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Youth must not die for profits! Bring U.S. troops home now! Demonstrate! October 20!

Bring the troops home now!
Demonstrate!
Saturday, October 20, noon
Kennedy Square
Woodward and Michigan, Detroit
followed by a:
Teach-in
1 pm
Central Methodist Church
Woodward and Adams
Grand Circus Park



32 U.S. soldiers have already died in the U.S.'s "Operation Desert-Shield," and the shooting has not even started yet. While the bourgeois publications say little about these young men, it is quite likely that most were from working class families.

Working class youth, unable to find decent jobs, are being forced to join the armed forces and to fight and die in this war.

Workers, who as a whole pay the highest percentage of the tax bill, are being forced to pay for this war, and suffer from the resulting cuts in their income, rising prices, and budget cuts.

And workers of various races and nationalities are being forced to suffer from the tensions and divisions in their ranks that grow when this racist

government sends troops to attack workers of other races and nationalities in other lands.

The financial and corporate monopolies that have investments in the Middle East that they want to protect are the ones that are profiting from U.S. intervention.

While working class youth are already suffering and dying, George Bush's son, Neil Bush, and his friends, are getting rich through robbing working class tax-payers through the so-called "S&L bailout."

Workers of all races and nationalities need to make a united fight against U.S. intervention in the Middle East.

Bring the troops home now! ■

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Briefly . . .

Palestine. The State of Israel, which acts as an agent of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East, attacked unarmed Palestinians at the Temple Mount and killed at least 19. While the United Nations condemned Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, called for an embargo, and troops to enforce it, it has sanctioned Israel's occupation of Palestine for years, and did nothing about its most recent attacks on Palestinians, except pass a toothless resolution against them. The only way that Palestinians and other oppressed peoples in the Middle East will ever be free is to drive U.S. imperialism out of the Middle East and destroy its agents.

New Directions. The New Directions Caucus in the UAW is holding a national conference on November 2, 3, and 4 in Chicago, Illinois. For information about registration, call the New Directions office at 314-531-2900. We urge supporters of New Directions to attend this conference and push for New Directions to take up a fight to unite workers of all races and nationalities against the auto monopolies and against the privileged dictatorial bureaucracy in the UAW. New Directions took a position *against* the contract, however it did not do so on a clear, working class basis. It said: "We have socked millions of dues dollars into TV commercials featuring UAW President Owen Bieber saying 'we're bargaining for American jobs for American workers.' Yet this contract allows General Motors and the other auto companies to anticipate the Bush Administration's plan to negotiate a Free-Trade Agreement with Mexico which will permit an additional flood of industrial jobs to leave this country. GM is already the largest private manufacturer in Mexico." This sounds like New Directions thinks that GM has a responsibility to provide jobs to workers of U.S. origin, but not to workers of Mexican origin, or that U.S. workers deserve some special privileges that Mexican workers do not deserve. This is a divisive and destructive line that was never adopted by any official New Directions conference. If the New Directions conference does not totally reject this line, and resolve to take up a fight to unite workers of all races and nationalities against the auto monopolies and the privileged bureaucracy, New Directions will disintegrate.

The **Workers Party of Brazil** sponsored a conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil in July oriented toward reorganizing the workers movement in Latin America, in opposition to U.S. imperialism, and before the crisis and disintegration of the Kremlin apparatus. Trotskyists from different tendencies and different countries throughout Latin America attended this conference, including Trotskyists from the United Secretariat, the International Center for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International, the International Workers League, and other currents, and from Mexico, Brazil, Argentina ... A follow-up conference is being planned for the end of this year.

Socialist Action, a Trotskyist group, played a leading role in building a teach-in against U.S. intervention in the Middle East, at the University of California at Berkeley, that drew at about 2,000. Speakers included Ron Kovic, the disabled Vietnam Veteran and author of *Born on the Fourth of July* and Eric Glen Larsen, Lance Corporal, United States Marine Corps (Reserves). For further information, call 415-821-0458 or write Socialist Action, 3435 Army St., Suite 308, San Francisco, CA 94110.

Spark, another Trotskyist group, held a forum against the murder of Charles Gibson, a 19-year-old Black man from Detroit, by white racist thugs. The speakers said that these attacks are aimed at dividing the working class and that it is very important for all workers, especially white workers, to make a united fight against these attacks. Both Black and white autoworkers who were present talked about their experiences in their factories. There was also a discussion of whether Blacks should try to start their own businesses as a way to defend themselves and a discussion of David Duke, the white "ex" Klansman running on the Republican Party ticket in Louisiana.

The **Partido Revolucionario de los Trabajadores (PRT)**, a Mexican Trotskyist group associated with the United Secretariat, one of the tendencies of the Fourth International, has initiated a campaign to defend itself against the ruling Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI). Members of the PRT won seats on the city council in Jolalpan on

Tax hikes for workers, tax cuts for the rich ... We need a workers party!

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives is now discussing taxes and the government's budget for the coming years. They are not talking about what they can do to provide decent jobs, schools, homes, shopping, recreation facilities, or healthcare for working class youth and their families. Instead they are talking about how much *more* they are going to *tax* the working class, with taxes on gasoline, beer and cigarettes, which will all fall most heavily on workers. And they are talking about how much they are going to *cut* from the few pitiful programs designed to aid the workers, like Medicare.

This shows that the capitalist economic system in the United States, which once made a tremendous contribution to the development and progress of the working class and human civilization, is no longer capable of doing so.

Private ownership of the means of production, production for profit, and free competition between various enterprises, led to the rapid growth of some enterprises and the total destruction of others. The rapid growth of some and the destruction of others led to the formation of monopolies. Now the growth of a few financial, industrial, agricultural and commercial monopolies that own almost everything needed to produce and distribute basic necessities, is giving way to *stagnation*.

This is the basic reason that the workers' working and living conditions are getting worse, and that the U.S. Congress is not even talking about taking steps to improve them.

Young workers need to form their own workers party and fight for a workers revolution, in which the workers establish their own government, take over the monopolies, and use them to develop a fully planned economy in the interests of the people.

The growth of monopolies is not bad, in and of itself. It is inevitable. The problems occur when they remain in the hands of a tiny minority that use them to enrich themselves,

February 15. Since that time, other members of the PRT have been standing guard outside the city hall. Agents of the PRI attacked and killed them on August 16. Other PRT members have been arrested and imprisoned. The PRT asks that telegrams of protest and support for the PRT be sent to: Marlano Pina Olaya, Constitutional Government of the State of Puebla, Palacio de Gobierno, Puebla, Puebla, Mexico. Copies to: PRT via Edgardo Sanchez Ramirez, Avenida Xola 181, Colonia Alamos, C.P. 03400, Mexico, DF, Mexico.

The **Trotskyist Committee of Detroit** sold 20 copies of *Truth* and 2 copies of *The Fourth International* to workers and students at the Ford Rouge

regardless of the consequences to the people.

Building a workers party, a workers government, taking over the monopolies and developing a planned economy, can, in turn, be a step toward building a fully socialist and communist society, where there is no rich, no poor, no top, no bottom, no want, suffering, or privileged dictatorial bureaucracies ...

The economic crises in countries like the USSR, Eastern Europe, or China, where workers began to build their own parties, their own governments, and their own planned economies, are *not* a result of these measures.

These economic crises are a result of the privileged dictatorial bureaucracies that have been taking an incorrect share of wealth for themselves and that are now deliberately sabotaging the workers' planned economies. They are abandoning their responsibilities for planning and organizing the production and distribution of goods and they are preparing to sell the resources of these countries to U.S. and European financiers (or directly to themselves), in exchange for maintaining a privileged position for themselves.

The only way forward for workers in these countries is to fight for the total abolition of this privileged dictatorial bureaucracy, for workers parties and workers governments truly devoted to the working class, and for taking over these planned economies and revising them in the interests of the working people.

We urge all young workers who see the need for this struggle, in the U.S. and the USSR, to subscribe to *Truth*, help distribute *Truth*, and help build workers' organizations in the workplaces, schools, and working class neighborhoods to lead this fight.

Young workers will have to take the first step in this direction. Older workers will follow. And revolutionary workers, especially Trotskyists, should be in the front ranks, from start to finish. - M. Guttschall ■

plant and Wayne County Community College, including to a small number of young workers that had never read *Truth* before. Younger workers tended to be more interested and enthusiastic about our struggle; older workers tended to be more dubious about whether it would do any good. Some white workers were not convinced that the attacks on Blacks in Detroit were really racist. We helped distribute a local New Directions leaflet against the contract. We also attended a meeting of the coalition responsible for organizing the October 20 action in Detroit and urged them to take up a fight for immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces, unfortunately, without success. ■

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