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Stop Engler's attacks! Labor Party Now!

Thousands of Spanish-speaking people in Washington, D.C. rebelled for two days. It began when one of them was beaten by police. Thousands have been out of work for a long time.

Most of them are immigrant workers. They come from countries like Guatemala, El Salvador that are ruled by military dictatorships. "We came fleeing an oppressive country with the dream of finding a better life, better treatment, social status. If they are going to repress us here, we'll take to the streets." said one Salvadoran worker.

In the United States they have found that there their future is not much brighter than the one they left. That is why they rebelled in Washington.

A campaign to recall Governor Engler has begun in Michigan. While unemployment grows, Engler slashes programs to provide food, clothing and housing for unemployed workers. We urge all working people to sign the petitions to get Engler out and have another election. One million signatures are needed in 90 days.

A few weeks ago, railroad workers called a nation-wide strike to press their demands for higher wages and to protect their jobs.

Working people in the United States have begun fighting for their interests in a new way. Whether it is a nation-wide railworkers strike, fighting in the streets of Washington, D.C., or campaigning against Engler. There is a new fighting spirit by U.S. working people.

No concessions at Dearborn Assembly!

Ford is owned by rich bankers. Poling, the top officer of Ford, announced that Ford might make Mustangs at the Dearborn Assembly plant next year. He said Ford workers would have to give up some of their rights to keep jobs.

There must be *united action* to force the plant to remain open on the workers' terms. No cutbacks! No layoffs! This united action can begin with informational picket lines, demonstrations, and go as far as it is necessary to win these demands. But it begins with *united action*. We are willing to meet with any organizations or workers to find the means by which we can fight together. — J.M. ■

This fighting spirit needs an organization. The working class needs its own political party, a labor party.

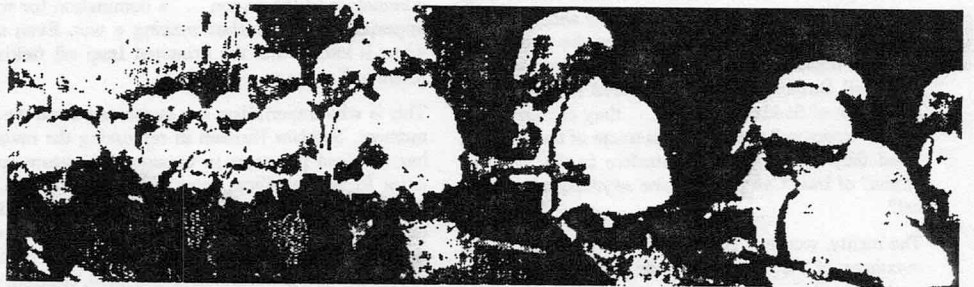
The Democratic Party, just like the Republican Party, is owned by the rich bankers. Washington D.C., is run by a Democratic mayor, Sharon Dixon. Her actions against the Spanish-speaking people were praised by Bush's spokesman. The Democratic Party has a majority in Congress. Congress made the railroad workers strike illegal. If the Democratic Party were a working class party, the working class would not be under attack without any real representatives.

The growing fighting spirit of the U.S. working people has forced some union leaders to start an organization for a labor party. The new group is called Labor Party Advocates.

At the same time that working class people sign the petition to recall Engler, join the Labor Party Advocates. It is a big step in building a real labor party in this country.

Petitions to recall Engler and the Labor Party Advocate membership forms are available from Truth at 313-584-6556.

Stop Engler's attacks!
Labor Party now! ■



Washington police lined up to attack Hispanic workers last week.

Jobs for all! Take the banks away from the rich!

The rebellion in Washington was caused by racism and lack of jobs. George Price walked into a DSS office in Detroit and tried to start it on fire. He had not received his checks. Checks that he gets because he doesn't have a job.

There are no jobs because *more jobs are not profitable for the rich bankers*. Rich bankers control the economy. They make profits off of the labor of the workers and off their unemployment and suffering. Good paying jobs and full employment are not profitable.

The big newspapers and Democratic and Republican politicians are owned by the rich bankers. They tell us that "jobs are leaving the country," or that "we are helping other countries, why not here first?"

The rich bankers invest money in other countries because they make higher profits there than in the U.S. Sometimes they invest in the United States. Then they demand that the workers make concessions. This means give up wages, benefits, safe working conditions and so on. But the need for the

highest profits decides what rich bankers do.

Workers do not make money from the work of others. The workers created all the wealth in America. From the days of slavery right up to now, all the wealth of America has been created by the workers. By all rights, the big banks and industry belong to the working class.

To create jobs for everyone, *the workers need to take the banks away from the rich*. The workers need to nationalize the banks. The workers can then use the money of the big banks to strengthen the working class. The workers can invest in industry. They can provide good, high paying jobs to all working people. They can provide decent retirements for older workers. They can provide safe and healthy working conditions.

The sooner that U.S. workers understand that they need to take the banks away from the rich, the closer they will be to winning jobs for all.

Jobs for all!
Take the banks from the rich! Jack Marlowe

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Workers lead struggles in Eastern Europe and USSR

Workers are today leading the struggle in the Soviet Union and the oppressed republics.

The Soviet miners have agreed to return to work after being on strike for 3 months. They supported the right of the oppressed peoples against the bureaucracy. They built the biggest strike wave since the revolution of 1917. They demanded the resignation of Gorbachev. They

built huge independent organizations. Whatever the settlement is, the workers will fight again if the agreement does not advance their interests.

The Polish workers, many of whom are organized in the union Solidarity, are organizing a day of national protest May 22 against the government of former Solidarity leader, Lech Walesa. They are protesting the high prices and un-

employment that have come with the introduction of the "market economy," that is, capitalism.

The rulers of the Soviet Union and rulers like Walesa, all supporters of the rich bankers, are on the defensive. The workers will, sooner or later, reach their goal — the overthrow of the hated bureaucracy, and the re-establishment of an economy controlled by the workers. ■

Group supports Labor Party Advocates

Socialist Action has just published an article in favor of Labor Party Advocates (LPA). LPA was begun by Tony Mazzocchi who is secretary-treasurer of one of the big unions in the United States, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union. We are reprinting excerpts from the article.

... Early this year, the Socialist Action national office received an invitation to attend a meeting in San Francisco along with two brief tracts. ... In his explanation of its purpose, Mazzocchi correctly emphasizes the primarily educational function of LPA at the present time. His letter of

invitation and pamphlet advance good arguments for a break from capitalist politics and for the formation of a labor party based on the unions. Thus, Mazzocchi's campaign can play a positive role. ...

The formation of Labor Party Advocates will best serve the interests of working people if those like Tony Mazzocchi ... educate workers in the true history of the class struggle. ... First, the boss class and their political representatives are the enemy. Workers must be organized as a class in economic, social and political struggle against the enemy class.

Second, those officials within the ranks of the labor movement who block effective struggle in defense of our class interests, may not be the enemy, but their function as the "labor lieutenants of the capitalist class" must be exposed and combated. ...

Socialist Action is a Trotskyist group associated with the United Secretariat of the Fourth International (one of the tendencies of the Fourth International). The entire article is available from Socialist Action, 3435 Army St. Suite 308, San Francisco, CA 94110. ■

Long live Free and Independent Kurdistan!

Declaration of the International Secretariat of the International League (for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International)

Workers:

The eyes of the world are focused on the tragic fate of the Iraqi Kurdish people, massacred and persecuted without rest by Saddam Hussein's troops, but who continue resisting heroically with arms in hand. The attempt to crush the Kurdish insurrection makes clear the true reasons and interests that were in play in the Gulf war. Now, the leaders of the imperialist powers, that dropped millions of tons of bombs on the Iraqi people, that occupy part of their territory and, have won the acceptance of their conditions on the part of the Baghdad regime; these leaders, Major, Mitterrand and, above all Bush, that have not ceased to call for the overthrow of Saddam Hussein ... they declare themselves "impotent" to stop the massacre of the Kurds ... and they do not want to interfere in the "internal affairs" of Iraq. Can you imagine anything more cynical?

The reality, workers, is different. The truth is that the massacre of the Kurds is made on account of imperialism, it is useful to its interests. Imperialism prefers a conquered Saddam Hussein to the Kurds victorious and armed.

The imperialist powers — under the mantle of the "legality" of the UN and with the support of the leaders of the Kremlin — have waged a devastating war against Iraq in order to insure for themselves control of oil. The wave of lies that served to hide the goals of the war are not able to hide the reality: "Free Kuwait?" Is it free now? With the American army to protect the Saleh clan, the terror against the Palestinians and against the timid Kuwaiti bourgeois opposition? A "new international order"? What "order"?

Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait because imperialism — that armed him and pushed him into the war against Iran — placed him on the edge of economic and political collapse. The conflict of the bourgeois regime of Baghdad with imperialism was no more than a pale reflection of the hatred of the Arab working masses and of the whole region toward imperialism and toward the regimes that rob the national wealth and oppress the people for imperialism. This explains why the Iraqi cause became the cause of the Palestinians and of all the oppressed people of the Middle East and North Africa.

That is why, from the very beginning, we called for the most energetic and unconditional defense of Iraq. Facing the military defeat and the weakening of Saddam, the Kurdish people, like the Iraqi population — especially the Sunni Muslims — of the south and of Baghdad saw the moment to launch a revolutionary uprising to finish with the dictatorship. But imperialism — that wanted to exchange Saddam for a military chief or a rival hired by the colonial powers, capable of assuring the submission of Iraq and paying the large reparations of the war to the conquerors — imperialism, then, has learned to understand very well on what side it finds its interests.

From the side of a popular insurrection, it would have ended — whatever the conciliatory will of some of its leaders — in confronting the military presence of imperialist in the Gulf, the occupation of Iraq, it would have given a new impulse to the struggle of the Pales-

tinians against the Israeli state, without a doubt it would have radicalized once again the Iranian revolution ... even more when the uprising against Saddam was more and more supported by the Kurds. A people massacred by Saddam, but equally oppressed and persecuted in Turkey, in Syria, in Iran, in the USSR ... The Kurdish uprising threatens the boundaries and the regimes — submissive, or, in more or less agreement with imperialism — and places in danger imperialist domination of the region ... a domination for which imperialism just finished making a war. Even more when it knows that the principal Iraqi oil fields are found in Kurdistan.

This is why imperialism has supported, from the first moment, Saddam Hussein in repressing the revolt, it has detained prisoners to impede their return to the cities in the rebellion, from Basra to Baghdad and Kurdistan; it has permitted the utilization of all the military resources of the regime against the insurrection, it has protected it from all suspected of favoring the rebels. The government of Baghdad, clashing with the popular masses of its country, yields also to the dictates of imperialism.

Workers ought to refuse with scorn the humanitarian speeches and the crocodile tears of Washington, London or Paris over the fate of the Kurds ... Even more the attempt, under the excuse of protection, of encircling them in special zones, in refugee camps ... and under the control of Baghdad.

Briefly ...

Erik Larsen and Tahan Jones are US Marine Reservists from California. Erik is white and Tahan is Black. These two friends refused to go to the Gulf War. They are being charged with desertion. The punishment for desertion includes the death penalty. All working class people should demand: Freedom for Erik Larsen and all GIs who refused to go!

Spark is sponsoring a forum on the Free Trade Pact with Mexico on June 23, Pullman Hall, corner of Forest and Cass near Wayne State University. 5:00 p.m.

The Trotskyist Committee sold 25 copies of *Truth* No. 259 at Wayne County Community College and in working class neighborhoods. Discussion class, Tuesdays 6:00 p.m., Truth meeting, 6:00 p.m. Thursdays. Call 584-6556 for location. ■

The Palestinians are able to testify to the "protection" that they have made in the camps since 1948. Enough of peoples of the Middle East made into refugees! Defend the Kurdish people! *Long live Kurdistan, free and independent!* This is the national, democratic and legitimate hope that the workers of all countries ought to defend against imperialism and its lackeys in the area.

Imperialist troops out of Iraq and the Gulf! This is the first demand that the workers of the large industrial countries must raise to their governments and the main support that they can contribute to the insurrection of Kurdistan for its national emancipation. April 14, 1991 ■

Capitalism and socialism

The heads of the giant financial, industrial, agricultural and commercial monopolies in the U.S. enjoy the capitalist and imperialist economic system in the U.S. Their tiny class owns all the resources in society and uses them to enrich themselves at the expense of the masses of people. Working people own little or nothing but their own labor power; they have to sell their labor power to the owners in order to survive.

Naturally, the owners of the giant monopolies in the U.S. want working people to think that there is no alternative to capitalism and imperialism. They say that socialism is a society with a privileged, dictatorial bureaucracy, like the USSR has been.

This is a lie.

Workers and oppressed peoples in the USSR have only taken the first steps toward socialism, by building a workers party, overthrowing a feudal monarchy, establishing a workers government, taking over banks and basic industries, and beginning to develop a planned economy. Now they are struggling to rid themselves of the privileged dictatorial bureaucracy that arose — under the pressure of and with the support of U.S. imperialism — and that has been undermining their struggle. Sooner or later they will succeed in building a fully socialist society — with no rich and no poor, no top and no bottom, no privileged dictatorial bureaucrats, no poverty, no oppression, no want, and no suffering of any kind. So will working people of all races and nationalities in the U.S. and throughout the world. ■

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