's Union must maintain ties with the NDP, and some other unions control key positions in the NDP, none of which would allow a political solution to the attacks against the working class and youth. True, there are several federal positions held by the NDP and trade union leaderships that would help in the defense of the working class, such as opposition to anti-trade union legislations. What has the NDP done concretely to implement these positions? Just a small amount.

What about the NDP reaction to the recent public employees union strike? Just to say that in their opinion there might be something illegal about Ontario's catching actions. How did the trade union leadership respond to the provincial actions? A strike, a proposal for a general strike of public employees, but no political action, no call to make the NDP fight for labor.

The Montreal transit workers contested one of the finest economic strikes seen in a long time, yet they lost. The workers could march down the street demanding 'Quebec to the workers' but no one had built a political alternative for the workers in Quebec, so no matter what the transit workers did they couldn't beat the political power of the Quebec government.

For all practical purposes there is no NDP in Que-

bec, and the NDP doesn't seem to care about the working class. The League for Socialist Action, the Communist Party, and the Progressive Workers Movement, all orient themselves towards the political backlash of the petty bourgeoisie through their collaboration with the anti-trade union bosses and Quebec nationalism. All reject the struggle for working class leadership as part of a general defense against the bosses, trade unions and youth.

leadership

Only the Workers League is prepared to give leadership to the working class in an effort to fight back against the attacks of the ruling class. The Workers League seeks to build itself on the basis of building a movement among the working class. It is a movement that the time the task facing working class militants who wish to re-

solve the crisis facing capitalism in favor of the working class is building the 4th Interna-

tional, and most specifically the Workers League as it represents the continuity of revolutionary Marxism through the Fourth International. The Workers League says that workers and youth must demand that the NDP really fight for labor by waiting a campaign to put an end to inflation and anti-trade union laws and court injunctions. This is important because inflation means that the bosses are clamoring to beat down the standard of living of the workers, and anti-wage laws and injunctions are used to insure that the workers can't fight back.

The bosses government is backing out on a number of promises to the workers the most re-

cent and major being the decision to postpone Medicare, as an austerity measure. The NDP must oppose vigorously such actions by the go-

vernment, and demand that the Medicare program be implemented at no cost to the workers by taxing all income including profits and capital gains (in which there is no tax) as regular income. The bosses should be made to pay for the present crisis that they created by such a change in the tax structure so as the tax burden can be lifted from the poor and working people.

demands

Youth and workers must demand that all indus-

tries that claim to be unable to pay a living wage with decent working conditions be national-

ized under workers' control. If the bosses can't manage the economy in such a manner that every worker who desires employment is provided with a job then the bosses should be made to pay for it by providing unemployment pay at the going wage in that industry.

To meet the rising cost of rental housing government rent control must be established under tenant control to insure that rents don't exceed the real costs of housing.

Revolutionary Socialists must seek to rally the working class around such demands as part of the effort to make the NDP fight for labor and in that fight build the Workers League as the alternative leadership to lead the working class out of its present crisis.