PROFIT HUNGRY BOSSES MURDER 78 MINERS

DeGaulle, Wilson, Nixon Plan New Attacks on Workers

WORLD ECONOMY STUMBLES FROM CRISIS TO CRISIS

canada seeks to deport trotskyist for his political activity
**CAPITALISM QUAKES**

BULLETIN

**DORAINE, FRENCH STOCK EXCHANGE**

NOT HERE BUT IN FACTORIES LIES FATE OF FRENCH CAPITALISM

The erosion of the world monetary crisis of the capita-
lism that has been going on for the past 13 months is a normal.
The crisis has already hit most of the major industrial countries of Europe.

The immediate measures taken to halt the massive specula-
tion on the devaluation of the franc and the revaluation of the German mark are im-
potent. The 2 billion dollar loan to the bank of France, De Gaulle’s decision not to devalue, the partial reval-
uation of the Mark through lower-

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DEPRESSION

Underlying the crisis, the spectre of world depression looms. Behind the facade of international cooperation and the need for free trade, a crisis is developing.

Although the world is at a crossroads, the development of a world depression is inevitable. The rich and powerful countries have no intention of allowing a depression to take place.

The world is divided into two camps: the rich countries, supported by the International Monetary Fund, and the poor countries, who are left to their own devices.

The rich countries are trying to maintain their position at all costs. They are using their economic and political power to prevent any significant changes in the international economic order.

The poor countries, on the other hand, are struggling to maintain their own economies. They are forced to rely on the international financial institutions, which are controlled by the rich countries.

The world is at a crossroads, and the future is uncertain. But one thing is clear: the rich countries will do everything in their power to maintain their position, while the poor countries will struggle to find their own path.

DC 50 STRIKES FOR UNION RIGHTS

NEW YORK—The strike by District Council 50 at the State and County Municipal Employees Association has spread now to four state mental hospitals and its lea-
ders have been found guilty under the Taylor Law.

DC 50 is striking in order to get a bargaining election for state employees in these hospitals.

TAYLOR

State employees were granted the right to organize and collectively bargain and to choose the union which they wanted to represent them. The state under the Taylor Law, Governor Rockefeller then recog-
nized the Civil Service Em-
ployees Association as the bargaining agent 'without any

election. Rockefeller's move was in the face of the provisions of the Taylor Law which prohibits strikes by public employees, providing for the establishment of a tri-partite board for resolving all disputes and limiting the right of union to bargain.

In this light it is not surprising that Rocke-

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Robert Sherwood, member of the Workers League in Canada and a draft resistor, is being charged with violating the Immigration Act (section 546), not divulging a criminal conviction upon his entry into Canada. His trial is scheduled for December 11th and if convicted he faces deportation to the U.S. If the Canadian government is successful in obtaining his deportation, it will create a dangerous precedent for all politically minded immigrants in Canada and open the way for mass deportations as happened in the internment in the 1950's during the McCarthy period.

The so-called 'criminal act' which Sherwood is charged with not reporting was in relation to arrests around his participation in demonstrations in Chicago concerned with civil rights and civil liberties. He was arrested approximately 6 times during the summer of 1963 and the summer of 1965 when he was involved in a massive school boycotts campaign among Negro and white children against discrimination in public education. He also was active in the movement against the hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee in Chicago which sought to 'expose communist affiliations with the civil rights movement. He was arrested along with Dick Gregory and Martin Luther King in non-violent sitdown protests and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He was convicted on all but one count. He states that on several occasions he was beaten by the notorious Chicago police.

He was convicted of such a minor nature that even in the Daley ruled Chicago, it is not even listed as a 'criminal offense' -- it is a 'misdemeanor' not a 'felony'. There is also in the U.S. a question of whether arrests on these charges for actions enforcing the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation are constitutional.

The Worker, by all definitions of criminality in Canada, namely an act of moral turpitude, Sherwood is guilty of nothing. The Canadian government, in particular its counsel of law, if they choose to find him guilty, must feel that participation in a demonstration for equal rights for the Negro people is immoral.

DELI MOVEMENT

Bob Sherwood went to Canada in late June 1967 as being declared delinquent in the Deli Service System. This charge Sherwood contends was a pure and simple frame-up, dating back to October 1965 when his draft board sent him a letter to an address he gave, after he had informed them of the illegally stipulated time of his new address. Subsequently he was declared delinquent and called up for immediate service.

Prior to this Sherwood had been refused security clearance by the army. When he precipitated this was his refusal to answer the security questionnaire concerning his political affiliations. When the form was revealed that he was a socialist, he was told that the Draft Board would 'get him' and that when they found a way he would be induced and 'thrown under the stockade'.

Clearly this was what the Draft Board had in mind. Before releasing him delinquent, the Draft Board sent him a questionnaire inquiry about his activities. Sherwood replied enclosing a number of leaflets urging the military victory for the National Liberation Front. Material indicating that he was a Trotskyist. About two weeks after returning this material he was found delinquent.

MILITANT

Facing this situation wishing to continue his political work he immigrated to Canada. Sherwood works as a printer and has been living over a year in Canada with his wife and children as a landed immigrant. He has been an active member of the Workers League continuing his political work in the fight against capitalism and for the establishment of socialism.

Sherwood has been very active in support of New Democratic Party candidates against the bourgeois candidates in the last elections. It has only been now when it is clear that he is continuing the political fight that the Canadian government has attempted to impose his participation by resuming his draft and bringing charges. As Sherwood states, 'In fact the Canadian government is not interested in my participation as long as I work within the framework of the law, but by my present participation as a fighter against the oppressive rule of capitalism, and in opposition to the attacks of the Canadian government on workers.'

There is not a good reason to suspect that the Canadian and American governments are acting in collusion to prevent us from distributing the Workers League from continuing my socialist activities.'

CRISS

Today the world capitalist system is faced with destruction. The recent monetary crisis is a manifestation of this crisis. The international capitalist class is faced with an increasingly hostile and combative working class that refuses to pay for the crisis of the system. The struggles of the French workers and students last spring was only the beginning of the revolutionary struggles to come throughout Europe and North America.

This spring on the working class has confronted with vicious attacks on the organizations of the working class, the trade unions and the socialist movement. The attempts of the United Nations in France to provide a solution to the problem have been defeated and bedraggled.

The attack on the trade unions by the Canadian government is a result of the attack on the trade unions by the United States which could 'spill over' into Canada. It comes at a time when the Canadian government...

SPPARTACIST AIDS RULERS

Soon after Robert Sherwood, faced with a draft delinquent charge and a draft board letter demanding his appearance in court, went to Canada the Spartacist League issued a leaflet entitled 'Canada is the new Third Reich', a proposal which was distributed on immovable occasions over the past year.

Identifies Sherwood as a member of the Workers League and encourages anyone who has 'helped' him in 'removing himself to a place of safety, legality, comfort and safety, probably to never again be involved in the class struggle in the U.S.'

In order for the U.S. to decide that Sherwood had this 'legality, comfort and safety', as for a short time as possible the March-April, 1968 issue of Spartacist issue of Spartacist issue of Spartacist issue of the approves of the frame-up. It goes on to have no question at all where Sherwood was. It refers to Canada as the 'happy middle name is listed as this is the place name the term used in the Bulletin.

The Spartacist League says that the Spartacist League and the Fascist League are the real enemies of the world capitalist. Such is the effect of this leaflet which has been distributed in their own little propaganda group and pit against this the struggle for the Fourth International.'

The following is a report by the members of the Rand Report which is a clear attack on the trade unions, seeking to destroy them as instruments to defend the workers and to make them part of the state. The Rand Report is combined with measures to freeze wages.

In the U.S., the Nixon victory clearly reflects the policies which the ruling class plans in the next period which will mean real blows against the workers and to make them part of the state. The Rand Report is combined with measures to freeze wages.

In the coming period we can expect the Canadian and U.S. governments to act in concert against any opposition to their policies. It is absolutely essential that the working class move...
Germany was Ulbricht implicated

By V. Barat

It has been fully documented that within a bare two weeks of the November 9, 1968, German Revolution, when the hated monarchy and its military caste had been overthrown, the social patriotic government of the SPD was achieving with the discouraged German General Staff behind the backs of the workers. A secret pact was entered into allowing the top militarists to recruit a "volunteer" army on the very soul of the Revolution. The primary function of this Freikorps was to defend the nation from "enemies" within the borders. The "enemies" were the mass of revolutionary workers who had made the Revolution!

After the three Independents (USPD) left the cabinet in protest of the murder of the sailors at the end of December, 1968, Nosek, the SPD favorite of the monarchist generals, was appointed Defense Minister. He had little time in consolidating the counterrevolutionary forces, particularly in the area around Berlin. The Freikorps battalions, supported by funds from the public treasury and from private sources -- mainly worried capitalists and bankers -- were staffed by aristocratic officers. The ranks were composed largely of career-hardened non-coms from the old imperial army. They had been discharged from the official army into a world which, thanks to the government socialists, could offer them little hope as productive civilians. All the more eager were they to hasten the opportunity of becoming well paid mercenaries with one added inducement: freedom to kill "reds".

Bloodbath

Taking full advantage of the tragic mistakes made on the side of the restoration, the KPD, the Revolutionary Shop Stewards, and the left-wing of the USPD - in their premature declaration of a proletarian revolution, the reactionaries quickly moved in. SPD Defense Minister Nosek defiantly marched at the head of a three thousand unit Freikorps into Berlin on January 11. Then General Walther von Luewitz appeared with his armed "volunteer" and set into immediate operation an order arrived at in secret consultation with Nosek. It was a carefully worked out battle plan with every area of the city accounted for and under control of the military.

A blood-bath, the likes of which had not been seen in Germany since the Thirty Years War in the seventeenth century, was now inaugurated in Berlin. In support of this white terror the capitalist and US press whipped up a campaign of unbelievable hatred against the entire working class with its socialist aspirations. What an incredible change overnight from the much too tolerant mood toward the bourgeoisie which, during the rising proletarian offensive, had characterized even those Berlin workers closest to the KPD! The violence of armed reaction began in January continued virtually unabated through the remaining months of 1949. Hugo Haase, the moderate head of the USPD, who had opposed the left-wing of his own party and who was himself to be murdered by the counterrevolution before the end of 1949, wrote a letter on January 16, 1949, containing the following:

"...You cannot imagine the conditions in Berlin. White terror rages exactly as it did under the zarist regime. Even under the Anti-Socialist Law (under Blasimark), at least an attempt was made to make it appear that the law was followed. At present, however, brutal force rules in the open. Disregarding any legal restrictions, ad-hoc - we have rifles break into apartments at night, make arrests without warrants, and search the apartments without court orders... Landsberg, Ebert, and Scheidemann, who try to pose as guardians of the law, let the hordes of brutal soldiers do as they like..."

But even those who like the 'democratic' Kautsky, welcomed the destruction of the revolutionary left, began now to panic as the counter-revolution with its paranoid hatred of any kind of working class philosophy became less and less willing to distinguish between radical and moderate socialists.

Numbers

Workers by the scores, but especially the known leaders of the three working class organizations that had participated in the abortive January uprising were rounded up, arrested, severely beaten, and many massacred. On January 15, both Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht were languishing in the apartment of political friends. They had foolishly insisted on remaining in Berlin though they knew that their lives were more than anyone else's in all Germany were imperiled. It was a display of unquestioned personal heroism. But as the heads of the KPD's general staff their higher class duty was to save their lives for the revolution. Both were taken to a Freikorps Division headquarters where they were severely beaten to near unconsciousness. The mercenaries then threw Liebknecht into a car, shot him in the back, and then dropped him alive off to a mortuary as that of some unknown person. Luxemburg was similarly dragged into a waiting car, shot to death, and thrown into the Landwehr Canal. Her body was not recovered from the frozen water until May of that year. In March the counter-revolutionary butchers murdered the extremist leader Leo Padura. He was implicated in Luxemburg's murder and thus the vested interest these bureaucrats have in denying the role of the Freikorps in ending the revolutionary history of Germany from German workers. Equally important is Barat's defense of the replacement of such priceless cadre, alas! often requires generations. Not even the fusion of the left-wing of the USPD with the KPD later in that fateful year of 1949, giving the party a total membership of 350,000, could compensate for the loss of its leadership. In the next three to four years a series of new revolutionary opportunities were misused because of the decimated membership, the KPD misused each of these chances, a tragic demonstration of how irreplaceable was an experienced leadership.

It has never been revealed as to how the mercenaries discovered the whereabouts of Liebknecht and Luxemburg. It is impressive that the last car of the KPD arrested in that same building with them was Wilhelm Pieck. It was the same Pieck, who had represented the German Socialists of the KPD when the two had committed the party to support the insurrection on January 5-6. During the twenties and thirties he was a well-known functionary of the KPD in pre-Hitler Germany. After the second World War he became the President of the Stalinst Germany.

The official version put out by the Stalinsts to explain why Pieck did not share the fate of...
Liebknecht and Luxembourg run as follows: Pleck, taken to the same Headquarters as the other two, was not beaten up. Allred, in the conviction of the officer in charge that his being there was a case of mistaken identity, He was taken to a jail from which he later was supposed to have escaped.

**INTRIGUE**

The facts are that there was always considerable doubt about the entire circumstances of this incident in the ranks of the KPD. Finally, after a great deal of inner-party agitation, Hans Kippenberger of the KPD's underground organization from 1928 to 1935, was authorized to examine and issue a report on the situation, Luxembourg, and Alix published.
This final article on the German Revolution draws the line for today of this tragic defeat which contributed to the isolation of the Soviet Union and its degeneration and the chaos that followed. The result of the KPD's policy has been the material devastation and the destruction of much of German society. The election of the Social Democratic Party in 1920 represented a major setback for the KPD and its branches. The KPD was not beaten up, but it was beaten in spirit. The party was split and divided, and its leaders were forced to resign. The party was forced to retreat and to adopt a more moderate stance. The result of the election was a major setback for the KPD and its branches. The party was split and divided, and its leaders were forced to resign. The party was forced to retreat and to adopt a more moderate stance. The result of the election was a major setback for the KPD and its branches.

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the diary of an american seaman

by h. brook
a merchant seaman

The days are long in the Navy. We work on all the decks of the ship, above the Engine Room. They work inside, in the engine-room, boiler, and all the machinery.

Crossing the Atlantic in the winter is a challenge, trying to ride on top of a car, bucking the wind. So they do as much work as possible on the inside, but not always depending on the whim of the officer. I wonder what good are all those officers? Anyway I'm no A.B. 'Look-out' on the bow looking out for traffic. The bow is so nice, naturally, I'm not in the Deck Gang and we would appreciate the 2 Deck Gangmen writing in to us and telling us about it.

Every department has its admirers. The Deck is the same as shore-side folks. We're all seamen, no matter what the job. We're all like brothers from that department to write to us in. I do know that in the navy, it is in the service, damn hot behind the stove in the galley. The comfort of the crew depends also in what part of the ship the men are assigned.

DEACEN

I am a Deckie working in the Engine Department (abbreviation for Deck-Engine Mechanic), on automated ships. This refers to the elimination of oiler and fireman's job. Due to electronic instrumentation, the Deckie can easily know what is going on any place in the engine with just a push of a button. This means, the Deckie can depend only to a degree. When an alarm goes off and a light flashes, it means the Deckie has to go and find what is the trouble in that area of the engine-room. As this sounds worse, it is desirable to a novice who might think that this is right out of the Navy and not in the U.S. or the other Atlantic, Gordon, etc. Well all this could be true, if the seamanship training was not up to the current conditions, and not the coupon clipping ship-owners, who do not care whether a man is easy and we get plenty of warning when the water level is too low or too high. Nevertheless, there have been times when the men are worried, and both the engineer and the deckie run around in panic until everything is okay, and the horns and whistles are loud enough to wake up the dead.

If this situation gets worse, then we push the 'engineer alarm', or 'panic button', and all the alarms come down even in their underwear if need be, to help get the plant under control.

Temperatures and pressures are recorded electronically, too, showing a graphic on a chart. This saves a lot of steps, so therefore by staying on the bridge, we can just about do two men's work, except when we almost or actually push the 'panic button'.

So what's the point of automation? Ah! To reduce the number of crew members.

WHAT AUTOMATION WILL MEAN TO U.S. SEAMEN

McKinsey & Co., a London based management-consultant firm, made a survey for the British Transport and Waterways Board. The report is now looked upon as the "Bible" of shipping industry around the world.

The report tells shipkers that containerization will revolutionize their industry, transforming it into a new "transport" industry that the Deckies could not recognize. The report projects that 25-50% of the capacity of 200 containers will be able to handle the entire U.S. American trade of general cargo.

There will be two "units" trains that will haul the containerists to a nearby port, where mechanized equipment will load them onto huge ships only to carry containers. Only two or three ports will be needed in each country.

The McKinsey Report predicts that 23 ships with the capacity of handling 2000 containers will be able to handle the entire U.S. American trade of general cargo.

New York Sometimes the menu is good, a good variety of food. Sometimes, when we run out of fresh vegetables, we get plenty of potatoes, rice, and beans. I've heard of some cases where no grade A meats were served. Only XYZ. A vegetarian certainly wouldn't miss XYZ grade.

Getting away from the gas hounds (drunken men) can be quite a problem sometimes. Some like it, some hate it, and some are bi-rentient, depending on their basic character. A gas hound's presence is like the hag, that we might have to stand his watch, and who the hell knows when we want to go ashore also. Besides with containerization, we don't stay along enough in port to see the sights like the passengers do.

The average seaman is against the two old parties. I think the time is ripe for a third party as an alternative. If we began to work for the building of a Labor Party, then we could pull the rug from under George Wallace and his fascist ele-

ments. You can't fool all of the workers all the time by telling them to vote the Democratic Party. I am proud that I never contributed to the so-called fighting fund, which money is partly contributed to the Democratic Party.

The Democratic Party in and independent thinking should be the forefront of this movement.

EDITORS NOTE: THE BUL-

Let's continue to publish articles dealing with the conditions and problems of seamen and other maritime workers. We will be pleased to print letters commenting on the articles dealing with the battle against the Corrn bureaucracy in the NMMU or with the questions of inter-

est to seamen. Write to BUL-

LETURE, 243 E., 108 St., New York, Oct. 10, 1966. Names of signed letters will be with-

held upon request.

FORD FOUNDATION

NEW YORK—Who indeed runs the schools here? One thing has become clear and that is the Ford Foundation sure has a big finger in the pie.

In a new report, the Higher Education Board of Education who supposedly were chosen to re-

unicipalize the schools, Galamison, Vasquez, and Doar receive funds from Ford, Mr. Leopold, who receives his money in a few years. So these members who pose as im-

moral are not the only ones, but a large part of the officials who are being paid by Ford.

But what is the Ford Foun-

dation? The Ford Foundation is a public charity, it is set up by the Ford family for one reason, as a giant to influence the government. It has a small amount of their pro-

fits obtained from the backs of the workers. Encouraged by the Ford Motor Company to 'charity', this gives the con-

structors a tax exemption of millions. So with the sav-

ings in taxes these million-

aires can then control the school system by buying off officials.

Meanwhile the workers who produce the wealth are denied control over the school sys-

tem, but pay for it with their sweat and tears, which the millionaires conveniently do not have to pay. Taxation with a nipped in regulation did not sit with the Boston Tea Party, and it is really enough for you to cry when Mr. Bundy, the head of the Ford Foundation is af-

firmed by the attacks on the role of his foundation by LPTF. UAW-CIO was suggested that the Foundation lose its tax-exempt status came out with the most un-

believable garbage. 'By long tradition, the freedom and flexibility of private founda-

tions are sacrosanct in the public interest... This free-

dom is particularly precious in times when the nation is rent by fear and by intimida-

tions of repression of the struggle for social justice.' This freedom Mr. Bundy talks about is not freedom for the masses of people to control their lives but for the bosses who ruled them to control not in the interests of the 'public' but in their interests. The intiminations Mr. Bundy is worried about is the threat by the workers to get a fair share of the wealth they create from the bosses.

HISTORY

We only wish to look at the history of Henry Ford's acti-

ties to see what is the mean-

ing of his 'social justice' and to see what lies behind the Ford Foundation's interest in education. In the days when the workers began to organize a union in the auto industry, Mr. Ford began hiring a num-

ber of black workers. He hired black workers and then attempted to keep them per-

sonally loyal to him by pra-

onizing that he was the only one in Detroit who would hire Negroes. This was not done out of the goodness of his heart but to prevent the union from organizing by dividing black and white workers and attempting to get the black workers to be loyal to him. When this did not work, Mr. Ford then imported racist preachers from the South to stir up racism in the white communities against the Negro workers to divide the union and break the united actions of the workers.

ROLE

The role the Ford Foundation has played in the recent years: stroke is quite the

same. The Ford Foundation was the author of the plan for decentralization and keeps in its employ various 'commu-

nity' leaders. The purpose of this plan has been to divide the workers, to keep the white workers in the working class, to keep the workers in the community fighting the workers in the union, in this case the UFT, so that they will not fight the main enemy - the bosses and their City government. It is not the first time that Mr. Ford has funded racism to divide the workers.

This is the meaning of the bosses 'philanthropy'. Just as Mr. Ford's activities were defeated by the organization of the UAW uniting black and white workers to fight against him, so the workers must be united today to fight against the bosses schemes of 'social justice', to oppose and divide the workers.

A "DEACEN" MATCHES INSTRUMENTS ON THE "CONSOLE" IN AUTOMATED SHIP.
The process of political degeneration with its accompanied splits and disintegration of the Spartacist League has now reached a new stage with the expulsion of Comrade Harry Turner and a small group of others from the VOG and in the U.S. Turner and his followers expelled a short while after the group led by Robert Kaufman, Robert Sherwood and a number of other individuals reduced the organization to less than half the membership at the time of its 1950 founding conference. More than half the original full and alternate members of the central commit-tee and the entire rank and file of the party are now split off.

There are extremely important lessons for revolu-
tionists to learn from the degeneration of the Sparta-
cist League. The central question is why did this principle, that of revolutionary organization, as embodied in the Spartacist League, turn into a nightmare for principal revolutionists to begin with the struggle to build the international movement. It is no accident that Robert's great struggle with the International Committee of the Fourth International in April, 1966, coincided with this process of political and organizational degeneration. From that point on, it was a question of political or perspective, because engulphed in, dominated by the sordid petty bourgeois circle in the United States if less formally, a much broader objective engages itself than to seek by any means possible to destroy the International Committee and the Workers League.

The political struggle of Comrade Turner within the Spartacist League from 1966 to this fall reveals a good deal about the inner workings of the central question of revolution. The struggle erupted first over the question of 'priorities.' Turner had been instru-
mental in the formation of a committee whose pur-
pose was to struggle in the trade unions in partic-
ular in regard to minority workers. Soon after this committee was formed, however, the actual function of the hospital workers, Robert's inclusion in the party organization to shift some Spartacist people out of this committee and through the sphere of work-
ists among the radical milieu.

In the course of the fight over this question the discussion turned more and more to the basic issues of the actual perspective upon which Sparta-
cist operated and the nature of the Leninist party itself. Robertson insisted on an orientation towards the radical milieu and any trade union work was considered to be auxiliary to this, that is, useful to reaching petty bourgeois radicals outside the unions. Robertson saw no capitalism, no real struggle in the struggle for socialism. Robertson saw no role for the Leon Trotsky question and in fact did not view the Spartacist League as such a party in any way. Tunk in his part of the League Robertson saw Spartacist as a 'splinter propaganda-
group and acted accordingly.

Starting with a past struggle in the Trotskyist move-
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The problems of the movement's programme and principles in the Building and strengthening of the Fourth International

PROBLEMS OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

by G. Haas
A Newsletter Pamphlet

Written after the April 1966 Third Conference of the Interna-
tional Committee of the Fourth International this pamphlet

TINROTT

Robertson's organizational practices flowed from his personal contempt for any other than himself with and himself and not the objective needs of the class and the international movement, he sees Spartacist and Trotskyist party, as his own little circle. After having justified his split from the International Committee on the grounds that as a man of 'principle' he could not submit to the International's policy to the conference over his refusal to attend sessions of the conference which were to discuss his expulsion, or his contributions, he turns around and submits to Turner a five point written apology. Turner was asked to sign a written document among other things stating that statements which in Rob-
erson's opinion were "slanders" and finally to break politically with his own son! His son's crime seems to be to have attended an occasional public meeting of the Workers League.

This is not the first time in history that some tinpot despot has unjustly accused revolutionists of organizational procedures they themselves em-
ploy. Important as this internal discussion was it never led to a broader objective. The question of Rob-
erson's repudiation of the struggle for the Leutin party, his hostility to a perspective of working class struggle, his transformation of the Spartacist League into a personal clique, all this flows from the stand Robertson took at the April 1966 Conference of the International Committee of the Fourth International.

At that Conference, at presenting a paper on International Perspectives, Robertson gave a pre-
sentation of the position of the Trotskyists. The presentation itself was a fundamental assault on Leninist principles, theory and strategy with the International Committee, none of which Robertson had seen ne-
cessary to agree to in the prior discussion leading up to the conference.

Robertson saw no international crisis of capital-
ism—therefore there was no sense that one has existed since 1914. If he saw only little up and down presenting no serious problems for the capitalists. He saw the problems on the basis of a sick and kind of intense deepening of the class struggle we have seen everywhere in the period since 1966. Expressing the whole of his experience with the capitalists he states that 'critics' are all in a day's work for the mechanisms and agencies of imperialism in muddling through from one year to the next.

But when it came to the international movement Robertson replaced confidence with scepticism. Rather than the leading committee of the Fourth International as a sole contributor of the fight for the program of Trotsky he saw four international committees that are claiming to be Trotskyist and the future movement somehow coming out of some sort of amalgam or reorganization of forces with all four 'Internationals.' Clearly this was during Robertson's International Committee Con-
ference under false pretenses as the call for the conference made clear that the conference was based on the conception that only the International Committee had not gone over to revisionism as those other committees which consist of different splinters of the Pabloites. Clearly Robertson's intention at this conference was to get a bank of the International Committee for this future amalgamation.

But the conference also made clear that he conceived of his organization as only a 'propaganda group' and that course he wanted the international movement to be the world proletariat party but no such collection of national propaganda groups.

After making this contribution and being in-
formed that all in attendance wished to discuss it thoroughly, he was summarily ejected from the conference claiming he was tired. He was repeatedly asked to return to the conference so that other delegates, some of who had traveled from as far as Japan, could con-
ment on his presentation in his presence. He repeatedly refused to do so. He was then asked by the conference to apologize for this behavior. He repeatedly refused to do so.

Thus the conference was confronted not only with a presentation of conceptions which questioned the very nature of the International Committee it

self and threw not its entire international perspective of working class struggle but any possibility of resolving these differences through a serious in international discussion process was sabotaged by the prerogatives of Robertson who pulled this absolutism against the international movement. Could the con-
ference under such conditions do anything else but expel Robertson? Could they allow this man to go back to the United States as a part of the interna-
tional movement when while attending a con-
ference of the international movement he treated it with such disdain. To do that would have been a break on the part of the International Committee from the very concept of internationalism as it was taught in the statutes of the Third and Fourth Interna-
tionals—a transformation of the Fourth Inter-
national to nothing more than a collection of national propaganda circles each therefore no more than a reflection of the petty bourgeoisies of the respective countries.

DESTRUCTION

Since April 1966 the Robertson group has lived for one objective political purpose—the destruc-
tion of the Fourth International and its American supports the Workers League. Page after page of the Spartacist and leaflet after leaflet have been devoted to the most vile, unprincipled and uncontrolled attacks against our movement. The principled political struggle against the revisionism of the SWP was all but dropped and a co-optative doctrine of labor emerged between the SWP and Trotskyist in perpetrating these slanders. The SWP published all the documents Trotskyist rather than protesting those publications. We took over the major re-
responsibility for defending this in this country. The SWP then turned around and launched a slander campaign against the Social Labor League around the Tule provocation and this became headline material in Spartacist under the title "Out! Out!". Leaflets were distributed finger-
ing Robert Sherwood and noting that he had gone to Canada as a prelude to the government attacks today on Sherwood. No restraint, no principles. Not even when Robertson knows it can mean the prosecution by the bourgeois state of our comrades. The Trotskyist group is not just another ten-
dency. It has deserted the most essential prin-
ciples of class morality. It is a crystallized ex-
pression of the greatest secrets of the American petty bourgeoisie who see the revolutionary party as does the bourgeoisie—as its greatest enemy. It was the American workers. This is not just another tendency. You can expect anything from this group. It is not to be trusted in the least. We for one have had no relations with this group since April 1966 and will never have any.
angry ranks are militant as leaders play with ocb

BY FRED CAHOUN Two thousand angry case-workers, unrepresented workers, and other labor leaders, gathered at the Labor Department in Washington yesterday to protest the alleged violation of the labor laws by the Department of Commerce. The protest was held at the same time that the Social Security Administration, which administers the Unemployment Compensation Law, was meeting with representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers to discuss the possibility of creating a new Unemployment Compensation Law.

The workers, who are represented by the United Auto Workers, the Teamsters, the Retail Clerks, the Building and Construction Trades, and the Communications Workers, are demanding that the Department of Commerce be required to negotiate with them on the issues of job loss, unemployment benefits, and the national economy. The workers are also demanding that the Department of Commerce be required to provide them with information on the status of their claims and the status of their benefits.

No direction is offered by the union centrally. Left to their own devices, the delegates take their workers through isolated guerrilla tactics against the federal administra- tors. When workers are suspended, they pull staff out of a revolutionary party "day to day" but accomplish little to get their workers unsus- pended.

In the midst of all this, Commissioner Goldberg issues an "Open Letter" to staff. There are a few lines that are news, but that the Office of Com- mercial Bargaining will declare almost every job related issue non-negotiable and is free to make its own proclamations.

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