

SUMMER 1967 -- NO JOBS, MORE COPS

program for working class youth

by Revolt

Another summer is here, and for millions of young people it means no jobs, crowded beaches, and cops on every corner. For drop-outs, high school students, and high school graduates temporary summer jobs or permanent jobs are getting more and more scarce.

New York's Mayor Lindsay, Vice-President Humphrey and other capitalist politicians have urged the bosses to make more jobs available at this time. But everyone knows

how phony these appeals are, when the economy has been contracting, even in the middle of the war in Vietnam.

With unemployment threatening to increase sharply again for the entire working class, the youth face this problem right now. Black youth are especially hard hit by the continuing crisis. A U.S. census survey of 1964 puts the unemployment rate of white teenagers at 15% and of Negro teenagers at 25 to 35%. The job situation has not improved since then.

What concern can we have for "law and order", what possible respect can we have for the capitalist system and its cops, when we know from the time we know anything about our lives that we face dead-end jobs or unemployment in the years ahead? If not for the war in Vietnam, increased draft quotas, and the phony war on poverty, the situation would be much more desperate than it is even now.

What possible loyalty can youth have to a system if it offers them only a choice fac-

ing millions of young people today? Nothing exposes the capitalist system more than this choice before us today. We must overthrow this system and create another choice for ourselves.

The so-called anti-poverty programs reach only a small percentage and solve no problems even for those who are involved. All the government programs are set up to control us and direct our energies and attention away from our real problems.

Some summer and year-

round jobs are provided for high school dropouts, including work in the parks, community centers and the court system. But these jobs pay as little as \$20 to \$30 per week. These scab wages can't possibly give young workers any self-respect or confidence in the future.

The Job Corps camps are even more clearly designed not to aid us but to keep us under control. We are given training in areas such as conservation, which are of little

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Imperialists Pit Arab Against Jew In Mid East War

In seeking to understand the present Middle Eastern crisis we must look beneath the surface appearances and recent events. No understanding or solution is possible based upon the public statements and position of the contending sides, or the revolting hypocrisy on daily display at the United Nations.

The official Israeli version of the conflict is openly chauvinist and reactionary. There is no distinction made by the Zionists between the Arab masses and their leaders. Nor are they interested in linking the destiny of Israel to that of its Arab neighbors. There is no justification, nor can there be, for the uprooting of one million Palestinian Arabs, for the Israeli collaboration with the Anglo-French Suez adventure of 1956, or the overall policy of alliance with Western imperialism on the part of Israel. This policy has gone so far that the respectable Zionist Organization of America asks the U.S. government, in full page newspaper advertisements, not to allow the Middle East to become a "red lake", but to apply to the Middle East the same firm policy the U.S. is now applying in Vietnam! Notwithstanding all this, the bourgeois Zionist leadership would have everyone believe that they simply want to be left alone by their Arab neighbors. Such a wish, even if it were sincere, is utterly utopian and reactionary.

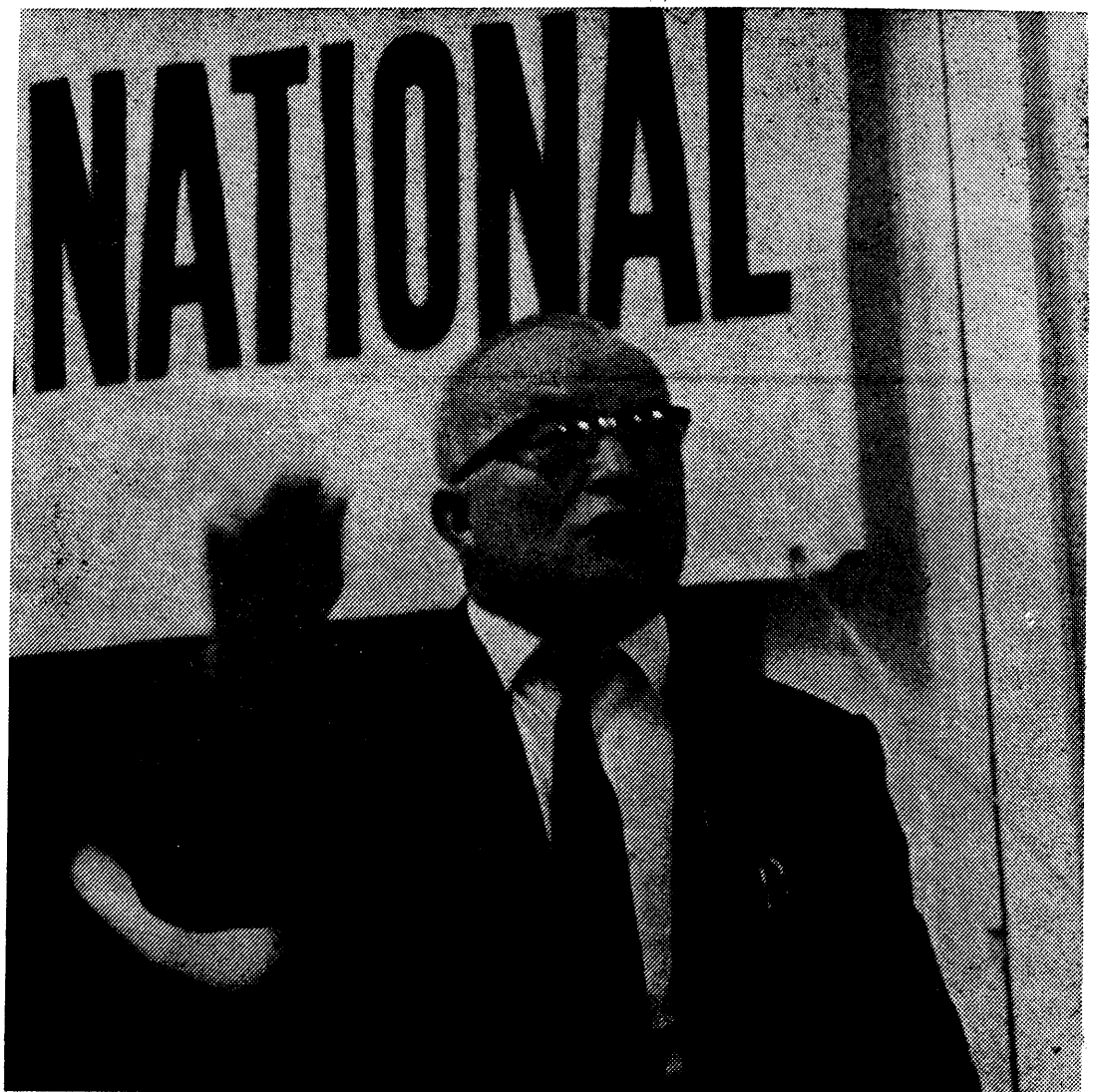
The official Arab version is just as phony as its Israeli counterpart. It plays upon the revolutionary aspirations of the Arab masses, upon their

justified hatred of imperialism and of Israel's role as a pawn of imperialism, to channel this hatred and revolutionary anger into a completely nationalist path. In just the same way the Zionists use the Nazi holocaust as well as the continuing threat and existence of anti-Semitism to justify their own nationalism and to dismiss all criticism. The Arab masses are not told, of course, that imperialism is the main enemy and that a socialist revolution in alliance with workers everywhere, including the Jewish workers, is necessary. They are told to hate the Jewish workers and to trust and support their own bourgeois rulers. Nasser's interest in the present confrontation is to strengthen his position. He keeps the real issues hidden by his demagogic appeals to nationalism.

Pan-Arabism is necessary, but only realizable within a revolutionary context. Pan-Arabism to Nasser means unity of the various bourgeois regimes behind his leadership, not unity of the working-class of the whole region to end landlordism and imperialism forever. This is why Nasser has moved so quickly to re-establish his alliance with the openly pro-Western Jordanian monarchy.

source

The real source of the Middle East conflict lies much deeper than the present policies of the Arab and Israeli regimes. It is the strategy of imperialism which must be seen and understood behind (Continued on Page 2)



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still no contract

Welfare Workers Plan Sit-Down Strike

by a Welfare Worker

The Executive Committee of the Social Service Employees Union has authorized a sit-down strike to start on June 19 unless the city agrees in writing to submit all unresolved issues to fact-finding by June 15; after that date, only a negotiated settlement satisfactory to the membership can call off the strike.

This action is the result of a complete refusal on the part of the city to settle issues supposedly thrown into fact-finding after last January's strike. Armed with new anti-strike legislation--the infam-

ous RAT Bill--the city is out to break all city unions.

refusal

In January, the SSEU considered the city's wage offer of \$1350 over two years as inadequate. Now the city has chiseled this offer down so that many members would receive a smaller increase; so the SSEU are fighting to get back to the city's original offer. In January, most SSEU militants were fighting against the inclusion of a no-strike clause and several other sections that would severely limit the unions power. Now there

is no doubt that our contract will include such clauses.

The rank and file of our union want to know how it is that four months after the conclusion of our strike, we wind up in many ways with less than what we started with in January. They want to know when a contract will be signed and when they will get their retroactive pay raises.

The refusal of the city to negotiate with us and the rest of the municipal labor movement stems directly from the passage of the new Taylor (RAT) bill. This bill gives (Continued on Page 4)



SANITATION MAN REFUSES TO CROSS PICKET LINE.

by Irv Hacker

At a time when the Federal Government is seriously considering anti-strike legislation, the workers of the City of New York were forced to tolerate what amounted to a strike by the landlords.

Since 1943, any apartment in New York City renting for \$250 a month or less, which was not a subdivided apartment, has been rent controlled. This concept of rent control is a device of "en-

lightened capitalism" to prevent the demise of all middle income dwellings in the city.

The rent control law which the landlords find so intolerable, guarantees to the landlord a return of 8% based on his assessed property evaluation. Also, this law permits the landlord to raise by 15% the rent on any apartment when a tenant moves. If this still isn't sufficient for the landlord, the city also permits him to apply for a rent

Landlords Force Strike to Kill Controls

increase any time that he feels that his income from a dwelling is so low that it creates a hardship.

The city in turn makes but one demand of him. The landlord is required to provide sufficient maintenance to adhere to the health and safety regulations of New York City. To the landlord of a regulated building an 8% return is not sufficient, compared to the profits of his non regulated brethren.

rents

The contract negotiations of Local 32B of the Building Service Employees Union provided the landlords with the excuse they were looking for to try to end rent control. This local's members -- custodians, porters, elevator operators, doormen, handymen -- earn an average of \$85 a week. Their problem is not one of greed but rather one of economic necessity. Local 32B demanded an increase of \$15 weekly, a demand met by the landlords of non regulated buildings. The owners of the owners of the rent controlled buildings insisted that they could not meet this demand as long as rent control continued.

There is no doubt that the landlords expected that the

odor of rotting garbage in the halls and the climbing of 14 flights of stairs, would make the residents of New York City more amenable to their demands. To a certain extent the landlords were correct in regard to the city administration. The city forced negotiations on revising the rent control law and it also forced the sanitation workers to cross Local 32B's picket line, something which the head of the sanitation workers union complied with happily since it scored points with his boss the mayor.

But what the landlords didn't count on was the sympathy accorded to the apartment workers by the residents of the buildings where they worked. The tenants knew the workers and sympathized with their salary demands. And almost without exception, the tenants did not fall for the landlords' complaint that he wasn't making enough from his investment.

politics

Mayor Lindsay, regardless of his sympathy for the poor landlords' plight, wants to remain in politics. Overtly junking rent control would sink the mayor into the political oblivion which he so justly deserves. So it seems

likely that a compromise will be reached such as the one which Lindsay recently proposed. This would grant increases on apartments which have not had rent increases since 1953. The blame for this increase will be put on Local 32B. The landlords will also probably receive assurances that the city will end rent control whenever it is politically feasible.

Aside from the far from insignificant economic gain that will accrue to members of 32B at the end of this strike, the realization that they have had the support of the tenants in their buildings, should act in the future to encourage them in their struggles against their employers.

But in order to maintain the support of the tenants Local 32B must insist in the future that the landlords be forced to pay and not be allowed to pass on the wage increases to the tenants, many of whom are working people like the members of 32B. As far as the profits of the landlords are concerned that is neither the concern of the building workers nor the tenants. We don't need the landlords and the sooner the whole lot of them are thrown out the better.

ARAB-ISRAEL

(Continued from Page 1) the present situation. This strategy, in the Middle East as elsewhere, is the strategy of divide and rule. Just as in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America, artificial geographic divisions make the task of continued imperialist domination much easier once formal independence has been "granted" to colonial peoples. Pan-Arabism is progressive in so far as it fights against these divisions, but it must not omit Israel. If the Arab masses vent their hostility on the Israeli workers instead of on the imperialists and their own capitalist rulers, they are in reality playing into the hands of the imperialists, and of the Arab and Israeli capitalists as well.

The imperialists need racialism and communalism. They encourage these tendencies, not simply in the Middle East, but in Ceylon, Ireland, Nigeria, the U.S. itself and elsewhere. In Ceylon the Sinhalese majority is whipped into a frenzy against the Tamil minority, and the Tamils are cut off as much as possible from the Sinhalese. In Nigeria tribal antagonisms are played up, and in Northern Ireland demagogic anti-Catholicism (Paisleyism) keeps the workers apart. The

situation in the U.S., the fostering of antagonism between black and white workers is part of this same pattern. Out of these festering divisions fascist movements can and have developed. The imperialists combine hypocritical statements on brotherhood with actual policies which encourage disunity of the working class. This disunity is not simply a reflection of the ignorance or backwardness of human nature. It can and has been overcome. It is capitalism which consciously encourages it, for specific class aims.

Everywhere, whether or not racial or national oppression or antagonism is involved, class oppression is the dominant fact of life and only through ending the system of class oppression can the racial and national diversions be overcome. Almost everywhere nationalism plays a reactionary role in the world today, holding the workers back from a struggle against their real enemies.

soviets

Soviet policy in the Middle East suits only the foreign policy needs of the bureaucracy. Now the Kremlin builds up the bourgeois national leaders, refrains from any criticism of them while

they jail and even murder Communists by the thousands. The Chinese also refuse to take an internationalist position. Thus the Stalinists perform their usual role of channeling revolutionary sentiments into support for capitalism. It is no accident that only the Fourth International can explain that a revolutionary party and the unity of the Arab and Jewish workers is required.

A revolutionary policy for the Middle East only appears unreal to those who ignore or are afraid of the working class acting in its own interests. The basis for a revolutionary policy exists right now. The Arab masses are growing increasingly impatient with their present conditions of poverty and mass unemployment. All the so-called radical measures of state intervention taken in the last 10 years remain within a capitalist framework and are unable to lift the standard of living of the masses or accomplish appreciable industrialization. Indeed, this continuing crisis is what leads the Arab regimes to solidify their positions via dramatic confrontation with Israel.

crisis

But the growing intensity of class struggle is not confined to the Arab countries. In Israel there has been a tremendous upsurge of struggle in the last year. The Zionists point to the progress of Israel surrounded by its supposedly backward enemy. This progress is completely bound up with aid from the imperialist countries and cannot solve the basic problems of the region, which Israel cannot separate itself from. In addition, the very connection of Israel to imperialism now produces an economic crisis in Israel similar to the one affecting Great Britain. Thus unemployment

and wage freezing have been used in the efforts of the Israeli capitalists to solve their crisis. As in Britain and elsewhere, the crisis has forced the capitalists to mount an attack upon the working class, an attack which the workers have answered. Just three months ago thousands of trade unionists in Tel Aviv demonstrated against the government.

Thus we see that economic struggles are being forced by the logic of the crisis toward political struggles against the government which supports the bosses. The Zionist propagandists would like the facts of the class struggle in Israel to be forgotten, but the workers themselves will not allow them to be forgotten.

class

Just as in the case of the Arabs, the Israeli regime's policies in the current crisis are closely connected to its internal crisis. The confrontation with the Arabs has led to the appointment of Dayan as Defense Minister, in a Cabinet shuffle which marks a sharp shift to the right. The regime now speaks of a government of national unity. The hostility of the Arabs is needed just as the Arab leadership needs an Israeli scapegoat.

One word must be said about Mapam, the left-socialist Is-

raeli party. This party plays a role similar to that of the "lefts" in the British Labor Party. It is part of the Cabinet, and therefore bears full responsibility for the criminal policies of the capitalist government. Mapam's talk of socialism and even of Arab-Jewish brotherhood are meaningless because of its acceptance of Zionism and its classical centrist refusal to fight its own bourgeoisie. The Israeli workingclass will have to build a revolutionary leadership in spite of and against the policies of Mapam.

The workers of the Middle East, both Arabs and Jewish, will be heard from again. Nasser's successful diplomacy and the Israeli cabinet shift are responses to a fundamental class struggle. These moves only strengthen the capitalists temporarily. They also show, more importantly, the instability of the capitalist regimes themselves. They are all forced to rely upon chauvinist hysteria. Notwithstanding the current orgy of chauvinism and nationalism, the workers can and will unite to overthrow capitalism and imperialism. For that, however, a revolutionary party must be built and that is why the struggles of the International Committee of the Fourth International are so crucial.

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Gerry Healy Speaks on the Struggle for Power

REPORT TO SLL 9TH CONGRESS

The fundamental crisis in the Labour and Tory Parties is what we call the crisis in the superstructure of British politics. Major political developments in the future will emerge and be determined by this state of affairs.

The Labour government, as you know, is now engaged in a struggle against the trade unions. Its efforts to legally tie the unions to the state are only in their early stages. This is just the beginning. We now know that the government is going in for wage-cutting on a substantial scale.

The proposal to increase electricity charges, the threat to increase gas charges, the constant moves of councils all over the country to increase rates and rents, is wage cutting, immediately affecting the standard of living of the working class. Further, the government and its Labour advisors are constantly advising the employers on how to proceed against militant trade union organization in the factories. They are encouraging the employers to fight back against the working class.

In this situation the problem posed is one of power. But, say the revisionists and faint-hearts amongst the 'left', how can you possibly talk of power when the working class don't recognize this problem?

Only a small handful of people today, throughout the country, recognize the problem of power, and you are unable to do anything about it because you are so very small.

This is the impressionist outlook which predominates in the minds of all the pessimists, because they see the class struggle as something existing outside them, and away from them, and away from anyone. They see the class struggle as something that is divorced from people, something to be discussed and debated academically, something to be written about in the exercise books, or conveniently ignored.

In point of fact, once the state emerges in politics against the labour movement, the labour movement, is left with no alternative but to commence the struggle for power, even though it will not be aware of this alternative.

Each and every blow in each and every factory that strong organization gives against the policy of the present government, is a struggle which involves power. When you fight the state and the government, you are engaging in actions which raise the problem of power.

Central problem

That is why we Marxists begin with this central problem, and not just with immediate tactics. The strategy for the working class today is only conceivable within the policy for power. The strategy of power, in its own way, alters continuously the relation of class forces in this or that industry.

Unless you proceed with the perspective that power is posed, you cannot examine the new problems that are arising. If you think that the class struggle is abstract, then these new problems are also abstract.

If you cannot see them as part of a living, moving force, of class forces, interlocked in combat, if you cannot study them in their motion, then you cannot understand what is new and what is being provided as a result of experiences for the working class to learn.

To ignore this problem of power is like getting into a motor car and starting to drive by looking at the gearstick instead of looking through the windscreen. Whilst you are staring at the gearstick, the car is moving off and you will probably hit a wall.

In other words, when considering all problems today, do so within the perspective of power. There cannot be a proper consideration of tactics unless our strategy guides us to the central problem of power. And there is, to be sure, a conflict



STRUGGLE FOR POWER WAS THEME OF 1967 SLL MAY DAY MARCH

between this strategy and the Socialist Labour League.

All the impressionists and faint-hearts repeat over and over again that the working class are moving into action and we are not leading them. But that is precisely the essence of the whole problem.

The contradiction between the working class moving into action without leadership, and the development of leadership in a scientific Marxist way, constitute opposites of a process. Opposites that are changing and have to be unified and brought together, in order to be analyzed.

That is why, without the conception of power, it is impossible to work out the tactics for building the party. These apparent opposites, between the smallness of forces of the Marxist movement, and the big potential revolutionary developments in the class, constitute the contradiction which is the mainspring of development itself, and not something that is just an abstract fixture, the working class in one place and the revolutionary party in another.

The impressionists and revisionists always separate the tasks facing the working class into water-tight compartments as it were. They separate the fight in the factories and confine it to what is known as 'rank-and-fileism'.

They say that these factory workers cannot be interested in Marxism because they haven't enough time to understand it, it's too complicated for them, the words are too big.

So they proceed to argue that all the policy you need for workers today is a few slogans, such as strengthen factory organization, for 100 per cent trade unionism and defend your shop stewards—all very necessary, but inadequate.

With this very small weight in their pockets they go forward to do battle against the state and the employers. They strive to involve workers in actions for which there are no preparations. In other words, these syndicalist and state capitalists are advising workers to go to war with matchsticks.

Instead of being prepared for the offensive, be prepared for defence. All this is reformist activity which separates the tasks coming up in the factories and the trade unions, from the political problem of power.

These people argue for the method of driving a car by keeping your eyes glued to the changing of gears and ignore the windscreen.

We have to unify in our theoretical work the problem of power presented by the state, and the role of the revolutionary party, then study them in motion, study their conflict, and as a result of this determine our tactics.

Strategy for power

The decisive question is for our conference to arm itself with the strategy of power, in order that we can understand deeply in the course of our experiences, all the factors developing in this highly explosive situation; the weaknesses in the armour of the bourgeoisie; the weaknesses in the armour of the reformists and Labour leaders.

Then we can exploit these by continuously explaining to workers and participating with them in all the struggles which they face. This is the epoch in which the strategy for power must predominate, and without it there can be no substitute.

We say, unequivocally, that the crisis in the superstructure of the Labour and Tory Parties today and the capitalist system as a whole, is posing the problem of power, and that more and more workers will begin to think in these terms.

They have passed through a succession of Labour governments. They are emerging with a long experience of the betrayals of these Labour governments.

If we cannot see what is new in this situation, we will miss the boat completely in the coming period. The building of a revolutionary party is not an arithmetical numerical problem.

The building of the revolutionary party is precisely a revolutionary action. You can't be a revolutionary, you cannot conceive of revolutionary action, unless you conceive of the problem of power. That's what is central. That's what is changing everything.

Because the conflict of class forces is posing direct questions for the whole of society, not just reformist questions—direct questions.

More and more this will determine consciousness, and if we continuously intervene with this perspective in view, our party will be enriched, our party work will be transformed.

We want this to happen, because in Britain we have the great possibility to be the first party in the oldest capitalist country in the world to follow the Bolshevik road. We accept that responsibility.

The kind of party which Lenin set out to build in Russia is the type of party we are out to build here. We are beginning with the Marxist theory, as developed by Lenin and Trotsky, we are developing this theory as a result of our education and experience of the history of the workers' movement.

We are taking our place very firmly with the working class and we oppose all revisionists who in one form or another attempt to play down the role of the working class.

But we are bringing into the workers' movement scientific Marxist knowledge. We are training and educating leaders in the movement who will learn as a result of their propaganda and agitational work to educate and prepare more cadres and more leaders.

During these experiences we shall continuously engage in all forms of struggles. We shall not neglect a single struggle, be it a rents strike, a movement or demonstration against the imprisonment of revolutionaries overseas, continuous struggle against the infamous war in Vietnam and the Prices and Incomes Act.

All this is one continuous round of related activity in the course of building a party.

We do not separate our experiences in Britain in the fight against the Prices and Incomes Act from our struggle to defend the Vietnamese revolution.

We are extremely conscious of this responsibility, that insofar as we fight and expose the Labour government, weaken the Tories and the ruling class, we weaken the allies of American imperialism, we weaken thereby American imperialism.

Every blow struck, therefore, against the reactionary policies of the Labour government is a blow in defence of the Vietnamese revolution. We reject the pacifist talking-shop of simple protests and proposals for peace. We are part of the international class struggle, a struggle that is continuous, that can only be decided by a victory for one side or the other.

In the course of our struggle to train leaders, we do not train leaders in the abstract, academic sense, we train leaders within the movement, leaders who can test out the theories of Marxism, who can develop their theories when they think they have to be developed as a result of discussion within the party, who enrich this theory, but who proceed with the principles of Marxism, and who are prepared to build on the gains and the conquests of the Russian Revolution. This is the kind of party we are building.

So we don't, under any consideration, water down the principles of our party. We don't engage in rank-and-file movements as a substitute for the party. When we engage in movements it is with the purpose of building and strengthening the party. When we learn the lessons from these movements these lessons constitute an extension of party theory.

For us, party consciousness is inseparable from all our activities. We cannot see the working class taking the power and being released from the bondage of imperialism and capitalism without the construction of the revolutionary party.

We begin as Lenin did. On the question of trade union work we reject completely any idea of spontaneity, any ideas that the working class will automatically throw up their own leadership. We don't accept this policy. That is why, no matter how close to us people may appear to be in the field of militancy, we still have the responsibility not to allow worker-members of our party to be purely militants.

We have the responsibility to teach them in an all-sided way about the big problems facing the workers' movement and to educate them on how to tackle these problems, to give them strength, to give them experience as far as possible in the course of these struggles, and to politically enrich and develop the party as an integral part of this process.

We are the only movement that has consistently fought the government on the policies which are now affecting millions of workers. Of course, our critics will say, you have fought the government but you were unsuccessful. Our answer to them is this: if you don't set out to fight the government, you will never fight them. And if you don't begin the fight you can never learn the experiences of overthrowing them. Because the only way we can learn how to apply our policies is to engage in action.

It is the results of the struggle through this engagement in action that enables us to develop our policies. Our policies are not something that are cooked up in our own heads.

If we are in a better position now to fight this government than any other political tendency, it is because we have constantly striven to engage in demonstrations and educate youth, from the day on which they were expelled from the Labour Party, not to sit down and just contemplate, but to think and to engage in struggle and activity. Theory is brought to practice in struggle. It is theory, struggle and practice. Nothing comes easily to us, it has to be fought for.

The youth today constitute the most revolutionary vanguard since the days of the Russian Revolution, but it has to be helped to break away from the backwardness which it inherits from the educational system and the general 'dog eat dog' atmosphere of the capitalist system.

It is impossible for a leader in the Socialist Labour League to train himself or herself unless he or she understands the problems of the youth.

The period has long ago come to an end now when there can be separate compartments of development. If the struggle for power is posed, and that is the unifying direction in which we are travelling, then all aspects of party work, especially youth, must occupy the attention of leaders.

There is an attraction in the Socialist Labour League to the youth. It comes from youth of all levels, beginning in the universities and amongst the most talented, right down into the factories. Amongst those youth who are really attracted to our politics are those who are beginning to understand the struggle for power.

They begin to associate the Socialist Labour League and the Young Socialists as movements for power. They realize that we are not propaganda institutions for changing people's minds from capitalism to socialism. We are not educational schemes. We are not just talking societies. We are the party which prepares for power.

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oppose resignation gimmick

NYC Teacher Militants Demand Fall Strike

by a UFT member

On June 7th the Delegate Assembly of the UFT took the first step toward victory and then allowed themselves to be railroaded back toward smashing defeat at the same time.

The DA first voted unanimously to reject an "offer" made by the Board of Education which was mostly aimed at revoking gains made under the last contract to expire after the Rockefeller-Travia Act takes effect and that the city intends to offer nothing.

slander

But immediately after this militant stand, the delegates allowed themselves to be convinced by Pres. Albert Shanker that if no reasonable contract offer comes from the city, they should use the tactic of mass resignation rather than strike.

Fourteen days before this,

Mr. Shanker had read a pledge that stated, "That no one, no body of legislators or government officials, can take from us our right as free men and women to leave our jobs when sufficiently aggrieved; when a group of our members are so aggrieved, then indeed they will strike." And 22,000 participants at the Madison Square Garden Rally to call for solidarity between unions in the face of a blatant attempt to smash city unions unanimously approved this statement. Now, in his own bawling, Mr. Shanker talked only about public opinion and the easier way to fight a court case. Suddenly the great power that was going to win had given way to "realistic methods and tactical considerations"--in other words, methods that would leave Shanker alone and thus more able to make a deal with the city. So the UFT had to cop

out.

rat

It's copping out of the real issue--which is that ONLY real confrontation of the RAT bill will defeat RAT and ONLY by defeating RAT can teachers or any other city workers get a decent contract that they can demand be enforced. As long as RAT exists the city can institute any working conditions it wants. The law must be defeated, not gotten around.

Mass resignations aren't the way to defeat it. When you resign you can't even picket as a worker. You've resigned from your role as that worker. Strikes are the only answer--when they are supported by every other city union. When you strike you are relying on your strength, not on the courts which are nothing more than instru-

ments of the state--and Shanker has been in a union long enough to know this almost as well as we do. The UFT will win nothing for itself and will be backing out of the responsibility to the other city unions it took on when it participated in the rally unless it a) strikes, and b) demands that the other unions back it up. The TWU contract expires in January. The UFT must support the TWU by striking in September. It must also support the SSEU, which has been working for six months without a contract, in its sitdown on June 19. It must also struggle to bring the SSEU back into the AFL-CIO, so the struggle against the state can be more intensely unified.

unity

It must demand that all other city unions support it, as they pledged at the rally--not by pooling funds to pay off fines

but by walking out in support of it, which is also support for themselves. The question of the general strike was raised at the rally. It must be concretized and used. Otherwise the UFT and all the other city unions will indeed be smashed.

The UFT has another crucial task--mobilization of the student. Instead of regarding the students as a menace to their own life and limb, the teachers must remember that the system that won't pay them a decent wage is the same system that won't put up enough money for the students to have anything better than the lousy education they are getting, and that their own needs and those of the students are inseparable. They are all being damned by the same system and they can only fight it together successfully together.

YOUTH



NEGRO YOUTH FACE LONG HOT SUMMER OF NO JOBS AND MORE COPS.

(Continued from Page 1) or no use in the future. We are taught "discipline" in these camps, which are placed in remote areas and in which we are kept under constant watch. Kids from black ghettos in the East are shipped to work camps in Northern Minnesota. All of this is meant to occupy the youth and to discipline them, to break their spirit and teach them obedience. We are told that our problems are individual and psychological.

But constant troubles at these camps show that the youth don't passively accept all the plans the bosses and the government have for them.

riots

Talk of riots fills the daily press once again. The first of the summer's explosions has already taken place, in Boston. Over the past few years youth have battled the cops in almost every urban ghetto in the North.

We have to understand what these so-called riots mean.

The strategy of the bosses is to keep the youth in their place, to crush any feeling of independence and militancy. They fan the flames, and then the cops move in at the first chance to attack the whole population. After the explosion they blame the youth for trying to defend themselves from the hysterical attacks of the cops. At the same time they magnify every racial incident a thousand

times in order to fool the rest of the working class. The capitalists desperately want to hide the class character of the ghetto rebellions. These are for the most part spontaneous and leaderless outbursts against the exploiting capitalist system. The bosses make every effort to hide this class fight and exploit racist attitudes among white workers.

The only answer to the attacks of the bosses and their cops is a revolutionary perspective and struggle. We must understand the responsibility of the system. Our demands must reflect this understanding. Now is not the time to beg a few crumbs. We've seen the crumbs and they aren't even worth looking at. We have to demand guaranteed jobs for all at trade union wages, as part of a massive housing and school-building program in the slums. We have to demand equal pay for equal work, decent recreation facilities now, and a real voice in determining our own future.

fight

Only Revolt and the Workers League are fighting for this kind of meaningful program.

Revolt has already begun taking this kind of program to the youth. Although a tremendous amount remains to be done, no one else is even trying. SNCC and CORE have discouraged many young activists by not coming forward with any meaningful program. Groups like the DuBois clubs concern themselves with the problems of young workers only in order to mislead them into supporting liberal capitalist politicians and reformist programs.

assembly

The International Youth Assembly to be held in Britain from July 29 to August 5 is directly related to the struggle for jobs and against the attacks on the youth. Young people from all over the world will discuss the problems they face and the work to build revolutionary parties to solve these problems once and for all. Revolt and the Workers League are organizing a large delegation to attend the International Assembly because it is a vital part of the work of building a revolutionary youth movement and developing a fighting program for young and adult workers to fight for together.

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(Continued from Page 1) the city the legal basis to attempt to solve its financial problems on the backs of its workers--by using job freezes, speed-ups, and even layoffs, anything they can think of to get more work out of each individual employee. By denying workers the right to strike, the city has struck the first blow in its drive to destroy unions for city workers. Thus Herbert Haber, Director of Labor Relations repudiates agreements made publicly in January and tells us he will do with us as he sees fit.

The rank and file of the union does not need to be convinced of the need for the current sit-down strike; they know that nothing less will force the city to bargain with us in good faith. But after a series of past setbacks, they want to know how this action

can be won.

Unfortunately, the leadership of the union is up to its old tricks. They have insisted on calling our strike a "work-in", hoping against hope that somehow we can avoid the label of a strike and escape the penalties of the old Condon-Wadlin Act (the new RAT bill does not go into effect until September). Nor have they prepared any coherent strategy for winning the strike once it is begun. There is no question that President Judy Mage would like to call the whole thing off if she can get a few crumbs from the city. But there is very little likelihood that the city is going to budge even an inch.

But things are moving in the SSEU. The attack on the city labor movement--as well as the consistent intervention of the Rank and File Committee,

a caucus in the union--has forced the leadership to turn to the rest of the city labor movement for support. While there was little support for our strike in January, now we have received messages of support from Local 1199, TWU, Local 259 of UAW, and the American Federation of College Teachers, as well as from other unions.

It is precisely because of the city's attack on all municipal labor that this support is forthcoming at this time. The recent Madison Square Garden Rally to begin the fight back demonstrated that the ranks of city labor are vitally concerned and will insist that their bureaucratic leaderships fight in their behalf.

Key to the winning of our strike is the amount of support we get from NYC trade union movement; for it is obvious that no union--not even

the largest--can singlehandedly take on the city armed with its new legal power. What is needed is a concerted effort by every member of SSEU to force the leadership to fight for the complete support of these other unions--even to the extent that there would be a complete work stoppage by every city worker if the city persists in its attack on SSEU or any other union.

isolated

In the past SSEU has been isolated from--even hostile to--the rest of the labor movement. For example, in the Department of Welfare, there is an AFL-CIO union, Local 371 of District Council 37, which represents clerical and supervisory personnel. During our January strike, 371 members crossed our picket lines in droves; even now,

there is not much likelihood of enlisting direct support from 371. This lack of unity has seriously weakened both unions. A way must be found now to break out of our current isolation from other city workers.

The solution is for us to seek re-entry into DC 37 as an autonomous local. This would allow us to reach the clerks and supervisors who work in the same department, and would give us access to the rest of the municipal labor movement. In this way, the past record of SSEU militancy could be harnessed into a struggle to unite all city workers to fight RAT and any other anti-union measures the city and state have up their sleeves. This would prepare the way to fight against the labor bureaucrats who will keep workers divided to suit their own selfish ends.