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## EDITORIAL: Lessons of N.Y. Teachers Strike for all Labor

'Who is going to run the schools, the Board of Education or the UFT?' Who is going to run this country, the workers or the bosses? This is the real question posed in the aftermath of the New York City teachers strike, posed not just to teachers but to all workers.

The answer to this question will tell whether the American working class can win gains in this period when the employers and their governmental representatives are dedicated to taking away every gain which the trade unions have won in the last 15 years.

The UFT faced a boss, the Lindsay Administration, intent upon destroying the trade union movement in New York City and upon getting double work out of each worker for a single lousy pay. This administration was fresh from battle after having defeated the welfare workers in a seven week strike. The teachers faced a division within the working class which was exploited so viciously by the Black Nationalists and the Lindsay Administration. Lastly, they faced New York's Taylor Law, a vicious piece of anti-labor legislation which was passed last sprung by those 'friends' of labor, the Democratic and Republican parties.

The UFT strike was strong despite this combined attack; strong for 14 days. 45,000 teachers out on strike virtually shut down the school system. But the militancy and solidarity of the ranks won only a stalemate--few gains. No serious contract gains were made. The school system is still in a mess. Salaries were raised only enough to recruit new teachers and are still some \$1000 below those of the Detroit school system. Working conditions remain basically unaltered. The teachers' new contract barely keeps the workers' heads above water, and the UFT has been hit by a brutal fine of \$160,000 under the strike-breaking Taylor law. Those 'friends' in Albany were not kidding! Control over the teachers' working conditions and the quality of education remains in the hands of the boss, the Board of Education which represents the interests of big business not the interests of the teachers, the students, or their parents.

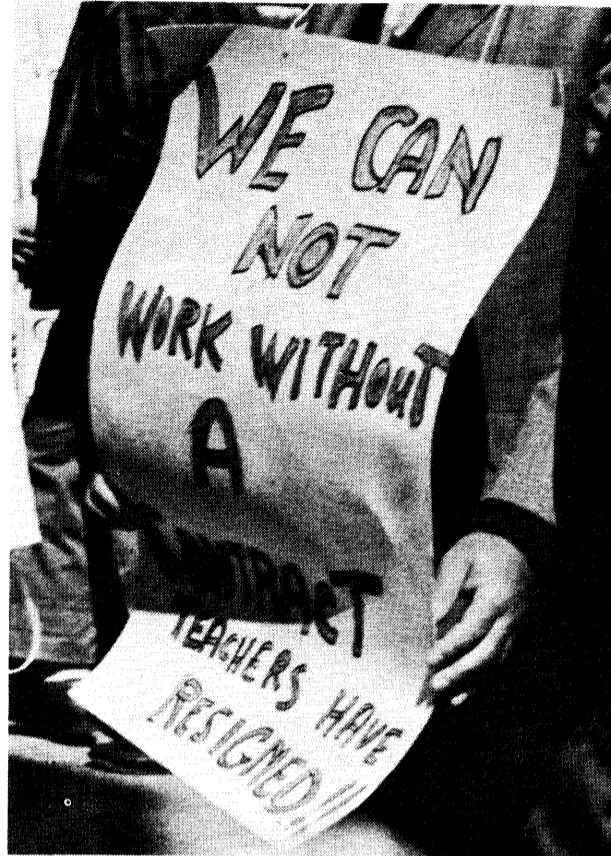
The alternative to this stalemate is a question of power, of who is going to run things and to whose benefit. Are the employers and their representatives in the government going to continued to take away all the gains which the working class has made, making this country as UFT President Albert Shanker has appropriately put it, a 'slave state'? Are we going to let these vultures gather up our organizations and put them under the direct control of the state apparatus? Or are we going to fight back and control our organizations independent of the state and operated in the interest of the working class?

If we are to fight back, we must go beyond the economic struggle, beyond the militant and solid picket line. This is a central lesson of the teachers strike. Militant struggles on the economic level will only keep our heads above water. We must wage these struggles and at the same time go further.

The boss controls our lives because he has political power. The intervention of the state in labor disputes, as with the imposition of the Taylor law, makes this clear. The boss holds political power through his lackeys in the government, the Democratic and Republican parties. It was both Rockefeller and Travia, those leading representatives of both parties, who led the fight to pass the Taylor law. Political power enables the employer to invoke 'management prerogative' to keep the workers at low wage levels, doing double work in deteriorating conditions in order to maintain his profits or in the case of public enterprises to provide the cheapest services possible.

If the workers are to win victories and to control conditions under which they live and work they must have political power. They must have representatives and a party of their own to fight for their interests. They must have a labor party. Only through the instrument of the labor party can they gain power.

We cannot count on the labor bureaucracy to lead the fight for the labor party or even pose this alternative. The bureaucrat's interests are tied to those in power, the capitalists. Their positions are maintained by virtue of their ability to juggle between the boss and the workers. They can-



not lead this struggle anymore than Shanker could lead the UFT in the fight necessary to defeat the Lindsay Administration. Shanker "sold out" and chose to get around the anti-labor Taylor law by refusing to fight it and making the membership pay for their contract. The position of the bureaucrats made clear at the Mass Rally against the Taylor law, was to pose a political alternative but an alternative within the anti-labor capitalist parties, supporting the "goods guys" among the Democrats and Republicans. The defeat of the teachers strike is the result of support to these parties. These parties are the enemies of the working class and in so far as the bureaucrats act as their agents, they betray the workers.

Only a labor party, an independent political expression of the working class, can overcome the divisions within the class and can unite all workers in the struggle against anti-labor legislation, low wages and rotten working conditions, unemployment, rotten schools, slum housing and high rents, poor medical facilities, and armed repression in the ghettos.

The answer to the question of who should run this country is the workers. We must fight for political power by building a labor party. The working class will not take one step forward until it begins this fight.

## NMU: NO "ME TOO" FOR JOE

by Irv Hacker

Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union, was busy this past week in one more attempt to sell his union membership down stream. The issue this time was the so called 'me too' question.

'Me too' refers to a second union's insistence on a contract reopening when an other union wins an arbitration award. This mechanism has recently been quite successful and is therefore no doubt preying heavily on the minds of the bosses.

Curran, whose union members last received an increase in June, 1962 of 2 1/4%, though the cost of living had increased 12.9% during the same period, makes clear where his basic allegiance lies. This week Mr. Curran met with leaders of four other Maritime Unions in an attempt to 'me too' awards.

### PARITY

Somehow Curran equates parity arbitration with 'elements in some unions and outside who care not at all for the welfare of the union members but are interested only in using all these situations to let loose with some 'pie in the sky' demagoguery Curran feels that the insistence on parity increases is suicidal though he no where attempts to explain how or why.

This man who claims to speak for his members believes in the sacrosanct nature of the union contract, regardless of how rotten it might be. Perhaps his sympathy for the capitalist may best be explained by his \$71,000 to \$102,000 salary, expenses, chauffeured, telephone limousine, penthouse and other items usually as-



PAY DAY TODAY--BUT WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?



CURRAN--IN BETTER DAYS

sociated with the successful employer. Live and let live can indeed be Curran's motto. But what about the seamen earning \$14.00 a day? His interests are going to be quite different.

### ARROGANCE

The arrogance of Joseph Curran in assuming that his membership will remain guileless and naive about his sympathies is truly surprising. For Curran is little different from any bureaucrat who cares not a whit about the condition of their members. But, because of his gall and lack of subtlety, there is a militant organization fighting for democracy in the NMU and for the will of the workers.

This group, which publishes 'The Call', must win its battle and destroy the union parasites. This struggle is no different from the struggle that must take place within the UAW, District 65 and a multitude of other unions.

This struggle against Curran and the rest of the labor and simple trade union struggle. It is part and parcel of

Labor party on the road to workers power in this country. The sole reason for the being of Curran and his fellow bureaucrats is to aid the capitalist in the maintenance of his power to keep the profit system going. For their own selfish ends these fakers divert, confuse and betray all real struggles of the workers. The workers can and will sweep them aside.

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## WORKERS PAY FOR WAR

## PRICES AND RENTS SOAR AS TAX HIKE THREATENS WORKERS

by Dennis O'Casey

The savage war of U.S. imperialism against the Vietnamese revolution continues its bloody course as American bombers move ever closer to China and the danger of nuclear war. Escalation is still the order of the day. Tens of thousands of U.S. troops will never return or will come back maimed for life. With over half a million American men in Vietnam, who knows how many more will be sent to this bloodbath?

Untold billions of dollars have been spent in this fruitless effort to subdue the heroic Vietnamese workers and peasants. Most of this money has come out of the sweat of American workers. But the end is not yet in sight. Now, LBJ, the executive director of U.S. imperialism wants the workers to dig even deeper into their pockets. The workers are to pay for the death and destruction of their brothers in Vietnam with a 10% across the board tax hike!

Tax hikes are not all. What the American working class has been gaining on the picket line, it has been losing through inflation. The cost of living has risen at the rate of 4.5% per year and with interest rates at a record high, the end of the inflation is nowhere in sight.

For the American working class these developments mean but one thing. The federal government together with the bosses has decided to crack down on labor harder than ever to make it pay for its war in Vietnam and the growing sickness of the whole capitalist system. For labor there is no way out as long as the capitalists run this country. Inflation and the measures the government will use to curb it mean the same thing--deteriorating conditions for the American working class.

The roots of this new wave of inflation can be traced to over 20 years of inflationary boom. This whole period has been marked by a fantastic expansion of credit. The federal government has put itself in hock to the tune of over 340 billion dollars and state and local governments have followed suit. This together with incalculable capitalist investment and speculation in vast non-productive enterprises over the years have added billions of dollars in paper values to an economy in which there has not been commensurate growth in actual productive output. Thus the dollar has lost 58% of its value since 1940. The most recent, now 80 month old, expansion of the economy has been marked by U.S. imperialism's drive in Vietnam. The war has forced a tremendous increase in the rate at which the federal government has pumped billions of borrowed dollars into the production of military equipment which is subsequently consumed or destroyed on the battlefields of Vietnam. With the amount of paper values measured in dollars constantly outstripping the production of capital or consumer goods, the tendency towards inflation though uneven is ever present. On the basis of a federal budget deficit that could hit 30 billion this year plus an economy already pregnant with inflationary pressures the next rash of inflation threatens to break out.

In order to prevent a further erosion of its balance of payments situation and the accompanying danger of a world liquidity crisis and to avoid loss of markets for its products abroad, U.S. capitalism must try to curb this inflationary trend. For U.S. capitalism this means a tightening down on further credit expansion to be compensated for by a drive to finance the war and more of its overall expansion out of the productive output created by American workers. In other words a larger hunk of U.S. production has to go to the capitalists with a proportionally



WORKERS WORK HARDER BUT PAY BUYS LESS

smaller portion going to workers if the capitalists are to find temporary solutions to the problem of inflation.

While the only anti-inflation policy in the interests of the working class would be the immediate end of the war and the diverting of the military budget into programs that would create jobs and improve public facilities this is not even debated in the Congress. On the contrary, Johnson and the Congress find themselves in disagreement only on the question of how to best bleed some of these inflated dollars out of the economy via the pockets and paychecks of the working class. Johnson favors a straight 10% tax surcharge that together with proposed Social Security and state and local tax hikes would hit American workers up to \$175 (for a family of 4 earning 7500 per annum). The Congress, on the other hand, buried in anti-tax mail from the voters back home is demanding Johnson ease the blow to its constituents by giving the axe to numerous non-defense spending programs upon which more oppressed sections of the working class are dependent; in particular whatever is left of the anti-poverty program. Although the House Ways and Means Committee temporarily shelved the President's tax proposal on October 3, these petty considerations of political expediency will quickly dissolve into a compromise double barreled attack on American workers who will get both a tax boost and cut-backs in federal programs as soon as the new inflation is fully on us.

Despite the inflation, there has been no boom in production. In fact the economy shows many signs of stagnation. Unemployment figures have just shot up to 4.1%. While the government is determined to take deflationary measures at the expense of the working class they would like to hold off until there is an upturn in production. They are caught in between the necessity of stemming the inflation and the danger that anti-inflationary measures could take the economy from stagnation to severe recession.

Even if Johnson's 'anti-inflation' tax proposals are delayed, this is little consolation to the American working class which even in its most advanced sections where the 5% wage hikes have been achieved through costly strikes and battles against the trade union bureaucracy fall behind the 8% increases that would be necessary to com-

pensate for rising productivity, consumer price, and local tax hikes.

But while Congressional debate rages over the question of tax hikes and non-defense spending cuts the battle of the bosses against inflation and the profit squeeze proceeds in a much more fundamental way in the factories, plants and offices across the nation. These federal measures at best can only slightly dampen inflationary pressure. The strategic aim of the capitalist class is to hold down wages and sharpen job exploitation in order to increase productivity. The bosses can no longer merely undermine settlements won by workers at the bargaining table with inflationary price increases. Preparations are rapidly proceeding for far ranging anti-labor legislation with which the government will come out as the open political champion of American business. This is a "Bi-Partisan" project led by liberals like Morse. A for taste of these developments was the settlement of the rail strike on the basis of Federally imposed compulsory arbitration.

Already the trade unions are proving themselves to be unequal to the task of repulsing the many sided attack of the capitalist on the working class. What the bosses cannot get in speed-up is taken from the workers by inflation. What the trade unions secure in escalator clauses is lost through new tax levies. More significantly, where the working class shows signs of taking one real step forward against the bosses the government is prepared to move in and beat down the working class with the whole arsenal of legislative and legal weapons at its disposal.

American workers must fight through their trade unions for escalator clauses to prevent erosion of wage gains; for increasing control of production, and employment; for the 30 hour week to combat unemployment. Only in this way can the divisions in the class between black and white, young and older workers be begun. We call for the unity of the trade union movement in the fight against all anti-strike legislation and compulsory arbitration and the deepening of the struggle against the trade union bureaucracy which has been sharply intensified in '67 and without which none of these struggles can be carried out.

The working class can make no progress at all until it links these economic and political struggles to a fundamental struggle for power. Political power can only be achieved through the creation of an American labor party which will struggle to replace the government of the capitalists with a government of the American working class. With a labor party the American working class for the first time will be able to battle the bosses on all fronts. The working class will be able to undertake a legislative program backing the economic battle of the trade unions, fight to end the war in Vietnam, channel the military budget into programs meeting the needs of American workers, and pursue a fiscal policy that puts the burden of taxation on corporate profits rather than American workers.

More fundamentally through a fight for a workers government in the United States, a labor party would lay the basis for the unity of the whole class in a battle to remove the American economy from the fetters of capitalist organization and reorganize it on a socialist program. Central to which would be a program of nationalizations, central planning and workers control and management of production. This must be the answer of the working class to the sick, bankrupt capitalist system that Johnson's rotten policies will never salvage short of the virtual enslavement of American labor.

## Workers Vanguard Forms Vietnam Rearguard

by Robert Hartley

The League for Socialist Action is going through its ritualistic abandonment of Leninist politics to lead the bourgeois-pacifist October 21 & 22 International Days of Protest in Canada. This group is playing a leading role in repeating the farce of the April 15th march, when the U.S. government acknowledged the pacifist witness of practically a half million persons with intensified bombings of North Vietnam.

Perhaps the League for

Socialist Action has something more effective in store for the imperialist warmongers

this time? According to 'Workers Vanguard', the LSA's newspaper, anti-war forces are building for a march on the ruling Liberal Party's headquarters in an effort to pressure the ruling class to be good guys and withdraw support to the U.S. war against the Vietnamese people. From Vancouver 'Workers Vanguard' reports a 'Vietnam Sunday' on October 15th when ministers would be asked to

give anti-war sermons. Perhaps the astute 'Marxists' who publish 'Workers Vanguard'

## WE'RE SORRY BUT..

Due to technical difficulties in the course of installing automatic cold type composition equipment, it has been necessary to delay our issue one week. This new equipment will enable us to maintain our bi-monthly frequency despite the expanded size and circulation of the paper.

feel that something was lacking in the past and now prayers are needed to intervene on behalf of the Vietnamese people.

The Canadian supporters of the International Committee of the Fourth International have no use for pacifist witness and anti-war preaching. Our class is the working class, not the class of anti-war preachers, Quebec nationalists, black power leaders and the revisionist League for Socialist Action. We say to the working class: struggle for an anti-capitalist, anti-

war, New Democratic Party government. Fight to make labor's representatives in Parliament, the NDP, oppose vigorously Canada's complicity in the U.S. war in Vietnam. We call upon the anti-war movement to back such a program. Only in the working class lies the road to peace. BOYCOTT VIETNAM WAR SHIPMENTS!

FIGHT FOR AN ANTI-BOSS, ANTI-WAR NDP GOVERNMENT!

U.S. GET OUT OF VIETNAM VICTORY FOR THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT!

# FORD AND REUTHER PREPARE DEAL TO CURB AUTO WORKERS

sellout looms

by Dan Fried

We'll stay out 'til hell freezes over'. That phrase pretty much sums up the mood of striking Ford workers at the Metuchen, New Jersey assembly plant. This reporter was told that, at Metuchen, "98 % of the workers are prepared to fight to the end" to tie up the entire country if it goes all out--and that's what it ought to do", said one of the workers, an old timer.

## SPEEDUP

The feeling of the workers, and this is confirmed by the men at the Metuchen plant, is that a big wage increase, necessary as it is, is still secondary. The big question is working conditions on the local plant level--the very question that the UAW leadership puts on the bottom of the list by getting a ratification of the national contract, getting the men back to work and leaving disputes over local grievances to an individual plant settlement. Often these strikes include unauthorized "wildcats" which Reuther tries to stifle as in 1964. This procedure, which in effect forces those men who have gone back to scab on the workers on strike over "local" issues, is the ace in the hole for Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. In this way, the UAW leadership has made a mockery of the UAW's slogan of "SOLIDARITY" by allowing divisions among the workers and enabling the Companies to continue to run things with an iron hand. As long as Ford and G.M. remain in a position where they can intimidate and harass the workers, where they can continually sneak in new ways to speed up production--where they can get away with "contracting out" work to contractors who pay far below



UAW rates--so long will the 'Big Three' be willing to back down a little on Reuther's wage demands.

The Ford workers want a real struggle in this strike that is already over one month as an opportunity to push back speed up, gain more control over production and safety conditions, eliminate subcontracting and generally curb the power of the foremen and supervisors. At the same time, the Companies take a harder stand and are prepared to teach the workers a lesson, to get ready for a battle to dismantle the power of the union altogether. As we pointed out in the Bulletin of Sept. 25, the strategy of the Auto barons is to use a long strike at Ford to be followed up with perhaps a repeat performance at General Motors, as the spearhead of their campaign for 'Congressional curbs on union power'. This is the meaning of Henry Ford II's statement in reference to the strike that 'I am sorry that we don't have laws that effectively prevent the use of this kind of bludgeon against the public interest

The Big Three are seeking more than ever before to extend their profits in the face of a sagging domestic market and heightened foreign competition. To do this they must lower the costs of production by attacking the standards of the workers. Meanwhile prices soar, the result of the government's war against the workers and peasants of Vietnam. The Administration plans a 10% rise in income taxes to make the workers pay for the Vietnam bloodbath and supposedly stem the tide of the inflation. Under these conditions, it is no wonder that the Ford workers want a fight to the finish.

## DOUBLE DEALING

The latest rumors are that there has been a reopening of the Reuther-Ford negotiations which may lead to a quick settlement. Perhaps Reuther and Ford now feel that the rank and file have had sufficient time to 'let off steam'. While the workers really want to give Ford (and General Motors and Chrysler too) 'some lumps', Reuther has, ever since last April's special convention, sabotaged a real struggle against the Big Three. one

of the most blatant examples of Reuther's double-dealing is that at the same time as he attacks Ford and G.M. for collusion and urges preparation for a strike at G.M. following the Ford settlement--he allows G.M. workers to work six days, ten hours a day so that G.M. can build up production enough to withstand a long strike! Some way to prepare for a strike!

The Reuther leadership not only breaks down the unity of Ford and G.M. workers. Even within the Ford empire, the Reuther leadership allows Ford to go right on producing parts for other sections of the auto industry and specifically consented to Johnson's request to maintain production of materials for the Vietnam war. Thus, Reuther also divides Ford workers themselves. At the UAW special convention last April, Reuther let out a lot of hot air about unity. But he implied that the proponents of the 35 hour week and 30 year retirement demands were sowing disunity. In opposition to these demands around which a militant unity of the entire union could have been forged, Reuther counterposed

--'flexibility'.

Ford workers know they should tie up the whole country by closing down the entire industry and then going all out to enlist the aid of the rest of the organized labor movement. But such a struggle, which is bound to involve a struggle against the Johnson government, is exactly what Reuther wants to avoid. In answer to the threat of a government imposed Taft-Hartley injunction or legislation to end such a strike by arbitration,--all in the 'public interest' or the war in Vietnam--the UAW should answer with a demand to NATIONALIZE the Big Three--in the public interest. Not a penny of profit should be made by these Auto barons out of their production for the Vietnam slaughter. In answer to the threat of government intervention on the side of the Big Three, the UAW should demand the nationalization of all war production. Instead of allowing Johnson to get away with a 10% increase in income tax to combat inflation the UAW should propose the immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam. In answer to Henry Ford's pleas for 'congressional curbs on unions', the UAW should demand the immediate repeal of all anti-labor legislation. Reuther has not the slightest interest in this type of struggle which aims a real blow at the auto barons, because he is committed lock stock and barrel to the Democratic party. The workers have to fight this Democratic party administration and Congress as we have shown, in order to fight Ford, GM, and Chrysler. In opposition to Reuther's Democratic party, they have to organize a workers' party, a labor party, to begin this struggle.

# PLP Campaign Is Blow Against Labor Party

by Jeff Sebastian

SAN FRANCISCO-- Today, absolutely no concessions can be expected from the capitalist system. Today the bosses can only protect their profits by attacking everything the working class has won over decades of struggles all over the world, from Vietnam to Detroit.

Every demand of youth, every struggle against war, every ghetto revolt, every strike throws the working class up against a government inch. The situation is so serious that protest movements and demands for more themselves can only lead to defeat and betrayal. The working class can not step forward until it fights for political power by building a labor party, until it fights for Democrats and Republicans.

## LEADERSHIP

The Workers League must provide leadership to the working class in this battle and see it as part of the process of developing the consciousness for a mass revolutionary party. Anybody any party or movement that opposes the labor party or uses it for propaganda is re-

actionary and will sidetrack, water-down and sell-out every struggle of the working class.

Any political campaign has to be looked at as a step forward to the labor party or a betrayal. The Workers League is not interested in polite propaganda handshakes. To support a candidate is to say to workers that this is a political alternative, a step in the direction of political power. Anything else is betrayal.

The Progressive Labor Party campaign for Supervisor here absolutely fails to offer the slightest alternative for the working class. PLP is for rent control, justice for Welfare recipients, free hot lunches to school kids, rank and file unionism and against police brutality but they desert the fight for the victory of the Viet Cong and say "U.S. Get Out". They cannot think of one single demand to link the ghetto revolts to the rest of the working class and end up with black nationalism.

What about political power of the working class? PLP is against any fight for the labor party and at the recent CNP conference, dissolved it-

self in the swamp of anti-political community organizers. These so-called revolutionaries only react to the crisis of the bosses and the militancy of the workers. For all their talk of socialism they do not understand that the job today is the fight for power, unity of the workers and the labor party.

## NOTHING

Progressive Labor does nothing more than "communist" social work with their campaign. They have street meetings on slumlords and Welfare. They have spent years building the Mission Tenants Union which is incapable of struggle. They separate whites from blacks, the neighborhood from the unions, the campus from everyone else and restrict the anti-war movement to reformers. They fight to keep politics out of the unions with anti-political, classless, reformist propaganda. What does P.L. have to offer?

FOR THE BLACKS...NOTHING!

FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS...NOTHING!

FOR THE YOUTH...NOTHING!

FOR THE WORKING CLASS...NOTHING!

A vote for John Ross is a vote against the labor party, a vote for PLP is a vote for the bosses.

The only struggle is for power, unity and the labor party. The Workers League will not give one inch in this fight, we are completely single minded. The Young Workers League will not give one inch in the fight to unify youth with the working class

for the labor party and for workers power.

NATIONALIZE BASIC INDUSTRY UNDER WORKERS CONTROL!

HANDS OFF THE UNIONS - NO ANTI-LABOR LAWS! TEACHERS AND YOUTH CONTROL OF SCHOOLS! WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE - VICTORY TO VIETCONG!

UNITE ALL FIGHTS FOR POWER - NO ATTACKS ON BLACKS!

## RARE FILM TO BE SHOWN

The film that the Workers League and Young Workers League will show at their October Revolution rally in New York on Nov. 3 is a rare treat. 'From Czar to Lenin' is shown very seldom, perhaps due to its uncompromised view of the Russian Revolution which panders neither to anti-Soviet nor Stalinist falsification. The maker, Herman Axelbank, spent thirteen years on it, editing footage (many thousands of it) never seen before or since -- much of it smuggled out of the Soviet Union at great personal risk. There are many

shots of Lenin, Trotsky and other great figures of October taken from now unobtainable newsreels. This is the greatest single event of the twentieth century unfolding before your eyes.

The narration is written and spoken by Max Eastman, who was then a sympathizer of the October Revolution and close to many of its participants, but has since become a supporter of imperialism and a vicious opponent of all that the October Revolution stands for. The film is one hour long.



**San Franciscan Youth Prepare Battle**

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**WORLD YOUTH FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM**



GI'S IN VIETNAM JUNGLE

by Bob Johnson

The U.S. government is waging a desperate counter-revolutionary war against the Viet Cong (most of whom are teenage) who are fighting to free their country from foreign oppressors and their native servants. This revolution is part of the world wide struggle of the working class against the capitalist class. For all its money and advanced weaponry the U.S. is getting its pants beat off.

Within the U.S. there is considerable opposition to the war ranging from, on the one side, the criticisms of Kennedy, Morse, Fulbright and others, to the opposition of large lay-

ers of working class youth, on the other side, who know that this so-called war for freedom is a phony. In between exists all levels of opposition within the middle class.

Kennedy and the others support all along the line the capitalist system which is the cause of this war and oppose the struggles of the workers for a world under their control for a world under their control. He was in the forefront in the attacks on the militant Teamster Union which resulted in the jailing of Jimmy Hoffa; Morse is one of the biggest strike-breakers in the country as the Railway strike showed. They opposed Johnson's war for purely tactical reasons as a bad way to deal with the Vietnamese Revolution.

Young workers on the other hand are getting the brunt of the attacks on the working class in this country with the draft or a crummy job, if any, as their future. Their opposition to the war flows from the raw deal they are getting in this country.

The Young Workers League starts with the worldwide struggle of the working class against capitalism. We therefore support completely the war in Vietnam waged by our brothers in the Viet Cong against the U.S. Far from being anti-war like the pacifists, we call for the complete victory of the Viet Cong Here in the U.S., support

# Don't Scab Against Vietcong

for the revolution in Vietnam must go beyond just calling for the defeat of the U.S. Army. Young workers all over America must fight not simply on the question of the all the basic questions that decaying capitalism presents youth. We must struggle for the Labor Party to draw together all the workers struggles which for so long have been kept divided by the capitalists and their servants, along race, age, sex, skill, and national divisions.

## HATRED

To us, the hatred of the young workers for the cop, the boss, the union bureaucrat must be turned into hatred of those who conduct the war. To separate out the question of the war and try to build a movement for peace along with Kennedy is pure folly. Dubois Clubs do this. We denounce it as a way to keep the working class tied to capitalist politics. The critical thing is that young workers

are being attacked and must either fight back or be crushed.

This is the meaning of this summer's ghetto revolts. Here one of the most oppressed sections of the working class rise up in virtual insurrection against the system of private property only to be beaten back by the forces of the capitalist state. At the same time this state intervened to break the Railway strike. These are working class struggles, inside the trade unions and outside the trade unions. They threaten the stability of the capitalist system infinitely more than a middle class peace rally.

While we base our program on the unity of the working class the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) sees the divisions in the working class as permanent. They turn their backs to the class struggle and instead follow the superficial struggles within the boss parties and among the middle classes.

For the YSA the ghetto revolts are pure and simple Negro struggles having nothing to do with the class struggle. The opposition to the war by students, ministers, liberals, and pacifists is for the YSA a 'peace question' and has nothing to do with the class struggle.

For the past two years the YSA has pretended that a large anti-war movement can be built by ignoring the

class nature of the war and the opposition to it and keeping the anti-war movement separated from the workers. To do this they tried to sound like pacifists and liberals.

## LOGIC

In Minneapolis the logic of this perspective has been drawn out completely. By organizational maneuvering and political misleadership, driving out practically every non-YSAer from the Minnesota Committee To End The War In Vietnam. All their liberal and pacifist friends have gone. Even though everyone present might be a YSAer with one or two exceptions, they continue to talk like liberals.

They have succeeded to the point that all that is left in Minneapolis of the anti-war committee is themselves.

## ANSWER

The answer to the war in Vietnam is not an anti-war movement at all, but rather the struggles of the working class against capitalism. Whatever healthy development in this direction the anti-war movement could have had was destroyed by the YSA.

The struggles of young workers for socialist consciousness and for unity with the class struggle will find the YSA and Du Bois an obstacle. Only the Young Workers League fights to unite the working class in a struggle to run America and put an end to war and poverty.

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SAN FRANCISCO-- The capitalist system is rotten from top to bottom. Youth cannot get more jobs, better schools or anything from the system. Everywhere the bosses are attacking the working class, in the ghettos, in Vietnam -- and everywhere the workers and youth are fighting back, in

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Detroit, in Newark and in New York in the teachers' strike. The fight is for power -- workers power against the system, but the bosses have separated and chopped up the working class into white, black, youth, adult, nationalities. Colors, races, religions and neighborhoods to keep the workers divided and weak. The first job is to build a revolutionary youth movement, the Young Workers League, to unify all fights against the bosses. To fight for power, to build a labor party to throw out the Democrats and Republicans, is the big job for the working class. The Young Workers League will not give one inch in this fight for power, unity and the labor party.

The first meeting of the Young Workers League of San

Francisco on Oct. 5th was organized and built through sales and distributions of the Bulletin and the Young Worker. YWL members and supporters passed out handbills to students announcing the meeting and agenda and discussed the labor party. At the meeting, YWL members and youth from high school, workers and unemployed and college students decided in about 5 minutes that the system was rotten, that youth and workers must unify to fight for political power. The question was how. The only solution was for the working class' independence from the Democrats and Republicans, who have to be thrown out. The newspaper, the Young Worker is the strongest weapon the YWL has to fight with for this, and it must get other youth to write letters in the paper and to write articles about jobs that youth get to break down the feeling of isolation.

## RALLY

One of the most important points of discussion was the Russian Revolution rally and dance. Plans were made for publicity and organizing the celebration. This rally is also being held internationally in England and nationally in N.Y. and San Francisco. The next YWL meeting will discuss the meaning of the Russian Revolution today. Only the YWL and the Fourth International can tell the truth about the first successful rev-

olution that established workers power and was later betrayed by Stalinism. There will be a dance, and the music will be all the best sounds, new and old, hard and soft rock, stax and motown. Admission will be 99¢.

The first branch meeting of the YWL in San Francisco was a tremendous success. Against all the propaganda that nothing can be changed, that everything is hopeless, the YWL has launched the beginning of organized revolutionary struggle. The task before the YWL is to sharpen

the program for unity, power and the labor party, to support all strikes and battles to link up with youth all over the world to build an international convention of youth in 1968.

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# OCTOBER REVOLUTION

(The October issue of the Young Worker discussed the impact of the Russian Revolution on American socialists and the working class. In this article we trace the struggles of the American Trotskyists in the 1930's to unite the working class in struggle against the bosses and those who sought to keep the workers confused and divided.)

Russia adopted the first five year plan in 1929. The American CP made a left turn and people began to say 'the Trotskyists are crazy, Stalinism is revolutionary after all' and they went to jump on the CP bandwagon. Things looked pretty dark for the Left Opposition. They were isolated again, with no protection against political sickness and disease. The labor movement was at a standstill, stunned by the first heavy blows of the depression and not yet ready to fight back. The 'lunatic fringe' moved in on the Trotskyists. Every crackpot and crank, every blowhard who liked to hear himself talk and make everybody else listen, every Greenwich Village middle class radical descended on the left opposition and there was no protection against it. They argued every question in the book at endless all night meetings, non-political faction fights started again, the opposition was plunged into poverty. Trotsky wrote from his own isolation in exile, "Tenacity, Tenacity, Tenacity." Hold on, fight, don't give up, this will not last forever.

## GERMAN BETRAYAL

Hitler was on the rise in Germany, the showdown between communism and fascism was becoming a reality. The German CP capitulated without a struggle and sold out the German workers to the fascists.

In this ultra-left period Stalin and his supporters divided the working class by proclaiming that the reformist leaders of the working class were the main enemy. They refused to fight for a united front of workers, using the crimes of the Social Democratic reformists as an excuse for refusing to make this fight.

Trotsky showed how Comintern policy helped the fascists and the capitalist system. The Nazis were able to seize power without a fight because the Stalinists and Social Democrats kept the working class divided.

The German betrayal marked the end of the Third International as a fighting force for the workers as an instrument which could be fought within or reformed. From then on the Stalinists fought to keep the workers divided and confused, and unable to fight the bosses. The Trotskyists began fighting for a new leadership, for the Fourth International which was founded in 1938 after years of struggle for it.

As the American CP succumbed to bureaucracy the Socialist Party began to attract radical workers. A.J. Muste had a group of trade union activists and was transforming it into a political party by the end of the 1933. The Trotskyists were turning to mass work and battling the sectarians who didn't want to leave the nice comfortable living room again. The task facing Cannon and the SWP was to break out of five years of isolation and sickness. They went to work in the AFL, led the New York Hotel strike and made some mistakes, but led the Minneapolis coal strike to a great victory, began the fight for a new International and started unity nego-

tiations with the American Workers Party, the Muste group.

## STRIKE STRUGGLES

Then came the great strike wave of 1934 and a tremendous upsurge of the working class. Muste led the Toledo AutoLite strike to a great victory. Cannon's group has jobs in the coal yards and drivers union in Minneapolis. Minneapolis was an open shop town with murderous working conditions. The successful coal sparked the truck drivers into a May general strike that paralyzed the city and took the bosses and their government by surprise. The union had organized for months and were ready for a siege. The employers tried everything to break the strike. In the "Battle of Deputies Run" thousands of police and deputies, shopkeepers and bosses tried to open up a market area. One sportsman wore a polo hat like it was some kind of game with the workers heads as balls to knock around. They met a solid line of truck drivers. The deputies ran away if they could still move. The strikers won. The daily papers printed lies about the strike, and strikers printed their own paper. The government sent in negotiator after negotiator but the strikers wouldn't sell out. Finally the union was firmly established and the strike was won. The Trotskyists had poured everything into the strike and along with the workers had firmly established themselves.

The American Workers Party had some militant rank and file workers who were really fighting capitalism but it also included every sort of reactionary, sell-out fake left. At the same time the Stalinists wanted to gobble up the AWP. Cannon and the Trotskyists were involved again in battling the Stalinists and trying to fight the sectarians in their own group who didn't want to unite with the AWP. But fusion took place in Dec. 1934.

The minute Muste and Cannon went on tour, the miserable sectarians in Cannon's group crawled out of the woodwork and started hounding Muste's militants, trying to turn them into instant Trotskyists at all night meetings. They just wouldn't let the new party grow and develop in peace, they had to have perfect bolsheviks overnight. These people, like Hugo Oehler, never understood what bolshevism was about, that bolsheviks are developed in struggle and not merely out of talk. Cannon fought it out with Oehler and with these hyenas until they split from the party. At the same time the Socialist Party split wide open in Dec. 1935. Cannon immediately worked toward unity with the left wing of youth and workers. Muste fought this, afraid to take the newly formed party through further struggle. Norman Thomas was the head of the extremely confused left wing of the SP. Unity was hard, the Trotskyists had to crawl into the SP one by one, the SP uttered not one word of welcome and the Stalinists were screaming to the SP--"you can't digest those Trotskyists."

But the revolutionary tendencies in the left wing of the SP were important. The Trotskyists entered the SP at the time of the great sit-down strikes in France, the upsurge of the CIO in 1936 and the Spanish Civil War. The first Moscow trials took place in July 1936. The Trotskyists published a monthly magazine called Socialist Appeal, in Chicago and a weekly newspaper, Labor Action, to fight for revolutionary politics inside the SP. Early in 1937 Cannon organized the Socialist Appeal Conference to build a real left wing.

## POPULAR FRONT

In 1935 Stalin had changed his line from "Third

Period" to "People's Front." The Communist Parties were to fight to maintain the position of the Soviet bureaucracy, not for the working class. Collective security became the watchword. Communists in the so-called democratic countries were urged to rely upon the liberal capitalists in the fight against fascism.

In France and Spain the CPs entered coalition governments with the Social-Democrats and the capitalists. The agents of the Stalinist bureaucracy helped the fascists win in Spain.

In the U.S. the Communist Party placed full trust in Roosevelt, fought against the formation of a labor party.

The Third Period and the Popular Front were policies designed to prevent the workers from fighting together, to prevent the fight from becoming a political fight against the bosses.

The Stalinists follow the same policy today, working more and more closely with the imperialists themselves. Without a new revolutionary leadership the working class was held back and betrayed. It was out of the struggle for this new leadership in the SP and elsewhere that the Socialist Workers Party was formed on New Years Day, 1938.



COPS BATTLE STEEL STRIKERS DURING 1930'S

In 1967 the Socialist Workers Party has collapsed under the fantastic pressures of the post war period of the 1950's, after the world war had resulted in the carving up of the world. To some the Soviet bureaucracy looked solid enough to last 100 years. The working class had been exhausted and capitalism was rebuilding itself, anti-communism personified by McCarthy and his witch hunts terrified the SWP and the working class was quiet on the surface. All the SWP saw was defeat, defeat, defeat and Trotsky was dead and unable to tell the SWP "Tenacity! Tenacity! Tenacity!" Now in 1967 in a period of a great wave of strikes, a strong working class which has been rebuilding itself through the 50's is beginning to take up the struggles again. This time it is the Workers League and the Young Workers League who continue to fight for revolutionary politics.

As Cannon himself remarked once: "Socialists have deserted the movement before under pressure. But still the movement grew. There are more socialists in the world today than ever before. The world wide cause is growing and will continue to grow. That will be the case in this country too. Individuals broken by too many blows may fall by the wayside. But the great movement for the socialist emancipation of mankind will march on and conquer."

# 'Student Power' Advocates Ignore Workers

MINNEAPOLIS-- 'Student Power! We have enough power to make the government listen to us'. This is a typical line that SDS is handing to high school and college youth.

The YSA and Dubois Clubs are also trying to recruit high school youth through the National High School Student Mobilization Committee and the National Student Mobilization Committee which also preaches student power.

The National High School Mobilization Committee is nothing but a front for the dirty

role that the YSA and the Dubois Clubs are playing. These are the groups that are in control, not the high school youth.

For example, let's take the Twin Cities High School Mobilization Committee. This committee is formed completely of YSA members, Dubois Club members, and myself. The leadership is completely YSA-controlled and backed by the YSA majority.

The subject of 'student power' always comes up among these groups. Let's

take a closer look at that term. It states that students should and can take power. It tries to organize students on this program. This is completely ridiculous. The students themselves are not capable of winning and holding power.

## WRONG

You don't even have to be a Marxist to know that the idea of student power is wrong. Young workers and high school students could tell any of these

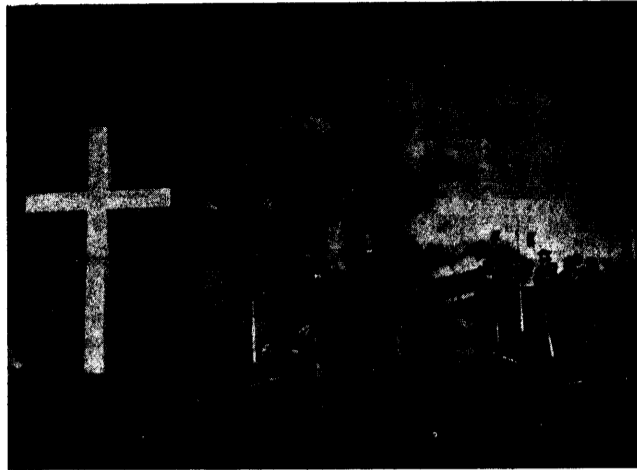
so-called socialists in the YSA that students and young people are part of other classes, that most high school students and youth are part of the working class and their problems can't be solved without uniting to fight along with the working class. Whether white or black, young or old, the workers must fight together against their enemies.

High school and college students organized by the High School Student and National Student Mobilization Committees, must see that the working

class is the only revolutionary class, the only class capable of winning and holding power from the capitalists. That is why students must ally themselves with the workers, and see their struggles as part of the larger struggles of the whole class.

We of the Young Workers League give our wholehearted support to all the battles that the working class is fighting, and we want to build a movement which can fight successfully for real power, workers' power.

## ENTERTAINMENT

**'Privilege': The Onward Christian Soldiers Rock**

MASS ROCK'N ROLL RELIGIOUS-PATRIOTIC CEREMONY  
by Marty Jonas

Despite many weaknesses, 'Privilege' is a film which shows something about the nature of capitalist society.

The film takes place in Great Britain several years from now. The youth, we are told, have dangerous elements of 'anarchy and communism.' The youth must be tamed. The government, the church, and the entertainment industry do this taming by means of a fantastically successful rock-and-roll star, Steven Shorter. At first

Shorter and his songs serve as a harmless outlet for all the pent-up violence and frustration of the English youth. But this doesn't work well enough. So, Shorter is made to sing songs of repentance. The youth are to be inspired to conform -- to follow like sheep. Shorter is like a puppet on a string until with the aid of his girlfriend he wakes up to the realities of his rotten role. He strikes out at all this at a dinner in his honor and he loses all he has achieved. Some things are very amus-

ing, like the sequence where a rock-and-roll group dressed as monks sing a souped-up version of 'Onward Christian Soldiers' while a group of Bishops look on, half shocked, half delighted. Towards the end of the film there is an amazing spectacle, much like the Nuremberg rallies in Nazi Germany, when the youth of England turn out at the first of a series of patriotic religious rock-and-roll rallies. At the height of the rally, while Shorter is singing the first of his songs urging conformity, a bishop walks up to a British flag and traces the cross--Christian-style--over the cross on the flag.

The director of the film, Peter Watkins, shows us something about the system. Faced with the possibility of a revolutionary youth the capitalists will attempt to channel that unrest into other areas. Music becomes commercialized, distorted. They will publicize with great glee the conversion of a teenage idol to religion or patriotism. It doesn't even have to be one of the established religions, as we can see from the great publicity that the Beatles got for their conversion to the

practices of an Indian mystic. Before this they got all sorts of publicity (and not all bad) for using LSD. The capitalists love the youth to do anything that will get their minds off rebellion.

But the director is hardly clear on the nature of the struggle that Steven Shorter is helping to tame. At no time do we see the youth at their boiling point. The struggle is always off-screen.

Steven Shorter is never seen as more than an oppressed individual. His oppression by his associates is linked with the oppression of the youth of England by the "establishment". His solution is an individual solution and it fails. But no other solution is offered. We must conclude that Watkins feels that the struggle of youth is a vain one. He doesn't see it as part of the class struggle. They can only struggle as separate individuals and they are bound to fail. The idea of a revolutionary movement to defeat the monstrous oppression he has shown us is ignored. Struggle remains off the screen and he is far removed from it. The young workers know much more

about struggle than Peter Watkins. His film is a confused effort to say something about which he knows very little.

**letter****Rock and Class**

I think the writer of the article on rock and roll in the October Young Worker painted himself into a corner. The dilemma is digging rock and roll but also understanding that it is owned lock, stock and barrel by the bosses, so it has to be 'bad', or at least not good enough. So the article goes back and forth, suffering from this contradiction. The writer makes a separation between music and lyrics, and how can that be? The music goes through the same process as the lyrics. Let's face it rock and roll is used by the bosses to control the youth, through pacifism ('The Yellow Submarine') ("Love, Love, Love") and reactionary songs like "Let's Hang on to What We've Got"

But the capitalists can't completely control all of it. Chuck Berry's 'Up in School', the BG's and 'The Mining Disaster', the Stones and things like Elvis Presley, the Everly Brothers, and 'Mah Baby Loves the Western Movies' are working class, but not revolutionary. I would predict that the segment of Rock and Roll that the capitalists can not control has got to reflect in the coming period more and more the struggles of the working class.

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**WOR-FM Cans Murray the K**

NEW YORK--Murray the K, a New York disk jockey who has been famous for his willingness to play controversial rock music, has been fired. Murray who, since joining WOR/FM, always felt that there was lots of room on the air for songs like 'Masters of War' and 'I Ain't Marchin' Anymore', refused a couple of weeks ago to follow the new rules handed down by the station brass on what could and couldn't be played on the air.

The playlist (a list of what the jockey may play) was reduced by about half. There was no room for anti-war songs on it. Murray, who never paid much attention to playlists anyway, refused to use it and was fired. A few days later, Rosco, another WOR/FM disc jockey, resigned on the air.

This is not to say that either Murray the K or Rosco presented any real alternative to

youth. Murray the K pushed pacifist hippie-type philosophy. Individual solutions were presented as the answer to the problems facing youth today. WOR/FM tolerated Murray the K's and Rosco's program for about a year. A radio station is not just something that exists there on your dial. Radio, like records, is a major industry in the United States. Most radio stations are parts of larger corporations. ABC is only one part of a great

empire which includes Gulf Oil and Paramount motion pictures. WOR is owned by General Tire and Rubber. G.T. & R., besides making the tires that move the cars we ride in, is a vast company that has very heavy investments in the Vietnam war. So, besides the usual capitalist motive of wanting to have a saleable product and using its radio station to that end, it also has its tremendous investment in the imperialist effort at heart.

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FIGHT CAPITALISM**

by Melody Farrow

"The first aim of youth all over the world must be the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of workers power for the construction of socialism."

These were the opening lines of the Manifesto that was unanimously voted for by 800 youth at the International Youth Assembly held in England last summer. The Manifesto was drawn up after a week of reports, discussions and debates on the main challenge facing youth today, the construction of an inter-

national revolutionary youth organization.

The shadow of Leon Trotsky stood over this Assembly. It was Trotsky who founded the Fourth International in 1938 after the working class had been betrayed by the German Communist Party and the Nazis had come to power. Although Trotsky was assassinated two years later by the agents of Stalin whose policies were responsible for the betrayal in Germany, the Fourth International goes forward today. The proof of this is the International Youth Assembly itself.

The youth who assembled in England have learned from the defeats and the betrayals of the past as well as the present. They understand that the Fourth International and its sections around the world represents the real link to the Russian Revolution and is the only organization fighting today to extend the socialist revolution throughout the world.

At the Assembly there were representatives from 11 dif-

ferent countries, from powerful capitalist countries like the United States to such backward colonial countries as Madagascar. Youth came to this Assembly determined to build an alternative to capitalism which is in such crisis today that in order to preserve its profits it is forced to attack the living conditions of youth and workers. The capitalist class must now take away whatever small gains the working class has made in years of struggle. Young workers all over the world cannot get jobs or decent job training. Every aspect of their lives is controlled by the capitalist class; the police, the army, the schools -- all are aimed at disciplining young people and destroying their independence.

In the United States, the ruling class attacks the trade unions, forces fantastic speed-ups on the assembly lines and tells the workers they can't strike while prices keep rising. More and more youth, especially black youth, are unemployed and live in slums

where they are constantly harassed by cops. Of course, the capitalists have something in mind for these youth, a job in Vietnam oppressing youth like themselves who struggle for liberation.

In England and France unemployment is rising more rapidly even than in the U.S. and there also powerful strikes take place as the work-government and employers' attacks.

In Greece, a military dictatorship has taken power to hold back the revolutionary surge of the workers and the youth. Hundreds of militants have been thrown in jail and all workers organizations have been suppressed.

In the colonial countries the workers and peasants are the slaves of the imperialist powers who take advantage of the cheap labor in these countries to make huge profits.

**POWER**

Youth face the choice, either they be exploited and crushed

by the capitalist system and face a life of poverty, war and unemployment, or they will depend only on their own power united with the power of the working class and build an organization that can overthrow this system. The eight hundred at the Assembly are ready to lead many more around the world who are taking the road of socialist revolution.

It is not enough to struggle in one's own country. Capitalism is a powerful system and it is organized internationally. Our organization must be even more powerful and it must be international. It must reach out to youth of all countries, unite their struggles and give them leadership. The International Youth must stand side by side with the working class for only this class has the power to defeat the capitalist class and construct socialism.

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