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With their fists raised in the air, over 500 youth concluded the International Rally of Working Class Youth for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE held on July 9th at the Blau Grana-2 Stadium in Barcelona, Spain by singing the INTERNATIONAL in eight languages. From France, the United States, North Africa, Eastern Europe and all the regions and industrial centers of Spain, these youth were gathered together by the call of the Revolutionary Youth International to unite under the revolutionary objective of the Socialist United States of Europe, the first step in the world socialist revolution.

This Rally was a victory for the world working class youth who are fighting today to bring down the old order of imperialism and Stalinism. The Rally, the Resolution which it adopted (see pages 4-5) and the Second Congress of the Revolutionary Youth International which was held the next day, represented a revolutionary blow against world reaction, against the forces of Stalinism and imperialism. It is a victory for all those young workers in the US who supported and helped to build this Rally and a victory for all the youth in the US who stand with their brothers and sisters around the world in a revolutionary fight to bring down US imperialism.

The Rally took place just weeks after the phoney elections to a Cortes in Spain designed to give a "democratic" cover to the fascist monarchy. This Rally was a blow against all the Stalinists, Social Democrats and centrists in Spain and around the world who supported this farce, against the revolutionary workers in Spain. The Fourth International and the RYI stood alone in Spain, with the revolutionary workers, with the best fighters of the Spanish working class. . . (Continued on back)

Down with Stalinism - Enlarge the Inquiry Commission

By BARBARA PUTNAM

A new point has been reached in the struggle unleashed by the Revolutionary Youth International for the immediate liberation of all political prisoners and workers persecuted by the Stalinists in Poland, the USSR and the other countries of socialist conquests.

The Commission of Inquiry of the International Workers Movement into the Repression in Poland was successfully formed by 50 workers delegates and participants on June 24th in Paris on the anniversary of the Polish workers general strike, last year.

Around this same objective, the US Section of the Revolutionary Youth International and the Trotskyist Organization are fighting to win American workers, militants, organizations and the trade unions to fight with us to stop the Stalinist repression.

Our struggle to free the imprisoned militants is not a simple act of "solidarity," which the American workers already spontaneously feel for their brothers and sisters imprisoned, tortured and fired from their jobs in Poland. Our fight is part of the struggle to prepare the socialist revolution, by uniting the workers in the Stalinist countries with the workers in the capitalist countries around the central objective of the Fourth International today; the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe.

It is part of our fight to denounce Carter and US imperialism's fraud of "human rights". Carter understands that American workers feel sympathy for the victims of Stalinism. But it isn't human rights that Carter is concerned about. He is first of all concerned with laying the basis for the intervention and the restoration of capitalism in Eastern Europe-- an objective of imperialism since the October Revolution of 1917.

At the same time he wants the workers to believe that Stalinism is the logical outcome of the workers struggle for power, that American democracy is the only real alternative to Stalinism. Our fight is thus a fight to expose this fraud of "human rights."

But Carter alone could not do this work. He has the assistance of the so-called "deStalinized" Communist Parties in Western Europe to help him. The Euro-Communists--Carillo of the Spanish CP, Marchais of the French CP, Berlinguer of the Italian CP represent an openly pro-capitalist faction of the international Stalinist apparatus. They criticize the Stalinist regimes in Eastern Europe only in order to further deepen their collaboration with the bourgeois regimes in Western Europe.

By identifying, along with Carter, the Stalinist regimes in Eastern Europe as the "dictatorship of the proletariat," the Euro-Communists seek to provide a cover in front of their own militants for their open capitulation and abandonment of the revolution in Western Europe.

Meanwhile, it is not accidental that not a single one of these "Euro-Communist" parties have lifted one finger or have engaged in one concrete action in defense of the Polish workers! Workers beware! There cannot be any greater danger than to think that these "Euro-Communist" parties have changed to even the smallest degree their Stalinist character, their anti-working class, counterrevolutionary character. Don't think that Santiago Carillo, of the Spanish CP, just because he prefers the flag of Franco to the flag of Moscow is any less Stalinist, is any less dangerous.

This is precisely the illusion consciously sown by the centrist Socialist Workers Party in the US. In page after page in their press they have begun a campaign to cover the real role of the "Euro-Communists", hailing Carillo's attack on the



Kremlin for example, as "a step towards socialist democracy." In doing so they provide a cover for the crisis of Stalinism, provide a cover for its counterrevolutionary policy throughout the world.

And once again, despite a lot of talk about the repression of the workers in Eastern Europe and in Poland in particular, have they lifted one finger, have they engaged in one concrete action in the defense of the Polish workers? No, they haven't.

Instead, they have become the foremost supporters of the reformist Stalinist wing of the bureaucracy inside Eastern Europe. Instead of basing themselves on the fight of the Polish workers themselves and their concrete defense against the bureaucracy, they have based their policy in Eastern Europe on those elements inside the bureaucracy, or reformist elements outside of the bureaucracy who have a policy of reform of Stalinism.

This is not to deny the often courageous stand taken by many of these oppositionists in Eastern Europe. But what must be clear, which the SWP consciously hides, is that these oppositionists, like the Committee to Defend the Polish Workers inside Poland have either a policy of reform and pressure on the Stalinist bureaucracy, or like Charter 77 side with the counter-revolutionary accords reached in Helsinki and demand their enforcement. The policy of the SWP is completely identical with theirs, which has nothing in common with the policy of the Fourth International.

The fight for the Commission of Inquiry, to enlarge the Commission and to win visas for the Commission to enter Poland and undertake its investigation is a central campaign of the Revolutionary Youth International because the fight of the RYI to build the world party is a world fight and this means to build the world party in Eastern Europe as well. Through this fight for the Commission, the RYI will demonstrate to the workers and youth in Poland and the workers and youth throughout the world that only the Fourth International can lead the fight against Stalinism to its conclusion.

American working class youth should join the fight of the RWY USA to build this Commission by fighting to get support in your factories, unions, schools and the support of other working class organizations. The fight against Stalinism is our fight, not Carter's.
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These deaths are as much on the hands of the SWP as they are on the hands of Ford Motor and the UAW bureaucracy. This is all the more reprehensible since the SWP claims to represent our party, the FI.

Because of the treachery of these leaderships, some aspects of which many workers fully grasp, other aspects of which they still only just sense, many workers are rejecting leadership altogether. They say they're only interested in actions on immediate issues, "plant" issues, coalitions for this purpose. They don't want to get involved in politics or political parties. This is false. Avoiding the fundamental questions before the American working class can only strengthen the position of the traitors. Actions and coalitions are only temporary and conjunctural. A permanent combat is necessary.

There is one party at the Rouge which has never betrayed the workers struggle. Our party. There is one independent organization of revolutionary young workers that hasn't either; the Revolutionary Youth International.

Avenge the murder of the Rouge workers. Join the RWY. Build circles of revolutionary young workers in every plant.
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Platform

revolution. It would give workers an impression that there was a tremendous conflict going on in the world, which they had a stake in and must prepare to win, something which the SWP opposes.

THEORY

The SWP justifies this policy with a spontaneist, opportunist theory according to which the workers must go through a whole series of bad experiences to learn that capitalism and Stalinism are rotten. Once going through this experience the workers will see the light, come to the revolutionary party, and when there are

enough, make a revolution. For this reason the SWP tells the workers to fight for a whole series of things in its Platform that it KNOWS are nonsense--like trying to get the largest imperialist power in the world to stop spending money on arms, (Point #3). While the SWP perhaps whispers a few "socialist ideas" in their ears as they go through a whole series of fruitless experiences.

This theory is like that of a mother, who, in order to teach her child that ovens are hot, takes the child to the stove and puts its hand on the burner, saying, "see, ovens are hot!"

What must one conclude about such a mother? What must one conclude about such a party?

In fact, workers don't automatically follow the reformists and Stalinists until they get their hands burned and they don't automatically come to the Fourth International when they do. It's the political struggle of our party which determines the course of the workers movement. This is what we say in the first line of our Program.

THE NATURE OF OUR DIFFERENCES

Our difference is not a question of words, it is not a question of our Platform being "better." These differences are only the expression of the different places we have in the class struggle. On the international scale our party is fighting to organize the working class and lead it to power, to smash the Stalinist apparatus that stands in the way of this.

The SWP is not. They continually strengthen the stranglehold of the reformists and Stalinists over the workers. For example, they try to give the impression that Carillo, the miserable leader of the Spanish CP, who has made some criticisms of the Kremlin for the sole purpose of keeping his grip on the Spanish workers, has broken with the Stalinist apparatus on "international questions" and may do so completely. (INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS, July 18, 1977). They want the workers in Spain to follow him.

The same in the US. The revolutionary organization of workers in Detroit to build their own party to lead them to power against Coleman Young and Co. is a threat to the Stalinist apparatus. Thus the SWP comes into the electoral picture in order to sow confusion, to pretend that Stalinism doesn't even exist. It's why they expel the real Trotskyists from their meetings and side with the bureaucrats and the Stalinists against us at Ford River Rouge.

But it's not working. Who wants a party who'll let you burn your hand and then says "I knew along it would happen?" In Spain, the number of votes its "sister" organization got was negligible. Last fall it didn't get any more votes in the US Presidential elections than it did 4 years before. In municipal elections in LA and Oakland, against black, liberal Democrats, they have done very poorly.

Although the SWP is more than 100 times our size, our influence among young auto and steelworkers in Detroit is 100 times greater. Influence is determined by a revolutionary policy, not press coverage in the bourgeois media.

We have less resources than the SWP and did not get enough signatures in time to get on the official ballot for the primary. But we are going to continue to fight for our candidate and Platform through a write-in vote, because it is still the only revolutionary alternative for the working class and youth in Detroit. We can't ask workers to vote for the SWP, not because we disagree with this or that point, but because their entire policy is designed to confuse and disorganize the young workers. It is an obstacle to their "socialist education."

For the militants of the SWP/YSA who want to change this policy, we ask them to take up a fight for our Platform in their organization, and in return, we are ready to support ANY candidate of ANY workers organization who will fight for this Platform.

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JOIN THE RYI!

for a BOYCOTT of these elections and for the organization of the General Strike to overthrow the monarchy.

The Barcelona Rally confirmed that only this revolutionary objective responded to the aspirations of the best fighters of the Spanish working class and that only the RYI and the Fourth International could unite in the heart of Spain, a revolutionary Rally of youth from all over the world, for the Socialist United States of Europe.

This was proven by the fact, that a half an hour after the Rally, for the first time in Spanish history, youth from all over the world demonstrated in front of the doors of the Modelo Prison demanding the liberation of all the political prisoners, under the slogans: Down With the Monarchy! Prisoners in the Streets, Fascists in the Jails! and Long Live the Fourth International! This was the first result of the Rally—to take up a struggle in all of the workers struggles with the perspective of the Socialist United States of Europe.

As Anibal Ramos, speaking in the name of the Central Committee of the PORE, Spanish Section of the FI, said to the Rally: "Comrades: a revolutionary leadership is what is needed to turn the entire country towards the proletarian revolution. And the forces are here; the first are among you, IT IS YOU."

American workers—"The revolution is present in the US, it is felt everyday, the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe is also our fight."

Jon Cohen, who brought the greetings of the Revolutionary Worker Youth/USA to the Rally said: "Despite the fact that we live on the other side of the ocean, the fight for the Socialist United States of Europe is also our fight. We don't have to live in Europe to understand how US imperialism is trying to crush the European revolution. This is part of our daily experience, because in order to crush you in Europe, Carter and US imperialism must crush the working class in the US."

While he is building his neutron bombs and cruise missiles to drown the European working class in blood, Carter says to US workers: "There are many things wealthy people can afford and poor people can't... that's life." That's indeed what "life" means for the US bourgeoisie—luxury for the rich, and starvation for the workers and poor.

"Life" today in the US means the exploitation of the working class. On the basis of the speedup, the layoffs, the attack on working conditions, the US has now become a haven for foreign capitalist investment—the US workers are now the most "productive" (exploited) of all the advanced capitalist countries.

The American workers who are today organizing their revolution are doing so for the same reasons that their brothers and sisters in Europe are: this system of capitalism and Stalinism, this so-called "life" of the rich and the bureaucrats can no longer be tolerated.

The world revolution is present in the US today. The 31,000 miners who today are on strike in West Virginia and Kentucky in defiance of the government and their leadership, the miners in Stearns, Kentucky who are fighting with guns for the right of their union to exist, the masses of autoworkers who have struck over and over again against their national contract, the telephone workers, the city workers in Detroit, Atlanta, New York are ready to take their place in the world struggle against imperialism and Stalinism.

On the 10th anniversary of the Detroit ghetto rebellion, we declare that a new rebellion is being prepared—a conscious, organized rebellion of the working class and its youth in the United States as part of the world rebellion of the working class. This time, not an isolated, spontaneous outburst, a protest, but a confrontation of the classes led by the world party of the socialist revolution, the Fourth International. The time is at hand for the rebuilding of the US Section of the Fourth International to organize this struggle.

The Rally in Barcelona declared: "There is no other hope for us, youth of the entire world, no other future for the working and oppressed masses of the entire planet than that which is represented by the struggle of the international working class for its emancipation; the world socialist revolution."

We are no longer saying: "FOR the socialist revolution," ORGANIZE IT.

For hope. For the future. Join the Revolutionary Youth International and organize its fight.
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PUBLIC MEETING

Report on the Barcelona rally and the RYI Congress Jon Cohen — delegate

Sunday, August 7, 7:30.

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