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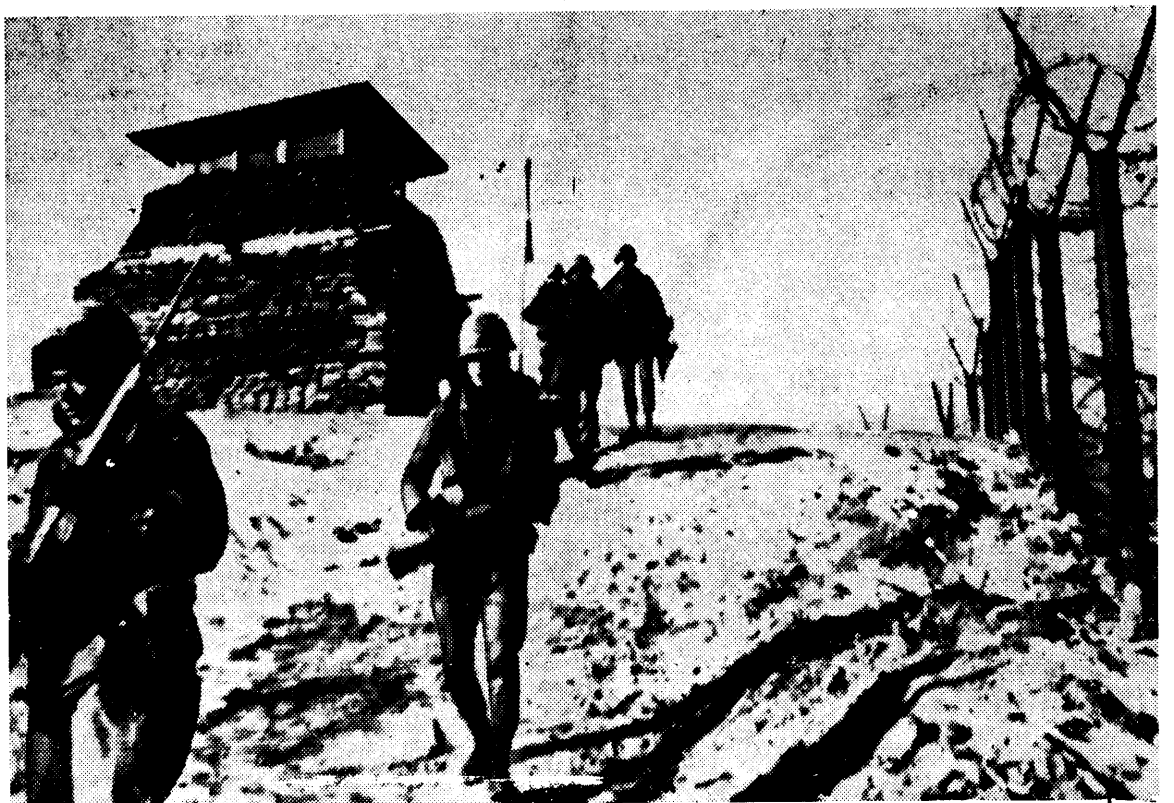
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## lby reveals labor plans

This year's 'Message to Congress and the Nation' delivered by Lyndon Johnson contained the full quota of campaign rhetoric that is expected in an election year. The President was trying to smooth over the very serious crisis that U.S. capitalism is in with a lot of clumsy oratorical flourishes.

But LBJ started to get down to the real meaning of his policies to solve the crisis for the banks and industrialists he represents when he talked about the need to enact the tax surcharge to help stem inflation. But taxing the workers is only part of LBJ's policy to try to hold back rising prices, interest rates and overcome the balance of payments deficit. More ominous measures were implied in Johnson's speech.

He warns the 'leaders of American Business and of American Labor' that they had better act 'responsibly and in the nation's interests by keeping increases in line with productivity' or 'suffer very serious consequences'.

These threats against the unions become much more concrete and explicit in an obscure paragraph of an unheralded Treasury Department 'white paper' released with no fanfare after the 'gala event' in Washington. This white paper, addressing itself to the balance of payments crisis is nothing more or less than a demand that in order to avoid the effects of a steel strike this year, the steelworkers' union give assurances that they will not strike. What this statement together with the State of the Union message boils down to is that steelworkers and any other workers in major industries accept whatever the bosses are willing to give or they will 'suffer the serious consequences' of some sort of anti-strike legislation.

The Administration is giving advance notice that it is not going to allow any strike which weakens the balance of payments position as has been the case with the copper strike and the dock strike of 1965 according to Treasury Department officials. The cessation of steel production in a long strike would necessitate a vast outflow of dollars to pay for the steel that would have to be imported.

The threat to the steelworkers is just one of the growing signs that every day, in every way, the U.S. capitalist class under Johnson's leadership is making plans to strait-jacket the trade unions in increasingly desperate efforts to make a stagnating capitalist system work.

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VIETCONG DRIVE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGRESSORS OUT OF THE VILLAGE OF KHESAN

As the Vietnam war heads for a major military battle around the Khesanh area, a new threat of war looms in Korea over the Pueblo incident. A look at the map makes the significance of this clear. As American military might is developed to the South in the Vietnamese peninsula moving ever closer to the borders of China. The United States utilizes the Pueblo incident to build up its forces in Korea to the North of China.

China is the real objective of the imperialists. For years now the United States has sought to break China from the USSR, to encourage internal opposition within China, to ring China with its troops, to extend the war in Vietnam ever closer to the Chinese borders.

Now comes the Pueblo incident. It is openly admitted that the ship was off the coast of Korea for the purposes of spying on Korea, gathering possible as to her defense, the deployment of her troops and the like. Thus its purpose was to gather information preparatory to any possible future U.S. actions against Korea.

### pueblo

The reaction to the incident was way out of proportion to the incident itself. Not only was America's largest aircraft carrier sent into the area, this is now being supplemented by two navy task forces, a call up of reserves and putting virtually the entire Navy on alert.

The Vietnam war is at

an impasse. Some 15,000 to 20,000 North Vietnamese and Vietcong troops have gathered around the Marine base at Khesanh and are lobbing shells in to the base with impunity. One or two days of bad weather obstructing air support and the entire base can be wiped out. Clearly this indicates that the United States, despite 500,000 troops, is on the defensive in Vietnam.

The crisis of world capitalism has reached the point where the leading imperialist power of them all, the United States, must fight to uphold the sacred dollar. The preservation of capitalist rule is forcing the capitalists to prepare a war against the working conditions of American workers as well as workers of all capitalist countries

and to push and push and push ever closer to a war of conquest against the workers states.

### need

The crying need today is for a united international battle against the capitalists, for the unity of the workers of the main capitalist countries with the workers in Vietnam, in China, in Korea.

There can be no struggle for peace separate from the struggle to defeat the capitalists here at home and throughout the world. We say: Victory to the copper strikers in their fight back against the giant copper cartels who seek to destroy their unions and beat them back. We urge victory for the steel workers in their coming confrontation with the steel barons. We say a victory for the Vietcong will be a victory for American workers as well.

Defend the Chinese revolution from the encircling imperialists. Support the Red Guards in their fight against the internal enemies of the revolution who seek to come to terms with the imperialists. Defend the North Korean workers state as the butchers of Vietnam mobilize their armada off its coast. This is the only way to fight war. There is no other way.

## MOSCOW TRIALS 1968

by Fred Mueller

Thirty years ago the infamous Moscow trials of 1936-38 were staged by Stalin as the final chapter in his successful struggle to destroy the Bolshevik party, the revolutionary party in Russia. But the continuity of this party was fought for and maintained by Trotsky and his supporters in the Fourth International. Now, thirty years later, the Soviet bureaucracy which Stalin served and represented so faithfully continues to live in fear.

Although this privileged and reactionary stratum still rules, and still uses some of the techniques used by Stalin, it is haunted by opposition. This opposition is growing steadily and the bureaucracy is forced to take countermeasures, especially against the intellectuals and the youth. This is the meaning of the recent trials, the trials of 1966-68.

### victims

Aleksandr Ginzburg, Yuli Galanskov, Aleksei Dobrovolsky and Vera Lashkova have just been tried and sentenced to 7, 5, 2 and 1 years in prison respectively. This was only the latest in a series of trials.

In 1966 writers Daniel Sinavsky and Yuli Daniel were sentenced to hard labor for the sole crime of having written and sent abroad for publication works which were not approved by the bureaucrats. Another writer, Vladimir

Bukovsky, was tried in August 1967 and sentenced to 3 years at hard labor for organizing a demonstration protesting the arrest of Ginzburg, Galanskov, Dobrovolsky and Lashkova.

Now Pavel Litvinov, whose grandfather faithfully served Stalin as Soviet Foreign Minister and in other posts for many years, has been dismissed from his job as an assistant in the physics department of the Institute of Precision Chemical Technology. Litvinov sent testimony from the Bukovsky trial abroad in defiance of secret police threats.

There will be more trials -- of that we can be sure. The open opposition to Stalinism will grow and take in other sections of the population, the working class in particular. The most significant thing about the recent trials is that the defendants (with the sole exception of Dobrovolsky in the most recent trial) have steadfastly proclaimed their innocence, their devotion to socialism and to the conquests of the Soviet masses, along with their hatred of the bureaucracy.

The bureaucracy is afraid to let writers work. Even the act of writing is a crime punishable by hard labor. Even the publication of trial testimony paralyzes the bureaucrats with fear and they respond with hysterical rage. As the defendants themselves have pointed out, what does the regime have to fear from

publicity if it deems its behavior correct? While the bureaucrats wheel and deal with the imperialists behind the scenes they cynically accuse the opposition intellectuals of having "contacts" with the West, of "helping the enemies" of the USSR. It is the bureaucracy which is helping the enemies of the working class everywhere. Its latest actions are a tremendous confession of weakness and fear.

### awakening

A new awakening to revolutionary ideas is coming in the USSR, a new willingness to struggle, even to sacrifice one's freedom and life in the interest of the forward march of humanity. Nothing the bureaucrats do can stop this, can turn aside the determination of growing numbers of Soviet workers and intellectuals to determine their own future.

The trials signify the ever-deepening crisis of the bureaucracy. This is a world crisis, and supporters of the bureaucracy such as the American Communist Party must be asked where they stand in this struggle for Soviet democracy. Thus far the American CP has maintained a very diplomatic silence.

The bureaucrats work night and day to crush and isolate opposition, especially to divide the intellectuals from the masses of Soviet workers. They will not succeed. The intellectuals express deeply felt moods within the entire population, discontent which is not far beneath the surface. In the course of the struggle a new revolutionary leadership as part of the Fourth International can and will be built, which will reaffirm the traditions of the revolution forward as part of the world struggle for socialism.

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# LABOR, THE ANTIWAR MOVEMENT

by Lucy St. John

The 'Anti-war movement and the working class' was the subject of Farrell Dobbs' talk at the Militant Labor Forum on Jan. 19th. Dobbs' remarks are of extreme importance in understanding the extent of the Socialist Workers Party's revisionism.

Dobbs' position on the struggles of the working class are most revealing, as in the past he has been used as a left cover by the SWP for its anti-working class, opportunist politics in the anti-war and black nationalist movements. Dobbs represents the SWP's last tie with the working class. He speaks from long experience in the party as a leader in the trade union movement particularly during the militant struggles of the 1930's.

The major portion of Dobbs' remarks were devoted to convincing the audience that the workers are not reactionary and do not all agree with Meany's position on the war.

## rifts

Dobbs said that in fact the war is affecting the working class and many workers oppose it and that anti-war feelings are causing 'rifts' in the trade union bureaucracy. He said this is 'significant' and that the 'anti-war movement should extend a fraternal hand' to the workers and 'welcome their support.'

While Dobbs reflects the former close ties of the SWP to the working class and a real belief in the need for socialism, throughout his speech he revealed a deep pessimism in the ability of the working class to struggle. It is significant then that he never once mentioned the Labor Party and spoke of the role of the SWP only in terms of propaganda for the anti-war movement. It was only after members of the Workers League challenged him on the SWP's refusal to fight for a labor party that Dobbs was forced to talk about the labor party.

## stages

Dobbs explained that the workers are not ready for a labor party. First, he said, they must go through a number of stages. Dobbs believes that the workers become class conscious by being pushed by objective conditions into greater and greater militancy. They form left wing caucuses which have no program and in time they challenge their leaders which in turn forces the government to crack down even harder on the working class. Eventually they gain class consciousness and overthrow their leaders. All this will be accomplished more readily, according to Dobbs, by 'taking advantage of rifts in the bureaucracy.'

To clarify the SWP's position even further, Dobbs, when attacked on Jan. 19 by the Workers League, explained the SWP's conception of the labor party. The labor party, according to Dobbs, is not a party controlled by the workers that would fight in the interest of the workers to repeal anti-strike legislation, wipe out inflation, nationalize industry under workers control. Rather a labor party in the U.S. has to be reformist because the Labor Party in Britain is reformist and subservient to the bosses. However, says Dobbs, the working class must go through this 'necessary stage'.

What the SWP's left cover is expressing is the most reactionary form of revisionism. Dobbs cannot speak about the role of the SWP in intervening in the class struggle, bringing into the trade union movement the fight for a labor party,

because the SWP does not understand the basics of Leninism—that the vanguard party and only the vanguard party can bring political consciousness to the working class. Only the vanguard party contains the understanding of Marxism and the whole history of the struggles of the working class.

## rejection

Behind the SWP's total rejection of Trotskyism is a conscious theoretical base. The SWP, as expressed by Dobbs, sees the working class coming to consciousness spontaneously after suffering attack after attack. The only leadership the SWP sees is that coming from 'rifts in the bureaucracy.' While Dobbs screams about Meany and the trade union bureaucracy as a whole, he states that the left bureaucrats have their 'positive side'. These left bureaucrats in their fight against the right wing bring consciousness of the need for a political struggle against Johnson to the rank and file workers. Thus, the SWP looks to the left bureaucrats for the formation and leadership of a labor party. Thus, it sees a labor party like Wilson's.

Where then does this leave the SWP? Since the working class gains political consciousness spontaneously with the aid of the bureaucracy, there is no need for the SWP to intervene and lead the working class. Rather, it sits back and watches and convinces its members not to worry about the working class. Meanwhile it concerns itself with the middle class peace and black nationalist movements.

This understanding, this turn towards the bureaucracy has the same basis that leads the SWP to turn to the Castros and the Ben Bellas. The SWP rejects the conception of the Marxist party and poses in its place the theory that objective conditions will produce mass pressure which will throw up its own leaders and replace the role of the conscious vanguard party.

## dialectics

This is the logic of the SWP's politics. At the bottom is the SWP's rejection of Marxist method, of dialectics. The SWP reflects the deepest form of empiricism. It can only conceive of a labor party it sees in Britain led by liberals and trade union bureaucrats. Therefore, they conclude on the basis of these facts that this is the stage the American working class must go through. The SWP sees history in formal stages and thus cannot understand how the party can intervene to change history. It completely lacks an understanding of the crisis of capitalism and how it develops. The crisis does not develop through long periods of formal stages but by leaps. It is the task of the revolutionary party to intervene at all times in the struggles of the working class to prepare for the leap that will bring the class to power.

## leaps

For an understanding of what we mean by leaps in the development of the class take the example of the CIO. For half a century trade union organization in the United States was largely confined to a few skilled trades and the mass production industries were unorganized. Then in the midst of the depression millions of industrial workers were brought into new trade unions within a space of two years.

But this leap was not some spontaneous development of the class. It had been prepared for by over a half century of struggle for industrial unionism, led in most cases, by radicals, by socialists, by communists.

The next great leap of the American working class will be the creation of its own party. But this cannot be a mere repetition of the experience of the British workers in forming a labor party fifty years ago at an early stage of capitalist development. The creation of a political party of the American working class takes place during a period of the extreme decline of world capital which expresses itself in the imperialist war in Vietnam and the growing internal crisis in each capitalist nation. The labor bureaucracy far from being able to play an independent role against the capitalists politically or in any other way, is tied each day closer and closer to the capitalists and their political parties.

Such a party cannot be content to wrest reforms from capitalists at a time when the capitalists must wrest gains from the workers or the system will go under. Thus of necessity the cre-



FARRELL DOBBS

# AND THE SWP

ation of such a party must be seen as a struggle against not only the capitalists but also the labor bureaucracy and a struggle for not simply reforms but transitional demands which pose the necessity of the workers running the government themselves and in their own interests wiping out the capitalist system to achieve their own needs.

## intervention

Such a great leap of the American working class must be prepared for now by the intervention of the Marxist party in the unions to lead the struggle for a labor party. This is what the SWP and Dobbs refuse to do. This is what the Workers League is doing through its leadership of the Trade Unionists for a Labor Party.

What the SWP reflects is a modern version of Menshevism. It was the Mensheviks who did not understand how the crisis of capitalism was reflected in Russia and insisted that the Russian working class would have to go through long stages of capitalist development before there could be a socialist revolution. The Mensheviks in turn fought the Leninist conception of the party and looked to the bourgeoisie's representatives like Kerensky for leadership. Are the SWP's politics any different?

The Workers League grew out of the struggles in the SWP against revisionism. The Workers League was born in the struggle within the SWP against the theory that leaders such as Castro can replace the role of the Marxist party. Today the SWP applies this theory to the struggles of the American working class.

## leadership

The labor party comes not from the bureaucrats but out of the struggles of the ranks with the intervention of the party. The formation of a labor party is not a formal stage but the understanding by the working class of the need to take power. This understanding is the question facing the working class today. The task of the Marxist party is to intervene in the struggles of the class and give leadership to the fight for a political alternative. This crisis of leadership is what the SWP has totally abrogated. This is why it is no longer a Marxist party and can only aid those who seek to lead the class to defeat.

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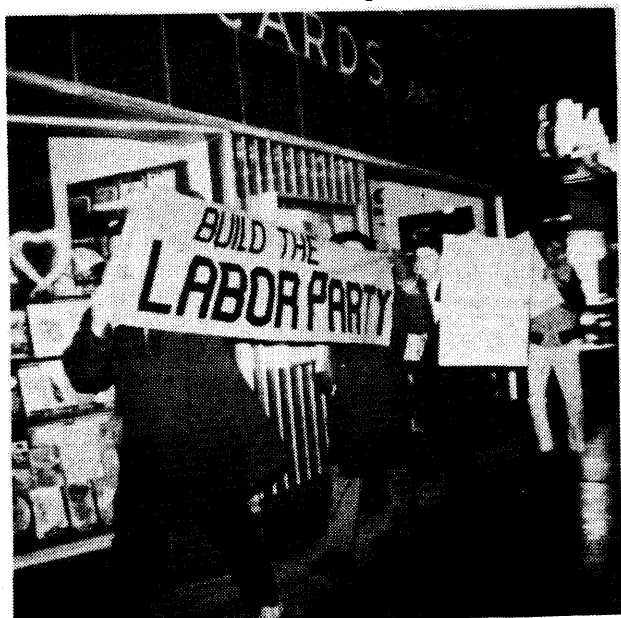
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WORKERS LEAGUE FIGHTS FOR LABOR PARTY



# CRISIS HITS CANADIAN DOLLAR

TORONTO--Canadian capitalism is in the midst of a dollar crisis brought about by the devaluation of the Pound and increasing pressure on the U.S. dollar. As of late the Canadian dollar has dropped to within 19/100 of a cent of the established trading limits set by the Bank of Canada at 91.57 to 93.42 cents U.S. Estimates are that in a period of less than one week the Bank of Canada has been forced to liquidate \$150,000,000 in foreign exchange reserves to support the dollar. Even with such massive bloodletting the Canadian dollar has dropped on the money market 52/100 of a cent U.S. in just 5 days of trading.

The crisis has just begun. Already the government is preparing new austerity measures such as the cancellation of the implementation date for Medicare and cuts in spending for vocational schools. New measures are being taken against the Trade Union movement with the reclassification of large numbers of public employees as 'civil servants' and the subsequent removal of their union rights. A recent strike of jail guards and magistrates court reporters in Toronto against the Province's reclassification attempt ended with the 'survival' of the Canadian Union of Public Employees less their right to strike. It is estimated that in the next year apartment

rental costs in Toronto will increase 12-14%. Already the minimum apartment rental for the average sized family in Toronto stands at \$130 this represents two weeks wages.

## attack

In an attempt to resolve the crisis facing capitalism in a manner favorable to the system, Canada's rulers are launching a frontal attack on the working class. In the words of a major capitalist, A. T. Seedhouse, President of Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., 'We will have to live with the fact that we must sell our goods and services in an increasingly open and competitive world market before wealth can be distributed among our people in any form...'. Mr. Seedhouse's Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. is taking no chances with its share of distributed wealth. In the past year that company increased its real estate holdings to 102 million dollars to increase its share of rising rent and mortgage costs extracted from the working class. This is fairly typical. As Canada's capitalist class is struggling for liquidity its government is inaugurating a campaign to push the working class and the trade union movement back into the middle ages.

Canada's ruling class has been trying to cover up the extent of the crisis facing

the economy in an effort to plan the attack against the standard of living and working conditions of the working class hoping to catch the trade union movement asleep. Finance Minister Sharp's 'it won't hurt us' statement on President Johnson's New Years economic restrictions was, to put it mildly, less than candid. Now Sharp is saying in response to the recent run on the Canadian dollar, that speculators in Canada's upcoming devaluation 'will be making a big mistake'.

As Sharp denies any sort of crisis, the ruling Liberal Party is going through a struggle for leadership following Pearson's 'retirement' in preparation for future class battles. The Conservatives have polished up their image through choosing a leadership that would instill confidence of the highest sort in world banking circles. The bosses are ready, but how about labor? Who is prepared to resolve the crisis of the economy in favor of the working population?

## fiddling

The NDP fiddles as Rome burns. When the public employees are being attacked by the Ontario government what does the NDP have to say? Only that they feel that there might be something illegal about what the

government is doing. The NDP 'confronts' the crisis of the Canadian economy with advice about how better to administer the capitalist system. Never a fight against capitalism, only a few puny half measures on paper. Never a campaign in defense of the trade unions and youth, just a talk fest in Parliament on air pollution and the like.

The New Democratic Party lacks any understanding whatsoever of the absolute severity and finality of the crisis facing the economy. To the NDP this is the great era of reformism. Their view is that the financial resources that permitted capitalism to grant concessions in the past still exist. All that is required is to administer capitalism in a more 'modern' manner, and to redistribute the hoped-for wealth to the poor and working people.

## fight

In no fundamental way does this outlook differ from the past views of Wilson and the British Labor Party. What to the NDP is a matter of rational economic administration has become the death knell of the British Labor Party and a major attack on the British working class. There is nothing holding the NDP from following the course of its sister British Labor Party and that party's leadership's attempted 'final solution to the working class problem'.

Labor must fight to make the NDP fight for labor. Only in this way can the working class mount the offensive against the attacks of the employers and their government. Today throughout all the capitalist world the bosses are upsetting all the norms of labor-capital 'cooperation', and social reform. The ruling class is doing such for the well founded reason that when it comes time to lengthen hours and cut wages, raise living costs and lower employment, they have no intention to be bound to agreements that could be injurious to their profitability and international liquidity.

## demand

The Workers League demands that the New Democratic Party members of Parliament open immediately a campaign to defend the working class, the trade unions and youth from the attacks of the government. Anything less than this is betrayal. The much touted NDP Parliamentary party must fight on issues facing the class; anti-trade union legislation, and injunctions, rising rent and other costs, and unemployment. Only the Workers League has the understanding and leadership to implement this demand. Join the Workers League, build the revolutionary party, and demand that the NDP fight for labor.

# SF TEACHERS PREPARE STRIKE

by Marjorie Parker

SAN FRANCISCO--The teachers union is fed up with the rhetoric of the education system bureaucrats. For 20 years the teachers have been requesting a number of improvements in the system and they have been refused.

Their proposal now includes 92 demands, primarily around the issues of class size, curriculum, specialization and improvement of professional conditions. These were sent to Superintendent Robert Jenkins on Nov. 16. Boss Jenkins put the teachers down by simply referring the whole matter over to 'further study' as usual. For years both the teachers union (SFFT) and the California Teachers Association (CTA), which is opposed to unionization, have been making proposals to the School Board for educational improvements.

The teacher's union voted to give Jenkins a 'second chance' to offer them 'something concrete' and gave him until Jan. 19 as the last day to do so. The strike vote will be taken on Jan. 25.

Teacher's union officials expect there will be an injunction against the union and that the President of the union will be arrested. If the strike is strong enough officials say they will fight the injunction, but this prospect

is unlikely since the anti-union CTA, which represents two-thirds of the teachers in San Francisco, has resolved to oppose the strike and to cross the picket lines.

## power

The Board and Superintendent have political power-they can only be defeated politically. In order to really win a victory over Jenkins and what he represents the teacher's union will have to join with other workers to replace Jenkins with their own representatives.

The organized workers are the only people with the power to bring about the right kind of change. This means every union in the country. To the degree the SFFT and UFT fight against solidarity with the rest of the working class they fight against their own ultimate victory.

## artificial

The biggest asset of the capitalists and their hand picked Board of Education in their continual struggle to dominate education is the artificial division between teachers, parents and students. As long as these three sections of the working class do not understand their need for solidarity their major demands

will be evaded and defeated. The Board of Education represents the interests of big business not the interests of the teachers, the students or their parents.

The Young Workers League in New York, San Francisco, Twin Cities and Cincinnati support the teachers completely and are working for an understanding among high school youth of the issues at stake when teachers strike and for solidarity with the teachers. The day must come when 10,000 students are out picketing with the teachers and the class rooms become organizing meetings for the strike.

Until teachers understand what this central politico-economic struggle is and until they take the right side in this struggle there will be no meaningful victory for the teachers and certainly not for the students that the teachers say they champion.

# n.y. cabbies get raw deal

NEW YORK--It is luckily not everyday that a union leadership signs a contract with the bosses without a strike and then calls the workers out to strike a month later as a service to the mayor. But that is exactly what Harry Van Arsdale, self-appointed head of the taxi drivers union and also head of the Central Labor Council recently did.

So when the contract came up Van Arsdale settled for only a 1% increase in the drivers' share of the meter and then promised the drivers a substantial increase by conspiring with the bosses for a fare increase.

Van Arsdale got together with the taxi bosses to get his fare increase out of Lindsay. Lindsay got Van Arsdale to settle for a fare increase substantially less than what the fleet owners were demanding. Van Arsdale then turned around and called for a one day taxi strike to force the owners to accept the Lindsay

fare increase. This whole ludicrous situation led to workers in effect striking for a lower wage--for if the fleet owners demands had been granted the taxi drivers would have ended up with greater take home pay.

The lesson of this is not, of course, that the next time the taxi union should stick with the bosses and bring Lindsay to his knees milking the public all the more. Rather it is that the taxi workers will never win the wages and working conditions now held by other transportation workers-- like teamsters, railroad workers and transit workers--as long as they continue to go along with a system where they have no guaranteed wage nor control over their working conditions and where a 5% increase in wages will mean a 50% increase in profits.

Tax workers should fight for a decent wage such as truck drivers get with time and half for overtime and double time for Sundays and holidays. Collusion with the bosses and with the Mayor can only lead to the continuation of the 60 hour week and a wagescale--even counting tips--below that of other transportation workers while taxi use falls as fares get way out of line with what incomes allow in this most expensive of cities.

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to carry into action s wherever we  
are in the United States. The program  
sums up what is facing young workers  
and students in the increasing crisis  
of the capitalist system. That's how  
it hits all'of us--as rotten jobs, lousy

schools, the draft and racial oppress-  
ion. The capitalists and their parties  
wouldn't want it any other way. The  
four issues are all tied together for  
us by the bosses-- beating us back  
on all of them is necessary for their  
survival. We'd better see them as  
tied together for us and fight back  
on them all!!

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our demands, and we have a way  
out. We must fight for the program,  
fight for the labor party that poses

**is vietnam our war?**

by Pat Connelly

The war in Vietnam is  
necessary to maintain the cap-  
italist system which is in  
crisis. The war not only  
means profit for the banks and  
businesses which run this  
country through the Democra-  
tic and Republican parties,  
but it is also the only way  
the bosses have to beat back  
the workers throughout the  
world who are fighting against  
them.

Vietnam was controlled by  
the French colonialists for  
a century before the U.S. took  
over; they bled the country  
of its natural resources, us-  
ing its manpower without hav-  
ing to pay even a subsistence  
wage to the workers. Cap-  
italists have exploited South-  
east Asia (as well as Africa  
and Latin America) to main-  
tain their system; they need  
to continue and expand that  
exploitation in order to prop  
up capitalism.

The war against the Viet-  
namese is a war against a  
people who will not be ex-  
ploited any longer, by the  
U.S. or by any capitalist coun-  
try. They are fighting against  
a government of the bosses  
and against the profit hungry

system that has beaten them  
back for years.

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The NLF is no enemy  
of the American working  
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same battle that workers in  
this country must fight--the  
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**students speak out!**

by Wendy Walker

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by Paul Martin  
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We will carry our banners to make it plain what we want. We will build this to reach as many youth as we can. And we will repeat this over and over, bigger and bigger, in New York and elsewhere, exposing the bosses and building the alternative of the labor party.

We are initiating the demonstration at City Hall to set youth in motion, to lead them in a fight that can only end in POWER. That's the only alternative to the increasing misery that faces youth along with the working class.

WORK WITH US!

invite

We invite you, the members and leadership of DuBois Clubs, YSA, SMC, SDS, and YAWF to help us in building this important demonstration.

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## WHO REALLY WINS THE RACE WAR?

by Greg Daniels

The policy of the bosses and their government is still no jobs for youth. While all working class youth share this prospect, Negro youth are sure to be the last in line. The only job openings the bosses are sure to have for any of us, and especially young Negro workers, is fighting our class brothers in Vietnam, dying to protect the bosses' profit.

The school situation is bound up with the whole job scene. Our "educational" system doesn't really teach anyone anything. In fact, just as in Vietnam, where class brothers are fighting each other, class brothers in the schools are also fighting one another --only here it's black against white. In the final analysis however, we see that this fighting will only benefit the bosses. A divided working class is a much weaker weapon against the interests of the bosses, so we see a separation of black and white from the trade unions right on down to the school system.

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The ghetto riots show that the blacks have decided that they can no longer believe the fairy tales about getting a piece of the American pie

--if they only work for it. The attraction of the "Black Revolution" is easily understood.

Sporadic, isolated attacks at the system, however, have been shown to be ineffectual. The bosses only answer with cops and government troops. A real change of society for black youth and for the entire working class can be begun only by a unified political struggle of blacks and whites.

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United, the working class must fight against discrimination in pay, in the unions, and in education. These forms of discrimination are fostered by the bosses to keep the class divided.

Youth must struggle to open all doors in the trade unions barring workers because of color. We must fight the union bureaucracy which supports the bosses by giving unequal pay for the same work. Yes, we must defend the unions against the bosses. Yes, it only aids the bosses and hurts the Negro workers to act as strike breakers as did many Black nationalist militants during the New York City teacher's strike this fall. But if real unity of the class is to be forged it is the unions

that have got to take the offensive in defense of the Negro people.

The unions must defend the Negro masses from the attacks of the government now being prepared--this is the meaning of Johnson's emphasis in his State of the Union speech on more cops, more arms against the American people. Each restriction on Negro membership in unions or on the advancement of Negroes within trades, is a weapon of the bosses to keep the class divided and weak.

offensive

We in the Young Workers League find this situation intolerable and plan to take the offensive within the unions against this racist poison which weakens us all.

We also are not going to stand idly by while black and white youth in the high schools slug it out making the bosses and the government happy for they know full well the power of these blows if they were directed against them instead of dissipated by youth fighting youth. The way we see it only a program which unites youth in a common struggle can break through these divisions. This is what we have and this is what we are going to fight for.



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# BRITISH YOUNG SOCIALISTS LEAD FIGHT

## 'KEEP LEFT' HOLDS CONFERENCE

by Karen Funkiel

Seven hundred Young Socialists from all parts of England recently held their 17th Annual General Meeting. Aileen Jennings, the editor of "Keep Left," the official paper of the Young Socialists, presided. She spoke of the urgency of the struggle for socialism at this point in the development of the human race because, capitalism, as a system, is doomed. Cheered by all, she exclaimed that "youth must lead the fight to overthrow capitalism—not just in Britain, but all over the world."

The Young Socialists cannot wage their struggle alone. When Aileen said "all over the world," she meant that youth, especially in the United States, must fight the same battle as the Young Socialists. That the English youth have been suffering longer than Americans because of the failure of their government to provide jobs, decent wages, and equal opportunities for all, does not mean that we

Americans will wait around until our crisis reaches the level of theirs.

### crisis

Youth in America must not let the bosses and the government keep up profits at their expense, or fight in the imperialist wars. World capitalism is in crisis. The bosses can no longer maintain their profits without cutting down on expenses. In England this has been particularly evident. There has been a wage freeze on for over a year, speedups, growing unemployment, and more moves to break the power of the trade unions. As one Britisher states, "I've had 3 or 4 jobs in the last year alone. I joined the YS after coming to the Dec. 12 demonstration and lobby of parliament. The YS can put up a real fight against unemployment." A girl member of the Tailor and Garment Worker's Union saw the YS as a force that could change the present leadership in the trade



YOUNG SOCIALISTS IN ENGLAND VOTE AT ANNUAL MEETING FOR KEEP LEFT union movement.

Here, as in England, youth realize that capitalism does not care about educating or training young people. School is just the place where young people are kept out of the job market and off the streets until they are old enough to be drafted into the army.

The Young Socialists are demanding the power to run their own lives. They are fighting to lower the voting age to eighteen, fighting to improve their educational fa-

cilities, fighting for job opportunities, and most important, fighting to unite young and old workers to achieve these goals.

### same

Here, in the U.S., the Young Workers League is battling the same enemy for the same goals. While in England the YS is fighting to expose Wilson's labor party for what it really is - and to build an alternative to Wilson, we are struggling to build a labor party that really represents

the interests of the working class, young and old. We support the work of the YS and salute them in their successes. This coming summer, members of the Young Workers League will be able to meet and work out a common program of struggle with their British comrades and other youth from all over the world at the International Youth Conference held in England. This will bring forward the struggles here and throughout the world.

## MY JOB

by Mike Ross

CINCINNATI--By now, most of us know the bosses propaganda: "Stay in high school and graduate, otherwise you'll never get anywhere." If you think I fell for this, you would be partially correct; even worse, I continued to fall for it, attending college as a full-time or parttime student for the last five years.

While in school, I continued to search for part time or full time work. My first job, in a University cafeteria, paid the grand total of \$1.00 per hour; my second, in a restaurant, paid \$1.05. Then, I took a summer job for the City park department at \$1.25. Finally, some two and one-half years ago, I got my present job as a grocery clerk in a supermarket.

### pay

The pay where I presently am is obviously better than those on my previous jobs; from a starting wage of \$1.97 per hour I rose to my present pay of \$2.42. BUT—there is a catch. Although the pay seems good, you soon find out that the one thing the boss is not giving out is hours. I have presently been working fifteen to twenty hours per week for the past four months; on rare occasions, I have gotten up to 25 hours, and once, only once, I got thirty-one.

Besides the problem of hours, the safety and working condi-

tions are not exactly ideal. Since starting work in 1965, I have: fallen off a ladder, fallen out of a truck, hit my head on a jack and chopped up my hands and fingers several times on swinging metal doors.

### union

We do have a union: the Retail Clerks; but especially in the case of these accidents (and others working in the store have had them too), little can be done until after the accident occurs because of certain restrictions the union officers allowed to be put into our present contract. The union signed a no-strike and compulsory arbitration agreement with the boss. Fortunately, the first meeting on a new contract comes up next week, and several of us are organizing to demand some changes in the new contract, including removal of the no-strike clause.

Without a union, even one as rotten as mine, I and my fellow workers would be earning even less than we do and have no way to fight for our interests. But we also must be prepared to fight the union bureaucrats to get the union to fight for us. The Young Workers League plans an active campaign to defend the unions and to fight within the unions for the interests of all workers.

## IN DEFIANCE

### OF HARASSMENT

by Cynthia Billings

MINNEAPOLIS--The Twin Cities Young Workers League held its first public meeting on January 17. The meeting in a hall decorated with bold banners, was built through intensive leafletting in -20 degree weather and defiance of student and school harassment.

The first speaker explained that we must really understand the problems facing youth today to understand the YWL. Working class youth get their schooling in an artificial environment and end up with no jobs or poor jobs, or in Viet Nam. And the Negro kids are even worse off. Youth's future is the same as the adult's--uncertain because of automation and speed-up, and government attacks. The suppression of the ghetto revolts last summer, the English anti-labor laws and the Greek coup hint at what lies ahead for all American workers, young and old.

### lead

The YWL will lead the struggle against these attacks as do are our comrades in England, France, Greece, Madagascar, Hungary, etc. Talk of uniting the working class is cheap--we must find out how! And we youth are the answer, youth fighting on a political basis. The duty of the YWL is to bring the message of the Labor Party to older workers. By fighting for a program that makes sense to young workers, too, we can fight for unity of young and old workers.

After a brief discussion, the meeting moved on to a report on the Young Worker. This paper is our voice and

## twin cities ywl meets

our weapon in struggle. Because we are a fighting organization, our paper is different from any others that claim that to be for teens. The Young Worker doesn't just report news or cover large meetings and rallies. It helps us fight for job training, for the vote, for a Vietnamese victory and an end to the war, for safer schools and better education.

The report on high school work began with the statement that "Youth will be the ones to lead the revolution. The high schools are the best places to reach youth and so we center our attention there. And we have problems. Like we're told in class to speak up about our opinions, but when we distributed leaflets at North, the principal sent for me and told me to quit. The schools don't want their authority taken away--they'll only let you speak out if you agree with them. But we'll keep going back and fighting

them."

"We're getting our point to the North High students," another comrade from there reported. "They're beginning to see some of what we're saying, though they still don't understand everything. And they admire our courage. The principal won't protect us, he even incites the students against us. We should leaflet about this aspect too. The government is afraid of what youth can do--we must broaden our effect among youth and prove they're right!"

During the intense discussion after the formal reports, plans for YWL activities were formulated. Comrades would travel to Chicago on Jan. 27 and 28 to intervene in the Student Mobilization Committee Conference, and work toward a second public meeting on Feb. 14, as well as campaigning intensively at factories and high schools for the Trade Unionists for a Labor Party meeting on February 4.



DISCUSSION AFTER FIRST YWL MEETING IN TWIN CITIES

## Defend DuBois Clubs

DuBois clubs are now under attack by the Subversive Activities Control Board. What is at stake here is whether socialist groups have the right to exist or whether they will be harassed out of existence. DuBois clubs deserve the unqualified defense of all young workers, students and militants in this witch hunt.