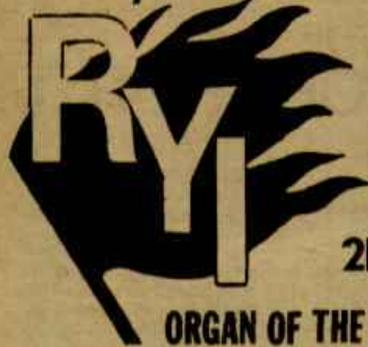


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HENRY FORD-- SLAVERY WAS ABOLISHED 100 YEARS AGO

By DAVID HEFFELFINGER



Valencia, Spain. Henry Ford II, grandson of the originator of mass production, was met by a demonstration of thousands of Spanish Ford workers as he visited Ford's production facilities here in Valencia. The workers demanded the rehiring of 66 workers fired by Ford Motor Co. of Spain.

Half-way across the world in Detroit, Michigan, Ford Motor Co. is forcing workers to sign away their rights with waivers of union rights. April 7, 1978

They say slavery was abolished 100 years ago. But working for Ford Motor Co. you would never know it.

Carter talks about "democracy" and "human rights" when his financial backers like Ford are forcing young workers to sign waivers in auto factories that take away their rights to a grievance procedure, the right to refuse overtime, to be absent or late, under penalty of being fired.

Under the plantation system they worked you until you were ready to drop, but in the auto factories today they do the same thing. No matter how much you produce, they drive you to produce more. If you can't cover the work of two or three they send you back on the unemployment lines.

And for young workers the unemployment lines are getting longer. While the few youth who manage to get jobs in the factories are working up to 12 hours a day, seven days a week, the rest, millions of youth, are out in the streets surviving the best they can.

At Ford River Rouge in Detroit, the heart of auto production in this country, they are beginning to call it a "PLANT-ation," the "big house," "prison."

What is happening to the rights that we all were told we had? The "PLANT-ation" owners like Ford, GM and the rest of the small but greedy class of exploiters that run this world are trying to take them away. They are ready to go all the way back to slavery if need be to defend their command of the wealth of this planet.

These waivers that we are being forced to sign by the thousands represent a FUNDAMENTAL attack on workers rights. They are a specific attack on young workers. Because the auto barons know, just as in the miners strike, it is the young workers who are leading the battles against this rotten system.

Signing these waivers, which extend your probationary period, is as if the union doesn't even exist. And according to all the workers we've talked to, it is the union "officials" who recommend that you sign them!

And they'd like us to say "to hell with the union." They'd like us to forget about the union elections that are coming up in May. They'd like us to forget about the contract they forced on us and the wheeling and dealing that is going on right now between the UAW tops and the auto barons. They'd like us to forget that the unions are really OURS.

YOUNG WORKERS-- WIN BACK YOUR UNIONS

But the unions and the elections that are coming up are the way to WIN our demands, to stop the slavery waivers and get us back our rights.

Because of the UAW Constitution and by-laws which require a year of seniority, it has been hard for the REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS to run its own candidates. But there are a lot of candidates and organizations running for union office who CLAIM to be revolutionary, yet who say NOTHING about the repression in the factories.

We, the young workers, can stop the waivers. We can force all organizations and candidates for union office to take a stand on the attack on our rights. The "PLANT-ation" system from the factory to the government that represents the bosses' interests, to the parties that support this system-- the Democratic and Republicans-- can be DEFEATED.

STAND UP AGAINST THE PLANT-ATION!

The probationary waivers are part of a world attack on the working class and the youth. The bourgeoisie and the Stalinist bureaucracy of the Kremlin scream about "terrorism" while it is THEY who are the real terrorists. Are Italian workers supposed to feel sorry for Moro? Would American workers feel sorry for Henry Ford II if he were kidnapped?

They scream about "terrorism" while in Italy and Spain the bosses and the Stalinist "Communist" Party expel the militant youth from the unions. They talk about the "greedy" working class while prices skyrocket and youth unemployment grows daily.

The factory-level attacks of Henry Ford are the expression of the government's preparations for war against the workers in the United States. They are the factory edition of the Taft-Hartley Act and the S. 1437 Bill. The bosses, their government and the trade union "officialdom" are afraid of the workers militancy. We could all see that in the hysterical campaign they raised against the miners strike.

Fraser, head of the UAW and a backer of Carter, is already trying to sell the 1979 contract down the drain. He proposed in the national media that auto

workers hold back their demands if the auto companies would lower prices.

Workers at Ford River Rouge might recall the results of a similar campaign by the UAW Local #600 bureaucracy in 1976: "Henry Ford, Have a Heart."

And what about the liberals that claim to be on our side, like Coleman Young? Remember all that money that Carter appropriated for the cities after the miners strike? Well, Coleman Young is using Detroit's share to hire more police. Every cent of it.

What does it mean for union opportunists to talk about a "shorter work week" or any other demand when young workers are being chained like slaves? How could the auto workers organize a strike like the miners with so many on these probationary waivers?

The REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS say NO to Fraser's maneuvering. No votes for any candidate that refuses to take up a fight against the repression.

A SPECIAL CONVENTION OF THE UAW NOW! To organize the entire union to fight the slave labor system, to nullify the sell-out '78 contract and win a new contract that defends our rights.

Attend the Conference of the REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG WORKERS on May 7th to organize the campaign against the repression. We will be electing our

delegation to the Third Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International which will be held in Paris on May 27th.

The working class needs its own party to fight for a Workers Government and an end to the government of the PLANT-ation bosses. The youth need an organization to fight for this party in their own way. JOIN US. THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL.

Young workers-- WIN BACK YOUR UNIONS!

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By ALAIN CAVALIER

After the provocation against the Partido Obrero Revolucionario of Spain, the War Tribunal against soldier Santiago Alegria and the theater director, Boadella (accused of insulting the army by presenting a play about the garroting of a Polish civilian at the same time as Puig Antich), after the arrests of militants of the CNT and the threats which weigh on militants of the LCR, of the OIC, of the PT... accused of having written "Long Live the Republic," many workers and youth are posing some questions about the reality of the "democratization" of Spain and for the reasons which have pushed practically all the political parties and the press to insist on the existence of a democracy in Spain.

The Revolutionary Youth International and the Fourth International have been the only ones to denounce the goal sought by these politicians and journalists. Despite their moral honesty they join together with the Spanish monarchy.

What is it all about?

While the workers mobilization in Spain was developing with a depth never before equalled since the civil war, Franco died. The bourgeoisie, with the king, Juan Carlos at its head, could no longer face the acceleration of the workers mobilization which openly confronted the Francoist state alone.

Thus the "democratization" was taken up... More precisely, Juan Carlos made an appeal to the treacherous leaders of the workers movement (the PCE and PSOE) to stop the workers mobilization. At the same time he strengthened the repressive apparatus of the Francoist state; the army, the police, the state structures educated by the anti-working class Francoism which kept all their traditions and functions.

The "democratization" had as its goal the disarming and demobilization of the working class, thus allowing the army to intervene at the right moment to re-establish Francoist order with a new life: by crushing the organized proletariat. The PCE and PSOE (Spanish Communist and Socialist Party-trans.) were ready to accept this role assigned to them by the monarchy. They began by breaking all working class strikes by giving this explanation: "It is necessary to not give any pretext to the government to allow it not to democratize itself."

Next they participated in the election of the monarchy's Cortes in which they signed a pact with the monarch; the Moncloa Pact, pact for unemployment, austerity

and repression. Its application was done in the most "democratic" way; through a decree.

This was only a beginning through Sole-Tura, one of its leaders, the PCE participated in the elaboration of a "new" constitution leaving in place the framework of the Francoist state.

And to finish, the PCE and PSOE put all their weight in trying to make the latest "democratic" maneuver elaborated in common with the monarchy succeed; the trade union elections. The goal of these elections is to integrate into the Francoist state all the factory committees which the working class has created as organs of its independence and mobilization.

It is not by chance that these elections took place at the same time as the development of the campaign of provocations against the PORE and the youth. Their goal only becomes clearer; to crush the entire fraction of the working class which is escaping from the control of the bureaucratic apparatuses, unions and parties (PCE and PSOE) and in particular the youth.

It is the first step of the monarchy in re-establishing the Francoist order.

THE INTEGRATION OF SPANISH "DEMOCRACY" INTO THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES

During his trip to Europe Carter was able to say: "We welcome the integration of Spain into the Western democracies."

After having clarified the character of this so-called democratization it is necessary to understand the reasons which today make possible a public declaration like that of Carter's.

For a long time the European bourgeoisie, although developing their relations with Francoism, gave many proofs of reservations vis-a-vis his repressive measures.

How can they today recognize Spain as a democracy?

It is because their democracies are approaching the democracy in Spain more and more.

In fact, these Western "democracies" have also, in face of the acceleration of the workers mobilization, caught up with Spain. Even more, they are doing it in a joint manner. The "European Convention for the Repression of Terrorism" signed by the European Nine attacks all democratic rights under the pretext of the struggle against terrorism.

Its application is known: the assassination of Baader in prison in Germany, extradition of Klaus Croissant in France. Calls for in-

formers in Germany, France and Italy on several occasions.

And lastly, adoption of laws in each country. In Germany, a law giving the police the right to search groups of buildings without a search warrant and preventing a lawyer from being alone with a prisoner. In France, the Peyrefitte report on violence with the isolation of neighborhoods and the implantation of police stations in each group of buildings. In Italy, the application of a law originating with Mussolini allowing for the assignment of a forced residence on a deserted island for two years for militants of the extreme left.

All of this is, of course, against terrorists.

And they have designated these clearly as all youth who reject the supervision of the Communist and Socialist Parties.

And of course these parties have not stood aside. The German SP itself proposed this law, the Spanish SP put pressure on Alegria to expel the members of the MPAIC (movement for the independence of the Canary Islands) who were putting across their policy from Alegria through radio.

The Italian CP has called on "denouncing the terrorists in the factories" and it has delegated a

"security officer" to permanently work with the Minister of the Interior.

The Spanish CP wishes to force the ETA to abandon armed struggle, it will "treat them like terrorists," even more, it has declared that they will abandon all references to Leninism "so that no one will confuse us with these criminals."

The French CP begins by leading a campaign for "the security of Frenchmen" with a concretization: the demand for a police station in the sector of Val-de-Marne. To this it is necessary to add the Stalinist repression in Eastern Europe.

AN OBJECTIVE FOR THE BOURGEOIS AND BUREAUCRATIC POLICEMEN OF EUROPE; SUFFOCATE THE YOUTH, THE FLAME OF THE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION,

The selective and oriented character of this attack, the Sacred Union between the bourgeoisie and the bureaucrats of the CP and SP is re-asserted on this occasion, placing in relief its objective: crush the youth who are breaking away from the supervision of the bureaucratic apparatuses and who are confusedly seeking to orient themselves towards the destruction of the bourgeois

and bureaucratic states.

The demonstrations of thousands of workers who confronted the Moncloa Pact, pact of austerity and repression signed by the PCE and PSOE.

150,000 metal workers who cried out in the streets of Rome: "Adesso Basta" (now we've had enough) in face of the agreement of the Italian CP to support the austerity government of Andreotti.

The Michelin and EGF strike in France which confronted the trade union leaderships.

A working class opposition to the policy of the Social Democrats massively expressed in the Congress of I.G. Metal in Germany.

It is this which the Europe of the bourgeoisie and bureaucrats wish to strangle.

And the youth are in the front ranks of these working class attempts to break away from the rule of the bureaucrats. They are the first ones threatened when the Italian CP calls the workers to denounce the terrorists in the factories. They are the first ones threatened by this "European Convention for the Repression of Terrorism."

And what is expressed in Spain is the fear of the police states to

LES DEFENSEURS DE "L'ETAT DEMOCRATIQUE"



THE DEFENDERS OF THE "DEMOCRATIC STATE"

THE CNT- PRINCIPAL SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORKERS CORTES

By CARLOS GIRBAU

see this fighting youth united in a resolute combat for the revolution by linking its struggle with the Program of the Fourth International: that of the preparation of the masses for the seizure of power.

This attack in Spain is in fact the concentration of the entire attack of the bourgeoisie on the level of Europe, for it is directed against the conscious and organized element of the entire revolutionary force of the youth.

AGAINST THE EUROPE OF POLICEMEN

FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

FORWARD TO THE THIRD CONGRESS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

FOR THE RETURN TO LENIN

We can see that the bourgeoisie and the bureaucrats attack because they are terrorized by the spectre of the Revolution which the working class mobilizations announce.

The counter-blow to their attack, the counter-blow which has already begun in Italy, in France and in Germany, must now develop through an offensive. For now, each counter-attack remains isolated and defensive in relation to a precise attack.

The Revolutionary Youth International calls the youth to integrate this counter-blow into the workers mobilization and to not be cut off by individual terrorism. That is, to build the RYI as a large political movement of the youth for the Return to Lenin, to give the working class a revolutionary leadership.

Yes, a world party of the revolution is necessary: the Fourth International, in order to drive the CP and SP out of the leadership of the workers movement.

How can one accept the fact that centrists of the OCI and LCR in France, in Spain and their international centers propose to the youth demand that the CP and SP go into power.

They are very silent about Germany where there is a SP which is in power! Nor do they show what they are doing in power in Spain in their present collaboration with the monarchy!

No! An orientation of independence from these parties is necessary. To develop the mobilization means not only having the goal of destroying the bourgeois and Stalinist states through the revolutionary junction of the proletariat of East and West Europe, but that this struggle must pass over the body of the Stalinist and Social Democratic parties in Europe.

Besides, don't these centrists propose supporting in Eastern Europe a wing of the bureaucracy in order to "reform" the latter?

The Congress of the RYI will be that of the youth who wish to forge a large international political movement of the youth against the bourgeoisie, the Social Democrats and the Stalinists!

RETURN TO LENIN!

FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

In our Second Congress, held under the theme of the right to politics for the youth, we defined as our principal battle in the factories and unions the struggle to organize the seizure of power, the struggle for the Workers Cortes and as the first step towards this, the formation of an alliance of all organized youth, in the parties, unions and organizations of the youth for the Workers Cortes, the formation of a united front as the only way through which the youth can win this right which is denied to it, as much by the bourgeoisie as by the bureaucrats, the right to politics, so that our struggle in the unions can increase and essentially in the unions where the bureaucratic apparatus is the weakest, where its internal contradictions are the greatest I wish to speak about the CNT.

Its leadership, now essentially made up of reformists and ex-revolutionaries (ex-members of the fascist unions) supports all the maneuvers led by the government with the support of all the treacherous

parties in an indirect manner.

Thus, the leadership of the CNT which called for a boycott of the elections for factory committees in the name of direct action, and to be against the Moncloa Pact, sends its militants to fight against the political pact of Moncloa on the basis of economic demands. That is, on the basis of negotiations, on the basis that now the bourgeoisie can give the workers something more.

For this reason, when the time comes to arm the working class against these maneuvers, that is, to form the power capable of defending all our demands; the factory committees, the CNT calls for a boycott and in this way gives free reign to the Stalinists and reformists and the government, by converting our principal arm of combat against the oppressor state into an arm of the bourgeoisie against the working class and an arm to apply the Moncloa Pact.

But its treachery does not stop here; the greater its promises to the working class, the greater becomes its treachery. Thus, at

SEAT the Stalinists, reformists and centrists agreed with the CNT to not hold the trade union elections, a pretty way to boycott them.

But even more-- since the attack on Scala and the arrest of militants of the CNT, the leadership of this union refused to defend them in face of this provocation and decided to form an internal commission of inquiry to find out if the arrested militants are its members or not.

This so-called commission was set up after the Revolutionary Youth of Spain proposed to take part in clearing up not only the provocation against the Partido Obrero Revolucionario of Spain, but also the torrent of provocations and police repression, which was refused under the excuse that they were not police.

Now, we, militants of the Revolutionary Youth of Spain are leading an offensive against this leadership which is not supported by the anarchists nor by the anarchist-communists of the Esclava and Askatasuna group, nor by the

majority of its base. This offensive that we are leading has begun in the first place by giving the leadership of the CNT the document of the Alliance of the Youth for the Workers Cortes and leading at the same time a parallel work building united front agreements with its base to support the Commission of Inquiry and against the Europe of hangmen by explaining the meaning of the provocations and that the only way to make them stop is the construction of an alliance for the Revolution, for the Workers Cortes. That the only method is the construction of self-defense guards in the unions and the factories and also to participate in the trade union elections with the perspective of building the power of the working class. This is the only power capable of not only stopping the wave of provocation but also to prepare the only state capable of satisfying all our demands, the WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT.

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Workers Forum

WOMEN & THE REVOLUTION

By VERONIQUE MENAGER

At the moment when the youth are turning towards all the problems — which are posed in this society and where it is trying to resolve them outside of a complete change of the system, the problem of the liberation of women appears more and more, under different aspects that it is necessary to analyze, above all at a moment when the mobilization of the youth is heightening in all countries.

In fact, the role of women in the revolution affirms itself, whether it is the fact of the radicalization of the women's movement or the fact that there are many women in the important sectors of the working class, and finally, because the intense unemployment hits a very large proportion of the WOMAN PROLETARIAT.

All these conditions make the fact that the negligence of the demands of women as such, in the period which we are living in, would be a cause of a delay in the preparation of the revolution.

And this is for three reasons: First of all, women fighting for their liberation and seeing their just demands taken up by the cause of the revolutionary emancipation of the proletariat will launch all their fighting forces in this common fight in place of seeking reforms in the capitalist system. In fact, the woman worker has everything to gain by uniting her combat to that of the proletariat, by including her struggle in the class struggle, by impugning revolutionary ideas, and as well the liberation of the proletariat from the grip of the capitalists and bureaucrats can not go without the emancipation of the woman as a whole human being. How can one envision a socialism in which there will still be human exploitation?

The liberation of women necessarily passes through taking control of the instruments of production, becoming part of production and also by the development of masculine consciousness rejecting chauvinist prejudices.

On the other hand, the woman who is conscious of her oppression and confronted with a sealed refusal to give a Marxist perspective to her combat, is detoured from her goal and the entire force of her combat, instead of serving the interests of the working class in its entirety, becomes class collaboration with bourgeois women: one only has to look at the meaning in France of the women candidates of "To Choose" who wish to call themselves "non-political."

Finally, through her education in this bourgeois and male chauvinist society and through her past of ancestral submission, the woman worker who does not take part in the revolutionary move-

ment of the masses, who will not free herself of bourgeois conceptions, who does not stand up against the society of consumption and advertising which she is the first victim of, will hold back in a flagrant manner the advance towards socialism, and this shows the necessity for a propaganda directed towards women.

We will not spend a great deal of time talking about the existence of the dual oppression which attacks women workers, dual oppression due to wages on the one hand, and familial dependence and housekeeping on the other. In fact women are exploited as part of the proletariat and feel the fist of the bosses like men, this exploitation is reinforced vis-a-vis their sexual oppression: the bosses in fact believe that the woman is less capable than men, by considering their maximum profits, and that her salary is only a "support" to the family budget (the "support" of the minimum wage is often a necessity!) The reasons are many for lower wages for women workers.

The other exploitation is not any less evident, many women work two jobs in one day; children, housekeeping... And this in the framework of the family organized by capitalism, well organized so that this tiny cell prevents its members from being open to outside problems, to politics in general, because it prevents the woman who is overworked with raising children from thinking. This morality which is very appropriate for the bourgeois regime and which rules the family is propagated thanks to advertising, schools, etc.

It is also the agony of rape, unwanted pregnancy, because the body of a woman is not yet anything more than an object which one can not easily get rid of and which she has no right to control.

The Revolutionary Youth International which fights for the World Socialist Revolution, to build the party which will lead this revolution, the Fourth International, calls all women who are conscious of their oppression and the revolutionary character of their struggle to join its ranks in the same fight which covers the entire fight of the youth.

Thus all the correct and specific demands of women such as: free and legal abortion, child-care, accessibility to trades which are still "reserved" for men, against rape! will find, in this common struggle with men, their real worth, their revolutionary meaning.

NO SOCIALISM WITHOUT THE EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN!

NO EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN WITHOUT SOCIALISM!



WORKERS IN THE CGT (FRENCH UNION FEDERATION -- GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS) MARCH AGAINST FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY PLANS.

Political responsibility

Well people, after my brief disappearance, I return to you (Did you have any doubt) with my latest findings. As you know, May 8, 9, 10 will be the spring elections, and I had hoped to run for committeeman. But fate had deemed other things for my life. During my absence, I learned a lot about myself and a lot about people around me. About myself I learned that everybody including me has a political responsibility. Now some people feel, how

important could I be politically? Or, what is my political responsibility?

To answer the first question, yes, everyone has political importance.

Your political rights are like the muscles in your body, when one does not exercise them, they feel unsure or awkward using them.

The only cure I know is to start exercising.

The second question, what is ones political responsibility. Well this is hard for me to answer because this seems like a moral question that must rest on ones own shoulders.

Those of us who have been flexing our political rights, have the responsibility to those who have not yet ventured forth.

Jerome Tolbert UAW

Unemployment

... You go downtown early in the morning and be there all day until the workers finish their milk and coffee. Then they want to send you through a whole lot of changes. When they send you out on a job, they tell you one thing, when you get to the job

for an interview something all together different about the job is thrown in your face. And talking about waiting to draw your unemployment check. They send you thru changes about that three to four months. Waiting

all day just to find out you have to come back one month from that date. Go back that date and find some one new on the case has found a few mistakes. Why must we suffer for our money that we earned, by their coffee break mistakes.

Debra M. Miller

Editors: Unemployment itself is the cause of your woes, Debra. No

amount of diplomacy or fairness on the part of unemployment compensation agencies can make being unemployed tolerable. The capitalist system literally fuels its furnaces of production with the lives of millions of unemployed youth. Under this system high profits demand high unemployment and high prices.