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Scottish Workers To Occupy Yards

BY A FOREIGN REPORTER

Workers at the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders in Glasgow, Scotland, who are facing unemployment when the company goes bankrupt, have pledged to occupy the yards and run them under workers' control.

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, who asked the Tory government of Britain for funds of between five and six million pounds to keep the enterprise going, decided to negotiate with the chairman of the company and the Tory Industry Minister. 35,000 jobs are at stake.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Scotland already has one of the highest unemployment levels in Britain. Already at 9.5% unemployment will jump to 15% if Upper Clyde ends operations.

The decision of the government was to grant so new funds to the Upper Clyde. Unlike the trade union leaders in the shipping industry who cooperated in eliminating 54,000 jobs over the past ten years, the Tories know that the capitalist crisis cannot be solved other than through massive attacks on jobs and living standards.

WARNING

The Tory government is a clear warning that capitalism can only be salvaged by sacrificing whole companies and throwing millions out of work.

This threat to the working class comes from the inability of the capitalist class to make enough profit. It is not that Upper Clyde does not have any business but that it cannot maintain as high a profit as it used to, due to the recession.

It is not the bankruptcy of one company but the bankruptcy of the whole system which is incapable of expanding the productive forces.

The decision of the workers to occupy the yards is a direct slap in the face to the union leaders who colluded with the government to keep things going because of the workers' cooperation in accepting layoffs.

LEAD

This fall of 1971 is a clear sign that the Tory government is not interested in the interest of the workers.

Benny Mcgowan of the General and Municipal Workers Union told the Workers Press, daily paper of the Social Labour League, "It is symbolic that we take this decision in the centenary year of the Labour Party and the充和." The Upper Clyde workers have given a warning to workers in Britain as well as all countries.

CP Opens Door To Italian Fascists

BY ED SMITH

In provincial elections covering a fifth of Italy last week, six fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI), running on a "law and order" social- pacificism slogan, cam- paigned against the expense of the ruling conservative Christian Demo-crats.

The Socialists and Social Democrats, who are in a go- vernmental coalition with the Christian Democrats, as well as the massive Communist Party, held their own or made mar- ginal gains.

The fascists received 7.2 mil- lion votes—3.9 percent of the electorate. In the last elections held in 1966, they received 5.2 percent. In certain areas, such as Sicily, they made even bigger gains. Sicily nearly tripled its MSI vote to 16.1 percent.

The Italian fascists received great encouragement from the results for their plans for the destruction of the Italian work- ing people. Giorgio Almiran- te, leader of the MSI and one time junior minister, Mussol- nism last government, pro- claimed: This is the only vote in this electoral contest...the Italian Communist Party has been headed in its tradition. The electorate has thus shown that it wants a swing to the right to obtain those guarantees of national pacification, order, and cooperative socialism that constitute the program and underlying of the Italian Social Movement."

ARMED

Vicious armed attacks by fascist goon squads on left-wingers, unions, and students have become common in Italy. It is beyond doubt that the fascists, buoyed by this increase of popular support caused by dis- affection by middle class ele- ments with the Christian Demo- crats, repelled by the reformism of the Stalinists and Social Democrats, will seek to step up their attacks on the class movement, under condi- tions of even deeper social crisis.

LONGO

With the continued advance and emboldening of fascism, Luigi Longo, leader of the Italian Com- munist Party, the party of the mass of Italian workers, cannot call the results "a warning against the dangerous lure of the right." The trade union leaders call a token department store strike and the Social Democrats condemn...that if only the coalition government would fulfill its promises of reform this sort of work would happen.

Meanwhile Longo's fellow Stalinists in the Daily World wrote: "We are the only victors in this electoral contest...the Italian Communist Party has been headed in its tradition. The electorate has thus shown that it wants a swing to the right to obtain those guarantees of national pacification, order, and cooperative socialism that constitute the program and underlying of the Italian Social Movement."

STALINISTS

Fascism is again a danger in Italy. The MSI, which speaks for workers and students with subma- caine guns in police boxes in Mexico, even bourgeois com- mentators hint of the specter of dictatorship in the "Pentagon papers" scandal in the United States. But the Stalinists spread the message of "business as usual." Underneath the Stalinis- ts' complacent view of the strike, the workers are prepared to win the struggle for the U.S. and for the U.S.S.R. and for peace and socialism.

Strike Wave Sweeps 'Classless' Israel

BY PAT CONNOLLY

As a strike wave swept Israel last week, Premier Golda Meir convened a late night emergency session of her Cabinet and told them: "The house is on fire." The heat on the Zionist regime is coming not just from the Arab guerrillas, but from thousands of striking Israeli workers who are echoes of the myth of a "classless" Israel. Electric workers, customs of- ficials and cops in the port city of Ashdod, and workers in government hospitals and back to work only after the government invoked special emergency regulations.

The strikes followed on the heels of the bloodshed in the streets of Jerusalem by Israeli Black Panther youth protesting discrimination against Sephardic Jews in housing, education and employment.

WAGES

The government which last year set up "voluntary" re- ductions, is now talking of a new "anti-inflation drive" which means big attacks on the wages and working conditions of the Israeli workers.

But the workers of the workers have already gone be- yond the wage restraints and show no sign of being held back on the basis of "national in- terest," as the cost of living soared.

WAR

Premier Meir also issued a statement saying that "workers' demands must be clarified through customary channels" and that the government would "do everything that lies within its authority to prevent paralysis of vital serv- ices."

This is a declaration of war against the Israeli working class. Just as the Zionist regime has played the reactionary role against the Arab Revolution and in support of American imperialism, it now takes up the most virulent attacks on the Israeli working class.

This demand is the con- struction of a mass Trotskyist party in Israel and the Middle East, to fight to unify the Jewish and Arab workers and peasants in the struggle against Zionism and capitalism and for a united socialist Middle East.

ANGELA DAVIS REFUSED BAIL

BY A BULLETIN REPORTER

SAN RAFAEL, CAL.—An- gela Davis was refused bail last week by Superior Court Judge Dallas J. White who declared that the denial of government must be "separate and exclusively on legal is- sues." The Probation De- partment had recommended to the court that bail be set at $100,000.

Davis is charged with murder and kidnapping for allegedly buying the guns that were used by Jonathan Jackson in Marin County Courthouse in August, 1970. When he armed prisoners in the courtroom and took a hostage to force the release of the Soledad Brothers and his own brother George Jackson, the Marin Courthouse was opened fire. Jackson, the judge and two prisoners were killed. Davis' lawyers had asked for the dismissal of the charges against her, or failing that, the granting of bail.

California law states that a defendant cannot get bail if there is any "substantial evi- dence that would sustain a verdict of finding the accused guilty of a capital offense." This is what Judge White used in court in order to refuse bail and keep Davis in prison.

"EVIDENCE"

In other words, rather than innocent until proven guilty, the judge has already decided her guilt. The only "evidence" against Angela Davis is that she is a revolutionary. This is why the courts, the government and the bourgeois press are trying to railroad her on completely trumped up charges.

These vicious attacks against militants were exposed and re- pulilated in the trial of the Soledad Brothers. All defendants were found innocent. The labor movement is moving forward the defense of Angela Davis and all political prisoners.

Almirante, head of Italian fascists, with his supporters.
NYC Unions Must Prepare For Joint Fight

BY KAREN FRANKEL

NEW YORK—The struggle of city labor for job security and decent contracts is far from over. The City Council, controlled by the Depression-stung Democratic majority, has just announced its intention to cut $28 million in taxes from the new fiscal budget, which will mean renewed efforts to lay off thousands of city workers.

This time Lindsay will not be able to simply shift all the blame for layoffs onto Rockmill. It is crystal clear that both the liberal and conservative wings of both the parties in power are out for the blood of the trade unionists.

The defeat of city labor on the pension issue, engineered by Victor Gottham, newly of District Council 37, opens the door for a renewed offensive against the labor movement by the capitalists. All the major municipal unions are now looking up in the air as Lindsay is trying to strengthen his ability to move simple cost of living increases down the throats of the workers.

IHAUTUS

The SEIU must fight to break the contract “hiatus” in order to turn around the situation with the municipal contract. The uniformed services, whose contract negotiations were also suspended pending decisions on the state budget, must be approached for union mobilization. Even the largest local in the District Council, faces its contract expiration at the end of the month. Particularly in light of the reorganization of the Department of Social Services for Nixon’s Family Assistance Plan, the situation has never been more ripe for joint contract struggle.

It is clear that Lindsay plans to have the workers in the various social agencies under the brunt of his layoffs. He is being aided tremendously by Nixon’s welfare reform bill.

FAP

The FAP bill provides for a new administration nationwide of welfare which could require only 60,000 of the present 200,000 workers now employed to run it.

By the time the city labor movement has formed a united front to challenge Lindsay and the state budget, there will be nothing left but more layoffs.

Confusion and Capitalist Compromise

By KAREN FRANKEL

NEW YORK—This is the time to think about what to do with the Budget crisis. The city budget is a crisis of capitalism. It is not a crisis of management or the city’s financial system. It is a crisis for the working class — the working poor and the homeless.

The solution for the working class is to organize and mobilize against the cuts. The solution for the city is to end the budget crisis and move to a socialist city.

Medal Of Honor GI Says ‘I Was Stoned’

By a Bulletin Correspondent

An ex-GI who just won the US’s highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, last week, told reporters that he was “stoned” on marijuana the night he fought off a Viet Cong attack with machine gun, rifle, grenades and hand-to-hand combat.

“I was the only time I ever went into combat stoned...All the time I was thinking about how we’re going to win the war when we’d get to go home,” Peter Lemon, 21, said. He also told reporters from the Detroit Free Press that he saw a Korean officer shoot point blank three Viet Cong soldiers who wanted to surrender, and that a lieutenant later told him the GIs was blown up while sitting in a flak hole by a GI who thought a grenade at him.

The number of GIs who smoke marijuana is almost impossible to estimate, but GIs in Vietnam are hooked on heroin as well. The number was estimated between 30,000 and 60,000.

The decay of the society in Vietnam is expressed by the heads. Tens of thousands of soldiers now smoke in order to escape the reality of the war. They have been thrown into, and hate each other “the heroes” are not exempt.

KESIAGE Rages Over Vietnam

By LUCY ST. JOHN

The Nixon Administration and its pack of lawyers entered the courts again this week in its efforts to prevent further publication by the capitalist press from the secret study conducted by the Pentagon on the history of the Vietnam War.

The unprecedented moves against the New York Times and the Washington Post mark the first time in the history of the United States that the government has sought to legally prevent the publication of a study.

The moves against the organ of the capitalist class are only a glimpse of the preparations which the capitalist class is making for civil war against the working class. If Nixon now moves against a section of his own class, this is but a prelude to the real battle against the American workers and their trade unions.

The material that has already been released, however, does plenty of damage to the conduct of the war and is creating a serious crisis in China’s ruling circles. The real character of this war can no longer be cut and labeled the American working class. Any confidence in those who rule the U.S. has been severely shaken.

It is the movement of the working class in China and the U.S. which is exposing the attempts of the capitalists to maintain their system.

The content of the secret report, the publication of it and the government’s suppression of it, make the break-up in the whole strategy for the Vietnam war. This is what lies behind the passage of the amendment to the Selective Service Act by the Senate this week calling for the withdrawal of troops from Vietnam.

At the same time the crisis over this report also marks the break-up of all the old relationships in capitalist society and marks the passing from parliamentarism to bureaucratic dictatorship which will work to integrate the working class into capitalist society not through bourgeois democracy but by curtailing its rights and liberties.

At high level conferences the use of tactical nuclear weapons was seriously considered. When Washington administration decided instead to use ground troops a whole scenario was developed to deceive the American people. In a cable from Saigon sent by General Taylor to Kennedy, the following plan was outlined:

“My view is that we should put United States military forces, legislatures, and logistical troops for the purpose of participating in food relief and at the same time of providing a U.S. military pre-
**City Workers Strike St. Louis For Wage Hike**

**BY A BULLETIN REPORTER**

ST. LOUIS, June 18—Following the example of New York city workers, four key unions of city employees voted to strike today for an immediate wage increase. The unions said they would not return to work without immediate effective wage increases for all employees.

In a joint action by Stationary Engineers Local 2, Water Workers Local 99, Teamsters Local 660, power plant workers, water electricians, and trash collectors walked out over the failure of the city to grant wage increases they should have received four months ago.

St. Louis, firemen angry over the mayor's decision last Thursday to help the City Service Corporation appeal their wage parity election victory to the Missouri Supreme Court, may soon join the mass strike against the city.

Forty copies of the Bulletin were sold at meetings of Firefighters Local 73 last week.

Rank and file firemen denounced the lack of interest of Cervantes, a strong union. Cervantes was at a meeting of Local 92, which met Wednesday, July 7, when the strike began.

The ranks of the city labor movement must now fight to shut down the whole city. Firemen, clerks, MSU welfare workers, and hospital employees unions must join the mass strike. City workers must stand on the side of the workers, or lose the struggle.

**Yale Betrayal Means Loss of Jobs, Wages**

**BY DAVE FRANKLIN**

NEW HAVEN, June 19—Vincent Sirabella, business manager for Local 35 Yale employees, has sold his river down the 51st strike deadline with a 379 to 74 vote in favor of a new contract.

On the two central issues in the strike—wages and Yale's attempt to replace workers with students—the contract was a complete sellout.

In wages, the contract provides for an 80c an hour increase over three years to lower grade workers and $1.15 an hour over the same period for higher grade workers. Despite this, the wage package actually includes benefits.

Yale had a new health plan for the union which will cost more than the old one, so Yale is "giving" the workers an extra dime to pay for the new plan.

When this is taken into consideration, the 35c increase for the first year is exactly equal to Yale's offer when the strike began. Fifty-one days since Sirabella's militant rhetoric and moralist protest proved bankrupt and incapable of taking forward wages at a time when employers and the government are moving to halt wage gains for American workers.

On the question of students taking over workers' jobs, they only agreed to give 15,000 additional work hours to students in the first year. The rest of the agreements provide for a joint study committee to iron out how many jobs will be lost over the next two years.

The joint study committee is a cover for the job freeze which continues. With a 37% turnover in the union, Sirabella has had over 25% of the union jobs and this at a time when unemployment in Connecticut is higher than at any time since 1937 and the Depression.

Without any confidence that the July 1, 1963 agreement with Yale will even be observed, Sirabella has Picketed the Yale campus in the name of the financial squeeze.

Sirabella's sellout paves the way for Yale to try to do what every employer is forced to do, "because of the financial squeeze"—smash the unions.

The vote in favor of the settlement reflected an awareness by the rank and file that nothing could be gained on the two basic issues under the present leadership. The fight will continue in Local 35 against Yale's union-busting strategy. To save victory in this fight to overthrow the sellout contract, a new leadership must be built.

**Baltimore Jobless Speak Out**

**BY A BULLETIN REPORTER**

Baltimore, June 9—Thousands of workers here have found themselves thrown out of work and onto long lines at the unemployment centers. Hard hit are "overpaid" construction workers with one local reporting 400 out of 1,000 members out of work.

The Bulletin interviewed unemployed workers at the Eau Claire State Employment Office last week.

There was virtual unanimity amongst workers interviewed on the need for political action to end unemployment. One man said: "If I sounds like a good cause, I can't see any worker in his right mind still voting Republican and it seems that the Democrats aren't much different. I'm going to do it a workingman's party for fight for what the workers need. This is an active member of construction workers Local 294.

**GOVERNOR**

A hospital worker and member of Local 1999-E said: "My union officer told me that we are going to do a lot of good people out of work. We've had a lot of trouble getting union recognition on the hospital.

**NIXON**

One construction worker who had been out of work for two and a half months said more about layoffs in construction: "The reason I'm out of work is because of Nixon and the generals (general contractors) are out to bust every construction union in the country. They have been hiring non-union labor and this is driving us out of work by getting us fired and we are just killing off the union blacks."

"Some time ago we asked the International union for help in this. Well, last night we had a national meeting and found out that the representative was in Europe, so we don't have to wait until he is back. In Europe! Well, I'm not going to Europe and lie around on some beach. If anybody is going to go to the Riviera I think it ought to be us who are out of work."

**PARTY**

What is required is the sharpest fight to trade unionists and unemployed for jobs for all. This means the fight for a shorter work week at full scale—a job, an end to discrimination in hiring and promotion, so layoffs, and apprenticeship programs paid for directly by the bosses. This further means the construction of a labor party based on the unions to fight for jobs, full employment and decent wages and working conditions through nationalization of all industry under workers control to provide a decent standard of living for all working people.

**Balloons**

A BULLETIN REPORTER

**Scotto Backs Shippers**

**Povert's Plea**

**BY A BULLETIN REPORTER**

BROOKLYN—In the fall expiration of the International Longshoremen's Association's national agreements, the leadership is busy preparing a rotten compromise with the shipping bosses.

Rank and file longshoremen told the Bulletin that at the June 14th membership meeting of ILA Local 1814, local president John Povertwain, had no business to do from the floor to an official from Grace Lines.

This representative of the employers told the men that the port's containerization threatens and therefore the wage demand raised for $7.50 an hour was too high.

He proposed instead a 50c an hour hike and if accepted the "profit sharing" would be paid out as is the container money, in a lump sum come any time. The spokesman from Grace Lines also proposed cutting the wage hike off all but A, B, and perhaps C card holders.

President Povertwain, who is chairman of the meeting and urged support of the proposal from Grace Lines.

Instead of this, Longshoremen ILA longshoremen must prepare to vote on a new contract by the ILWU ranks in Local 10, San Francisco, where despite the "profit sharing" the port employers are likely to wage any struggle over the book to the International. The July 1st wildcats strikes are sweeping the harbor.

The ILA local must hold membership meetings immediately to discuss the September contract. These meetings must also lay plans for a joint ILA and ILWU campaign against Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union strike.

The shippers are desperate and will use every means to smash the ILA guarantee and strike. A study of the negotiations of some shippers are considering signing two contracts with the ILA and ILWU, one exclusive cargo and one for containers. For example, the ILA has not yet ratified all the present divisions in the ILA between locals and between different card classifications within each local, and introduce new divisions to weaken the union. This is why the proposal made by Grace Lines and supported by Scotto in Brooklyn is so reactionary. Cutting the D carders and the '66 men out of the guarantee will only set up A and B carders for the axe in the future.

The July ILA convention must go on record for the A and B carders by ILA contract demands: $7.50 an hour, 50c per hour in living expenses, and $50 per month pension after 20 years. At the same time the delegates with the ILA must not fail to demand that the LASH and Scab vice-carders be boycotted, that the wage guarantee be extended in full to all men in all ports, and that no zone sizes be

**EDITORIAL: The St. John: Art Directors' Union**

BY STEVE CHERKOS

LOCAL 1845 USWA

While secret negotiations are going on in Washington, D.C., between the steel barons and the I.W. Abel leadership, thousands of basic steelworkers across the country are working shorter weeks with less pay. This is a result of the first signs of steel production slowdowns as strike hedge buying tapers off.

Bethlehem, US Steel, Youngstown and National Steel have called for wage cuts in the form of 10% to 20% reductions in the latest strike cycle. The three companies have even been successful in getting the Stalins to agree to reduce the number of workers in the shops in order to lower payroll costs.

On June 1st Bethlehem announced that at least 250 workers would be laid off “due to operational cutbacks.” At the Lackawanna Mill, Bethlehem has already seen steelmaking open hearth furnaces taken out of production last week with a decrease in the number of orders in the volume of orders. Fifty aluminum workers were laid off at the Lackawanna Plant last week because of a cutback in coke oven operation.

At Youngstown Steel & Tube a furnace was shut down at the West Line, which resulted in hundreds of workers being laid off. In a related development at Youngstown’s Cambell Ohio plant the overtime pay rate was cut by 25 cents to allow more of the plant to be operated on a 30-shop basis.

Bethlehem said the number one steelmaking furnace at the Louis Plum steel mill is being closed at least temporarily due to a shortage of coal. This means at least 250 workers will be laid off at the flag smelter. It is already admitted by the US Steel bosses that many of the laid off men will be out permanently.

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Bethlehem Ranks Hit With Speedup, Forced Overtime

By a Bulletin Reporter

Williamson, Pa.—Steelworkers at the Steelton and Rose Hill mills here face tremendous speedup due to the company’s stockpiling in preparation for a strike.

At this time, Bethlehem is still hiring, but in an increasingly coercive way that it wants to cut and overwork the workers now on the job rather than continue hiring. Workers, already being forced to work 5 days a week, are asked by company officials to add an extra day or two extra days work. Many of the younger workers with families are finding it too much. Presently, the company is merely asking for the extra days. However, according to one steelworker, it is rumored that the company is preparing to institute a compulsory six day week. Bethlehem will use the provision in the steelworkers’ contract which says that the company can force the employees to work a six day week. Every ounce of steel stockpiled strengthens the hand of the steel bosses, who, along with the I.W. Abel leadership, must beat back the growing movement for union and across the country is over $200. Bethlehem steel must thwart any attempt at imposing a speedup or forcing workers to stockpiling and stockpiling, as in the last check; 1% of the employees see as the big threat put forward in the 1907-68 copper strike was the use of coordinated bargaining on an industry-wide basis by all 26 international unions involved.

During that strike, however, the USWA and other labor leaders showed no coordinated strike strategy, allowing return to work in each company as soon as a settlement could be reached by the I.W. Abel leadership.

Nixon and the copper barons fear what coordinated bargaining could do if a new type of leadership is built in the steel industry, unionized on a strategy for big wage increases as in the central.

Caucus

All the more important then, is the need for the formation of a national rank and file movement in the USWA which can take over the struggle for $2 an hour and prevent repeats of the 1968 settlements in steel and copper.

CP AVOIDS CLASH WITH ABEL IN WAGE STRUGGLE

By Michael Ross

The heat is building in the steel mills, the ore processing plants, the coke ovens and the falling pressure for strike action on August 1st continues for big wage increases and many other demands, Abel and the USWA leadership are being more and more exposed to steel strike, along come the demands of the Communist Party to divert the wage struggles of the steelworkers away from the various fronts of the USWA bureaucracy that is absolutely essential to win in the future. This comes out most graphically in the June 10 issue of the CP, an issue that features what is coming in steel August 1st.

CP says that what is at the first time this year, the CP openly recognizes the question of wages crisis as decisive of the workers’ future. The CP says that as the economic situation turns, the workers must talk about little else except the need for more “democracy” in the union, the right to strike over grievances, the CP’s Steel and Metal Workers’ Commission gives wholehearted endorsement to the demands being promoted by the National Steelworkers Rank and File Committee, the National Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Steelworkers, and the Rank and File Team.

These groups are all influenced by the CP, the Ad Hoc Committee being the most actively functioning in the Chicago-Gary and Youngstown-Aliquippa areas.

Their demands include: a $2 an hour wage increase, full cost of living clause, scrap the present grievance system, restore the right to strike on this issue; union control over all changes in work rules and agreements, union stewards, crew sizes, guarantee an end to all forms of racial discrimination; 50% of the 60-day pay, retirement to be $500 a month, no work over 72 hours during layoffs, no contracting out of work; two year limit on the contract, eliminate the six day week; only if there is a wage reopener at the end of the second year. The CP statement goes on to say:

"USWA president I.W. Abel is fully justified in denouncing Nixon’s demand that wage in- creases be held down to 6 per cent. But he is mistaken if he believes the container settlement comes anywhere near satisfying the demands of the rank and file even with regaining the escalator clause. The container settlement still leaves workers behind in the rising cost-of-living, and still trailing behind the auto workers’ gains. It sets no acceptable pattern for the rest of the USWA members..." The USWA leaders “have every right to expect they will try to outbid even the $1 on the demands that really count, to go all out and to stand firm by these demands...”

PRESSURE

At first glance, I would think that the CP is doing a complete turn around, adapting to the demands that were originally proposed and fought for by the Workers’ League. But it is the perspective around which the Slaminsky proposal to fight for these demands is totally different. It is a perspective of pressure on the bureau-
Viet Report Reveals Move To Dictatorship

The capitalist class is leading society to complete bankruptcy. The question is: Who is to inherit the power and wealth now, the masses of people in the United States, the working people, with a decent standard of living. Rather it must drive back capitalism, power the masses in the struggle against depression and bankruptcy.

This is precisely why it cannot tolerate much longer the democratic order. The greatest weakness of the capitalist class is its inability to control the strength of the working class which today refuses to have its wages slashed and its jobs eliminated. So today the capitalist class is forced to begin to operate outside the forms of the working class and its organizations, to take away all its rights.

This is what lies behind suppression of the Vietnam Report. We have to see the difference among the ruling class on the question, it stands as a whole united against the working class.

But precisely at this moment the traditional leaderships of the working class, the trade union bureaucracy aided by the Stalinists and revisionists, seek to prevent this development, holding out the alternative of a coalition of the working class with a section of the capitalist class to "pressure" the government.

In this process the Communist Party is playing a key role. The reaction of the CP on the publication of the Vietnam Report was to remove as a way to spur a big vote for the Hatfield-McGovern amendment to end the war. The Daily World cried: "Telephone your Senator now!"

But the whole point of the Vietnam document was that the war had been conducted through five administrations, both Democratic and Republican, without approval or disapproval from Congress.

When Nixon banned the report the CP printed uncritically long statements from Senator McGovern attacking Nixon for suppressing the report. The Daily World concluded: "This perilious situation calls for a popular outburst of anger directed at the White House. It calls for the most intense pressure on the Administra-
tion to call off its dogs. It calls for unrelenting insistent demands by the people that their Representatives and their Senators act now in determined resistance to the fascist foray against the press."

This sets the stage for an Optic Front perspective which asks the American working class to put its faith in the very scoundrels in office today who have given them their back in the Vietnam war and who are the most open advocates of the attacks on the trade unions.

It was in fact none other than George McGovern who Daniel Ellsberg, who reportedly released the documents to the Times, first approached six months ago. Nedly said this great crisis of Vietnam and the war burned down the offer to read and release the docu-
ments. And certainly McGovern was not the only one in Congress who was aware of the real deception being carried on by the papering class.

Precisely at a time when a deep crisis is shaking the capitalist class over the Vietnam report, the CP sees the task as one of strengthening this class by supporting a section of it, not of destroying it through the independent mobilization of the working class.

The trade unions are strong and powerful. But the official Labor movement now faces its gravest threat. This requires a break from reformism, a break from the capitalist parties and the formation of a labor party. This is the only alternative to Nixon and to dictatorship.

At the same time the whole rotten character of the war in Indochina has been exposed to the American working class. The struggle to end this war must now go hand and hand with the struggle against government's attacks on the unions. Only through the general strike movement and the construction of a labor party can the American working class strike the blow which will defeat imperialism.
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH UNITE AGAINST
STALINISM AND IMPERIALISM

International Committee Declaration on Essen Youth Rally

THIS SPRING, 1971, the frantic movements of capital in search of speculative profits and the sharp and repeated monetary crises have threatened the whole exchange system and even the whole capitalist economy.

And yet this particular example of the anarchy and decay of the capitalist mode of production is only a symptom.

It is not simply a question of a European crisis, but of a world crisis, one of the expressions of which is the monetary chaos in Europe, related as it is to the defense at any cost of the dollar i.e., of the dominant position of American imperialism.

It is thus the contradictions of the capitalist system as a whole which are concentrated in Europe.

Unemployment and inflation go together in every country in Europe. However, these burdens which continually aggravate the life of the working masses are a threat to the stability of the bourgeois order only in the most isolated cases.

Everywhere—and this is what characterizes the whole period which opened in 1968—the working class refuses to give up its rights, its positions, its conquests, to meet the needs of the capitalist system.

And, from Spain, where the working class forced the frangist Franco to retreat to the pretended “social paradise” of Sweden, it tends everywhere to place in question through its struggle the class rule of the bourgeoisie, and squares up to the state machine.

That is why, as the British Tory Premier Heath cynically revealed at the United Nations, the bourgeoisie is preparing civil war against the proletariat.

There is no other solution but counter-revolution, the physical and political crushing of the workers’ organizations, in order to break...

* THE BRITISH workers’ movement which is resisting the anti-working class offensive of Heath.

* THE GERMAN workers who are shaking the SDP’s (Social Democratic Party’s) coalition with the bourgeoisie.

* THE FRENCH workers who are taking the road of struggle to put an end to the Pompidou government.

* THE WHOLE European workers’ movement.

Imperialism in crisis has only one solution: to destroy all the conquests of the proletariat. But imperialism’s crisis is joined by the crisis of the counter-revolutionary bureaucracies whose privileges and political power rest upon the continued world domination of imperialism.

To perpetuate themselves, they have only one solution: to strengthen yet again their links with imperialism against the proletariat.

This spring, 1971, in those countries where capitalism has been expropriated, in the USSR, in all the countries of Eastern Europe, the proletariat is preparing for the assault on the Stalinist bureaucracy in order to defend its conquests.

After the uprise of the 1968 political revolution in Czechoslovakia, coinciding with the May-June general strike in France, it was then the Polish workers who organized an insurrectionary general strike, covered Poland with workers’ councils, and forced the rotten bureaucracy to retreat.

But Europe, through these struggles in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia, the proletariat asserts the unity of its fight, the unity of the social revolution and the political revolution, expressing the same struggle for the world socialist revolution.

Everywhere in the front rank of these struggles stand the younger generations of the proletariat, the young workers and students.

Educated by the crisis of imperialism and of the bureaucracy, the young generation of workers by hand and brain are seeking ways of organizing for the socialist revolution and for the renewing of their links with proletarian internationalism.

The revolutionary youth organizations developing in Europe, like the Young Socialists in Great Britain, like the Alliance des Jeunes pour le Socialisme in France now go forward with the slogans on their banners: “Long Live The United Socialist States of Europe!”

It is in unity across frontiers, by rejecting the division into “zones” or “blocks” that the youth, side by side with the working class, in struggling for the United Socialist States of Europe, open the road for the overthrow of the bourgeois and its counter-revolutionary state machine, express their unity of struggle with all those throughout the world who fight imperialism and bureaucracy, from the American imperialist fortress to Indochina, from Latin America to Bengal.

This struggle affirms itself today in the fight to build a revolutionary youth International and finds its concrete expression in the international rally at Essen, convened for July 3 and 4, 1971, and supported by the AJS, Young Socialists, Junge Garde of Germany, and the Students Liaison Committee for Eastern Europe.

The International Committee of the Fourth International, which fights for the reconstruction of the International, which fights to establish through the building of revolutionary parties in every country the necessary instrument for the world victory of the proletariat: the Fourth International founded upon the Transitional Program of Leon Trotsky, has always affirmed that the political necessities of the struggle of youth demanded specific forms of organization.

The sections of the IC have taken the initiative in creating and developing fighting organizations of communist youth. These organizations are an indispensable part of the construction of the revolutionary party: through them we approach the main task of winning thousands and thousands of young fighters in the class struggle to the program of socialist revolution, the program of the Fourth International.

It is the same at the international level. The building of the Revolutionary Youth International is one of the necessary components of the rebuilding of the Fourth International.

The IC of the Fourth International supports the initiative taken by the revolutionary youth organizations which have convened the Essen rally.

The IC of the Fourth International considers that this rally, as part of the struggle for the United Socialist States of Europe, is an international event in the class struggle, and especially welcomes the fact that organizations in all countries, such as the youth of the Revolutionary Workers’ Party (POR) of Bolivia, the Revolutionary Communist League of Ceylon, the Trotskyst organi-

* The IC of the Fourth International considers that the Essen rally, by affirming in the heart of Europe, in Germany, against imperialism and the bureaucracy, the unity of the struggle of the working class, is a challenge to all the allies of imperialism within the workers’ movement and to the liquidationists revisionists who serve the bureaucracy and fraudulently claim to be Trotskyst.

* The IC of the Fourth International stresses the significance of the fact that for the first time, in response to the call of revolutionary youth movements, linked in the common struggle against imperialism and bureaucracy, youth from East and Western Europe will come together in the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe. In their thousands, the young revolutionaries gather in Essen under the call of the Communist Manifesto, “Workers of the world, unite!” with the intention of moving forward affirming that the realization of this slogan today lies on the road of the program of the Fourth International, and of the construction of that International.

The IC calls upon its sections to mobilize their forces, politically and physically, to assure the full success of the Essen international rally.

The preparation of this rally is a political fight linked directly with the fight to build revolutionary parties in every country.

The IC calls all militants, workers and youth, to join in this campaign.

* Down with imperialism!

* Down with the counter-revolutionary bureaucracies!

* For the United Socialist States of Europe!

* For the Revolutionary Youth International!

* For the building of the Fourth International!

* Long live the Essen Rally!
Greetings from:

Spain

THE FOLLOWING ARE greetings to the recent AJS Conference from the President of the Communist Organisation of the Communist Group of Spain.

We, the militants of the Trotskyist Fraction of the Communist Group of Spain, greet the great enthusiastic assembly of you.

Comrades: During November and December of 1970 the Spanish workers, mobilized to save the Republic and against the war, struggled to prevent the death sentence from Franco's military tribunal. They fought like lions in the face of the fascist formation. They stopped strikes, demonstrations, and demanded the right of the workers and the Republic to be heard.

The Spanish youth were there, in the front line of the struggle, as in France, it is everywhere in the fight against capitalism.

Comrades: This is no accident. In Spain the majority of primary, technical and university education is held in the hands of the Jesuits and the Church, the enemy of youth and culture. Franco's law "free education" is designed to strengthen even further the instruments of capitalist reaction that is religion against the working class.

In our country an immense majority of young workers and peasants are excluded from both practical and theoretical education. The struggle for a new education law, which will guarantee free education for all the Spanish youth, is the only opportunity open to us.

We think that the great task of building a new country is the only way of saving the Spanish youth.

The time has come to send a message everywhere else in the world, the only way to change the existing situation.

We support this struggle and we will fight to win.

Tunisia

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I am Tunisian and I think I should declare this before the young fighters assembled by AJS for the socialist revolution.

I think, in effect, that the struggle of the Tunisian working and youth against their own government helps the struggle of the masses in Maghreb and in Africa. The comrades from Dahomey who spoke before me was a thousand times right: the class struggle exists, this struggle is nourished by the struggles which go on everywhere in the world. Whether in Bulgaria or in Poland, in Yugoslavia, in France or in Poland. But also those who fight in Africa against the French and Polish workers. The African workers and youth are fighting today their own bourgeois and corrupt governments, despite the police repression, despite the support of the Stalinist bureaucracy to these governments.

They are fighting, as in March 1965 in Casablanca, as in June 1967 in Tunisia.

Brussels

AT THE RECENT AJS Conference the following statement of support for the Tunisian Revolution was read by a member of the Marxist Study Circle of Brussels.

It is in this situation, but...
Germany

THE FOLLOWING IS an interview with a militant of Junge Garde, the youth organization of the German Trotskyists. It appeared in the German Trotskyist periodical Ouvrière. The Junge Garde is one of the sponsoring organizations of the International Youth Conference in Essen, Germany.

What is the political situation today in Germany after nearly two years of "little coalition"?

The bourgeoisie is seeking to get everything it can out of the participation of the Social Democracy in the government in order to preserve its profits at all costs. It is similar in certain respects to the situation in 1928 when the Social Democratic government of Hermann Müllcr was instructed by the bourgeoisie to carry out an anti-working class policy, only to be swept aside and be replaced by the Nazis.

The Social Democratic government relies on the union bureaucracy for this anti-working class policy and attempts by every means to disorganize the will of the workers to fight. The wage agreements signed by the union leaders entail increases which are below except for the Luthansa workers who sustained a long and difficult strike.

How do the workers and youth react to this policy of the union leaders and of the SPD?

In protest there was a series of savage strikes and at Hanover, for example, general assemblies of the workers denounced the signing of the agreement. The same is true in the chemical industry where there were demonstrations. Negotiations have reached a standstill and unless the leadership wants to call a strike.

Among the youth, the Social Democratic policies create a certain disgust that is exploited by the ultra-lefts. They isolate the youth from the class struggle and make the Social Democratic workers responsible for the betrayal of the bureaucracy.

How were the German Trotskyists and the Junge Garde interven tions in this situation?

We say to the young workers, students, high school youth, we must form a united front of youth. We must fight against stigmatization, against restrictions on entering college, against inflation and unemployment in a disarmed way.

Youth must not be isolated from the workers struggles. We must rise up with the Social Democratic workers against the Social Democratic leaders and impose government which meets the needs of youth and the working class, and the working class.

We will not repeat the crime committed by the German Communist Party in 1928-1932 when it denounced the Social Democratic workers and their party as social fascist.

How is your line of a workers united front being practically implemented?

Among the Social Democratic workers we are fighting for their party to break with the coalition. Among youth, we are organizing them to force the labor and Social Democratic leaders to hold a National Conference of Defense of Youth. May 23, at the initiative of Junge Garde. A preparatory assembly of 150 youth, workers, apprentices, and students was held in Frankfurt. They came from 10 cities, determined to fight within their organizations for such a conference.

What is the relationship between this activity and the international assembly at Essen?

At the Frankfurt meeting on May 23, the 150 youth who were there, militants of the Junge Garde, of JUNKS Social Democratic Youth labor, university and high school students and unorganized youth successfully adopted an international resolution in which they resolved to fight in their different cities to bring more youth to Essen.

What are the specific aspects of this discussion in Germany?

It is obviously concretized in the struggle to reunify Germany, for a single German Trotskyist Front for the United Socialist States of Europe. It is necessary to find the correct strategy for making the slogan of a reunified Germany live among the youth. In the East as in the West students, workers and youth must have better professional education in the East. But there also, youth are threatened with unemployment and have no future. The proof of this is that in East Germany, as in the West drugs are widely used.

How are you organizing the campaign for Essen?

At the end of this week, we are holding an educational seminar to arm the forces of the youth camp. It was recruited at the May 23 meeting. After June 10, there will be systematic leafleting, posters, and meetings.

On the anniversary of June 17, 1953, when the German peoples rejected the beginning of the political revolution in East Germany, the Stalinist bureaucracy intend to hold three preparatory meetings, at Frankfurt, Essen and Berlin, and the slogan of the United Socialist States of Europe.

Our objective is to bring 500 youth to Essen this year. We are absolutely certain that the campaign for Essen is a reality, that the assembly in Essen will be a powerful lever to take our program to a new level, to make a big leap ahead towards the construction of a Revolutionary Organization of Youth through the action of a revolutionary party of the German proletariat.

The Following Greetings come from the Liasion Committee of Eastern European Students. They were given at the recent AJS conference.

The Liaison Committee of East European Students, including Polish, Czechoslovak, Yugoslav and Hungarian students, addressed a letter at the conference of Eastern European students held in Germany Darmstadt, 1970, to the Fraternal greetings to the Assembly of the Revolutionary Youth organized by AJS May 22 and 23.

Our objectives are the same as yours. Students of Eastern Europe, where the bourgeoisie was using the student movement for the fighting the bureaucracy which has usurped the conquests of October, we are fighting against imperialism. This struggle unites us; because you fight for socialism, the Stalinists want to silence you at La Couronne with violence and just as the Stalinist bureaucracy sends its task against the workers and youth of Gdansk who marched on Poznan to demand an end to the occupation of Poland, just as the bureaucracy imprisons, fabricates infamous trials against the Prague students who refuse to disavow their loyalty to socialism.

Today, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Glorious Comune, so we the Liaison Committee, declare to this assembly, that it is as 100 years ago with the Polish communist Dom-Bednarski: communism means the National Guard and the Hungarian communist Frankel, Commissioner of Labor, that the struggle for socialism is one and indivisible, that the attempts of the bureaucracy and the bourgeoisie to isolate us will fail.

The Liaison Committee, with the AJS, has called the Junge Garde, Western youth students and workers of Eastern Europe will be present at your side at the International Youth Assembly to challenge the indispensable weapon for unification and the victorious development of our fight for socialism: the Revolutionary Youth Combatant.

- Fight for the International Communist Youth League
- Down with Normalization!
- Long Live the Polish Workers Councils!
- Forward to the construction of the United Socialist States of Europe!

Peru

The following greetings come from the Revolutionary Marxist Workers Party of Peru.

We bring our greetings and support to the Youth Assembly at Essen, which we consider an important step in the reconstruction of the Fourth International. In this sense, the PIM, in its fight against the Velasco government and its allies, which considers that theaxis will propel us forward to build our party.

- Long Live the Essen Assembly!
- Long live the construction of the Revolutionary Youth International!

Brazil

The following statement is issued by the Bolshevik-Trotskyist Fraction of Brazil.

The Bolshevik-Trotskyist Fraction of Brazil greets with great revolutionary satisfaction the call for an international youth assembly in Essen this July 3-4. As you know, our group which is fighting for the construction of the Fourth International and the reconstruction of the proletariat, the Fourth International. Our Fraction from last year by the repression of the Brazilian military government.

In this work of reorganizing our ranks, a close contact with the vanguard of the proletariat and of youth is indispensable. In this sense, the fight for the revolutionary youth organization plays a decisive role.

In Brazil, the fragile structures with which capitalism tries to isolate the youth and workers will certainly not resist the impact of the next revolutionary mobilization of the masses. The youth reject the spectacular methods of the petty bourgeois militants and are patiently preparing for the direct confrontation with the bourgeoisie and imperialism. Youth will not submit to a future of unemployment and misery, the only alternatives offered by a decadent regime.

Our only possible answer is the construction of a revolutionary organization as part of a revolutionary organization of the exploited masses within the framework of the fight for the primary needs of the proletariat, for the right of independent organization of the masses, for the total and complete abolition of imperialism and for socialism.

The objectives of the Brazilian Assembly are the same as those of the International Youth Assembly. They are: to refuse the bourgeois mobilization of the masses, to combat the strategy of the improvised bureaucracies of the Fourth International, to organize the Fourth International, to fight for socialism.

Trotskyist youth from all over the world. The Socialists, Brazilian PBT, French OCI.
world youth it could be amplified. Finally, there is little said about the general crisis of youth today, its roots and its unconscious expressions.

- Fighting besides the POK in the struggle to find a positive outcome of the revolutionary process going on in our country, a process which today is expressed in the strengthening of the power of the Popular Assembly, we salute your assembly whose success will reinforce our struggle.
- Long Live the Assembly of May 22-23!
- Long Live the Essen Assembly!
- Long Live the Construction of the Revolutionary Youth Internationals!

**Tunisia**

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I think, in effect, that the struggle of French workers and youth against their government helps the struggle of the masses in Maghreb and in Africa. The comrade from Dakar who spoke before me was a thousand times right: the class struggle exists in Africa; this struggle is nourished by the struggles which go on everywhere else in the world whether it is in France or in Poland. But also those who work in Africa fight for the French and Polish workers. The African workers and youth are fighting today their own bourgeoises and corrupt governments, despite the police repression, despite the support of the Stalinist bureaucracy to these governments.

They are fighting, as in March 1965 in Casablanca, as in June 1967 in Tunisia, like all the students and workers in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal, the Ivory Coast and throughout the African continent are fighting today.

The road to the victory of the socialist revolution in Africa is the same: as shown by the fight of the Senegalese and Ivory Coast students and workers to preserve their union organizations, as seen in the struggle of the Algerian students against the abolition of their union, UNEA, as seen in the struggle of Tunisian students against their government despite the betrayal of the UGET leadership.

Comrades, the road forward is the road of the thirtieth Soviet.

What is necessary for the workers and youth of Europe, that is, the Revolutionary Youth International, is also necessary for Africans. This is why I think that the International Essen Assembly is a decisive step in the construction of the RVI and in the construction of the Fourth International. This is why I resolve before you and before the African comrades present in this room to fight for the Essen Assembly for the United Socialist States of Europe also the Assembly for the United Socialist States of Africa, for the universal republic of soviets.

- Long Live the AJS!
- Long Live the RVI!
- Long Live the Fourth International!
- Long Live the World Socialist Revolution!

**Germany**

THE FOLLOWING IS AN INTERVIEW WITH A MUNICIPAL JUNGE GARDE, THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF THE GERMAN TROTSKISTS. IT APPEARED IN THE FRENCH NEWSPAPER INFORMATIONS OUVRIÈRES. THE JUNGE GARDE IS ONE OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE IN ESSEN, GERMANY.

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We will not repeat the crime committed by the German Communist Party in 1928 when it denounced the Social Democratic workers and their party as social fascist.

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The Essen Assembly will draw together Trotskyist youth from all over the world. Below, from left to right: British Young Socialists; Bolivian POR; French OCI.
The Road from Liege to Essen


Ceylonese Trotskyists rally in support of Farinas before Coalition began blood bath.

BY TIM WOLFORTH
THE HOLDING OF THE International Youth Conference in Essen, Germany on July 3-4 will represent a critically important step in the struggle to construct a Revolutionary Youth International which in turn is central to the construction of the Fourth International.

The struggle to build a new youth international has been a central task of the International Committee throughout the whole period of struggle with revisionism. This theoretical struggle, which has occupied so much of the attention of the International Committee, has actually laid the basis for this international youth movement while this movement in turn has delivered material blows against revisionism.

It was precisely in the 1961-63 period of struggle against the SWP’s return to the camp of Pablosim that there emerged in England a sizable youth movement within the Labour Party led by the British Trotskyists, the Socialist Labour League. This youth movement was fashioned in a battle not only against the right wing Labour Party bureaucracy but against the Pablist and state capitalist revisionists who bolstered this bureaucracy.

Following the development of the Young Socialists as a youth movement independent of the Labour Party, the French Trotskyist movement, the OCI, was able to make major gains among Stalinist youth, forming the Revoltes youth organization.

APRIL CONFERENCE
It was at the April, 1966 International Conference of the International Committee of the Fourth International that plans were laid for the international collaboration which has resulted in this Essen Conference.

It is important to note that that conference was preoccupied with a sharp theoretical struggle with the Robertson Spartacist group and the French Voix Ouvrieres group. At issue was the very continuity of Marxism through the Fourth International. The VO group saw no such continuity and refused to recognize the International Committee as the continuation of the struggle for the Transitional Program begun by the Fourth International in 1938. It therefore turned its back on the whole political capital gained by the Trotskyist movement in the struggle against revisionism beginning in 1952.

Robertson blocked with the VO group on this question and carried out an attack on the continuity of Marxism as a whole and its whole history. He simply walked out of a session of the conference and refused to return when so requested by the IC. He then refused to apologize for this action precipitating his break from the International Committee, a break which has led him further and further away from Marxism.

The April 1966 Conference was a critical turning point for the Workers League. On the basis of the political position of the IC Conference and its decisions, the Workers League launched the Bulletin as a printed paper in the fall and held its founding conference.

Only this political and theoretical struggle against this attack on the continuity of Marxism made it possible for the International Committee to proceed with the construction of an international youth movement. Point (1) of the “Report of the Commission on Rebuilding the Fourth International and the Tasks of the International Committee” declared:

"The International Committee will set up a youth commission working under its direction and consisting of representatives of the Young Socialists and Revoltex. The immediate task of this commission is to:

(a) convening of an international conference of revolutionary youth organizations;

(b) organization of mass participation in the Liege demonstration against NATO and the Vietnam war in October 1966."

LIEGE
The next important step was the Liege demonstration. This demonstration was called by the Young Guards of Belgium, a group dominated by Ernest Mundel and the Pablistes. The youth led by the International Committee welcomed the invitation to participate and the British Young Socialists brought 500 youth to Belgium to be joined by 400 from the French Revoltex organization. This made up almost half of the entire demonstration.

The march was not without incident for the Pablistes had invited a small contingent from the Belgian Stalinists to participate. The Stalinists threatened to pull out unless the IC contingents lowered their banners commemorating the 8th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. This the IC supporters refused to do and the Pablistes even threatened police action. Nonetheless the march was held with the banners and the French and youth contingents chanted “Long Live the Fourth International” in French as they marched through the workers sections of Liege.

It is significant that among the sponsors of the Essen Conference are revolutionary youth from East European countries. The building of the International Committee in East Europe would not have been possible without the principled stand against Pablisim and Stalinism at Liege in 1966.

YOUTH ASSEMBLY
The next important step was the International Youth Assembly held in August, 1967 for a full week under tent on the South Coast of England. Some 800 youth from 12 countries participated. The Workers League sent its first major international contingent of 16 to the conference.

An important struggle took place at the Assembly with a group of German students who reflected the petty bourgeois anti-Leinster outlook of Marcuse and Dichter. Also significant was the presence of a representative from Ceylon where the Revolutionary Communist League was just in the process of formation. These comrades have recently faced imprisonment and the banning of their press under the coalition government.

The Assembly took a principled stand on the international crisis and the necessity to prepare new for revolutionary struggles. The Assembly hoped to hold a Conference in 1968. However instead came the May-June events in France, a dramatic confirmation of the whole perspective of the International youth Assembly and the International Committee of the Fourth International.

LE BOURGET
May-June led to an important development of the French Trotskyist movement of the revolutionary youth of that country. Out of this development grew the AJS (Alliance of Youth for Socialism) which has spread rapidly among young workers in France. In February 1970, these youth staged a smashing rally of 8,000 at Le Bourget Airport.

In the interim the British Young Socialists together with the Socialist Labour League have been able to launch and maintain a daily newspaper, the first Trotskyist daily in the world. In February 1971, over 4,000 British youth attended a mass anti-Tory rally at Alexandra Palace. These two events were important parts of the preparation for the Essen International Youth Conference.

It has been the principled theoretical struggle for Trotskyism against revisionism and Stalinism which has made it possible to take these important steps in the construction of a revolutionary youth international. At the same time precisely because of the intense crisis of capitalism and the sharpening of the class struggle, it has brought about, the Transitional Program must be concretely taken into the trade unions and among youth where the basis for mass parties in every country can be laid.

SUPPORT
The Workers League supports and will participate in the Essen Conference in this spirit. It has been our long participation in this international struggle which has made it possible for our movement to develop in the past period. This in turn lays the basis for the development of a serious revolutionary youth movement in the United States as well.
The Golden Years Are Over

Hollywood

BY LOU BELKIN

For some time now, the fabled structure that was Hollywood, formerly producing 250-300 films a year, and with its superstars, was beginning to look like the great big blackout. The story of the studios is a familiar one, with the star system beginning to crack and fade.

The boom period of the big stars and foreign films started flooding the American market, television came on the horizon, and there was always sufficient capital to weather the storm. But as late as ten years ago, 250 films were made in Hollywood. The television boom provided work for actors and technicians, producers and script girls.

During the mid-sixties, the boom showed signs of cracking. Film producers were divided in their views on the television market. Some saw television as a threat, while others believed it would lead to a new golden age of television. The television market eventually proved to be a mixed blessing for Hollywood.

The late sixties saw major changes in the film industry. The studios, which had dominated the film industry for decades, began to lose their grip. Independent producers and directors began to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the new market conditions.

Today, the film industry is facing a new set of challenges. The digital revolution has transformed the way films are made and distributed. The rise of streaming services has made it easier for audiences to access films from around the world. The industry is still adapting to these changes, and it remains to be seen how it will fare in the future.

In Vietnam...

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of assure Diem (President Ngo Dinh Diem) of our readiness to join him in a military showdown with the Viet Cong or Viet Minh. To relate the introduction of these troops to the needs of flood relief seems to me to transfer considerable advantages in VN and abroad. It gives a specific humanitarian task as the primary reason for the coming of our troops..."

Johnson of course deplored the war with the U.S. and more focused on defeat. It is clear from the Johnson documents that the main aim of the U.S. in Vietnam was to avoid what McNamara termed a "fulminating U.S. defeat," and to preserve the interests of imperialism. As The Times reports, the Johnson Administration was fully aware that their pips were in Saigon and could not continue to provide politically with the NLF. "Therefore,“ the Times remarks, "the United States, "may attempt to negotiate a compromise political settlement of the war between the Vietnamese themselves was to be avoided by a Viet Cong take-over and the destruction of the American position in South Vietnam.”

JOHNSON

Above all Johnson carried out a thorough propaganda campaign to denounce the American working class, lying at every single point about the actual activities of the U.S. in Vietnam and its plans. All the decisions were made by top sections of the ruling class developments more and more the form of a military-bureaucracy that stands above the state. These tendencies have only been deepened by the Nixon Administration as the capitalist class is faced not only with the offensive of the socialist peasants in Southeast Asia but the movement of the working class against the employers and the government's attempts to drive back these movements. The means of deception, the bypassing of bourgeois democratic forms and the conduct of the war in Vietnam are now intensified for the war at home.

This is the meaning of the move by the Nixon Administration from its beginnings against the press and the news media. As Trotsky pointed out, the bourgeois press does not cease being the "press" of the capitalists. But the press only seeks to "up" the bourgeoisie's hold on the trade unions and the unions' political ties to the capitalist parties. It seeks to head this off through the usual forms.

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FEAR

Together with Nixon they fear and stand against the working class. The same time the Times issues its attack on the right to free speech it advocates the suppression of the strikes and the movement of the trade unions in New York City. The Times fears the crisis that is being precipitated by the direct confrontation with the working class in a battle the entire capitalist class can very well lose. It fears the break-up of the bureaucrat's hold on the trade unions and the unions' political ties to the capitalist parties. It fears to head this off through the usual forms.

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Allende Veers To The Right

BY MELODY FARROW

Two members of the Popular Workers Vanguard of Chile, accused by the Allende government of assassinating Edmundo Perez Zukovic, were shot and killed by the police in Santiago, Chile. The machine gun killing on June 8th of Zukovic, a leader of the right wing section of the Christian Democratic Party, has triggered the beginning of the end of Allende's Popular Front government, proclaimed by the Socialists as a few months earlier as a "model" of socialist construction.

Class tensions that have been deepening as peasants made direct land seizures are now exploding to the surface. Allende must now make a sharp turn to the right or face a military overthrow. Zukovic was the brother of former Minister of Interior who sent troops against peasants occupying land in 1969. The massacre that followed, in which 16 were killed including children, earned him the hatred of the workers and peasants. He represented the right wing of Christian Democrats, which is opposed to any cooperation with the leftist parties and openly advocates waging war against all revolutionary groups.

Immediately following the assassination, Allende declared a state of emergency. All cars entering the capital are stopped, individual liberty can be revoked and the press can be censored.

A few days later the Communist Party and the Socialist Party issued a statement in which they condemn the killing. The Revolutionary Left Movement, which has organized the land seizures, met with Allende and also accused the CIA.

CRACKDOWN

At the same time the Christian Demo- crats have seized on the assassination to attack the government. They have demanded that Allende conduct a crackdown on the left and have accused the federal director of the investigation, a member of the Workers Party of having connec tions with the Popular Workers Vanguard. They have lined up an accused coalition of coalitions of the assassination.

Suddenly, all talk of the CIA was dropped and the Right government, former members of the Revolutionary Left Movement, were accused of the killing.

After they were found and shot, leaflets were "discovered" in which they took responsibility for the killing. The leaflets had never been distributed.

The Communist Party maintained that the Calderon brothers were used as "mercenaries" and that the plot was the work of right wing extremists who had infiltrated their organization.

Allende in a similar vein denounced the Popular Workers Vanguard as "false revolutionaries allied to criminals, instructed by the right wing."

C E Y L O N

The assassination, regardless of who did it, is being used by Allende as an excuse to clamp down on the left. He is bound to put an end to the revolutionary initiatives of the workers and peasants.

Allende knows that unless he can curb these forces the United States will consider him a very unreliable ally and will seek to topple him.

Allende, by sending out the police now to arrest but to gun down the Calderon brothers, is doing the bidding of the Christian Democrats.

After invoking the state of emergency Allende declared: "I reiterate categori cally that I will maintain democracy and liberty. I will fulfill without vacilla tion the main duties of my office, internal peace and the law."

E X P O S E

The events in Chile expose once more the real meaning of the Stalinist's slogan of "peaceful roads to socialism" and alliances with sections of the national bourgeoisie. Allende's Popular Front which was to be the model that every Communist Party was urged to follow is already falling apart.

The Popular Front, which does not prepare for a revolutionary solution of power, will mean defeat after defeat to the working class. The crisis of imperialism cannot make room for reforms that will appease the workers and peasants but open the door for participation of the Socialist Party and Communist Party in the bourgeois leaves the working class at the mercy of the fascists. Allende will do their bidding until they have no more use for him.

Bankers Call For Wage Freeze

BY FRED MUELLER

Inflation is skyrocketing. Labor Department figures released this week show that inflation in the month of May rose at a faster rate than in the previous 12 months, with consumer prices rising by six tenths of one percent.

But the news coming from Washington on the heels of last month's announcement of increasing unemployment is not comforting. What this means is that the capitalist class is forcing the workers to pay, through unemployment and higher prices, for their crisis.

At the same time Nixon is preparing more direct attacks on wages and on the trade union movement. This is the meaning of the preparation Nixon is making for the upcoming steel strike, where he will fight to impose a settlement on steel which will break the wage offensive. It is absolutely clear that the May currency crisis solved absolutely nothing for American and European capitalism. Everywhere the system is sliding rapidly towards the biggest collapse since the 1930's.

Bankers

The Bank for International Settlements, beginning its 41st annual meeting in Basel, Switzerland on June 16th, issued a call for all out war on the working class. The BIS, comprising the central banks of 30 countries, warned that the major cause for the persistent and unchecked inflation is "fading wages." It insisted that "public opinion" had to be alerted to the "realities of the problem" immediately, warning that the development of effective incomes policies in both the public and private sector to break the back of the international wage offensive.

But the international bankers went further. They rejected in the strongest possible language any suggestion that it was up to Japan and West Europe to come to the aid of Washington and its growing balance of payments deficit.

The United States was not a member of the Bank for International Settlements, through the BIS the Europeans have now set a real precedent to make the United States pay just weeks after equally strong statements by the American Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of State Rogers on the necessity of help from Europe and Japan.

The Europeans insist that Nixon take steps to deal with the payments problem, with higher interest rates and an incomes policy.

Nixon and the American capitalists know this war is inevitable. While they prepare they continue to try to throw the crisis onto the European allies, through the dumping of excess dollars leading to inflation and currency revolts which like those took place in May.

TENSION

Behind the quarrel is the deepening and irreversible crisis manifested all in the pressure on the rate of profit. Tensions between the major im- por- tation powers have increased their constant at 25 years as they all must prepare for tremendous class confrontations.

The open argument over monetary problems has its counterpart in the pressure for war. In the words of the Wall Street Journal, "the U.S. government is getting ready for a new cold war against the rest of the free world."

Inflation is fast approaching the run- away point all over Europe. It has now reached annual rates of 7% in Switzerland, 9% in West Germany, 6% in France and 9.5% in Britain.

Inflation is behind the collapse of a number of capitalist banks and the precarious positions of firms like Lock heed.

While Congressional hearings ramble of concerning the Administration's proposed $250 million loan to Lockheed, Treasury Secretary Connally warns that a delay of as much as a few months on this loan could precipitate the bank- ruptcy of this aerospace giant.

LOCKHEED

The government's claims that a Lock- heed failure would have a very serious effect on domestic airplanes which have millions tied up in down payments for the notorious Tristar airplanes, which pre- cipitated the collapse of Rolls Royce ear- lier this year.

The wage offensive of the working class is the biggest obstacle in the path of the capitalists. In the face of the gravest political risks the government, acting for the employers, must now move to break this offensive, to deepen unemployment, to open up the path to depression, and above all to destroy the trade unions. More than five million unemployed are required by the capitalists. Every week more and more workers are being thrown into the ranks of the unemployed and onto the welfare rolls. The summer job situa- tion for young workers is the most miserable in years, and the ghettos are at the boiling point. The capitalist government con- fronted with the lack of work for Black and white workers against each other, using the aid of the union bureaucracy to push the workers back.

Now Nixon hopes to secure a deal in the steel industry contract which will help to break the wage offensive. This follows his move to freeze construction wages, which the capitalists are already boasting has led to a significant slowing in wage rises.

The explosive economic situation poses enormous tasks to the working class. In order to defend its gains won over decades of struggle against the on- slaught of the employers and their go- vernments internationally, the road of political struggle, of the construction of a labor party, must be taken.

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Georg Lukacs

The Fashionable 'Marxist'

BY CLIFF SLAUGHTER

GEORGE LUKACS, founder-member of the Hungarian Communist Party, world-famous writer on literary criti-
icism and philosophy, died on Friday, June 4, aged 60, in Budapest.

The international bourgeois press has showered him with posthumous praise. But he was not a typical Marxian-sounding formula which excuses them from fighting against Stalinism and building the alternative revolutionary party and the Fourth International.

If Lukacs' "success" in these circles is that his career and ideas provide the model for precisely that kind of politics.

When he died, having failed ever to condemn the liquidation of Trotsky and the Left Opposition in the 1930s Lukacs had in his latest writings systematically tried to excuse his silence and put himself forward as some battler against Stalinism.

In the preface to his book "Writer and Critic" (reviewed 1970), Lukacs says: "The main direction of these essays was in opposition to the dominant literary theory of the time. It stated the position of Marxists that literature had a class function and a political function."

"As everyone knows, no open polemics were possible at the time. The phrase "as everyone knows" is a crafty sleight-of-hand. It was also a phrase in the context of a political movement which intended to mean "don't let anyone dare challenge this."

Lukacs, of course, knew very well that not just open polemics but a life-and-death struggle against every aspect of Stalinism, in the USSR and internationally, was being conducted by Trotsky and the Left Opposition, who paid with their lives.

The path taken by Lukacs would have left further generations of Jews and workers abandoned to their own road, unaided, to the continuity of Marx's, Engels', and Lenin's thought and of the struggle.

It was only the conscious, organized opposition of Trotsky which inspired this continuity.

Lukacs, when talking about literature, likes to see impressive words about the human condition and the spirit of revolu-
tion, the "authentic" contrast管理制度 with his own character, which was always that of a political jelly-fish.

In the same preface we have already quoted he says: "Conscious resistance breaks the moral circle restricting and degrading men."

This can only mean that Lukacs himself, like all those who refuse to struggle against the Stalinist and reformist bureaucracies, remain "restricted and degraded.

The cult of Lukacs today preserves this restriction and degradation. It is done by

persuading young intellectuals that they can be both upholders of Stalinist bureaucracy or the imperialism with whom the bureaucracy "peacefully co-existed" from the bottom of their hearts.

That is why Lukacs, even though sup-
pposedly retired for 40 years, felt obliged to speak out against the Chinese Communist Party when it made formally correct its criticisms of "peaceful co-existence" but politically has said nothing about the Bolshevik Revolution in which he joined the government of Russia and was briefly exiled to Rumania.

There is no doubt that revolution by the Soviet bureaucracy, like the subsequent invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, Rumania and Bulgaria in 1970-1971, merit Lukacs' attention, even though he knew, for instance that in 1956 the Communist Party of China gave full support to Khrushchev's suppression of the Hungarian Revolution.

The fact is that Lukacs never broke from his ideological background. Son of a wealthy Budapest family, before the First World War he was a prominent member of the ranks of the intelligentsia of German philosophy and sociology.

"It is an essential aim of all these thinkers to transmute mankind's material perception of history, to prove that certain material aspects of economic and political life are not the only reality, are not the only causes of historical change."

When Lukacs joined the Hungarian Communist Party in 1936, the Hungarian Revolution of 1919, it was he who was managing his opinion on these matters.

In November, 1918, writing in a magazine devoted to the 30th anniversary of the October Revolution, Lukacs wrote: "It is impossible to arrive at good by evil means, not only because of the emptiness of violence, but also because it is indistinguishable, except technically, from the violence of war.

"It is incomprehensible to itself on the metaphysical assumption that good can come out of evil, that it is more instructive through lies than the truth. The author of these cannot share that belief."

Lukacs, six months after this open militant attack on the October Revolution, Lukacs joined the Communist Party!

LENIN

It is small wonder Lenin was very rough in his characterization of Lukacs' writings two years later, and hit the nail on the head when he said in the journal "Kommunistam", Lenin writes: "Lukacs' article is very left-wing, and very poor. Its Marxism is purely verbal, its "Marxism"..."

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CTA Turns To Courts As Wage Freeze Hits

BY A CORRESPONDENT

The Placentia City Council on June 15—Today, after 600 education workers in the Placentia Union High School District filed a lawsuit in which they claimed that the district's three-year wage freeze and binding arbitration to defend state labor interests is a total wage freeze.

The general financial crisis experienced by all Orange County municipal governments is expected to benefit the Placentia. The condition of this city's economy was strikingly indicated last month when the Placentia Finance Department reported a deficit of $803,233 in their $80.6 million operating budget for 1971-2.

STRATEGY

The ultimate strategy of the city's economy appears to center around the city's tax base. In the past, the city's tax base has been a major source of revenue. However, in recent years, the city's tax base has been declining due to a combination of factors, including a decrease in the number of businesses and a decline in property values.

The city's economic problems have been exacerbated by the state's decision to reduce funding for education, which has resulted in cuts to the city's budget. This has led to a decrease in the city's tax base, which has in turn led to a decrease in the city's revenue.

The city is now being forced to make difficult decisions about how to allocate its limited resources. One of the options being considered is to reduce the city's workforce by layoffs or furloughs.

In an interview with the West Coast News, CROWN Z, a worker, attacked the pension plan and the insurance plan for the company. He said that the pension plan is not enough to cover the cost of living, and that the insurance plan does not provide adequate coverage for medical expenses.

The city's economic problems have also had a significant impact on the local economy. Many businesses in the city have closed, and others have reduced their operations. This has led to a decrease in the city's tax base, which has in turn led to a decrease in the city's revenue.

In addition to the economic problems, the city is also facing a number of other challenges, including a decrease in the population and a decrease in the number of businesses. These factors have led to a decrease in the city's tax base, which has in turn led to a decrease in the city's revenue.

In conclusion, the city of Placentia is facing a number of significant challenges, including a decrease in the city's tax base, a decrease in the population, and a decrease in the number of businesses. These challenges have led to a decrease in the city's revenue, which has in turn led to a decrease in the city's ability to provide services to its residents. The city is now being forced to make difficult decisions about how to allocate its limited resources, which will have a significant impact on the lives of its residents.

The city of Placentia is a vibrant and diverse community, and its residents are proud of the city's history and traditions. However, the city is facing a number of significant challenges, and it will take the efforts of all residents to work together to find solutions.
CSEA Faces Budget Cuts

BY A CSEA MEMBER

As the July 1 deadline for the passage of the state bud- get approaches, 100,000 state workers find themselves in an extremely dangerous position.

Governor Reagan is determined to bring to a halt whatever his budget call's for huge cuts in all the major departments of the state. This means that the attrition of jobs and sporadic layoffs now under way will turn into a massive loss of jobs after July.

CAMOUFLAGE

In an attempt to camouflage this attack, Reagan continues to play demagogic word games with leading Democrats over the cost of welfare or "tax revolt" of property owners. The proposed budget of the Democratic majority includes a 5% cost of living increase for state workers and less drastic cuts in state operations. These Democrats are being led by the bureaucrats of the CSEA as the saviors of the state employees. However, last week a "moderate" Democrat proposed a compromise budget whereby 5% would be lopped off the Democratic budget across the board.

LAYOFFS

This means as does Reagan's campaign to ram home layoffs. There is nothing more to the Democratic-Republican rhetoric that an attempt to find the most efficient way to cut wages, jobs and services.

Three months ago 10,000 state workers demonstrated their willingness to fight this budget at a CSEA rally in Sacramento. Since then the CSEA leadership has attempted to sell the mean-spirited nature of that rally into its opposite. Instead of seeing the Sacramento action as part of a building of a general strike movement these bureaucrats are doing their utmost to see that there is no replication of that militancy.

Just two weeks away from the passage of this vicious anti-labor budget they have launched a "write in" campaign. These safeguards could be taken into the mouth of a letter writing campaign. They are posing themselves as the majority of California voters.

GUARANTEE

A fight must now be taken up in every CSEA chapter to force this leadership to stand firm for a guarantee against layoffs and an across-the-board increase of 5%. This means preparation for statewide strike action on July 1.

LA Bosses Urge Wage Controls

BY A BULLETIN REPORTER

LOS ANGELES, June 19—
Governor Reagan's campaign to divide employed workers by demagogically counterposing funds-for-wages to funds-for-welfare was given a boost today by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors.

By a vote of 3-2, the board approved a motion made by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn which calls on President Nixon to see that "wage and price controls" are enacted.

Referring to the county auditor's estimate that there will be one million persons on welfare rolls in Los Angeles County by June 19, Hahnes said, as a result, "Property assessments are going up 30% in certain sections of the county and 200% in others." Therefore, continued Hahn, "If there ever is a time for wage and price controls it is now.

On May 19, Reagan proclaimed to a gathering of 400 state employees that "only" when California's welfare and Medi-Cal systems are "reformed" will "salary adjustments receive the financial priority they deserve."

However, in the face of the counterposing of wages to welfare, it is only one barrel of the shotgun that Reagan is aiming at California's state, county, and municipal employees. The other barrel is his campaign to wage inflationary hysteria against Californian's 2,700,000 welfare recipients. Through the spread of his policies, homeowners by specifically countering funds-for-welfare to funds-for-education, and generally, by blaming the property-tax squeeze on both welfare recipients and the wage demands of government workers.

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Thus, the statement by Hahn quoted above reveals that the threat by Governor Reagan that super- visors have voted no to both of Reagan's shot- guns at L.A. County employees. As might be expected, Supervisor Frank Briones, a man who recently proposed a 6-1/4% wage cut for county workers, voted with the majority. As for the two board members in the minority, one of them, Supervisor Warren Dorn, counter- posed an alternative attack on the whole of the working class in California—"a sales tax for welfare." This motion was also pitched to county supervisors: "to raise $175 million and cut 900 cents from every dollar with a tax rate of $4.84 for each $100 assessed valuation."
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STEELWORKERS MEET TO FORM CAUCUS

BY STEVE CHERKOS

LOCAL 485 USWA

VERNON, Bethlehem Steel—On Saturday night, June 12th the Workers League branch here held its first meeting among Bethlehem steel workers surrounding the upcoming contract fight and our analysis and program. The meeting was built by Workers League members selling 70 copies of the Bulletin and passing out 500 copies of a leaflet at the mill during the week.

The Bulletin's analysis of the situation in the aluminum plant and our program for steelworkers put forth in the Bulletin and our leaflet got a very enthusiastic response from hundreds of workers.

The meeting itself although small, was a step forward. It was attended by Chicano, Black and white steel workers. Some brought in their wives and friends. Some members of the Workers League also attended. The meeting was moderated by a report on this writer's analysis of international crisis, nationalism, the powerful offensive and strike wave of the working class, and the situation in steel and our program. The report emphasized the necessity to construct a caucus within Local 485 as part of a national rank and file movement that can break the sellout alumi- num pact, seriously take on the bosses and the government, challenge the I.W. Abel leadership and local leadership for power. It was explained that this contract fight and the need for a united caucus is part of the fight by the Workers League to build a revolutionary Marxist leadership within this industry among the rank and file.

We agreed to set up and build a caucus meeting next week reaching out to broader sections of the ranks.