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FOR THE CHINESE WORKERS REVOLUTION!

FOR SOCIALISM WITHOUT RICH BUREAUCRATS!
WORKERS CANDIDATES FOR DETROIT MAYOR AND COUNCIL!



← Chinese workers
and students clash
with troops
advancing on
Beijing on June 3.

Solidarity with the Pittston miners! — Over.

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The Chinese Workers Revolution

All the big newspapers, radio and TV stations in the United States say that the struggles taking place in China are students struggling for democracy.

They say that the struggles in China show that socialism or communism is dead.

This is a lie.

What is taking place in China is a workers revolution. Workers, many of whom are now organized in independent trade union or political associations, and the oppressed population as a whole, are fighting to bring down the rich, privileged bureaucrats in China. They want to go forward and build true socialism or communism, in which the people as a whole own everything, in which there is real equality, in which there are no classes — no rich and no poor, no top and no bottom. Just people working together for the common good.

They don't want to go back to a capitalist society, like the one we have in America, where a small handful of people own everything, where everybody else has to work for them (if they are lucky), or take welfare checks, or collect bottles, or worse ...

This is why many of the militants in China, who faced the rich bureaucrats' guns, and who died, died singing the "Internationale," the anthem of the international working class.

And this is why so many being rounded up now and executed are workers, in many cases leaders of independent unions.

But this workers revolution in China is just beginning, and executions will not stop it. This is because it arises from the profound needs of the Chinese workers and peasants, for decent food, health-care, homes, jobs and schools, just like those of American workers.

The Trotskyist Committee of Detroit urges all working people to support the Chinese workers revolution.

There are many things that workers can do: demand that the workers unions in this country support the Chinese workers revolution; demand that they organize mass demonstrations to demand that the Chinese bureaucracy stop the persecution and execution of Chinese workers and students; demand that they organize workers and students delegations to go to China to break the isolation of the Chinese workers, students and peasants.

One of the most important thing that workers in Detroit can do at this moment, to help their class brothers and sisters in China, is to fight for unity against the capitalists and their agents in the unions in Detroit.

The Detroit elections are an opportunity to do this.

We urge all workers in Detroit to seize this opportunity. Support the working class candidates and their parties that are running for Detroit mayor and city council, against the rich capitalists'



candidates and parties.

This in turn can be a step toward building a workers party based on the unions that will fight for power for the workers, crush the capitalists' power, and begin to build socialism in the Americas.

The Trotskyist Committee
June, 1989

The International

Arise ye prisoners of starvation; arise ye wretched of the earth;

For justice thunders condemnation; a better world's in birth.

No more traditions chains shall bind us; arise ye slaves no more in thrall [slavery];

The earth shall rise on new foundations; we have been nought [nothing], we shall be all.

'Tis the final conflict; let each stand in his place.

The International [the international workers party] will be the human race.

Capitalist candidates and workers candidates

The capitalists' candidates for Detroit mayor:

Coleman Young (Democratic Party)
Tom Barrow (Democratic Party)
Erma Henderson (Democratic Party)

The capitalists' candidates for Detroit city council:

Clyde Cleveland (Democratic Party)
Barbara Rose-Collins (Democratic Party)
David Eberhard (Democratic Party)
Nicholas Hood (Democratic Party)
Jack Kelly (Democratic Party)
Maryann Mahaffey (Democratic Party)
John Peoples (Democratic Party)
Mel Ravitz (Democratic Party)

Workers candidates for Detroit mayor:

John Powers (Socialist Workers Party)
Shanta Driver (Revolutionary Workers League)
Helen Halyard (Workers League)

Workers candidates for Detroit city council:

Margaret Guttshall (Trotskyist Committee)
Katie Fitzgerald (Socialist Workers Party)
Judy Wraight (Revolutionary Workers League)
John Riehl (Revolutionary Workers League)
Victor Knox (Revolutionary Workers League)

These are the candidates that have registered with the Detroit election commission, and whose class affiliations we know. There are also many other candidates that have registered that we do not yet know. We are contacting them to get more information about them and we will include this information in coming issues of *Truth*.—M.G.

The Detroit Elections

There are now several working class candidates for Detroit mayor and city council that are working to collect the number of signatures necessary to appear on the ballot.

They are:

John Powers of the Socialist Workers Party for mayor

Shanta Driver of the Revolutionary Workers League for mayor

Helen Halyard of the Workers League for mayor

Margaret Guttshall of the Trotskyist Committee for city council

Katie Fitzgerald of the Socialist Workers Party for city council

Judy Wraight, John Riehl, and Victor Knox of the Revolutionary Workers League for city council

We urge workers to support the efforts of *all* of these working class candidates to get on the ballot, by signing and circulating their petitions, *except* those of Helen Halyard of the Workers League.

While Helen Halyard and her organization originated in the working class, they have degenerated under the influence of the capitalists. They are devoting a large part of their resources to supporting capitalist officials, courts and police against Mark Curtis, a working class militant associated with the Socialist Workers Party, who was framed-up on false charges and is now serving a 25-year prison sentence, because of his role in defending immigrant workers against Swift Meatpacking officials and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Halyard and her organization have been using their election campaigns more and more to build support for the capitalist prosecutor's case, and less and less to defend the interests of the working class in any way. And this is why we urge workers not to give Halyard and her organization any support in this election campaign.

At the same time, it is essential to fight for all working class candidates and organizations in this election to make a common fight for: labor unity against the capitalists, for labor candidates for all offices, and for a labor party based on the unions to bring down the anti-labor governments in Detroit and Washington and establish a labor government. This will make it possible to implement emergency measures to combat layoffs, plant-closings, union-busting, poverty, unemployment, and all the other problems that working people, especially Black people, are suffering

from.

The labor movement has the power to do this. It has the power to build a labor party, bring down the anti-labor governments in Detroit and Washington, and establish a labor government. You can see that power in the workers opposition in the UAW, in the Eastern Airlines workers strike, in the Pittston miners' strike, that is now 40,000 strong, not to mention in the general strikes, uprisings, and even revolutions developing in other countries.

But the problems is that the labor movement is not using that power.

You can see the workers in the ranks of the labor movement, in the United Autoworkers Union, in the airlines workers unions, in the United Mineworkers Union, striving to *unite* their forces, striving to *use* their power.

But the anti-labor governments in Detroit, Washington, and elsewhere, are trying to sabotage their efforts, making legal decisions against mass picketing, against spreading strikes, and sending police and hired guns to enforce these decisions with clubs and guns. And the top leadership of the unions is either openly collaborating with these anti-labor governments, or it's capitulating to them.

This can and will stop.

Working class militants have a responsibility to their class to place themselves on the side of their class and make an energetic struggle for labor unity against the capitalists, for labor candidates, and for a labor party based on the unions.

This is what the Trotskyist Committee and its candidate for city council, Margaret Gutshall are fighting for.

And we urge all working class candidates and organizations to do the same.

We wrote a letter to other working class organizations in Detroit about this, but we haven't yet received a positive response from them.

We urge them to reconsider their stand.

The workers want, and the workers will have, unity against the bosses.—M.G.

Petitioning

Members of the Trotskyist Committee have collected over 600 signatures to put our candidate for Detroit city council on the ballot. We plan to collect about 200 more. The Election Commission requires only 441. However, we want to be certain that we have enough valid signatures for our candidate to be on the ballot. The deadline is July 25. If you would like to help, call 831-0593.—F.M.

Notes . . .

The U.S.: The U.S. Supreme Court just decided that white males have the right to go into court and sue enterprises that have affirmative action programs for Blacks and women for so-called "reverse discrimination." This is part of a conscious policy of the Reagan-Bush administration and the bourgeoisie as a whole to *pit* white male workers against Blacks and women. We urge all working people to reject this divide and conquer tactic, and to defend the democratic rights of Blacks and women to jobs equal to those of whites, and to do so by the most aggressive means possible. The present affirmative actions programs are woefully inadequate. They barely even begin to reverse the discrimination that Blacks, women, Latins, Africans, Asians, immigrant workers, and others have suffered in the United States. They have to be *expanded* and *strengthened*, not dismantled. The more there is real equality between the various sectors of the working class, the stronger the working class will be in its struggle against the capitalists.

Argentina: The International Monetary Fund, which is controlled by capitalist bankers from the U.S. and some of the other strongest capitalist nations, demanded that the Argentine government implement austerity measures that have resulted in extremely rapid increases in the price of food. During the first week of June, working people in Rosario, and other working class centers, were forced to respond to these rapid increases in the price of food by breaking into supermarkets *en masse* and taking food. The Alfonsin government declared a state of emergency and police arrested and killed many people. The actual numbers are not yet clear. They also tried to blame the actions on Trotskyist organizations like the Movimiento Al Socialismo (MAS) associated with the Internationalist Workers League (IWL) and the Partido Obrero (PO), and arrested leaders and militants associated with these groups, including Jorge Altamira. We urge all working class organizations to defend the Argentine working class, its actions, and the Trotskyist leaders, against U.S. imperialism and its puppets that are trying to starve the Argentine people, so they can fatten themselves. Send telegrams demanding the release of Jorge Altamira and other Trotskyist militants to the Argentine Embassy at 1600 New Hampshire Ave. NW Washington, DC 20009.

Poland: Candidates associated with

Walesa received a large number of votes in the recent elections, and candidates associated with the leading Stalinist party in many cases did not receive enough votes to be elected, even when they ran unopposed. This obviously shows the tremendous opposition in the Polish working class to the leading Stalinist party. However, it is important to remember that working class militants that opposed the pact between Walesa and the Stalinist leader Jaruzelski, who has just been forced to resign, were *not* allowed to run in these elections. Thus they fought for a *boycott* of these elections. This was the attitude of different tendencies associated with Trotskyism inside the Polish Socialist Party, and the attitude of our comrades, who publish *Walka Klas*. The task in Poland today is to build a workers Trotskyist party, to lead the workers in overthrowing the pro-capitalist Stalinist regime, and in developing the conquests of the socialist revolution in Poland.

Europe: The Partido Socialista de los Trabajadores (PST), associated with the Internationalist Workers League, and the Partido Obrero Revolucionario de Espana (PORE), associated with the International League (for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International), our comrades, reached a political and practical agreement on the basis of which they were able to put forward a common slate in the European elections, which fought for workers governments, socialism, and self-determination. The campaign was centered at factories in Spain. We have not yet learned the number of votes that they got. The Ligue Communiste Revolutionnaire (LCR), associated with the United Secretariat, and Lutte Ouvriere (LO), associated with the International Communist Union, both in France, entered into negotiations oriented toward presenting a common slate. Unfortunately, these negotiations fell apart.

The U.S.: Socialist Action, a Trotskyist group in the United States, has recently issued a special supplement on the developments in China and is planning to send a delegation to China to get further information. They have issued an emergency appeal to help raise funds for this work. We urge readers to support this effort. Contributions for the delegation to China can be sent to: Socialist Action, 3435 Army St., No. 308, San Francisco, CA 94110.

What is the Trotskyist Committee?

The Trotskyist Committee of Detroit, Supporter of the International League for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International, is a revolutionary workers group in Detroit.

The Trotskyist Committee calls itself "Trotskyist" because of Leon Trotsky and his comrades. They continued the struggle for the socialist revolution after Stalin betrayed it, founded the Fourth International to lead this struggle, and devoted their lives to this cause.

The Trotskyist Committee is open to young workers, women workers, and all workers and militants who are for:

- equality and the right to self-determination for the Black people and all oppressed peoples;
- the workers against the bosses and their agents in the unions;
- the socialist revolution;
- the Fourth International;
- the struggle of the International League for the reconstruction of the Fourth International.

The International League is for rebuilding the Fourth International. This means rooting Trotskyism in the working class, winning fresh working class forces to the revolutionary workers cause, and uniting truly working class, revolutionary Trotskyist forces on a principled basis.

The Trotskyist Committee welcomes all who share these goals, are prepared to accept its decisions, contribute financially to its work, and take part in its work on a regular basis.

The Trotskyist Committee concentrates its work on developing and spreading revolutionary propaganda, educating workers as revolutionaries, and on recruiting workers, and militants from other social classes truly devoted to the working class, to the revolutionary workers cause.

As Leon Trotsky said: "... in the final analysis all the problems of our planet will be decided upon American soil."

And, "I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International, go forward!"

Thus we urge young workers, women workers, and all workers and militants in the Detroit area, to seriously consider joining the Trotskyist Committee and devoting yourselves to this struggle. There is a place for each and every one of you, in this struggle.

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For our part, the Trotskyist Committee is ready and willing to meet at any time to discuss and plan such actions and to work to spur the unions and other organizations to such united actions.

To start, we are in favor of a nationwide official strike of the miners and a 24 hour general strike of the entire AFL-CIO unions to demand the dropping of all fines, the release of all jailed miners, and dropping all charges against the miners.

But whatever the point of view of any workers organization, we urge all workers organizations, unions to pledge themselves to united action and to reach agreement on some form of united action as soon as possible. There is not a moment to lose.

A Labor Party

Second, it is necessary for the UMWA to launch a fight for a labor party. A labor party is a political party of the working class, based on the unions. It is a party against the two capitalist parties, the Democrats and Republicans. Its purpose is to fight for political power for the working class, to take political power away from the capitalists.

The UMWA is up against the entire U.S. government because it is a capitalist government. The workers need their own government to be on their side against Pittston. Then Pittston can be defeated.

This is the lesson of the current struggle at Eastern, and the past struggles of the Hormel and other meat-packing workers, the Phelps-Dodge workers, the PATCO workers. In all these struggles the power of the government, this capitalist government, was used to support the capitalists and thus defeat the workers and their unions. Only with a labor party based on the unions to fight for a workers government, is it possible to tilt the balance of power in the workers' favor.

Victory to the Miners!

United Action to Support the Miners Now!

A Labor Party! — Fred Michaels

Note to Our Readers

Regular readers of *Truth* may have noticed that *Truth* No. 229 was mailed late, and that this issue of *Truth*, No. 230, has been published and mailed late. Technical difficulties have forced us to reduce our work. We hope to resume regular publication in August.—F.M.

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Class War in the Coalfields

Class war is taking place in the coalfields of the U.S. — Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Illinois, Indiana. On one side: the working class — the coal miners, their families and supporters; on the other, the capitalist class — Pittston coal company, other supporting coal companies, large New York banks, and the capitalists' servants, the state governments and the federal government.

On April 5, 1500 miners struck the Pittston coal company for violations of U.S. labor law. The masses of miners, the ranks of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), have tried to take charge of their strike since day one. They closed down Pittston. They organized hundreds to block the movement of coal at Pittston being mined by scabs. When Pittston went to the local courts to stop this mass picketing, and the courts issued injunctions and fines against the union, the miners organized even more mass picketing. High school students, sons and daughters of the miners, walked out of class rooms to join the strike. And, when school authorities tried to stop the lowest grades, the kindergartners walked out too.

Pittston was forced to go to federal court to stop the miners. The federal court jailed 3 UMWA leaders, and levied huge fines against the union. The miners responded by spreading their strike throughout the UMWA. Currently over 40,000 miners are on strike, this time demanding that all fines be dropped against their union. Supporting the strike by refusing to cross their picket lines are most of the Virginia state railroad workers, and steel workers assigned to load coal onto barges.

For every worker in the U.S., for every union, for every workers organization, this strike is a critical moment. The coal company owners and the banks — the capitalist class — along with its servant, the federal government, are seeing if they can destroy the United Mine Workers of America, the most militant of all the in-



dustrial unions in America, the first industrial union in America, and also, because of its location, the most isolated. The capitalist class is driven to do this by the crisis of its system. It cannot increase profits without destroying the unions.

The workers' signs say, "Our families, our lives, our union."

The industrial unions, however bad the current leaderships may be, have raised the wages, improved the working conditions, and, by winning medical benefits and pension funds, improved the life of the working class, that is, the workers and their families.

The capitalist class as a whole wants to see how far Pittston can go in breaking the union, to see how far all the capitalists can go in breaking all the unions.

Manufacturer's Hanover, one of the largest New York banks, has, in the middle of this strike, extended a revolving credit of \$100 million to Pittston. Local and federal courts have fined the union nearly \$3 million dollars with automatic increases every day that the miners continue their militant strike. Major mine leaders

have been arrested for refusing to carry out court orders restricting picketing. Hundreds of miners, their families and supporters have been arrested for stopping the flow of coal out of the mines.

The question made famous in the coalfields, "Which side are you on?" has now been answered by the supposedly neutral democratic government of the U.S. Squarely on the side of the coal companies. In fact, without the police, the courts and the capitalist politicians, Pittston would be alone and beaten.

United Action to Defend Mine Workers

First, there needs to be united action in defense of the UMWA by all the unions, workers organizations, and the masses of unorganized workers. What form this action takes can be decided, if we are agreed on united action. The silence of the United Auto Workers top leadership here in Michigan tells the story. Their refusal to do anything more than routine strike support shows how isolated they are from the ranks of the union and the unorganized workers.

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To workers who voted for working class candidates

I want to thank all the readers of *Truth*, readers of *Spark*, and workers at the Ford Rouge plant who voted for me and for other working class and socialist candidates on September 12. I especially want to thank *Spark* for publishing a statement urging workers to vote for *all* working class and socialist candidates for mayor and city council.

This is the first time in several years that working class and socialist groups have run candidates for mayor and for city council in the primary elections. A very small, but important, number of workers voted for these candidates, including some young, militant, Black and white workers and students who had never voted for working class and socialist candidates before.

However, the vast majority of both Black and white workers did not vote. The turnout tended to be lower in more working class neighborhoods (the Eastside, the Southwest side ...) and higher in more bourgeois neighborhoods (the Riverfront, Indian Village, Palmer Park and Palmer Woods, Sherwood Forest ...)

The majority of workers who did vote, divided their votes between various bourgeois candidates (Young, Barrow, Conyers, Henderson, Costa, Mahaffey ...)

Both white and Black bourgeois politicians in both the Republican and Democratic Parties and their publications (*The Detroit News*, *The Detroit Free Press*, and others) are already trying to exploit the results of the election to promote racial hostility between white workers and Black workers.

They say that Barrow is the candidate for white workers and for Blacks who are discontent with Young. They say that Young is the candidate for Blacks. Young, and now Clyde Cleveland, say that anyone who opposes them is a tool of whites trying to take

over the city.

These are lies designed to pit white workers and Black workers who did not vote, or who may have voted for different candidates, against each other. Both Barrow and Young are rich, corrupt, bourgeois politicians, that will to sink to any level to get and maintain power. Neither one represents white or Black workers or any exploited or oppressed people.

Nevertheless, union leaders in the Teamsters, the AFL-CIO, and the UAW continue to pour thousands of union hours and dollars into these bourgeois parties, candidates, and their election campaigns — which are aimed at ripping the working class apart — in exchange for a privileged position for themselves in this racist, bourgeois society.

The need for a labor party to unite Black and white workers against all bourgeois politicians and to fight for the needs of the exploited and oppressed is growing more and more urgent.

RESULTS

Mayor

John Powers (SWP) 422

Shanta Driver (RWL) 157

City Council

Kathie Fitzgerald (SWP) 9828

John Riehl (RWL) 3147

Judy Wraight (RWL) 2694

Margaret Guttshall (TCD) 2215

The gains that workers and Black people have won through strikes and demonstrations are being eroded by bourgeois politicians in city, state and local governments. These politicians pass anti-working class and racist tax laws, budget cuts as well as confirm and support anti-working class and racist judges.

Both white and Black bourgeois politicians are using their election campaigns to promote racial hostility. The only candidates speaking out against this are the candidates of tiny working class and socialist groups.

This is why I urge all workers to support Tony Mazzocchi's call for a labor party and to urge Mazzocchi and his supporters to carry out their plans and form a labor party now.

At this point, any labor party will be better than no labor party at all. It will be a way to advance the fight to unite Black and white workers, for equality for the Black people and all oppressed peoples, and for socialism.
— Margaret Guttshall

For further information about this struggle and what you can do, get a copy of the next issue of *Truth* and meet with a *Truth* distributor. Call 831-0593 or write PO Box 441283, Detroit, 48244-1283.

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For the Black people and the workers! For a united workers slate for Detroit mayor and city council! Margaret Guttshall for city council!

The vast majority of Black people and workers are growing more and more hostile to Coleman Young. And it's not surprising.

The Black employees suit against GM for racist discrimination, and the Black student's sit-in at Wayne State University against the administration's racist policies show that, after 15 years of Young's leadership, racist, anti-worker institutions still dominate Detroit.

Young claims to represent the Black people and the workers. He's really nothing but a puppet of the largely white, racist, anti-worker corporations that still dominate Detroit.

Many Black people and workers are looking to Barrow, or for someone like Jesse Jackson to provide an alternative to Young in the coming elections. But even if Jesse Jackson himself were a candidate for Detroit mayor, it wouldn't improve the situation of the Black people and the workers.

Jackson does not represent the Black people and the workers anymore than Young does. He's an *upperclass* politician who also works for the racist bosses, just in a different way. He's trying to *split* the growing movement of the Black people and the workers. He's trying to do this by channeling the more moderate wing into his '92 presidential campaign, and similar campaigns on a local level. And by trying to isolate and silence the more radical or revolutionary wing. This is why he
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Draft Workers Platform

1. Unions! Break with the racist, anti-worker ruling class and its parties, Republicans and Democrats! Independent labor candidates for Detroit mayor and city council! Build an independent labor party to fight for political power for the masses of working people!
2. For unconditional defense of the struggles of the Black people and all oppressed peoples against this racist state!
 - Full economic, social, and political equality of the Black people!
 - For the right of the Black people to self-determination, to establish their own nation on American soil!
 - Abolish all restrictions on immigration and citizenship. Cancel the "Third World" debt. Stop U.S. aid to reactionary forces in Central America, Southern Africa, and to the State of Israel!
3. For a program of emergency, anti-capitalist measures to deal with the most serious problems facing the masses of Black people and workers, including:
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Margaret Guttshall, Workers Candidate



Margaret Guttshall is a 39-year-old working mother. She has been a fighter for the rights of workers and oppressed people, for unity against the racist bosses, and for a workers party, for over 20 years.

She has worked as an assembler, a waitress, a clerk-typist, and a typesetter. She currently devotes herself full-time to writing and translating for working class publications. She has lived in the Detroit area for 15 years, she currently lives near downtown Detroit, and her daughter attends a public elementary school.

She has organized support for striking autoworkers on many occasions — including the 1970 GM strike, the 1973 Mack
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United Workers Slate (continued)

denounced Black NAACP members who tore down a Confederate flag during the presidential elections. This is why he refused to support the Black people's uprising in Miami. And this is why he tells Pittston miners, under attack by police and scabs, to be "non-violent." He says: "You shouldn't be picketing Pittston, you should be purchasing it." On the other hand, he handles Richard Daley — the current Democratic Party mayor of Chicago; son of the infamous Richard Daley, the mayor of Chicago in the 1960s who organized the assassination of Black Panther Party leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark — with kid gloves. And he supports Bush's nomination, William Lucas, to head the Civil Rights Commission, when even the NAACP opposes it!

The working class is the only class that can be won to consistently defending the democratic rights of the Black people, the workers and all oppressed peoples. And it's the only class that has the power to crush the racist, anti-worker forces that dominate the U.S. But in order to do this it has to have its own independent political party.

This is why we are fighting for a united workers slate for Detroit mayor and city council and for a workers candidate for city council to build support for this struggle. We ask all young workers, women workers, workers of all races and nationalities and their organizations to support this struggle. You can do this by sending statements of support, helping to collect signatures to put a workers candidate on the ballot, and, most of all, by joining us in forming and building a united workers slate.

The Trotskyist Committee of Detroit

Draft Workers Platform (continued)

- a program of public services and public construction to provide decent jobs, union wages, schools, and housing; increase taxes on the rich to finance these programs.

- union defense guards to protect young people and others from drug dealers and other racist, anti-worker forces; for a union commission of inquiry into the drug trade to find out which bankers, businessmen, politicians, police and union bureaucrats are involved and profiting the most from the drug trade, to map out concrete plans to destroy the trade and punish those responsible.

- for nationalization, without compensation and under workers control, of large banks and corporations that claim to be unable to meet workers' demands.

(The revolutionary workers of the Trotskyist Committee are also for a *socialist revolution* in which the working class completely takes over the economy, reorganizes it in the interests of the masses of people, and crushes the capitalists' resistance. But a successful socialist revolution is impossible without an independent working class party, thus it is necessary to focus on building such a party as a first step in this direction.)

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M. Guttshall (continued)

Avenue sit-down strike, the 1976 Ford strike, and the most recent Chrysler strike. She has also helped organize support for the movements in the UAW against concessions, plant-closings and the top leadership of the UAW.

Margaret spoke out against, and organized meetings against, the racist attacks on the Black Panther Party in the 1960s and 70s, and on the Black Liberation Army in the 1970s and 80s, while leaders of the Democratic Party were either involved in, or silent about, these attacks. She also helped build support for the struggle to free Karen Norman, an African-American working class woman in Detroit, unjustly persecuted by Coleman Young's city attorney, for killing a man who was trying to rape her, in 1984. Similarly, she defended Tawana Brawley, a young Black woman in New York attacked by racist forces connected to the Democratic Party. Margaret has also helped to build several demonstrations against U.S. intervention in Central America, the U.S. invasion of Grenada, U.S. support to apartheid in Southern Africa, and U.S. intervention in the Middle East.

Most importantly, Margaret has campaigned for working class candidates, and for a united workers slate, in virtually every major election since 1976. In 1985, she was a campaign manager for Barbara Putnam, a working class candidate for Detroit mayor, who favored a single, united, workers candidate, and who was a supporter of the Trotskyist Organization. In 1988, Margaret supported Workers Against Concessions and other working class candidates, including candidates associated with the Socialist Workers Party, the Workers World Party, the Workers League, and Socialist Action.

Since 1976, Margaret has been a member of a working class and revolutionary tendency, now known as the Trotskyist Committee of Detroit, Supporter of the International League for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International, and she has represented this tendency at several national and international meetings.

Most recently, she has been involved in building support for the workers opposition in the UAW, for African-American students at Wayne State, and in various actions to defend the democratic right to abortion.