THROW OUT THE BUREAUCRATS --
YOUNG WORKERS -
WIN BACK YOUR UNIONS!

From the miners to public employees to the national rail strike which just broke out in defiance of the Carter government, American workers have taken to the streets in a powerful strike wave.

These strikes have touched something deep inside the working class. They have not simply been strikes to catch up with the inflation that is now raging, although this is certainly good enough reason to strike, but have also been about something even more basic to the American working class — THEIR RIGHTS.

The miners fought for "the right to strike," for control over their working conditions, against government interference in their unions. The iron workers in Northern Michigan and Minnesota carried signs saying: "Workers have rights too." Everywhere workers are saying: "It's not a strike, it's a cause."

And they are right. The working class and its unions, as the only mass organizations of the workers today are under attack. An attack directed against their most basic rights. An attack led and orchestrated from the White House.

WORKERS RIGHTS are indeed very few and hard to come by in the US today.

Everyone now talks about the "right-wing offensive" and about "dumping Carter." But workers — the problem is NOT here! Who expects anything else from Carter and the "right-wing?"

The problem is the so-called "leaders" of the workers movement who got Carter elected in the first place. Who have tried to derail and block any working class offensive to fight this attack.

And who are now proposing all kinds of false "solutions." Like the bureaucrat, Doug Fraser, who wants to "reaffirm" the 1976 Democratic Party plank. Like the Stalinists of the American Communist Party and the Congressional Black Caucus which wants to pass the Humphrey-Hawkins "Full Employment" Bill. A bill which is now so "symbolic" that the bourgeoisie openly laughs at it.

And the pseudo-revolutionaries. Like the Socialist Workers Party which tags behind the Stalinists and bureaucrats with their own false "solutions". Proposing a "labor party" that "will stand up and fight" — in the cesspool called US Congress. Reproducing Fraser's statements in their paper, for workers to "study."

We don't think that many workers bothered to "study" this statement. In fact, the majority of workers, especially the young workers are thoroughly disgusted with all of these "solutions." And express this by rejecting anything that smacks of "union politics," often even rejecting the idea of fighting in the unions at all.

The pseudo-revolutionaries only reinforce this disgust.

Why are the young workers disgusted? Not because they don't want to fight. But because NONE of these "solutions" involve THEM. NONE of these "solutions" tell the TRUTH. And the TRUTH is that there is only one way to turn back this attack on the workers, only one way to organize the unions into a fighting force.

By mobilizing young workers to WIN BACK THEIR UNIONS! To throw out these bureaucrats and traitors. To build a new leadership for the unions by turning them into WEAPONS FOR THE YOUTH and all workers and oppressed.

This is the only way to give a new force to the unions. To enable the working class to meet the attack of the government and the bourgeoisie. By involving ALL the youth — in the factories, high schools and colleges, the unemployed in a YOUTH ALLIANCE to end this PLANT-ation system in the factories, to make the unions weapons for the revolution.

This is the only "solution" that involves the best young fighters of the working class. Only the Trotskyist Organization/USA, fighting to rebuild the Fourth International in the US tells this truth to all young workers disgusted by all the professional demoralizers around you today.

Thats the future belongs to you and depends on you.

YOUNG WORKERS — WIN BACK YOUR UNIONS!

October 12, 1978 TRUTH
Only the working class can smash S.1437!

By ANN NELSON

On October 4th the House of Representatives voted to postpone a decision on the anti-working class revision of the Federal Criminal Code—S.1437—which has already been passed by the Senate—until the next Congress, in January 1979.

The Stalinist American Communist Party said on the front page of its paper that the bill had been "killed" and called this a great victory for labor.

This Criminal Code revision defines wildcat strikes as blackmail, virtually eliminates free speech, press and the right of assembly and is an attack on the US working class in the name of "modernizing" the law.

So when the Communist Party calls the postponement of S.1437 a "victory" it is deceiving the working class. They also deceive the working class by saying that it will be "progressive" forces in Congress or in the official "labor movement" who will stop S.1437.

What is S.1437 and why is it important? How can it be defeated?

First of all, it is not new. The "father" of S.1437—S.1— was developed by the Nixon administration in the early '70s. S.1 was an even more blatant attack on workers rights and was the bourgeoisie's answer to the mobilization of the workers and youth in the US against the government. Nixon, who didn't think it wrong to organize illegal break-ins, did think it was criminal to demonstrate against the government or go on strike. S.1437—the "Son of S.1"—maintains these anti-working class provisions in full force.

S.1437 has nothing to do with "right" or with "justice" but is in fact a tool of the bourgeoisie to legalize wire-tapping, concentration camps, conspiracy trials, enemies lists, illegal break-ins and infiltration and provocation in working class organizations. But of course, the government defends "free speech" for Nazis and the KKK and gives pardons to criminals like Nixon if their heart is in the right place.

The backers of S.1437 are those in the government who would like to give working class representation a "human face." Like Edward Kennedy who is the co-author of the Bill. But S.1437 by defining working class action as "treason," "conspiracy," "sabotage," "criminal contempt," and "blackmail" tries to give the government protection against the workers consciously organizing and fighting back. It also makes membership in an international organization illegal.

Under Section 1186:"Failing to register as, or acting as, a foreign agent," the Bill defines a Class D felony punishable by 6 years in jail for "espionage" the right of workers to belong to an international organization. A "foreign power" is defined in the Bill as "a foreign government, faction, party or persons purporting to act as such, whether or not recognized by the US and (b) an international organization." The government recognizes that it is not enough to attack the rights of the working class, it must also attack its leadership, its party—the Fourth International. This is why S.1437 must be fought.

How? Through the methods of the working class. By building the revolutionary party against this attack. Fighting S.1437 as part of the fight of the Trotskyist Organization/USA and the Revolutionary Young Workers to build a YOUTH ALLIANCE against this terrorist state.

Because we are building the US Section of the Fourth International, the world party of the socialist revolution, the fight against S.1437 is one that we must lead. The Bill will not be "killed" by the liberals in Congress nor through silence. Only the working class can smash it.

Come to the meetings of the Trotskyist Organization/USA in Detroit and Chicago on the 50th anniversary of Trotskyism in the US to organize the fight to win full rights for the Fourth International in the US and to smash this anti-working class legislation.

October 12, 1978

Public Meetings:

50 YEARS OF TROTSKYISM IN THE US

DETROIT—FRIDAY—October 27th
Wayne State U
Student Center Bldg.
Room 261
8PM

CHICAGO—SATURDAY—October 28th
South Chicago YMCA
91st & Houston
Board Room
7PM

SATURDAYS!
TRUTH MEETINGS-
Wayne State University
Student Center
Building Rm678
10:30 am

The results for #81 were:
Ford River Rouge .................. 13
Chrysler Dodge Main ............ 19
Chrysler Lynch Road ............ 6
GM Fleetwood ................. 4
Harper Hospital ............... 13
Detroit high schools ......... 25
Wayne St. University ....... 52
DETOIT (Total) ............ 136
FLINT Chevrolet Truck ....... 39
TOTAL ..................... 177
Drop the un-Democratic Party Platform for a Revolutionary fight in Auto!

By MARK LUV

If Volkswagen thought that by opening a plant in the United States they would be able to reap super-profits off the "docile" and "passive" American workforce, they were not another thing coming. The Connellsville, Pa. plant hasn't even been open a year and already its been hit with a strike - the latest over a contract rejection and all of them WILDCATS, not sanctioned by the UAW International.

The VW dispute is only one striking example of the actions of all American workers in the last year, especially since the miners strike. There is no lack of militancy among other auto workers either. The Fleetwood plant in Detroit took a strike vote only a week ago, the third one since the '76 auto contract round. All of them unsanctioned by that gang of hooligans and comedians who call themselves the UAW International leadership - led by Doug Fraser.

Fraser is no pathetic. He's accusing about a "two sided class war" against labor when he's got the cream of the American working class under his domination. The workers in Connellsville and many from the back-breaking speedup in the factories, angry and always ready to strike and fight.

But Fraser isn't looking to the autoworkers. He's calling a conference of political bureaucrats in Detroit to "reaffirm the 1976 Democratic Party platform." The Democratic Party platform, what a joke. In this the platform of Jimmy Carter that is responsible for runaway inflation, the attack on black and immigrant workers? Is this the platform that institutionalizes the slavery in the auto factories today in the name of "Free enterprise" and "productivity" drivers? You bet it is. And this conference of Fraser's deserves only one response from auto workers - DROP FRASER'S CONFERENCE AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR A REVOLUTIONARY FIGHT IN AUTO!

A SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UAW leadership is repressing and mobilizing the ranks of auto workers to organize a revolutionary fight for the '79 contract round is what is clearly needed. A conference representing the overwhelming black and immigrant workforce in auto. A conference to fight the slave-like conditions under which young workers must toil. A national gathering of auto workers to elect a new leadership and present our Fraser and his gang of hooligans. Not to "reaffirm the Democratic Party platform" but to organize strike committees in every local to plan factory occupations and mass demonstrations at the time of the '79 contract round.

Every brother and sister in auto knows it, Fraser's new militant talk is nothing but jive. Why? Because the auto barons, GM, Ford, and Chrysler are so intent on driving up profits and productivity that they've driven not only auto workers but the UAW bureaucracy as well up against the wall. Besides, wildcats like those in the W plant and in Detroit have shown that the UAW tops are no longer able to control the workers for the capitalists.

Who is Fraser talking to when he says: "We in the UAW intend to reforge the links with those who believe in struggle" the kind of people who sat down in the factories in the 1930's and who marched in Selma in the 1960's." Not to the auto workers who keep wildcatting and fighting every day. He's talking to the "responsible" oppositions in the UAW. The old radicals and their organizations who have become a part of "trade unionism" to take up the revolutionary banner once again in the large industrial factories that Fraser is so pathetic. He's got the cream of the American working class epitomizes, looking for a revolutionary party. Fraser is incapable of mistreating this Vanguard in the auto factories. ONLY THE STALINIST AND CENTRIST PARTIES CAN APPEAL TO THE MILITANT YOUNG WORKERS IN AUTO AND HOLD THEM WITHIN THE LIMITS OF TRADITIONAL "TRADE UNIONISM." A REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP

Every advanced auto workers is familiar with the formula: We need a REVOLUTIONARY leadership in auto. Enough groups and organizations have said it by now that it's generally accepted by revolutionary-minded workers.

But no revolutionary leadership will come about in auto SPONTANEOUSLY. A revolutionary leadership in the unions can only be constructed by the conscious efforts of a revolutionary party, a WORKERS PARTY. A WORKERS PARTY to speak to the broad masses of auto workers and especially to the youth to arm them against the tradition of "trade unionism" which are being used to block the most militant actions of the American working class.

For the unions themselves are useless to the working class unless they can lead the necessary confrontation with the capitalist system and the state which terrorizes and represses the working class. Repressive laws against labor and police actions against strikers. Fraser and the pseudo-revolutionaries cry about it but they are as much committed to "law and order" and the "democratic process" as Harry Ford and the rest of them.

A harsh statement perhaps. But the war between the classes is becoming more harsh every day, leaving no room for traditional programs or vascillators that fail to speak to the new generation of young workers looking for revolutionary solutions. Solving this fundamental task of building the WORKERS PARTY against the traditional support of the unions for the Democrats and liberalism will allow, alongside the party, the construction of large factions in the unions of revolutionary workers.

Revolutionary organization is a must for auto workers. In order to lead an assault on the factory PLANT a struggle of a POLITICAL and even a MILITARY nature is needed. Such is the position of auto production in capitalist society and such is the conditions under which auto workers must fight today.

Fraser, his liberal "Democrats," and the pseudo-revolutionary organizations have no answer for this kind of struggle. This kind of struggle, like those led by Lenin and the Russian workers, like those led by other great revolutionary leaders and their parties, the Stalinist and centrist parties HAVE FORMALLY REJECTED. It remains to the fighting youth who know little of "trade unionism" to take up the revolutionary banner once again in the large industrial factories and the factory PLANTATIONS.

DOWN WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SLAVE BOSSES AND BUREAUCRATS! FOR A WORKERS PARTY! October 11, 1978

GREET FRASER'S "CONFERENCE"

DOWN WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HANGME & BUREAUCRATS!

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 17th Cobo Hall 11 - 4PM
Why the Hammer & Sickle?

By JON COHEN

The Trotskyist Organization/USA, along with all the other parties of the Fourth International, carries the symbol of a hammer and sickle with a "4" inside of it on the masthead of our paper. This hammer and sickle is the historic symbol of the Communist International. The "4" symbolizes its continuity today—the FOURTH International. And it is turned in the opposite direction from the symbol today used by the Stalinist parties in order to indicate our opposition to Stalinism.

Why do we bother with all this? Are we simply infatuated with rituals and symbols? After all, haven't many people pointed out that this symbol "turns off" workers and youth who might otherwise buy our paper because they identify this hammer and sickle with STALINISM, with the degeneration of the Russian revolution and the totalitarian dictatorship which exists in the Soviet Union today?

This is precisely the point. We aren't interested in rituals or symbols, but in confronting openly one of the central problems of the American revolution—the identification by the workers and youth of communist parties (Stalinist, of course) with Leninism, with the Trotskyists and centrists with the Russian Revolution and the Stalinists with Trotsky, with the Stalinists and centrists with the Russian Revolution and the Stalinists with the American working class today.

As Marx wrote a long time ago, communists never disguise their aims or intentions from the working class. We have the hammer and sickle on our paper because we continue the tradition of Marx, Lenin and Trotsky. We continue and stand for the October 1917 Russian Revolution and we are proud of the fact. And proud of the fact that this is THE FIRST symbol of the world revolution represented by the Stalinist bureaucracy of the Kremlin.

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The obstacle to the revolution today is not the consciousness of the American working class, but these organizations, these Stalinists and centrists who daily confuse and disorganize the working class, above all with their lies and illusions that they try to sow.

This is not just an "American" question. Along with TRUTH this week we are publishing THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, which contains the resolutions adopted by the Sixth World Congress of the Fourth International which was recently held in Paris, France. These resolutions draw the same conclusions for the entire international working class today.

The central obstacles to the revolution today are in the working class. That these obstacles are concentrated in the attack of world Stalinism against Leninism, against the true heritage and continuity of the struggle of the working class and the essential aid given to the Stalinists in this attack by pseudo-Trotskyists like the SWP who falsely claim our banner.

And that the fight to win today's youth who are in open revolt throughout the world, who are trying to rid themselves of the treachery of the Stalinists and centrists is concentrated in the fight to RETURN TO LENIN, to win the youth to the revolutionary tradition of the working class represented by the Fourth International.

There is obviously a lot more to this question. To explain to the American working class and Stalinists not only in the United States but throughout the world the way for the genuine Trotskyists to participate in this struggle. To why we don't hide from this question but act precisely the opposite— that the fight to RETURN TO LENIN against Stalinism and against the anti-communism of the American bourgeoisie is the central question in front of the working class today. Just putting a hammer and sickle on our masthead of course does not answer all of these questions alone. Nor does it substitute for the need to actually ORGANIZE the break of the youth from these treacherous leaders in their day to day struggles against this imperialist state.

But it's a beginning. An honest beginning which only the Fourth International in the US is ready to engage in with the American working class. A beginning which places us on the side of all the revolutionary struggles and leaders of the working class. Against all of its traitors.

Why do we have the hammer and sickle on our banner? We're glad you asked.

October 9, 1978
By PEDRO RAMIREZ

In Chile, throughout Latin America CASTROISM SUPPORTED BY THE RENEGADES OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

The original text contains a mix of Spanish and English, discussing the political landscape of Latin America, particularly focusing on Castroism and its support by the renegades of the Fourth International. The text references the histories and political movements of the region, including the role of the Popular Front, Trotskyism, and the challenges faced by various left-wing movements. The text also highlights the impact of the Castro regime in Cuba and its influence on Latin American politics.

The text is a historical analysis, providing insights into the complex political environment of the time, emphasizing the struggle for power and the role of ideologically driven movements in shaping the political landscape of the region.
THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL WILL BE BUILT IN THE TWO AMERICAS AGAINST CASTROISM & ITS CENTRIST SUPPORTERS

By JON COHEN

Armed struggle. Guerilla warfare. The "Cuban road" to socialism.

These questions connected with the role of Castroism, have had a decisive influence on the vanguard of the working class in the Americas, North and South. A negative influence in course. The deaths, imprisonment and torture, the defeats of thousands of youth in Latin America rest on the shoulders of Castro, which defend and apologize for Castro's crimes in the name of the Fourth International, above all the American Socialist Workers Party (SWP) led by Joseph Hansen who has recently published a book, THE DYNAMICS OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.

In the first article I explained why Hansen and the SWP were now "discussing" Cuba. Not because Castro "is in the news" as they claim, but because in Latin America itself, among Latin American political entities, in the United States and in the ranks of the centrists themselves, an important discussion of Castroism is taking place. Many militants are beginning to draw a balance sheet of the "guerilla movement" in order to find a way to victory in the new upsurge taking place in Latin America.

And the finger is more and more pointed at Joseph Hansen, its "orthodoxy" today or blame the "guerillist errors" on the Mandel faction. The present-day leadership of the SWP, its "reunification" with the Pabloite USec. in 1963, which has determined all of its "reunification" with the Pabloite USec. in 1963, which has determined all of its present policies, was made on the basis of "reunification of armed struggle and guerilla warfare." The document of the reunification, "Dynamics of the World Revolution Today" is a total endorsement of the "guerilla warfare." Read it -- if you dare!

Any discussion of the questions of "guerilla warfare" and "armed struggle" as "tactical differences" must be rejected. A correct analysis and its strategy of "guerilla warfare" can only be seen as the expression of STALINISM in the Americas. And Hansen has been the GRAVEDIGGER of the revolution in Latin America.

Continuing today as thousands of young fighters are being led into a pacifist cul-de-sac the ordeals of US imperialism under the influence of the "Castroist" FSFL (Sandinista National Liberation Front) in Nicaragua.

"Only a decisive combat which will destroy the military support of the dictatorships and guarantee a government of the FSFL and other forces which have participated actively in the overthrow of the dictatorships, without any bourgeois representatives, can assure the Nicaraguans the realization of the democratic tasks to this country.

(Latin American BULLETIN edited by the LCR in Catalina, Supplement 93)

And in passing, let us say that the "orthodox" response of a certain Fausto Amador which appeared in Hansen's IP of October 16, 1978 which opposes the right for a "workers and peasants government" to the LCR's "government of the FSFL" is no better. What characterizes BOTH positions is a total PASSIVITY and waiting for someone else to take up a fight they are incapable of leading. Thus Amador concludes his article by saying:

"In spite of the slaughter during the dark days of September, the insufficient organization and the crisis of revolutionary leadership, the Nicaraguan revolution is continuing its course.

Slaughter. Insufficient organization. Crisis of leadership. Don't worry -- the revolution "is continuing its course!"

But there is more to thistrand. militants in the SWP who think that they are in the SWP on the basis of opposition to "guerilla warfare" are seriously mistaken.

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And Hansen's "orthodox" strategy of "party-building" opposed to Mandel's "liquidationist" opposition and the document of "reunification" had to say about "party-building" in Latin America:

"The revolutionary Marxists in Latin America, in general, will act as the best defenders of the Cuban Revolution and will SEEK TO INTEGRATE THEMSELVES into the PCE's currents." (Our emphasis)

And today next to Jimmy Carter, the most fervent defender of "human rights" in the Americas, one more Stalinist trap set up in order to save itself and imperialism. They are now in a much better position to carry out their duty, which is to make the revolution. (Our emphasis)

What happened to OLAS? And how can any worker or militant of the SWP accept Hansen's "orthodoxy" today or blame the "guerillist errors" on the Mandel faction alone? No one but total cynics.

To "HUMAN RIGHTS!"

But there is more to this question. We are not interested in "catching" Hansen and the SWP in a "contradiction." Because there is no contradiction. From 1963 to 1978 the SWP's policy towards Latin America and the US has been fundamentally the same -- adaptation to US imperialism through its Stalinist agents.

When did Hansen and the SWP suddenly become "orthodox"? When Fidel Castro became "orthodox." The "orthodox" strategy of the International working class in 1968 opened up a new stage in the world revolution -- turning the tables in favor of the world proletariat and the oppressed in the deep crisis of the international Stalinist apparatus and imperialism. The Stalinist apparatus, in order to save itself and imperialism, had to deepen its collaboration with imperialism -- there was no longer any room for maneuvering.

Thus, while guerillaism in Latin America was a dead-end in the service of US imperialism to begin with, 1968 proved that even this trap wasn't sufficient to control the workers and youth in the Americas. By 1969 Castro had to become "orthodox" and proceeded to liquidate the revolution in the Americas in the "traditional" Stalinist way.

Leaving the Cosmar to the Bolivian Stalinnista and CIA. Defense of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. Total silence about the May-June events in France, silence about the massacres in Montreal, proclamation and enforcement of military dictatorship in Peru. Telling the workers in Chile to give up their guns.

And today -- next to Jimmy Carter, the most fervent defender of "human rights" in the Americas. Each day moving closer and closer to US imperialism. Each day a greater and greater threat to the revolutionists in Cuba and to the revolution throughout the Americas.

This and nothing else explains the Part III "Armed Struggle" to "Human Rights" -- the two faces of Joseph Hansen
October 2, 1968

MEXICO—Remember Tlateloco!

On October 2, 1968 Mexican tanks and shock troops opened fire on a peaceful demonstration of 15,000 workers and students in the Plaza of Three Cultures, at the Tlateloco housing project in Mexico City.

Over 400 demonstrators were murdered, hundreds more wounded and thousands taken prisoner in the bloodiest massacre in Mexican history ordered in the name of the rule "Institutional Revolutionary Party" (PRI) led by then-President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz.

The mobilization of the Mexican students and workers was part of the worldwide upsurge that began in 1968: the May-June general strike in Prague, the political revolution in Czechoslovakia, the Democratic Party Convention battles in Chicago.

The mobilization in Mexico in 1968 began on July 25th with a mass street demonstration in honor of the Cuban revolution. The students were dispersed by the Mexican riot police, the "grenademan," who fired on them and left at least ten dead (the "grenademan" have a policy of disposing of bodies.). The next day all Mexican universities and high schools went on a protest strike, demanding full rights under the Constitution, and to police repression, freedom for all political prisoners.

The mobilization spread throughout the country and to the working class. On August 27th, 500,000 people marched in Mexico City at the call of the University strike committee, the largest demonstration in Mexico since 1938.

In September, the police took control and re-occupied the National University and the Politechnical Institute.

All of this concluded in the massacre in Tlateloco on October 2nd, on the eve of the 1968 Olympic Games.

The Tlateloco massacre must be remembered and avenged! And to do this the Mexican workers and youth must also remember and repay those who betrayed them, left them dead in the streets in 1968, left them isolated from the workers and youth throughout the world. France 1968 proved the bankruptcy of the French Communist Party. France '68 proved the futility of "reforming" the Stalinist apparatus. Chicago '68 proved the impossibility of getting anything from the Democratic Party.

And the Plaza of Three Cultures proved the total bankruptcy of CASTROISM as any kind of revolutionary force in Latin America. Remember, the first thing that Castro ever mentioned when he went into the streets on July 26th to continue the Cuban revolution.

What was Castro's response to the massacre? NOTHING. TOTAL SILENCE — to this date!

And even worse. On October 19, 1968 — Cuban athletes marched past President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz in front of the Olympic reviewing stand, along with all the other Soviet and Eastern European athletes while thousands of Mexican youth were still being brutally tortured in order to pass for participating in a "Castroist plot." This is the real balance sheet that our American revolutionaries must make.

Mexican workers and youth — remember when you remember 1968 — the treachery of Castroism and all who support it, including the pseudo-Trotskists of the USec (the PRI) who have joined with the Mexican Communist Party in asking this Semipartisan, Assadist gang to pass a "general amnesty law" which does not even meet the demands the workers and youth went into the streets for in 1968 and is a way of breaking the mobilization in the streets to win amnesty.

And remember this special lesson. That in 1968 you were not just isolated from what was going on in France and Czechoslovakia by the Castroists, you were above all isolated from what was going on in the US — the anti-war movement, the black power movement which showed its defiance of imperialism by raising the black power fist at the '68 Olympics, and the mobilization of the US working class as a whole.

Never again. If the unity of the workers of the Two Americas means anything but words, it above all means the unity of the American and Mexican workers — a revolutionary fight against US imperialism and the terrorist PRI regime in Mexico.

Only the Fourth International can draw this balance sheet and organize this fight. That is why we call on all Mexican workers and youth — in Mexico and in the US, as well as the US working class as a whole to remember Tlateloco by joining with the Trotskyist Organizations/ECA and the Fourth International in the preparation of the CONFERENCE OF THE TWO AMERICAS to be held this coming Spring.

October 10, 1978
J.C.
Carter has just announced that he plans to meet with Brezhnev at the end of the SALT talks. It will be his first meeting with the Stalinist chief who heads the anti-working class regime in the USSR and its apparatus around the world.

Why are they meeting?

The dramatic upsurge of the world proletariat, expressed in the uprisings in Nicaragua, Iran, and the resistance to the imperialists' plans for the Middle East is shaking the existing order to its foundations. The imperialists need stricter political support: its policy of viciously suppressing youth, workers, and intellectuals in the USSR, and its policy of viciously suppressing the workers is the result of the revolution Lenin and Trotsky led.

And let there be no doubt, Brezhnev will sign. He's let them know he will use his military resources at its disposal to remain in power in America and around the world. It depends also on the Stalinist regime in the USSR and its affiliates.

It depends on its practical support in crushing workers' uprisings. And it depends on its political support: its policy of peaceful coexistence with imperialism which confuses the working class, gives it the imperialists' plans for the Middle East, much less demands anything about them. Grabbing onto and beefing up the imperialist bandwagon, while attempting to fool and suppress the workers in the Stalinist way out of crisis.

Brezhnev, Gromyko, and the American Communist Party have been stumbling all over each other saluting Carter's arrogant statements as a great step forward in the struggle for "detente, disarmament, and peace." At the same time they are putting forward a resolution in the United Nations to outlaw the use of force in international relations! What treachery to support strengthening the imperialist state while pretending a resolution will stop it from using its bloody power.

"The Stalinists support imperialism. They cover for it. That's why they have no qualms about organizing vicious trials against political opponents in the USSR. They want workers to think police dictatorships is what revolution leads to. They want to intimidate masses of workers in the USSR who can prove otherwise."

The pseudo-revolutionary United Secretariat claims that factions of the Stalinist apparatus led by Carrillo in Spain and Althusser in France are different from the Kremlin, that it's possible to work with them and take some advances, that they provide "openings." They aren't different. On the fundamental question of peaceful coexistence with imperialism, not one of them differs. Not one of them has lifted a finger to stop Kremlin collaboration with imperialism in suppressing the working class, in the West or the East. Indeed, they've participated in it.

While the pseudo-revolutionaries may make formal reference to the extreme crisis of imperialism and Stalinism, and the indispensable role of Stalinism in maintaining imperialism, in practice they obscure it and deny it. They have to because they align themselves with the Stalinist apparatus and its policies and seek to refer it. In a recent article in the pseudo-Trotskyist MILITANT, "Carter's War Threats and Detente," they refer to Stalinist collaboration with imperialism, but advance the liberal bourgeois pacifist objectives of "peace" and "disarmament," as the Stalinists do, and simply call for "irreconcilable struggle" to achieve this rather than "summit meetings." The conclusions of the article read like advice to Brezhnev, as if it were possible to change the Stalinist criminals.

"The struggle of the South African Blacks and the people of Zimbabwe and South Africa against US and South African imperialism contributes more to the struggle for peace and disarmament than all the summit meetings ever held... Irreconcilable and independent struggle against the nuclear armed madmen in the White House and the Pentagon can end the plague of war."

The Trotskyist Organization says real peace can only come about by building a Workers Party, arming the masses and disarming imperialism and Stalinism. It's fighting to make all workers aware of this and to achieve this.

The MILITANT has joined the Stalinists in supporting the liberal bourgeois pacifist attempt to diffuse the hatred of the youth for imperialism, to channel it into an impotent reformist movement for "human needs, against 'junkies' and the arms race."

The working class can and must build a party to smash the imperialist states and the Stalinist apparatus which supports them. Anything else will only give Carter and Brezhnev more time. This is not a task for the distant future but an immediate one.

This is what the Trotskyist Organization and the Revolutionary Young Workers are fighting for in North and South America. This is what the British International and the Revolutionary Youth International are fighting for around the world.
SWP "unity"—with the Stalinists, against the youth

By FRED VITALE

On Sunday, September 30th, the Trotskyist Organization/USA intervened at a forum of the Socialist Workers Party in Detroit entitled "Proposals for Socialism in the USA!". The speaker was one Terry Bell, once expelled from the SWP, a former member of the Trotskyist Organization/USA, a former member of the Revolutionary Socialist League, a former member of the Revolutionary Marxist Committee. A former revolutionary.

The meeting was one more example of the rightward movement of the "Socialist United front" towards the Stalinist Kremlin apparatus, forced by the mobilization of the working class and its mass organizations. The centrists are more and more aligning with the bourgeoisie and the "official workers movement" to split the working class youth from the working class and thereby prevent the Fourth International from organizing the youth into a conscious Stalinist vanguard, capable of leading the workers to power.

Bell's speech remained completely in the air. We heard of the "timeless need for unity." "But the question for the working class is 'with whom? and against whom?" This is the POLITICAL question.

To this he answered: "with the Stalinists" and the liberal trade union bureaucrats (like Ed Sadlowski and Arnold Miller) against the bourgeoisie and the "Stalinists".

In her intervention, Margaret Gutshall of the Trotskyist Organization/USA-USA section (sympathizing) asked, "There is a deep mobilization of the working class youth today. On one side is the bourgeoisie, the Stalinists, the centrists, and on the other side, the working class youth and the Fourth International....." that the "unity" you speak of is against the working-class movement is shown most sharply today in Paris where in the face of a revolutionary mobilization Ropo Blanco, as a leader of the United Secretariat, joins in a bloc with Stalinists and self-talking bourgeois politicians, saying to the workers, 'none of us will betray you.' This "unity" is against the youth because it is based on the "unity" with the "official workers movement"—the organized APPA-

militants of the SWP/USA--. You are mistaken if you think that all your leadership means by "socialist unity" is dragging up a few tired old Stalinist and centrists.

Where the revolution has gone further than in the US, so has this "socialist unity." Look at the above picture. It was taken on September 11th which is Catalanism National Independence Day in Spain. It was the reviving spirit of a demonstration of 200,000 people for national independence for Catalonia, an oppressed nationality in Spain.

And look who is standing together. J. Zubillarain, a leader of your "sister" organization in Spain, the LCR (former general secretary of the IC, the "human faction" in Spain—you can't pin this one on Moscow!), is standing surrounded by Gutierrez Diaz of the PSUC (Communist Party of Catalonia), Verde Ables of the PSC-PSOE (Socialist Party) and Carlos Sentis, the secretary general of the UCD of Catalonia.

All those parties, including yours, signed a "unitary accord" for September 11th, entitled "For Statutes which will assure full national rights for Catalonia." A statement which demands national rights in the framework of the "autonomy" conceded by the centralist, Francoist, monarchy in Madrid.

An insult to the oppressed nationalities of Spain.

But it gets even worse. Do you know what the UCD is? It is the ruling party of Spain! The party of the Suarez government which rules in the interests of the Francoist monarchy. To call it a bourgeois party would be charitable. In fact, aside from the openly fascist parties in Spain, the UCD is stocked LOCK AND BARREL with all the old officials and functionaries of Franco's regime. Fascists in not so very "democratic" clothing. While Gestapo Zubillarain was watching the parade with the UCD, honest militants of your youth organizations in Spain— the LCR, were fighting along the JRS of the Revolutionary Youth International, the JCR (ML) and the JCE (3D) to EXPEL the UCD from the demonstration! Refusing to allow this party of the Madrid government, the party of the assassins of Pamplona to dare demonstrate for Catalanian independence.

And in a confrontation with the Stalinists who defended the UCD they SUCCESSED in driving the UCD from the demonstration.

Now it becomes criminal. During the demonstration and on the evening of the demonstration, the police of the UCD government, the police of the UCD government, assassinated Gustavo Adolfo Boselli, a 16-year-old militant of the PCE (3D) and seriously wounded Laura Masip, a young militant of your organization—the LCR and the JCE.

The response of the leadership of the LCR? NOTHING. Just like NOTHING with the "full national rights" and nothing when the LCR was assassinated in the demonstrations in Pamplona. They can call all proposed demonstrations demanded by your comrades and others because they weren't "approved" by the Suarez government.

Instead, they called on the Suarez government to "investigate" the assassinations.

The "investment" was against the revolutionary youth and even your own militants in favor of "unity" with the apparatus of the fascist UCD.


Why does your leadership want to hide this from you, even their own version? Demand an explanation!

Or would you rather not until Barnes and Co. leave one of you, in the tradition of J.C. 

October 10, 1978
50 YEARS OF AMERICAN TROTSKYISM

By ANN NELSON

At its Fourth Conference, in July 1978, the Trotskyist Organization passed a fundamental document titled: "BUILD THE PARTY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION! -- Theses on the Rebuilding of the American Section of the Fourth International."

The Theses outlined the fundamental political positions of the Trotskyist Organization, USA, and its plan for holding the Trotskyist Congress in the United States. The Congress will mark the rebuilding of the revolutionary Vanguard of the American working class--the US Section of the Fourth International.

Since the passing of the Theses, the Trotskyist Organization has made important advances in the fight to build the US Section of the Fourth International. Its newspaper, TRUTH, is being distributed more widely and regularly and its contents reflect an increasing influence among the working class youth. This advance has also been reflected in new membership in the Trotskyist Organization.

The question is: What is the meaning of the Theses for the majority of the working class youth in the United States? The Theses, above all, answer the questions of the working class youth. Questions that American workers and youth are asking with more and more frequency: "Which way forward for us? How do we resolve our economic, political and social problems?"

The first thing the Theses discuss is that in order to advance the working class must have its own revolutionary party. Recent events show this is true. The upheaval of the masses of Nicaragua shows that even though the revolutionary will of the people was beyond reproach, it was the absence of the revolutionary party that permitted Somoza to put down the rebellion. The miners strike in the United States is similar, with the miners putting up a courageous battle, but not making the gains that would have been possible if a revolutionary leadership had been in the forefront of the struggle. The examples are numerous, the Theses take up these examples and answer the question: why do American workers need the US Section of the Fourth International?

The Theses also explain how this revolutionary party can be built. It says that building the party is not just a question of "numbers" that it is not becoming "respectable" in the eyes of the traditional leaders of the working class--the Teamsters and Unions--but in a fight against them. It says that building the party is not a "peaceful settling of accounts" or a discussion between different Left groups, but that it is a POLITICAL fight to build aCombat organization of the working class. The Theses also answer the question: "Is this a party just for the United States?" by saying that in order to build the revolutionary party in the US it is necessary to begin to smash the isolation imposed upon the US workers by imperialism.

The Theses on the Rebuilding of the American Section of the Fourth International also says why the party of the American Revolution must be the party of Lenin, and the party of Trotsky, the party of Lenin who was the first to prove positively the necessity of a revolutionary party to bring down capitalism and end imperialist exploitation. The party of Trotsky who, coming from the same party as Lenin was able to say why the Stalinist bureaucracy was able to usurp the power of the working class in the Soviet Union and who led the way against Stalinism; by founding the Fourth International and its program.

Lastly, the Theses explains why, in order to build the party of the American revolution, it is necessary to combat those who call themselves the Fourth International while denying its revolutionary policy and practice. This centrist activity in the United States is headed up by the Socialist Workers Party. The Theses explains why the SWP was once the Fourth International in the US, and what happened to it. It explains why the Fourth International in the US is not just a tradition, but is who fights for this tradition today. What is the history of the Trotskyist Organization and what are its objectives are both taken up by the Theses.

We call on the working class youth to read the Theses. The old leaderships have proved that they can do nothing but serve up the same old "answers" doctored up so they look different. We call on you to read the Theses and to take up the fight it proposes. Forward to the Trotskyist Congress, rebuilding the American Section of the Fourth International.

October 9, 1978
LEGALIZE THE PORE!

Interview with Miguel Salas, editor of LA AURORA, paper of Spanish Section of Fourth International

Those of us who wage this fight are attacked by the bourgeoisie and the Spartacists play their game by calling us provocateurs.

What is the importance of the American workers in the support for this fight to defend the Fourth International in Spain and how can we continue the mobilization that has already begun in the US?

Previously I mentioned the importance of the support given by the American workers. In Spain this mobilization was followed very closely, the workers were able to understand that its North American comrades were ready to fight, that their struggle against the imperialism of Carter has a great importance and that if the Spanish bourgeoisie has links with the imperialists, the workers also have their links in the struggle against exploitation.

Today we are continuing the struggle for the legalization of the PORE, the majority of the workers who fought against the military tribunals support our legalization. The way to continue this is to send telegrams to the MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR in Madrid, demanding the legalization of the PORE.

There is another area in which the Spanish and North American workers have a common task— in the preparation of the Conference of the Two Americas that the Fourth International has convened. In the task of unifying the workers of the Two Americas both in the United States and in Spain there is a common struggle in regrouping the political exiles in a struggle against American imperialism and the national bourgeoisie.

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As the facade of US imperialism's "human rights" policy is being stripped away all over the world—in Iran, Nicaragua, the Middle East by the criminalizations of the working and oppressed masses with imperialism, so it is crumbling here in the US in face of the working and oppressed masses with imperialism.

In the past year the Carter government issued for the first time in many years federal court injunctions against national strikes—the miners and rail workers. The postal workers American workers and youth. Stripped away all over the world "human rights" policy is being prohibited them from even strikes—the miners and rail workers in many years federal court injunctions against national organizations, through such laws as the S.1437 bill now in the House, but it is well-advanced in its "private" and "extralegal" preparations.

A conference held in Detroit recently revealed that a private corporation based in California called the "Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit" (LEIU), founded in 1936, has computer files and cards on over 25,000 Americans and in fact constitutes America's secret police network, linking together over 250 domestic police forces, private corporations and government agencies like the IRS, State Department, Armed Forces Intelligence, and immigration, providing "intelligence information."

There is no public control over this organization which in fact a national vigilance organization. One card that was obtained through a court suit listed as the "Modus operandi" of a California law student: "He is a recognized leader in peace movements."

So much for all the so-called "reforms" of the FBI and CIA. You can "reform" away your hearts content and never touch this secret network!

The ruling class is preparing. And it is obvious that the "official" leaders of the workers movement—the trade union bureaucrats and their Stalinist and pseudo-revolutionary supporters are doing NOTHING to arm the workers against these preparations and provocations. These secret police must be exposed and destroyed! Racism provocateurs like Frankel who are enemies of the working classes. The ruling class must be driven out of office! The real enemy of every worker and youth in the US must be exposed now—this imperialist, racist, and terrorist state. A "YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST WAR and REPRESSION against this terrorist state to unite all youth and their organizations in a common struggle against this state and its police, legal and secret. To smash and disarm these racists and terrorists before they smash us.

October 11, 1978

Camp David: Framework for terror

It didn't last very long. Jimmy Carter's Camp David "framework for peace" showed its true face in less than a week as open civil war broke out again in Lebanon with over 1,300 people killed in 20 days of fighting. Hopefully no one in Lebanon had a chance to read the stupidities of all those in the workers movement in the US who in one way or another accepted this fraud, like the pseudo-Trotskyist, David Frankel, who wrote: "Carter's" claim of success raised hopes of millions all over the world. It certainly didn't raise any hopes among the Lebanese workers and Palestinian refugees who are daily under the gun of the Christian fascists, the Syrian "peace-keepers" and the Israeli army, air force and navy!

Camp David has been revealed for what it really is—a framework for the suppression of the workers and oppressed and the "elimination" of the "Palestinian problem"—through genocide.

The Syrians are now fighting the Christian rightists in Lebanon. But it must be remembered that the Syrian troops were originally called into Lebanon to aid the Christian rightists, with the agreement of Israel, Egypt, the US and the Kremlin. As a "peace-keeping force" to crush the Palestinians. To drown the Palestinians in blood in such places as Tel Zafar.

If the Syrians (with the aid of the Kremlin) are now shooting at the rightists in Lebanon it is for one reason. To say to Israel and the US: "Don't forget us! We want to be included in your 'framework' also!" To get some maneuvering room in order to strike their own "deal."

A "deal" which now gives Israel even more provocation for occupying Southern Lebanon. A "deal" which may include the direct presence of imperialist troops in the form of the French. Camp David means only one thing for the workers and oppressed in the Middle East—terror. And terror for the American working class as well since the Carter regime is laying the basis for direct intervention of US troops into the Middle East, of course, to "clean up the mess," and "make the world safe for democracy."

There is only one road to peace in the Middle East: Break the Camp David framework for terror! Self-determination for the Palestinians! For the United Socialist Federation of the Middle East

October 19, 1978

SWP offices in Chicago burned

A CRIMINAL ATTACK

On October 3rd the campaign office of the Socialist Workers Party in Chicago was burned and destroyed by a group calling itself the "Vietnam Veterans Against Communists! The Trotskyist Organization/USA and the Revolutionary Young Workers condemn this criminal and cowardly attack. We are ready to participate in any way in bringing true justice to these fascist criminals.

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We certainly support any moves of the courts to bring these criminals to justice. But to expect, or base any kind of mobilization around a fight to demand justice from the Chicago police and the Daley machine is both misleading and disarming. A Workers Commission must be set up in Chicago to investigate these organizations, unmask their police connections and organize a mobilization of the working class of Chicago to DISMANTLE these groups and the political police.

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