

## Trotskyist Candidate for Detroit Mayor says

ALL OUT FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FACTION!

## Organize the fight to elect a Strike Committee to lead a Sit-down at the Rouge!

By JON COHEN

"ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE IN STAMPING TO LEAD A  
SIT-DOWN AT THE ROUGE!"

This was the central slogan of the Trotskyist Organization of the US and the Revolutionary Worker Youth at Ford River Rouge last week in response to the strike movement taking place in auto.

In preparation of the Stamping unit meeting on May 10th, which has a central role in unleashing the strike movement at the Rouge, over 50 copies of TRUTH and 50 copies of REVOLUTIONARY WORKER were sold in the last two weeks.

Over 30 workers in the Stamping plant were won in support of the struggle of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit and elect its candidate, Fred Vitale, from Local #581 in Chicago.

The Stamping workers, who met their last union meeting almost a year ago, are driving WILLIE WASHINGTON, their unit President and Mike Rinaldi, the President of Local #600 out of their meeting and electing their own strike committee, only to be blocked by the Stalinists of "Time-to-UNITE," who succeeded in delaying the strike for "official authorization," are beginning to see that it is only the Trotskyist Organization and the RWY which is organizing the offensive of the Stamping workers.

"Organizing is what we need," I think that this is the most important problem immediately facing the young workers taking up our fight. No longer is it a question for the most advanced workers that our proposals for a strike committee or a sit-down are not "realistic" -- they have been met everywhere in the last months about the "realism" of the bureaucrats and the Stalinists. But the central question is how to organize the advanced workers independently of the bureaucrats and "Time-to-UNITE" and how to lead a sit-down.

"Lenin was the heaviest revolutionary of his age," was a comment of a young worker in Stamping who has fought for the proposals of the TO and RWY. Our offensive to "Return to Lenin" means to answer once and for all how to organize this offensive of the workers and how to build the party of Lenin in the workers struggles.

For me, "Return to Lenin" in the Stamping plant starts with the revolutionary press, TRUTH. It must be used as our organ, our weapon against the bureaucrats and the Stalinists. The 50 copies of TRUTH in Stamping must be organized in groups to discuss the latest issue -- our proposals for their fight and their response and questions.

With TRUTH in their hand they can confront "Time-to-UNITE" and demand a political response to our proposals. It is the beginning of our fight to build the party by engaging the masses of young workers in our struggle. It is the starting point for constructing the circles of the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH in every department in the factory, discussing the proposals of the party and taking up the immediate fight for these proposals.

Immediately, the circles of the RWY must recruit all the young workers at Stamping and throughout the Rouge who want to fight in the Stamping meeting on May 15th to elect a strike committee and organize a sit-down at the Rouge. These young workers must be organized to come to the meeting of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW on Sunday, May 15th, before the union meeting to organize our fight.

This meeting, open to all the young workers, will prepare our resolution for the Stamping meeting -- for the strike committee, the sit-down and our fight which must continue this week to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit, and to elect our candidate President of the UAW. We must continue our fight to collect signatures for the UAW convention and to collect money to send our delegation to LA.

I know that every young worker who has taken up this fight with us understands that they cannot go into this Stamping meeting without organization, without a means for self-defense. It's happened in the past and will happen again -- the bureaucrats and the Stalinist groups will do everything possible to prevent the militants of the TO and RWY and ANY revolutionary young worker from intervening with revolutionary proposals.

All the young workers -- those in the RWY, but as well, ANY young worker who wants to go to this union meeting to fight for a strike against the bureaucrats and Stalinists, should come to the mass meeting of the RWY on Sunday, May 15th to prepare the intervention of the RWY in the union meeting and to insure the defense of ALL young workers who wish to speak at this meeting.

This is as well a means to confront "Time-to-UNITE" and the other organizations and their honest militants. We disagree politically. Fine. We will fight for our proposals in front of the majority of the workers and see who stands on the side of the bureaucrats and who stands for the interests of the young workers. But first of all, which party stands for democracy in the UAW, for the right of all political tendencies to fight for their policy? Whose party is the party of Lenin and whose party is the party of Stalinist repression?

One final point which I think is very important for those young workers who want to organize. Many young workers say, "OK, I agree with you, but I don't have time to come to a meeting to organize this fight." This is an important problem because many young workers think that our fight can develop spontaneously, magically, or something like that. Without meeting beforehand, discussing our proposals, planning our fight, we in fact waste valuable time and effort. Without meeting beforehand our intervention will be disorganized by the Stalinists and the bureaucrats and the workers who really want to fight won't have the political weapons to do so.

"Return to Lenin" -- Meet... Organize with TRUTH... build the RWY to engage all the young workers... Organize the defense of every action... Confront the Stalinists and bureaucrats with our proposals... Build the party by organizing the workers struggles and building the best fight... These are our means to organize the offensive of the auto workers and to throw out the UAW bureaucracy.

And I think that we must be prepared to confront and lead this fight even if the bureaucrats cancel the union meeting this Sunday. This is our union, not theirs, and we have the



# TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION FIGHTS TO LEAD STRIKE AT THE ROUGE! "Time-to-UNITE" begs bureaucrats to lead

By DAVID HEFFELINGER

At the convention of the United Auto Workers union in Los Angeles, Jimmy Carter has just risen to speak to the convention when the chairman hands him a piece of paper. The President turns red in the face and grins as he silently reads the communique he has just received.

Local #600 Stamping unit of Ford River Rouge has thrown out local leaders, Willie Washington and the Sergeant-at-Arms, and is electing a strike committee. The meeting has passed a motion condemning the UAW leadership for holding its convention in Los Angeles and refuses to recognize the directives or leaders elected by the convention. The workers are organizing a sit-down strike at the Rouge and sending delegations to auto plants all over Detroit.

A hypothetical situation but not so far off as Leonard Woodcock and Doug Fraser would like it to be. Throughout auto the workers are asking how to win a victory, how to really defeat Carter's program

of "sacrifices" imposed upon them daily in the form of gnawing workloads and slavish working conditions, layoffs, and price hikes. Such a victory is being forged today by militants of the Trotskyist Organization and Revolutionary Worker Youth with the auto workers of the Stamping unit of Local #600 at Ford River Rouge. Workers have left the meetings of the Stamping unit since the strike, disgusted with the maneuvers of the bureaucrats and the confusion shown by them with one question on their minds -- how to organize a victory?

### ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE -- ORGANIZE A SITDOWN

It is the same question being asked by the auto workers in Indianapolis and Fremont, whose strikes were broken by the UAW International. It is the same question being asked by the Sterling Heights Chrysler workers who went back to work last week with practically the same bankrupt contract as the one they voted down.

## Resolution for the Dearborn Stamping Unit Meeting May 15

Willie Washington, Mike Rinaldi, and their leaders, the International -- Woodcock, Fraser, and Co. -- have proven only capable of BREAKING strikes. So, the first point on the agenda of the Stamping Plant Unit meeting can only be:

### I. ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE NOW TO LEAD A SITDOWN!

No more red tape or stalling for "strike authorization." Organize the occupation of the Stamping Plant

IV. BRING THE UAW CONVENTION TO DETROIT, OPEN IT UP TO THE MASSES OF WORKERS, ORGANIZE A GENERAL STRIKE OF AUTO AGAINST CARTER'S ATTACK! We won't accept the ground rules of the convention Woodcock and Fraser have organized or its decisions. This is our union and we want our convention in Detroit. We want Woodcock, Fraser, and Carter out. We call on all UAW members to join us in this fight, to send telegrams to the UAW Convention demanding that this resolution be carried out.

III. MASS ASSEMBLY OF ALL ROUGE WORKERS -- DELEGATIONS TO ALL PLANTS! We call on all Rouge workers to follow our example and elect a strike committee, throw out the bureaucrats and organize the sitdown throughout the Rouge.

II. FIGHT FOR IMMEDIATE REDUCTION IN WORKLOADS; RECALL OF ALL LAID-OFF WORKERS; REHIRE OF THE STRIKE LEADERS IN INDIANAPOLIS AND FREMONT! We commission the strike committee to fight for these demands and to organize meetings of the workers in the plant to formulate further demands. We call on our brothers and sisters who have been thrown into the streets by the auto barons to join us in our struggle and elect delegates to the strike committee.

With TRUTH in their hand they can confront "Time-to-UNITE" and demand a political response to our proposals. It is the beginning of our fight to build the party by engaging the masses of young workers in our struggle. It is the starting point for constructing the circles of the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER YOUTH in every department in the factory, discussing the proposals of the party and taking up the immediate fight for these proposals.

## VITALE DEMANDS UAW CONVENTION BACK TO DETROIT

By A REPORTER

At Detroit, May 10th -- The delegation of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW went to Solidarity House, UAW World Headquarters on April 30th, Fred Vitale, RWF candidate for UAW President and member of the UAW Local #581, demanded the UAW convention be brought back to Detroit, and opened up to the masses of autoworkers. He said the RWF wanted its delegation seated, its resolution on the agenda, and its candidate on the ballot and demanded to speak to Woodcock and Fraser.

The so-called "brother" at the desk said they weren't there, asked the members of the RWF if they thought Woodcock and Fraser worked 5 or 6 days a week or sat around the office just waiting to talk to workers. When he was reminded that there were plenty of autoworkers working 6 or 7 days a week, he said, "That's your tough luck." He said he wanted the militants of the RWF to leave, told them they could "call back on Monday if they wanted to."

### BUREAUCRAT SHAKES

This two-bit bureaucrat was shaking in his shoes. He refused to give his name. He couldn't have felt threatened by the size of the RWF delegation. It was that he knew that thousands of autoworkers want the same thing. The mobilization and organization of these workers in the UAW to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit, throw out Fraser and elect Vitale President is extremely important for the whole working class, especially as the bureaucrats make their final plans for May 15th in LA. The workers can't win their demands without mobilizing and organizing to drive these traitors out of their unions.

Up to now the RWF and its candidate Vitale have won a lot of support for their fight, but it hasn't been sufficiently organized to many workers felt they were alone. This is why the RWF was able only to send a delegation to Solidarity House and not rally there as originally planned.

The Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW are fighting to resolve this problem by deepening the political fight. Names of supporters of this fight are published at the side. The TO and RWF are fighting to win 100 more in the UAW and to collect \$200 more to finance the RWF delegation to LA.

It's necessary to go as far as possible in the fight to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit, throw out Fraser, and elect Vitale President. There is no other way to win the UAW, today or tomorrow. And there is no party but the Trotskyist Organization fighting to do so.

WORKERS SUPPORT SEE BACK PAGE

The Resolution of the Revolutionary Workers Faction -- UAW, printed below, distributed massively in the Stamping unit and signed by more than 30 Rouge workers is a product of the experiences learned by the Stamping unit workers from the time of the strike in the fall to the last Stamping unit meeting where Mike Rinaldi and Willie Washington said it didn't matter what the workers decided, there wasn't going to be ANY strike. The strategy put forward in the Resolution is one to put the control of the strike, the demands, and the union meeting into the hands of the workers from the very start. It's a means to extend the strike and win the support of auto workers throughout the country.

Given the way the majority of Stamping unit workers feel about Mike Rinaldi and Willie Washington there is only one question to ask them at the next Stamping unit meeting, "What are YOU doing here?" And without waiting for an answer, the first order of business should be the election of a strike committee in the Stamping unit, as put forward in the Resolution.

Right from the beginning you can be sure that the bureaucrats and TIME-TO-UNITE will try to keep

the militants of the TO and RWY out of the meeting in order to prevent our proposal from coming to the floor. That's why the Stamping unit workers must elect a leadership reflecting the true sentiments of the auto workers. We propose the tactic of a SITDOWN STRIKE, an occupation of the Stamping plant to be led and planned by the strike committee in order to use the biggest possible club against Ford Motor Co., and the powers that be who will come to its rescue against the Stamping strike. And precisely because of the boldness and strength of this tactic, the one used to organize the UAW at its birth, the Stamping strike will win the support of workers of the entire industry and their example will be followed by all of the Rouge.

But there is another matter for the workers to take up. What to strike for. If the Stamping workers go on strike, and run a strike, it's the only way to get back to work. And then have to return to the same killing pace and inhuman working conditions with only a few grievances settled here or there -- What kind of victory is that? But THAT is exactly what the TIME-TO-UNITE organization and "Leaders for Change" propose. No, if nothing else the Stamping workers must have an IMMEDIATE REDUCTION IN WORKLOAD! The slave driving bosses are using the inhuman workload to keep the hands of the workers. They're driving old men and women and young militants into the ground.

On the basis of struggle to stop this daily grind the Stamping strike can draw the support not only of all of the auto workers but the entire working class with the demand to RECALL ALL THE WORKERS, REHIRE THOSE FIRED IN FREMONT AND INDIANAPOLIS. The unemployed workers of Detroit will see that this is far more than a well and truly to defend it, feed it, and join it.

This is the key to winning the strike, to how far it will be able to go, that is, to EXTEND THE STRIKE TO ALL OF AUTO. The talk of trade union "officials" and their worshippers about a "local" strike and "local" grievances is pure suicide. There is not a single "local" grievance or contract issue in Stamping which is not felt by every auto worker in the country -- In fact, in the world. The auto barons know this, they are breaking the strikes one by one because they know if one local gets its way everybody will follow suit. Woodcock and Fraser have made a science out of breaking strikes by talking about "local" grievances just to keep the workers from making the mistake to break up the Stamping workers meeting.

It should be clear enough from the resolution of the RWY-UAW alone what the difference is between the strategy for victory we propose and the pressure tactic proposed by TIME-TO-UNITE. No matter what they call themselves, TIME-TO-UNITE has gone down on record as sowing DISUNITY among the auto workers. Never mind for a moment the racist slanders about the women and black men they sling about. Look at the leaders they passed out after the Stamping unit meeting. They agree with Willie Washington and "Leaders for Change" that "strike authorization" must be obtained from the UAW International. Since Mike Rinaldi who is part of the machinery says the Stamping workers won't get it, where does TIME-TO-UNITE leave the Stamping workers? TIME-TO-UNITE thinks you unite the Stamping workers by uniting the workers with the bureaucrats and auto barons who have betrayed them time and again.

The anger and strength of 150 workers at the union meeting brought Local President Mike Rinaldi to visit the Rouge on Tuesday, says TIME-TO-UNITE in their leaflet.

Is that what YOU were fighting for Stamping workers? For Mike Rinaldi the blowhard baboon to come down from his air-conditioned office on the hill to grace your presence for one day?

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The attention of every Stamping worker is turned toward finding the road to victory, to uniting the plans of President Carter and the UAW tops in Los Angeles through continuing and extending the strike movement of the auto workers. The key to that victory is to organize the strike of Stamping based on a leadership elected by and trusted by the workers and ousting the traitorous strikebreakers -- Rinaldi and Washington. The TO and RWY call on all Rouge Rouge workers to elect this Resolution and initiate discussion of your department over its proposals. We call on all those workers who want to take up this fight and organize the next meeting of the Stamping unit FOR THE WORKERS TO ORGANIZE THE STRIKE, even if you don't agree with every proposal of the RWY or UAW Resolution. We come to a meeting of the RWY Sunday, May 15th at 2pm. We will prepare for the Stamping assembly together and organize a defense guard to insure the right of all workers and their organizations to participate in the meeting.

### INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION

Thus the youth and workers search for an alternative, for a means to organize themselves and their struggles independently. Yet they continue to do so in a confused fashion, sometimes rejecting any permanent form of organization altogether.

The Trotskyist Organization of the USA is fighting to organize and lead this workers struggle, to resolve this problem, to build the workers party of class independence, of unity of the workers of North and South America, of unity of the workers of the Americas with those of Europe, East and West. This is our objective in our struggle to mobilize and organize the workers independently in support of the Trotskyist Organization's candidate for Detroit Mayor, in defense of the conquests of the Cuban Revolution, for the immediate

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### Organizational Secretary

The TO and RWY will be forming Committees of Action to support our candidates, open to all workers, youth and militants of other organizations to carry out this campaign, collect signatures, organize rallies, public meetings, etc. Help us convince the masses of workers in Detroit that the fight of the Fourth International and the black masses are one and the same.

**TORRENCE**

Finally, we need to develop a network of distributors and correspondents for TRUTH. Through this weapon, the organizer of our Party and its fight, we can take up the problems we confront in winning the masses of workers. We have started a subscription campaign to accomplish this, with the goal of 50 subscriptions. In every meeting and conversation, every discussion, we want to fight to get subscriptions to TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

E. V. May, Jr. 1922

# Build the International Workers Commission of Inquiry!

The SWP offers no perspective to the workers of the Americas for the defense of the conquests of the Cuban revolution but unification with Carter, Castro and the lot to insure "that the trade embargo be lifted and normal relations . . . be restored with no conditions." This, they say, has always been the Leninist-Trotskyist position!

We call on these militants and the 50 workers at Rozze whose signatures appeared in our newspaper last fall and who gave funds and tried to win the release of the prisoners of conscience in Poland. Polish workers struggle and to form the Commission of Inquiry into the repression in Poland to join us in fighting to send a delegation of working class militants to the central meeting of the International Workers Order in London. We call on all workers preparing a meeting at the office of the Revolutionary Worker Youth at 3363 Michigan at the end of May to organize this struggle, and to propose the release of the prisoners of conscience as one of the issues of the BULLETIN detailing our fight here in the U.S. to free the political prisoners in Eastern Europe.

The masses of workers can support this struggle by fighting to drive the bureaucrats out of their locals, supporting the TO's struggle to get on the ballot in Detroit, and taking up the fight for the defense of the conquests of the Cuban revolution and the freedom of the Argentine political prisoners in their unions.

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**US OUT OF LATIN AMERICA!**  
**FOR A UNITED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC!**  
**DOWN WITH CARTER AND CASTRO!**  
 Detroit May 6, 1977