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EDITORIAL

Join with the autoworkers of Argentina and Saginaw in 1977!

Place no trust in the "new" Democratic Party regime!

Autoworkers in Argentina began the new year with yet another strike against the reactionary Videla dictatorship to defend their standard of working and living con-ditions and democratic rights. Within a matter of days workers at GM's Saginaw, Michigan Steering Gear Plant in North America also walked out in the face of the capitalists' attempt to drive them back, Autoworkers in several other plants are threatening to follow suit.

These workers are not willing to place their trust in Carter and Mondale's new Democratic Party regime to resolve their problems. Their struggles are an expression of the tremendous mobiliza-tion of the workers and oppressed masses, above all the young, in South and North America; of the potential to unify them and finish with the imperialists and their system of unemployment, rising prices,

repression, and war.

On the other hand, the "liberal" wing of the Democratic Party -- Humphrey, the leaders of the NAACP, the black Congressional Caucus, the AFL-CIO, the UAW, and others -- with the full support of the so-called "Communist" Party directed by the Kremlin, began the new year with yet another attempt to derail this mobilization so that their openly re-

actionary count exparts can crush it.

Carter has already openly abandoned the election promises he cynically made to fool the American working class. Instead of "putting new faces in the go-vernment in Washington," stopping un-employment and rising prices, and end-ing support to the reactionary dictator ships in Latin America, he's organized a cabinet of the dregs of the Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon administrations, pro-America going again" consisting of billion-collar tax cuts for the corporations and a pittance for the workers, and sent his wife off to Mexico to celebrate the inauguration of the reactionary Portillo.

The inaugaration itself, billed as a "People": Ethogosacion, "consiltated the epitome of this development. Demonstrations were outlawed. Participation Was by invitation only. And 7,000 police were mobilized to protect Carter while he exhorted the American working class to understand that: "More is not necessarily better, " that America cannot resolve all problems, that each must make "individual sacrifice" for the

"Common good,"
Thus the "liberal democrats," union bureaucrats, and Stalinists are attempting to head off the growing outrage of the American working class, above all that of the youth, at this duplicity. They want to confine it to a futile attempt to reform the Democratic Party regime, thus they are trying to organize the workers in support of their proposals in Congress to replace some of the Cabinet members proposed by Carter, to amend Carter's plan to give more money for jobs and less money to the corporations. And the DETROIT FREE PRESS, the mouth piece of the Democratic Party, in particular the section led by the UAW bureaucracy, in Detroit, has just come out in favor of stopping loans to Videla in Argentina unless he promises to stop torturing and assassinating so many peo-

BREAK WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY: true proletarian revolutionaries of the

But the only way for the workers, above all the young auto and steelworkers still faced with massive layoffs, over time, speedup and unprecedented attacks on their democratic rights, to resolve these problems is to break with the Democratic Party and its bureaucracy in the unions, build a Workers Party and unite with the workers and oppressed masses. of Latin America in the fight for a United Fourth International. Socialist Republic of the Two Americas.

The workers can place no confidence in the Democratic Party, not even in its most liberal wing. It cannot be reformed, supported and worked to build the Inau-It must be destroyed and a working class alternative must be built. It is not sufficient to simply oppose the Democratic Party, for if so many workers still rely on it with all their distrust of it, it is above all because this alternative has not yet been built.

Nor can the working class place any confidence in the imperialist Democratic Party regime. But again, it is not sufficient to oppose it, even to call for its destruction. The struggle must be waged to day to build the independent organizations of the workers in every mobilization as the basis for the government of the workers.

The unification of the working class of North America with the workers and oppressed masses of Latin America in revolutionary action is the key to the realization of these tasks. Isolated, the North American working class will never be able to build its own party and bring down imperialism. The North American working class is the key to finishing with this scourge throughout the hemisphere.

This is not a task for the far distant future. It is the immediate road forward not only for the masses of working class and student youth who have fought the Democratic Party and its trade union bureauctacy and sought a revolutionary alternative to it since 1968, but also for the masses of workers and oppressed people, even those who voted for the Democratic Party in the last elections hoping that for once it would come through with its promises. For at each point that the workers strike out and attempt to take their fate into their own hands, the Democratic Party politicians and union bureaucrats strike back, de-manding that the workers wait for their "new" regime, stop their struggles, and attacking all those who refuse, concretely reinforcing this regime.

CONFERENCE OF REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH OF THE TWO AMERICAS

Thus the Trotskyist Organization of the USA has decided to organize with the Revolutionary Youth International and its US Section, the Revolutionary Worker Youth, a Conference of Revo-lutionary Youth of the Two Americas to regroup all the working class youth who want to take up the fight for a United Socialist Republic. The Revolutionary Worker Youth is preparing this conference with the mobiling ing this conference with the mobili-zation of the workers, in particular in auto and steel, to stop Carters plans for unemployment, higher prices, repression and support to the dictatorships in Latin America. This mobiliza-tion will be contralized in a demonstration in Washington for the United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas,

This is the means through which all the young workers in the auto and steel factories in Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland, can continue and centralize the struggles that they are now involved in against the layoffs. the overtime, and the speedup. Though this action they can open up the perspective of socialist revolution for the masses of workers and oppressed, the blacks, the Latins, the poor and oppressed throughout the Americas.

The mobilization of the working class youth in this Conference and demonstration is of particular importance for the revolutionary and working class militants of the Young Socialist Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party. The leadership of this organization has opened up a full scale attack on the revolutionary and working class militants of the YSA and SWP who are getting in the way of this leadership as it attempts to mobilize this organization in support of the liberal

"Democrats", union bureaucrats, and Stalinists, especially in the unions. The leadership is sending Jack Bames on a na-tional tour to defend their efforts to liquidate the YSA and further transform the SWP into a service organization for the likes of the liberal Democratic Party supporter Sadlowski in the USW. Through the fight to win the YSA and

SWP to the preparation of this demonstration against Carter's plans for unemployment, higher prices, repression, and support to the dictatorships in Latin America, for a United Socialist Republic of the Americas, the young workers and YSA and SWP can begin to regroup the proletarian wing of these organizations at the side of the SWP in action against this treacherous leadership. This is the means through which to fight Hansen and Barnes and open up a revolutionary per-spective for the hundreds of militants of the YSA and SWP and its fraternal organizations in Latin America who remain loyal to the struggle of the

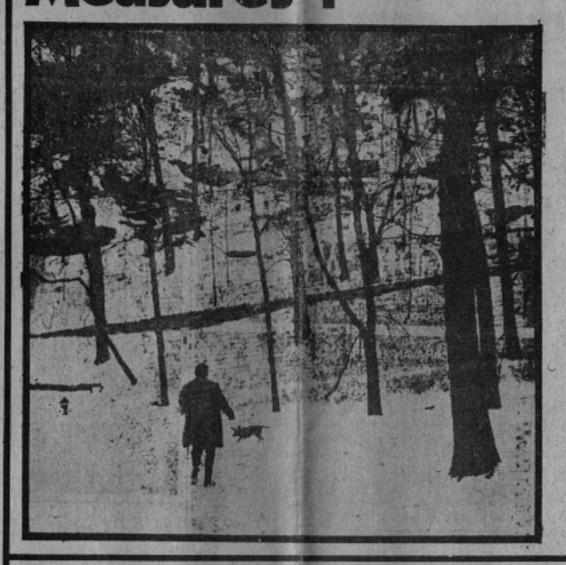
The Trotskyist Organization of the USA calls on all the young workers and militants, especially those of Ford River Rouge, Ford Torrence, and the YSA who guration Day Demonstration in Washington, to continue this fight immediately by sending their representatives to the Conference of Revolutionary Young Auto and Steelworkers being organized by the Revolutionary Worker Youth of the USA. We are convinced that in the course of this this struggle that you will come to see that it is the Trotskyist Organization that that continues the fight of the Fourth International in the USA.

JOIN IN THE PREPARATION OF THE DEMONSTRATION FOR THE UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO COME TO THE CONFERENCE OF REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG AUTO AND

STEEL WORKERS!

CARTER ORGANIZES GIVE-AWAY TO GAS COMPANIES...

JERSEY WORKERS **FIGHT** 'Emergency Measures'!



By M. GUTTSHALL VITALE Detroit, February 1st --Thousands of workers and shop owners in New Jersey refused the government's demand to turn down their heat. They felt that the gas companies and the government were using the unprecedented cold wave as as an excuse to put the screws on them.

"The overwhelming view of the people in this area is that they are being put upon by the gas companies so they can make more money..." said one man quoted in the NEW YORK TIMES.

"As long as the politicians get theirs they don't care what happens," said another.

Already more than 2

MILLION workers are laid off, prices on a number of products are up, and more than seventy five people are dead.

The suspicions of these workers were confirmed today.

workers were confirmed today. In Carter's bill, adopted by the Senate, outlining "emergency measures" to deal with this "energy crisis," there was not one proposal to deal with the layoffs, the tising prices, or the deaths rising prices, or the deaths.
Instead there was a proposal,
in the midst of this "gas short"
age, " TO REMOVE ALL
RESTRICTIONS ON THE PRICE

OF NATURAL GAS.

The people will be forced to fight like dogs for gas. The ones with the most money will be warm and the ones without will freeze.

One Congressman, obviously more mindful of his "constituency" than others, has already come out and charged the gas companies with "holding" out on the people" to force the removal of controls on gas

The workers are right to mistrust and resist the governments "emergency measures." measures which it is already threatening to enforce by s sending the police into the workers neighborhoods and

Now it is necessary to cen-tralize this fight. The workers must organize then. selves into committees of action in the factories to force the gas companies to open their books. The workers and oppressed masses have the oppressed masses have the right to know the truth about this "gas shortage." All the work must be divided up evenly among all those who are able to work. And with every increase in the price of gas, there must be an increase in wages sufficient to maintain the workers standard of living wages sufficient to maintain
the workers standard of living.
Why should the working class
pay for the capitalists'
"energy crisis?"
The youth, workers, and
militants demonstrating for a
United Socialist Republic of
the Two Americas with the
Revolutionary Worker Youth in

Revolutionary Worker Youth in Washington on March 5th will make these demands known to the masses of workers. By their independent organization in committees of action to fight the capitalists' "emergency measures" all the workers must support this

Together they will gather the forces and form the leadership necessary to expropriate the capitalist owners of the gas companies and their gov-ernment. There is nothing else to be done with the type of people who are willing to freeze others to death so they can make money.

GENERAL STRIKE IN SPAIN! SPANISH SECTION FIGHTS TO BRING DOWN THE MONARCHY!

of thousands of Spanish workers, youth and students took to the streets in strikes and demonstrations against the fascist monarchy of Juan Carlos, in the most open confrontation with the fascist state since the fall of Franco last year. The most immediate reason for this mobilization was the murder of several Communist militants by fascist gangs and the stepped-up repression of the Spanish government against the workers movement. But the strikes, work stoppages, factory assemblies, and demonstrations that spread throughout the entire country in the last weeks show something even move important. The Spanish working class and its youth has decisively rejected the farce represented by the fascist "referendum" that took place on December 15th and have no intention of waiting for future "reforms" of the fas-

The fight to unleash the Spanish revolution, to organize a General Strike to impose the only government which will respond to the needs and aspirations of the workers and oppressed -- the WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERN" MENT is on the order of the day for the Spanish working class. On December 16th, immediately after the "referendum, " the Political Bureau of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (PORE) de Espana, the Spanish Section of the Fourth International, issued a Declara tion which denounced the referendum as a farce, demonstrated that in the decisive industrial centers the working class had rejected the government's "referendum," and stated that in the coming weeks the mobilization of the working class which would shatter all the pretenses that the fascist state could "reform" itself.

cist "elections" to a Cortes where all Barcelona, Madrid == |Last week hundreds working class parties are excluded, the Declaration of the PORE concluded: "It is a question of organizing the rise of the workers against the monarchy to win their rights and organize the working class against the capitalists in the Council of Workers Delegates, THESE ARE OUR ELECTIONS, COMRADES!:

> -- Election of Workers Committees to fight for democratic demands and the demands of the workers

-- Election of Workers Committees to fight for Workers Control of Production -- Election of Workers Committees

for the General Strike, to Impose a Government which responds to the interests of the oppressed population, a WORKERS AND PEA-SANTS GOVERNMENT.

It is the policy of the PORE that represents the will of the workers and this has been confirmed in the last week by the depth of the mobilization of the Spanish workers. The strikes and demonstrations are not only a rejection of the fascist monarchy, they are a rejection by the Spanish workers and youth of the treacherous policy of the Stalinist Communist Party of Spain, which in the last weeks has done everything possible -isolating strikes, promising to maintain Spanish capitalism, supporting the presence of the US imperialism in Spain -in order to make itself acceptable to the monarchy and participate in its democratic farce,

Thus, it has been reported that in the recent demonstrations the Communist Party has attempted to silence the workers who have shouted "Down with the

onarchy!" and attempted to sing the Internationale. A leader of the CP, Simon Sanchez Montero declared: "We will not fall into the trap of provocation that has been laid for us. " His meaning" the working class should accept the rising tide of fascist violence and hope that the fascist state will reform itself. It is the leaders of the Spanish CP who

are trapped, not the working class,

Trapped by the Spanish workers and youth who refuse to wait for parliamentary reform, who refuse to sit in silence while the fascists arm themselves and assault working class militants. And trapped by the fascist state whose only use for these "leaders" is in their declining ability to contain the working class, to give the fascists a little more time before they organize another bloody civil war. These "leaders" have now accepted the "protection" of the fascist state, while hundreds of workers and even Communist militants are being rounded up and tortured by the Francoist police. Even more shameful than this, is the policy of certain organizations who give a left cover to the policy of the Stalinists by calling on these traitors to take power and form a "CP-SP Government,"

Stalinists, the centrists of the "United Secretariat" (which has two organiza" tions in Spain which both falsely claim to represent the Fourth International). block and try to confuse this break by reducing the struggle of the Spanish workers to one of reform, not revolution, and reinforcing the treachery of the Stalinists by trying to make the workers believe that the Stalinists would ever take power. The centrists of the "United Secretariat" in Spain, instead of calling for the Workers and Peasants Government, call for a "better Cortes" in which the Stalinists and the reformists would form a government "of the workers interests."

Just as the workers are breaking from the

Connected with this, an the hational sympathizing organizations of the "United Secretariat" portray the strug gle in Spain to be merely a question of reforms and democratic rights. Such is the case of Linda Jenness of the US SWP who toured Spain recently (during the massive strikes that were taking place) and only concluded that the women's liberation movement was on the rise. Though undoubtedly true, the national, political and other liberties of the Spanish working class are being fought for now in the streets and they are coming directly up against the Spanish state and the treachery of those whom the centrists say can form a government of the "workers interests. "

American workers can aid the struggle of the Spanish workers to overthrow the monarcy by fighting to stop all orders to fascist Spain and all aid of US imperialism to the Juan Carlos regime. Workers should remember that this regime in Spain, which the US government now calls "democratic" is now under martial law, where the police can enter any house without warning and arrest anyone with no charges, for an unlimited period of time. STOP ALL MILITARY AID TO JUAN CARLOS! STOP ALL ORDERS TO FASCIST SPAIN! FREE ALL POLITICAL

As the PORE in Spain is fighting to unleash the Spanish revolution as part of the struggle of the Fourth International as a whole for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, we say that the best defense of the Spanish revolution will be the fight of the American working class to prepare its revolution in the US and trhoughout the Americas against US imperialism. The final hour of Spanish fascism and the final hour of US imperialism will not be very far apart.

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FIGHT FOR A UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC of the TWO AMERICAS! FEBRUARY 12th 5:00pm **BUILD THE DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON!** DETROIT COME TO THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG AUTO & STEEL WORKERS CONFERENCE!

TRUTH

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From our editorial board **CORVALAN/BUKOVSKY EXCHANGE:** A maneuver against the working class

Last month the Ford regime, as one of its last acts, arranged for the fascist dictatorship which it brought to power in Chile only 3 years ago to release Luis Corvalan in exchange for the release by the Stalinist regime in the Soviet Union of Vladimir Bukovsky.

Luis Corvalan was a leader of the Stalinist Party of Chile which practiced "peaceful coexistence" with imperialism in the months preceding the fascist coup. After the coup all opposing partles were outlawed and their leaders were jailed and murdered.

Vladimir Bukovsky has fought for the democratic rights of the workers and intellectuals in the USSR against the Stalinist bureaucracy and thus has been held in prison there for several years.

This exchange of political prisoners between this fascist dictatorship in Chile and the Stalinist bureaucracy in the USSR, arranged by the leadership of world imperialism, Kissinger and Ford, constitutes a grand maneuver to block the growing unity of the workers in the capitalist countries with the workers in the countries of the socialist conquests in the fight for socialism against imperialism AND Stalinism.

The "democratic" imperialists of the American bourgeoisie would like the USSR, and allowing the Stalinists to

workers of the West to believe that the fascist dictatorship it organized in Chile is becoming democratized and thus that it constitutes a real alternative to Stalinist "totalitarianism." The Stalinist bureaucracy would like the workers to believe that all of its opponents are fascists -- open or "in disguise" -thus that the workers have no choice but to follow its policy.

What better way to placate the workers and sow such confusion than to arrange an exchange of prisoners between the the fascists and the Stalinists. The US comes out looking like a peacemaker. Luis -Corvalan like a leader of the workers against fascism and Bukovsky like a fas-

This maneuver against the working class has been applauded by all the centrist organizations, in particular the Socialist Workers Party, which falsely claim to represent the Fourth Internation class, the preparation of the socialist al, as a great victory. In this way they have given their full support to the imper-agent Stalinism. ialists and Stalinists in this maneuver, perpetuating the illusion that peaceful reform of imperialism and Stalinism is possible, that the workers can rely on the doing anything -- including exchangleaders of "democratic" imperialism in ing political prisoners -- but crushing the fight for workers democracy in the

present themselves as fighters against fascism and imperialism.

from the SWP and asking how is it that the can hide the fact from the young workfascists, the imperialists, and the "Trotskyites," all want Bukovsky's release. It's only the continued association of the leadership of the SWP with all the "liberal" "democrats," and "Liberal" Stalinists and their refusal to take up the fight to organize the workers in the East and the West independently of the bourgeoisie and the Stalinists which allows the Stalinists to do this.

All the youth, workers and militants must denounce this maneuver for what it is and fight for the immediate liberation of the political prisoners in Latin America and in the USSR and Eastern Europe. There is only one way to achieve this. The independent mobilization and organization of the working revolution against imperialism and its

This is what Pinochet, Ford and Brezhnev an lear. They ve never gotten together with the objective of

1968, 1972, 1976...

The leadership of the Soc the break of the youth fr

By JON COHEN

As Jimmy Carter in his Inaugural Address called for the need "for greater sacrifice for the common good, " a young auto worker in Chicago remarked: "Yeah, OUR sacrifice, THEIR good." This very aptly describes the attitude of the working class youth in the US towards Carter and the Democratic Party as the plans of the Democratic Party adminstration become clearer -- "tax cuts" for the rich, no jobs, a racist in charge of the Department of "Justice" and the former leaders of the Vietnam War in charge of "defense" and "foreign policy." None of the complaints of the labor bureau-The CP/USA has had a field day quoting crats or the so-called black leaders ers that the Carter regime is a regime hostile to their interests, "their good" being the wellbeing and continued existence of the wealthy and the power-

ful, the capitalist class. Carter and the Democratic Party understand this also. All of their plans and actions are designed to deal with a political situation in the world which is characterized by the deep hostility and mobilization of the working class and above all its youth against the world order represented by both capitalism and Stalinism. The Presidential elections were a proof of the crisis that the ruling class in this country is faced with. The vast majority of young workers did not vote, seeing no alternative to either the Democratic or Republican parties. At the same time, the largest vote in recent history was received by parties who called themselves socialists. Even the workers who voted for the Democratic Party and whose votes allowed it to be elected showed their total by refusing to hold back their struggles in the name of "trust" in Jimmy Carter. Thus, all three auto companies were struck this year; 100,000 Ford workers

BREAK FROM THE DEMOCRATIC

Why Can't We!"

gave a vote of no confidence in the Woodcock leadership by refusing to

vote on their contract and three days

ler workers walked out of the plants

holding signs saying: "Carter Won,

after the elections, wildcatting Chrys-

But despite the continued strikes, despite the hostility and anger towards US imperialism the central task in front of the American working class remains -- the BREAK from the Democratic Party and its allies, the UNITY with the workers around the world and the ORGANIZATION of the working class in their own, independent party in order to lead the struggle for the power of the working class. The only way for the working class to centralize its strikes, to centralize its anger and make the crisis of the Democratic Party and the capitalist regime its final crisis is for the working class to construct their own ALTERNATIVE to the Democratic Party in every mobilization and struggle of the working

class today. If the working class and its youth today haven't yet succeeded in breaking completely from the Democratic Party which can only mean the construction of their own organization of combat against it, it is largely because the

the Democratic Party deepens in the face of the unrest of the youth, these organizations are in a crisis as well as more and more young workers and militants are seeking an alternative that they cannot provide.

The break from the Democratic Party can only be a fight for unity with the workers of the world. It can only be a fight to construct the independent party of the working class to prepare the revolution, and it must be a fight based on the working class youth, the most audacious fighters. Only the REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL and its US organization, the REVOLUTIONARY WORK-ER YOUTH presents this alternative. To organize the working class youth around the world in the preparation of the revolution is the only way to organize the working class in the break from the Democratic Party and it is only the RWY in the US that is organizing and proposing this fight: through its struggle in the recent auto strike, through its PLATFORM OF COM-BAT for the elections and today through its fight to unite the working class youth of North and South America in a common struggle against US imperialism. And it is not accidental that the treachery of the other so-called leaders of the workers movement is above all directed against the youth and their fight to prepare the revolution.

NOT TRUE?

"Slander! Lies!" the leadership of the SWP will cry. "We never support Democrats, we always run our own candidates. We have never voted for Democrats and besides, we also call for a labor party, and a black party and a Chicano party." We don't deny the truth of these statements. Yet why do we still say that it is the TRUTH that the leadership of the SWP fundamentally covers for the Democratic Party and blocks the yourth from their break with

Because the question of the break from the Democratic Party is not a question of "criticisms," nor a question of abstract "independence", nor even the fact that one proposes other "parties" for the working class to join. It is a question of a policy, a policy to prepare the working class for the revolution in the living struggles of the working class. And at every decisive moment in recent history, IN THE LIVING STRUGGLES OF THE WORK-ING CLASS, the SWP leadership blocked the mobilization of the youth and blocked their real break from the Democratic Party, regardless of all claims to independence or "labor par"

Let's take some examples from recent history to prove this. In 1968 thousands of working class youth and students were in the streets in protest against the Vietnam War. Hostility towards the Johnson administration was at its highest. The working class was not "demoralized" or "stunned" as the SWP leadership claims it is today, but on the offensive in the US and around the world -- it was the year of the May-June General Strike in France, the uprising of the youth in Czechoslovakia. The Democratic Party was in shambles, deeply divided, and Johnson was forced to resign. Why then, were the masses of youth in the anti-war movement attracted to Gene McCarthy, a liberal

Democrats were not average workers or youth who might still have illusions in the Democratic Party -- BUT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE US RULING CLAS of which the Democratic Party is a part Thus, at anti-war rallies and meetings, the SWP leadership systematically parade and presented as central speakers the Vance Hartkes, George McGoverns, John Conyers, Bella Abzugs, Leonard Woodcocks, Victor Reuthers, etc., presenting these politicians and misleaders of the anti-war movement as its leadership and allowing the Democratic Party liberals to chan al the anti-war movement back into the Democratic Party. Of course, the SWP still presented

its "independent" candidate in 1968, but it meant nothing, while it allowed the masses of workers and youth who were in the streets to remain tied to the Democrats. What did it mean for the young workers, when during their strikes in 1970 and later -- the GM strike and Lordstown, the Teamsters, miners, Postal workers, etc., the SWI paraded and organized as part of the anti-war movement the "Labor Bureaucrats for Peace" -- who were betraying the struggles of the young work ers and refusing to organize a fight against the Nixon regime at home?



The same policy was evident once again in 1972, when (to a lesser ex-tent by now) the youth turned once again to McGovern and the De mocratic Party as an alternative to Nixon and the war. This came immediately after the massive attack of Nixon against the working class with the "Wage Freeze" and once again the SWP fought to prevent the working clas youth in the anti-war movement from linking it to the struggles at home, to organize a general strike against the war and the Wage Freeze. Why not? Because the same bureaucrats in "Labor for Peace" were the bureaucrats who sat on Nixon's Wage Control Board Once again, the question of the break from the Democratic Party does not reside in words but in action, and in action the leadership of the SWP block ed the youth who were fighting to brea with the Democrats. From this "history the youth of the US are getting to have a pretty good idea of what kind of "labor party" the SWP leadership proposes -- just like the anti-war movement, an attempt to block the youth from realizing the outcome of their

500,000 YOUTH - WHERE ARE THEY?

History catches up with even those who try to avoid it. The leadership of the SWP knows this and this is why it is faced with a crisis, like 1968 and 1972, and once again, after the elections, the Democratic Party comes back to haunt them. Of course the leadership now talks about the growth in recruitment to the SWP, the num ber of votes and signitures gained. But the honest militants in the SWP/ YSA are not satisfied with this.

Where are the 500,000 workers and youth who were in the streets in Washngton in 1969, who represented millions behind them, who took to the streets during Cambodia in 1970, or the working class youth in the army in Vietnam which forced Nixon to pull out the troops, the 100,000 working class youth who received "less than honorable discharges," the youth who took part in the strikes in the 70's? The SWP was in THE LEADERSHIP of this movement, not just onlookers. But the vast majority who took part in the anti-war movement are still in the Democratic Party or don't vote. Does the policy of the SWP leadership have anything to do with this? Of course it does.

The leadership of the SWP knows this as well and this is why they must cover up their false policy with cyn-

FIGHT FOR A DEMOCRATIC ELECTION CONTROLLED BY THE WORKERS OF THE USW! **BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS FEB.8!**

above all the young workers, have taken up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and transform it into an instrument of struggle to defend their rights against the basis bepartment, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive drive the bureaucrats out, and the rest of the up the fight to regain control of their union, to drive the up the fight to defend their rights against the up the fight to defend the up the fight to regain control of the up the up the fight to capitalist attack. Thus today everyone has his eyes on the outcome of the

The current leadership of the Steelworkers Union -- Abel, McBride, & Co. -- has done all that it can to stop this struggle in order to maintain its collaboration with the Steel Barons, their "Republican" and "Democratic" Parties, their "Republican" and "Democratic" governments, against the workers. Their "Experimental Negotiating Agreement" with the capitalists obliges the USW to submit to all the decisions of the Labor Depart* ment Arbitration Board and prohibits all strikes. They've gone so far as to attempt to murder supporters of Ed Sadlowski, candidate for President against Abel's man McBride.

Sadlowski, who claims to fight for democracy in the USW, for the independence of the USW against the bosses, even for socialism, and toward whom many workers look, has refused to mobilize and organize the workers independently against this attack. Instead, he, together with his liberal

In the last months the workers in the USW, allies in the Labor Department, the voting in the election, allegedly to insure a democratic election.

At this point the labor department has decided to send its representatives to oversee the counting of the ballots, but has refused to send them to all

The workers in the USW cannot accept this government intervention in their union and the collaboration of these leaders, Abel and Sadlowki alike, with this. If a union's anything, it's independent of the government. Both the liberals and the conservatives in this government have one objective; to crush the steelworkers. They differ only on how best to do it.

The-only means for the workers of the USW to regain control of their union, drive the bureaucrats out, and transform it into an instrument of struggle of the oppressed masses, is to mobilize and organize themselves independently. This him on paper refuse to wage a fight is the only means to forge a new leadership in the USW. It is the only means to insure a democratic election.

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA proposes to all the workers in the USW --

especially the young workers who can't decided whether to vote for McBride or Sadlowki because they both seem to be hooked up to the politicians of the capitalist parties and the government, especially the militants who turned to Sadlowski hoping that he would lead this fight and have begun to doubt that he will -- to organize an active boycott of the election on Fabruary 8th, to fight to win their locals to this.

Steelworkers must set up picket lines in front of these polling places beeing overseen by the representatives of the US government and Abel's goons, fight in their locals for a general assembly of steelworkers to elect a new leadership to prepare a strike against the ENA, and elect local committees of workers to prepare this assembly.

To win this fight the workers must build a faction of revolutionary workers in the USW -- against all the centrist organizations which have rallied to the side of Sadlowski, like the SWP, and against all those who while opposing against him, the Spartacist League.

This is one of the central questions that will be taken up at the Revolutionary Young Auto and Steelworkers Conference being organized by the RWY. Be there!

From our readers THE INAUGURATION

Dear TRUTH,

We discussed Carter's Inaugural speech and were most struck by how much religion and Bible quoting there is. "Carter is a hypocrite. You can't follow the Bible and be President of the United States too. The Bible says: love, love, love, but the President can only stick it to the people. This was the opinion of one worker.

"The speech is filled with all the old promises that every President has made since I've been alive." One phrase caught everyone's attention because it indicates what Carter has in store for us: "Individual sacrifice for the common good." That is "Our sacrifice, sacrifice of the poor and working people for their good." And as one worker put it, "I'd like to sacrifice Carter first."

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traditional organizations of the workers movement -- the Stalinist American Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party have continually sought to block the working class youth from this break. The break from the Democratic Party is not just a matter of "criticisms." There are plenty of "critics" who are still inside the Democratic Party. Nor is it a question of "reform," There are people who will propose the "reform" of capitalism until the day the capitalists blow up the

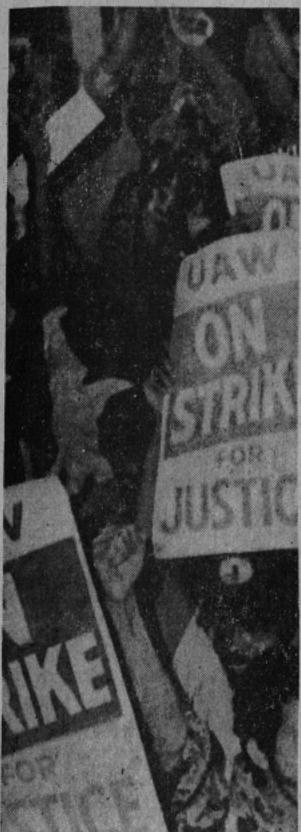
entire world. The break from the Democratic Party is nothing else but the preparation of the American working class for the world revolution. Behind their "criticisms" and proposals for "reform" the leaderships of the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party take their stand -- they have done every-thing possible in the last years and today to block the American working class from the preparation of its rev-olution. This is why, as the crisis of

Democrat? Why were masses of youth beaten down in the streets of Chicago attempting to "pressure" the Democratic Party Convention?

THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT

It was because the anti-war movement which the SWP in a large part led and organized failed to present itself as an alternative to the Democratic Party that the youth were seeking. At every step of the way the SWP leadership fought in the anti-war movement to prevent the youth from doing so. That was why the SWP leadership fought in the anti-war movement to make it "single-issue," that is, to say nothing in the anti-war movement about the US government, about the social crisis facing the workers, about repression at home, and above all nothing about the Democratic Party, Why? In order to make the anti-war movement comfortable for the liberal Democrats who were against the war also. These

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ROUGE:

Stop Carter's Layoffs! Build the circles of the RWY!

For over a year, the struggles of the workers at Rouge against the closing of the Engine Plant, in the *76 elections, against the repression in the factories by the Rouge police, to defend the Revolution in Spain, in the auto strike and to rebuild the Fourth International, has been inextricably linked to the struggle of the Revolutionary Worker Youth - USA and the Trot-skyist Organization. In the course of the struggles of the workers at River Rouge and of the RWY, hundreds of newspapers and leaflets have been sold and distributed in the factory, over one hundred signatures in support of the Spanish Revolution, almost a hundred signatures condemning UAW bureaucrats attacks on the militants of the RWY and TO, and a worker from Rouge sent as a delegate to the Conference rebuilding the Fourth International. The lesson of these struggles for the workers and the RWY must be to advance in the building of the independent organization of the young workers against the attacks of the Government, for the Workers Government.

TER'S LAYOFFS. 500 Rouge workers on indefinate layoff, many of them members of the RWY, and the whole of the Rouge closed for the first three weeks in February affecting 2, 300. Workers are also being laid off in Ontario Canada, American Motors in Wisconsin, in Delaware and Chicago, including a total of 6,300 in the Detroit area. Carter is using the cover of the weather to hide the Government's policy of increasing unemployment saying! "If the American people don't recognize the need to conserve energy, there will be more unemployment." The Rouge workers have already gone through huge layoffs and closings of different areas of the plant. Carter's statement which reads: "American workers, tighten your belts and don't count on your job," is not acceptable to the workers at Rouge. As one Stamping worker put it, "So, the peanut man is at it already!" nut man is at it already!"

The new layoffs at Rouge are CAR-

The conclusions that Rouge workers are coming to is that the fight against the layoffs in particular, requires a struggle against the Government and the Democratic Party. Immediately, the Revolutionary Worker Youth, the Circle of the RWY in Assembly, and the militants in Stamping, Special Foundry, Steel and other plants in the factory are building a DAY OF ACTION on March 5th, against Carter's plans for unemployment, high prices and repression and Support to the Dictatorships in Latin America, for the United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas, with a demonstration in Washington DC and a Conference of Youth of the Two Americas. At Rouge, through the join-ing of the circles of the RWY and taking up the fight to build the Day of Action, the Rouge workers will take on directly the lates attack of the Carter Government. All the lessons of the struggle of the RWY and workers at Rouge point to this as the immediate necessary response.

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TORRENCE:

Two years of struggle of the TO/USA WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED?

The Trotskyist Organization has been waging a struggle against the capitalists, their government and the treacherous leaders who support it at Torrence and in Chicago for tow years. These years have seen the greatest mobilization of the American working class since World War II. In the course of our fight we have sought to rebuild the US Section of the Fourth International through building the circles of the RWY as our principle weapon. We have recruited several members to the circle, collected over \$500,00 in contributions, gathered hundreds of signatures, and

gathered hundreds of signatures, and sold close to a thousand pieces of literature (not counting leaflets).

We have fought in every struggle of the workers to advance them by centralizing them in a struggle against the government, to build the independent organization of the workers. In the fight against the layoffs, to unite our struggle with that of the European workers, in the Ford Strike, the fascists attacks in Marquette Park, the defense attacks in Marquette Park, the defense of the Polish strikers, the US Presidential elections and the union elections, this was our policy, theonly policy that answers the desire of the workers for their own independent organization, for their own governement.

Most recently, we circulated a resolution for the union meeting in January condemning the government's suppression of the RWY demonstration on Inauguration Day gathering eleven signatures and, on Inauguration Day we held a meeting taking up the fight against Carters plans and building the demonstration on March 5th. The response of the workers to this

fight has been very strong. It is the Government which concentrates the reactionary forces mobilized against the workers. This reality is becoming clearer and clearer to the advanced workers. Further more, our alternative, the construction of a revolutionary leadership to establish a Workers Government is becoming increasingly popular.

"The Democrats and Republicans have no choice." "No matter who they put in there I knew it wouldn't do us any good." "Carter is not going to keep any of the promises he makes." "Supporting dictatorships around the world in the name of fighting 'Communism' while they dine with the Kremlin leaders." "One Government throughout North and South America sounds good," "I'm waiting for the revolution to straighten this thing out."

The recent declaration by Carter of a "national energy shortage" and the subsequent lay offs and heat reductions in the factories has made once again crystal clear the nature of his plans.

And the workers have responded accordingly. Nine workers on second shift in sub-assembly walked off their jobs on Tuesday the 25th of January because there was no heat. They returned after fifteen minutes after they were told "go back to work heat or no heat, or you'll all be fired." And of course the union "leadership" did nothing to protect them or rectify the situation as one worker said, "How could the union protect us? It was them that told us to vote for Carter and now Ford is using this, cutting back the heat while we're still working overtime." The Revolutionary Worker Youth is organizing a meeting to defend these militants and deepen the fight against Carter, through this most blatant exposure of the collaboration of the union bureaucrats, Ford, and Carter.

While we have accomplished much, we have still not succeeded in building

the cell of the Trotskyist Organization, i.e. organized the leadership of advanced workers in agreement with the program of the Fourth International. This is the central task still facing us.

WHAT MUST BE DONE?

Using the International Day of Action on March 5th called by the Revolution ary Worker Youth, we will further construct the circle of the Revolutionary Worker Youth here at Torrance through the central campaign of the mayoral campaign of the RWY as well as through the Commission of Inquiry into the Murder of Palmer Ambers by the Demo-cratic Party through Organized Crime, and through the local union elections and the delegate elections to the UAW

The crisis of the Democratic Party due to the increased mobilization of the workers is glaringly obvious in the incredible maneuvering going on now before the primary election for Mayor. The "regular" Democratic machine is up to its old tricks "drafting Bilandic" who claimed he wasn't going to run. The "independents" and black Democrats are trying desperately to come up with a candidate in order to contain the discontent of the workers with the machine inside the Democratic Party. There has been no end of charges and counter-charges among the several "search groups". And now, the head of the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement, Rev. Turner, has announced his candidacy as a "protest candidate", not bothering to mention what he is protesting.

In order to stop any mass revolutionary alternative the law says that to be on the ballot as an independent Party in the elections we must have 63,373 signatures and registered voters by April 4th. To be on the Democratic ticket

you need only 4,000! We are proposing a common candidate of the working class to both the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party who claims the name of the Fourth/International, as we did in the Presidential election, on the basis of a workers platform. With both these organizations having their heads buried in the campaign of Democratic Party supporter Sadlowski in the United Steelworkers Union it will not surprise them when they "decline to ente" the

The struggle to build the Commission of Inquiry and the fight in the UAW is being detailed in REVOLUTIONARY

YOUNG WORKER, newspaper of the RWY. We urge all our supporters over these two years, past and present members of the RWY to study carefully the Text of Preparation of the Congress of the TO Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International. We call on all militants and workers to join us in our campaigns against the Government building the independent organization of the workers.

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RWY--USA FIGHTS TO UNITE WORKERS IN CAPITALIST & STALINIST COUNTRIES



Every day the unity and self-confidence of the working class East and West is growing. The general strike and mass demonstrations of the workers and youth in Poland last June-July signalled a new level of combat and placed the struggle for the Socialist United States of Europe on the order of the day. The Revolutionary Youth International is leading the struggle to unite the workers East and West, to close the ranks of the working class to Stalinism in the fight to end the rule of imperialism.

The most immediate obstacle to the

struggle for Workers Governments is the anti-working class repression against the workers in the USSR and Eastern European countries which has taken its clearest form in Poland. This repression carried out in the name of socialism has imprisoned, tortured and kill-ed the revolutionary fighters seeking unification with their Western brothers and sisters. The response of the RYI was to build the International Workers Committee for the Immediate Liberation of the Political Prisoners in the USSR and Eastern Europe (IWC) under the leadership of the Fourth International. The Committee organized an in-ternational meeting in Paris, Dec. 16th through a campaign among the workers, youth, organizations, parties and unions of the workers movement of Spain, Poland, the US, Sweden, and France in defense of the Polish workers and to form a Commission of Inquiry of the Workers Movement to go into Poland to work with the workers there in the big industrial centers to:

-Demand the immediate liberation of the imprisoned workers "Cancel the trials against the -- Rehire all the fired workers

--Punish those responsible for the repression The meeting of 70 workers delegates decided to elect a delegation to go into Poland to prepare the work of

the Commission of Inquiry. Each delegate must gain an entry visa from the Polish authories in their countries. A letter was drawn up at the meeting to present to the Polish Consulates of Madrid, Chicago, Paris, and Stockholm explaining the purpose and presenting the demands. The letter was presented by the RWY to the Polish Consulate in Chicago and the necessary papers were drawn up of the delegate of the Revolutionary Worker Youth, Ann Nelson. While awaiting an answer the RWY is deepening the mobilization of the youth and workers in the bastions of the American proletariat in the great auto and steel factories and is waging a fight to bring all the organizations, parties and unions of the JS workers movement into the struggle for the Commission of Inquiry and in defense of the Polish workers, in preparing a mass demonstration at the Polish Consulate in Chicago in the middle of March.

The RWY has led the fight in the US to link the struggle of the American workers against the layoffs, against repression and high prices to the rev-olutionary mobilization of the workers in Poland. The RWY is the only mass organization of the fighting youth that can do this. Militants of the RWY at

Ford River Rouge, the largest center of production in the world, held meet ings during work hours in support of the Polish workers during the International Week of Action of the RYI carrying forward the past struggles of the working class for power; the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, the Spanish Revolution of 1936, and on the anniversary of the Russian Revolution. All the 50 signatures, the funds collected and the sympathy and support express-ed by the auto workers is the basis for continuing and deepening the campaign for the Commission of Inquiry, to draw in larger and larger layers of the working class, the organizations, parties and unions of the workers movement in bringing the maximum and decisive force of the American working class into the battle to unite the workers of the East and West. The

coming weeks will be decisive for the outcome of the Polish workers struggle. American workers and youth will come to see in the course of the fight for the Commission of Inquiry, the mobilization preparing the demonstra-tion in Chicago that Stalinism is an obstacle to their struggle to unite with the workers around the world against Carter's imperialist government of unemployment, high prices and repression. The American Communist Party, no different in its policy than the Com-munist Party in the USSR and Poland, has long been responsible for tying the working class to the Democratic Party, has long supported the labor bureaucracy in the unions against the independent fight of the workers for power. It is the Stalinists in the American CP, supported by the centrist Socialist Workers Party who falsely claim the banner of the Fourth International who put forward "left" bureaucrats like Sadlowski in the US Steelworkers Union to derail the strikes and struggle of the workers into the hands of the Democratic Party. There is no other force outside the working class and its central organizations, the RYI and the Fourth International who will organize them inde-pendently for power. The truest allies of the American workers are the workers struggling against Stalinist oppress-ion in Poland, the workers of Spain fighting Fascism, the workers in Latin America fighting the dictatorships whose power is insured by US imper-ialism. The Stalinists claim they are the world leadership of the working class, but in the face of the revolutionary mobilization of the workers in Poland, obstruct their struggle for unification with the workers in the capit-alist countries through police repression. They engineered the deal with the imperialist governments known as "detente" a "relaxation of tensions" or "peaceful co-existence with imp-erialism. Today, Carter is ready to give up "detente" after seeing how the Stalinists have knuckeled under in Spain and France, abandoning any pretense to leading the working class to power, to the dictatorship of the proletariat. This so-called Euro-Communism, beloved by the centrists and the liberals in the Democratic Party, seeks to share power with the capital-

ists over the working class in a Popu-

lar Front government, not to prepare

the way for the workers Government.

but to block it.

Defense of the political prisoners of Stalinism is decisive in the fight of the working class and its party, the Fourth International, for the Social-ist United States of Europe. This struggle is a means for the world working class to break through the barrier of the class collaboration of Stalinism with imperialism. Just how decisve this fight is can be seen in the attempts of the Stalinists, their centrist supporters who falsely claim to be the Fourth International and world imperialism to block it.

Carter's government has raised a hue and cry about the totalitarian re-pression in the USSR and throughout Eastern Europe. They claim the people of Eastern Germany and those dominated by Stalinist bureaucracies want Western "democracy". They claim the USSR is violating the "nations" including the United States for "peace and co-operation" of these nations, Stalinist and capitalist. They spread "red menace" hysteria in their papers, that the USSR is preparing to blast the United States off the face of the earth to divide the working class in the US from the working class in the US from the workers in the USSR and Eastern Europe. All this talk has one purpose, to strengthen the imperialists in crush-

ing the working class. The Stalinists claim the systematic repression they are carrying out agains the working class is done in the interests of preserving socialism and pre-venting the restoration of capitalism, they say the workers are "hooligans" "anti "social elements" and the youth parasites who fight for their very existence and for their political rights. In other words that the workers want to restore capitalism -- this is where they meet on the same ground with the imperialists. Then, the conclu-sion drawn out by the "Euro-Communists" is to share power with the imperialists because the working class is incapable of leading society forward. When the RWY and the US Branch of the International Workers Committ

ee went to the convention of the Young

responded to the call of the US B/IWC responded to the call of the US B/IWC to form the Commission of Inquiry. Their response came out of the mouth of the SWP nationalist/feminist/socialist vice-presidential candidate, Willie Mae Reid. "I don't care about the Polish workers!" Indeed, they do not care to take up the fight to unite the working class East and West for the Socialist United States of Europe, to close its ranks to Stalinism. The SWP in the pages of the MILITANT. SWP in the pages of the MILITANT, which poses as a socialist newspaper have gone to great lengths to support the Committee to Defend the Worker Victims of Repression of 18 intellectuals inside Poland, to make the workers and socialist militants in the ranks of the SWP and YSA believe there is some other force inside Poland besides the workers and their party which can free the imprisoned worlers and unite with the workers in the West. This Committee, written up also in the bourgeois New York Review wishes to be a bargaining agent between the repressive Stalinist apparatus in Poland and the militant working class. They are interested in "preventing extreme manifestations of spontaneous desperation" in the working class. In other words, they do not think a poli-tical revolution is necessary, only reform. They call the teally well-org-anized fight of the workers desperate action. They think if only the workers would be allowed by their Stalinist masters: to voice "their aspirations and 'demands"through the "normal. channels of communication, dialogue negotiation and settlement" these "desperate actions" would not occur. But all these negotiations, and dia"

ation with imperialism and hopefully "peaceful co-existence" with it. Young socialists of the YSA, independently of their "leaders" expressed their proletarian instincts by contrib-uting to the production of the BULLETIN of the US B/IWC, taking copies of it to their branches to distribute around the country. 30 young militants of the YSA expressed open interest in the struggle to organize the working class to free the political prisoners of Stalinism. They wanted to know

logue must leave the bureaucracy in-tact, the Stalinists decide what is "normal" in the end, and what is nor-mal for the Stalinists is class collabor-

what they can do.
Join the RWY who is mobilizing and organizing the young workers in auto and steel in defense of the Polish working class! Fight for motions and resolutions in your branches to join the fight for the Demonstration at the Polish Consulate supporting the formation of the Commission of Inquiry of the workers movement. Send for copies of the BULLETIN which details the progress of the unitary campaign to free the imprisoned militants in the USSR and Eastern Europe. Join the US Branch of the IWC and fight for

the YSA, your branch to join it in mass.

The RWY is organizing the young workers in auto and steel in Chicago and Detroit to fight for resolutions in their unions to back the campaign for the Commission of Inquiry, to raise funds to send a delegation to Paris, March 17 for the formation of the Commission of Inquiry and the entire work of the IWC. Join the circle meeting of the RWY in preparing actions in the factories, to poster, to organize the demonstration.

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