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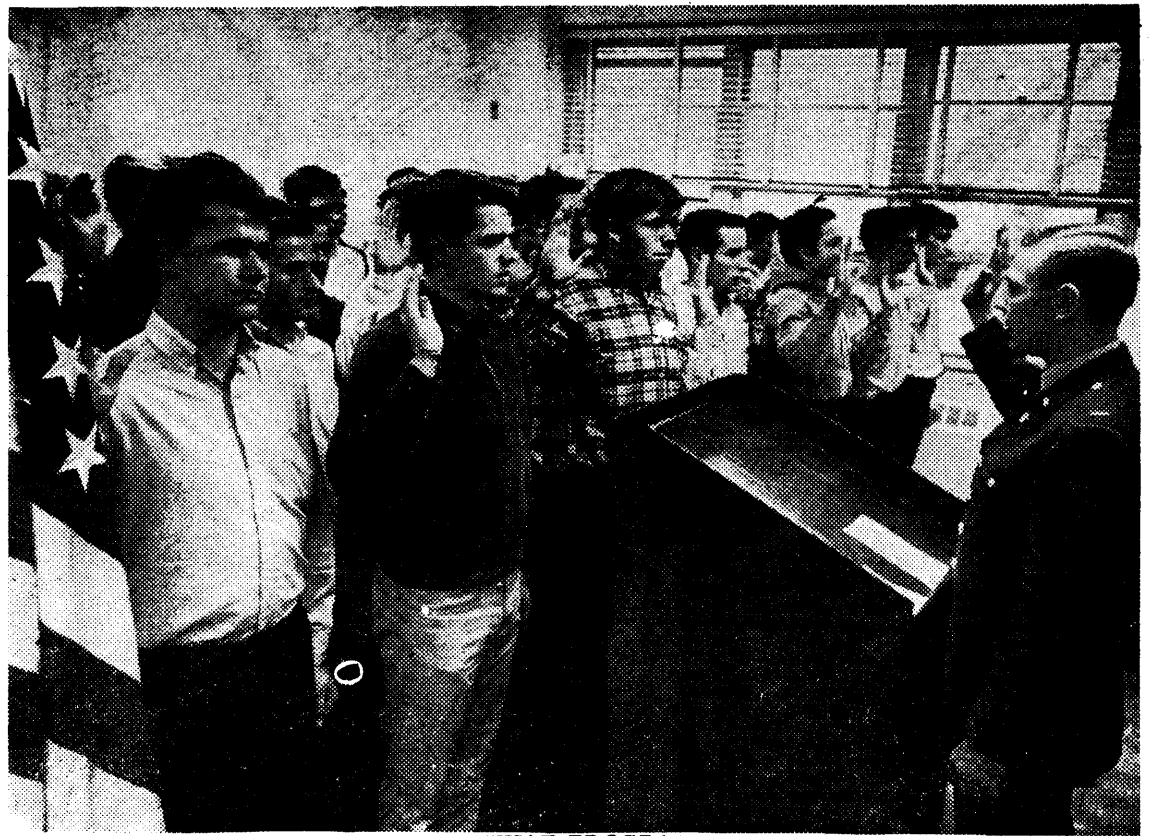
(Statement of Revolt and Workers League)

The war in Vietnam is the clearest expression of the ruthless drive of the American capitalists to preserve their system throughout the world. To maintain this system the capitalists are prepared to sacrifice the living standards and the very lives of the working class and of its youth. American working class youth have no future to look forward to under capitalism. They live in slums and poverty; they are underpaid and are constantly threatened by unemployment. These problems are overshadowed

by the draft that awaits the youth as soon as they finish school.

The working class youth must bear the burden of the war while the college student gets a deferment. These deferments represent the privileged position of the middle class youth in capitalist society. These youth are assured of a good education and a good job while the working class youth who have no place in this society are sent off to the battlefields. The army is capitalism's solution to the problem of unemployment.

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## 25,000 NYC City Workers Pack the Garden For United Struggle Against Anti-Strike Law

by a Welfare Worker  
New York City... "We are gathered here tonight for a common purpose to tell the story that will be heard throughout the country and around the world. We are united in a fight to the finish. We are up against a massive power. New York State has declared war on public employees. We will fight back with every weapon at our disposal and forge new weapons." These are the words of Charles Cogan, President of the American Federation of Teachers, as he spoke to a rally of public employees at Madison Square Garden on May 23rd. The rally, sponsored by DC 37, UFT, and TWU, was called to 'fight back' against RAT, a vicious anti-labor law designed to make slaves of public employees and to destroy their unions.

Public workers came from all over the country to attend the rally. 25,000 workers flocked to Madison Square Garden. Every seat was taken and, as a result, thousands of workers were turned away at the doors. Colorful hats and signs and marching bands brightened the massive building. Banners lined the tiers: "Only Slaves Can't Strike", "The Best is Yet to Come Despite Rockefeller-Travia Anti-Labor Law", "Politicians - Don't Play Games With Us." The massive turnout and the spirit of the rally is an indication both of the pressures the city workers are under and the determination to 'fight back'.

The labor bureaucrats who called the rally are likewise under pressure from their

ranks. The leaders of the three sponsoring unions joined together in an alliance of "mutual support and mutual reliance." The goals of this alliance as expressed by the speakers and in the "Declaration of the Rights of Public Employees" are:

### goals

1. To defend our right to maintain and improve our wages and working conditions, to defend our right to strike so that no legislators nor government officials can take away this right.

2. To bolster the resources and expand and perfect the organizations of the workers (specifically DC 37, UFT, TWU) in order to overcome all attacks on the unions.

3. To have the TWU, UFT, and DC 37 stand together in defense of one another until 'this evil law and its promoters are left in the dust of history.'

4. To launch a political struggle of the kind once called for by Samuel Gompers, "to reward our friends and punish our enemies."

The uniting of city workers and the pledge to fight politically against the intervention of the state in the trade unions marks a turning point in recent labor history. The question, however, still remains as to what steps must be taken to really defeat RAT and similar laws and to advance the struggles of the workers.

RAT deprives public workers of their only real weapon to make gains, the right to strike.

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PART OF THE 25,000 WORKERS WHO PACKED THE GARDEN.

### sweetheart contracts

## Teamsters, '65 Battle for Direct Mail

by '65er

In an industry where there are over three hundred shops in the municipal area and only sixty-some-odd are organized, the need to organize the unorganized is not just a slogan but rather a dire necessity. This is in fact the situation facing the Direct Mail Local of District 65, RSDWU, AFL-CIO.

The last contract negotiation between District 65 and the Direct Mail Master Contract Association highlighted a problem of which the Local's membership was already

aware. The Association rejected the Union's demands on the basis that any significant wage hikes would further widen the already existing pricing differentials between the union and non-union shops. The union workers are aware of the problem of competitive bidding, as we watch one account after another leave our shops, resulting in lay offs and in the last several months the closing of four organized shops.

Adding to the existing problems in the Direct Mail field are the activities of the Intl.

Brotherhood of Teamsters. The Teamsters have already signed Fifth Avenue Letter, one of the largest direct mail shops in the city, and have come close to securing a second shop, Readers Mail. In both cases the Teamsters' actions were despicably similar. Rather than approaching the shop workers on the basis of the benefits they could gain from becoming unionized, the Teamsters approached the employer, pointing out the savings he could expect with a Teamster rather than a 65

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# Progressive Labor Party Lies About Adam Malik and Trotskyism

(Statement by the Political Committee of the Socialist Labour League)

Our attention has been drawn to an article appearing in Vol 5 No. 6 (February-March 1966) of 'Progressive Labour', organ of the Pro-Chinese Progressive Labour Party, called 'Who is Adam Malik'.

In this article-which is a reprint of a statement of the Indonesian Students' Association in China-serious and unfounded allegations are made about the connections between Indonesia's most reactionary politician and Chief Minister for Political Affairs and Trotskyism.

Malik, it is well known, is a member of the Partai Murba, a nationalist party with a certain working class following founded by Tan Malakka, a leading Comintern figure in Asia in the 1920s and 1930s who opposed the late Stalin's policies in South-East Asia, but who later abandoned Communism for nationalism and disappeared mysteriously during the war of Independence in 1946-1948.

His party, the Murba (Common Man's) party, survived, but became a rabidly anti-Communist organization which lent itself to every reactionary movement aimed against

Sukarno and the PKI (the Communist Party of Indonesia.)

In September 1965 this party was banned by Sukarno for its collaboration with the generals in the formation of BPS (Body for the Promotion of Sukarnoism). Many of its activities seem to have been instigated by the CIA.

After the generals' coup and the massacre of Communists in Indonesia, Malik - who was director of Antara (the government news agency) and Minister-Co-ordinator for the Implementation of Guided Economy under Sukarno-became a prominent member and leading advocate of the bloody dictatorship ruling Indonesia. The ban on his party, of course, was lifted.

The Partai Murba is not, and never was, a Trotskyist party. Tan Malakka, the founder of the party, was a dissident Stalinist unaffiliated to any international. The subsequent fate of his party is neither the concern nor the responsibility of the Fourth International.

The only organization connected with Trotskyism was the Partai Acoma led by Ibnu Parna, which was affiliated to the revisionist United Secretariat in Paris. This group disintegrated and disappeared a long time before the gen-

erals' coup and we are still awaiting an explanation for its demise from its political godfathers in Paris and Brussels.

Therefore, the statements of Progressive Labour are, in our opinion, outrageously false and libellous. They are in the worst traditions of the socialist movement and are, in fact, a repetition of the unspeakable methods used in the Moscow trials.

The Trotskyist movement, unlike 'Progressive Labour', was the first to react against the coup of 1965, to protest the murders of Communist Party members and to analyze the background to the events which led to the coup.

The Trotskyist movement, led by the International Committee of the Fourth International, was the only movement to oppose Sukarno on a class basis and warn the working class of the consequences of Aidit's capitulatory policies, which had the blessing of both Moscow and Peking.

In fact, in the same issue of 'Progressive Labour,' there appears a statement from the Albanian Party of Labour on Indonesia which states, inter alia:

'NASAKOM, which represented the alliance of nationalist, religious and commun-

ist forces, was in existence a long time in Indonesia. The Communist Party of Indonesia did well to take part in NASAKOM.'

Did it? We do not think so. It was the most regrettable and unpardonable decision ever made by the PKI.

By doing so the PKI mortgaged irretrievably its own future as a communist organization and compromised itself before the masses. Two aspects of this policy are worth bearing in mind.

The first was the acceptance of Islam. The Ceylonese journalist, T. Vittachie, in his book on Sukarno, apropos this question, remarks:

'It (NASAKOM) convinced many people that Indonesian communists were different from other kinds: they must be since their leaders, D. N. Aidit, Njoto and M. H. Lukman, had sworn allegiance to the five basic principles of the Republic, and the first of these was belief in One God, and that Muhammad was his Prophet.'

The second--and even more disastrous and reformist--aspect of this policy was the implementation of NASAKOM itself.

'One of the strangest instances of the closeness of this relationship was that the PKI--to save Sukarno em-

barrassment--agreed not to organize any communist demonstrations against the soaring prices of household necessities. The price of a kilo of rice was almost as much as an artisan's daily wage. Housing was in wretchedly short supply. The prices of vegetables, fruits and even Kretek--the clove cigarette smoked by most Indonesians--had trebled between 1963 and 1965. But until 1965... there were no PKI-sponsored public demands for the lowering of prices. And Aidit went even further in his cooperative attitude: he promised to discourage other demonstrators from bringing the NASAKOM Government into disrepute by demanding the impossible...' ('The Fall of Sukarno', p. 19 Mayflower-Dell 1967.)

The support for NASAKOM and the policies which flowed from such an acceptance is an indictment--not of Trotskyism, but of Maoism, and 'Progressive Labour'.

We are certain that those who learn the lessons of Indonesia will turn unflinchingly to Trotskyism and that the working class of Indonesia will rise, Phoenix-like, from the ashes of 1965. Stalinism, in all its mutations, however, is doomed completely.

## CITY WORKERS

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In addition, as many speakers at the rally pointed out, without the right to strike, collective bargaining is meaningless and becomes compulsory arbitration, the tool the bosses use to prevent gains. The purpose of RAT is to destroy the labor movement and absorb the unions in the state apparatus. RAT represents the renewed and increased attack by big business and government on the American working class.

Public employees in New York are feeling the first shot of the war. What they do to fight back will give leadership to the rest of the labor movement. TWU president, Matthew Guinan, addressing the rally said, "the union movement is not dead. This is only wishful thinking on the part of our enemies. The rally proves this and is a solemn warning that we will not surrender." City workers must begin this struggle and must demand that all anti-labor measures be defeated.

The rally's sponsors--DC 37, UFT, TWU--point to the first step in waging this struggle - the need for unity. City employees together have more power than all the politicians and city bureaucrats put together. It is clear that in order to fight this major onslaught by the government, the workers cannot afford to be divided. This unity cannot be limited to three unions if the struggle is to be waged successfully. City workers must demand of their leaders that there be no exclusion of any union representing public employees from the formation now including DC 37, UFT, and the TWU, and from any future rallies or joint actions by these unions. The strength of labor lies in its unity - any division of the workers will be fully exploited by the bosses.

The second step is to build for an effective trade union struggle which can defeat RAT and similar anti-labor laws. DC 37, TWU, UFT have called for the bolstering of their resources and the pledge to support each other. The million dollar strike fund being raised by these unions should not, as has been proposed, be used to pay the fines imposed under RAT. The only way the unions can protect themselves from this law is to defy it and force legislative exemptions and eventual repeal. Labor leaders who seek to buy their way around this law, by paying \$10,000 a day to the government will only provide the legislature with a good excuse to increase the fines.

One union on strike paying the fine will not defeat RAT. What must be pledged by all city workers is that the first

city union forced to challenge this law will be backed by all other unions. This means all city workers out on the picket line, closing down all city services. This means a general strike.

The only mention at the rally of this kind of action was by Raymond Corbett, Pres. of N.Y. State AFL-CIO, who spoke of the general strike in France. However, he added, "I'm not suggesting that this type of action will happen, but if this keeps up it will certainly happen." The general

strike should not be a vague suggestion but should be the concrete threat which backs up the fight against RAT. It is the only threat which can bring about the repeal of this law.

The last step clearly posed at the rally is the need to go beyond simple trade union struggles to a political struggle. RAT is a political attack on the unions and must be answered politically. Although the labor bureaucrats pose the

need for a political struggle, the kind of struggle they propose will only perpetrate the political impotency which has afflicted the American labor movement throughout this century. In the four decades since Samuel Gompers, the American labor movement has been continuously beaten back by the Republican and Democratic parties. Yet these leaders are unable to assimilate the lessons of 40 years of struggle and can do no better than to invoke Gompers' most worthless piece of advice: "...to punish our enemies." Victor Gotbaum of DC 37 spoke at the rally of the "good politicians who voted with us against the bill despite pressure from their party and Travia." Such good guy politicians held seats of honor at the rally. To support these "good politicians" is to betray the workers, because LABOR HAS NO FRIENDS in either the Democratic or Republican parties. These are the parties of the bosses, not the workers.

At the rally, Jerry Wurf, head of AFSCME, called for the workers to "organize politically" and to build "a political machine to compete with the rotten machines." This we must do. But city labor will never make serious strides forward until it begins to run independent candidates for legislative office. The "political machine" must be an organization of the trade unions to elect trade union representatives. Labor candidates must be independent of both the Democratic and Republican parties for any candidates coming out of these parties will represent the interests of the boss.

## RALLY SONG: ROCKY AND TONY

Rocky and Tony are buddies  
Close as two fellas can be.  
On collective bargaining legislation  
both of them agree  
That the boss is right,  
And the workers are wrong.

When Rocky was running for office,  
He said, "Condon-Wadlin's a curse."  
But once elected he changed his mind  
And he made that law much worse.  
Next time he runs,  
We're gonna do him in.

Rocky went up to the State-house,  
Met Tony Travia there,  
Said, "Tony, these civil servants  
"are a-gettin' in my hair."  
"If you'll help me out,  
We can do them in."

When Tony was running for office,  
He said, "I'm the working-man's friend."  
Now he's double-crossed us,  
But we'll get him in the end.  
Next time he runs,  
We're gonna do him in.

Now all of you Democrats listen!  
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# SPARTACIST AND



by Fred Mueller

Last month (BULLETIN, Vol. 3 No. 18, May 8, 1967) we assessed the development of the Spartacist group in the year since its revisionism had been exposed at the Third Conference of the International Committee of the Fourth International, held in April 1966. Spartacist's behavior on the April 15th peace march in New York, as well as a recent split inside the group, were the latest examples of the crisis this group could not control and which was forcing it politically back towards the Socialist Workers Party.

Now Spartacist, on the heels of its confused position in the anti-war movement, has given further confirmation of its lack of principles. Its May-June issue contains a lengthy article entitled, "Healy at Liege and Peking" which, although somewhat belatedly, does shed some very important light on the method and politics of Spartacist.

Of some significance, although subordinate to the main political questions involved, is the irresponsible and unserious attitude of Spartacist toward its own organization and its press. Its latest issue comes 4 months after its previous number, and this is due, not to a lack of resources of finances, but to a lack of perspective. Thus the latest issue of Spartacist finally takes up the Liege demonstration, which was held in October of 1966. It also denounces the political position of the Socialist Labour League of Great Britain on the Red Guards, on the basis of an issue of the SLL Newsletter of nearly 6 months ago. From the standpoint of seriousness, of serious political struggle and intervention in struggle, Spartacist is of course ludicrous, to say the least. But it must still be taken up, as unserious as it is, because of what its method represents.

As far as the Chinese Revolution is concerned, Spartacist adds nothing but slander in its latest issue. Its own position is well known. It, along with Moscow and the SWP, has called the Red Guards and Mao the main enemy of the Chinese Revolution. As far as its slanders concerning the Socialist Labour League's "capitulation to Maoism" are concerned, these have all been answered in detail, in advance so to speak. Readers of the Newsletter and of International Correspondence know that, far from capitulating to Maoism, the SLL and the International Committee to which it adheres have demonstrated the real necessity of building a section of the Fourth International in China. Our critics have contented themselves with ivory-tower commentary and have tried to remain above the battle.

## liege

Spartacist's comments on Liege are more revealing. It refers to the participation of the British Youth Socialists and the French Revoltes youth organization in the Liege demonstration against the Vietnam War as a "sectarian provocation". It seems that the slogans defending the Hungarian Revolution which they raised, were "a deliberate provocation, entirely outside the framework of the Liege issues".

No, this is not a quote from the SWP. This is from a supposedly revolutionary organization, which just "coincidentally", on this issue as on many others, happens to have the same line as does the Pabloite SWP. The logic of Spartacist's anti-Marxist method has forced it to take positions which it itself would not have considered a short time ago.

We do not need Spartacist's or the SWP's lectures on what the "Liege issues" were. The Liege demonstration was historic because it showed that the Trotskyist forces of the International Committee were able to mobilize far greater numbers of youth in struggle against imperialism than were the re-

visionists

The Trotskyists linked Vietnam and Hungary because the class struggle is international and there is no such thing as "Liege issues" abstractly defined by one centrist group or another. We are proud that one thousand youth marched in defense of the Hungarian Revolution on its 10th anniversary, precisely at a time when the butchers of the Hungarian workers were seeking to collaborate more and more closely with the butchers of the Vietnamese. We see nothing artificial about this action and we think that the only ones who stand exposed are those who artificially seek to divide the struggles of the workers of Eastern Europe and the colonial world. It was the Trotskyist youth who demonstrated through struggle how meaningful the Hungarian Revolution is today, and who exposed so mercilessly and successfully how far the Pabloites are from a revolutionary policy. Since a world perspective of the linked crisis of imperialism and Stalinism is precisely what Spartacist lacks -- what they rejected at the April 1966 Conference of the IC -- their position is perhaps not so surprising, after all.

## stalinists

Spartacist is disturbed (8 months after the event) because it seems that the principled intervention of the Trotskyists resulted in the withdrawal of a small contingent of Belgian Stalinist youth from the Liege demonstration. This shows, according to Spartacist, that the Trotskyists are unable to politically confront an opponent (!), and that they refuse to struggle for the united front of the workers.

We have some questions to ask of Spartacist. Are you aware of the impact the SLL was able to make on the Communist Party after the Khrushchev revelations and the Hungarian Revolution. Are you aware of the continuing struggle of all the sections of the International Committee towards educating and winning over Communist Party militants. Do you know about the well-known CP members who are active shop stewards and trade unionists and who have attended recent Young Socialist conferences in England? Do you know about the support the British Trotskyists have given to demonstrations against the wage freeze called by the CP, although the CP has proscribed united work with the Trotskyists and has gone so far as to sabotage its own demonstrations out of fear that the Trotskyists would play a leading role in building them and in reaching the CP rank and file? Do you know about the campaign the SLL has been conducting for left unity around a program of militant struggle against the Wilson government?

Surely you cannot be ignorant of all these facts, since your newspaper indicates that you quite carefully read the Newsletter. Perhaps you do know the facts but choose not to mention them because they do not fit in very well with the SWP thesis on the SLL's ultra-leftism which you have swallowed whole? To impressionists and empiricists this is undoubtedly a tremendous contradiction. How is it that the same organizations which "provoked" the Stalinists and Pabloites in Liege are the organizations which have in practice also had the greatest success in reaching the ranks of the reformist and Stalinist parties? This is because the Trotskyist organizations of the International Committee of the Fourth International have fused the struggle for the masses with the struggle to build the revolutionary party. But this is precisely the conception you refused to understand back in April of 1966! That is why you cannot understand how to combine

theoretical and political struggle with reaching out to the masses without a trace of sectarianism.

## united front

Do not confuse the genuine struggle for the united front with the Pabloite and Stalinist version of the united front. To them the united front is the opposite of struggle. On their combined May Day demonstration in New York for "democracy" in Greece, the CP and SWP showed what they mean by a united front. The behavior of the Pabloites at Liege was part of this turn to the Stalinists. The turn toward popular front policies has led to the bloc with the Stalinists, which has developed on both sides of the Atlantic since Liege.

Where does the Spartacist stand on the bloc between the Pabloite revisionists and the Stalinists? It sounds more and more as though it approves this bloc, tailing along after it somewhat reluctantly. How else can we interpret refusal to raise the slogan of victory to the National Liberation Front, its position on Liege, and its continuing attack on the alleged ultra-leftism of the SLL and its co-thinkers.

The main resolution on perspectives adopted by the founding conference of the Workers League in November 1966, said the following about Spartacist:

"The Spartacist must be understood as a 'left' expression of the nationalism and revisionism of the SWP. As this group never faced up to the history of the SWP and understood its essential character, so they inevitably fall prey to its nationalism, its theoretical bankruptcy, its unprincipled school of politics. Spartacist is a group without perspective or principle."

## real nature

Spartacist in the past year has proceeded from handing over lying and factional material on the Fourth International to the SWP, to aiding the Pabloite-inspired Tate affair, to parroting the Pabloite line on China and softening its line on Vietnam. Now it has come to the defense of the revisionists at Liege, somewhat belatedly, but definitively nonetheless. It has revealed its real nature on every crucial issue facing the international working class and the Marxist movement.

Spartacist has amply confirmed the prognosis we stated just six months ago. All the new forces won to the Workers League as well as to the affiliated sections of the International Committee are better revolutionaries because of the conscious theoretical and political struggle against Spartacist as part of the struggle against revisionism. This struggle will continue.

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## DIRECT MAIL

(Continued from Page 1) contract. The employer is then told to go out and organize his shop for the Teamsters.

The Teamsters' meeting with the workers of Readers Mail gives an honest representation of the meaning of a sweetheart contract. They promised the workers only that their benefits would exceed their present working conditions. How much more, well that would be up to the shop's negotiating committee. There were no

minimum demands to be made for this shop or for any other, it was not the needs of the workers that motivated the organization of this shop but rather the need of the union for increased membership and additional funds. To eliminate any doubts on that score, the Teamsters distributed as part of their membership applications, check off affirmations which contained a clause that prevented the signee from terminating his membership in the Teamsters, with the

exception of a ten day period just prior to the termination of a contract. This device makes it virtually impossible for the entire shop to change its union affiliation.

In the midst of this raiding operation by another union of shops which District 65 has been attempting to organize, all that the leadership of 65 saw fit to do was to send two rank and filers to the Readers Mail meeting for legalistic reasons. 65 viewed what transpired without anger or

rancor. They didn't attempt to leaflet calling a sweetheart contract by its rightful name and telling the workers of both shops the reasons their bosses called for their membership in the Teamsters. No effort was made to ask for AFL-CIO condemnation of the Teamsters' activity. And no effort was made to have the entire crew of organizers and officers of this immense union confront the workers of both shops at their place of employment and at the Teamster Hall.

It's much easier for 65's leadership to complain of rank and file indifference rather than to attempt to democratize the union. And it is certainly easier for them to say that certain industries have generic problems which we will some day be able to solve, rather than to make any real effort at solution. It's only when the rank and filer understands the role of the union bureaucracy and organizes in his own support that this will be changed.



## ANNOUNCE AGENDA FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ASSEMBLY



YOUTH ASSEMBLY FLOAT WAS FEATURE OF BRITISH MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION.

Participation in the International Assembly of Youth will not be tied to an obligation to adhere a priori to the program of the International Committee, or to accept the program of the Fourth International, but is linked to the desire to open a perspective to youth to fight against the decay of capitalism, lack of opportunity and unemployment.

The Youth Assembly is being called by the British Young Socialists and the French Revoltes and will be held in England from July 29th to August 5th. The American Revolt group, supporters of the Workers League, are organizing a contingent to attend the Assembly.

The main agenda points will include:

a) The fight against the decay of capitalism (not in an abstract manner, but from the experiences of the struggle, of which student work is an integral part - this work having a separate report - linked to the fight in relation to the trade unions and inside

the trade unions against worker' bureaucracy, the fight against the treacherous social democratic and the Stalinist apparatus.)

b) The fight against the imperialist war and for the defence of the Vietnamese and Chinese Revolutions.

c) the world unity of the struggle of youth exploited by capitalism or dominated by bureaucracy. The preparation of this Assembly is being directed just as much towards youth in capitalist countries, as the youth in countries dominated by bureaucracy.

The Assembly will take place at a camp in England and there will be ample opportunities for social activities and sports. Two days will be free for such activities and socials will be held in the evenings.

Revolt announces that it has been able to arrange for a group round trip flight. Total cost for both transportation and camp will be \$263. The flight will leave Friday July 21st and return on Friday August 4th. This will make it

possible for those wishing to attend also the annual camp organized by the Socialist Labour League and the Young

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### unity with students

## NYC Teachers Prepare to Strike in Fall and Defy RAT Slave Bill

by a UFT member

"There is no question but that the failure of the Board to negotiate is largely due to a feeling of security prompted by the passage of the Rockefeller-Travia Bill.

"We serve notice now to the Board of Education that this sense of security is false. Law or no law, the public schools cannot be operated without 50,000 teachers. Law or no law, we will live up to our policy of no contract-no work." This is the strongly worded statement Albert Shanker (Pres. UFT Local 2, AFT, AFL-CIO) wrote in the April 1967 newsletter United Action.

### RAT

Like the TWU and District Council 37, the UFT recognizes the pressure being brought to bear upon the city unions by the Rockefeller-

Travia law. The UFT membership and bureaucracy are quite aware that there is no need for the Board of Education to negotiate, to make offers on salaries, class size, preparation periods, welfare or sick leave, or anything else for that matter. The Board was waiting for the RAT bill to pass and now it will make a few meaningless offers such as admitting a handful of new kindergarten pupils, and leave the teachers and the students to operate in the schools on last year's unsatisfactory level which gets progressively worse. Or the UFT can live up to President Shanker's militant sounding threat and strike.

Two years ago, though, the union's bureaucracy buckled under the Condon-Wadlin act, and the membership worked for months with no contract. The state and city adminis-

trations have reason to feel pretty safe again -- UNLESS the teachers recognize that they must not only struggle against anti-union legislation in rallies but also must struggle against their own union bureaucracy and force them to act consistently like trade-unionists.

### related

To do this the teachers must understand all the pressures on them, such as what the Board of Ed. doesn't offer (which is part and parcel of the financial crisis in municipal areas throughout the country). The Rockefeller-Travia Law must be understood as a way of dealing with city workers similar to Johnson's way of dealing with railroad workers (compulsory arbitration). These are related attacks, and the teachers must begin to understand

their relationship to other city unions under the immediacy of the attack of the RAT law and also understand that this is just part of attacks on the working class as a whole.

When salaries don't go up and there aren't enough new teachers or books and classes are oversized again and the contract hasn't been signed again in the fall, teachers must recognize that they are being hit over the heads just like the railroad workers. And their response to this must be a labor response-- make the UFT bureaucracy stand by its slogan of "no contract - no work".

### students

Key to a successful strike is the unity of the teachers and the students. The recent strike in Baltimore was won primarily because the students supported the strike by rioting

in the schools, yelling and throwing things at the scabs that crossed the picket lines. The teachers and the students both suffer under a system which robs money from education in order to spend it to kill Vietnamese workers and peasants.

But the UFT presently developed a very hostile attitude particularly towards students in ghetto and working class schools. It is threatening strike unless the Board of Education brings police in the schools to protect them from the students. As long as teachers view their role as policing students rather than struggling together with the students against the system which oppresses them both the teachers and students will remain divided and the Board of Education stronger. The UFT leadership is encouraging this divisive trend.

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bloody job of defending the system that exploits them and workers all over the world. To shape the youth to this task the Army disciplines the youth by breaking their independent spirit and moulding their will to suit the needs of the capitalists. To make this more effective Johnson wants to draft the youth as early as possible, at age 19.

The Workers League and Revolt are unequivocally opposed to the draft and we call for the abolition of student deferments. However, we do not believe, like the pacifists, that if everyone simply lays down their arms there will be no more war. There can be no peaceful solutions to the tremendous upheavals that are shaking the world. We live in an era of increasingly sharp class struggle. This struggle is bringing the working class of every country into bloody conflict with their ruling class. Wherever possible, the US Army intervenes to crush these revolutionary

movements, bringing war, oppression and devastation.

We therefore support the right of the Vietnamese people to bear arms in their struggle against US Imperialism. The Vietcong represent the will of the Vietnamese workers and peasants to defend their revolution against those who seek to destroy it. Only the victory of the National Liberation Front and the defeat of the US can bring real peace to Vietnam.

Because the draft is essential to the preservation of the capitalist system, opposition to the draft cannot be an isolated, individual action. Symbolic protest has no meaning or effectiveness because it does not pose the fundamental question of how to change society. In opposing the draft, youth must be armed with the consciousness that they are engaged in a long range struggle to build a positive alternative to the capitalist system, where wars and exploitation will no longer

exists

The first condition of this struggle is the construction of a revolutionary socialist youth movement. This movement will not only have the power to back up mass refusals of induction into the Army but will fight for all the demands of youth, regarding jobs, wages, union rights, training and recreation. Youth who are presently in

the Army must be given the right to freely assemble and express their views on the war without fear.

While opposition to the draft is an important part of this struggle against the war it is not the most essential one. The workers struggling in the factories against the tyranny of the bosses represent the real threat to Johnson's war

plans. While the ruling class must depend on the workers to produce the military equipment to wage the war, at the same time the war is paid for off the workers backs. They are faced with increased attacks on their living standards in the form of attempts to hold down wages, rising prices and anti-strike legislation.

The working class, holding in its hands the powerful weapon of the strike, is the only force that can stop the war. Youth must and will play a militant and leading role in the struggles of the working class. A revolutionary socialist youth movement fusing its demands with those of all workers will strengthen and re-inforce the struggle against military service and all imperialist wars. Revolt and the Workers League, in recognizing the unity of the struggles of the youth and of older workers, fight together with a common aim, the building of a new society under socialism.

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