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SUPPORT THE TROTSKYIST CANDIDATE FOR DETROIT MAYOR AGAINST COLEMAN YOUNG!

Fight for a Socialist United States of Europe!



By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

For more than six months the American working class has continued to fight for its working and living conditions and democratic rights under Carter's rule. In the last weeks, the Trotskyist Organization -- while fighting to rally support for its candidate for Detroit Mayor and build the US delegation to the rally for the Socialist United States of Europe; the RYI Congress to build the World Party in Barcelona -- spoke to many workers about their assessment of this struggle, Carter's regime, and Coleman Young's regime, Carter's fellow "Democrat" and staunch supporter.

Most young workers stood wholeheartedly with all the strikes, marches and demonstrations organized in the last months, considered themselves revolutionaries and had

little confidence in Carter or Coleman Young, especially after Young tried to take away the Detroit city workers cost-of-living allowance. But they didn't have great confidence in anyone else. Most older workers, while they stood with the struggles of their class brothers and sisters, supported Carter and Coleman Young, not because they thought they were doing a terrific job, but because they saw no alternative. Some workers thought Coleman Young was fighting for the interests of the black masses, to keep industry in the city, against "whitey, the big business owners taking the plants to the suburbs," as one worker put it.

The central task of the working class and its vanguard, above all the young, is thus still to form the leadership of the working class necessary to prepare and lead the class's confrontation with Carter's bourgeois order and its supporters, give the working class confidence in its own forces, and prove to the masses that only the working class can resolve the crisis of this society, that all the others are responsible for this crisis and enemies of the oppressed masses.

CLASS AGAINST CLASS

Class against class or class-collaboration? Build the party to lead the workers to power or leave political power, government, with the imperialist Republicans, "Democrats" and trade union bureaucrats? This is the issue before the American working class. This is the issue before the workers of Detroit in the current elections.

Coleman Young and the rest of the Democratic Party politicians and UAW bureaucrats in Detroit are for capitalism, the exploitation of the working class. They belong lock, stock, and barrel to Henry Ford. Young's attacks on the youth and the city workers are the proof. He and Ford figure that after they take care of these workers they can then move on to the autoworkers. The construction of the workers own party to destroy the capitalists' government and build their own government is the only way forward.

To build this party a resolute political struggle to bring down Carter's law against the Fourth International and unite with the West and East European workers for a Socialist United States of Europe is necessary. This is why these two points are at the top of the Trotskyist Organization's platform for the Mayoral elections.

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Put Jon Cohen on the ballot!

Build a revolutionary leadership in the UAW— oust Rinaldi & Washington!

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

The last meeting of the Stamping unit showed clearly the logical outcome of a policy of "pressure" on the bureaucratic misleaders of the UAW. As the delegation of the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth marched to the union meeting we could see the faces of several members of the Stalinist-led TIME-TO-UNITE organization among the goon squad organized by Mike Rinaldi and Willie Washington of Local 600. As the goon squad closed in on our banner the TIME-TO-UNIT'ers left the scene and disappeared into the union hall where they succeeded in further demoralizing the few auto workers who came to the meeting (excluding those of the goon squad.)

This was it. This was the Stalinists meeting without any "disruptions" that they had been screaming about all week long. The week before they had excluded two members of the Trotskyist Organization from their demonstration of "75 workers." But where were these 75 workers (most of whom were not Stamping workers, a frequent charge hurled at the T.O. by the Stalinists) at the union meeting? It seems that the 1,000 workers who signed TIME-TO-UNITE's petition to the Local 600 Executive Committee to set a "strike deadline" figured that they weren't needed at the union meeting because after all, only the bureaucrats can set "strike deadlines."

The first lesson of the strike movement in auto, including Stamping, is that the bureaucrats who now run the UAW cannot be pressured, pushed, or shoved into fighting the anti-worker attack of Carter and the rest of the US ruling class. It is a lesson which not only the auto workers, but the entirety of the US working class is learning. From this fact, it follows that anyone who leaves the impression that the bureaucracy can be reformed is only helping the bureaucrats maintain power.

The policy of petitioning or trying to reform the bureaucratic trade union supporters of Carter's program of "sacrifices" and "belt-tightening" is not just a conception which prevails among some workers. The treachery is that, under the name of "communism" and revolution, an entire apparatus on a world scale exists which reinforces the illusions of the workers in capitalism and its representatives in the unions, and thereby leads the workers to a series of defeats at their hands. This apparatus is that of Stalinism (or Maoists who are the greatest worshippers of Stalin) which was responsible for crushing the first great workers revolution in the Soviet Union.

It is for this reason that the central task which the Trotskyist Organization has fought for among the workers in auto and steel, especially concentrating our efforts against the Maoists who back TIME-TO-UNITE, is the building of the party to lead the workers to power, the Fourth International, and the Faction of Revolutionary Workers -- UAW.

The night before the last unit meeting of the Stamping plant, the forces who were going to lead this fight with the Trotskyist Organization came forward to defend the building of the party and its faction in the unions. At the defense guard meeting called by the T.O. and the Revolutionary Worker Youth, it was the youngest workers present, one of whom was unemployed and the other who was a new hire in Stamping, who led the fight against the tendencies which arose in the meeting to abandon the name of our party, and rally as well, the revolutionary struggle to oust the bureaucratic leaders of the trade unions.

Thus, the fight which the T.O. has led to ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE TO LEAD A SITDOWN beginning with the Stamping plant was interpreted correctly by the youngest and most militant workers as one to unite the



the workers, class against class, to defeat the anti-worker attacks of Ford Motor Company and the program of "sacrifices" laid out by the entire ruling class.

But by those in TIME-TO-UNITE and those who caved into them at the union meeting, this slogan was interpreted as just a "good tactic" which could be accepted while still leaving the bureaucratic leaders of the UAW in power!

All throughout the struggle in the Stamping unit, and as well in the whole US working class, there are those who cry for UNITY but never see the need to build a Workers Party against the capitalist, and Stalinist parties, and never bother to specify WHO or for what objectives they seek unity. Mike Rinaldi himself showed that the word "Unite" can have several meanings when he made his demagogic speech at the union meeting to "unite" against the revolutionaries in the UAW. We suppose that the reason TIME-TO-UNITE said nothing against this speech is because they are for the same kind of unity. Indeed, without TIME-TO-UNITE's leaflet before the union meeting, it is doubtful that Mike Rinaldi would have had the slightest luck in getting together his goon squad against the Trotskyist Organization and Revolutionary Worker Youth. UNITE! Yes. But on what basis?

IMMEDIATE REDUCTION OF WORKLOAD! NO MORE 90 DAY JOBS! STOP ALL DISCIPLINARY ACTION!

Thousands of young workers have been hired into the auto plants in the last months. They are being used to increase the workloads on all workers because they are easily intimidated by their lack of seniority. For 90 days they are supposed to do whatever Ford wants them to do and then humbly walk out into the streets again when they are laid off.

Then the vicious cycle will begin again with the layoffs and harassment, the increase in production with fewer workers, etc.

This is what the auto workers must UNITE against! Not for 22 minutes relief time as TIME-TO-UNITE proposes. What is necessary is not to water down the demands of the workers because the bureaucrats will not set "strike deadlines," or "negotiate" unit contracts for the real demands of auto workers, but to oust the traitors and build a leadership that will fight for the interests of the working class, for the most central demands of the workers.

TRANSFORM THE SPECIAL CONVENTION INTO A CONGRESS TO ORGANIZE ONE CENTRAL WORKERS UNION WITHOUT THE BUREAUCRATS! THROW OUT MIKE RINALDI AND ELECT A REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP IN LOCAL 600!

The upsurge of wildcats and walkouts after the contract "settlement" has left the UAW bureaucracy more and more isolated from the workers, and more and more in collusion with the Carter administration and the capitalist class for the preservation of "labor peace". This isolation is responsible for the splits in the UAW hierarchy over unification with the AFL-CIO and the fact that this decision had to be postponed to a special convention. But the coming Special Convention of the UAW to decide on unity with the AFL-CIO is a "unity" also directed against the auto workers, and the workers in the AFL-CIO especially steel workers. Because of their isolation from the ranks in auto, the UAW bureaucracy seeks to reinforce itself by uniting with the bureaucratic apparatus of the AFL-CIO. At every level of the UAW the preparation of the September Convention will be accompanied by further attacks on the workers rights. Unquestionably, Mike Rinaldi will use the occasion to try to ram through the local settlement in Stamping if possible.

The key to defeating the bureaucrats plans is in the building of the Revolutionary Workers Faction -- UAW as a mass faction open to all workers on the basis of its platform. Under the slogan to organize ONE CENTRAL WORKERS UNION! and OUST THE BUREAUCRATS FOR AIDING THE WORKERS ENEMIES! the RWF -- UAW can open up a bold campaign to recall Mike Rinaldi of Local 600 and to expel him from the UAW for his attacks on auto workers. Workers throughout the Rouge and the rest of auto will be won to this campaign because it is the only solution for the transformation of the unions into weapons to defend the entire working class.

All Rouge workers! Especially those who have come forward in the fight to organize a sit-down and elect a strike committee, continue this fight and strengthen it by preparing with us a campaign to recall Mike Rinaldi, and build a massive conference of the Revolutionary Workers Faction -- UAW to map out a campaign to take over the locals of the UAW and fight for ONE CENTRAL WORKERS UNION WITHOUT THE BUREAUCRATS! The conference will elect a new leadership of the RWF--UAW and prepare its delegation to the Special Convention of the UAW in September.

ORGANIZE THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS TO LEAD THIS FIGHT!

In the last weeks the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Worker Youth have fought among Stamping workers to send its delegation to the Rally of the Revolutionary Youth International in Barcelona, Spain, for the Socialist United States of Europe. All the lessons of the workers struggle have no value unless they are translated into the construction of the party to lead the workers to



power. This is the stake in insuring the victory of the first assaults of the workers on imperialism and its Stalinist servants in Eastern Europe, and this is the main need of the workers in Stamping as well. A party is necessary to provide a clear banner against the Stalinist and centrist parties, and against their collaboration with the capitalists and their agents in the unions. A party is necessary to lead the daily struggles of the workers, and to defend the workers leaders from attack. If the Trotskyists and members of the Revolutionary Worker Youth have come under attack from the bureaucrats and Stalinists it is because we alone have fought to give our policy life among the workers by fighting to build the Workers Party, and regrouping all the young workers who want to take up this fight now, in the Revolutionary Worker Youth.

We call on the Stamping workers who are drawing their own balance of events in the last months to join the RWY and fight with us to build a revolutionary leadership in the unions, fight to build the Workers Party to lead the workers to power! Join the campaign to recall Mike Rinaldi and build the Conference of the Revolutionary Workers -- UAW September 11th, Detroit!

STEEL: YOUNG WORKERS TAKE UP FIGHT AGAINST OLD LEADERSHIPS

By ANN NELSON

Detroit, July 12, 1977--The new McBride leadership of the United Steelworkers Union is in the process of trying to consolidate its absolute power over steelworkers. It is doing this with silence, by refusing to hold union meetings, by refusing to defend victimized militants, by attacking oppositions with goon squads and it is consolidating itself as well, thanks to the aid of the so-called workers organizations, the Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party. The whole bureaucracy is holding its breath, hoping the August 1st deadline for local contract expirations is not turned into a General Strike.

How does the SWP aid the bureaucracy? Particularly when they say they are for "changes in Steel" and union democracy. They give their aid by hiding the way forward for the militant steelworkers. In the latest issue of the MILITANT they print an article titled: ENA PUTS DAMPER ON LOCAL STEEL TALKS, which should really read: SWP PUTS DAMPER ON LOCAL STEEL TALKS. The article talks about how the no-strike pledge has ruined all the local contract talks because significant demands can not be fought for. It is true that the no-strike pledge is a set-back for the workers in Steel, but it can be DEFEATED, by a resolute fight on the part of a revolutionary leadership and by the thousands of militant young workers in Steel. The MILITANT also says, without actually saying what its position is that the union leaderships (those who support Sadlowski) are saying that strong local contract votes are essential as a "show of strength" against the companies. The SWP leadership obviously thinks that this is the most that is possible in Steel: a show of strength. The article ends with ... nothing. No proposals for the young workers and no plan to indeed fight back. Why? Because the SWP leadership accepts the leadership of the trade union bureaucrats, whether these bureaucrats have "criticisms" of the present union bureaucracy or not is secondary.

The relationship is such that while the McBride leadership of the USW is keeping quiet, and consolidating itself, the SWP leadership says wait for Sadlowski (who is also doing nothing,) and let the local contract votes be a show of strength.

REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS

On June 22, at the general membership meeting of Local 1299 USW, for Great Lakes Steel in Detroit, the Trot-



skyist Organization and young steel workers fought to put a proposal on the floor: TO HOLD AN IMMEDIATE MASS MEETING OF ALL THE WORKERS AT GREAT LAKES TO REJECT THE CONTRACT AND ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE. This motion was barely said when USW goons disrupted the meeting by throwing me out, the maker of the motion. The young steelworkers who supported the motion by saying "yeah, we want a strike," showed that what was important to them was above all the policy that the Trotskyist Organization was fighting for, and not a question of membership in the union.

The young steelworkers, however, who fought well in this meeting, almost left before it had started saying, "There's no one in there my age or my color." (All the bureaucrats are old and white.) This is the problem, but can only be resolved by the most militant young workers TAKING THEIR UNION BACK, and this fight can only be led by a revolutionary leadership.

The Trotskyist Organization calls on the best young fighters in Steel to join the REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL in its fight to build the WORLD PARTY OF THE WORKING CLASS, the Fourth International, and in its fight to put the candidate of the T.O. on the ballot.

The circles of the Revolutionary Young Workers in the Steel plants must continue the fight for a revolutionary leadership in the USW. THROW THE BUREAUCRATS OUT! FOR FULL RIGHTS FOR NEW HIRES! And to take up with the fighting young auto workers the struggle to turn the Special Convention of the UAW which will try to consolidate the bureaucracy's power further by joining the AFL-CIO, into a CONGRESS TO ORGANIZE A CENTRAL WORKERS UNION!

July 12, 1977

HARPER - GRACE: R

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER

Otis Watson, member of the Revolutionary Worker Youth, won the election for Housekeeping Steward running on the platform put forward by the circle of the RWY at Harper-Grace Hospital in Detroit. The victory represented a further blow to the leadership of Local 79 of the Service Employees International Union and Harper management, who had both tried to stop the REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS slate from winning. Even more importantly, the elections, which were organized at the last minute by the local 79 leadership, saw the forces of the RWY grow among the young workers at the Hospital.

David Heffelfinger, already a steward at Harper-Grace and member of the Trotskyist Organization, lost to Kathleen Charmicael and Melvin Sims for Chief Steward of the Hospital, but succeeded in spreading the platform of the RWY to many other workers. A total of 200 workers voted in the elections which indicated a great deal more interest in the elections than the last one which drew the votes of only 75 workers. Nevertheless, the total still represents fewer than 20% of the unionized workers at the Hospital, especially showing a lack of turnout of the younger and more militant workers on the day shift, and in departments outside of Housekeeping.

Harper-Grace management had been severely panicked by the mobilization around the campaign, and especially the coverage which the platform of the RWY received. Less than a week before the elections both Heffelfinger and Watson were called into the Hospitals equivalent of labor relations to be given an oral warning for the appearance of platforms all over the Hospital. Further disciplinary action was threatened but many platforms still remain up even after the elections, despite the industry of the hospital guards and supervisors in tearing them down. Many young workers helped in getting the platform around the Hospital.

Prior to the actual elections, the RWY had made a fight in union meetings to elect a committee to supervise the elections. The proposal never passed a meeting, which are usually sparsely attended, but the local 79 leadership seemed to have backed down when they granted each candidate an observer at the polls. This proved to only be a maneuver on the part of these bureaucrats, however, because at the last minute they chose their own observers.

The most significant victory was the formation of a circle of the Revolutionary Worker Youth at the Hospital. The

Revolutionary young workers win stewards slots!

VOTE FOR THE
Revolutionary Young Workers
 SLATE FOR SEIU LOCAL 79
 STEWARDS ELECTION



DAVID HEFFELFINGER, CANDIDATE FOR
Chief Steward member Trotskyist
 Organization, US section
 (sympathizing) of the Fourth
 International



OTIS WATSON, CANDIDATE FOR
Steward AFT. SHIFT HOUSEKEEPING
 member Revolutionary Worker
 Youth, US section (sympathizing)
 of the Revolutionary Youth
 International

...le discussed the platform it put for-
 ...rd thoroughly and drew an assessment
 each point in the campaign of how
 go forward.

At the center of the platform and the
 campaign the RWY fought to build a
 mass Faction of Revolutionary Workers
 the SEIU. This task still remains as
 the most important means to bring to-
 gether all the support won in the course
 of the campaign. Many workers who
 were talked to in the course of the elec-
 tions felt that they agreed with most of
 the platform but did not consider them-
 selves "revolutionaries". This shows the
 fact that all the sentiments of the work-
 ers and youth are "revolutionary" in
 their nature, but a clear leadership
 which the workers can trust, a leader-
 ship which is truly revolutionary, must
 still be built in a massive fashion to
 prove that the agreement of the workers
 to the platform has a revolutionary con-
 sistent basis. But the formation of a circle
 at the Hospital and the results of the
 elections show that the Fourth International

Platform

**I. STOP THE INCREASE IN WORKLOAD AND
 HARRASSMENT! End the attack of the "Democratic"
 government on health care and hospital workers!**

The Carter administrations' plan to cut "hospital costs"
 is directed against hospital workers and the whole US
 working class. Already, since the merger of Harper and
 Grace, the hospital has less workers doing MORE work.
 And with the increase of workload the Hospital adminis-
 tration has increased the harrassment of workers. Vote for
 the REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS to organize the
 whole union against this attack and fight for WORKERS
 CONTROL.

**II. OUST THE BUREAUCRATS and fight for ONE CENTRAL
 WORKERS UNION to unite with the auto workers and those
 throughout Detroit and the US to prepare a General Strike!**

Our union is not in the hands of the workers and does not
 act in our interests. The leaders of Local 79 act as if the
 union is a business which belongs to them. The
 REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS are fighting in the
 SEIU, the UAW, and several other unions to build ONE
 CENTRAL UNION to unite all workers against the attack
 on their living standards and rights.

III. Win a SLIDING SCALE OF WAGES AND HOURS!

The cost of living is constantly going up, we need wage
 increases to match the increase in prices EXACTLY. The

ELECTIONS ON

2604 Fourth St.

TUESDAY, JULY 12,

POLLS OPEN FROM

**AT SEIU LOCAL 79 HALL
 7:30 AM TO 8:00 PM**

worst disunity among workers is the disunity between
 employed and unemployed. The REVOLUTIONARY
 YOUNG WORKERS demand that hours of work be reduced
 to accommodate all those able to work with no cut in pay.

**IV. EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK and an end to the
 racism and favoritism in job-bidding and pay scales!**

Equal rates for women workers and equal access to
 better jobs and skilled training for all workers.

V. A STEWARD FOR EVERY SUPERVISOR!

**VI. DOWN WITH THE VOORHIS ACT and the "subversive"
 clause in the union's constitution! Build the Revolutionary
 Workers Faction -- SEIU, open to all workers who want to
 fight for this platform!**

The REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS are fighting
 to build the Revolutionary Youth International and stand
 for the international unity of the whole working class.
 We are against the law in the United States, the Voorhis
 Act, which places great restrictions on any international
 workers organization, including our party the Fourth
 International and the RYT. Our union's constitution
 contains a clause against "subversives" whose only
 purpose is to keep any opposition from growing against
 the trade union bureaucracy. We will fight for the abolition
 of this law and this clause in the SEIU constitution as part
 of a fight to build a mass Faction of Revolutionary Workers
 in the union!

the Revolutionary Youth Interna-
 tional, basing themselves on the most
 militant workers, have succeeded in
 combating the Stalinist and centrist
 tendencies who have betrayed the working
 class internationally -- and even worse,
 have done it in the name of "commu-
 nism" or "socialism" which they do
 not represent.

The Socialist Workers Party, a
 centrist party which claims to be Trot-
 skist, ran no one in the latest elec-
 tions as it did last year. In fact they
 no longer seem to have any presence at
 the Hospital at all. Never-the-less,
 the fact that a circle has been built at
 the Hospital is a defeat for the SWP,
 and in the last elections continually

laughed at the possibility that young
 workers could be won to an openly rev-
 olutionary policy, and regrouped to
 build a Workers Party in the United
 States. The SWP does not have a youth
 organization for workers, but rather only
 one for students which the SWP main-
 tains its parental domination over.

The Trotskyist Organization salutes
 the victory of all the workers at Harper-
 Grace and of the circle of the Revolu-
 tionary Worker Youth. We call on the
 young workers to take up energetically
 the campaign of the Trotskyist Organ-

ization and Revolutionary Worker Youth
 for Mayor of Detroit, and build the Fac-
 tion of the Revolutionary Workers in the
 SEIU as a means to take this victory
 forward even further. 7/13/77

SPAIN:

Down with the monarchy! The Cortes gives us nothing! Why the SWP hides the true nature of the election results.



By ANN NELSON

July 11, 1977--The results of the June 15th elections to the Cortes in Spain reveal the true nature of their intentions: to give a "democratic" cover to the Francoist Suarez government with the collaboration of the betraying workers' leaders, the Stalinists and centrists. The results of the voting for both the Stalinist Spanish Communist Party of Carillo and the centrists like the LCR (Revolutionary Workers League, one of the sympathizing sections of the SWP in Spain,) are extremely weak in relation to the masses of workers they claim support them.

Neither do the election results, with Suarez winning by a small margin, give a true picture of the depth and strength of the mobilization of the Spanish working masses. While the Stalinist CP with its newly acquired "legality" used every opportunity to call off demonstrations and send striking workers back into the factories because they were "jeopardizing the democratic nature of the elections," the monarchy was INSURING the "democratic nature" by misplacing lists of eligible voters and stealing the ballots of workers parties in the workers districts of the cities.

There must be no mistake about the phoney nature of the elections to the Cortes in Spain. The monarchy, in order to gain a political mandate for further repression, to keep the prisoners in the prisons, to institute higher prices and wage freezes, set up these elections. Their attempt "succeeded" only because of the support the false workers' leaders, the CP, SP and the centrists. As the declaration of the Political Bureau of the PORE (Spanish Section of the Fourth International) of June 16 said: "The regime has won the battle for its survival on the electoral plane. But whether that puts off the decisive battle, is determined by the advance of the masses in the revolutionary process."

THE PORE

The Partido Revolucionario de Espagne, PORE, was the only workers organization in Spain to lay bare the true nature of

the elections to the Cortes, and the treachery of the collaboration of the Stalinists and centrists. The PORE in leading the strikes of workers in Madrid, Barcelona and the Basque country, organized for the ACTIVE BOYCOTT of the Cortes through the organization of the GENERAL STRIKE to bring down the Monarchy.

The PORE said clearly to the working masses and youth of Spain, that all the advances against the fascist government is a result of the combat in the streets and the strikes in the factories of the Spanish workers themselves. The PORE says that the only road forward for the Spanish workers is to continue the elections of workers delegates and workers commissions against the policy put forward by both the Stalinists and the centrist LCR of negotiations and one day work stoppages.

THE LCR

As the elections results clearly demonstrate, many workers and many militants of the CP and centrist LCR could not swallow participation in the elections. Workers in Euskadi, in the Basque country did not wait for the elections to demonstrate their opinion of Francoist democracy, when 5 workers were murdered by the fascist police, they took to the streets and set up barricades. These events in Euskadi have shaken the LCR and many of their militants began to shout with the members of the PORE: TO BARCELONA: BOYCOTT THE CORTES! In a statement of the leadership of the LCR on the Euskadi events a FEW WEEKS before the elections, there was not one word about their participation in the elections. And when members of the PORE, and their OWN MEMBERS were arrested, there was silence. The MILITANT briefly reports that 2 members of the LC (Communist League, the "other" sympathizing section of the SWP) were arrested in Euskadi, and does not mention anything about rallying to their defense, but instead infers that it was LC's policy of the boycott (even if a very passive one) that caused the arrests!

So when the Socialist Workers party reports in the most recent **MILITANT**, in a huge headline that: "MASSES RE-PUDIATE FRANCOISM; HUGE VOTE FOR WORKERS PARTIES" they betray the huge mobilizations of the Spanish workers to free the political prisoners and they treacherously hide from the international working class the way forward for its victory. They turn the meaning of the election results on their head in order to justify their own capitulation to the Stalinist apparatus, specifically the SCP of Carrillo.

For the SWP, their participation in the elections, for which they threatened to SPLIT with those in their party (s) who disagreed, is "the best opportunity for taking revolutionary ideas to the masses." They as well call the legalization of the Stalinists a "great victory."

But the legalization of the Communist Party was not a victory for the workers, but only a deepening of the collaboration of the Stalinists with the fascist monarchy. The legalization of the CP was part of the trap of leading the workers to the elections, while leaving the political prisoners in their cells.

As for the "best way to take revolutionary ideas to the masses" leaving aside that the masses need deeds and not "good ideas," the masses demonstrated THEIR method for doing this in Euskadi with the barricades and in the large steel and construction strikes. The only "good idea" that the LCR had in Barcelona was during a strike of the workers which had chased out the Stalinists for calling for a return to work, the LCR tried to take over by telling the workers to submit to "negotiations."

In her speech in Madrid, Linda Jenness, an SWP leader, call for a "government of the workers parties," that is, for the CP and SP to form a government. It is in this demand, asking the betrayers of the cause of the Spanish proletariat, the Stalinists, to take over the government, that the true meaning of the participation in the elections urged so strongly by the SWP leaders, lies. Carrillo has already stated his willingness to participate in a government with the fascist Suarez. And this is what the SWP/ LCR supports, and draws closer to: Spain 1936. In 1936, the workers parties all participated in the government with the bourgeoisie, while the Spanish proletariat went as far as it could on the road to revolution without leaders, this treachery of the SCP and the centrist POUM paved the way for fascism. Today the small vestige of the POUM is WITH the LCR/SWP in the "electoral coalition" in Barcelona.

Every article in the **MILITANT**, is an attempt to legitimize the elections to the Cortes, which are becoming increasingly exposed in the eyes of the workers. The SWP/ LCR have shown that they will slide more closely next to Stalinism for "legality", a semblance of which was granted to illegal organizations by the fascists for their participation in the elections.

FORWARD

In the United States, as in Spain, workers and militants of the SWP must draw a balance of this open support to Stalinism, and join the fight of the Trotskyist Organization to rebuild the US Section of the Fourth International. Today, the delegate of the Trotskyist Organization is in Barcelona, at the World Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International.

In Spain, the elections have proved to new layers of the workers that their fight is with the revolutionaries fighting for the GENERAL STRIKE and not with the peaceful transformation of Francoism of the Stalinists and the centrists.

**DOWN WITH THE MONARCHY!
THE "CORTES," AND THEIR DEPUTIES GIVE US NOTHING
PREPARE THE GENERAL STRIKE BY THE ELECTION AND
THE CENTRALIZATION OF THE COMMITTEES OF
WORKERS DELEGATES!
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CONTINUED FROM FRONT

UNITY WITH EUROPEAN WORKERS

Why? To lead the workers to power in the US, not just any old party will do. This party must be the party of unity with the workers of the countries of the socialist conquests (the USSR, Poland, Hungary, etc.). The unification of the workers in the capitalist countries and the countries of the socialist conquests in the Socialist United States of Europe, that is the continuation of the revolution begun in October of 1917 in Russia, and the destruction of the bureaucratic apparatus of the Kremlin, which resides in Europe and is the principal support of imperialism, without which it could not stand, is the key to the victory of the world revolution and the defense of the conquests of the workers in every country.

The question of the organization of the workers under the leadership of the Fourth International, the workers International, in every country, to fight for the Socialist United States of Europe, is the question of organizing the working class as a class against the imperialist class on an international scale. It's the question of political power for the workers on the international scale against class-collaboration, against leaving political power in the hands of the imperialists and their Stalinist agents.

For precisely this reason all of Carter's efforts, the chief to which all the imperialists look, are directed at dividing the workers in the capitalist countries from those in the countries of the socialist conquests.

IMPERIALIST HUMANS

Thus he's attempting to reinforce all the laws blocking workers from joining the International in the US (see the last issue of **TRUTH**). He's campaigning for "human rights" in the hopes that a significant sector of the American working class will follow him and presenting the Russian working class and its revolution as the Stalinist dictatorship led by Brezhnev in the hopes that these same workers will attack the Russian workers and their revolution.

The "humans" for which Carter wants rights are the imperialist bourgeois humans, not the workers and oppressed masses and between the two there is an irreconcilable conflict. Carter's campaign is not simply one of words. He is forming the repressive apparatus necessary to win rights for his imperialist humans. His plans to produce this cruise missile are directed above all against the European working class.

STALINIST COLLABORATION

One wing of the international Stalinist apparatus of the Kremlin, the "Eurocommunists," in particular in Spain and Italy, has openly joined Carter in his campaign, pronouncing their confidence in the continuation of the current democratic character of the capitalist order and denouncing the October Revolution and the dictatorship of the workers and oppressed masses over the aristocracy and the bourgeoisie. Carrillo, head of the Spanish Stalinist party, called it an "error."

The Socialist Workers Party, which falsely claims to represent our party in the US, has applauded this, claimed that these Stalinist bureaucrats can lead a struggle in the interests of the workers against their cohorts in the Kremlin, and hopefully prophesized the further growth of such "democratic socialist" movements. They want to stop the masses of workers from breaking with the Stalinist agents of the imperialists, joining the Fourth International and fighting for a Socialist United States of Europe.

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As on the international scale these parties collaborate in Carter's campaign for imperialists' rights to destroy the workers conquests, so do they on the national and local scale.

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The Trotskyist Organization of the USA is the only party fighting in the US and in Detroit to organize the working class -- class against class; to build its party to lead it to power; to unite with the West and East European workers for a Socialist United States of Europe.

The Stalinist agents of the Kremlin in the US, the "Communist" Party USA, are supporting Coleman Young. The Socialist Workers Party is collaborating in this attempt to stop the workers from breaking with the Democratic Party and the trade union bureaucracy, joining the International and building their own party.

Their candidate, Trudy Hawkins, in point #7 of her platform calls for the "labor movement to organize its own political party based on the unions." The reformist nature of the party she fights for is expressed not only in the expression "labor movement," which is understood by the masses of workers and oppressed as the movement of labor officials, agents of the capitalist Democratic Party, and the reformist demands which proceed it (points #1 - 6; cost-of-living escalator clauses, public works funded by the federal (!) government, affirmative action, etc.), but above all by its nationalist character. The program for this party doesn't even make reference to a single struggle outside the US. Any party organized on a national basis must submit to the bourgeoisie. Point # 8 in the platform -- "socialism" -- serves only to highlight the fact that what proceeded this point had **nothing to do with socialism.**

For precisely this reason, the Socialist Workers Party has refused to join our fight for a common candidate of the working class on the basis of a revolutionary platform against Coleman Young, and organized provocations at each of its public meetings to prevent us from address the proletarian militants of this party.

The Trotskyist Organization calls on every young worker and working class militant who wants to fight to build the party to lead the workers to power, bring down Carter's laws against the Fourth International, and unite with his comrades across Europe for a Socialist United States of Europe, to join our fight to put our candidate, Jon Cohen, for Detroit Mayor on the ballot, join the Revolutionary Youth International, and organize circles of revolutionary young workers to carry out this fight.

Every proletarian militant in the SWP can join this struggle by taking up a political fight within this organization for this revolutionary platform.

Hundreds of signatures in support of this platform and this candidate. This must be the greeting to the delegation returning from Barcelona!
Detroit, July 12, 1977

Realize Lenin's Dream!



By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

In the past issues of TRUTH, I have discussed the importance of the discussion and distribution of TRUTH in order to realize Lenin's dream, the revolution, the main weapon of which is our newspaper. The sales of our press are increasing, and we have as well been selling more subscriptions to both TRUTH and the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

It is necessary to say something about the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL because of its importance. Many different organizations claim the banner of the Fourth International and of Trotskyism, but ours is the only organization which prints the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL. The FOURTH INTERNATIONAL is printed in English, French and Spanish, and sold by every Section in our Party. The fact that we are the only organization which puts out such an international press is not proof in and of itself that we are the Fourth International, such proof will be given to the young workers in action and with deeds. But it is difficult to believe the claims of the SWP, OCI and Spartacist League when they do not even start from the beginning with an international press with which to organize their "world parties".

It is not because of personal preference that we consider the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL so important. We firmly believe as Trotskyists that it is impossible to fight to realize the revolution without the international Party of the working class. And impossible to organize and lead such an international Party without a centralized press, and a firm clear international policy, the fundamental lines of which is carried out by every Section in our international. In the Statutes of our Party, which was founded in 1938, it is stated very clearly that there must be an international newspaper. We, unlike the centrist organizations who claim the banner of the Fourth International, do not think these Statutes need rewriting. Part of the struggle we are waging is to forge the Trotskyist Organization into the US Section of the Fourth International, that is to be seen by the advanced young workers in the United States as the Trotskyists. The FOURTH INTERNATIONAL is an indispensable weapon in that fight.

The June, English Edition of the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL which has just arrived, carries many important articles with which workers can arm themselves. The editorial: "The European Revolution needs its Party" discusses the large mobilizations of the youth throughout Europe, East and West, and maps the way forward for the victory of these struggles.

Young workers! The FOURTH INTERNATIONAL is your newspaper, the newspaper of the World Party of the Socialist Revolution. Subscribe to it today, (\$2.00 introductory subscription or \$5.00 supporting subscription). It is still with difficulty, particularly financial, that we can print the FI. Only the workers can insure its continuance, inscribed on its banner is the way forward for victory: WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE! 7/13/77

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