

Labor Party Candidates on the Ballot!

By MARGARET GUTTSHALL

The Democratic Party's 1984 presidential election campaign — a campaign *against* any sort of independent struggle against the Reagan regime — is now well underway.

The Democratic Party tops' approach is the usual crude one — if you don't support the candidate that they have chosen you are either paid by the Republicans or ought to be, as Democratic Party leader Coleman Young said in a recent *Detroit Free Press* interview.

The Democratic Party oppositionists, led by Jesse Jackson, are a little more subtle. Jackson claims that Black and other working people can get *real* political power through a struggle in the primaries aimed at getting the maximum number of delegates at the Democratic Party convention and the maximum number of Black people in various other public offices.

Young Black people! Workers! Do not be swayed by this propaganda!

Black and other working people must rely on and develop their own independent power to rid themselves of Reagan and all the rest. No one will do it for them.

They need their own political party, based on their real power as laborers, a Labor Party. They need their own candidates, Labor Candidates. They need a boycott of *all* racist and anti-working class parties, Republican and Democratic.

This is especially important for Black people.

Power

The power of Black people doesn't lie in their numbers, in the fact that they make up at least 20% of 86 different Congressional districts, that they can acquire a certain percentage of the delegates at the Democratic Party convention. Or even that they constitute a majority in certain cities and thus can even elect mayors like Harold Washington.

The power of Black people lies in their place in the process of production, in the working class. *as laborers*. Black people make up the large majority of what Marxists call the industrial proletariat, especially in the central cities. They man the mines, the mills, the factories, the trains, the trucks, the buses. They make this country run.

This puts Blacks in a position to offer and implement a program that can really solve the problems of this society — like a sliding scale of hours, dividing up work among all available workers; workers' con-

trol of industry beginning with sitdown strikes; fraternal relations with workers of all races and nationalities.

It puts them in a position to organize the masses of working people — white, black and brown — around them. And this is the real source of Blacks' power, a source of power far greater than any number of Democratic Party convention delegates or elected officials.

As voters, Blacks, a minority, can at best hope only to exercise a limited amount of pressure on the Democratic Party.

Even where Blacks are in a majority and have elected officials like Harold Washington in Chicago, the Democratic Party machine has retained control through the courts and other means. And Harold Washington, lacking any perspective for power outside the Democratic Party, has capitulated. He just sealed an agreement with the racist Vrdolyak maintaining the vast majority of the Democratic Party machine committees that the Black workers of Chicago elected him to destroy.

As workers, as laborers, however, Blacks, a majority, the heart and backbone of the industrial proletariat in America, can exercise power in their own interests and in those of their fellow workers and oppressed people, here and around the world.

Thus the most important thing for Black people to do to strengthen and develop *their power*, power derived from being laborers, is to build their own political party based on that power, a Labor Party. A Labor Party can bring together the most determined elements among the youth and workers in the working class neighborhoods and factories and arm them with a program. It can begin to win over the masses of working people of all races and nationalities; take over the unions, factories and neighborhoods and, ultimately, establish its own government and army and destroy the power of the parasites that now rule and ruin the US and the rest of the world.

This, not fighting for the maximum number of delegates and nominations at the Democratic Party convention, is the only way that Blacks and other working people can acquire political power.

Destructive Perspective

Jackson's perspective is not simply false or mistaken. *It is destructive*. By directing Blacks toward fighting for delegates at the Democratic Party convention, toward forming a "coalition of the rejected" *inside the Democratic Party*, Jackson is directing

Blacks toward elements that are completely alien and even hostile to them, like the National Organization of Women, concerned with the rights of bourgeois women, similar organizations tied to various oppressed nationalities and, behind them, the former slaveholders and modern day non-union factory owners in the South and the big city politicians in the North that make up the nuts and bolts of the Democratic Party.

At the same time, Jackson is directing Blacks *away* from and isolating them from their natural allies in the working class, their fellow workers, their real source of power. Thus he is rendering them completely dependent upon elements that are totally alien and hostile to them. *He is rendering them powerless*.

This can only lead to demanding that Blacks adapt and tailor themselves and their demands to suit these alien elements. And indeed this process is already evident in Jackson's program, actions and Jackson himself.

In a recent *New York Times* interview Jackson puts forward a thoroughly anti-Black and anti-working class program. He says the main thing an American president must do is "enforce the law," calls for tax credits for corporations that properly reinvest, maintenance of troops in Europe and recognition of the imperialist puppet state of Israel. Jackson didn't start out with this program. He's developing it as he goes along, trying to show the bourgeoisie he can defend its interests as well as the next guy.

Workers Control!

The United States Steel Corporation is now demanding that steel workers give up virtually all local work rules and all overtime pay. If the workers do not, the company says it will close Southworks in Chicago and four other plants.

These demands amount to tearing up the union contract and attempting to force workers to select between being 19th century drudges and starving to death. They show that the capitalists are incapable of running industry in the interests of society.

An all out fight for workers control of industry is imperative. Workers at Southworks and elsewhere must put forward their own candidates to fight for this in the coming elections. They must prepare a sitdown strike to prevent U.S. Steel from closing the plant before the people have their say!

Who Did Jackson Help in the Middle East?

Since US barracks in Beirut were blown up by a truck bomb, nearly everyone has been talking about his concern for the lives of US servicemen, withdrawing troops and reaching a "peace settlement" in the Middle East.

This talk reached a high point when Reagan and a US ambassador authorized Jesse Jackson to go to Syria to make a special appeal to the Syrian government to release an imprisoned Black Navy flier and Jackson returned with the man.

But Reagan and leading Democrats are not talking about the lives of US servicemen and withdrawing troops because they want to leave the oppressed and exploited of the Middle East in peace. No. They are doing so because they want to whip up chauvinist sentiment among Black and other working people in the US. They want workers to think only of themselves in the most narrow kind of way while they organize a veritable counterrevolutionary terror against their class brothers and sisters in the Middle East. And Jackson is just a pawn in the game.

If withdrawing troops is now even under consideration (and it is by no means decided), it is only because the US has concluded a military alliance with Israel in which the US will directly supply Israel with weapons and Israel will take orders directly from Washington. Thus it was Israel that retaliated when the US barracks were bombed and it is Israel that is now bombing "terrorist nests" that just happen to be full of civilians "there at their own risk," as an Israeli spokesman recently said.

Even the famous Pentagon document that holds the US policy and the chain of command responsible for the deaths of US servicemen and calls for increased diplomatic efforts and withdrawing the Marines, also calls for "alternative means" of deployment. A Pentagon spokesman questioned about this suggested that the US might send units like the Green Berets and cited Britain's alleged success with such units in Northern Ireland. In other words, the US is thinking about withdrawing the Marines in favor of trained assassins capable of wiping out centers of resistance and turning the Middle East into an imperialist colony as Northern Ireland is to Britain.

In this context it is worthwhile taking another look at Jackson's "brilliant" role. At the same time that he is helping the imperialists by trying to confuse American youth with all the hullabaloo about the Black Navy flier, he's coming out in strong support of the state of Israel, the assassins of the Middle East that he calls "the most beautiful flower in God's garden." He has even helped smooth relations between the US

and Syria and pave the way for an agreement in which Syria can find its place in crushing the revolution in the Middle East.

Whether Jackson is aware of what he is doing or not is irrelevant. He's too busy thinking about proving himself to think about the working class.

How can American young people and workers confront the imperialists' attack on their brothers and sisters in the Middle East? Naturally, it's necessary to support their struggle, to fight for an immediate withdrawal of all US and Israeli forces, be they Marines or otherwise, and, above all, for a boycott of all supplies to imperialist forces in the Middle East, especially Israel.

But it is also necessary to go beyond this, to build a working class party that unites the workers and oppressed masses across national, racial and religious lines. Neither the US nor Israel would ever have been able to set foot in Beirut if it were not for the isolation of American and Jewish workers from the Palestinians and Lebanese; their isolation from their fellow workers in Egypt, Syria and Iraq and their divisions among themselves — Palestinians, Sunni, Shiite, Druse, Jews, etc.

These divisions are not natural. They are imposed by imperialism with the assistance of the petty bourgeois leaderships of the workers of different nationalities, races, religions, etc. This terrible situation came to light when the Palestine Liberation Organization was surrounded in Beirut and not one organization came to its aid; when the PLO then capitulated, accepted the US invasion, abandoned Beirut, and paved the way for the massacres that

followed; when all these same organizations hailed this as a victory.

The fact that the PLO today has been reduced to two warring factions, shooting it out with each other rather than imperialism, shows that petty bourgeois leaderships held together only by bonds of nationality, race or religion are incapable of confronting imperialism and leading the revolution.

The petty bourgeoisie is by its nature a divided class with divisive methods. National or racial bonds, no matter how strong, are not enough to overcome this. The working class is by its nature made of different stuff, brought together in industry, forced to cooperate in order to survive. This is why building a working class party is key to revitalizing the revolution in the Middle East.

What is more, this party's goal must be the complete destruction of imperialist influence in the Middle East, above all the state of Israel. Every twist and turn of developments, from the invasion of Lebanon, to the bombing of Beirut, to the massacres at Sabra and Shatila, to the massacres taking place today, show that peaceful coexistence with US imperialism and the Israeli state are impossible. And the only way to unify the workers of the Middle East, above all the Arab and Jewish workers, is to destroy this artificial and illegitimate state that organizes and exacerbates these divisions every day, that transforms Jewish youth into cannon fodder for imperialism.

This is the task of revolutionaries, to organize this unity, this struggle. Down with US imperialism! Down with Israel! Arab and Jewish workers unite! M.G.

Socialists?

But the worst elements in this campaign are not Jackson and those around him. After all Jackson doesn't claim to be much more than a preacher who wants to be "first in his master's house." The worst elements are the so-called socialists participating in this campaign, the Communist Workers Party. For socialists, unlike preachers, have a tradition of struggle for freedom from *all masters*. The fact that the CWP is participating, in the name of socialism, in this campaign, shows that for the CWP, socialism is not first and foremost a change in the status of the working class, the liberation of the working class, its elevation from an oppressed class to the ruling class.

For them, socialism is simply a change in the regime, a better distribution of the spoils, a more enlightened master. Thus it is not an accident that the same party, also in the name of socialism, supports the Stalinist regime in Poland and opposes Solidarnosc, an organization of ten million workers, on the grounds that the workers struggle might lead to counterrevolution! This party has no confidence in the working class, in its capacity to rule.

Unlike the CWP, the Socialist Workers Party opposes Jackson, calls for a Labor Party and is putting forward its own candidates in these elections. And the Trotskyist Organization will be fighting to put these candidates on the ballot and make this into a large struggle for the Labor Party, especially in Illinois.

But like the CWP, the SWP lacks confidence in the working class. It calls for a Black and/or a Labor Party. This formulation shows that they aren't sure and don't care whether Blacks should form a minority Black party directed toward pressuring or sharing power with other parties, or form a party based on their own power as laborers and that of other workers. They don't bother to come to one conclusion or another because they aren't confident that Blacks and other workers can form their own political party and get and hold political power anyway. In this fundamental sense the SWP adapts itself to the Democratic Party, the Jackson campaign and, not surprisingly, to the Stalinist regimes in Poland and elsewhere as well.

Trotskyists

The Trotskyist Organization on the other hand is fighting to strengthen and develop the independent power of Black and all working people. We are confident that the working class in this country can build its own party, establish its own political power, and destroy the corrupt and murderous power of the exploiters that run this country, no matter how mighty they may be.

This is why we are fighting to build a Labor Party Coalition in the course of the coming year, open to every Black and working class organization that wants to take up the struggle and to get Labor Party candidates on the ballot, especially in Michigan and Illinois. And this is why we have put forward our own platform and candidate to lead this struggle.

This is what we mean when we say a revolutionary struggle and a revolutionary leadership — revolutionary in the sense that we are talking about a fundamental change in the relations between exploited and exploiter, oppressed and oppressor, in *whom rules*.

No ruling class has even been known to give up power peacefully, without a fight, and ours is no exception, as we can see in its reaction to the Greyhound strike, and even to the election of Harold Washington or Eddie Carthan, not to mention the reaction to our fellow workers in Central America and the Middle East.

So we call on all organizations that claim to represent Black and all oppressed and exploited working people to join us in the struggle to build the Labor Party, to get Labor Party candidates on the ballot — in Michigan, the Labor Party Coalition; in Illinois, where reactionary laws prevent this, the SWP candidate, Mel Mason. It is your duty to the working class.

And we call on all young people who want political power, who want freedom, to join us in building the leadership for this struggle, in building young revolutionaries' clubs affiliated with the Revolutionary Youth International.

Take your place in the class struggle! Labor Party Candidates on the ballot! Boycott all racist, anti-working class parties! Build a Labor Party Now!

How to Aid Nicaragua

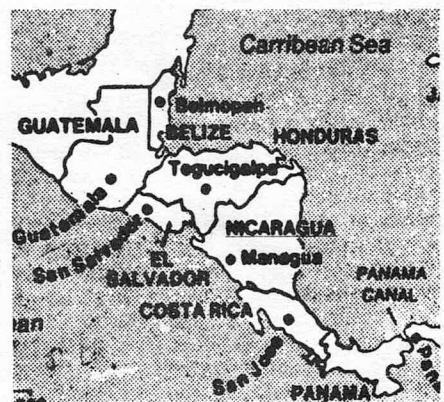
The National Network in Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People recently called for volunteers to help harvest the Nicaraguan coffee crop. The Trotskyist Organization supports this initiative and plans to take part in it.

We call on all organizations that support this struggle to join us in taking it to working class youth and unions; to make it the point of departure for a fight for volunteers to defend Nicaragua by every means necessary, with arms in hand in Nicaragua, with a union boycott of supplies to imperialist counterrevolutionaries; to demand that the Sandinistas open their

borders to and collaborate in mobilizing such aid.

Working class youth from Detroit high schools supported this at the Revolutionary Youth International Conference in November. Yet we have received no response to a letter to the Sandinistas concerning this (given to the ambassador in August), nor from any of the other organizations that claim to defend Nicaragua.

The working class cannot accept such a response. All out for Nicaragua! Volunteers Now! M.G.



FOR AN OPEN TROTSKYIST CONGRESS TO REBUILD THE US SECTION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

A significant number of young people have begun to turn to Trotskyism as the only tendency capable of guiding the working and oppressed masses.

Yet there are several organizations that claim to be Trotskyist. Each has its own policy that it calls Trotskyist. And the largest of these, the Socialist Workers Party, appears to be the farthest from basic Trotskyist principles.

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA, Section

(Sympathizing) of the Fourth International, was founded in 1975 to overcome this problem; to lead a struggle to clearly differentiate Trotskyism from various centrist or intermediary tendencies that masquerade under its name; to train a new generation of revolutionaries capable of guiding the American working class in the foundation of its own party and the fight for power; in other words, to rebuild the US Section of the Fourth International.

We call on youth turning toward Trotskyism, as well as youth and workers fighting for a Labor Party, to join us in this struggle, in particular, in preparing and building an open Trotskyist Congress to bring the struggle to a successful conclusion. This page is especially dedicated to this struggle. It is open to any militant or tendency that wants to contribute to it.

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Murder in Barnes' New International

In April of 1983, Melida Anaya Montes, known as Commandante Anna Maria, a leader of the Salvadoran Revolution, was murdered. According to official explanations by the Sandinista government in Nicaragua, after Anna Maria's murder, another important leader of the rebels in El Salvador, Cayetano Carpio, committed suicide. This was also the explanation given by the Popular Liberation Forces (FPL), the organization to which Cayetano and Anna Maria belonged, and the strongest within the Salvadoran Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN). And, more recently, Maurice Bishop was murdered by members of his own organization, the New Jewel Movement (NJM).

Contradicting their earlier statements, the Sandinistas and the FMLN jointly announced December 9 that they had had proof all along that Cayetano was in fact responsible for the murder of Anna Maria. Neither offer the slightest explanation or excuse for hiding these supposed facts from the workers movement. And, similarly, the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) reprinted these accusations in the December 30 issue of *The Militant* without any questions or explanations at all.

Despite having offered several versions of Anna Maria's murder, the SWP has nevertheless taken the position that anyone who questions the FMLN's version of the assassination (whichever one you care to pick), is objectively aiding US imperialism. And the murder of Bishop, the SWP says, was a result of "objective conditions" and pressures on the Grenadian Revolution and the NJM.

With these latest developments, we have decided not only to review the events themselves, but also to condemn, in the strongest manner, what we believe to be an attempt by the SWP to hide the truth about these assassinations, to maintain Barnes's pipe dream of a "New Inter-

national." The method, including the rationale that is given for it, are straight out of the Stalinist school of falsification.

Cayetano Carpio

Most grave is the charge against Cayetano. The original version offered by the FPL, that he committed suicide, seemed strange enough for a man who had withstood imprisonment, torture, and the fall of many comrades in battle. Of Cayetano and Anna Maria the SWP said, "they were courageous fighters, worthy representatives."

Now, without batting an eyelid, they reprint the statement of the FMLN, accusing Cayetano of plotting his comrades' murder, and reverse themselves, saying, "it is clear that Carpio himself headed (a) secret faction." From hero to despicable traitor without even a question! That is the kind of loyalty that the Kremlin really appreciates (*The Militant*, December 30).

In case you got lost at "secret faction," that is the other lie that the SWP would have us swallow. You see, by sheer coincidence, the accusations against Carpio were released at the same time as a split occurred from the FPL, the Revolutionary Workers Movement — Salvador Cayetano Carpio (MOR). This split, according to the FPL, was part of Cayetano Carpio's "secret faction." (We are never told, however, what the policy of this "secret faction" is.)

Following Anna Maria's murder and Cayetano Carpio's "suicide," an Argentine writer, Adolfo Gilly, questioned the events surrounding the murders. Essentially, Gilly's article simply asked for a full explanation of the events by the Sandinistas and the FMLN.

The SWP, however, was enraged. Using Gilly as a foil they condemned all those who ask questions as unconscious agents of im-

perialism, and stated, "Gilly fails to point to a single fact that would contradict or even raise a question" about Anna Maria's murder (*The Militant*, May 27).

Facts

We, however, think that there are more than a few questions to be answered:

For one, it is clear that, at the least, the FLP, and the Sandinistas withheld the facts from the Salvadoran people for more than nine months. Is it therefore surprising that, indeed, there should be "distrust" of the FMLN's timing in releasing the new account, accusing Cayetano of murder, at precisely the moment when an opposition, bearing his name, announces itself?

The FPL says that it finished its investigation in August 1983, and concluded that Cayetano was responsible for the murder. Why then, did it wait until December 15 and the split of the RWM to announce these facts? Was its intention to hide them from the Salvadoran people after all?

And why would Cayetano Carpio, in full knowledge that his supposed fellow "conspirators" were captured by the Nicaraguan government, return from Libya and walk into a trap?

Real Question

And finally, there is the key question, the one that Barnes is trying to suppress, because even the mere question — never mind the answer — is a condemnation of his entire policy for the "New International." How could several key leaders of the FPL and the NJM, leaderships that Barnes would have us believe are of the caliber of Lenin and Trotsky, "revolutionary proletarian leaders," become intimately and directly responsible for such utterly despicable acts?

Commander Anna Maria was stabbed 82 times with an ice pick. The ice pick and the falsification of history — these are the tools of the Stalinist trade, not those of revolutionaries. Indeed, as we stated at the time, it cannot be ruled out that these crimes against the revolution can be linked directly to the Stalinist apparatus.

In an interview December 18 with a *Guardian* correspondent, Arnaldo Ramos, an FPL leader, we are given at least a hint of the politics of the MOR. Ramos says, "they don't accept the FMLN as the vanguard, and neither do they believe in the process of negotiations." It is well known that Cayetano Carpio was also opposed to a strategic line of negotiations with US imperialism, which would certainly put him on a direct collision course with Castro and the Kremlin.

Perhaps most important is that we answer the accusation of the SWP, that any criticism of the NJM, the Sandinistas, Castro, etc. objectively aids the enemy. We are too well aware of how Barnes has used similar allegations to silence and expel the oppositions to his policies in the SWP. And Barnes is not the first either. Trotsky was also a "fascist," according to the Stalinist mentality, for criticizing the Soviet Communist Party.

But true proletarian revolutionaries, and not even necessarily those of the caliber of Lenin or Trotsky, would never resort to such bureaucratic methods to defend themselves. No, these are not the arguments even of clever gangsters. Rather, they are the low-life tactics of flunkies, who, unable to be in on the plans of their mentors in the inner circle of the Stalinist camp, are reduced to taking every zig-zag and blatant lie, contradiction upon contradiction, as the new line. And there you will find the basis of the "New International."

IWP Perspective Fails

By BARBARA PUTNAM

The Peace and Freedom Party's Search Committee for a United Left Presidential Ticket (SCULPT) held its nominating convention during the Thanksgiving holiday in California. While dozens of people were there, the convention was unable to come up with any candidates to counterpose to the imperialist, anti-working class Republican and Democratic Party candidates in the coming elections. The convention was unable to even take a *clear stand* against supporting Democrats in the elections.

This convention represents the culminating point in the failure of the Internationalist Workers Party's attempt to enter into the PFP and build an electoral coalition around it. The IWP initiated the struggle for the united left presidential ticket within the PFP and has been the driving force behind it. This is not the first, but at least the second time that the PFP has met and tried to come up with such a ticket.

PFP's inability to counterpose itself to the bourgeois parties is not accidental. PFP is a petty bourgeois party that has never taken a clear stand against the Democrats. Indeed it is a satellite of them. In a situation of increasing confrontations between the working class and the bourgeois class, a *petty bourgeois party*, true to its nature, is unable to consistently and firmly oppose the bourgeoisie, just as any lesser object caught in a conflict between two powerful forces is first paralyzed, then swept away.

The recent nominating convention was simply one more proof of the class nature of this party.

The only candidate of note who came forward was Dennis Serrette of the Consumer Party who supports Democrats and took the occasion to vent his spleen on the Polish workers struggle. He is a perfect example of the kind of people who feel completely comfortable in organizations like the PFP.

The IWP says he "failed to pass the socialist test" because of his positions and so wasn't nominated. But it was the IWP and the other working class organizations who participated that failed the test. There was no fight to drive this agent of the bourgeoisie out of the convention, only a mild slap on the wrist. In fact, it is altogether possible he could have been nominated with a few more votes. Would the IWP have supported him in that event?

Before the Emergency National Trotskyist Conference last summer called by the IWP they published an election platform calling for the formation of a labor party (*Working Class Opposition*, No. 4), but later reversed themselves and rushed headlong into the Peace and Freedom Party. They denounced us as "sectarians" because we refused to go along with

them, to dissolve the Trotskyist Organization into the Peace and Freedom Party that has no roots in the working class. Now it is more clear what we said then, that such a formation could not hold together in face of escalation of the class struggle in the US, that any equivocation on the question of supporting Democrats and on the Labor Party would leave the

Why RWL Wants No United Front

While the Revolutionary Workers League voted to put forward common candidates in the 1984 elections at the Emergency National Trotskyist Conference last summer, it has consistently refused to take any practical steps in that direction. It hasn't even bothered to answer our letters. This forces us to draw certain conclusions about this organization.

1. The RWL obviously does not think that the 1984 elections are important. Evidently, it does not agree with Lenin, who said that revolutionaries can't afford to ignore the elections of the ruling class because they offer a golden opportunity to fight for the leadership of the workers and oppressed on a much larger scale than usual and at a time when everybody is thinking about who will lead the country. The RWL's perspective, if you can call it a perspective, is to tell a few individual workers that they shouldn't vote for Democrats and Republicans. But since the RWL itself offers the whole working class no alternative, it in effect says that it is indifferent to who runs the country and thus accepts the framework of the ruling class in the elections. This reveals a petty bourgeois attitude.

2. The RWL does not think that it will be able to recruit in the course of a common fight for labor candidates in the elections. But if it is convinced it is correct, what does it have to worry about? Why not take its policy to the broadest masses for testing? The RWL puts its interest as an organization above those of the working class. This, too, is a petty bourgeois attitude.

3. The RWL may even be afraid of getting washed away in the elections. It may be afraid its organization won't hold up and then it can no longer play big

way open for deeper betrayals in the future. Another convention of SCULPT is no solution for the working class. We can only ask the working class organizations inside it to rethink these questions and decide to fight directly for a national campaign of working class candidates and a common struggle for a labor party in 1984.

fish in a little pond. Again, a petty bourgeois, not a working class attitude.

These are the only reasons that we can see why the RWL would vote for a proposal and then not take the slightest step to carry it out. Perhaps there are some other reasons. If there are, we haven't heard them. We haven't heard *one word* from the RWL. Until then, these are the only conclusions that we, and any thinking youth or worker, can draw.

B.P.

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URGENT!

A new threat has been made against the Polish section of the Fourth International. Stefan Bekier is a member of the Revolutionary Workers League of Poland (RLRP) and the editor of its paper, *Walka Klas* ("Class Struggle"). Late in the afternoon of January 10, he received a phone call at his apartment in Paris.

After the caller, who spoke perfect Polish, established that it was indeed Bekier who had answered, he launched into a series of threats. These included the statements that "you Trotskyite-Communists, with your hammer and sickle," are going to be sent "to Auschwitz-Birkenau" (the Nazi concentration camp located in Poland during World War II — Truth), that "the Polish people" will see to that, and so on.

Two facts in particular point to the involvement of the Polish Stalinist regime. Comrade Bekier has an unlisted phone number; the threats, while wild in nature, were made in a perfectly calm voice. Finally, this threat follows the physical attack made on RLRP member Stefan Palka (see Truth #170).

We call on all working class organizations to publicize this threat widely and to take a clear stand in defense of the RLRP TRUTH

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