

# TRUTH



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 USA 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 16th, which has a central role in launching the strike movement at the Rouge, over 50 copies of TRUTH and 50 copies of REVOLUTIONARY YOUNG 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 #551 in Chicago.

The Stamping workers, what at their last union meeting almost succeeded in driving Willie Washington, their unit President and Mike Rinaldi, their President of Local #600, off their seats and electing their own strike committees, 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.

"Organization is what we need," I think that this is the most important problem immediately facing the young workers taking the fight to the plant. A proposal for the most advanced workers not to participate in a strike or a sit-down are not "realists" -- they have learned something 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 fight against them.

"Lena" was the heaviest revolutionary of them all, was a comment of a young worker in Stamping who has fought for the proposal to "TIME TO UNITE." One of the "Time-to-Unite" 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 struggle.

For me, "Return to Lenin" in the Stamping plant starts with the revolutionary press, TRUTH. It must be used as our organizer, our weapon against the bureaucrats and the Stalinists. The 50 readers 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 at their hands, they can confront "Time-to-Unite" and the Stalinists with our proposals. It is the beginning of our fight to build the party by enraging 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. They must call a meeting of their elected 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, Fred Vitale. 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 to this Stamping meeting without organization, without a means for self-defense. It's happened in the past and will happen again -- the bureaucrats and their Stalinist goons will do everything possible to prevent the militancy 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.

One final point which I think is very important for those young workers who want to have the political weapons to fight -- "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 our meeting beforehand, discussing our proposals, planning our fight, we in fact waste valuable time and effort. Without our meeting beforehand our intervention will be disorganized by the Stalinists and the bureaucrats and the workers who really want to fight will have to have the political weapons to fight.

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The Resolution of the Revolutionary Workers Faction -- UAW, printed below, distributed massively throughout the Rouge, 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. It's a very strong strike. 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

## TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION FIGHTS TO LEAD STRIKE WAVE TO VICTORY!

### "Time-to-Unite" begs bureaucrats to lead

By DAVID HEFFELINGER

Detroit, May 8 -- It was the afternoon of the first session of the convention of the United Auto Workers union in Los Angeles. Jimmy Carter has just tried to speak to the convention, but the chairman holds him a piece of paper. The President turns red in the face and grimaces as he silently reads the communiqué 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 con-

demning the UAW leadership for holding its convention in Los Angeles and failing to recognize the directives of leaders elected by the convention. The workers are organizing a sitdown 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 grueling workloads and slavish working conditions, layoffs, and price hikes. Such a victory is being forged today by the auto workers. 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

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### Resolution for the Dearborn Stamping Unit Meeting May 15

WILLIE Washington, Mike Rinaldi, and their friends, the International -- Woodcock, Fraser, and Carter, 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 and all of the Rouge with our own leadership and out the traitors.

#### 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 leaders and to organize meetings of the workers in the plant to formulate further demands. We call on our brothers and sisters who have thrown into the streets by the auto barons to join us in our struggle and elect delegates to the strike committee.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## VITALE DEMANDS UAW CONVENTION BACK TO DETROIT

By A REPORTER

Detroit, May 1 -- The delegation of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW went to Detroit on the 1st World Headquarters April 30th. Fred Vitale, RWY candidate for UAW President and member of the UAW Local #551, demanded the UAW convention be brought back to Detroit, and opened up to the masses of autoworkers. He said the RWY 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 "brothers" at the desk said they weren't in a position to do this. They said they thought Woodcock and Fraser worked 8 or 6 days a week or sat around the office just waiting to talk to workers. When he was reminded that plenty of autoworkers work 6 or 7 days a week, he said, "That's your tough luck." He said he wanted the militants of the RWY 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 RWY delegation. It was that he knew that thousands of autoworkers want the same thing. The mobilization and organization of these workers in the RWY to bring the UAW convention back to Detroit, throw out Fraser and elect Vitale President is the most important task the whole working class, especially the business, can make their final plan 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 RWY and its candidate Vitale have won a lot of support for their fight, but it hasn't been sufficiently organized so many workers felt they were alone. This is why the RWY 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 RWY are fighting to win 100 more in the next week, to raise \$200 more to finance the RWY 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 leadership of the UAW, today or tomorrow. And there is no party but the Trotskyist Organization fighting to do so.

#### WORKERS SUPPORT SEE BACK PAGE

## Castro proves enemy of workers revolution

By MARGARET GUTTSHAL

Thousands of youth and workers in North and South America, fighting US imperialism and its lackeys south of the border, are drawing the conclusion that they cannot rely on Castro and the rest of the leadership of the so-called "Communist" Party in power in Cuba to end their fight.

Five years ago they drew inspiration from the determined struggle of the Cuban masses to drive the imperialists from their island, falsely concluded Castro and Co. were at the head of this struggle, and placed confidence in him for this reason.

Today, after Castro's capitulation before the US imperialists and the dictators it has installed in Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, now Peru and Mexico, their confidence is wanting. What illusions remain are being shattered by the spectacle of the great neo-slavery leaders of the Cuban revolution Carter, Minnesota businessmen, asking them to do what they are only too willing to do: transform Cuba, the first workers state in this hemisphere into a playground for US imperialism. He promises total compliance with their counterrevolutionary aims in Europe and North America, in Africa and Latin America, in exchange for this "favor."

It's not easy for the Stalinists of the American CP or their agents to admit that they are the real enemies of the Americas that this represents a victory for the working class, nor for the "Left" Stalinists of the Communist Labor Party, for example) to convince them that Castro's overtures are just a "brilliant tactical maneuver," ala Mao.

The reality of life under the direct rule of the imperialists is ever present and memories of Cuba under Batista -- tourism, gangsterism, gambling, prostitution, drugs, children catatonic and starving in the streets -- are too fresh.

#### 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 and all attempts to impose a leadership.

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

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 workers must take control of the very start and end of the meeting, the business of electing the strike committee. It's the only serious proposal to lead a strike to victory. Then we'll see who stays and who goes. (You can be sure Willie and Mike will be gone long before the vote is taken.)

The RWY is proposing to ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE in Stamping because it's the only way for the workers to run the strike, it's the only way to elect a leadership reflecting the true sentiments of the auto workers. We propose the tactic of a STAMPING STRIKE, an occupation of the Stamping plant planned to be led and planned by the strike committee to be led and planned by the strike committee to be led and planned by the strike committee 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 in the Stamping workers to organize the sitdown to end the strike and then have to return to the same selling floor 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 we strike for the Stamping workers to have a BIMILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IN WORKLOADS. The slave driving bosses are driving the incredible workload in auto to break the will 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 on the support not only of all the auto workers but the entire working class with the demand to RECALL ALL THE WORKERS BEHIND THOSE FIRED IN FREMONT AND INDIANAPOLIS. The unemployed workers of Detroit will see the strike is for them as well and rally 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 factory -- in fact, in the world. The auto barons know this, they are breaking strikes to keep the workers from one local to the next. Every worker will follow suit. Woodcock and Fraser have made a science out of breaking strikes by talking about "local" grievances just as Mike Rinaldi has used the same maneuver to break up the Stamping workers meetings.

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. Carter who they call their "Leader for Change" is a traitor to the working class. They are breaking strikes to keep the workers from one local to the next. Every worker will follow suit. Woodcock and Fraser have made a science out of breaking strikes by talking about "local" grievances just as Mike Rinaldi has used the same maneuver to break up the Stamping workers meetings.

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

Is the whole UAW fighting for Stamping workers? For Mike Rinaldi the bloward baboon to come down from his air-conditioned office on the hill to grace your presence for one day?

The attention of every Stamping worker is turned toward finding the road to victory, to upsetting the plans of President Carter and the UAW tops in Los Angeles, Detroit, and Chicago to end the strike movement of the auto workers. The key to that victory is to organize the strike of Stamping based on a leadership elected and trusted by the workers and ousting the traitorous strikebreakers -- Rinaldi and Washington. The TO and RWY call on all Rouge workers to circulate this Resolution and initiate discussions in your department over its proposals. We call on all those workers who want to take up this fight to organize the next meeting of the stamping unit FOR THE STAMPING STRIKE, even if you don't agree with every proposal of the RWY -- UAW Resolution to 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.



# TRUTH

## Realize Lenin's Dream



By MARGARET GUTTSHALL,

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"This newspaper would become part of an enormous pair of Smith's bellows that would fan every spark of the class struggle and of popular indignation into a general conflagration. Around what is in itself still a very innocuous and very small, but regular and common effort, in the full sense of the word, a regular army of trained fighters would systematically gather and receive their training. On the ladder and scaffolding of this general organization, the workers would soon develop and come to the fore (revolutionary workers leaders) who would take their place at the head of the mobilized army and rouse the whole people to settle accounts with the shame and curse of Russia. That is what we should dream of!" From **WHAT IS TO BE DONE?** by VILLENIN.

This is what the Trotskyist Organization of the USA is fighting for: the construction of the workers party to settle accounts with the shame and curse of the whole world, the imperialist US bourgeoisie, as did Lenin and the Bolsheviks with the Tsar in 1917. And for the Trotskyist Organization our press is the central weapon in this fight, as it was for Lenin and the Bolsheviks. This is why we have begun this regular column -- **REALIZE LENIN'S DREAM** -- to report on the progress and take up the problems which arise in our fight to distribute and organize with **TRUTH** and **FOURTH INTERNATIONAL**.

In the last two weeks, many more revolutionary young workers have begun to read, distribute, and fight to organize their comrades in the plants with **TRUTH** and **FOURTH INTERNATIONAL**. Fifty copies of **TRUTH** were sold at the gates of Ford River Rouge alone, many by revolutionary young workers.

But a number of workers have reported to us that they aren't sure what to concentrate on in convincing their comrades to buy our press and organize with it. Our column on the left-hand side of the front page -- now titled "Trotskyist Candidate for Detroit Mayor Says" -- always takes up what we think are the most important questions before the working class and what the working class, above all its vanguard, the revolutionary workers, can do about it. This is the best place to start. Our lead article always further develops these questions, in particular the arguments necessary to organize the workers against the maneuvers of the bourgeoisie, bureaucrats, Stalinists, and centrists. The rest of our press does the same thing.

Second, a number of workers have said they often find it difficult to read and understand the articles in **TRUTH** and **FOURTH INTERNATIONAL**. The leadership of the TO is fighting to resolve this problem. One young worker suggested we put a box in the paper saying "if you don't understand this or that, just ask us." This was a good idea. The main problem is for the readers and distributors of our press to come to the meetings organized by the TO and the Revolutionary Worker Youth to discuss the press and plan how to organize the workers with it and organize circles of revolutionary young workers in the plants to do the same. In this way we can learn how to put forward our policy most clearly and respond to the problems confronting the masses of workers.

Finally, every worker wants to see more of his comrades reading and distributing **TRUTH** and **FOURTH INTERNATIONAL** in the plant. The best way to achieve this is to organize mass distribution at the gates. We propose every Thursday before work.

In our campaign to distribute 250 copies of every issue of **TRUTH** and **FOURTH INTERNATIONAL**, we're fighting to win 500 subscribers by August 1st, as we announced in the last issue of **TRUTH**. We set the following goals for this subscription campaign: FORD RIVER ROUGE Stamping Plant -- 100; Assembly Plant -- 75; Specialty Foundry -- 50; GENEVA KREUZER -- 50; HAMMER HOSPITAL -- 50; WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY -- 50; FORD TORRENT -- 50; SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -- 25. In the next issue of **TRUTH** we will have a chart on which to report our progress in this fight. It's very important that all the revolutionary young workers report the number of papers they sell and turn in the money to the TO. This is the only way to truly measure our progress in our fight to return to Lenin and build our apparatus.

To briefly answer the last question raised by a number of militants: "What I want to take up. Sometimes when you ask a worker if he wants to get a copy of the press, he says 'Is it free?' I always explain that the bourgeoisie doesn't print it for free, that if he wants a copy and doesn't have the money, I'll pay for it and he can pay me later."

The bureaucrats, Stalinists, and centrists are always flooding the plants with leaflets, but they aren't fighting to build the party of Lenin to lead the working class to power. It takes a press to build a party and it takes money for a press!

**TROTSKYIST CANDIDATE** CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

right to meet and take decisions against their attempts to suppress this fight. We won't go just because the bureaucrats aren't there, but will stay to plan and organize our fight.

Trotsky stood for the black man, "...Support the Candidates of the Trotskyist Organization and Revolutionary Worker Youth for Mayor and City Council of Detroit." "Trotsky stood for the black man." This comment by a young worker at Rouge who had read some of Trotsky's writings on blacks in the US did not come out of the blue, it has been a result of our fight for the strike in auto.

How? Because in the face of the fight of the Trotskyists at Rouge, the auto workers -- "the 3rd United" have reacted to the most racist and chauvinist attack on militants of the Trotskyist Organization using race baiting in the place of a political response. The young workers have seen through this, that this is not in the interests of the "black man" or any worker, that only the political combat of the Trotskyists represents their interests.

The same holds true for the city of Detroit. That the young black workers have learned that Coleman Young and his lackeys in the D.C. City Council, despite their color, and the Stalinists who support him, do not stand for the "black man" and only seek to channel the just rage of the black masses in Detroit against this racist and capitalist society into the framework of the racist Democratic Party.

There is thus a link between the KKK race-baiting of the Stalinists at Rouge and their support of Coleman Young, their "black man." And there is a link between my fight to defend the black workers and all the workers in auto and to lead their fight and our campaign for Mayor and City Council of Detroit, to prevent the Trotskyists from defending and lead the fight of the black masses and the working class in this fight.

"Trotsky stood for the black man..." The Fourth International today stands for the black man... 3,000 signatures to get on the ballot in Detroit. Prepare our public rally and meeting of our candidates on May 21st by supporting our Platform and immediately taking up the fight to get signatures at your workplace and in your community.

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

## Rouge workers support RWF fight

We, the undersigned workers, support the struggle of the Revolutionary Workers Faction of the UAW to:  
 BRING THE UAW CONVENTION BACK TO DETROIT!  
 OPEN IT UP TO THE MASSES OF WORKERS!  
 THROUWOUT STRIKEBREAKER FRASER AND HIS CONTRACT!  
 ELECT VITALE PRESIDENT AND PREPARE A GENERAL STRIKE!

We demand that the delegation of the RWF be seated, its resolution placed on the agenda, its candidate be placed on the ballot. We call on all our brothers and sisters in the UAW to support us in this fight!

Signed:

Ford River Rouge Stamping Plant -- T. Washington, O. Ashley III, R. Lane, S. Samuels, E. Falk, T. Shaw, M. Jones, James Williams, FD Smith, Donald Anderson, Leotis Miggins, Assembly Plant -- Eric Hinkson, Vincent Cosgrove, Steve Zarea, James Bell, Other Rouge Plants -- T. West, Jr., Michael Mitchell, Tonic Henning, JB Cline, Sam Hamilton, Dwight Simmons, Marvin James, James Hunter, George Connor.



By BARBARA PUTNAM  
 Detroit, May 8th -- Stalinist repression continues in Poland. The Stalinist political police arrested seven new dissidents at a recent public meeting of 30 organized to defend the workers arrested and tortured following the general strike of June, 1970. Four members of the Committee to Defend the Workers, which emerged following the strike, continue to face the strike and demands. They were arrested for "illegally forming a collective" whose purpose is to collect money for defense of fired workers and those awaiting trial.

We who confront the work of the Stalinists in their defense of the bureaucrats in the UAW and in their slanders and physical attacks to silence the voice of the revolutionary young workers at Ford River Rouge will not tolerate further repression against our comrades in Poland! We are picking up their fight, both here and in the U.S. to defend Polish workers and to send a delegation from the US to an international meeting of working class militants, organizations, unions and parties of the working class June 24th in Paris.

This meeting, organized by the International Workers Committee will include all the lessons of our struggle thus far to break the isolation of

the Polish workers struggle and to conduct an investigation into the repression through the election of a Commission of Inquiry which will go into Poland to learn the truth from the workers.

The growing mobilization of the workers of Poland strikes fear in the hearts of the powers of the old order, the imperialists and their agents inside the workers states, the Stalinists. Twice in recent years the fearless Polish working class has shown that it can break the shackles of the structure of the Stalinist bureaucracy of Giersz who follows orders from the Kremlin. The general strike of 1970-71 began to shatter the bureaucracy and in June, 1976 forced a turn in the relationship of the working class to Stalinism, the agent of imperialism inside the workers states and inside the workers movement on the international scale. The workers of Poland express the highest point of the mobilization of the workers of Eastern Europe against imperialism which can only appear in the face of imperialism. It is more than ever to the workers that Stalinism is a fundamental obstacle to the struggle for power and can only be answered by the struggle to construct the Fourth International throughout Eastern Europe for the final overturn of Stalinism, the prop of Carter, Giscard, and King Juan Carlos of Spain.

Because of the action of the Polish workers and the support of the working class in the West, the imperialists are afraid. Carter has been forced to do something. Carter is obliged to try to convince the American workers that the bourgeoisie is more just and began a heavy propaganda campaign for "human rights" depicting the psychiatric hospitals of the USSR, its treatment of political prisoners. The Stalinists under this pressure have been forced to yield.

A new wing of Stalinism developed in Western Europe in the last years. Euro-Communists. They want to assassinate Carter and the heads of state of fascist Spain and of France that they have "nothing to fear from the governments that call themselves socialist." They have completely abandoned any pretense to leading the fight for the dictatorship of the working class, which Marx long ago figured out was the necessary means of the workers to supersede their class enemies as they reorganized all of society towards the common

Wheareas the Euro-Communists of the Spanish CP and the French CP deplore like Carter, like the Socialist Workers Party in the US, the repression in Eastern Europe, the old-line Stalinists of the Kremlin, in the US American CP, and in Poland and the other countries of socialist conquest insist that they, who represent the defenders of the dictatorship of the working class, are the defenders of the dictatorship of the working class.

They like the Euro-Communists make believe that Stalinism can be reformed and that it is necessary to build the party of Lenin to lead the workers to victory. But there are 30 million inside the SWP who distributed bundles of the BULLETIN of the US section of the International Workers Committee with the TO and RWY organized in the US, who are very much concerned with the fate of the Polish workers.

The Socialists Workers Party and other centrist organizations in the US who disorganize the working class, disarm it in their support to Stalinism has made it possible today for Carter to present the image of a defender of "human rights". The SWP wants the workers to believe that the Polish workers want nothing more than a little more democracy in Poland.

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We call on these militants and the 50 workers at Rouge whose signatures appeared in our newspaper last fall and who gave funds and tried to win the support of the workers in the UAW to defend the Polish workers struggle and to form the Commission to fight to end the repression of Poland and join us in fighting to end the dictatorship of the working class militants to the central meeting of the International Workers Committee in Paris June 24th. We are 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 next issue of the BULLETIN detailing our fight here in the US to free the political prisoners in Eastern Europe.

## Correspondence

### TORRENCE

Since I won 148 votes in the delegate elections, the Trotskyist Organization has fought to regroup this revolutionary wing in the Circle of the Revolutionary Worker Youth to win the majority of workers at Torrence to the fight of the Revolutionary Workers Faction/UAW to win our demands, throwing out Cooper and building a sit-down strike.

It is necessary to stress that our fight against imperialism, the RWF can lead the workers at Torrence to victory against Cooper, against the whole UAW bureaucracy, and thus against Ford Motor Co. So, for the rally at Solidarity House, we fought to organize meetings of all the workers in different sections to take up this fight. Several workers, especially in Body Construction on both shifts circulated the RWF statement, to gather signatures to organize meetings a worker from the Meyer group was mobilized to come to the rally.

#### WHAT DID THE WORKERS SAY?

In taking up this fight the militants confronted a number of problems. "I got smart remarks", "These guys don't want to strike while they're making good money", "they just don't want to get involved", "They don't want to talk about it".

Some say our fight is "too radical". The question of leadership must be posed immediately. The workers think that the RWF is the only party in the UAW/UAW/UAW to win, what's the hell? "New Minds for New Tomorrow" and their election "appeal" to the strikebreakers Fraser for new elections? As one worker in Body Construction said, "yes, I followed NMNT. I don't think they're serious anymore. How can we appeal to Woodcock?"

The Stalinists at Ford, the October League and their Stand United in auto, are doing nothing to organize the workers in a strike to throw out Cooper. Instead, they want to win him in a friendly way at the union meeting. They want the workers to demonstrate outside the Convention, "to show the world that the bosses' servants don't speak for us", instead of fighting the bureaucrats for the workers rightful place -- inside the Convention planning how to stop the attack by the Carter regime and the auto barons. Such a policy is only one of putting pressure on traitors not to betray anyone. It doesn't work.

Tied to putting ourselves forward as the leadership is building the organization to accomplish this. Our supporters are mobilized in Body Construction on #8 shift, should go around TOGETHER, circulating the RWF statement to win the other workers to our fight, bringing our full strength to bear against the pressure of Ford and Cooper.

More importantly, these militants must be organized in the Circle of the RWF. If a Circle is not constructed in this struggle we will remain unarmed, unable to either strike NOW, or later.

At the next meeting of the RWF to organize meetings, we can raise the \$300 (\$5 from each of 60 workers) necessary to send the RWF delegation to the convention in LA.

The workers at the Rouge Dearborn Stamping Plant are fighting to organize their own strike, throw out the bureaucrats and elect a strike committee. The TO and RWF are fighting for leadership of this struggle. A strong WORKERS DEFENSE GUARD is necessary for the next union meeting. We call on our supporters to go to Detroit May 21st to defend the workers in Stamping and the militants of the TO in this fight.

Finally, we need to develop a network of distributors and correspondents for TRUTH. Through the 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 intervention, every discussion, we want to fight to get subscriptions to TRUTH and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

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## CASTRO

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liberation of the Argentine political prisoners, for a United Socialist Republic of the Two Americas -- against the Democratic Party, the UAW bureaucracy and their Stalinist and centrist lackeys. The organization of the masses of revolutionary young workers in the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International in preparation of the World Congress in Barcelona is the key to victory in this

The only way forward for the youth and workers of North and South America is to build the party of Lenin to lead the seizure of power in the industrial centers of the proletariat -- from Santiago to Detroit. It's impossible to build "socialism in one country" as the Stalinists claim to do. Castro's policy leads to socialism in no country and barbarism in every country.

#### FICITICIOUS LENINISTS

The central problem before the youth and workers of North and South America in the construction of this party is the Socialist Workers Party which falsely claims to represent our party, the Fourth International, in this hemisphere. It continues to attempt to deride the workers' mobilization and confuse those searching for an alternative to the International Socialist Organization.

Barry Sheppard, for example, a current leader of SWP and a major force in its split from the Fourth International in 1963, says what's necessary is a "Leninist strategy of party building" (*Intercontinental Press*, March 27, 1977). So anyone will continue to listen to him, he admits, after 15 years of wholehearted support. "The Cuban leadership doesn't offer any alternative to the class collaborationism of the Stalinist parties." But what's the SWP's version of a Leninist strategy of party building, what's the SWP's alternative? A "front" with anyone who wants to fight for democratic rights?

The workers have seen the fruits of such "fronts" in Chile, Bolivia, and most recently Argentina. It was with the objective of maintaining just such a "front" that the Socialist Workers Party and its counterpart in Argentina, the Partido Socialista de los Trabajadores (PST), caved into the dictator Videla.

Where in all of Lenin's work will you find him advocating that the workers organize themselves to fight with their class enemies to fight for "democratic rights"? It was always the reverse.

The SWP offers no perspective to the workers of the Americas but with 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!

In this way the SWP supports Carter's attempt to

present imperialism and fascism in the Americas with a human face, to reinforce the collaboration of the Stalinist apparatus in this maneuver, in particular that of the so-called Euro-Communists who have openly abandoned the struggle for the dictatorship of the working class as Carter prepares to crush the working class.

#### TREACHERY

It's precisely the treachery of the SWP, which it presents as Leninism and Trotskyism with the sole objective of confusing the workers and maintaining the Stalinists' domination over them, which is responsible for the fact that thousands of youth turning away from Stalinism and Castroism, who are under the influence of the imperialists and fascists every day, and who have few illusions in their willingness to defend democracy, rise up to fight the death traps of guerrilla warfare and oppose the construction of a Leninist combat party to lead the working class to power. This strategy can only lead to the reinforcement of the Stalinists and imperialists because it refuses to organize the masses of workers for the seizure of power.

Why would any youth, worker, or militant who had been through the experience of Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, and Peru, had seen the SWP in action, and been under the mistaken impression that this was Leninism and Trotskyism, be for Leninism and Trotskyism?

This is why the completion of the rebuilding of the International in the Americas -- that is the formation of the revolutionary leadership of the working class in the struggle to realize the true policy of Lenin and Trotsky and the destruction of these "fakes" -- is so important for the working class of the Americas.

The key to the completion of the rebuilding of the International is the political offensive taken up by the Trotskyist Organization among the auto-workers and militants of the SWP in the US -- to return to Lenin. On this basis the fight to win the workers and militants in Mexico and throughout Latin America will be developed.

Every revolutionary young worker can take up the fight by joining the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International and building his own organization.

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