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## EDITORIAL

### Rebuild the US Section of the Fourth International -- Forward to the Congress of the TO in November!

"Every passing day of the international class struggle demonstrates more and more conclusively that the decisive question facing the international working class and its youth is the construction of its party -- a world party of the socialist revolution to organize and prepare the working class in its struggle for power. Starting from Europe, where the advance of the world revolution is concentrated, to Africa, the Middle East, to the cities and countryside of Latin America, to the bastions of the North American proletariat, each day demonstrates that in the face of the active preparation of the counterrevolution by the imperialists, with the support of the international apparatus of the Kremlin, aided and maintained by centrism, which fraudulently uses the banner of the Fourth International to tie the workers to the Kremlin, the international working class can go no further without its determining weapon in the class struggle, its material force against all the plots of the bourgeoisie and the apparatuses which block the workers from the struggle for power -- ITS PARTY. Thus, the regroupment of the vanguard of the proletariat under the banner of the Fourth International through the decisive lever of the mass mobilization of the working class youth in the Revolutionary Youth International is the principle task of the Trotskyist Organization in the preparation of the Conference of the Two Americas, the Barcelona World Workers Conference and the Congress of the TO -- Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International."

This is the axis of the "Resolution on the Preparation of the Congress of the TO -- Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International", adopted by the Second National Conference of the TO which met in Detroit, Michigan on July 10-11 to draw a balance sheet of the struggle of the Fourth International in the US to date and to clarify the essential strategy of the TO in the coming months in the preparation of the Congress of the TO which has as its task fully assuming the continuity of Trotskyism in the US through the mobilization of the US workers under our banner.

The Second National Conference of the TO determined that in order to fully assume the continuity of Trotskyism in the US, of Bolshevism, it is necessary for the Fourth International in the US to place before the US working class clearly and decisively its tasks in the preparation of the American revolution as part of the international working class offensive. Thus, the Second National Conference of the TO adopted its PLATFORM OF COMBAT for the '76 elections and its candidates for President and Vice President, Barbara Putnam and Fred Vitale, which under the central slogans; BUILD A WORKERS PARTY TO FIGHT FOR A WORKERS GOVERNMENT! -- present the US working class and its youth with the only revolutionary alternative in the '76 elections in face of the Democrats and Republicans and the American

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS DEMONSTRATE AT COURTHOUSE

## TO STOP GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN THE UNIONS-- DRIVE THE BUREAUCRATS OUT! BUILD A WORKERS PARTY!

by MARGARET GUTTSHALL

On July 18, striking electrical workers in Sydney, Ohio stormed the city jail to free their imprisoned brothers after the courts ordered an injunction against their mass picketing and police attacked their picket lines with dogs and firehoses and arrested 50 workers. In this open rejection of the authority of the capitalist state, the electrical workers were followed by the cannery workers in California who rejected the decision of the "federal Mediation and Conciliation Service," composed of representatives of the employers, the labor bureaucracy, and the "public," and then by the miners who, in response to the decision of the "Federal Arbitrators" in favor of the coal barons, an injunction and fines imposed by a local judge, struck and organized roving pickets which closed down mines throughout the Appalachian coal fields.

The pursuit of this struggle demands the rejection of any and all collaboration with the capitalist state and the parties which represent it -- the Republicans and the Democrats -- and an implacable struggle against the trade union bureaucrats, the Stalinist and centrist parties to build a WORKERS PARTY to mobilize and organize the working class independently to defend itself, destroy the capitalist state

and establish a WORKERS GOVERNMENT. For in the face of the audacity and determination of the working class, manifest in these struggles, the capitalist class with its Democratic Party and its candidate Carter are accelerating and deepening their efforts to reinforce their state and crush the working class and its organizations. For this the support of these leaderships which falsely claim to represent the working class is indispensable.

A great deal of fanfare was made when the Democratic Party-controlled Congress finally overrode Ford's veto of a bill appropriating X billion dollars to city and local governments to provide jobs. Then the Democratic Party Mayor Coleman Young of Detroit used the funds to put 800 police back on the streets. And in one of his first public statements after the Democratic Party convention Carter called for the centralization and reorganization of the National Guard under the authority of the federal government in order to allow it to better coordinate its attack. This constitutes nothing but the preparation of the "legal" implementation of what the fascists with the protection of this state, (the attempted assassination of militants of the Young Socialists in Oakland, for example) are already carrying out, illegally, -- war

against the working class.

In this Woodcock collaborates -- with his negotiations with the Big Three, with his support to their party, the Democrats, their candidate, Carter, and his promise to them to take his place in their government! The logic of this collaboration with the capitalist class has been strikingly demonstrated by the bureaucracy of the UMW which has just declared the miners strike illegal and is moving to expel the striking workers from the union they built and financed. Indeed these are agents of the capitalist class in the workers movement!

Precisely because with each passing day the workers increasingly distrust the capitalist state, its parties, and its bureaucrats, the Stalinist Party, with support from the "left" from the centrists, and deepening its work of reinforcing the capitalist state, its parties, and its bureaucrats. The Communist Party of the USA, which has most recently proven its worth to the capitalist class by campaigning to bring federal troops into working class districts, allegedly to protect the youth from racist gangs organized by the fascists, is now, while running its own candidates in the '76 elections, organizing a "Coalition for Independent Political Action," with "liberal" Democrats this represents a first step in the organization of a People's Party,"

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## World Workers Conference held in Barcelona Spain JULY 25 for the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

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Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party who cover for the maneuvers of the Democrats and Republicans. The Fourth International is the only party in the United States which is clearly presenting to the US workers its tasks in the preparation of the American revolution and the necessity for the construction of the only independent party of the working class the WORKERS PARTY -- the US Section of the Fourth International.

The Second Conference affirmed that our election campaign can be the axis of our fight to rebuild the US Section of the Fourth International, to construct the Workers Party because it is above all a campaign of MOBILIZATION and ORGANIZATION of the working class youth in the US, centered today at Ford River Rouge in Detroit and Ford Torrence in Chicago, in all the daily combats of the working class against the capitalists, the trade union bureaucrats, and the misleaders of the workers movement. It is a campaign to construct the Revolutionary Youth International and its US Supporter, the Revolutionary Worker Youth as the mass, independent, organization of the working class youth in the US, to mobilize the vanguard of the working class in the US in the construction of its party.

Through a campaign of mobilization the Fourth International will be able to demonstrate through daily and common struggle in the working class that it is only the program of the Fourth International that represents the real fight of the US workers. It will be this combat in the working class that will demonstrate to the young workers and to the proletarian militants of the Socialist Workers Party, that the leadership of the SWP has abandoned the struggle for the Fourth International in the US and throughout the world and that its claim to represent the Fourth International in the US is only a fraud, designed to trap honest workers and militants who are seeking the road to the world party.

The fight of the TO for its PLATFORM OF COMBAT for the '76 Elections, for a COMMON CANDIDATE OF THE WORKING CLASS on the basis of this PLATFORM will prove in the course of the struggle in the coming months that it is the American Revolution that the young workers and proletarian militants of the SWP are fighting for -- not a "Bill of Rights," not a "socialist educational campaign" which (very infrequently) makes "propaganda" about "socialism" while "in the real world" the leadership of the SWP practices a policy of alliances and maneuvers with the Stalinists, the NAACP and the trade union bureaucrats. It is no accident that the auto strike this fall, the present miners and rubber workers strikes are completely absent from this "socialist educational campaign" of the SWP -- the mobilization of the workers and the youth is only a threat to the enemies of the Fourth International!

It will be in front of the working class and in their mobilization that the Trotskyist Organization will take the place that the SWP once occupied as the party of the Fourth International in the US. It will also be on the basis of this fight that the TO will win to the Congress of the TO the proletarian militants of the SWP/YSA who are fighting to construct a PROLETARIAN FACTION of the SWP to confront their leadership and to win the militants of the SWP to the task of Rebuilding the US Section of the Fourth International, which their leadership stands in the way of. Already, in the course of the mobilization of the TO for the Conference of the Two Americas and the Barcelona World Workers Conference, a militant of the SWP was won to the Fourth International and was present in Barcelona Spain to give greetings to Spanish workers and workers throughout the world on behalf of the militants in the SWP who are fighting to build the world party.

Finally, the Second National Conference of the TO affirmed that the fight to rebuild the US Section of the FI was not just a national task. It is part of the fight of the entire International to place the Fourth International at the head of the revolutionary mobilization of the workers throughout the world and to win the leadership of the working class from the Stalinist apparatus and the centrists who fraudulently use the banner of the Fourth International. In particular, the Congress of the TO is a crucial element in the fight to rebuild the Fourth International throughout the Two Americas -- North and South, to bring the revolutionary unity of the

North American proletariat with the workers and oppressed of Latin America under the central slogan, SOCIALIST UNITED REPUBLIC OF THE TWO AMERICAS. The Congress of the TO must therefore be seen as crucial to the preparation of the CONFERENCE OF THE TWO AMERICAS called by the Fourth International, now for the end of November. It is not a question of abstract "solidarity" -- the US workers need this fight because the lessons drawn by the struggles of the workers in Latin America today and in the past are crucial to arming the US workers for their struggles today. And the fight to truly understand the treacherous nature of the leadership of the SWP cannot be concluded without an attack on its policy of support to Stalinism, past and present, in Latin America. The Congress of the TO must be a fight for the revolutionary unity of the workers of the Two Americas, because it is only the Fourth International which can lead this fight.

## Barcelona World Workers Conference: Results

In the course of the mobilization for the World Workers Conference the Revolutionary Worker Youth distributed 133 copies of the Platform for the '76 elections, 112 copies of YOUNG GUARD #6, and 98 copies of YOUNG GUARD #7. 70 copies of FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, 11 copies of LA CUARTA INTERNACIONAL and 144 copies of TRUTH were distributed in June and July in preparation for the Conference.

The RWY raised over \$300 at Ford River Rouge, in Latin American neighborhoods and at Wayne State in Detroit, and at Ford Torrence in Chicago, to finance its delegation to the World Workers Conference. Militants of the Trotskyist Organization raised the rest -- through the sale of subs to the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL -- collection of funds for the defense of militants of the TO and special pledges for a total of \$1200.

It's from the youth of the working class, above all its most oppressed layers that the Revolutionary Youth International and the Fourth International find their support!

## CORRESPONDENCE FORD RIVER ROUGE

HEADLINE IN THE DETROIT FREE PRESS: "As Auto talks begin-- Major question now is: Can strike be averted?"

While Woodcock and the Big Three attempt to convince the autoworkers that any strike, "excessive" demands, or wage hikes could seriously upset the "economy," the government has just announced that unemployment HAS GONE UP FOR THE SECOND MONTH IN A ROW, now to 7.8% by the government's figures.

Strike activity for the second quarter of this year was at its highest peak since the fall of 1974, and that was before the powerful wildcat of the miners against the federal governments' intervention in the UMW, and in direct violation of the UMW bureaucracy's several back-to-back orders. For the bourgeoisie and their hangers-on in the workers movement, the major question is indeed: can a strike in auto and a potential class-wide revolt of miners, autoworkers, and rubber workers be averted?

The keynote of this chorus is the preservation of "labor peace." This is the notion put out by Woodcock that if the workers and youth unite behind Carter and the Democratic Party, that Carter, when in office will be fair with the working class. But Woodcock, who needs the Democratic Party and the capitalist government much more than they need him, is not only skirting the real issues facing the American workers -- massive unemployment, growth of the repressive institutions of the capitalist government -- but is in fact raising the demands OF THE AUTO COMPANIES AND CARTER that the working class

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to be composed of liberal capitalists and workers, to implement "socialist social reforms," that is, run the failing capitalists' government for them. It supports the negotiations between Woodcock and the Big Three against the auto workers, offering its "suggestions," (the CP's own characterization of its intervention), for the negotiations.

The Socialist Workers Party, in and around which all the centrists organizations are regrouping themselves, as well having proven its utility with its campaign to bring capitalist troops into working class districts, is paving the way for the organization of this "People's Party," to run the capitalist state in the name of the workers. Their platform for the working class -- "A Bill of Rights for Working People for Protection from High Prices, Unemployment, Wars, Racism, and the Oppression of Women" -- they now put forward as "8 points to add to the Constitution." (See MILITANT centerfold for July 4). On this basis they call on the workers to support their candidates, organize a labor party, a black party and a Chicano Party! What a gift to the Stalinists efforts to organize a party with the liberal Democrats and trade union bureaucrats! Up to this point the leadership of the SWP has remained silent on the maneuvers between the UAW bureaucracy and the Big Three against the auto workers. It's a matter of time before they begin to openly join with the Stalinists in supporting the bureaucracy as they have already done in the USW.

These developments are simply the expression in the US of the deepening collaboration between imperialism and Stalinism against the working class throughout the world and the treacherous role of centrism in this, something which has already taken its toll on the workers movement in Chile and Argentina and is the only thing holding back the workers revolution in Europe. Thus the outcome of the fight taken up by the Trotskyist Organization of the USA, to mobilize and organize the working class to build its own party on the basis of a platform of absolute independence from the capitalist state and irreconcilable opposition to class-collaboration and every party of class collaboration, will be decisive for the victory of the working class in '76.

## Free Mustafa Dzhemilev! Defend the Polish workers!

DEMONSTRATE SEPT. 5 AT THE POLISH EMBASSY IN CHICAGO!

The Platform which the Trotskyist Organization has presented to the working class -- a platform of combat -- and on the basis of which it is running candidates in the '76 elections to mobilize the youth, workers, and militants, is the only one to propose to the workers a resolute struggle against the reinforcement of the capitalist state; AGAINST THE VOLUNTARY ARMY, AGAINST THE GUN CONTROL LAWS, AGAINST THE S-1 BILL, FOR THE INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE WORKERS IN DEFENSE GUARDS. It is the only one to propose a struggle against any collaboration with this state; FOR A WORKERS GOVERNMENT! OUST WOODCOCK FOR COLLABORATION WITH THE CLASS ENEMY! And it is the only one which proposes an implacable struggle to defend and advance every right of the youth, the workers, and their unions; STOP GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION! FOR THE UNLIMITED RIGHT TO STRIKE! FULL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS FOR THE YOUTH AND OPPRESSED WITHIN THE UNIONS! FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT AGE 16!

For this reason in the last weeks over 80 youth, workers, and militants at Ford River Rouge, Ford Torrence, in the Latin American neighborhoods in Detroit, and at Wayne State University have given their support to this struggle and sent greetings to the World Workers Conference for the Socialist United States of Europe, called by the Fourth International, organized with the RYI, and held with the participation of youth, workers and militants from 10 different countries.

The Revolutionary Worker Youth of the USA, section (sympathizing) of the RYI, the only independent and mass organization of the youth in the USA for the world party, will hold a meeting this weekend with a report from its delegation to the World Workers Conference. This will be followed by a meeting of its National Committee to map out a plan of action to engage the masses of working class youth in this struggle, to form committees of action composed of every youth, worker and militant in the US who wants to celebrate the Spanish and Hungarian Revolutions at the side of the Fourth International with an unprecedented mobilization against imperialism and Stalinism on a world scale. Be there!

must bear the burden of the system's crisis.

Just look at Woodcock's "demands":

1. To "solve" unemployment (really to facilitate more layoffs) a shorter WORK YEAR with days off for good employers who can stand to go to work everyday, and Supplemental Unemployment Benefits to be reduced for lower seniority workers, that is the youth, who will be hit the hardest by the layoffs.

2. While the auto companies have made record projects, the UAW has been very vague about its wage proposals, asking for increases in return for more productivity from the workers. The Big Three, however, have set the guidelines within which any wage settlement will be made: A graduated wage scale under which new hires and lower seniority workers (again read, the youth) will be paid "substantially less" than higher seniority workers, and a ceiling on company contributions to health care programs.

3. Both the UAW and the big three agree that "absenteeism" is a serious problem, Fraser of the UAW's Chrysler Department even said that the UAW was even more interested in solving the problem than the auto barons! Not grueling work loads and inhuman working conditions but "absenteeism" is the problem.

But by far the most significant proposal by the auto companies has not yet been brought out into open discussion. This is a proposal that before a local could strike it would have to submit to arbitration

submit to arbitration by a "third party," a clear attempt to bind the unions to the capitalists' state, rendering them harmless. The UAW leadership is in full agreement with this plan which

would protect the bureaucracy as well from rebellions in the locals of the UAW, making it in effect "illegal" to strike without the bureaucracy's consent. And Woodcock has already said he would join Carter's cabinet as Secretary of Labor, making him responsible for the arbitration process!

Behind the spectacle of the contract round and the pretended antagonism between the auto barons and the UAW bureaucracy is a real agreement between them to preserve the "labor peace", at the expense, in fact, of labor. Woodcock, and the rest of the stooges of Capital are useful only as long as they can discipline the workers. The miners strike, which has already led the UMW bureaucracy to threaten to "expel" miners from the union for refusing to return to work, represents a tremendous threat to the alliance concluded between Woodcock and Carter.

As well the miners strike shows the only way forward for the autoworkers. OUST THE BUREAUCRATS, OUST WOODCOCK for collaborating with the capitalists and their government. This is the means to break up the conspiracy against the working class and its youth -- throw the traitors out and turn the trade unions into organizations of the oppressed, instruments of revolution and not of reaction.

The platform of the Trotskyist Organization in the '76 elections states: DOWN WITH THE BUREAUCRATS AND THEIR COLLABORATION WITH THE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS -- EXPEL WOODCOCK FROM THE UAW FOR CLASS COLLABORATION -- We do not have to wait until he joins Carter's Cabinet to prove that he is a class collaborator!

JOIN US AND TAKE THIS FIGHT INTO THE UNIONS!