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Build the Party of Lenin to lead the working class!

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The pages of the bourgeois press are filled with the latest maneuvers of Carter and US imperialism. Several weeks ago it was Carter's "human rights" offensive that made the headlines. Next it was his tax proposals, including his proposal to take back the rebate he promised during the election campaign. Now it is the "energy crisis" with Carter and the bourgeoisie claiming that this is the central question facing the workers in the US.

This is the bourgeoisie's strategy -- to place at the center of everyone's attention THEIR plots, lies and maneuvers against the working class. Even the so -called leaders of the working class; the Stalinists and the centrists, along with the bureaucrats fall into this trap, determining their policy and positions only as a response to the maneuvers of imperialism, offering no perspective forward.

We say the opposite. That in the present situation there are only two things which are decisive, everything else is secondary. First is the revolutionary mobilization of the working class in the US and throughout the world, which DE TERMINES all the maneuvers of the bourgeoisie and the Stalinist apparatus. Second is the fight of the working class to construct its party, the leading party of the proletariat as its only instrument throughout the world to organize and lead its struggles.

This is what the bourgeoisie and the Stalinists try to hide from the working class. They don't want the workers to think about their struggles, their demands and problems, and wish to prevent them from drawing the conclusion as to how to advance -- through

the construction of their party. This is the central lesson for workers in the US gained at the Fifth World Congress of the Fourth International. It determined that what is key in the present situation is this offensive of the world working class and its youth and the political offensive of the Fourth International to organize and lead this

mobilization as the condition for its success. The central question in front of the working class today, in every struggle, is the combat to RETURN TO LENIN, to construct the leading party of the working class in the heart of every fight, as the answer to every struggle of the workers. This leading party, because of the nature of its policy and combat, can only be the Fourth International.

Our party, how to build it and with what policy is at the center of every fight the American workers are undertaking today. All the maneuvers of the bourgeoisie are directed against this fight of the working class to construct its own party independent from the Democratic Party, the Stalinists and the centrists.

The election of Carter insured nothing for the bourgeoisie. The continued strikes of almost every sector of the working class are an expression of this fact; that the victory of the Democratic Party failed to contain the struggles of the worle is.

But even more important is the fact that this mobilization has developed an even greater level of consciousness, expressed in the attempt to break the stranglehold of the trade union bureaucracy on the workers; the agents of the Democratic Party in the workers movement.

In auto, the fight of the UAW workers has continually broken out of the grip of the bureaucrats. The fact that at Fremont and Indianapolis and elsewhere the auto companies were forced to directly intervene against the workers'strikes because of the inability of the bureaucracy to control them is an expression of this.

This is also true in steel where even the local bureaucrats know that the masses of steelworkers are prepared to organize a rebellion against the no-strike pledge. Or in Atlanta, Georgia, where the overwhelmingly black sanitation workers found their strike directly confronted by the "liberal" and black Democratic Party adminstration of

Maynard Jackson. These are the real questions in front of the American working class. How to organize and lead this break from the Democratic Party and its allies and what party to build

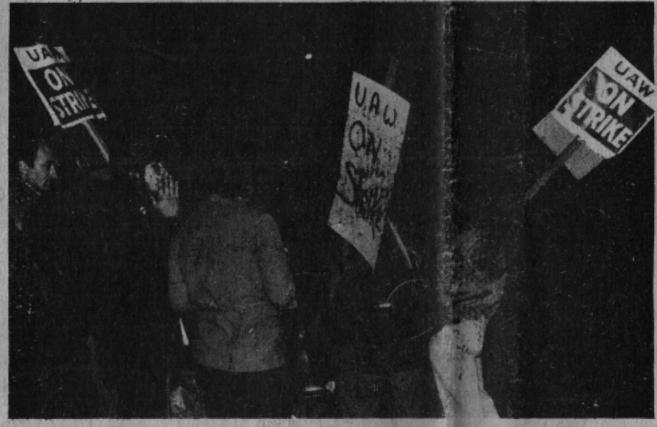
This mobilization is still confused and disorganized largely because of the treachery of the Stalinist and centrist organizations who claim to represent the workers. Thus, there is a glaring contradiction between the struggles and lessons of the Atlanta sanitation workers and the policy of the Communist Party which is the most ardent defender of the "liberal-labor-black alliance" with the very Democratic Party that is crushing the workers strikes. It is in glaring contradiction with the policy of the centrist Socialist Workers Party which says, concerning Atlanta: "bring back the days of Martin Luther King, Jr." whose central role as well was to channel and derail the black movement back into

the Democratic Party. In the same way these organizations act as the last line of defense of the trade union bureaucracy. In steel they argued that the best the workers could hope for was Sadlowski and now, in the face of the national contract, they argue that the best the workers can hope for is a few isolated, local strikes. In auto, they argue that it is "premature" to replace the UAW bureaucracy on a national level and instead the workers should

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... you got no representation, you got nothing."

Throw strikebreaker Fraser & his contract out of the UAW Convention Elect Vitale President!



FREMONT CALIFORNIA STRIKERS BETRAYED BY FRASER

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL Detroit, April 24 -- Autoworkers across the country -- from Fremont, to Indianapolis, to Dayton, and Kalamazoo -- are going on strike. What do they want? "An and to the total situation, " as one young worker at Ford River Rouge put it. They don't think that Carter and the rest of the so-called Democratic Party and its lackeys in the unions can be trusted to bring this about.

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA is fighting to organize this movement and lead it to victory by building the leading party of the working class and its faction -- the Revolutionary Workers Faction -- in the United Auto Workers (UAW). For it's true, as this same young worker said: "You got no representation you got nothing!"

This is the central problem being brought forward by the most combatative young workers in this mobilization; What are we going to do for leadership?

Are we capable of representing ourselves? Should we ignore Woodcock, Fraser, the rest of the UAW bureaucrats: the convention they 're preparing in LA? Can we reform them? Is it necessary to replace them

LEADERSHIP

The Trotskyist Organization says: Yes! No. No. Yes. Organized on the basis of a correct policy, there are no others better capable of leading the masses of autoworkers organized in the UAW than the young workers coming forward in

the strikes today.

Woodcock, Fraser, and their local lackeys, from the presidents to the committeemen, can't be ignored. They re running all over the country trying to break up the strikes the workers are organizing, attacking the leaders of these strikes. They're preparing this convention of the UAW in LA to consolidate this work and take the control of the UAW even further out of the hands of the autoworkers than it already is. The fired leaders of the workers struggles won't even be allowed in.

Nor can Woodcock, Fraser and Co. be reformed. As agents of the Democratic Party and the Carter regime -that is the company's party and the company's government, they are absolutely devoted to the maintenance of this racist, imperialist system, which lives by sucking the life out of the working class. Breaking up union meetings and strikes is part and parcel

This treacherous leadership which falsely claims to represent the autoworkers must be replaced with a revolutionary leadership which is utterly devoted to the cause of the working

Thus the Trotskyist Organization of the USA is fighting to rally the most militant and far-sighted worker-leaders that have come forward in the course

of this mobilization at the doors of Solidarity House, UAW World Headquarters, under the banner: STRIKEBREAKER FRASER OUT! REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS CANDI-DATE VITALE IN! GENERAL STRIKE FOR THE RECALL OF LAID-OFF WORKERS NOW!

It's demanding that the resolution of the Revolutionary Workers Faction (RWF) be placed on the agenda of the UAW Convention, its candidate be placed on the ballot, its delegation be seated, and the UAW CONVENTION be brought BACK TO DETROIT, and opened up to the masses of autoworkers. especially those who have been fired for their struggles in defense of their fellow workers. The TO/USA is preparing a conference of the RWF to draw the lessons of its struggle and elaborate its plan to win the leadership of the UAW.

A DECISIVE STRUGGLE

The outcome of this struggle in Detroit, at Ford River Rouge, above all at the Dearborn Stamping Plant, will be decisive for the whole working class. These workers are in a position to break the isolation of the workers strking across the country with decisive action in the heart of the auto industry. Thus the struggle of the Trotskyist Organization to organize and lead the Stamping workers mobilization, above all against the opportunists of the socalled Revolutionary Communist Party ("Time-to-Unite") and the absten-tionists of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) warrants the attention of all workers and militants.

I ask the patience of the readers of TRUTH so I can recount it in some detail. It's full of lessons for everyone.

IN THE DEARBORN STAMPING PLANT

DSP workers were at the head of the strike last fall. They 've rejected their unit contract twice and in the last weeks they've developed a powerful mobilization to assemble themselves, set their demands, take a strike vote, and among the most advanced and audacious workers, to throw out Willie Washington, a hated old drunk who wants the DSP workers to pray to God to change their situa" tion. DSP workers want him and his cohorts out. They want a leadership which will truly fight for their interests. Over 200 DSP workers turned out for a union meeting on Sunday, April 17th, with these things in mind.

The Trotskyist Organization fought to organize and lead this struggle. It drew up a resolution for the union meeting with a militant of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of Local #600 and it forced the bureaucrats to allow Gerald Jenkins, a member of the Revolutionary Worker Youth, and me, a member of the leadership of the TO/USA, to attend this meet-

But because we hadn't gone far enough in the organization of a leadership within the Stamping Plant on the basis of the revolutionary policy of the Trotskyist Organization, each time that we or the most militant workers brought forward the proposal to throw out Willie Washington, the opportunist leaders of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), organizers of "Time-to-Unite" at the Rouge (Bob Parsons, John Abbot,

et. al.), were able to drawn us out. They were able to confuse and demobilize the workers and turn them back to their proposal to beg Woodcock, Fraser, Rinaldi (head of local #600) and Co. for strike authorization. never mentioning that these same bureaucrats were at that very moment, off breaking strikes! These professioncal confusionists' campaign to "fight the company, not the union," is a campaign to fight the workers who want to throw the company men out

of the union. Many Stamping workers felt this, but because we hadn't sufficiently organized them as a revolutionary leadership against these opportunists, we weren't able to throwout Rinaldi, Washington, and Co., elect a strike committee as the new leadership for the Stamping workers, and mobilize the masses of Rouge workers for the Rally at Solidarity House and the RWF Conference and break the isolation of the striking autoworkers across the

country. FORWARD The realization of these objectives is critical for the whole working class.

Thus the Trotskyist Organization is concentrating its preparation of the Rally at Solidarity House and the RWF Conference in a political offensive to win the Stamping workers to our fight to build the leading party of the working class and its faction in the UAW, to organize them in Revolutionary Worker Youth Circles to build this party and faction. We're fighting to prove to them that only a leadership organized to fight for our revolutionary policy can resolve the problems of the autoworkers.

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Carter's Energy Plan: PREPARATION FOR WAR AGAINST THE WORKING CLASS! "energy plan" of the bourgeoisie has

There is only one thing we agree with Carter concerning his "energy plan." It is indeed the "moral equivalent of war" as he said. Yes, the "morality" of the rotten and corrupt imperialist bourgeoisie. And war agains the working and oppressed masses of the

United States. In just three months Carter has shown the true face of the Democratic Party regime and stripped away all pretense that his government would be one of reform, that it would be any different from Nixon-Ford. After his election Carter said" Anyone who thought I would do much about unemploment was naive."

He wasn't kidding. In a matter of weeks Carter has: proposed a cut in unemployment benefits, kept the minimum wage to \$2.50 an hour, cancelled his proposed \$50 tax rebate, set in motion the machinery for wage controls, and proposed an "energy plan, " the center of which is a proposal to allow gas and oil prices to rise and a tax on gasoline. But one thing should be clear. This

working class in the US -- it is not their "crisis." It is part and parcel of the entire attack of the US bourgeoisie against the working class in the US and throughout the world.

nothing to do with the interests of the

The point is that it is the bourgeoisie which is in crisis. Their "shortages" are merely the expression of the fact that capitalism is a dying social system, a system that can no longer expand the wealth of society, a system that can no longer produce enough to meet the world's needs.

The only way the capitalists can get their profits, is not by expanding production and increasing society's wealth, but by attempting to drive the working class into the ground, through unemployment, inflation and taxes. They must increase their efforts to do this because the working class is not a passive speciator, it is engaged in a constant fight against this dying order, a constant fight for its own de nands against capitalist

oppression. Through this "energy plan" Carter



wants the American workers to accept this state of affairs. To accept capitalist crisis and barbarism as a permanent condition, to think that "short" ages" are a "national" problem, and to accept the right of the bourgeoisie to crush the working class.

No cooperation with any aspect of this "energy plan!" No cooperation with any of the Democratic Party politicians!

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The road forward in Argentina – Build the Party of class independence!

The main question facing the workers of Latin America and especially those of Argentina is the re-building of the party of the working class -- the Fourth International. For despite the continued mobilization of the Argentine

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workers and despite the deepening crisis of the military dictatorships, it is the question of leadership, the party which remains the condition for the continuation of this mobilization. The Fourth International and the

Trotskyist Organization have led a struggle to link the mobilization of the workers of the Two Americas against their common enemy -- US imperialism. In the face of Carter's demagogic sermons for "human rights" in Argentina, including his maneuver of cutting off direct aid to Argentina while channeling military aid through other Latin American regimes, the TO has organized the US workers against the plans of Carter and to directly support and fight alongside the auto workers of the Ford Cordoba plant in Argentina, the stronghold of the Argentine working class.

Yet it is not enough for the struggle to remain on this level, it is the tasks of the construction of the party which remain to be clarified and resolved, above all, for the workers of the Two Americas.

In particular, it is by way of exposing the role of the centrist "United Secretariat" of Joseph Hansen and Ernest Mandel, and its American supporter, the Socialist Workers Party, that a true balance sheet of the mobilization of Argentine workers can be

At the time of the coup in Argentina the Partido Socialisto de Trabajadores (PST, Argentine section of the USec) was THE party which the working class looked to for leadership -- the Stalinists had been discredited in the eyes of the workers.

But only days before the coup, in a situation where the workers had forced the Peronist regime to cede to large wage gains and other demands through a powerful general strike, the PST was passively pursuing a campaign for the coming legislative elections, restricting its proposals to the level of "democracy" while imperialism and its puppets prepared their coup.

On the other hand, the Mandel wing of the "United"Secretariat was putting forward a policy of guerilla warfare, outside of the struggles of the working class, supporting the initiatives of Castro and other petty bourgeois forms of struggle. Each in his own way abandoned the Argentine workers to the impending coup. But militants of the SWP-- it is

your leadership which bears total responsibility for this policy as well. Your leadership above all supported the policy of the PST -including the translation on Argentine soil of the "Bill of Rights for Working People" and the "labor party."

Is there really any difference between the policy of your leadership in the US -- to call for federal troops to protect blacks in Boston and calling proposals for workers defense guards "sectarian" and the policy of the PST, which in the face of the coup called arming the workers "sectarian" and instead signed a pact with the Peron regime for "respect of democratic rights."

Your leadership remains silent about the balance sheet of Argentina because it bears major responsibility for the defeat of the Argentine workers and because it is pursuing the same liquidationist policy in the US.

Today while the Videla regime houses more than 6,000 militants and workers in prison, steps up its tortures and while the fascist bands multiply their attacks against the workers leaders, as in the case of the kidnapping of the leader of the massive strike of light and power workers, Oscar Smith, the centrists continue to council the workers to restrain CONTINUED ON BACK

Join Our Rally at Solidarity House April 30! Meet at the RWY headquarters, 3310 Junction, Noon. Rally, 1:00pm.

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From our editorial board

The 5th World Congress of the Fourth International

We are publishing in this issue the Central treachery of Stalinism and centrism. Resolution adopted by the Fifth World Congress of the Fourth International. The purpose of this Congress was to draw a balance sheet of the fight of the Fourth International in the last year, to develop our plans for advancing the struggle of the working class in the coming months and to elect an international leadership committed to carrying out this fight.

In addition to the Central Resolution, the Fifth World Congress discussed an Organizational Resolution which concentrated on the methods of the construction of the world party and centralized the discussion on the crucial importance of the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, our journal, as the international organizer of the party and the working class.

It discussed the implantation of the FI in Eastern Europe. One of the most fundamental acquisitions of the Fourth International and the proof of its main tenance of the historical continuity of Bolshevism against Stalinism is precisely the existence and the combat of its sections in Eastern Europe.

In the face of the present situation, what is crucial and determining is the political offensive of the FI to construct its sections in Eastern Europe and to present the FI as the only organization capable of leading the struggle of the

working class against Stalinism. Finally, the Congress discussed the construction of the FI in the Two Americas, the fight to build the Fourth International as the only solution for the present offensive of the working class working class and its youth to advance. in the Two Americas against the

This Congress has rich lessons for the American working class. We prepared this Congress in the US by holding our Fourth National Conference. The Conference determined that our entire balance sheet in the last year can be summarized in the necessity for us to deepen our political offensive in the American working class to win the leadership of the present struggles of the young workers and to construct our party as the determining factor in the class struggle in the US.

We have learned that these questions are not just "American" problems—they are the problems of the entire Internation—al and the world working class. This is what distinguishes our party from all others -- the fight to centralize all the local and national problems and experiences on an international level in order to arrive at an international policy to lead the struggles of the working class.

Our Congress had nothing in common with the "Congresses" of the so-called "United Secretariat" whose purpose is to "discuss" -- and afterwards each national section (and in many cases two or three national sections) goes off and does what they please. Their purpose is to liquid-ate the FI in the face of Stalinism.

Our Congress was part of the struggle to build a unified, democratic centralist International, the International of Lenin and Trotsky. This is why the Fifth World Congress was all advance, because it is the only way for the international

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LENIN, THE BUILDER OF THE PARTY THAT LED THE RUSSIAN WORKING CLASS TO POWER

I.Based on the balance sheet of the experiences of the Fourth International since its 4th Congress and the characteristic of the new developments of the world upsurge of the proletariat, above all in Europe, the Fifth Congress of the Fourth International reaffirms the necessity to complete the task of the rebuilding of the Fourth International by deepening the political offensive to win the leader-ship of the struggles of the working class, concentrated in the slogan; RETURN TO

The importance of the task determined by the 4th Conference Rebuilding the Fourth International and the 4th Congress, to complete the change in the relationship between the Fourth International and the working class is confirmed by our own development and by the evolution of the class struggle.

Since the 4th Congress, our struggle to realize this task, the balance sheet of our activity, has been characterized by an unequal development whose dominant trait is that we have begun to surmount the weaknesses of our struggle, but in a manner that is still fragile, as the discussion at the 5th Congress itself has demonstrated.

This in a political situation where the conditions of this change in relationship between the Fourth International and the working class have evolved in a relationship with the movement of the proletariat itself which is deepening, in a contradictory manner, its offensive on the world scale and in particular in Western and Eastern Europe.

This march forward of the working class is characterized by its contradictory aspects: on the one hand the proletariat, above all its youth, is trying to stop the counterrevolutionary plot of the treacherous apparatuses, centrally that of the international Stalinist apparatus, but on the other hand, and in this same movement, its evolution remains marked by a profound confusion and political disorientation which, in the absence of the determined combat of the Fourth International, permits, in the last analysis, the Stalinist apparatus to continue to control and lead to defeat, the repeated assaults of the proletariat and its youth.

This international upsurge of the working class doesn't stop the deepening of the crisis of the international Stalinist apparatus and imperialism. In reaction, imperialism and the Stalinist apparatus, each on its own terrain, develops an offensive against the entirety of the gains and conquests of the working class. The faction of the apparatus which calls itself "Eurocommunist," confronted by these new characteristics of the class struggle, and thus the necessities which they imply for the salvation of the imperialist order, goes so far as to support the Sacred Union with the bourgeoisie (Italy-Spain) or to orient itself toward the realization of such a union as in France. This Sacred Union prepares civil war against the masses, above all in Spain, where the decisive confrontation of the working class with the Francoist monarchy is imminent because the Fourth International is not only present in this battle but also fighting to organize it.

However, this international movement of the working class, characterized by its contradictory aspects, of which each country in Europe (East and West) and the Americas (the USA and Latin America) offers an example, is the determining element of the political situation around which is ordered the maneuvers and counterattacks of imperialism and Stalinism. It is in relation to this movement and the historical interests of the working class and not beginning with the counterrevolutionary maneuvers and plans of imperialism and the bureaucratized leaderships of the workers movement as did those who led the different attempts to liquidate the Fourth International in 52-53 and after.

The entirety of this movement of the working class characterized by these contradictory aspects brings out the necessity to take up a political offensive to make up for our delay, expressed objectively and negatively by the political disorientation of the proletariat, as a condition to lead and make the revolutionary process conclude in the seizure of power.

II. The advances and delays of the Fourth International are expressed fundamentally in the gap which exists between our struggle to take the leadership of the proletariat, the echo that we encounter in the working class and its youth when we resolutely occupy the different terrains of the mobilization, and the weakness of the translation in terms of organization of the youth in the entirety of this combat.

Thus, each time that our intervention encounters such an echo in the working class (strikes, demonstrations, struggles in the unions and in the elections) the results have provoked a surprise in our own ranks as an expression of the insufficient political preparation of our interventions from the point of view of organization and their pursuit. This timidity in our intervention, if it is expressed in different combats that we engage, takes its greatest importance and is concentrated in the problems of the conquest of the youth to the policy and program of the Fourth International.

The Fifth Congress affirms that the political offensive that the Fourth International must take up consists above all in appearing before that proletarian youth as the party which wants to immediately organize and lead their struggles. This is the sense of our combat to "Return to Lenin, " it is a question of the offensive to build the leading party.

The Fifth Congress insists on the necessity for the Fourth International to rid itself of this timidity which is expressed in the policy of "propositions" to the working class and its youth. We must fully renew with Bolshevism, and assume the continuity of the Fourth International by ridding ourselves of these things from our own past marked by the crisis of the FI and the different centrist attempts to liquidate it for the benefit of Stalinism. This demands that we cease to appear in the struggles as an organization among others which "proposes" its policy, that we distinguish ourselves as the builders of the leading party, continuer of that of Lenin, against the treachery or capitulation of the other organizations, as the party which fights to realize its propositions, organize the youth and resolutely directs its struggles against the illusions and confusions presented by the Stalinist appara" tus and its centrist allies.

The current characteristic of the class struggle and the balance sheet of the FI since its 4th Congress renders more and more understandable this problem which is at the heart of the different mobilizations of the proletariat and its youth and which we must consciously express in political, thus organizational terms: the construction of the leading party.

The unequal and contradictory character of the offensive of the working class is determined by the confused putting forward, positively and negatively, of this problem -- the attempt to fight the Stalinist apparatus on the one hand, the turn to spontaneist solutions on the other. These elements bring out the necessity of the political offensive that the FI engages and which



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is expressed in a concentrated manner in the combat to "Return to Lenin."

The 5th Congress affirms that it is precisely the balance sheet and the rich experiences of the Fourth International which allow today the deepening of the turn engaged to take the leadership of the working class on the different terrains of its mobilization and which must allow us to affirm, in practice, and by political elaboration, this nature of our party, its combat for the leadership of the proletariat and its independence against the counterrevolutionary apparatuses and the centrist organizations which try to align the working class with imperialism.

Thus our own experience brings out that the principle source of the elaboration and enrichment of our policy is precisely the combat to assume in the class struggle this nature of our party, to lead and organize the class struggles. Only such a fight allows us to nourish our policy, renders us capable of developing it against the tendencies toward the sterile repetition of formulas, toward routinism, which can only transform the character of this policy to take the leadership of the revolutionary mobilizations of the proletariat -into its negation.

The 5th Congress insists on the necessity to give to our offensive to Return to Lenin, for the leading party that is the inheritor of Bolshevism, its full political meaning -- that is to say the translation of every intervention and its capitalization in terms not only of the construction of the party but also of its revolutionary apparatus, centrally, beginning with the distribution and the development of its journal -- THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

This central organ of the World Party and each of its sections is the principal means through which the leadership of the Fourth International must lead and orient the entirety of this combat. It is the political weapon of each militant to build the Fourth International, intervene and organize the youth in the class struggles.

III. The entirety of the balance sheet of

our activity and the clarification of the orientation of the Fourth International in the class struggle and its current characteristics makes clear the necessity to conquer the leadership of the proletariat by the conquest of the youth. In other words, the Fourth International must renew the workers movement and its leadership by taking the leadership of the youth, in particular by dissipating the illusions which exist within its ranks, and giving it confidence in its own force.

TRUTH & FOURTH INTERNATIONAL central weapons in the fight to Return to Lenin

The axis of the struggle of the Trotskyist Organization of the USA to Return to Lenin, is the struggle to transform THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL (the organ of the Executive Committee of the FI) and TRUTH into the organizers of the party and the Revolutionary Worker Youth. And, on the basis of this fight, to develop a massive network of readers, distributors, contributors-organizers of the leading party of the proletariat.

In the next weeks we will be devoting our energies to responding to the problems that arise in the course of the workers mobilization and showing the way forward in FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH. We ask our readers to discuss FI and TRUTH, to use them to organize their fellow workers to fight to realize the policy of the Trotskyist Organization, to write to TRUTH in order to let us and the working class know what progress is being made in the struggle and what problems are being encountered.

The FI has launched a campaign to sell 2, 000 copies of every issue and to

win 1,000 subscriptions by the Second Congress of the RYI. In the US we are launching a campaign to sell 250 copies of every issue of FI and TRUTH and win 500 subs by August 1st.

When we ask you to get a copy or subscribe to the FI and TRUTH we are asking you to give us the opportunity to prove that our policy is correct and that we are continuing the struggle of Lenin and Trotsky. We are asking you to fight with us to build the party, not "to have something to read on your break" -- the slogan of the centrists at

We'll be printing sub blanks on index cards and placing them in an envelope addressed to TRUTH. You can drop your \$2 or \$5 for a supporting sub. We'll send you a button saying "Return to Lenin" read, discuss, distribute TRUTH."

Join this campaign and win your fellow workers and comrades to it. This is how Lenia built the party that brought down the Czar in Russia. This is the way we'll build the party that will bring down his 1970 counter-part--Carter and Brezhnev.

To the leaders of "Time to Unite" & the SWPan invitation to debate

Many of the young workers who have taken up the fight to realize the policy of the Trotskyist Organization at Ford River Rouge, in particular to drive the bureaucrats out of the unions and elect a revolutionary leadership to mobilize the masses against the Carter regime have told us that the difference between the fight taken up by the TO and that of the leaders of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) organized in "Time to Unite" and the SWP are still not sufficiently clear to them. They've suggested that we organize a debate with Bob Parsons or another representative of the RCP and "Time to Unite. "

We agree. We invite "Time to Unite" to debate the Trotskyist Organization -- "What is the Road Forward For the Autoworkers?"

We think that it would advance the class struggle in the US if the leaders of the RCP and "Time to Unite" took

a clear stand on the Platform of Combat of the TO in the UAW instead of responding simply with "bullshit" or worse -- with slander and physical

At the same time we think it would be very instructive for the leadership of the SWP to come before the workers at Rouge, in particular Farell Dobbs, to attempt to convince them that the decision they have taken not to fight for leadership of the trade unions. it being "at this time impossible" is indeed the conclusion of the struggle of Trotsky and Cannon in the US.

The Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW is holding a conference on April 30th. We think following it at 7:00 PM at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Worker Youth would be an opportune time. If that's not convenient, we're ready and willing to make other arrangements.

Calendar of struggle

Thursday, April 28 - 12 NOON - Meeting of the Rouge Sector of the RWY -Thursday, April 28 - 3:30 PM - Rally at Gate #10 at Ford River Rouge -Saturday, April 30 - 12 NOON - Meet at the Headquarters of the RWY -

Saturday, April 30 - 1:00 PM - Rally at Solidarity House - UAW World Headquarters - 8000 East Jefferson - Detroit -Saturday, April 30 - 3:00-5:00 PM Revolutionary Workers Faction Conference-Saturday, April 30 - Evening - Party

Sunday, May 1st - 3:00-5:00 Meeting of the National Committee of the Revolutionary Worker Youth .-

Wednesday, May 4th - 12 NOON - Meeting of the Rouge Sector of the RWY-

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The 5th Congress insists on the fact t this conquest of the youth whose at stage of centralization is the 2nd igress of the RYI is the basis upon ch to support our combat to lead to clusion the change in relationship ween the Fourth International and working class.

calls for a constant political fight inst the centrist organizations - in ticular the centers of the liquidators he FI which constitute, at the side talinism, a supplementary barrier in path of the socialist revolution and ch participate actively in the Stalinthe fundamental problems for the development of the proletarian revolution -- the class independence of the proletariat, its world party and the struggle for the Socialist United States of Europe. constantly opposing the policy of treachery or capitulation of the counterrevolutionary apparatuses and their centrist allies. This in relation with the preoccupations and the problems that the workers and militants pose in the face of the treachery or profound crisis of the different Stalinist and centrist organizations.

The FI prepares the 2nd Congress of the RYI as a rally of the best revolutionary fighters of the working class youth, those who are engaged in the fight for the revolution, for the Socialist United States of Europe, the young fighters organized by the RYI in the class battles (strikes, mass actions, fights for leadership of the unions, etc.), the representatives of the strike committees or picket lines, of the entirety of the fight to renew by the youth the proletarian movement and its leadership.

The 5th Congress makes precise that this combat demands as much a constant battle without concessions against the different illusions and con-



N OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL IN THE LEADERSHIP OF WORKERS MONSTRATION IN BARCELONA

attempts to crush the class indepenice of the proletariat, take up and elop the entirety of the illusions and fusions which characterize the current

ensive of the working class.

se centrist organizations.

The crisis of these centrist organiza ns is directly linked to that which verses the international apparatus of Kremlin. Their destruction is demined by our political offensive to turn to Lenin," at the heart of which construction of the leading party, discussion of its nature and its prom are the fundamental elements of direct intervention in the crisis of

The development of these questions our propaganda through the different blems which the workers face in stern and Western Europe, must be the center of the political elaboration the FI as conditions to lead the mobiations and organize the proletarian

Chus our combat to Return to Lenin, itralizes not only the problems posed the class struggle and our interventions also permits us to make more precise tactics and respond to the problems t the militants of the Stalinist and trist organizations pose.

t is thus that the preparation of the cond Congress of the RYI, centralized the slogan and the policy of "Return Lenin," that the Fourth International st pose in a living manner and stantly enriched by its experiences

fusions which cross the working class including when they are carried by the large unorganized centrist current which develops constantly as a product of the crisis of Stalinism, in the absence of the firm intervention of the Fourth International.

The continual reinforcement of the leadership of the RYI by the most combatative young workers of the class struggle will be the surest measure of the real advance of the party in the struggle to conquer the youth. To facilitate this process, the Congress proposes to the leadership of the RYI to associate to its political and organizational tasks of the preparation of the Congress, the most advanced and combatative young workers organized in this combat.

The 5th Congress insists on the central importance for the Fourth International to politically and organizationally arm the RYI for this combat, to appear constantly before the young militants as the political leadership, the world party of the working class, and to recruit them into its ranks.

In the preparation of the 2nd Congress of the RYI, the 5th Congress places emphasis on the necessity for the leadership of the RYI to appear publically before the proletarian youth, a task which must be taken up in the first piece beginning with its journal, INTERNATIONAL YOUNG GUARD.



Latin America, Europe, and around the World

Spain: There won't be any democracy without the legalization of the Fourth International

By ANN NELSON

The bourgeois newspapers are continualy reporting that the Communist Party of Spain has been legalized, trying to support the illusion that this is a sign of the democratization of Spain, and that the government of Juan Carlos is different than the Franco regime. But in fact, the case is that in Spain, the mobilization of the workers and youth, the demonstrations and the strikes are aiming directly at the Fascist government, to bring it down.

The legalization of the Communist Party on April 9th, was the only alternative for the Fascist government to try to insure the participation in the elections to the Cortes, which the Communist Party advocates, a against the direction of the masses and the PORE (Spanish Section of the Fourth International) which is to boycott the fascist elections. The CP was legalized to break the struggle of the masses, to force them to accept the continuation of the Francoist Monarchy.

The policy of the PORE in the last weeks has been to point the way forward for the Spanish working class, to build confidence in its own independent mobilization against the government, and to put forward the dema demands and proposals to lead the Spanish workers and youth to victory. The repression in Spain has not let up al all, in fact, the repression by the civil guard has increased in the Basque country, and the prisons fill with political prisoners.

The PORE points out that a main obstacle to the freedom of the political prisoners is the policy of the Spanish Communist Party and its cry for "amnesty". In LA AURORA (The Dawn, newspaper

The upcoming UAW Convention occurs in

the midst of a strike wave in local after

ning against the companies. The most glaring example is the strike of Local

done to the foreman, the workers went on wildcat for ten days. On the 11th day, Chrysler fired 23 union officers, including the president. Doug Fraser came down from Detroit and after telling everyone that it was a "losing situation, "

sent them back to work. THE NEXY DAY

Chrysler suspended 44 workers who set up

These walkout and local strikes have

not succeeded in winning our demands.

Our struggles remain uncoordinated and

unplanned. We have not yet forged a new, revolutionary leadership which is

the only weapon that can plan, coordinate and lead our struggles to a success-

who continue to support the bureaucracy

while claiming to be for change. The

Communist Party, with its supporters in

the bureaucracy, particularly at Local 78

in Detroit, has submitted a resolution for

"to prepare the 1, 750,000 members for the 30 hour week at 40 hours pay." How?

the UAW Convention "asking" the UAW

"By ammending the Federal Wage and

Hour Act to a 35 hour work week at forty

In other words, lobby Congress, put

pressure on the capitalist parties. The

last issue of SOLIDARITY was filled

with the same stuff written by the

bureaucrats. The results? Cuts in

bureaucrats who are incapable of

Stalinists and centrists.

controlling the strike.

Faction of the UAW.

broken his last strike.

April 24, 1977

fighting Fraser, and no trust in the

unemployment benefits, higher gas

We have learned something from

Indianapolis and Fremont. No trust in

the UAW bureaucracy, even the local

We can only rely on our own forces.

At Fremont and Indianapolis once the

bureaucrats led the workers out of the

and disorganized. What must be done

in a situation like that is to sit-down

in the plant, assemble all the workers

together INSIDE the plant, formulate

committee to lead and organize the

bargain from a position of strength, to

stop the company from isolating mili-

tants and to keep the bureaucracy from

The lessons of Fremont and Indian-

the struggles of the auto workers to date

factories can successfully lead our fights.

FACTORY COMMITTEES, to lead a daily fight to control working conditions

and stop harassment is at the center of

The best way to build the RWF now

Committees is to build the local rallies

and the rally at SOLIDARITY HOUSE on

April 30th, challenging the bureaucracy,

demanding that they bring the Conven-

tion back to Detroit, open it up to all

political tendencies and to support my

candidacy for President of the UAW.

Let's make sure that Fraser has

the fight of the Revolutionary Workers

and to organize this fight for Factory

all prove that only our own INDEPEN-DENT ORGANIZATION inside the

apolis, as well as the lessons of all

struggle. This is the only way to

the demands and elect a factory

plant their struggle became isolated

We will not find this leadership in those

picket lines, despite Fraser's orders.

Here, after a foreman struck a worker (who was immediately fired) and nothing

local. The UAW bureaucracy's priviledged position is threatened by these strikes. More and more workers see them as the main obstacle to win-

1226 in Indianapolis.

ful conclusion.

hours pay."

prices!

of the PORE) the Central Committee of the PORE says "Who can free the prisoners?" The Spanish Fascist government? This is the meaning of asking the government for

amnesty. Or the workers on strike? The answer of the Spanish workers and youth was given when on March 15th, 15,000 workers gathered in Barcelona in a demonstration for amnesty. 8,000 of the demonstrators decided to rally and march to the Modelo prison under the banner of the PORE which said WORKERS MARCH TO OPEN THE PRISONS!

The PORE has prepared to further the struggle of the Spanish working class. It says in LA AURORA that the workers have an important interest in the freeing of the political prisoners, and in preparing the struggle to win rights and freedoms. The PORE is preparing this struggle with the construction workers in Barcelona, by beginning the general strike through the strike of the construction workers on April 22. This is being prepared with a workers committee to organize a WOR-KERS MARCH TO THE PRISONS.

The political objective of the workers march to the prisons, and the general strike is to unite the workers against the Francoist regime and the collaboration with the apparatuses, and to elevate the different struggles of the Spanish workers and youth to organize the Political General Strike and prepare in this way the boycott of the Fascist elections to the Cortes.

The young workers of the JRE (Spanish Section of the Revolutionary Youth International) have taken a leading place in the mobilization alongside the PORE to bring down the Spanish Monarchy, to

fight for the Workers and Peasants Government in Spain. The PORE and the JRE demand the legalization of the PORE in the struggle for the General Strike.

The JRE is preparing as well the holding of the Second Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International in Barcelona this summer. The JRE is preparing a rally at the telephone exchange at the beginning of the Congress. The telephone exchange was where the Trotskyists and the revolutionary militants of the CNT, made their last stand in the Spanish Civil War in 1938 against the Fascists and the Stal-

After the Congress, the Revolutionary Youth International will organize brigades to go to Eastern Europe to develop further the fight of the Socialist United States of Europe, to defend the workers in Poland. The IRE as well is fighting for a large public hall in which to hold the RYI's II Congress.

The youth and workers in the United States have a tremendous stake in the fight of the Fourth International and the youth in Spain. Above all by preparing in the US their own struggles against Imperialism and the apparatuses which support it, as well as defending the struggles of the Spanish working class. Support in the US the struggle of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth to prepare the Second Congress of the RYI in Barcelona, to RETURN TO LENIN!

ACTIVE WORKERS BOYCOTT OF THE TREACHEROUS CORTES OF SUAREZ! BRING DOWN THE MONARCHY! WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERN-LONG LIVE THE PORE!

of the local union bureaucrats . A key part of the strategy of the union bureaucrats has also been the subordination of the needs of the workers in steel to the political policies of the Democratic Party, thus the significance of the indoctrination program to tell steelworkers what they know is a lie, that theirs and the steel bosses and the governments interests are the same. Even more significant is the attack on "imports" which is really an attack on the aspirations of the steel-



"Sit down, sit down!"

By FRED VITALE, Candidate of the **Revolutionary Workers Faction** for President of the UAW



"Nothing half-way"

By ANN NELSON, organizer of the **Trotskyist Organization** at Great Lakes Steel

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'Nothing half-way" was the response of a young Great Lakes Steel worker (in Detroit) to what he thought the needs of the steelworkers today are. Said before the signing of the 1977 steel contract in Washington, this response is even more tr true today, after the blow against the workers in the signing of the contract and the renewal of the Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA). More than ever the steelworkers are seeking a road which meets the full test of their needs.

The signing of the contract against the steelworkers is a fit time to begin TRUTH's column on the situation and the road forward for the young militants in Steel. Unlike the Stalinists of the Communist Party USA with their "Steel Sparks" or their "Trotskyist" supporters, the Socialist Workers party and their "Steel Notes", which both take the side of the left-wing of the USW bureaucracy through "reporting" their maneuvers, our column bases its content on the mobilization of the steelworkers themselves and develops the way forward for the militants in steel -the building of their own independent leadership, the Workers Party.

The contract signed by Abel is an attempt to crush the steelworkers. It provides for a completely inadequate wage increase of 80¢ over three years. amounting to 2 1/2 cnets an hour increase. It extends the Experimental Negotiating Agreement for three more years (it was under the threat that if the local presidents didn't pass this lousy contract that Abel said it would go to Federal arbitration, possibly meaning a worse deal). The contract is an open attack on young workers, TAKING AWAY present medical and insurance benefits, and giving job security to workers with twenty or more years senority (whose jobs aren't particularly threatened).

The contract also sets a new precedent in class-collaboration by giving over \$500,000 in union funds, to be matched by the steel companies, for an indoctrination program for workers, on the "adverse affect of imports" and the importance of productivity for the good of "the company and the worler".

That the steelworkers will not accept this contract is certain. Even the local presidents, on the first vote in Washington, rejected the contract 148 to 143. After Abel threatened government arbitration, the contract was passed 193 to 99.

Already the 7,000 worker local in Lorain, Ohio unanimously rejected the pact, the same with Local 65 at South Works in Chicago. The question before the steelworkers is how to defeat this attack. Many local presidents are now making plans for local strikes, and this policy will be acceptable to Abel and Mc Bride as well. What they seek to avoid at any cost is a national or general strike of steel, and a mobilization of the workers outside the framework of the control

workers to broaden their fight in support of their international class brothers and sisters, particularly in Latin America and Europe.

In many cases, as in auto, the union bureaucrats have been discredited in the eyes of the workers. What continues to isolate and abort the mobilization of the steelworkers? The policy of the CP-USA, many of whom are local presidents themsleves, is to wish that the steelworkers leave their fate to them. They supported Sadlowski, who on the questions of collaboration with the government and even calling a steel strike stands right beside Abel.

And when steelworkers look to the CP it makes no proposals on the way forward for steelworkers, and supports the policy of local strikes, all in the name of "commu" nism".

The Socialist Workers party who reprinted the whole contract in the April 29 issue of the MILITANT, makes no proposal but again to support Sadlowski who is derailing the mobilization of the steelworkers by challanging the elections through the government in an effort to cool the steelworkers anger over their present situation and cloud the way forward,

The policy of the SWP in the unions was summed up accurately by Farrell Dobbs in the April 22 MILITANT: first we fight on the economic and democratic demands, and later on the political struggle. The result of this policy is that it is impossible to fight for the "economic and democratic demands". Dobbs goes on to say that this is not the time to fight for union office as the workers are sure to be defeated by the bureaucrats.

The only sure thing is that the contract just signed is a massive attack. That in order for the steelworkers to turn back this attack requires above all a political struggle struggle for workers control of health and safety and production. To fight to immediately recall all laid-off workers by rejecting the ENA and leading the general strike of steel and challanging the leadership of the trade union bureaucracy on this plat-

This is the lesson of the struggles of the steelworkers and the way forward in the tremendous struggles to come, which can only be insured for victory if the steel workers trust no one but their own leader ship independent of the arbitration of the Democratic Party - run government and all the apparatuses which support it.

To do this, the Trotskyist Organization, US Section (sympathizing) of the Fourth International, calls on the youngest most militant steelworkers to take up the fight with it to build a Revolutionary Workers Faction in Steel, for the most militant workers to join the Revolutionary Worker Youth and its fight to Return to Lenin by building the party of the American revolu-tion, the Fourth International.

DOWN WITH THE ENA! Build the Revolutionary Workers Faction in the USW! April 24, 1977

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FORWARD



MASS DEMONSTRATION OF AUTOWORKERS IN THE 1930'S IN CADILLAC SQUARE, DETROIT

fight to "expose" these strikebreakers. All these examples demonstrate the concrete meaning of RETURN TO LENIN in the US. The workers are trying to organize their break from the Democratic Party. In the face of their enemies, what is lacking in every situation is their own PARTY, their weapon of organization and leadership against the bourgeoisie.

In the last year the Trotskyist Organization of the USA has been fighting to build this party in the US, as the only party of class independence against the Democratic Party, against the "liberal-labor-black alliance" of the Stalinists, against the "labor party" of the Sadlowskis and Martin Luther Kings proposed by the SWP, and for the unity of the American workers with their brothers and sisters around the world.

Thus, around the preparation of the Second Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International in Barcelona this July, we call on all young workers and militants of other organizations to join us in a political offensive to RETURN TO LENIN, to construct the leading party of the working class in the daily struggles of the workers. It is part of our political offensive to REBUILD THE US SECTION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL which concentrates all the tasks of the construction of the party of the American

To launch this political offensive, to lead the young workers in their fight to build our party against all others, the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth is presenting its candidates for Mayor and City Council of Detroit. Our candidate for Mayor is Jon Cohen, the National

Secretary of the Trotskyist Organization. Detroit is not just any city. The center of the most advanced section of the American working class, the auto workers, the city that built industrial unionism in the US, means that our campaign for REVOLUTIONARY DETROIT, for a GOVERNMENT OF WORKERS COUNCILS, is a fight to prepare the American revolution and to built the party that can lead it.

And some of the most important enemies of the working class are found in Detroit. The auto barons, who have let a city built with the blood and sweat of the workers rot and decay, Coleman Young, the right-hand man of both Carter and the American Stalinists in smashing the black working class, and the home of the strikebreaking Democratic Party trade union bureaucrats of the UAW.

Our campaign will channel the hatred and rage of the youth and auto workers in Detroit for what the bourgeoisie, the Stalinists and the bureaucrats have done to their city into a revolutionary offensive to construct the WORKERS PARTY -- fighting to EXPROPRIATE THE AUTO INDUSTRY, to provide JOBS FOR ALL with a sliding scale of wages and hours, a massive expansion of public works -- trans portation, housing, education and health and a fight for the revolutionary unification of the workers and oppressed in Detroit with the struggles of all US workers and workers throughout the world.

The fight for a government of Workers Councils in Detroit will be totally linked to our fight to win the leadership of the UAW from the hands of the reactionary bureaucracy to construct the LEADING Faction of the UAW the Revolutionary Workers Faction. Our candidates in the mayoral election will be the candidates of the revolutionary auto workers, the only candidates that can lead

their struggles to victory. Our candidates will fight to break the isolation of the Detroit workers, to bring them together with their true allies -- the working and fighting masses of Latin America. Our candidates will be the fighters for the UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS fighting to unite the proletariat of the two continents, to rebuild the Fourth International against Stalinism and centrism.

The Revolutionary Youth International will join this campaign by fighting for its CONFERENCE OF YOUTH OF THE TWO AMER-ICAS at the end of June, to unite in Detroit all the fighting youth of the Two Americas in an offensive against US imperialism and its support to the military dictatorships in Latin America. The only way to build this fight is to build the RWY as a mass organization in the heart of the US proletariat.

Young workers -- against this rotting system and against all betrayers of our struggle our cry is: RETURN TO LENIN! CONSTRUCT THE LEADING PARTY OF THE WORKING CLASS! RAISE THE RED BANNER OVER DETROIT AND ALL THE AMERICAS! LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

To win the leadership of the UAW: Lead and organize the autoworkers strike movement! Take up a political offensive against opportunism!

RESOLUTION OF THE TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON APRIL 30TH AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH, CALL 898-1522

Basing itself on the experiences or the autoworkers, above all on those of its own members, since the Revolutionary Young Autoworkers Conference, the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW, with the Trotskyist Organization of the USA and the Revolutionary Worker Youth of the USA, affirms the importance of the struggle it has taken up to win the leadership of the United Auto Workers, to drive Woodcock, Fraser, Rinaldi, and the rest of the treacherous bureaucrats out of the UAW, and elect a revolutionary leadership to mobilize the masses of workers against Carter's

II. All the struggles of the autoworkers in the last weeks, from Indianapolis, to Fremont, to Dayton, to Kalamazoo, to Sterling Heights, including our own, in the Dearborn Stamping Plant and the Dearborn Assembly Plant at Ford River Rouge, at the Ford Torrence Plant in Chicago, prove that the autoworkers cannot go forward without driving the bureaucrats out of their unions, throwing out the criminal cont of of their unions to mobilize and organize themselves independently to defend and advance their standard of living and working conditions. Each time that the autoworkers have tried to organize and mobilize themselves to change their situation and transform the unions into instruments of the oppressed masses with which to fight the companies and their government, the bureaucrats have tried to break up this independent mobilization and organization, break up the union and its meetints, and get the workers to go home and be quiet while the bureaucrats sit down and talk to the autobarons. They have gone so far as to side with the company in the expusion of the workers most militant leaders from the plants. The Revolutionary Workers

Faction is the only tendency within the UAW that has taken up this fight. All the others which claim to represent the workers against the bureaucrats -- from the Autoworkers Action Caucus organized by the Communist Party, to Autoworkers-United-to-Fight organized by the Revolutionary Communist Party, to all the unorganized tendencies of the centrists, in particular the Socialist Workers Party. refuse this struggle. They claim that it is possible to reform Woodcock, Fraser, Rinaldi and Co. and that in any case, that the revolutionary young workers are incapable of driving them out and leading the union themselves. They have gone so far as to side with the bureaucrats in attempting to drive the militants of the Trotskyis Organization, the RWY, and the RWF out of the UAW and its meetings. III. Thus, the Revolutionary Workers Faction must continue and deepen its fight to: THROW STRIKEBREAKER FRASER AND HIS CONTRACT OUT OF THE UAW CONVENTION! ELECT VITALE PRESIDENT! by taking up the fight to lead and organize the autoworkers current strike movement, by fighting to transform it into a general strike to impose workers' control of working conditions and the immediate rehire of all striking workers; by orienting itself toward the most farsighted and audacious young workers coming to the head of this movement; by taking up a political offensive against the opportunists within the UAW who claim to be revolutionary and represent the worlers against the bureaucrats, but in fact support the bureaucrats. Specifically:

1. Organize meetings in the Dearborn Stamping Plant and the Ford Torrence plant under the slogans:

THROW THE STRIKEBREAKERS AND THEIR CONTRACT OUT OF THE UAW! ELECT THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER FACTION CANDIDATES! STRIKE FOR WORKERS CONTROL OF WORKING CONDITIONS! TAKE THIS FIGHT TO THE UAW

CONVENTION! 2. Circulate the petition in support of the platform and candidates of the RWF demanding that our resolution be placed on the agenda, our candidate on the ballot, our delegation be seated, and that the Convention be brought back to Detroit and opened up to the masses of autoworkers, with the objective of winning a majority of the workers in the plant.

3. Challenge "Time-to-Unite" and "New Minds for New Tomorrows" to a debate.

4. Raise \$600 to finance the delegation of the RWF to LA through the sales of bulletins and buttons -- \$300 in Detroit, \$300 in Chicago.

5. The Conference affirms that the central weapon of the Faction in this fight is its bulletin -- the clarity of its policy expressed in it and the massiveness of its distribution.

IV. The Conference of the RWF affirms that it is impossible to win the leadership of the UAW, unless the RWF seizes every opportunity to organize the workers in the factory independently of the bureaucrats, to assemble the workers, set the demands, and elect a committee of workers to carry out this fight, and on this basis mobilize the workers to take over their own locals. The company and the bureaucrats in the most recent strikes have sought to drive the workers out of the plants in order to disorganize them, thus the fight of the RWF to organize assemblies and sit-downs, to not just walk-out, is a question of the

fate of the strikes themselves. Similarly in a number of situations, the local bureaucrats have placed themselves at the head of the workers mobilization in order to contain it. Such maneuvers make all the more important the determined effort of the RWF to prove to the masses of workers that only it can lead them by organizing their daily struggles. Thus the RWF sets as an immediate o' jective the mobilization of the masses of workers in the Dearborn Stamping Plant and the Ford Torrence Plant to take over their locals, throwout the treacherous local leaderships and their contract and elect a leadership committed to carryout the platform of combat of the RWF. Only on the basis of such a struggle, whether it is immediately victorious or not, can the RWF advance in winning the leadership of the UAW.

V. The Revolutionary Workers Faction affirms that it's fight to win the leader ship of the UAW will not be concluded with the UAW Convention in LA. The RWF is the only tendency within the UAW fighting for the interests of the masses of workers and the sole objective of the bureaucracy is to deepen their stranglehold over the workers. Thus the RWF will refuse to recognize the legitimacy of the decisions of this "convention" closed to the masses of autoworkers. It will open up a fight to win every local in the country to this stand, continue its fight to drive the traiters responsible for this attack on the autoworkers out, and organize a convention of the UAW open to the masses of autoworkers. VI. To facilitate this struggle the Conference will reinforce the Executive Committee of the RWF with the workers

leaders that have come forward in the struggle. It's next meeting will be

Lorrespondence:

HARPER-GRACE HOSPITALS

The last issue of REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKER, newspaper of the Revolutionary Worker Youth, reported on a meeting of Local 79 of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) union for Harper-Grace workers. In response to the resolution offered at this meeting by the RWY for Local 79 to break with the support to the "Ad Hoc Committee on Youth Crime" organized by the Democratic party administration of Mayor Coleman Young, an uproar followed in which the sergeant-of-arms appointed by the Local 79 tops led a barrage of redbaiting and threats against the proposal of the RWY. The latest meeting of Local 79,

however, was quite different, In the time between the meetings, Carter, as if to confirm the fight led by the RWY in Local 79, had revealed his profit-boosting, wage-cutting energy plan, cancelled his proposed rebate, and defeated the comon situs picketing bill in Congress. The Local 79 tops were very critical of Carter at this last meeting, even apologizing for the red-baiting and threats of the last meeting. Not, however, apologetic enough to allow the RWY's motion to reprimand the Sergeant of arms to come to the floor. Like every motion put forward from the floor of union meetings that the bureaucrats disagree with, it was ruled "out of order."

In fact, the Local 79 tops have not broken with support to the Democratic party, the party of the bosses choice, but rather are trying to contain and head off the break of the working class from the Democrats and their anti-worker program of "sacrifices," At the Hospital this break was expressed in the sales of RYW the week leading up to the union meeting -- 23 RYW's were sold -- and the support for the RWY's proposal to fight for AN IMMEDIATE WAGE INCREASE, TO ELECT A HOSPITAL COMMITTEE, and THROW OUT CORTZ AND CO. But the limits of this break from the bureaucrats and their mentors in the Democratic party was also expressed in the fact that a planned circle meeting of the Revolutionary Worker Youth did not come off before the union meeting in order to prepare the fight in it.

This is the key question before the young workers at Harper-Grace many of whom support the struggle of the RWY, yet at the same time hang back from the construction of an ORGANIZATION, from the necessity of building a party. It is only by building the circle of the RWY that a permanent struggle can be led and defended, and the same is true throughout society. The main means to go forward with the construction of the circle at Harper-Grace now is through the fight already begun for a revolutionary leadership of Local 79 and a mobilization against the attacks of the Hospital. By combining this struggle with the fight of the RWY against the Democratic party and its supporters and apologists in the workers movement, the broadest sectors of the Hospital workforce can be drawn in to support and join the struggle, including students and part-time workers, office workers, and nursing personnel. And at the same time, the construction of a circle at Harper-Grace would represent a very signifigant advance for the RWY and the struggle it is waging among auto workers, steel workers, and university READ! DISTRIBUTE! REVOLUTIONARY

YOUNG WORKER! BUILD THE CIRCLE OF THE RWY AT HARPER-GRACE HOSPITALS! David Heffelfinger

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

The workers at Wayne State University suffer some of the worst conditions possible. The most important of which is that in exchange for "professional" status (about which the militant young workers care very little), the WSU workers do not receive even a living wage. The strike last September, while rich in lessons for the WSU workers, did nothing to significantly increase wages, thanks largely to the betrayal of the union leadership head.

ed by Clifford Sheats. But the WSU workers have very quickly drawn the conclusion that the strike was a sell-out, and the union bureaucracy is respondsible. This has forced the Staff Association leadership to move very quickly to consolidate its hold over the membership. Thus their proposal for bureaucratic affiliation with the UAW and their position against the proposal of the Revolutionary Workers Faction to hold "a mass meeting of all the unions on campus with student representatives to form one central union on campus." (From the WORKING END, Staff Association newsletter, motion of the RWF). The same issue of the WORKING END contains a long rebuttal of the proposal of the Revolutionary Workers Faction by Larry Dishman which does not contain one sincere or true criticism, basically saying that the interests of workers in different unions on campus are not the same, and the workers have no choice because one central union of all workers on campus is not legal. The RWF-SA has demanded space in which to answer Dishman's article in the WORKING

militant young worker at WSU said that the proposal for ONE CENT-RAL UNION was the best proposal that could have been put forward after attending a union meeting that only 20 to 30 WSU workers attended, that tried to pass motions for a

Sergeant of arms and a dues increase. ontinuing a long policy of bureaucratic maneuvers, the Sheats leadership called a motion of the RWF, put forward under the discussion of union affiliation, out of order because Sheats didn't agree with it. The motion said: " We are against bureaucratic affiliation with the UAW, but must support the struggles of the autoworkers themselves. We propose to support the rally of autoworkers, lead by the Trotskyist Organization at Solidarity house on April 30, to throw out the strikebreaker Fraser, to bring the UAW Convention back to Detroit and to support Fred Vitale as President of

the UAW." The university is continuing its attack on the workers of all unions on campus. With the strong possibility of lay offs, the young workers at Wayne can not have patience with leaders like Sheats who would betray any struggle of the workers if somebody just called it "illegal". It is not enough to contest the right of these "leaders" to lead in words, but an independent mobilization of the WSU workers to fight to form one central union on campus, for a sliding scale of wages, where wages go up equal to the rise in prices and to stop all lay offs. In order to organize this fight the Revolutionary Workers Faction will run its own slate for leadership of the Staff Association and call for immediate elections.

Come to the meeting of the Revolutionary Workers Faction-Staff Association on Monday, May 2, NOON in the Scott Hall Cafeteria. Where Sheats will disarmus the face of the attack of the University and the government, we will take up the fight to OUST SHEATS, to build the Revolutionary Workers Faction. Ann Nelson

 Mobilize the workers against Carter, Coleman Young and the rest of the Democratic Party led govern ment of the company "" on this Parson's and Co. are silent.

2. Fight to throw the treacherous bureaucrats and their contract out of the UAW and its convention -- Parsons says this is impossible. He calls them "brothers. "

3. Fight to organize the workers in committees in the factories to defend their interests and lead their strikes. to sit-down, not walk-out -- Parsons says the bureaucrats can be pressured into defending the workers interests and leading their strikes. He sees no need for the workers to sit-down in

the plants and organize themselves. 4. Fight for workers' control of production; workers determination of the speed of production, hours, and the number of men on the job -- Parsons wants the Stamping workers to fight for chicken feed: "no penalties if a worker is going at a steady pace." Who

says what a steady pace is? 5. Unity with the autoworkers of Argentina, with the workers of Poland,

On this Parson's is silent. 6. Democracy -- on this Parsons is not silent. He's the most ardent advocate of shutting up anybody he disagrees with (except Willie Washington)

with a fist. It's for these objectives that the Trotskyist Organization is fighting to mobilize the masses of Stamping workers to take over the next meeting of their union.

JOIN THE FIGHT

Every revolutionary young worker who wants to lead the fight for this policy can begin by building his own organization -- the Revolutionary Worker Youth - to do so. Circulate TRUTH and REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKER. Organize a circle of revolutionary young workers to discuss this policy and draw up a plan to get all the other workers to support the candidates of the RWF, to bring the UAW Convention back to Detroit; a plan to bring the other workers out for the rally at Solidarity House and the RWF Conference; a plan to raise money

to send the RWF delegation to LA. And every autoworkers who agrees with this fight can support it by circulating the petition, coming out for the rally and the conference, and contributing to finance the delegation to LA. Come to the meeting of the Rouge Sector of the Revolutionary Worker Youth! Rally at Gate #10. All out

for Solidarity House! This is the way forward for the Rouge workers. This is the way forward for the workers across the country!

ENERGY CONT'D

Instead workers must take up their fight to build their own party independent of the Democrats. Not a "labor party" led by the bureaucrats as the centrists propose, but a party to lead the fight for nationalization of the oil industry under workers control, for the imposition of a sliding scale of wages and hours, for a workers government that will run society in the interests of the masses, not the select

The first step in this fight is to drive the Democratic Party and those who collaborate with it out of the labor movement. To add insult on insult, Carter has made plans to address the UAW Convention and to be present at a banquet to honor retiring Woodcock. Block the doors of the UAW Convention to this imperialist! Expel Woodcock and Fraser for class collaboration! Build a revolutionary leadership for the unions to make the bosses pay for their crisis. April 24, 1977.

ARGENTINA CONT'D

their struggle in order to bloc with the non-existent "democratic" bourgeoiste.

By this slogan the Hansen leadership of the SWP and his allies in Argentina wish to stop the workers from dealing the death blow to the dictatorship and constructing the party to lead this fight. In fact, their policy is to support the Videla dictatorship as the "lesser of evils" and in this fashion they also disarm the workers of North America as to the maneuvers behind Carter's campaign for "human rights."

But the continuing offensive of the Argentine workers, beginning with the strikes in the Cordoba auto plant and continued with the light and power workers, and as well the demonstrations against the kidnapping of Oscar Smith, show that the working class, contrary to Hansen and the SWP, is not defeated

nor resigned to the dictatorship. The "United Secretariat," with the SWP at its head in the Americas, tries to bind the Latin American proletariat to the "anti-imperialist" and "democratic" bourgeoisie which in fact are those agents of imperialism in South America who have always prepared

the coups of the military. And in North America, the SWP, through its campaigns for reforms and democratic rights within the framework of the institutions of the Democratic Party, such as NOW, the NAACP and Sadlowski, isolates the US workers within the stranglehold of the Democratic Party, the "democratic" bourgeoisie.

Only through the construction of the party of CLASS INDEPENDENCE against the centrist supporters of the "national" and "democratic" bourgeoisie can the workers of the Americas unite against their common enemy and continue its offensive to victory.

It is to build this party that the TO and RWY are preparing the Conference of Youth of the Two Americas in June. It is to win the young workers and militants in the Two Americas to the banner of Trotskyism, against its betrayors, for the youth to take the lead in the construction of this party.

This is our policy in the US and is what we propose as well to the workers of Argentina, and in particular the workers of Ford Cordoba, heros of the "Cordobazo" insurrection in 1989 as the basis for rebuilding the section of the Fourth International in Argentina.

The independent organization of the workers through the election of their own organs of power, the strike and factory committees. The organization of the general strike to impose the demands of the workers, to recall all those laid off, to demand a sliding scale of wages to match price inccreases. All with the objective to OVERTHROW THE VIDELA REGIME and install the WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT. It is with these objectives in mind that we struggle for the BOYCOTT OF VIDELA in the auto factories in the US.

But this policy can only be carried out by the Fourth International. We also propose to the militants of the SWP and the PST to take up a fight against the policy of your leaderships as the sole means to draw a real balance sheet of the defeats in Latin America and as the sole means to continue the combat.

Join us in common action to stop all support of US imperialism to the Videla regime and begin a fight to bring your factions of revolutionary young militants in your organizations to the Conference of Youth of the Two Americas. Take up the fight to RETURN TO LENIN against Hansen and Mandel, who today, have nothing in common with Bolshevism!

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