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JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL!



With their fists raised in the air, over 500 youth concluded the International Rally of Working Class Youth for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE held on July 9th at the Blau Grana-2 Stadium in Barcelona, Spain by singing the INTERNATIONAL in eight languages. From France, the United States, North Africa, Eastern Europe and all the regions and industrial centers of Spain, these youth were gathered together by the call of the Revolutionary Youth International to unite under the revolutionary objective of the Socialist United States of Europe, the first step in the world socialist revolution.

This Rally was a victory for the world working class youth who are fighting today to bring down the old order of imperialism and Stalinism. The Rally, the Resolution which it adopted (see pages 4-5) and the Second Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International which was held the next day, represented a revolutionary blow against world reaction, against the forces of Stalinism and imperialism. It is a victory for all those young workers in the US who supported and helped to build this Rally and a victory for all the youth in the US who stand with their brothers and sisters around the world in a revolutionary fight to bring down US imperialism.

The Rally took place just weeks after the phoney elections to a Cortes in Spain designed to give a "democratic" cover to the fascist monarchy. This Rally was a blow against all the Stalinists, Social Democrats and centrists in Spain and around the world who supported this farce, against the revolutionary workers in Spain. The Fourth International and the RYI stood alone in Spain, with the revolutionary workers, with the best fighters of the Spanish working class... (Continued on back)

Down with Stalinism - Enlarge the Inquiry Commission

By BARBARA PUTNAM

A new point has been reached in the struggle unleashed by the Revolutionary Youth International for the immediate liberation of all political prisoners and workers persecuted by the Stalinists in Poland, the USSR and the other countries of socialist conquests.

The Commission of Inquiry of the International Workers Movement into the Repression in Poland was successfully formed by 50 workers delegates and participants on June 24th in Paris on the anniversary of the Polish workers general strike, last year.

Around this same objective, the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International and the Trotskyist Organization are fighting to win American workers, militants, organizations and the trade unions to fight with us to stop the Stalinist repression.

Our struggle to free the imprisoned militants is not a simple act of "solidarity," which the American workers already spontaneously feel for their brothers and sisters imprisoned, tortured and fired from their jobs in Poland. Our fight is part of the struggle to prepare the socialist revolution, by uniting the workers in the Stalinist countries with the workers in the capitalist countries around the central objective of the Fourth International today; the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe.

It is part of our fight to denounce Carter and US imperialism's fraud of "human rights". Carter understands that American workers feel sympathy for the victims of Stalinism. But it isn't human rights that Carter is concerned about. He is first of all concerned with laying the basis for the intervention and the restoration of capitalism in Eastern Europe-- an objective of imperialism since the October Revolution of 1917.

At the same time he wants the workers to believe that Stalinism is the logical outcome of the workers struggle for power, that American democracy is the only real alternative to Stalinism. Our fight is thus a fight to expose this fraud of "human rights."

But Carter alone could not do this work. He has the assistance of the so-called "deStalinized" Communist Parties in Western Europe to help him. The Euro-Communists--Carillo of the Spanish CP, Marchais of the French CP, Berlinguer of the Italian CP represent an openly pro-capitalist faction of the international Stalinist apparatus. They criticize the Stalinist regimes in Eastern Europe only in order to further deepen their collaboration with the bourgeois regimes in Western Europe.

By identifying, along with Carter, the Stalinist regimes in Eastern Europe as the "dictatorship of the proletariat," the "Euro-Communists" seek to provide a cover in front of their own militants for their open capitulation and abandonment of the revolution in Western Europe.

Meanwhile, it is not accidental that not a single one of these "Euro-Communist" parties have lifted one finger or have engaged in one concrete action in defense of the Polish workers! Workers beware! There cannot be any greater danger than to think that these "Euro-Communist" parties have changed to even the smallest degree their Stalinist character, their anti-working class, counterrevolutionary character. Don't think that Santiago Carillo, of the Spanish CP, just because he prefers the flag of Franco to the flag of Moscow is any less Stalinist, is any less dangerous.

This is precisely the illusion consciously sown by the centrist Socialist Workers Party in the US. In page after page in their press they have begun a campaign to cover the real role of the "Euro-Communists", hailing Carillo's attack on the



Kremlin for example, as "a step towards socialist democracy." In doing so they provide a cover for the crisis of Stalinism, provide a cover for its counterrevolutionary policy throughout the world.

And once again, despite a lot of talk about the repression of the workers in Eastern Europe and in Poland in particular, have they lifted one finger, have they engaged in one concrete action in the defense of the Polish workers? No, they haven't.

Instead, they have become the foremost supporters of the reformist Stalinist wing of the bureaucracy inside Eastern Europe. Instead of basing themselves on the fight of the Polish workers themselves and their concrete defense against the bureaucracy, they have based their policy in Eastern Europe on those elements inside the bureaucracy, or reformist elements outside of the bureaucracy who have a policy of reform of Stalinism.

This is not to deny the often courageous stand taken by many of these oppositionists in Eastern Europe. But what must be clear, which the SWP consciously hides, is that these oppositionists, like the Committee to Defend the Polish Workers inside Poland have either a policy of reform and pressure on the Stalinist bureaucracy, or like Charter 77 side with the counter-revolutionary accords reached in Helsinki and demand their enforcement. The policy of the SWP is completely identical with theirs, which has nothing in common with the policy of the Fourth International.

The fight for the Commission of Inquiry, to enlarge the Commission and to win visas for the Commission to enter Poland and undertake its investigation is a central campaign of the Revolutionary Youth International because the fight of the RYI to build the world party is a world fight and this means to build the world party in Eastern Europe as well. Through this fight for the Commission, the RYI will demonstrate to the workers and youth in Poland and the workers and youth throughout the world that only the Fourth International can lead the fight against Stalinism to its conclusion.

American working class youth should join the fight of the RWY USA to build this Commission by fighting to get support in your factories, unions, schools and the support of other working class organizations. The fight against Stalinism is our fight, not Carter's. July 28, 1977

Our Platform and Theirs SWP an obstacle to "socialist education"

By MARGARET GUTTSALL

"What's the difference between you and the Socialist Workers Party?" A number of young workers considering joining the Trotskyist Organization's campaign in the Detroit elections against the capitalists' candidate, Coleman Young, have asked that question. So we're reprinting our Platform and theirs and a discussion of them to clarify this.

A PLATFORM OF COMBAT TO BUILD THE PARTY OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

This first point in our Platform is "BUILD THE PARTY TO LEAD THE WORKERS TO POWER." Our Platform in its entirety outlines the basic tasks in the construction of this party and the preparation of the working class for the seizure of power, the destruction of the capitalists' reactionary state apparatus, and the organization of the Workers Government. This preparation consists above all in INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION.

Why? Because the TRUTH is that there cannot be any resolution of the problems before the working class without overthrowing this rotten system, beginning with the corrupt government which is protecting it; without building the party of the working class necessary to lead this fight.

People will tell you that's unrealistic. But in fact it is the only realistic perspective there is.

THE SWP'S PLATFORM

The first points in the SWP's Platform are: JOBS, COST-OF-LIVING ESCALATOR CLAUSES, PUBLIC WORKS, DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS, ETC. Point #7 is: "the labor movement should organize its own political party based on the union" presumably to get points #1-6. Point #8 is: "Socialism-- a society that puts human needs before private profit, ending the exploitation working people suffer under capitalism."

Sounds very realistic. Very reasonable. We'll organize a political party of the labor movement, fight for all of these things, and someday we'll have socialism. All nice and peaceful-like.

But it won't work. A political party made up of the present-day "labor movement" based on the unions with the present-day "leadership" won't even fight for jobs, much less socialism, even the SWP's brand. The organization of such a party is in fact opposed to the independent organization of the working class against the capitalists AND THEIR AGENTS, above all the traitors who make up the "labor movement" and head up the unions.

Socialism will not just happen off in the future. The capitalists won't just give up power and a Workers Government won't arise full-blown on some predetermined day. It's the product of the REVOLUTIONARY struggle taking place today in which the workers' leadership is the determining factor. The Workers Government is being constructed today through the fight we are leading to form the revolutionary leadership of the working class and organize the masses of workers independently--in their strike committees, factory committees, workers councils-- of the capitalist class and its agents.

The SWP, its Platform, its campaign are an obstacle to organizing the working class in the Detroit elections for these tasks. It's not an accident that by reading this Platform a worker would get the impression that no one existed outside the continental United States. To bring in Latin America, Africa, or worse, Europe, would necessitate a discussion of imperialism, Stalinism and continued on page 7

Trotskyist Organization

1. BUILD THE PARTY TO LEAD THE WORKERS TO POWER! Down with Carter, Coleman Young and their police! With all capitalist politicians, parties and governments! For a government of workers councils!
2. BRING DOWN CARTER'S LAWS AGAINST THE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL--against the whole workers movement. Abolish the Voorhis Act. Stop S. 1536 and 1437! Complete freedom for the International in the US. Complete freedom to speak, assemble, and strike! Let the youth vote.
3. FIGHT FOR A SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. Complete freedom for the Spanish Section of the Fourth International. No support to the Francoist Cortes. Free the leaders of the Polish workers general strike. FOR A UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS.
4. HALT THE NAZI-KKK CAMPAIGN IN THE MIDWEST! ORGANIZE MASSIVE WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS TO DISARM THEM! Stop Carter's and Young's plans to disarm the workers. Down with all gun control laws.
5. JOBS FOR ALL, REBUILD THE CITIES AND STOP THE ATTACK ON THE DEMOCRATIC AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH, BLACKS, LATINOS, ARABS, WOMEN. Divide the work among all available to work. Retain a living wage. \$10 an hour. Wages to go up with prices. Organize committees in the factories to control production. Equal pay for equal work. End the probationary period. Full rights for new hires.
6. BUILD A REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP IN THE UNIONS! OUST THE BUREAUCRATS AND THEIR CONTRACTS! Transform the unions into organs of the oppressed masses, ONE CENTRAL UNION! Autoworkers, Steelworkers, Teamsters unite! Organize the unorganized. General strike.
7. Unite all workers and their organizations against the capitalists. Fight for an all-workers candidate on the basis of this Platform. For the right of all parties to be on the November ballot.

Socialist Workers Party

1. Jobs for all, by reducing the work week with no loss in pay,
2. Automatic cost-of-living escalator clauses in all wages, pensions, and welfare benefits so working people can keep up with inflation,
3. A massive public works program to rebuild the city, financed by the federal government from the billions presently spent on the war budget,
4. Defense of the rights of Blacks and women which are coming under increasing attack. These include:
 - a) the right to desegregated education in ALL schools,
 - b) affirmative action against discrimination in employment, No discriminatory layoffs,
 - c) the right of all women, regardless of age or economic status to safe, legal abortions and full maternity benefits,
5. The right of public employees to strike,
6. Opposition to increased police repression in the Black community under the pretext of combatting "youth gangs,"
7. The need for working people to counter the attacks on our rights and living standards led by the Democratic and Republican Party politicians in Washington, Lansing, and City Hall. Rather than giving support to these parties of big business, the labor movement should organize its own political party based on the unions,
8. Socialism-- a society that puts human needs before private profit, ending the exploitation working people suffer under capitalism.

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We, young workers, college and high school students, unemployed youth, apprentices, and revolutionary militants from France, the United States, Sweden, North Africa and Eastern Europe, as well as from different areas and industrial centers of Spain, have come together on July 9th in Barcelona in response to the call of the Revolutionary Youth International.

We are meeting under the banner of the struggle against imperialism and against the bureaucracy of the Kremlin, for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. We are meeting around this revolutionary objective with the goal of unifying and opening up a victorious outcome to the struggles that we have taken up with the working class of our countries against exploitation and capitalist oppression, against the regimes of terror of the bureaucracy, the usurper of the power of the workers in the USSR and the other countries of Eastern Europe. In the face of the unemployment which grows day by day in our countries, in the face of the deeper and deeper attacks against the conditions of life of the masses of workers, in the face of the decay of capitalism which has nothing more to offer the youth and humanity than a

future of misery, war and fascism; in the face of the intolerable oppression of the Stalinist bureaucracy which attacks the working class and the youth of Eastern Europe in order to make itself acceptable to imperialism.

WE DECLARE:
THERE IS NO OTHER HOPE FOR US,
YOUTH OF THE ENTIRE WORLD,
THERE IS NO OTHER FUTURE FOR
THE WORKING AND OPPRESSED
MASSES OF THE ENTIRE PLANET,
THAN THAT WHICH REPRESENTS THE
STRUGGLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
WORKING CLASS FOR ITS EMANCI-
PATION: THE WORLD SOCIALIST
REVOLUTION.

This is the real problem of the present mobilization of the working class and the youth, which from Lisbon to Warsaw, from one corner of the planet to another has shaken the world order of imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy, its regimes and governments.

With the Revolutionary Youth International and with the Fourth International we are meeting in Barcelona to demonstrate our determination to fight for the victory of this proletarian offensive; for the destruction of the

capitalist states in the West and for the re-conquest of the power of the working class in the East, to bring down Stalinism, for the power of the working class organized in its Councils.

FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! opening the door to the **WORLD REPUBLIC OF WORKERS COUNCILS!**

We affirm that this is the only realistic path, the only one which opens up hope for our aspirations and struggles for a decent life, for work and freedom. WE PROCLAIM THIS IN FRONT OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE WORKERS DEFEATS, TO THOSE SO-CALLED "COMMUNIST" AND "SOCIALIST" LEADERS, WHO IN REALITY DO NOT MERIT ANYTHING BUT THE NAMES STALINISTS AND REFORMISTS: THEIR POLICY OF COLLABORATION WITH THE BOURGEOISIE, OF "REFORM" OF THE CAPITALIST STATE, THAT THEY CALL "REALISM", IS STAINED BY THE BLOOD OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS FROM SPAIN IN '36 TO CHILE TODAY!

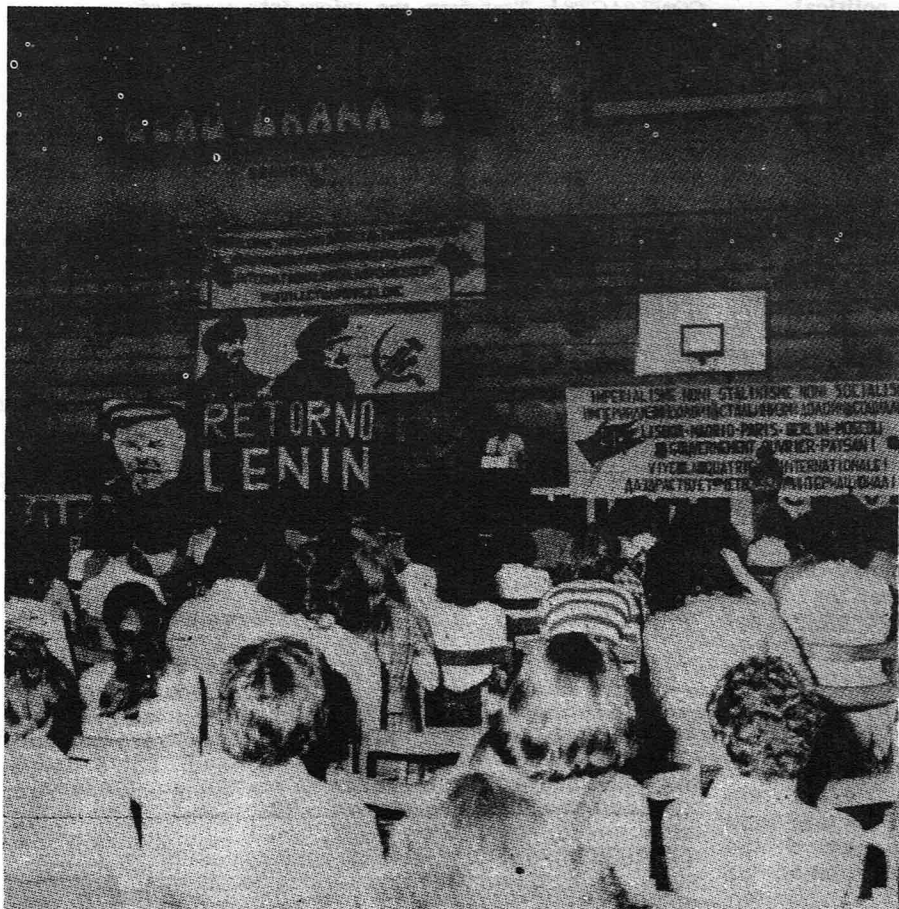
We affirm that more than ever, the victory of socialism can only be won through the revolutionary unity of the working class and the youth of East and West Europe against imperialism and Stalinism with its "peaceful coexistence" which is nothing more than a COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY HOLY ALLIANCE in order to maintain the existing anti-working class regimes and governments, in order to crush the struggle of the workers of the entire world and their conquests.

It is in the name of the revolutionary unity of our victory that we rise up against the repression against the working class and youth of Poland, Czechoslovakia, the USSR and the rest of Eastern Europe, a repression even more criminal and acceptable to the bourgeoisie, because it is realized in the name of our ideal: in the name of Socialism.

A repression whose objective is to crush the beginning of the political revolution. It is the same bureaucracy which a year ago massacred the strikers of Ursus and Radom in Poland, which extends its hand to our exploiters and supports them against the working class.

For this reason we salute the constitution of the COMMISSION OF INQUIRY OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MOVEMENT AGAINST THE REPRESSION IN POLAND which was formed on June 24th in Paris, at the initiative of the Revolutionary Youth International.

We promise to fight to enlarge this COMMISSION with delegates from our assemblies, our unions, our meetings, and to struggle and mobilize the entire working class and the youth in our countries for the ENTRY OF THE



UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

International Rally, Barcelona, Spain

COMMISSION INTO POLAND in order to demand;

- THE IMMEDIATE LIBERATION OF THE WORKERS, STUDENTS AND OPPOSITIONISTS JAILED BY THE GIEREK BUREAUCRACY,
- THE REHIRING OF ALL THOSE WORKERS FIRED,
- THE ANNULMENT OF THE PHONEY TRIALS AND PERSECUTIONS,
- TO FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REPRESSION WHICH FOLLOWED THE GENERAL STRIKE OF JUNE 24 AND ON THE BALTIC MASSACRES IN 1970,
- TO DEMAND THE PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND THE DISMANTLING OF THE STALINIST POLICE APPARATUS.

We have met in Barcelona in order to affirm our will to continue this revolution until its final victory. We have met in Spain, where the struggle of the workers and oppressed peoples against Francoism has brought the monarchical dictatorship of Juan Carlos to the edge of the cliff, where the entire international reaction, from Carter to Brezhnev, passing by the European bourgeoisie, with Giscard at the head, support the dictatorship for fear that its fall and the revolutionary eruption of the working masses will give a decisive step to the proletarian revolution, which is maturing through the many struggles of the workers and youth throughout Europe.

With the Revolutionary Youth International, with the Fourth International, which, alone, fought for the BOYCOTT of these elections, for the General Strike to bring down Francoism, we say:

ALL THESE LEADERS HAVE LIED, BETRAYED THE WORKING CLASS AND THEIR OWN MILITANTS; WITHOUT THEIR SHAMEFUL SUPPORT THE SUAREZ GOVERNMENT AND THE MONARCHY WOULD BE BURIED BY THE DETERMINATION OF THE WORKERS AND THE YOUTH, WHO ARE PREPARING TODAY FOR THE DECISIVE REVOLUTIONARY COMBATS.

With the Revolutionary Youth International and with the Fourth International, WE PROCLAIM that only a government of the workers themselves, a WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT, a product of its own mobilization to finish with Francoism, of its committees and councils, its militias, can satisfy the demands of the working masses and the youth, of the oppressed nationalities, by expropriating the bourgeoisie and taking apart its army and murdering police.

Since the phoney elections, which all the enemies of the working class have presented as "the coming of democracy," all our demands remain. Since the elections the first demand of the working class, THE LIBERATION OF ALL THE POLITICAL PRISONERS has not yet been satisfied.

For this reason, we, revolutionary youth gathered for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, decide to demonstrate with the Revolutionary Youth International and the Fourth International in front of the Modelo prison in order to demand the immediate liberation of our comrades, under the banner of the liberation of the oppressed of the whole world, the banner of the international socialist revolution, thus calling, in revolutionary action, the youth of all countries to join our combat.

DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM!
DOWN WITH STALINISM!

FORWARD TO THE SOCIALIST EUROPE OF THE WORKERS COUNCILS!

DOWN WITH THE FRANCOIST MONARCHY!
LONG LIVE THE SPANISH REVOLUTION,
THE BEGINNING OF THE EUROPEAN REVOLUTION!

TO FREE OUR COMRADES! ALL OUT TO MODELO!

July 9, 1977
Adopted, with 4 votes against and 14 abstentions.



DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF MODELO PRISON, BARCELONA

We promise as well to fight alongside our brothers in Eastern Europe to finish with the Stalinist bureaucracy, the enemy of the revolution;

FOR THE WORKING CLASS TO RETAKE POWER IN THE COUNTRY OF OCTOBER, WHERE, 60 YEARS AGO, THE RUSSIAN WORKERS AND PEASANTS SOVIETS, LED BY THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY OF LENIN AND TROTSKY, WON THE FIRST VICTORY OF THE WORLD SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!

Several weeks ago the Francoist monarchy organized phoney elections in order to legitimize the continuation of fascism. The leaders of the Spanish Communist Party and the Socialist Party, followed by many parties and groups which claim to represent the working class, called the workers to participate in these elections, to place their trust in the hangmen of the proletariat, in order for them to concede to the demands of the masses, to give them freedom.

AUTO: Avenge the murder of the Rouge workers

By MARGARET GUTTSALL

On July 6th, Grant Schneider, a 21 year old worker in the Specialty Foundry Department of Ford River Rouge asked permission to leave the line. He was sick from the heat which reached over 130° inside the plant. The foreman refused. Grant Schneider died from heat stroke later that day.

Two weeks later, two more workers, this time in the Stamping Plant were refused permission to leave and died from heat-related causes.

These are despicable crimes against the working class, reminiscent of the sweat shops or the cotton fields of the 1800's. The murder of these men must be avenged. Those responsible must be punished.

Already this battle has begun. Despite Ford Motor Company's threats to fire them, dozens of workers in these departments walked out, outraged at the fate of their brothers and determined to stop it from happening again.

Now all the most class conscious and militant workers are considering how to continue this fight. This needs careful thought because it is clear that the stake of the autoworkers in this struggle isn't simply the quality of their lives, but their lives themselves.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

What the leadership of the UAW, Fraser, Rinaldi, etc. might advocate isn't even worth considering. To date they haven't said a word. In fact, one of their supporters, when asked by a worker if they all had to just stand there as people dropped dead around them said: "Looks that way." Maybe they'll finally advocate sending letters to Washington or writing a grievance. Whatever pretense they do make of militancy will be for the sole purpose of buying some more time.

Nor has the Communist Party of the USA said a word.

What about the Maoists? The RCP and its group, "Time to Unite?" They issued a leaflet the day the Stamping workers died, demanded heat passes, no reprisals, organized a meeting and passed out black arm bands for everyone to wear the next day; the same thing they did when John Ellis was fired. Such tactics are suitable for blowing off steam and thus strengthening the hand of the bureaucrats, but not for MOBILIZING the masses of workers to resolve the problems.

And the Socialist Workers Party? While we haven't yet seen any specific statement from them it is safe to assume they stand on their statement in the last issue of their paper in an article on the Rouge: "We need a good contract, but even more, we need a strong union leadership to see to it that the contract is enforced." (THE MILITANT, July 22, 1977)

No. The best contract in the world and the strongest leadership in the world won't resolve the problems before the autoworkers.

The only way to avenge the murder of Grant Schneider, of the workers in the Stamping plant is to organize the socialist revolution and its leadership beginning with the fight to organize the masses of workers to control production in the factories and oust the class collaborationists Fraser, Rinaldi and Co. from their posts at the head of the UAW.

Grant Schneider and the Stamping workers are but three casualties in the war that the capitalist class and their President, Jimmy Carter are waging on the working class. Carter himself just sent a memo to

Congress proposing to knock out the few teeth the Occupational Health and Safety Law does have. There will be no peace for the working class until this murderous system is wiped off the face of the earth.

To prepare the working class to take power into its own hands, its own independent organization is the most important. Workers can take this struggle forward at the Rouge by organizing the workers in assemblies and electing committees in the plant to control production. With such a struggle, crimes like the murder of Grant Schneider will be stopped. This is the first step in the preparation of a plant occupation to force the company to cede to the workers demands.

No progress can be made with Fraser, Rinaldi and Co. at the head of the UAW. They must be brought up on charges for their part in the murder of the Rouge workers and removed from office. Their collaboration with Ford Motor resulted in these deaths.

To lead this fight the construction of the Workers Party and its faction in the UAW is necessary. This battle is being taken up by the Trotskyist Organization. This is the battle being waged by the RWY of the USA an independent organization open to every young worker who wants to organize the socialist revolution and build its party.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

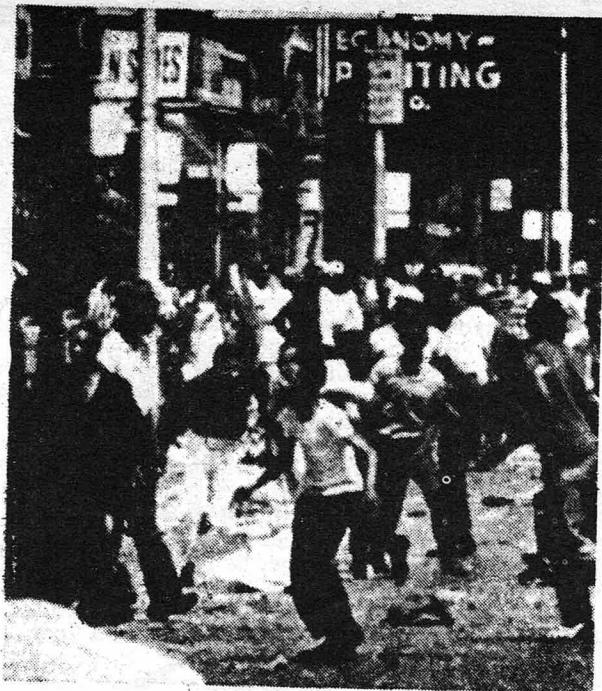
It is not an accident that neither the Communist Party, nor the Maoists of the RCP and "Time to Unite", nor the SWP is waging this fight. These organizations must also be held responsible for the death of these workers, above all the SWP.

Less than 10 days before Grant Schneider died, when over 900 Stamping Plant workers indicated they wanted to strike to win their demands, when dozens were for throwing the reactionary leadership of the Stamping unit out, and the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth were fighting to organize this struggle, the Maoists issued a leaflet calling for the workers to once again beg the bureaucrats for strike authorization, slandering the Trotskyist Organization and backing up the bureaucrats threats to keep the TO and RWY out of the union by force.

They were true to their words. We found them with the UAW's 40 man goon squad that kept us out of the meeting (See TRUTH #53). Instead of a strike being organized at that meeting, which would have prevented these deaths-- it was a shambles. And every class conscious worker walked out in disgust.

But the most advanced workers have come to expect "Time to Unite" to take this place in the class struggle at the Rouge.

The highest medal for treachery must go to the SWP. Precisely because so many workers through their own experiences and with the Trotskyist Organization had come to see that "Time to Unite" was nothing but left-talking agents of the bureaucrats, the SWP, in the person of Al Duncan came in to patch things up. At every point Duncan supported "Time to Unite" and the bureaucrats against the TO and RWY. All the while claiming to be a Trotskyist. Without the SWP, the bureaucrats and the Maoists could not have kept their control over the workers and blocked the strike. Workers wouldn't have been forced to work in that heat. About these things we hear nothing in Duncan's last article in THE MILITANT. Dishonest.



These deaths are as much on the hands of the SWP as they are on the hands of Ford Motor and the UAW bureaucracy. This is all the more reprehensible since the SWP claims to represent our party, the FI.

Because of the treachery of these leaderships, some aspects of which many workers fully grasp, other aspects of which they still only just sense, many workers are rejecting leadership altogether. They say they're only interested in actions on immediate issues, "plant" issues, coalitions for this purpose. They don't want to get involved in politics or political parties. This is false. Avoiding the fundamental questions before the American working class can only strengthen the position of the traitors. Actions and coalitions are only temporary and conjunctural. A permanent combat is necessary.

There is one party at the Rouge which has never betrayed the workers struggle. Our party. There is one independent organization of revolutionary young workers that hasn't either; the Revolutionary Youth International.

Avenge the murder of the Rouge workers. Join the RWY. Build circles of revolutionary young workers in every plant.
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Platform

revolution. It would give workers an impression that there was a tremendous conflict going on in the world, which they had a stake in and must prepare to win, something which the SWP opposes.

THEORY

The SWP justifies this policy with a spontanaist, opportunist theory according to which the workers must go through a whole series of bad experiences to learn that capitalism and Stalinism are rotten. Once going through this experience the workers will see the light, come to the revolutionary party, and when there are

enough, make a revolution. For this reason the SWP tells the workers to fight for a whole series of things in its Platform that it KNOWS are nonsense--like trying to get the largest imperialist power in the world to stop spending money on arms, (Point #3). While the SWP perhaps whispers a few "socialist ideas" in their ears as they go through a whole series of fruitless experiences.

This theory is like that of a mother, who, in order to teach her child that ovens are hot, takes the child to the stove and puts its hand on the burner, saying, "see, ovens are hot!"

What must one conclude about such a mother? What must one conclude about such a party?

In fact, workers don't automatically follow the reformists and Stalinists until they get their hands burned and they don't automatically come to the Fourth International when they do. It's the political struggle of our party which determines the course of the workers movement. This is what we say in the first line of our Program.

THE NATURE OF OUR DIFFERENCES

Our difference is not a question of words, it is not a question of our Platform being "better." These differences are only the expression of the different places we have in the class struggle. On the international scale our party is fighting to organize the working class and lead it to power, to smash the Stalinist apparatus that stands in the way of this.

The SWP is not. They continually strengthen the stranglehold of the reformists and Stalinists over the workers. For example, they try to give the impression that Carillo, the miserable leader of the Spanish CP, who has made some criticisms of the Kremlin for the sole purpose of keeping his grip on the Spanish workers, has broken with the Stalinist apparatus on "international questions" and may do so completely. (INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS, July 18, 1977). They want the workers in Spain to follow him.

The same in the US. The revolutionary organization of workers in Detroit to build their own party to lead them to power against Coleman Young and Co. is a threat to the Stalinist apparatus. Thus the SWP comes into the electoral picture in order to sow confusion, to pretend that Stalinism doesn't even exist. It's why they expel the real Trotskyists from their meetings and side with the bureaucrats and the Stalinists against us at Ford River Rouge.

But it's not working. Who wants a party who'll let you burn your hand and then says "I knew along it would happen?" In Spain, the number of votes its "sister" organization got was negligible. Last fall it didn't get any more votes in the US Presidential elections than it did 4 years before. In municipal elections in LA and Oakland, against black, liberal Democrats, they have done very poorly.

Although the SWP is more than 100 times our size, our influence among young auto and steelworkers in Detroit is 100 times greater. Influence is determined by a revolutionary policy, not press coverage in the bourgeois media.

We have less resources than the SWP and did not get enough signatures in time to get on the official ballot for the primary. But we are going to continue to fight for our candidate and Platform through a write-in vote, because it is still the only revolutionary alternative for the working class and youth in Detroit. We can't ask workers to vote for the SWP, not because we disagree with this or that point, but because their entire policy is designed to confuse and disorganize the young workers. It is an obstacle to their "socialist education."

For the militants of the SWP/YSA who want to change this policy, we ask them to take up a fight for our Platform in their organization, and in return, we are ready to support ANY candidate of ANY workers organization who will fight for this Platform.
July 28, 1977

JOIN THE RYI!

for a BOYCOTT of these elections and for the organization of the General Strike to overthrow the monarchy.

The Barcelona Rally confirmed that only this revolutionary objective responded to the aspirations of the best fighters of the Spanish working class and that only the RYI and the Fourth International could unite in the heart of Spain, a revolutionary Rally of youth from all over the world, for the Socialist United States of Europe.

This was proven by the fact, that a half an hour after the Rally, for the first time in Spanish history, youth from all over the world demonstrated in front of the doors of the Modelo Prison demanding the liberation of all the political prisoners, under the slogans: Down With the Monarchy! Prisoners in the Streets, Fascists in the Jails! and Long Live the Fourth International! This was the first result of the Rally--to take up a struggle in all of the workers struggles with the perspective of the Socialist United States of Europe.

As Anibal Ramos, speaking in the name of the Central Committee of the PORE, Spanish Section of the FI, said to the Rally: "Comrades: a revolutionary leadership is what is needed to turn the entire country towards the proletarian revolution. And the forces are here; the first are among you, IT IS YOU."

American workers-- The revolution is present in the US, it is felt everyday, the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe is also our fight.

Jon Cohen, who brought the greetings of the Revolutionary Worker Youth/USA to the Rally said: "Despite the fact that we live on the other side of the ocean, the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe is also our fight. We don't have to live in Europe to understand how US imperialism is trying to crush the European revolution. This is part of our daily experience, because in order to crush you in Europe, Carter and US imperialism must crush the working class in the US."

While he is building his neutron bombs and cruise missiles to drown the European working class in blood, Carter says to US workers: "There are many things wealthy people can afford and poor people can't... that's life." That's indeed what "life" means for the US bourgeoisie--luxury for the rich, and starvation for the workers and poor.

"Life" today in the US means the exploitation of the working class. On the basis of the speedup, the layoffs, the attack on working conditions, the US has now become a haven for foreign capitalist investment-- the US workers are now the most "productive" (exploited) of all the advanced capitalist countries.

The American workers who are today organizing their revolution are doing so for the same reasons that their brothers and sisters in Europe are: this system of capitalism and Stalinism, this so-called "life" of the rich and the bureaucrats can no longer be tolerated.

The world revolution is present in the US today. The 31,000 miners who today are on strike in West Virginia and Kentucky in defiance of the government and their leadership, the miners in Stearns, Kentucky who are fighting with guns for the right of their union to exist, the masses of autoworkers who have struck over and over again against their national contract, the telephone workers, the city workers in Detroit, Atlanta, New York are ready to take their place in the world struggle against imperialism and Stalinism.

On the 10th anniversary of the Detroit ghetto rebellion, we declare that a new rebellion is being prepared-- a conscious, organized rebellion of the working class and its youth in the United States as part of the world rebellion of the working class. This time, not an isolated, spontaneous outburst, a protest, but a confrontation of the classes led by the world party of the socialist revolution, the Fourth International. The time is at hand for the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International to organize this struggle.

The Rally in Barcelona declared: "There is no other hope for us, youth of the entire world, no other future for the working and oppressed masses of the entire planet than that which is represented by the struggle of the international working class for its emancipation: the world socialist revolution."

We are no longer saying: "FOR the socialist revolution." ORGANIZE IT.

For hope. For the future. Join the Revolutionary Youth International and organize its fight.
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