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LESSON OF STEELWORKERS' STRUGGLES

WORKERS PARTY MUST BE INTERNATIONAL!

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The steelworkers' struggle, like so many others, shows the urgency of building the workers party to prepare the revolution. It proves, incontrovertibly, that the massive construction of the revolutionary young workers' International and the destruction of imperialism's and Stalinism's agents in the workers movement is not a luxury. It's a necessity. That this combat, led by the Trotskyist Organization, and its centralization in the Paris Conference of Young Metalworkers for the Socialist United States of Europe, is indeed the only one worthwhile.

Steelworkers in the iron ranges in Northern United States struck August 1st, ready to "stay through the winter" to win their demands, despite McBride

and Sadlowski, the conservative and "radical" USW union leaders who betrayed them.

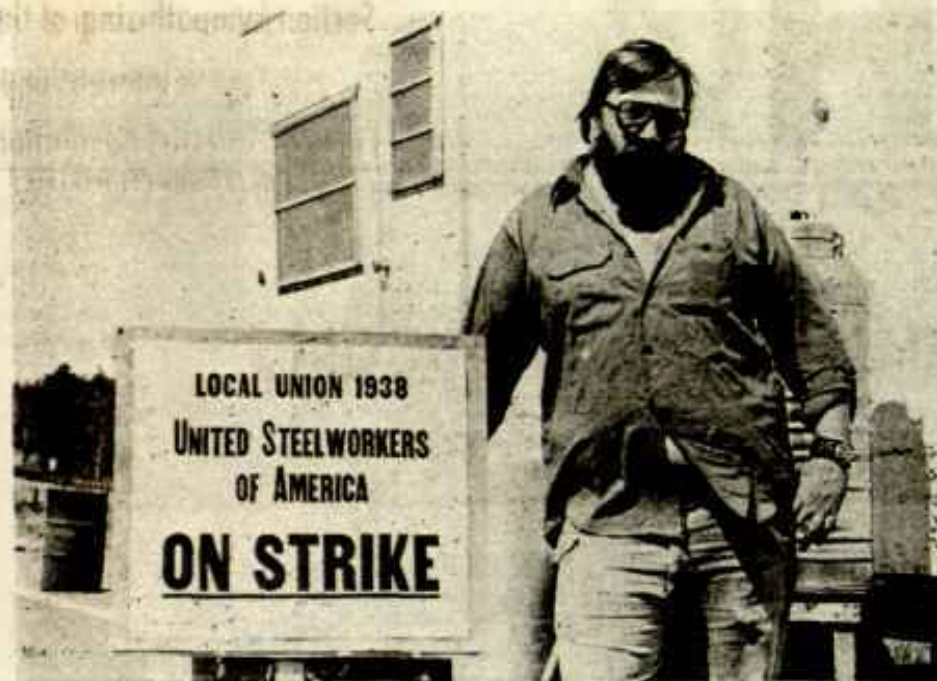
Now the workers have begun to realize determination is not enough. US Steel and Co., terrified of the workers' mobilization, has launched a counter-offensive. It's laid off thousands of workers, closed several plants, demanded the workers donate their sweat and blood to make steel production in the US profitable; demanded they join the exploiters in attacking steelworkers in other countries by stopping imports.

The steel owners are threatening to make things worse for the steelworkers if they refuse this anti-working class and nationalist campaign. McBride's in the front ranks of this onslaught,

Sadlowski's busy in Washington trying to get some federal bureaucrats to overturn the USW election results so he can take another crack at McBride's job.

While the ironworkers are holding their ground -- one worker quoted in THE MILITANT said: "well, just don't let that damn negotiating committee think us guys are going to get scared and settle for something that's not worthwhile!" -- they're not sure how to proceed. They're getting only \$20 a week in strike benefits. There's no other work. The courts have given the steel companies the go ahead to stop payments on their insurance. And the company's no closer to granting their demands than it was to start. Some
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workers have, incorrectly, but understandably, began to ask if they should have struck.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP

While these workers are not fully aware of it, they are experiencing the burning need for their own revolutionary leadership. What nervousness even the best militants feel about continuing this battle against the steelowners is entirely a result of being forced to do so with confusionists like the SWP, opportunists like the Stalinists and Sadlowski, and unabashed traitors like McBride for leadership. While we have not yet learned of this from the iron range, we are sure there are spontaneous attempts, above all by young workers, to improvise an alternative leadership.

This leadership must be organized with a revolutionary policy, the mobilization of the masses to destroy the power of imperialism and Stalinism (the agent of imperialism which dominates the USSR, but pretends to be socialist) and construct socialism on an international scale, the Fourth International's policy.

The fight to realize the steelworkers' demands threatens the system. Otherwise why would US Steel and Co. be doing so much screaming? The Carter government is not only going along with this attack. It's leading it. Not simply because of Carter's well-publicized penchant for "efficiency," but because this is what this government is paid to do -- organize the affairs of the bourgeoisie.

INTERNATIONAL

Tinkering with the system won't do. The steel industry IS an unproductive mess. Workers must build their own government to take the industry away from those who've made it so and reorganize production on an international scale.

Only a plan of workers in the United States, Europe, and the USSR can resolve the problems before workers in the steel industry here. Thus this struggle to destroy the capitalist regimes in the West is inseparable from the one to destroy the Stalinist regimes in the USSR and Eastern Europe.

Revolution, beginning with the Socialist United States of Europe, is the only way job safety and job security can be assured for steelworkers in America. The battle begins today with the formation of independent workers committees in the factories and the fields to control the industry.

REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

A leadership organized on any other basis than this revolutionary policy, no matter how dedicated or "close to the masses," will crumble. Only the construction of the Revolutionary Youth International among all metalworkers, in auto, steel, and the mines, will make any difference in the outcome of the steelworkers' struggle. Revolutionary young workers organized in this way, can lead the masses of workers in drawing the lessons of this struggle and rapidly advancing in the preparation of the confrontation with Carter. Without this they will sim-

ply go back to work, confused, depressed and poor.

The offensive to build the RYI is one to destroy, politically, the Socialist Workers Party, which is collaborating with Stalinism while claiming to represent the Fourth International, our party. From the beginning they've tried to give the steelworkers the impression that they need only fight a little harder, that a solution to their problems can be found within the borders of capitalist United States. So to the SWP, McBride, the local leadership, the Stalinists, weren't doing enough, but they weren't any fundamental obstacle. "Ambivalent," the MILITANT characterized these criminals. "It's necessary to work with them," they said. Indeed, most of their coverage of the struggle has consisted of interviews of these types.

Now with the company's counterattack and McBride's open collaboration, the SWP's working overtime to panic the workers. Their press is full of dismal stories about the "crisis." Gone are the euphoric renditions of the steelworkers' struggles. Gone is the steelworkers' struggle for that matter. What strategy the SWP does put forward is defensive, national, one to unite everyone, including the local leaders and Stalinists, on the most minimal basis and postpone (forever, in fact) the construction of the party and the preparation of the revolution.

They have no fundamental difference with the Stalinists who go all the way and call for the workers to cooperate in the nationalization of the industry so it can be more competitive, for "left-center" unity against the ultra-right. That's why the SWP is comfortable in the company of the Stalinists, but not in the company of the Trotskyist Organization.

This team that brought fighting steelworkers the confusionist Sadlowski, is still together. Without them the current attack would never have been possible. With them it won't be defeated.

The Trotskyist Organization calls on all young metalworkers, readers of TRUTH, members and supporters of the Revolutionary Worker Youth of the USA, proletarian militants in the SWP, to join us in the political offensive in preparation of the International Young Metalworkers Conference for the Socialist United States of Europe to build the RYI and put these false tendencies to rest. Join us in the massive distribution of International Young Guard. In the international day of action in defense of the conquests of the socialist revolution, to stop the Stalinist repression in Poland. We must unite with our comrades across the world against imperialism and Stalinism. Join the RYI.

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"Only the working class will impose our legalization"

INTERVIEW WITH A LEADER OF SPANISH SECTION OF FOURTH INTERNATIONAL



MIGUEL SALAS

At the end of July the Spanish government announced the official prohibition of the PARTIDO OBRERO REVOLUCIONARIO, the Spanish Section of the Fourth International (PORE). Along with several radical nationalist parties, the PORE was the first workers party to be prohibited by the "new" government in Spain.

This shows the lie of all those who are now talking about the supposed "democratization" in Spain and shows the lie of all those who said that the new Cortes recently elected would bring about democratic change in Spain. It shows the lie of all those who participated in these elections and therefore attempted to trap the working class into this farce.

The PORE was prohibited because it has refused to give any ground what so ever, either to bargain with the government, or to call the working class to any other task than the fight for the overthrow of the monarchy and the installation of

the dictatorship of the proletariat. It has refused to corrupt the principles and program of our party, the Fourth International.

This is in striking contrast to the other organizations which claim to represent the Fourth International in Spain, in particular the LCR (Revolutionary Communist League), the "sister" organization of the US Socialist Workers Party. The government has just declared the LCR legal. No wonder. They passed the first "test" of the government by participating in the farce of the Francoist elections. They have dropped the hammer and sickle from their banner, dropped any reference to the Fourth International in their Statutes, and are now for a "Republic" and not a workers government. Above all, they are recognized by the government as the "good" Trotskyists, against the PORE.

We are reprinting here an interview that appeared this August in LA AURORA, the paper of the PORE with Miguel Salas. Miguel Salas is a member of the Central Committee of the PORE, the editor of LA AURORA and was the first signature on the request for legalization submitted by the PORE.

LA AURORA: How has the PORE developed the struggle for its legalization?

MIGUEL SALAS: The PORE has always believed that its legalization and that of all the parties can only be the work of the working class, and in particular the struggle to finish with the monarchy and win democratic and national rights.

From the beginning we have made the legalization of all parties a problem linked to that of the liberation of the political prisoners, that is, to the problems which demonstrate that the so-called "process of democratization" is a farce directed against the working class mobilization.

Before the elections to the Cortes in our struggle to boycott them, we developed an intense mobilization to organize a Workers March on the prisons, with the objective of freeing the political prisoners. This means the confrontation with the Monarchy and against the opportunist parties which support it.

At the same time we presented to the government our Statutes, without changing a comma. Our legalization will have nothing to do with bargaining with the

government, nor a vulgar abandonment of our political principles. Through our Statutes we announced to the government and to the entire working class that our objective is neither to maintain capitalism nor a simple change of regime. We wish to raise the oppressed and workers up against capital and the bureaucracy and install in Spain and throughout the world the proletarian dictatorship, the Workers and Peasants Government in all countries.

LA AURORA: The PORE was the first workers organization prohibited. In your opinion, what were the reasons for this?

MIGUEL SALAS: They were clear. The PORE has never accepted any of the conditions imposed by the monarchy. The government and the bourgeoisie were very conscious of our objective (mobilize and organize the masses for the seizure of power). They were afraid that the working class mobilization would come to identify itself with our program and our revolutionary struggle. They know that with us there are no arrangements or compromises.

Now all the workers can see why they have legalized the Spanish Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the other centrist organizations. Each in their own way have accepted the conditions of the monarchy. They began by participating in the elections, they were in agreement with the continuators of Francoism to form a counter-revolutionary Holy Alliance around the monarchy. The leaders of these parties also fear the proletarian revolution as much as the bourgeoisie, and

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LA AURORA

"We, OPPORTUNISTS, are the ones who are legal."

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to prevent it, they are allied with Francoism.

The LCR deserves special mention. Any worker can now realize how little it has to do with the Fourth International. It presented its Statutes in which they arrived at saying that they supported the Cortes, that in reality they were Republicans (for a Republic -- Ed.), and, in place of calling on the workers to organize independently, they call on them to put pressure on the Deputies (members of the Francoist Cortes -- Ed.). All the newspapers recognize that there is a negotiation taking place for its legalization and this can only mean that the LCR accepts the conditions determined by the monarchy. For not accepting any of their conditions, they have prohibited us.

LA AURORA: How is the PORE going to continue the struggle for its legalization and for that of all the political parties?

MIGUEL SALAS: When our prohibition was known we sent a letter to all workers and democratic organizations with the proposition for a common mobilization, beginning with a meeting for the legalization of all political parties. We have not yet received any concrete response. In any case we have begun this mobilization; in Madrid a meeting took place on the 18th, in Barcelona, Bilbao, Valencia, Valles, stands were placed in the streets and received a very good response from the workers.

Now it is necessary to reinforce this struggle in the unions and the factories, with resolutions, supporters, etc... In Madrid the comrades already have begun to collect signatures in the factories against the prohibition. For the party, the most important thing is to link, as I said in the beginning, this problem to that of the freedom for all political prisoners. For this reason, in meetings and assemblies our proposition is to or-

ganize a Workers March on the prisons. There is no other means, neither to free them or to win the legalization of all the parties.

This struggle can have only one objective: to prepare the workers revolution. The Cortes will give nothing to the working people as is demonstrated by our prohibition which was one of the first measures it took. In this sense the struggle for our legalization is intimately linked to the confrontation with the monarchy and we wish to organize this through the formation of a Workers Cortes, through the centralization of the workers delegates from the factories.

We have begun to prepare our fight for the elections to the factory committees in which we are confronting the regimentation that the government and the union leadership wishes to impose on them. We want these committees to be independent from the government and the bosses, and above all, we want to convert them into a means of mobilizing the working class against the Cortes of the monarchy and the bourgeois state.

Finally, in this struggle for our legalization we wish to strengthen the party, to regroup in its ranks and in the ranks of the JRE (Revolutionary Youth of Spain -- Ed.) the workers who sympathize with us. This is a decisive task. It is necessary to say to the workers that if the monarchy prohibits the PORE, it is to weaken its revolutionary struggle; but in order to strengthen it, we must reinforce the ranks of the revolutionary party. LA AURORA has a decisive place in this, for its distribution and its proposals confront the prohibition of the monarchy, to fortify it by its distribution, its discussion among the workers, is the means to reinforce the struggle against the monarchy.

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Democrati

By ANN NELSON

Today, many workers are taking the fate of their rights into their own hands by striking. This was true for the miners who led courageous battles to keep the government out of their union. This was and is true for the steelworkers who are fighting to win back the right to strike.

For the majority of American workers, for the youth and the unemployed, their rights -- the right to work, to strike, freedom from police harassment, the right to a decent standard of living and the right to a future -- are very important. But in this "democratic" country, the United States, the right to work and the right to a decent standard of living for all have never fully existed, particularly for black workers, youth and women. Today, the bourgeoisie in the US is continuing a drive to take back many of the rights won by workers denying medicare for abortion, denying the right to strike, making police fascist methods legal and denying parole.

The meaningful rights that exist in the US today are rights that were won through the struggles of the workers and oppressed. The US bourgeoisie is becoming more desperate today. It becomes increasingly difficult for it to maintain its cover of "democracy." The bourgeoisie in the US is heading for a new imperialist war to try to prop up its dying system. Before the US bourgeoisie can wage full scale war on the workers in other countries, it must crush the resistance and support of the workers in the United States. The fact that the "democratic" rights of workers in the United States are being attacked, is inseparable from the fact that unemployment is the highest in history and that the standard of living of US workers is dropping steadily. The US bourgeoisie can only "give" democratic rights to the entire population when it can afford to do so, and it cannot. But, the bourgeoisie is not the determining factor in the gaining of demands for the working class.

US workers have led many struggles throughout history to win their rights. For the right to vote, hundreds of thousands of women took to the streets. They demanded the right, they did not ask for it. One of the most important gains for American workers is the right to organize into labor unions, won after countless bloody battles were fought, and only after workers took over the bosses factories and sat down. As well, the struggle of blacks in the '60s led to at least government recognition in work that blacks would be treated equally.

These battles were not only battles for "rights." Each battle produced its revolutionaries, those who had come to the conclusion that in order to maintain any gains won, it was necessary to overthrow capitalism.

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ic Rights & American Revolution

From the extremely rich history of the American workers struggles, this conclusion, that we can win our rights only through the preparation of the Socialist Revolution, must be maintained and developed.

In order for any worthwhile rights to be won, many workers know that a struggle is involved. But it is necessary to go further. Can any of the leaders of the Democratic Party guarantee real rights for workers? No, every one of them while speaking to the hopes of the workers, the youth, women and blacks, has supported only the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie over the workers. The lesson of the struggle of the youth, blacks and students in the late 60's must be that the Democratic Party should be thrown in the trash pile; that it is not the party of the "blue collar workers" or immigrants or oppressed or anyone else, but the party of the bourgeoisie. The Democratic Party is a dead end for young workers truly seeking democracy.

Is the hope of the youth of the working class the Stalinists in the USSR and its ambassador, the US Communist Party? No, along with the tremendous repression in the USSR and Eastern Europe, the policy of Stalinism has shown itself to be the best of friends with Carter, and the imperialist oppressors, from Helsinki to Belgrade. No worker seeking to fight for his rights can place any hope in the best friend of imperialism.

The way, above all, to win the rights of the US workers, is through an INDEPENDENT struggle against US imperialism and its supporter Stalinism. The answer for the youth who have seen the "Communist" Party and the centrists (Socialist Workers Party above all), sell out to the US government time and again in the name of "democratic rights," is to join the Revolutionary Youth International, and take up the fight to build the workers own party, to lead the Socialist Revolution.

The Revolutionary Youth International is fighting under the slogan RETURN TO LENIN. This slogan has an important meaning for the fight to win the rights of American workers and unemployed youth. With the slogan RETURN TO LENIN, we seek to convince the American youth that all hopes for equality lie in the struggle to build the kind of party that Lenin built, the Bolshevik Party. This month marks the 60th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, led by the Bolsheviks which continues to be the kind of party that young militants and revolutionaries seek.

The turning point in the Russian Revolution, or the point which showed the way forward for victory, was Lenin's April Theses. In April of 1917, Lenin spoke against the majority of the Bolshevik Party leadership when he said that it was necessary to prepare the masses of workers and peasants for revolution, to overthrow the bourgeois-

ie. This, he said, was the only way to win the most basic demands; peace, land and bread. The Provisional (bourgeois) government was at that time restoring the Monarchy against the will of the Russian workers and was making a new offensive in the imperialist world war. To Lenin, the most important task was to convince the Russian working class, that even though they had more rights under the bourgeois government than they had under the monarchy, that they had only been won through the force of the Russian workers themselves. Lenin's theses said that the Provisional government would never be capable of stopping the war, or developing the standard of living of the Russian masses, only the workers own government could do either.

Today, the US bourgeoisie and its supporters in the workers movement try to counterpose democracy and the dictatorship of the proletariat. The bourgeoisie tries to convince young workers looking for an alternative to capitalist tyranny to think that the repression and lack of working class rights and control in the USSR is the result of the fight of the Bolsheviks to overthrow the Russian oppressors. The truth is that the Stalinist repression in the USSR and Eastern Europe is a result of the DEGENERATION of the revolution, and the policy of peaceful co-existence with imperialism the opposite of revolution. The so-called Euro-Communists of the Western European Communist Parties, echo this argument while increasing their collaboration with imperialism.

The "democracy" of the capitalists is an out and out lie. But workers do confront, in a more confused way, the "democracy" proposed by the Stalinists, which continues to be their cynical cover for their hostility to the struggle for the Socialist Revolution. In the US, the American Communist Party urges workers to vote for the "better" Democrats, or support the "better" bureaucrat in union elections, playing on the desires of the workers for real rights by saying it is not necessary to question the rule of the bourgeoisie, but instead reform it.

Trotsky said this when speaking about the betrayal of the Spanish Revolution by the Stalinists and centrists in the name of democracy:

Socialism cannot be subordinated to democracy. Socialism (or communism) is enough for us. . . The "democratic" revolution in Spain has already been carried out. The Popular Front is renewing it. . . The socialist revolution is yet to be made in uncompromising struggle against the "democratic" revolution and its Popular Front. What does this "syntheses," "democratic socialist revolution" mean? Nothing at all. It is only an eclectic hodge-podge. (THE SPANISH REVOLUTION)

The political roots of the policy of the SWP are its capitulation to Stalinism and thus it seeks to reform the bourgeoisie.

The method of the SWP is to try and convince militants who wish to fight for democratic rights, that they must fight with separate "movements" which the SWP is building are not today even genuine; they do not rise out of the anger of the masses. The "black movement" of the SWP is led in fact by the NAACP and the Democratic Party. The "women's movement" is led by NOW and the Democratic Party. The "anti-nuclear weapons movement" is composed of elements many of which are openly hostile to the working class, and for those who are genuinely against nuclear arms, the Democratic Party waits ready to lead these militants into supporting the government. The SWP never speaks about the youth at all. The young workers would never stand still to listen to the Democratic Party Congressmen and Representatives who have betrayed them time and again.

Jack Barnes, National Secretary of the SWP said in his political report to the last SWP convention: "The SWP should not try to resurrect the 60's." But this is in fact not the case, when the SWP places all its time and energy propping up various "movements."

The SWP separates the fight for democratic rights from the necessity to prepare the socialist revolution. Barnes may SAY that his party is for Socialism, but the whole policy of the SWP from suing the government, to calling on the bourgeoisie's police to "protect" children in Boston, to the resurrecting of the petty-bourgeois movements, to the ultimate conclusion of the reform of imperialism, says no.

The SWP SAYS that a consistent fight for democratic rights will lead to socialism. But the history of the workers in the United States and all over the world has demonstrated that the only real and worthwhile rights will be won by the actual fight, a conscious fight on the part of the workers for the socialist revolution. And the history of the SWP since the early 60's has shown that THEIR "fight" for democratic rights ends with reforming capitalism and the abandonment of young workers and militants to the Democratic Party.

Leon Trotsky said: "The present epoch is distinguished not for the fact that it frees the revolutionary party from day-to-day work but because it permits this work to be carried on indissolubly with the actual tasks of the revolution." (THE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM). This is the fight that shows the way forward for young workers truly concerned with winning their just rights and equality. RETURN TO LENIN!
JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL!

HOW TO STOP THE FASCISTS



By FRED VITALE

The Nazis have organized marches in Chicago and Detroit; they've fought street battles in Boston and St. Louis. Various right-wing extremists have attacked blacks in almost every city. In Los Angeles, they bombed the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party. In Kentucky, they attacked striking miners.

Figuring out why fascism is growing and thus how to defeat it are critical questions for all Marxists, all workers, critical for the victory of the American revolution. From all the experiences of the workers, here and around the world, the decisive weapon is the construction of a Workers Party, the US Section of the Fourth International by the working class.

BOURGEOIS REPRESSION

First it must be made clear that these attacks organized by fascists against workers, blacks and socialists are part of the repression organized by the ruling class and its government in Washington. Fascism is not separate from the counter-revolutionary assault of the ruling class. Because the capitalists are incapable of meeting the most minimal demands of the most oppressed, this section of the working class fights back very hard. And the government, with the fascists as their thugs, go after the blacks, especially the youth, i.e., those most capable of organizing a united working class and leading it to victory.

The fascists are the hit-men for the capitalist government. Their purpose is to smash the working class and destroy its leadership. This is above all a POLITICAL QUESTION, though, and not simply a question of beating people up.

They seek to organize the small, bankrupted shopkeepers, the lower managers, clerks, etc. in order to smash the working class. These people, who make up the petty-bourgeoisie or middle class, feel trapped between the bourgeoisie and proletariat, feel squeezed in the struggle between them.

The fascists are coming to these people speaking very strongly against the government, deriding the "do-nothings" in Washington, the lack of democracy, the monstrous control exercised by the big industrialists. They denounce the militants and communists of the working class, attack striking workers for disrupting the economy, attack "big unionism". Their solution? "We've got to put our country back in order. First, we'll finish with these strikers, communist parties, the blacks, and the big unions. Then, we'll go after big business, and throw all those bureaucrats out of Washington."

Their ability to convince people of this "solution" depends on the strength of the workers' movement in posing its revolutionary solution for the problems these people face: the rising cost of living, inability to get credit for their businesses, high crime, all of which are caused by the ruling class. To the extent that the working class does this, they will go with it. To the extent that it doesn't, the middle classes then begin to blame the workers ALONE for all the constant misery they feel, and the ruling class aids them at every step. On this basis, the fascists can grow.

So, the main reason for the success of the fascists, why they are growing, is not their own abilities, but the policy of the misleaders of the workers. The trade

union bureaucracy, with the left wing of the Democratic Party advocate a policy of reforming the government, and thus the workers make little progress. Furthermore, this policy of reform is supported by parties claiming to represent the working class, the Communist Party USA and the Socialist Workers Party. These parties, disorganize and confuse the militant workers most capable of building a revolutionary leadership to make a socialist revolution. They allow the bureaucrats to defeat the workers. They provide fuel for the fascists' fire.

POLICY OF REFORM

The job of the trade union bureaucrats is to keep the workers tied to the government, to the Democratic Party, by advocating a policy of "reform" of capitalism.

First, it must be said that these bureaucrats have never won anything on the basis of fighting for "reforms." All real reforms, like the eight-hour day, Social Security, or the end of the war in Vietnam have been won because the revolutionary mobilization of the workers has threatened EVERYTHING the capitalists have.

It is in the big industrial unions today that this policy of reform is most under attack by the workers and at the same time is the most defended by the trade union bureaucracy and their left covers the CP and the SWP. Let's look at the United Steelworkers Union.

In the last years the American working class has been engaged in a tremendous mobilization, the most politically advanced elements being in the large factories of the Midwest. In Chicago, a

left bureaucrat named Sadlowski held the position of director of 144,000 steel workers for four years. He never did anything for the workers or the masses of blacks. He did support the schemes of the government such as affirmative action and busing which cannot defend the interests of the masses of blacks or the working class.

In order to contain the growing struggle and consciousness of the steelworkers, he ran for president of the national union against the handpicked successor of the bureaucracy, McBride.

Both the Communist Party, with a great deal of influence in the steel mills (they have a few local presidents in the Chicago area) and the SWP, with a large Chicago branch, supported Sadlowski. He generated little support among the workers in his district because of his treacherous activities. But with the support of these parties and the absence of the Trotskyist Organization, the workers were unable to confront Sadlowski.

Now there are huge layoffs in the mills. With the policy of the TO, a mobilization could be organized to stop the layoffs, to build a Workers Party for the socialist revolution. Instead, the young workers are flooding the communities again as unemployed. Sadlowski and his Fight Back Organization refuse to do anything but talk, refuse to organize a national strike of steel against these layoffs. So, the workers' movement appears as timid and weak in the eyes of the middle class. By their continuing support to Sadlowski, disorganizing the working class, the CP and SWP actually have aided the growth of the fascists in Chicago. The middle classes will not follow a lackey.

They have left the workers without a weapon with which to battle against the capitalists. And the result? The fascists have grown, gaining a foothold in a white workingclass neighborhood in a city where the Communist Party was founded in 1919.

Only a Workers Party committed to overthrowing the bourgeoisie, the common enemy of the workers and the lower middle classes, and establishing a workers' government, can break the support won by the fascists. Today, only the Trotskyist Organization, through building the Revolutionary Youth International has organized an International Conference of Metalworkers for the Socialist United States of Europe, which the TO is building in the US. Only on the basis of a struggle for this policy, to build a Workers Party, to renew the leadership of the workers' movement, is it possible to defeat the fascists.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

The main slogan of the RYI in the last year has been RETURN TO LENIN. And too, the party of Lenin had to smash the fascists before they could make the Russian Revolution.

In August of 1917, the Russian fascists attempted to organize a phony revolution in order to smash the workers. The Bolsheviks organized the Red Militia with

workers defense guards guarding every workers' press, organization and neighborhood. The counter-revolution fizzled.

The shopkeepers, merchants, foremen, unemployed, etc. who were possibly sympathetic to the fascists quickly got cold feet. They became convinced that only the Bolshevik Party had a bold enough plan to stop the constant assaults on their standard of living, to put an end to the war they faced. With their policy of uncompromising struggle against the bourgeoisie and thus the independent organization of the workers, the Bolsheviks were able to win the best elements of the lower middle class to them and neutralize the rest.

METHODS OF FIGHTING THE FASCISTS

It flows from the Bolshevik policy, the policy of the TO today to organize the Red Militia to confront the fascists. Likewise, it flows from the policy of supporting "reform" to call for the government to "ban the Nazis," like the Communist Party does, or for "federal troops" to save us, as the SWP does.

The Socialist Workers Party, falsely claiming the banner of the Fourth International, has no strategy for uniting the working class, building its revolutionary party, and thus waging the political offensive necessary to win the sympathy and support of the lower middle classes. When their headquarters was bombed, they called on the government to protect them and tried to organize a bunch of weak-kneed liberal organizations to do likewise. This flows from their policy

of supporting the reformists. It actually encourages the Nazis, for as the SWP represents the workers, the workers appear timid, weak. Neither the working class, nor the middle classes will ever follow such a party or defend it.

What policy does the Trotskyist Organization follow? The policy outlined by the Bolsheviks of organizing the workers independently, building their confidence in their organizations and their class. As Trotsky wrote: "What should the most active and perceptive elements have done (when fascists marched into a working class neighborhood)? They should have improvised a small general staff. This improvised general staff, with a map of the district out in front of them should have worked out the simplest plan in the world... divide up their forces into groups of three to five, with a leader for each group, and let them do their work (beating up the fascists)... this would be a good underpinning for a permanent workers militia in the district." (Trotsky, "Danger of Ultraleft Tactics in Fighting Fascists").

Young workers and students defrocked a Klansman in Ohio last month. Last week, militants beat up the leader of the Chicago Nazis, trying to build a branch in St. Louis. These youth need the RYI to build the Workers party, so that they can wage the POLITICAL struggle necessary to defeat the fascists. Without this, their militancy is wasted. With this, the fascists will become museum pieces next to Attila the Hun, and Ivan the Terrible.

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The Press is Our Weapon!

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

By FRED VITALE

This slogan was the founding slogan of our movement back in 1848. Today you can see it on the front page of every newspaper of the Fourth International. To make this slogan a reality, though, requires an international paper, reflecting one international policy to organize the world revolution. There is only 1 such paper. THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

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European revolution.

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