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YOUNG WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY!

Unite with the GM strikers!

All out for the Ford River Rouge Stamping unit meeting to elect a Strike Committee and oust the bureaucrats!

Since the Trotskyist Organization and militant Stamping workers stopped the attempt of Rinaldi and Washington -- leaders of the largest UAW local in the country -- to overturn the workers strike vote with a rump union meeting, dozens of young workers have joined the fight to mobilize the masses of workers for the next union meeting to elect a strike committee, throw out the conniving strikebreakers, and prepare a strike.

The Trotskyist Organization and militant Stamping workers fought to win the participation of other organizations at Ford River Rouge which claim to represent the workers against the Big 4, Carter Carter, Coleman Young and the UAW bureaucrats, in particular that of the so-called Revolutionary Communist Party, the organizer of "Time-to-Unite."

After a series of maneuvers designed to confuse and placate the workers and their own members, the leaders openly refused. Thus a number of young workers decided to join the Revolutionary Youth International and build the Trotskyist Organization and its Revolutionary Workers Faction in the UAW, the only party fighting to organize and lead this struggle.

The development of this struggle warrants the attention of every worker and militant in the US, above all those in auto. Only the decisive political action of autoworkers in the most powerful plant and local in the country and the formation of a revolutionary leadership from among them, can assure the victory of the workers offensive against the Carter regime. Isolated and without a revolutionary leadership to fight for its interests, the workers cannot win.

Every young worker must unite with the 4800 GM workers who have just walked off the job by taking up a resolute political fight to organize meetings in his department to mobilize everyone for the next Stamping Unit meeting to elect a strike committee

and oust the bureaucrats. Revolutionary young workers in the Stamping Plant are beginning these meetings with a discussion of the resolution for the union meeting and concluding with a vote and the organization of delegations to the rally at Local #600 and the union meeting. Delegations to the Dearborn Assembly Plant, the Mack Avenue Stamping Plant, and the Socialist Workers Party are being organized with the same objective.

Only such a political fight to organize within the factories and centralize this offensive in this rally can assemble and forge the leadership necessary to assure victory.

It is the political and organizational strength of this leadership, not its numerical strength, which will be decisive. Thus, in the preparation of these meetings, it is necessary to wage a resolute struggle to win the honest and sincere militants away from the conciliationist grouping -- at this point composed only of Jim Rothe, some militants of the Arab workers caucus, and the Socialist Workers Party and its supporters -- developing at the Rouge. This grouping, while claiming to support the struggle of the Trotskyist Organization and the masses of workers, seeks conciliation with the Stalinist leaders of the RCP and "Time-to-Unite" and its policy of collaboration with the bureaucrats, of slander and attacks against workingclass and revolutionary militants.

It is necessary to wage a fight with honest and sincere militants to take their place in the practical organization of the fight, to demonstrate that their leaders prefer unity with the Stalinists and the bureaucrats to unity with the revolutionary young workers fighting to organize and lead the masses. Concessions to conciliationists can only strengthen the position of the Stalinists and consequently that of the bureaucrats, the company and its police. They're

all agree that the workers aren't ready to strike, that revolutionary young workers must hide and "lay low," and above all that the militants of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Workers Youth must not be permitted to fight to organize and lead the workers struggles in their union meetings.

Their "analyses" and "positions" serve only to cover the fact that they are not willing to organize and lead the workers struggles!

Young workers! On the outcome of this struggle at Ford River Rouge depends the outcome of the entirety of the current workers' offensive. Join it!
RESOLUTION

We, autoworkers of the UAW resolve to:
I. Proceed immediately to the election of a strike committee;

II. Charge this strike committee with:
1. the organization of our fight to
-- REHIRE JOHN ELLIS!
-- WIN AN IMMEDIATE REDUCTION OF WORKLOADS! THE RECALL OF ALL LAID-OFF WORKERS!
-- FULL RIGHTS FOR NEW HIRES!

2. the organization of delegations to other plants and locals in preparation of a general assembly of Rouge workers to prepare a sitdown.

3. the organization of a fight throughout the UAW to take over the special fall convention, oust Fraser, and transform it into a general assembly to prepare a general strike and build one central union against Carter's attack.

4. the organization of a delegation to the meeting of the International Workers Commission of Inquiry against the repression of the leaders of the Polish workers general strike.

III. Elect James Williams, member of the Revolutionary Worker Youth and the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW, to chair the rest of the union meeting to insure that our decisions are carried out without the usual stalling and sabotage from Willie Washington and Mike Rinaldi.

SAY NO TO THE CONCILIATORS!

ORGANIZE MEETINGS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT

RALLY JUNE 12 NOON

UAW LOCAL #600 HALL, DIX & WYOMING, DETROIT

Defense guard meets at the RWY headquarters June 11, noon

Questions & Answers

To better arm the militants of the Revolutionary Worker Youth and the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW, all the young workers now fighting to realize the revolutionary policy of the Trotskyist Organization, we are publishing the questions most often asked of us and the answers we've given. Send us your comments, questions, and answers. The working class must know the TRUTH!

WHAT IS A STRIKE COMMITTEE?

Question: I could be for a strike committee, but I don't really know what it is. Why does the Trotskyist Organization think it's so important?

Answer: The Trotskyist Organization is fighting to assemble the masses of workers at the Rouge to elect a committee of the workers representatives to organize and lead their strike to win their demands. This is what a strike committee is. Only such an independent organization can insure the confidence of the workers and prepare the actual occupation of the plant and its defense. The bureaucrats will only sabotage the fight. That's why all the tendencies, like the Stalinists of the RCP and "Time-to-Unite," which claim to represent the workers but in fact back the bureaucrats are so opposed to the election of a strike committee. Similarly, the conciliationist tendencies, like the SWP, claim to be for strike committees but won't take the necessary political practical steps to insure their formation.

HOW CAN JAMES WILLIAMS BE DEFENDED?

Question: I support your fight and I'm against the threats of "Time-to-Unite" against James Williams, but wouldn't it be best not to make a big deal out of it and lay low for awhile? Or -- I'm against it too, but they've backed off now. Why not let bygones be bygones?

Answer: The only way to defend ourselves is to continue our political fight, give these attacks the widest publicity possible, and actually organize a workers defense guard. They attack to stop us from mobilizing the workers against the bureaucrats and imperialists. "Laying low" will only encourage them. Precisely because we deepened our fight they were forced to claim they never threatened James, they were forced to back off. But they'll be back again. The leaders of the Revolutionary Communist Party and "Time-to-Unite" are left-talking advocates of the Kremlin's policy of peaceful coexistence with -- that is the violent subordination of the working class and its militants to -- imperialism. The working class must know the TRUTH about them. They think its "time-to-unite" with the bureaucrats against the workers and revolutionaries. They support the assassination of Trotsky. We don't. To let bygones be bygones is to abandon that fight and disarm the workers.

WHY SHOULD THE WORKERS DEFEND THE TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN UNION MEETINGS?

Question: I support your policy, but I don't understand why you insist on participating in union meetings, whether you are UAW members or not. Wouldn't it be better, in the interests of unity, to just leave this fight to your members and supporters who are UAW members?

Answer: We want to participate in union meetings because we want to organize the workers struggle to throw out the rotten leaders and form a leadership they trust. We want to organize the working class and lead it to power. To concede to the bureaucrats, Stalinists and centrists on this question is to concede to their continuing to lead and in fact destroy the UAW. If they really wanted UAW members to be at UAW meetings, they'd organize a fight to recall the thousands of workers who've been laid off, the hundreds who've been fired. Instead, they're inviting Jimmy Carter and dozens of other imperialist politicians to union meetings. Ted Kennedy was just made an honorary member. And if the Stalinists and the SWP don't make a fight to get into union meetings, except to make occasional speeches to ask the workers to support them for public office, it's because that's OK with them too. The question of who attends union meetings isn't a question of abstract right. It's a question of what the working class needs -- Trotskyists, not imperialists!

Where the Socialist Workers Party stands

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

The Socialist Workers Party hasn't yet taken a public stand on our fight to build a party to lead the working class to power for an all workers candidate for Detroit Mayor with this objective. But they have responded to our fight to mobilize the workers to elect a strike committee and oust the bureaucrats from the Stamping Unit of UAW Local #600, to defend James Williams, a young worker leading this fight at the Rouge, against the Stalinist attacks, with the organization of a workers defense guard.

We think their response warrants the attention of every worker and militant, especially the workingclass militants of the Socialist Workers Party, for its a clear expression of the contradiction between what the SWP claims to fight for and what it practices, and the way in which it attempts to cover up this contradiction by blaming the working class.

The SWP claims to fight against the imperialists, the bureaucrats and the Stalinists to build a party to lead the working class to power. In fact its forming a pressure group to reform them and try to stop the young workers and revolutionaries fighting to rid the world of these parasites. To justify this it says the workers aren't ready. But if the working class isn't entirely ready to build its party to lead it to power, its above all because of all these false leaderships constantly attempting to make it waste its energies elsewhere.

Mack Warren, organizer of the Detroit branch told me their supporters would tell the workers to go to the union meeting, but that they would fight for nothing else. I asked him what they planned to do to prepare a strike and rid the union of the bureaucrats who are also telling workers to go to the union meeting and overturn the strike vote. He said the workers didn't want a strike and they didn't want to throw out the bureaucrats.

Similarly, he said that the SWP was interested in talking to the union bureaucrats, the CP, and had already talked to a member of Time-To-Unite with the objective of putting pressure on the RCP to stop its threats against James Williams. When I asked him what it intended to do about mobilizing the masses of young workers and organizing a defense guard, he said nothing because this wasn't serious and the young workers weren't key.

Finally, he affirmed that the SWP was indeed building a party. I asked him how he was going to build a party to lead the working class to power without the young workers and with all these bureaucrats, Stalinists and liberals around him. He said, "We'll do it ourselves. The majority of workers are for the Democratic Party anyway."

It's very clear from this, all claims to the contrary, what kind of party the SWP is building. If you train militants to go to union meetings and sit on their hands, if you train militants to run around begging bureaucrats, Stalinists, and centrists to defend fighting workers, then you get a party that either passively supports or actively attempts to reform these misleaders. You definitely do not get a Leninist party to lead the working class to power.

The workingclass militants of the Socialist Workers Party must take up a fight for the Detroit branch to join the TO in this fight, present a common candidate for Detroit Mayor with this objective. They must take up a fight for the Detroit Branch to reconsider the stand that its taken in the fight at Ford River Rouge and in the UAW.

This is the only way to begin to regroup the proletarian wing against the attacks of the leadership and its supporters!

Trotskyist Candidate for Detroit Mayor says



Revolutionary young workers at Ford River Rouge and Great Lakes Steel must take up the fight to build a Party to lead the working class to power!

By JON COHEN

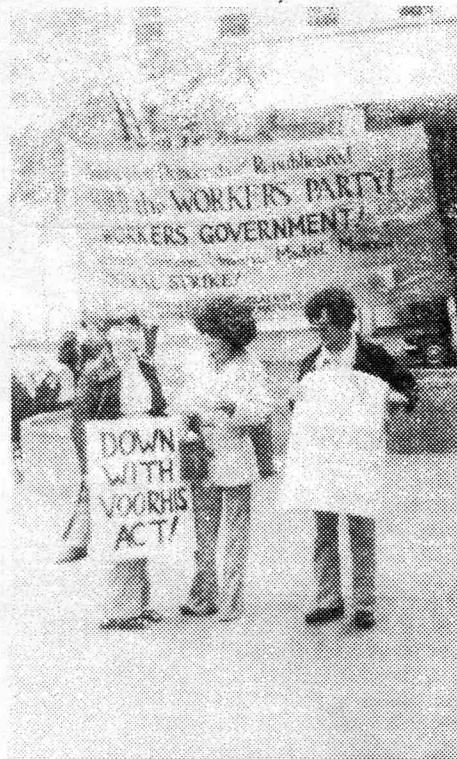
At Ford River Rouge and Great Lakes Steel in Detroit, many young workers have joined the Trotskyist Organization in the struggle to renew the leadership of the working class in the trade unions. We've made a lot of progress in this in the last weeks. This has been expressed in the reinforcement of the National Committee of the Revolutionary Worker Youth and the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW.

But it is necessary to go further. It is necessary to take up a conscious fight to renew the leadership of the whole workers movement, to build a PARTY to lead the working class to power, to destroy the capitalists' government and organize the workers government. This is what we mean when we say RETURN TO LENIN! This was his fight. This was the Bolsheviks fight.

WHY ?

In every struggle that the workers have taken up, even for the most minimal demands, they've found themselves confronted with the imperialist lackeys, their apparatus, and the imperialists themselves. Last week workers at the Rouge were disciplined for just passing out leaflets. Militants of the TO were arrested sometime ago for the same thing. This was upheld by the courts. Coal miners in Kentucky are organizing a union and are set upon by thugs who are also defended by the courts. The same thing happened to Puerto Ricans rallying for independence in Chicago last week.

Thus only a party forged in the workers combat and composed of those revolutionary young workers who are willing, planning and organizing to destroy the imperialists apparatus and organize the workers government can lead the workers struggle for the most minimal demands. This is a Leninist party.



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This is a Bolshevik party. Every party not organized on this basis backs off when confronted by the imperialists. And, obviously, only such a party can lead the workers in finishing with the imperialists and their system once and for all.

This is an immediate question, not one for the future. The young workers must take up this fight with the Trotskyist Organization by building an inde-

pendent mass organization of the Revolutionary Workingclass youth -- the Revolutionary Youth International -- with this objective. An organization open to every young worker who wants to build a party to lead the working class to power whether he agrees with everything else we stand for or not.

No one else will. Certainly not the Republican and Democratic Parties -- Jimmy Carter, Coleman Young and Co. They belong lock, stock and barrel to the imperialists --

Certainly not the agents of the Kremlin in the US, the Communist Party/USA. They claim to stand with Lenin and the socialist revolution, but they're trying to waste the workers energies with reforming the Carter regime while disorganize the workers strikes.

Certainly not the Socialist Workers Party. They claim to represent our party, the Fourth International, in the United States, but they keep asking the bureaucrats to organize a labor party, and they've just came out against the struggle of the workers in steel to organize a strike to win their demands. No. Only the revolutionary young workers, only the Trotskyist Organization. We're fighting to rally every young worker who wants to build this party to lead the working class to power, to organize a workers government in the US, and throughout North and South America at the headquarters of the US Section (Sympathizing) of the Revolutionary Youth International. We're going to map out our campaign to do this.

My campaign for Detroit Mayor is a key tactic to rally workers through Detroit and the country to this cause. Every young worker, especially those at Ford River Rouge and Great Lakes Steel, join the Revolutionary Worker Youth and take up the fight to build the party. Its the only way to take our struggle forward.

DOWN WITH CARTER & COLEMAN YOUNG! JOIN THE RYI!
RALLY JUNE 26, 1PM at RWY HEADQUARTERS!

By JON COHEN

The Revolutionary Youth International is preparing its Second Congress with a mass rally of workingclass youth from all over the world in Barcelona, Spain on July 9th for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. The struggle for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE is the central political objective of the Revolutionary Youth International in its fight to RETURN TO LENIN, to build the leading party of the working class, the Fourth International, which alone can organize the successful struggle for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, for the workers revolution.

Members of the Revolutionary Worker Youth of the US, the US arm of the Revolutionary Youth International, and young workers who support our struggle but are not yet members, are asking us, "What does the Socialist United States of Europe mean for my struggle here? Why should we go to Barcelona, isn't our place in the US?" And everyday in the factories the Stalinists of "Time to Unite" and the centrists of the Socialist Workers Party are putting pressure on them saying, "workers don't know how to read, they can't read your paper, and anyway, they don't give a damn about what is going on in Spain or Europe."

This already gives you a clue as to the importance of the Socialist United States of Europe and Barcelona. There must be something revolutionary about it if the Stalinists and centrists are so opposed to it. Aren't these the same people who say that the workers in auto or steel aren't ready to strike and that we have to pressure the bureaucrats to win our demands? Aren't these the same people who say we have to "lay low" and hide from the capitalists and the trade union bureaucrats? And aren't these the same people who say that the way to combat the violence of the Stalinists is to win the support of the trade union bureaucrats and "liberal personalities"?

"Time to Unite" and the SWP are opposed to the struggle for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE and the fight to build the world party because their policy at the Rouge is party of their WORLD policy -- they oppose the workers revolution throughout the world. The RWY is going to Barcelona as a way of fighting these people, not only at the Rouge, but throughout the world.

Our fight in the US depends on the outcome of this struggle and we can insure its success. The preparation of the European revolution is at the center of this fight because it is in Europe where the working class has gone the furthest in its revolutionary mobilization. The struggles of the workers in France, Spain, Italy, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and the USSR demonstrates that it is the working class in Europe -- both East and West which is most prepared today to deal a decisive blow against imperialism and Stalinism.

It is not only because the working class is the most advanced in Europe. Europe is at the center of our fight

The RYI is mobilizing working-class youth for the Socialist United States of Europe for the working-class youth in the



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because it is in Europe -- East and West, that the international apparatus of the Kremlin is the strongest. Stalinism -- whether the brutal police repression of the bureaucracy in the USSR or Eastern Europe or the more "subtle" betrayals of the Western Communist Parties under the name of "Euro-Communism" is the chief obstacle to the workers revolution -- in Europe, in the US and throughout the world. But it is in Europe where the workers must deal Stalinism its death blow.

For us, the Socialist United States of Europe means one thing, which is just as important for workers in the US as in Europe. It is the struggle to fuse, to unite, the social and the political revolutions which are on the order of the day in Europe.

What is the social revolution? The social revolution is the revolutionary overthrow by the working class of CAPITALISM, the social order in the countries of Europe -- Spain, France, Italy, etc., that, like in the US are ruled by the bourgeoisie, the capitalist class. Throughout Europe, this is what the workers are fighting for through their strikes, assemblies, plant occupations, demonstrations -- to get rid of once and for all the rotting system of capitalism.

What is the political revolution? The political revolution is the revolutionary overthrow by the working class of the STALINIST BUREAUCRACY, the ruling

clique in Eastern Europe, the USSR, Cuba and China. In these countries the working class has already led a social revolution -- they have overthrown capitalism. But in order to insure and develop these socialist conquests it is necessary to organize a revolution against this Stalinist bureaucracy, which can't be reformed and which is strangling the working class.

The struggle for the Socialist United States of Europe is the fight to unite these struggles, into one common struggle of the workers in Europe and around the world against both imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy, into one, united federation of the working class. This is our revolutionary objective, which only the Fourth International is fighting for.

As long as the Stalinists continue to make bloody deals with the imperialists in Europe -- to keep the fascist dictatorship in place in Spain, to keep alive the bourgeoisie in France and Italy, and to isolate the workers in Eastern Europe and the USSR from their fellow workers in the rest of Europe, the Stalinists in the US will continue to have a breath of life. As long as they are continuing to strangle the workers in Europe they can tell the workers in the US that it is necessary to reform the Democratic Party or to pressure the trade union bureaucrats. They can continue to try to hold back workers strikes and they can continue to try to block the workers in

Mass youth from all over the world Europe -- What does this mean in the US?

the US from joining with their fellow workers around the world. The Stalinists are not only the central obstacle to the workers revolution in Europe, to the Socialist United States of Europe, but they are the central obstacle to the workers revolution in the US as well. At a recent National Council meeting of the American CP, Gus Hall, their National Secretary declared, "the course of the Carter regime is not irreversible" and called for a mass campaign of "left and center forces" (the left wing of the Democratic Party) to "pressure" the Carter government. But for the masses of unemployed youth in this country, the workers in Latin America suffering the military dictatorships, Carter's government is indeed "irreversible" and the Stalinists are trying to show the illusion that it can be reformed only in order to prevent their revolutionary mobilization.

Once the Stalinists are crushed in Europe, when the workers revolution smashes them in Europe, it will be a different ballgame in the US. This doesn't mean that in the US we stop our fight against the Stalinists and wait for the European revolution. The opposite is true. It means that everyone of our actions against the Stalinists, even the smallest, must today be seen as part of the fight to unleash and defend the European revolution and to build the world party in the US that can do this.

Finally, this leads us into why the RYI is holding its rally in Barcelona, Spain. Spain today is at the center of the European revolution and is at the same time the center of the counter-revolutionary plot of the imperialists and the Stalinists. While the working class is waging massive strikes against the fascist dictatorships, the fascists, with the aid of the Stalinists are preparing another civil war, under the cover of their phony "democratic elections." A massive demonstration of workingclass youth from all over the world in Barcelona for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, will be a revolutionary action against both imperialism and Stalinism. It will be a revolutionary demonstration to the Spanish working class that the revolutionary youth from all over the world are with their combat against imperialism and Stalinism. And it is in Spain, where the Fourth International is the strongest today, that we have the most decisive chance of destroying Stalinism in Spain -- to begin to deal it a crushing blow throughout Europe.

Now we have more than a clue as to why the Stalinists and centrists oppose this struggle in the US. The Stalinists, because this struggle for the Socialist United States of Europe means their downfall, in the US and throughout the



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world. It means a struggle of the American workers to break out of their national isolation and unite with the workers in Europe -- the death of Stalinism.

And the centrists oppose this struggle as well because the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe is a revolutionary fight for POWER and to build the world party that will lead the working class to power. The fight of the RYI threatens their very existence as well, especially the Socialist Workers Party in the US which has built its party in the last years by shutting up the workers within the US, by pretending they have nothing to do with what is happening in Europe while they collaborate with the Stalinists in Europe, East and West.

From this it is clear to see why the RYI is linking this fight for the Socialist United States of Europe to its fight to RETURN TO LENIN to build the leading world party of the working class, the Fourth International. To unite the social and political revolutions, to lead a struggle for power throughout the world against our world enemies, Stalinism and imperialism, it is clear why we need a WORLD PARTY to do this, national parties along cannot accomplish this task.

It is clear that the party we must build in the US can therefore only be a world party, to lead this world struggle against imperialism and Stalinism. To do this we must base our fight on the young generation of the working class. Those, who whether in the USSR, Poland, France, Spain or the US, have nothing in common with the old order of imperialism and Stalinism, whose only allies are the youth around the world who

want to finish with this old order.

The RYI is building the world party by building a mass, independent organization of the world workingclass youth, dedicated to this combat for the Socialist United States of Europe and for the world party. All these lessons cannot be drawn just from the pages of books or newspapers. The youth must learn the necessity for this party through their own experiences and their own struggles.

This is why they need their own independent organization and this is part of the experience the young workers in the US need in order to be armed to fight here at home. Young workers from the US need to gain this common experience about the world party by being present in this revolutionary action in Barcelona.

How can we gain this experience in the US? First of all, by making our fight at the Rouge to prepare the strike as part of our revolutionary fight to build the world party against Stalinism and imperialism. Our fight will only have a real meaning if those young workers who are fighting with us are all the way -- to joining the RYI, to building the Workers Party in the US.

We must deepen our fight against Stalinism. The central way to do this is to make our fight to defend the Polish workers, for the International Commission of Inquiry to go into Poland to investigate and punish those responsible for the crimes against the Polish workers. We must wage this fight in the UAW, demand that the Stalinist and Maoist organizations answer to the young workers for what their fellow Stalinists are doing in Eastern Europe -- this is another reason why they want to pretend that US workers "don't care a about international questions." They want to pretend that their crimes can be hidden by silence.

Finally, as the culmination of our fight in the US for the rally and Congress of the RYI in Barcelona the RWY/USA will be organizing a mass rally and march through Southwest Detroit on July 2nd under the slogans: UNITE WITH THE YOUTH IN EUROPE TO BUILD A PARTY TO LEAD THE WORKING CLASS TO POWER! DOWN WITH CARTER'S LAW AGAINST THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL! JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL!

It won't be just words alone that will convince the young workers in the US of the need for a world party of the need to unite with the RYI in Barcelona on July 9th. It will be the combat of the RWY in the next weeks in winning, organizing and leading other young workers in this fight and through this proving to them what is at stake and proving to them in action that this is the only way their problems can be resolved.

ALL OUT TO BARCELONA! Young workers -- the fight against Stalinism and imperialism is your fight. The Socialist United States of Europe is your fight. THE WORLD PARTY IS YOURS TO BUILD TODAY!

RWF organizes defense of Polish and Argentine workers and their revolutions

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

The stake of the struggle being led by the Revolutionary Workers Faction/UAW (RWF/UAW) among auto workers in the United States and in particular among the Stamping workers of Ford River Rouge, is not always thought of as a key part of the development of the world socialist revolution, but that is what is really at stake. The whole of bourgeois society, and their Stalinist allies in the Kremlin, and the conservative trade union bureaucracy, try to maintain a prison of nations for the working class. An excellent example is the attempt of UAW officialdom to blame massive unemployment on foreign workers with their "Buy America" campaign, but even this fallacious anti-worker campaign is only part of American imperialism's preparations for war against the vanguard fighters of the world revolution.

Part of the fight of the RWF/UAW is the support of the Commission of Inquiry into the repression of Polish workers and the boycott of all support to the dictatorship in Argentina of General Videla. No auto worker today, of revolutionary persuasion or not, can take up the struggle against the auto barons and their governmental servants without confronting the Stalinist leaders, who claim to be "Communists," or without confronting the policy of the Stalinists and their centrist shadow organizations, as in Latin America which have paved the way for reactionary regimes and dictatorships.

The campaign in defense of the Polish workers, who have been rewarded for their revolt against the Stalinist gangsters with murder and imprisonment, is as much the defense of "communism" and "socialism" as it is the defense of the true communist revolutionaries and workers leaders who are paying the price for struggling to bring down the bureaucratic regimes of the Stalinists. For the auto workers in the United States, the task of supporting the Polish workers' struggle is, in this sense, doubly important. First, because the bureaucratic misleaders of the UAW who have undertaken to "defend" the Polish workers do so in order to discredit "communism" and make it look as if only American imperialism could do anything for the working class of Eastern Europe. Second, because the Stalinists in the United States play an equally counter-revolutionary role as they do in the countries where they have power.

In Argentina auto workers of the Cordoba industrial district, employed by Ford Motor Co., were at the center of a revolutionary insurrection directed against a military dictatorship in 1970. As far as US imperialism was concerned, Cordoba, Argentina might as well have

"Nothing Half-way"

The 1299 leaders are stalling--all out to the union meeting!

BY Ann Nelson

Detroit, June 8, 1977- On May 25th, at the general membership meeting of Local 1299 of the United Steelworkers, several Great Lakes workers supported the Resolution of the Trotskyist Organization to organize a National Assembly of Steelworkers to throw out McBride/Abel, the contract and organize a general strike in Steel. The resolution called to immediately elect a strike committee at Great Lakes, and elect a delegation of workers to go to Chicago to convince these steelworkers to take up this fight. A majority of steelworkers are now on record against the contract, mainly in the Chicago area.

been Detroit, Michigan. After only a few years of "leadership" by the Stalinists and centrists, the Argentinian workers were delivered into the hands of another military dictatorship even more brutal.

The fact of the matter is that the struggle now going on in the auto plants in the US, in terms of what is at stake -- socialism or barbarism -- is in no way fundamentally different from the struggle of workers in Poland or Argentina. It is only that the workers of these countries are in the front lines of the war between the working class and its oppressors.

A strike for "working conditions" or "health and safety" as the bourgeois press usually puts it, and as the Stalinists in the Stamping plant unit of Local 600 themselves propose, can be contained by Fraser and the UAW International through skillful bureaucratic maneuvering. But a strike led by the most advanced section of the workers organized independently of the bureaucrats has allies in the working class and its revolutionary warfare all over the world. That is the real issue involved in the fight of the RWF/UAW to send a delegation from the US auto workers to join in the work of the International Inquiry Commission into the repression of Polish workers and to stop all orders to the Videla dictatorship in Argentina. Which side do you stand on and who are the allies of the auto workers in the United States and the Stamping plant at Ford River Rouge? The international working class, that's who! And the vanguard fighters of that class in Poland and Argentina.

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But I was physically expelled from the meeting by the 1299 "leaders", and not allowed to present the Resolution to the workers present. The meeting, attended by Floyd Chambers, ex-president of the Local, now working for McBride, was a continuation of the stalling attempts to disorganize the young workers at Great Lakes.

The workers at Great Lakes will undoubtedly vote down this contract, as well as the national contract if given a chance. The national contract, which accepts a reduction in real wages and takes benefits away from young workers, was signed behind the backs of the workers in Steel. The 1299 leadership adds to the attack on the young steelworkers, who make up over 50% of all steelworkers, by refusing to let the young workers attend union meetings. General membership meetings in 1299 are held in the evenings when most of the young workers can't attend.

THE SWP

The militancy of the Great Lakes workers is very high. But everyone is asking: "How can we organize our fight?" Some of the older workers do not think it's possible to organize a winning strike thanks to the demoralizing speeches of the bureaucrats who say this is the best contract yet. But the "oppositions" are saying nothing different. The Socialist Workers Party has been in the forefront of telling the workers that an independent struggle is impossible and we must still depend on "good" bureaucrats. The SWP, in the name of Trotskyism, is telling the workers that a strike would be a loser, that the companies would not mind "teaching the steelworkers a lesson" and would boost McBride's "sagging reputation".

The leaders of the SWP (see Michael Gillespie's article in THE MILITANT of June 10th) go much further in their efforts to tell the steelworkers that their own struggle against the bureaucrats and the ENA is impossible. It is necessary to quote this article to see exactly what these so-called socialist leaders are saying and figure out the meaning of it for the steelworkers.

"The last strike in most mills was the punishing 116-day walkout in 1959, which ended with setbacks on wages and other issues. For many steelworkers a strike vote this year would be the first ever. There has been little political preparation, either nationally or locally, for such a vote." The article ends by the SWP agreeing with Balanoff (District 31's head) who proposes: "To vote for a strike doesn't mean you'll have one, but I guarantee that if a local has a strong strike vote, they'll settle the local issues a lot faster."

Lessons of the Communist Workers Movement

The meaning of "The State and Revolution"

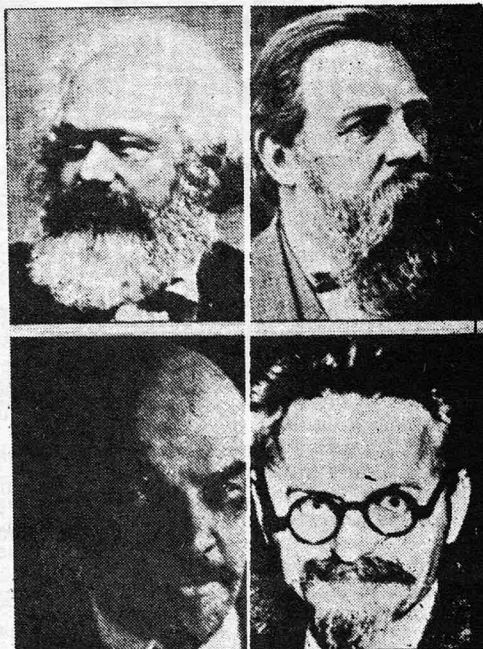
First the SWP confines the steelworkers struggle to "local strikes" via Balanoff (and the ENA), and then tells steelworkers that to win these is impossible due to "lack of preparation" etc.

This policy of the SWP leaders is the main obstacle to the mobilization of the steelworkers. We must at every point in our fight recognize the "arguments" of these centrists in order to go forward; "remember 1959" or "slowly convince the majority". This is not the same "majority that the steelworkers and the working class militants of the SWP want to convince through leading a confrontation with the bureaucrats. The majority of the SWP leaders is one which will never be won, because it will never be "opportune" to oppose the bureaucrats, the Companies, the Stalinists or the government.

HOW CAN WE ORGANIZE TO TAKE BACK OUR UNION?

The only way to end this situation, for young workers to take the lead in ending the ENA and the unsafe working conditions, is for us to organize meetings with other workers in a plant location to elect delegates to attend the General Membership meeting on June 22, Wednesday at 7:30 PM. These meetings must begin to be organized immediately because it is very likely that a special membership meeting may be called BEFORE June 22 on the local contract. At the meeting, we must begin to organize the National Assembly of Steelworkers by electing our strike committee, our delegation to Chicago and throw out the bureaucrats who are trying to prevent this, Stamper, acting president of 1299, Chambers and McBride.

The meetings of the workers in the different sections of Great Lakes should discuss and take a position on the Resolution of the Trotskyist Organization and elect our delegates to go to the union meeting. Use this issue of TRUTH, the next of REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKER to convince other workers of the necessity to take this fight into our own hands and confront the old bureaucrats. To continue the fight and carry it forward, form the circles of the Revolutionary Worker Youth permanently and attend the next National Committee meeting of the RWY. It is our own organization which will enable us to take on the bureaucrats, the steel companies and those organizations who refuse to side with the workers struggles, the SWP and the Stalinists. In the next weeks, it is possible to set back the 1299 leaders plans to push through a rotten local contract and maintain the no-strike pledge. The head of the unions' Health and Safety committee says: "Hell, it's unsafe to walk down the street. We got no safety problem here." But he would not even try to say this to hundreds of Great Lakes workers organized to take back their own union. This week, sign, distribute the Resolution of the Trotskyist Organization and organize meetings around the Resolution of the TO for the 1299 meeting.



By BARBARA PUTNAM

The first class in our series met last week, beginning the process of arming the young vanguard of the American working class in the theory and practice of proletarian revolution, forming them as communist cadre to take their place in the leadership of the Revolutionary Youth International and in the Workers Party to educate, guide, organize and lead the great masses of workers to power.

The main drawback of this first class was that the young workers who came had not had sufficient time to read and study the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO. In the next class, on STATE AND REVOLUTION by Lenin, we will be taking up many of the same questions. STATE AND REVOLUTION is available now from the TO and the RWY. Every young worker should take the time to read it, study it, and prepare for the class.

THE MEANING OF STATE AND REVOLUTION

Lenin wrote this book to prepare the party for the October Revolution. He considered it his most important work. The central points he makes in this work are:

1. The state is the instrument of the bourgeoisie for the exploitation and oppression of the working class;
2. The working class must thus destroy this state and organize its own -- the dictatorship of the working class to suppress the bourgeoisie;
3. Because interests of the working class are identical with those of the whole people, as soon as this work is accomplished, the workers state will not longer be necessary and it will wither away.

The majority of the work is devoted to proving that this was indeed the position of Marx and Engels, that the

opportunists of Lenin's time had distorted Marx and Engel's view to serve their own interests.

Lenin proves that the state is this instrument for the oppression of the working class, that it is not neutral as the Stalinists and centrists often claim today.

He says that it is essentially, "special bodies of armed men" to serve the capitalists.

It is for this reason that the state must be destroyed, that the workers cannot simply lay hold of the existing apparatus. This illustrates the falseness of the Stalinists open conception of reform, of the centrists conception that a government of the Stalinists and Social Democratic Parties will spontaneously grow over to the dictatorship of the proletariat.

If the workers are to suppress the bourgeoisie, Lenin says, they have to organize their own special bodies of armed men, the whole armed people Lenin says. He deals with the anarchists, demonstrating that by ignoring the state, they just leave the imperialist power standing.

Finally, he argues against the conception that the workers state will be just as oppressive as the bourgeois state. He says that because the working class has no other interests than those of the people as a whole, the state will act in their interests. All it is necessary to suppress is the tiny greedy minority. When this is accomplished and production is developed so that every ones needs will be satisfied, all that will be necessary will be the "administration of things." There will be a classless communist society.

These are the central questions taken up in STATE AND REVOLUTION, these are the central questions we'll be taking up in the class. Join us, June 18th. 2 PM.

Realize Lenin's Dream!



50 issues of TRUTH and a new format —

BY Margaret Guttshall

Since the foundation of the Trotskyist Organization we've waged a fight to develop FOURTH INTERNATIONAL and TRUTH as our central weapons in our fight to organize and lead the working class to power against the centrists, the Stalinists, the bureaucrats and the imperialists. In the last month we've doubled their circulation, won our first new subscribers in some time, and dozens of young workers are reading and distributing them in the plants. So much so that an unholy alliance is forming to stop this: (see the last issue of TRUTH).

So why with No. 50 of TRUTH have we changed our format? We've learned from the young workers who've joined our fight that our articles explaining the lessons of the workers struggles and what must be done must be clearer.

We've learned that more distribution, discussion, and elaboration of the plans in the FI and TRUTH with the young workers is necessary.

This is why we changed our format. We are going to write fewer articles and spend more time discussing and revising them. We're going to spend less time typing and pasting up TRUTH and spend more time distributing it, discussing it and organizing the young workers with it.

We're mapping out a campaign to get our own typesetting machine, and press so that we will no longer be dependent on outside printers. We'll be able to put out our newspaper the minute the working class needs it.

Every young worker can support this fight by getting a supporting subscription. All the funds from this are being banked to build up our apparatus, the independent apparatus of the Workers Party. Every subscriber can support this fight by convincing his fellow workers to do the same!

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Platform of the Trotskyist Candidate for Detroit Mayor

I. BUILD A PARTY TO LEAD THE WORKING CLASS TO POWER! Down with Carter, Coleman Young and their police! Elect Jon Cohen! Organize a government of workers' councils and their defense guards in Detroit! A United Socialist Republic of North and South America!

II. TRANSFORM THE UNIONS INTO ORGANS OF THE OPPRESSED MASSES! ONE CENTRAL UNION! Unity of the autoworkers, steelworkers, and teamsters against the reactionary bureaucrats! Throw them and their contracts out! Organize the unorganized! General strike!

III. TAKE THE AUTO BARONS' PROPERTY! Let the workers, the rightful owners, control it! Organize factory committees to realize this! **REBUILD DETROIT!** Education, sports, music and art for the youth! Down with the capitalists' gangsters and pushers!

IV. JOBS FOR ALL NOW! Immediate reduction in working hours! Recall all laid off workers! A living wage! \$10 an hour! Wage increases in accord with price increases! Workers Control of production standards and job classifications!

V. STOP THE ATTACK ON THE DEMOCRATIC AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH, THE BLACKS, LATINS, ARABS, AND WOMEN! End all discrimination in education, jobs, housing!

VI. UNITY WITH THE WORKERS OF LATIN AMERICA, EUROPE, AND THE WORLD AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ITS STALINIST AGENTS! US out of Cuba! Free the political prisoners in Argentina! Stop all support to the fascist dictatorship in Spain! Free the leaders of the Polish workers general strike!

VII. UNITE ALL WORKERS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS IN DETROIT AGAINST THE AUTOBARONS' REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES! Fight for an all workers candidate on the basis of this platform! For the right of all working class parties to be on the ballot in November!

We have to get 3,000 signatures to put Jon Cohen on the August ballot. Militants of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth will be collecting these signatures at the plants and in working class districts. We ask you to sign them and take a petition yourself. You can get them from our militants, by calling or writing our headquarters.

Put Jon Cohen on the ballot!

JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL!

I want to join the Revolutionary Worker Youth USA - Section (Sympathizing) of the Revolutionary Youth International. Here is my check for \$10.00 initial membership fee (pay to the order of the Revolutionary Worker Youth). Please send me: One "Return to Lenin" T-shirt, a bundle of RYW's and membership cards. Enclosed is my name, address, phone and T-shirt size. Send to: RWY-USA PO BOX 10070 Detroit, Michigan 48210 Phone: 894-2559.