**Union Leaders, Big Business, Groom Labor For IS FORD THE NEXT PRESIDENT?**

**BY DAVID NORTH**

With the speedy confirmation and swearing in of Gerald Ford, the bankers and industrialists have taken a big step toward removing the totally discredited Nixon administration and replacing it with a regime strong enough to proceed with brutal attacks on American workers.

"Ninety days," declared one leading Republican congressman, "Gerry Ford will be president in 90 days."

Republican Senator Jacob Javits stated that "suggestions of a call on the president to resign are near."

Nixon's decision to release his tax returns, after refusing to do so for months, is an act of desperation. He is now forced to admit that he may owe as much as $37,000 in unpaid taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service and the press is going over his latest report with a fine-tooth comb, trying to find out how Nixon managed to treble his fortune over the last four years. His report shows that Nixon has paid less taxes than the average skilled auto worker.

Resignation

The New York Times and two major Chicago newspapers have renewed their calls for Nixon's resignation. Wall Street responded to Ford's confirmation by leaping 30 points after six weeks of disastrous losses.

The labor movement must now be mobilized to break up the attempt by big business to resolve its political crisis by demanding the resignation of the entire government—Nixon and Ford—and by convening a Congress of Labor to build a labor party pledged to socialist policies as the alternative to it.

Workers must fight for this policy in direct opposition to the entire labor bureaucracy which is supporting the efforts of the ruling class to find a way out of its political crisis.

Having opposed any political action by the ranks to force Nixon out independent of the Republicans and Democrats, the labor bureaucracy is either advocating the accession of Ford to the presidency or is remaining silent on the question.

Leading this drive into the Ford camp is the so-called progressive wing of the trade union bureaucracy.

"United Auto Workers President Edward Woodcock stated last week that he hopes "the Republican Party and powerful figures in industry and finance" would replace Nixon with Ford. "I supported the nomination of Gerald Ford," declared Woodcock, "and I hope something can be worked out to the nation's good with him."

"Farm workers President Cesar Chavez said at the United Mine Workers Convention that Ford would be an improvement over Nixon. "He may not be a good politician," Chavez told the Bulletin, "but at least he hasn't committed the crimes Nixon has."

"AFL-CIO President George Meany has made no mention of Ford in recent weeks, and his spokesman has already stated that the AFL-CIO will not oppose the elevation of Ford."

The leaders of the trade union movement are rallying behind Gerald Ford, a right-wing Republican who has no disagreements with Nixon's attacks on the working class. He is, if anything, even more reactionary than Nixon.

Conservative

The Economist, a right-wing British newsmagazine, recently wrote: "Mr. Ford looks as if he might be the most conservative American president since..." (Continued On Page 12)

**In The Weekend Edition**

- "Part Two of "Radicalism and the Birth of the American Working Class" by Nancy Fields: "The Civil War and the Founding of the National Labor Union."
What We Think

Theodore Roosevelt was a man who put his words to action. He believed in proactive strategies to protect the rights of workers and the environment. His policies were aimed at addressing the struggles faced by miners and other workers, as well as the negative impact of industrial growth on the environment. Roosevelt's approach was characterized by a commitment to social justice and environmental sustainability.

Danish Reformists Lose

Roosevelt, like many other leaders of his time, was aware of the struggles faced by workers and the need for reforms. His efforts were aimed at protecting the rights of workers and ensuring fair labor practices. While the outcomes of his actions were not always immediate, his legacy continues to inspire leaders who seek to create a more equitable society.

Tories Plan Ulster Terror for Miners

General Strike in France Over Inflation

French workers demonstrated with caricature of Pompidou.

General strike called by workers for a 24 hour strike to demand improvements in wages and working conditions. The strike was supported by various labor organizations and led to significant improvements in workers' rights and wages.

French workers demonstrated with caricature of Pompidou.
Pittsburgh Drivers Vow To Stay Out

PITTSBURGH—Over 1000 bus drivers and trolley men were joined by their families for a large and massive demonstration at the county courthouse here Friday, in support of their five day work strike.

The workers and their families completely encircled the courthouse in below freezing temperatures in a show of strength and solidarity unequalled since the 1959 steel strike.

Demonstrators told the Bulletin: "The main issue is the cost of living clause. "The split shifts are no joke for the drivers, but we are not going back until we get the 12 cents extra. They can show the 3 cents difference, but not us last night."

Another demonstrating bus driver summed up the confidence of the whole rally: "They cannot just jail us, not in Pittsburgh."

The unionists, members of Division 86 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, unanimously rejected a court order to return to work at a tumultuous meeting last night for the third consecutive time.

They have been on strike since Monday in support of demands for a 9.5 percent wage increase and abolition of the split shift working system by the Port Authority.

Overwhelmingly support for the strikers has come from the thousands of steel workers, teachers, and firemen, as well as housewives and youth throughout Pittsburgh.

A high school student said: "The bus drivers have got to fight for their rights like all of us."

The workers have faced the full attack of the government throughout this struggle. Judge Richard C. Wentley has already issued more than 300 criminal contempt citations against individual unionists who refused to return to work yesterday.

Eight summonses were served Thursday after a team of sheriff's deputies were mobilized. The unionists will face jail sentences if they do not report to court on Monday.

The courts have robbed the union officials of their Fifth Amendment rights, or postponed civil contempt hearings until after the criminal contempt investigation.

The civil contempt charges include $750 fine per day against the union. As a result of the bus strike, sales in downtown Pittsburgh have dropped by 70 percent. Already, the Busmen's Association is planning a strategy to defeat the strike.

The intentions of the bosses were shown by District Attorney Duggan when a by-stander commented that it would not take a court order to jail all the strikers. Duggan replied, "Well, it's only a block and a half away."

The dangers facing the striking bus drivers have been clearly revealed by the court action and the use of jail threats. The effectiveness of any labor movement must be mobilized in their support.

The defense of democratic rights today such as the right to a free and open collective bargaining of a Congress of Labor and the construction of a labor party.

Panic Deepens On Markets

Panics on the international stock exchanges and uncontrollable inflation now dominate the situation as world capital moves violently toward recession.

All indicators point toward a catastrophic inflation. A rising price index, based by the Common Market predicts the deepest recession in 25 years.

The impact of a continued Arab boycott on the economies of Western Europe, Japan and the U.S. is so devastating that the economists are not even including it in their calculations.

The boycott, combined with tight money policies, and record interest rates in all the advanced countries insures a major downturn in production.

A Joint of Commerce report indicates that despite all official government optimism, a secret Commerce Department forecast projects unemployment from 8 to 14 percent for 1974.

These reports have already resulted in the greatest stock exchange panic since the 1929 crash.

In the past six weeks, stocks on the New York Stock Exchange have dropped by 126 points, wiping out $12 billion in share values. The rate of decline has been even faster than that of September 1929.

These declines have been paralleled by worldwide collapse of share values. As of November 28, stock values on the German, Swiss, Dutch, British, Japanese, and Italian exchanges have plummeted by over 25 percent.

At the same time, inflation is raging out of control destroying the living standards of millions of workers.

In the U.S. wholesale prices are up a staggering 17 3/4 percent over the past year. The latest figures for November indicate a 21.6 percent annual rate with fuel leading the way, with a 523 percent annual rate of increase.

Fruit, milk, and eggs are rising, and according to The New York Times, a whole new advance in food prices is being prepared.

Italy, France, England, and Japan are expected to have comparable prices rising at double figure rates in the coming period.

Inflation and unemployment are weapons in the hands of the largest banks and industries to destroy the conditions of the working class.

Greece and Chile are in warnings. In these countries, inflation was used to panic the middle class and prepare the way for right-wing dictatorship.

The same conditions are now maturing in every country.

West Coast TWA stewardsesses in second month of strike as TWA announces more layoffs.

Stewardesses Hit Pan Am, American

BY DAVID NORTH

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—Striking Trans World Airlines stewardsesses extended their picket lines yesterday and forced the cancellation of most flights by Pan American and American Airlines out of the two major airports here, Kennedy and International and La Guardia.

Pickets were set up outside Pan American and American at 6:30 am and were not taken down until late in the afternoon, following the issuing of a temporary court injunction by Federal Judge Kevin Duffy.

The stewardsesses decided to hit the two airlines because they have been the major contributors to TWA under the terms of a 10-year-old union-busting "mutual aid pact." Since the strike began one month ago, TWA has been guaranteed payment of $75 million from the airlines which belong to the pact. TWA is still eligible for payments totaling $80 million a week for the duration of the strike.

"The reason for this action was to call attention to the pact which is being used to destroy our strike," said Anna Boyle, a MidEast War Talks

Amid mounting tension on the Suez Canal front, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan arrived Friday in Washington, DC, for emergency talks with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Dayan's sudden and unexpected arrival, only 48 hours before Kissinger is to depart for the Middle East, is a sign that the US-backed Zionist regime is making its final preparations for a renewal of the war.

The Nixon-Zionist conspiracy to renew the war is being assisted by the Soviet Stalinists who are supplying oil to the United States in flagrant violation of the Arab oil embargo.

This act of Stalinist scalping occurred last week in Hamburgh, where the tanker Balvy transferred 15,000 tons of light fuel oil to a US tanker, the Golden Gate.

The Arabs imposed the oil boycott in order to force the Zionists to withdraw to the 1967 borders. Brezhnev now slates the Arabs in the back as the likelihood of a new war increases.
City Arrests Vizzini To Rob Firemen of Strike Weapon

BY A REPORTER
NEW YORK—President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association Richard Vizzini and two other union officials were arrested December 6 on indictment of eight counts of attempted coercion, racketeering, obstruction of government administration, and conspiracy.

Sentence for the case will take place on January 14. If Vizzini is convicted on all counts, the sentence could be seven years in prison with a one million dollar fine to the union, as well as the withholding of the union's rights to a dues checkoff for two years.

This attempt to destroy the firemen's union stems from the five and one-half hour strike of the UFA on November 6. Shortly after the strike, Vizzini reportedly said, "I challenge him to come to court when he has told him that he has voted overwhelmingly for a strike." If I revealed the vote was negative. If the strike did not improve negotiations would have been compromised.

WAGE

The city is moving full steam ahead, according to Vizzini's "ability to fight for decent wages and better working conditions."

Instead of enforcing fire regulations in old, decrepit buildings and putting more men on the fire crews that can be fought more effectively, the city concurrently lays men off, and now begins an ill-conceived campaign to bust the UFA.

While Izi and Nixon's friends in the government can exert, bribe, lie, and steal and walk away free, the worker who uses strike action to defend his wages is tried for a crime. The attack on Vizzini is an attack on every trade union. Every trade union must present resolutions in its local in defense of Vizzini and the firemen.

THE NEW YORK labor movement must take action to begin a campaign to free him and for dropping all charges and pressing charges against the UFA.

BY DAVID NORTH
PITTSBURGH—Delegates at the Miners Convention expressed concern this week over the new political action group being formed by the United Mine Workers and the Democratic Party.

Modeled on COPE, the political arm of the AFL-CIO, the new political action committee sponsored by Miller is led primarily by those in the UMW leadership who, since the suspension of the Democratic Party, have also prepared to do business with the Democratic Party.

"The special interest in COPE expresses itself in the line: "or they are, of course, bitterly opposed to the establishment of COPE."

The chief organizer of COPE, for example, is currently a Democratic state senator in West Virginia. From 1964 to 1974, he served as a Democratic legislator. However, Leighton Parley, a delegate from District 39, said that he feared that COMPAC would be swapped by Democratic Party politicians like the Labor Non-Partisan League in the early 1900s. Eventually, I could see that the politicians were running instead of the union. The new political action committee was switched from one department to another and forced to take a pay cut of almost one dollar to cover the downturn in production.

One worker interviewed by the Bulletin said that the fund was not overcrowded, but now only 20 percent of the money are left, the remainder having been transferred to the shipping department.

Some of the plans in the area have already gone on four days, but most of the plans have not. It seems to get lucky in 40 at this time.

Over 80 percent of Leominster is employed in the plastics industry, and with the continuing shortages in the petrochemical industry, the town faces a prospect of massive unemployement in the coming months.

The Coal Miners Should Bring It Down

George Viers, president of UMW Local 6889 discusses the need for a labor party with the Bulletin, See our exclusive interview below.

Oil Crisis Dooms Plastic Industry

BY KATHY BROWN
LEOMINSTER, Mass.—The plastics industry in this town has begun to feel the effects of the shortages in the petrochemical industry as a result of the energy crisis.

Production of plastics depends on the unregulated supply of a special chemical powder. These reserves of powder are already running low which has resulted in the closing down of several smaller manufacturers of plant in Leominster.

Unemployment has already laid off 40 workers and will be closing down soon.

Tucker Manufacturing Company owned by the Hamilton family, which is one of the larger plants in the area, employing more than 100 people. Layoffs have already begun among the office personnel there. Tucker reported that the operation was switched from one department to another and forced to take a pay cut of almost one dollar to cover the downturn in production.
Commodities—Heading For Recession

BY STEPHEN JOHNS

World-wide inflation has had an ominous effect on the commodities market. The price of commodities is rising, and the cost of living is spiraling out of control. The price of oil has doubled in the past year, and the cost of food has increased by 50 percent. The cost of housing has also risen significantly, making it difficult for middle-class families to afford a house.

In other words, the commodities market is experiencing a crisis of supply and demand. The price of oil is rising due to the war in the Middle East, and the price of food is rising due to the drought in the United States. The cost of housing is rising due to the increase in interest rates.

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In this situation, the government must take action to control the price of commodities. The government should increase the supply of commodities by increasing production, and it should control the demand for commodities by decreasing consumption.

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Production For Profit

Such developments are the reflection of the deep crisis within the capitalist system. Production for profit, not for use, is the driving force behind the rise in commodity prices. The goal of the capitalist is to maximize profits, not to provide for the needs of the working class. The profits of the capitalist are the driving force behind the rise in commodity prices.

The capitalist system is characterized by the exploitation of the working class. The working class is forced to work for long hours at low wages, while the capitalist enjoys high profits. The working class is forced to buy the products of the capitalist, while the capitalist is forced to sell his products at a profit. The capitalist system is characterized by the exploitation of the working class.
Origins of the American Labor Movement

“Among people after all is the idea of all people as social beings, as beings calling on property, with property—ruling property. Between them there is a profound division and hostility. It is not enough to say that there is a division. People are divided and hostile.”

The early development of the American working class took place against the backdrop of a developing capitalism. At the time of the first movements of the working people, the economy was based on agriculture and the majority of the population were small farmers. Capitalization, at this time, was based not only on the land but also on the labor of people. The working class was actually subordinated to the development of agriculture. As an example of this, we can take the period of 1800-1865, when the North-South competition for agricultural land was intensified.

To understand the progression of the working class, it is necessary to understand the changes that have taken place in the country. By the end of the 19th century, the population had increased significantly, and the working class began to form. The changes in the economy had a profound impact on the development of the working class.

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The early development of the American labor movement was marked by a series of significant events, such as the formation of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) in 1886, the formation of the Knights of Labor in 1869, and the establishment of the National Labor Union in 1866. These organizations played a crucial role in the development of the labor movement.

Early Struggle For Political Power

The very inception of the struggle between workers and employers on a large scale took the form of a struggle for political power. The early working class activists were involved in a variety of economic and social issues, but the main focus was on the struggle for political power.

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Ford Lays Off 3400 In Chicago Shutdown

CHICAGO—All production was halted Tuesday at the Torrence Ave. Ford assembly plant here, when the reserve supply of engines ran out.

Many workers believe that the shutdown, caused by the shortage of motors due to the nationwide strike against Ford's of Canada, is the beginning of large-scale personnel reductions. The company may also be planning to cut car production altogether and only keep the small truck line which would bump off 1900 men permanently.

The present shutdown is blamed on the Canadian strike, but Newton told the Bulletin: "We just do not get the right kind of information over here. First, we have enough engines for the next week and then the next morning the engines are gone. They signalize that the rest of engines and we get laid off. "They told us that this lay off will continue for two to three weeks, but I bet we do not get back until after the first of the year, if we are lucky."

In the face of widespread shutdown, the Woodcock leadership has refused to mobilize auto workers against the layoffs. Newton said: "I wish they would get that bum Woodcock out of there. When the strike deadline came here at Ford's, we were ready to walk out. "Then at fifteen minutes to nine o'clock, our committee men came in and told us that Woodcock settled. They said that they did not know what the settlement was, but that we should go back to work. "The foremen had organized gun squads to take attendance. "If they were not on the contract. They said we voted in it. But who counts the ballots?"

They were also convicted for what they called a "guerrilla theatre protest" in which they were judicial robes into court, an act Gignoux called "subversive of respect."

COUNTS

Dave Dellinger was the hardest hit, with 7 counts up. Gignoux said he based this decision on the fact that a defendant who is represented by counsel has no right to "interject himself" into the proceedings.

Attorney William Kunstler, who could now face disbarment proceedings in every state, was convicted for calling Hoffman "biased" and the trial a "legal lynching" because he demanded that the Reverend Ralph Abernathy and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference be allowed to testify after being told not to by Hoffman. Kunstler later said that they will appeal, but said of his conviction: "I may not be the greatest lawyer, but I am the most privileged. I am being punished for what I believe in."
midwest news

Cadillac Men Denounce Woodcock

BY KEN WESTON
DETROIT, Dec. 9—Auto workers at the GM Cadillac plant denounced UAW President Leonard Woodcock at a meeting called today to ratify the new contract.

The meeting was held against the background of mounting unemployment which, according to one state official, will result in the layoff of at least 12 percent of workers in Michigan.

S. Martin Taylor, director of the Michigan Employment Security Commission, stated this week that unemployment in the state has reached the half million mark in 1974.

While Woodcock states that nothing can be done to stop the layoffs, Cadillac workers demanded action as they entered the Local 222 ratification meeting.

"What little we did get in 1970, Nixon came around and took," Chester Gordon, a Cadillac white-collar worker in his mid-50s, told the Bulletin: "The three years out of living wages we didn't even get. I will never forget that. One thing I don't like is Nixon coming in and stepping on the working men's toes. That's getting towards dictatorship.

"I understand layoffs are proceeding in almost every plant. Plants which have not publicized laid-off workers are now laying off probationary employees in preparation for layoffs of workers who have built seniority."

"At Chrysler's huge Dodge Main plant, workers with five seniority years are expected to lose their jobs in January.

"Overtime is being cut in virtually every plant.

"In Detroit, the auto capital of the world, layoffs in the auto plants is now a vital question for every worker. George Harris, a repairman at Chrysler's Eldon Gear and Axle plant, said: "We have to fight all these guys like Woodcock. At my plant, they have cut 50 men and will now line down to 11 in two years with automation. They are going to make two lines to three this year. I think Nixon is really behind all this money.""

Deborah Martin, a young worker at the Metal Finishing plant in Detroit told the Bulletin: "This dude Woodcock really can't bear to lose. You layoff at the auto plants then there goes my job. I haven't had enough years to be senior for the first to go. I'm not in the UAW, but Woodcock is putting me out of a job.

"The campaign of the Trade Union Alliance for a labor leadership to construct a new leadership in the UAW which will fight the government's attacks on the labor movement through the construction of a labor party must be taken up.

"Pine Bend Firm Closing"

PINE BEND, Mo.—The Ruan Trucking Company here has announced that its Pine Bend terminal will close on December 15, putting 80 truckers, shop, and office workers out of work.

The company, which ships oil, says that the closure is nothing but the result of the oilmen's strike.

"The company claims that it is because it had lost $500,000 at both the Pine Bend and County Road 6 terminals in St. Paul. It is a strike," a shop worker told the Bulletin.

"The terminal will not release any additional information and leaders said to keep Bulletin reporters from talking to the truckers because the strike minutes would "cut into their hourly wage.""

"This is the loudest company you could ever work for," one worker said.

"Ruan is now looking into leasing as a way of profiting from their oil shipping rights.

"2,500 To Be Axed At Westinghouse"

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Westinghouse Electric Corporation, one of the largest companies in Jefferson City, is threatening to shut down completely this weekend throwing more than 2,500 persons onto the unemployment lines.

The company makes transformers and requires natural gas to operate the manufacturing plant. The Missouri Power and Light Company supplies the corporation with natural gas, and has curtailed the supply to the corporation for the next 28 days and maybe even longer.

"Westinghouse Electric has attempted to switch to propane fuel to operate the plant, but has only enough to last to the end of the weekend with none coming after that.

"Workers at the General Electric Corporation plant in St. Louis pointed out to the Bulletin that this possible closure was only the first in what was threatening the whole electric industry in the state.

"The same line which supplies the Missouri Power and Light Company also supplies the La Crosse Gas Company with all the gas the company gets their gas."

One worker said: "I blame it all on the government. They should have come through."

"Why are they not waiting now to act? The truck drivers are not taking it. We will not either.

"Carpenters from five Bay Area counties' picket courthouse as work stops 1000 continue to gain support. See our report, page 10.

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Footnotes Against Trotsky Revisited
by Tim Wolofti

Nacoli Allen of the Pathfinder staff, in his Intercontinental Press has taken exception to our attempt in this column to correct certain critical distortions of history which have found their way into the footnotes of the Writings of Leon Trotsky series. The footnotes refer primarily to Trotsky’s assessment of James P. Cannon. It seems we are “Talmudists” and “sniping at the Socialist Workers Party” because we printed attempts to snipe at Leon Trotsky in the very course of an important publishing project of his work.

It seems criticisms of Trotsky are normal, but not of James P. Cannon. For our part, we believe historical materialism requires us to critically evaluate all past history. We do not object to criticisms of Leon Trotsky provided they are correct ones, but we do demand the right to also be critical of James P. Cannon!

"Wohlfert’s thesis," Allen states, is that "the Trotskyist movement was born with it, its intellectual leadership, ‘particularly James P. Cannon.’ No, that is not our position. Neither do we hold the opposed thesis, which seems to be that the Trotskyist movement was born with a perfect Marxist leadership, provided the community of Marxists.

Cannon’s position is developed more fully in his book The Struggle For Marxism in the United States. It is a two-part work: Towards a History of the Fourth International and In Defense of Trotskyism. The American Trotskyist movement developed in the United States out of an American radical tradition as well as being a part of the Communist movement in a period of its expansion and degeneration. Its leadership could only develop into a Marxist leadership with a negation of the past in the course of the work to create the party. In particular, what was required was a sharp break with American pragmatism, understanding that the construction of the party was a break with capitalism.

Within this framework, James P. Cannon made great contributions to the development not only of the American party, but of the Third International as a whole. This latter contribution was absolutely critical in 1934 when Cannon aided the formation of the International Communist Parties. Cannon’s international through a break with international Bolshevism. It is on this basis that we have defended Cannon.

But at the same time, Cannon never confronted the theoretical tasks required to construct a Trotskyist party. This tendency to refuse to see the construction of the party as a theoretical struggle first of all to train its cadres as Marxists, do have its roots even in the period when Trotsky was alive.

From this viewpoint, we simply suggested that it was incorrect to footnote Trotsky’s critical historical contexts, from 1932 to 1933 period on the leadership of the American movement, in such a way as to obfuscate that criticism.

Nacoli Allen’s article, which refuses to admit to a single criticism of Cannon, adds further proof that this was precisely the intention of the Pathfinder staff.

Our article, we pointed out Trotsky’s critical attitude towards the Cannon leadership, both in relation to B.J. Field and in the factional dispute with Max Shachtman. Allen states that we are somehow distorting things in stating that Trotsky "objected to Cannon’s methods of organizing and methods regarding Field.”

While this may be very diplomatically to the American leadership, not recognizing that many of the initial steps of the Cannon leadership is the recognition of the case of Field and he did propose that Cannon attend a meeting with Trotsky as Field had proposed in the future.

We stated that in the case of people like Field: "...it would have been better from the very beginning to call upon the assistance of the international Comintern or to neutralize such a comrade as far as the national organization is concerned and nevertheless to lose him. This is not a complaint of the International, rather a proposal for the future.”

It is true that only because of Trotsky’s intervention Field was readmitted to the party and continued to play a major role in the period. These events are, of course, fully known by the present leadership of the SWP, including members of Pathfinder.

From this point of view, we considered it objectionable for someone, who after all the man being criticized, to be the person in a position that he was relieved that Trotsky had not acted in an organizational Comintern manner. After all, the main point of the article was not to express concern with Cannon’s methods!

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FRANCISCO—The fascist nazi party has surfaced here.

In an extraordinary appearance, six nazis in full uniform, turned up at a San Francisco Board of Education meeting Tuesday night which was discussing desegregation of San Francisco’s junior and senior high schools.

The nazis announced themselves to the school board and asked to be heard. The board said no. When they set up a recorded message on the phone number of the leader’s office, the board told them to go to the police. The nazis stayed there until the meeting was over.

Such a development. The nazis have never before held meetings, secret or otherwise in the city, and have never leftfied or appeared at public meetings.

The message which the nazis bring is basically anticommunist, anti-black, and anti-Jewish. As an example: “Race mixing is the cause of all the problems of this country, including the Jewish problem.”

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“The sick, deprived Jews who monopolize the motion picture industry can quickly turn America into a mongrel country.”

The nazis are trying to influence Jewish and non-Jewish groups in the city.

The Jewish community here is not yet aware of the nazi activity. The police are investigating.

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For the first time in history, four major unions have joined together in a strike against the Ford Employers Council, representing all major food chains.

The Food Employers Council has locked out union members from 64 chains, both markets and warehouses throughout the state. Nearly 100,000 workers have been idle.

The strike began December 2 against Safeway, Lucky’s and Thrifty Mart. In Southern California, it was initiated by the Food and Drug Council, the umbrella organization for Teamsters, meat cutters, operating engineers, and machinists in the food industry.

On Wednesday, more than 1,500 workers walked off their jobs in support of the strike.

The strike has gained national attention and has been covered by major news organizations across the country. Many workers have been arrested and injured in the course of the strike.

In response, the Ford Employers Council has threatened to sue the striking workers and their union.

The strike is expected to continue for several weeks, with both sides willing to fight to the end.

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Indefinite Layoffs At St. Louis Ford

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Ford has laid off indefinitely 2,800 workers here, members of United Auto Workers Local 325. Ford blamed the layoffs on a 10-day strike at a Cadillac plant that supplies motors for the Mercuries made here.

One worker said: “The lack of engines is not the real reason that they laid off. They just want to close down and not build big cars.”

“Then when they had this problem before they shipped engines in by helicopter,” replied Pyper, president of the local, told the press that he felt the most workers liked having the time off and that they would be paid 80 percent of their regular pay. This is in fact a gross distortion as most of the workers will not get supplementary unemployment benefits.

One worker estimated that if they did not go back to work this week, they would be off until after Christmas.

The Ford plant in St. Louis is not the only plant to be hit by layoffs. General Motors laid off about 150 employees with less than 90 days seniority.

On December 17, 7,000 of the GM workers will be laid off here as part of the nationwide cutbacks.

Compton Teachers Defy Courts

LOS ANGELES—Striking Compton teachers say they will defy a court order and resume picketing on Monday. In a temporary restraining order, teachers are prohibited from striking.

The strike is in its tenth day. The suit against the teachers was filed by a right-wing organization called the Citizens Legal Defense Alliance, Inc. This organization has stated it will seek contempt rulings against teachers if they do not report to work.

FORD

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Hoover in 1938-1939, and just might have the same economic consequences.

Ford’s credentials as a replacement for Nixon have been established for the last 25 years as a bitter enemy of the labor movement. As a congressman from western Michigan, Ford has voted, according to the AFL-CIO’s Committee on Political Education (COPE), 96 percent against the reforms endorsed by trade union organizations.

*Ford led the 1965 fight against the repeal of the union-busting Taft-Hartley law.*

*He has opposed every minimum wage bill.*

*Ford was one of the main advocates of the 1971 bill which forced West Coast longshoremen to end their strike.*

*He has supported innumerable compulsory arbitration bills.*

In once again calling for Nixon’s resignation, The New York Times made very clear that Ford would follow the current president’s policies of wage controls, layoffs, inflation, and attacks on democratic rights.

Referring to Ford’s “impeccable credentials as a Republican Party loyalist,” the Times declared that “the duty of the GOP is to resolve the nation’s chaos of leadership.”

The working-class now has the greatest opportunity to force both Nixon and Ford out and to construct the alternative to this administration. Ford has no support among the millions of working people who despise Nixon and who are determined to defend their jobs, living standards, and basic rights against the attacks of the government.

The fight for the calling of a Congress of Labor to construct a labor party pledged to socialist policies must be carried forward. We need the labor movement and a new leadership constructed against the Meany, Woodcock, and Chavez who stand with Ford and Nixon.

We urge all workers and youth to attend the regional conference of the Young Socialists in New York this Saturday and those being held in the coming weeks throughout the country in order to build this leadership.

Solidaridad Con Los Estudiantes Y Obreros Griegos ¡Abajo Con La Junta!

Como los burgueses liberales, los socialistas han declarado que no tienen nada que ver con las acciones, pero que ellos “apoyan” a los estudiantes. Que es esto si no instrucciones del Partido Comunista de que sus miembros y simpatizantes no participen en las luchas y un reconocimiento de la Junta que proceda sin ningún daño.

La clase obrera de Grecia, unida con los estudiantes y los campesinos, necesita sobre todo destruir su líder Stalinista y todas las ilegalidades en los políticos democráticos que la castigan. Al punto que las contradicciones sociales presentan la situación de doble poder en el futuro cercano, los socialistas tratan de crear un Frente Popular.

Los socialistas dejan un frente Popular como una última alternativa al fascismo como una forma de regimiento burgués. Ellos tratan de crear condiciones para ello colaborando con la Junta para tratar de prevenir que la clase obrera obtenga su independencia política.

La lucha de la sección griega del Comité Internacional es de reclutar y entrenar a los obreros griegos más avanzados. Solo un líder revolucionario puede llevar a la clase obrera adelante en este período cuando la cuestión del poder es presentada, y prevenir derrotas.

Debemos empecé con el hecho de que la Junta, luego de seis años y medio de poder, suprimiendo todos los derechos democráticos, condenando la vanguarda al cárcel, tortura y exilio ha sido incapaz de destruir la capacidad de lucha de la clase obrera.

Los socialistas han sido llamados para que pongan fin a este movimiento a través de Frente Popular. El trotskismo en Grecia debe armar a los trabajadores más avanzados políticamente como los instrumentos para derrotar esta tracción.

Si los socialistas protestan en contra de las represiones, es para darse ellos mismos credibilidad para su futura tracción con la Junta. La presión popular, los tratados que los socialistas expusieron en práctico la completa bancarrota y las políticas de colaboración de clase del socialismo demandando que ellos rompan con la alianza de los políticos burgueses de Unión Central y otros políticos capitalistas y luchen por los trabajadores y campesinos, con un programa de nacionalización de las industrias y los bancos bajo control obrero y que terminen con la inflación y el desempleo.

Como en los años 1944 al 1945 el socialismo griego siguió la política de los intereses foráneos de la contrarrevolucionaria burócracia soviética quienes eran determinados a sacrificar a la clase obrera griega en aras de la deteuse Europa y de la coexistencia pacífica con el imperialismo en los Balcanes.

En esto los socialistas de Moscú tienen el apoyo de la burocracia Yugoslava y Albanesa quienes se han mantenido muchos frente a los sucesos de Grecia y continúan colaborando políticamente y diplomáticamente con la Junta.

La lucha de la Junta da un impulso poderoso a la lucha anti-burócrática de los obreros de Europa oriental y soviéticos y levantará nuevamente la solidaridad y unidad de estos trabajadores a través de la demanda de una Federación Socialista de los Balcanes.

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¡A nuestro país, unificamos un liderato revolucionario alternativa que sea capaz de llevar a la clase obrera al poder y se apoye del poder “a su propio burguesía.” Esto proverá un gran apoyo a la clase obrera griega!

¡Viva la Liga Obrera Internacional—sección griega del Comité Internacional de la Cuarta Internacional!

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