

# TRUTH

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## 80,000 more needed to recall Engler!

The Committee to Recall Engler has collected more than 560,000 of the signatures necessary to put the question of recalling Engler on the November ballot.

641,141 signatures are necessary. Thus approximately 80,000 more are needed.

Collecting the necessary number of signatures within a 90-day period has proven to be more difficult than the Committee originally thought. This is not at all because there is a lack of popular support for recalling Engler. On the contrary, when petitioners have passed through neighborhoods with sound trucks blaring "Recall Engler," people have poured out of their houses to sign petitions.

The fundamental problem has been that the Committee has lacked the material resources necessary to do this — the paid, full-time personnel and equipment.

Certain left Democrats and trade union officials claim to support the campaign. However, they have not contributed any substantial material resources to actually carrying it out. Big TV, radio, and newspapers, of course, have organized an almost total black-out against the campaign, since they are owned by the same big bankers and businessmen who are making money off of Engler's policies.

Nevertheless, precisely because of the widespread popular support for recalling Engler, the Committee has decided to continue the campaign and do everything possible to collect 641,141 signatures within a 90-day period.

The fate of the campaign to recall Engler will not be decided in the government offices where government officials will count signatures and undoubtedly throw out as many as they can. The fate of the campaign will be decided in the workplaces, working class neighborhoods, and in the streets, where masses of working people can be mobilized to demand that the state put the question on the ballot and let the people vote on whether they want to recall Engler or not.

Once again, we urge all working people to support this effort. Sign petitions, circulate petitions, make donations to help finance the campaign. Prepare now to organize meetings and demonstrations to demand that the state put the question on the Novem-

ber ballot.

Engler's policies are against the interests of the working class.

Workers will pay when increased competition for jobs from ex-welfare recipients drives workers' wages and working conditions down.

Workers will pay when they see no alternative but to financially support family and friends who have been cut off welfare and who not making enough money to support

themselves for one reason or another.

Workers will pay when ex-welfare recipients become desperate, for whatever reason, and turn to begging in the streets or crime in the streets.

And workers will pay when ex-welfare recipients are forced to become strike-breakers and take the workers' jobs.

Recall Engler!

Join the campaign today! ■

### Soviet peoples did it! So can we! (over)



### All-male schools: Down with federal judges! Let the people of Detroit decide!

A federal judge recently ruled against a Detroit School Board decision to establish an all-male school in Detroit.

As working class revolutionaries, we are totally against establishing all-male schools in Detroit, or anywhere else. The fundamental problem that young Black men have been facing has not been spending too much time

in the physical presence of young women.

The fundamental problem facing young Black men, and all young people, is that they live in a society based on *exploitation*, where one class enriches itself at the expense of another, where one class (the imperialist or capitalist class) takes everything that the other class (the working class) produces, and gives back to the working class only what the working class needs to keep on working. They live in a society that persecutes Blacks, Arabs, women, and others, because it's profitable.

What most young Black men — most of whom come from working class families — need more than anything else, is an opportunity to work and study shoulder to shoulder with young Black working class women (and working class men and women of other ages, races, nationalities, etc.), so that they can learn to work together to get rid of this society and build another.

But it is up to the people of Detroit to decide this question, not a federal judge owned and controlled by the same rich whites who profit from the super-exploitation of Black workers and the oppression of the Black people as a whole. ■

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Secretary-Treasurer — Oil, Chemical  
and Atomic Workers Union  
Founder — Labor Party Advocates  
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# Soviet peoples did it! So can we!

Working people and oppressed peoples of many different races and nationalities in the Soviet Union prevented the Communist Party bosses in their country from taking back the gains that the people have made in the last few years — like a certain amount of freedom of the press, the right to demonstrate, the right to strike, and a certain amount of freedom for oppressed nationalities.

They did this with a *mass mobilization*, including demonstrations, strikes, building barricades and fighting the armed forces in the streets.

If the people in the Soviet Union did it, so

can we. We can stop Engler from taking back the gains that working people have made in Michigan — like progressive taxation policies, where people who have money to spare pay a higher percentage of their money than people who have no money to spare; welfare; public funds for parks, recreations facilities, the arts, etc., and other things used by working people who can't afford private estates in Bloomfield Hills and Grosse Pointe.

Circulating petitions to recall Engler and demanding that the state put the question on the November ballot, are both tactics to help build such a mass mobilization against Engler and the privileged class that he represents.

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These struggles will also help unify working men and women of different races and nationalities into a single movement for a workers party. And when they are unified in this way they will have the power to take back everything that they have produced and that rightly belongs to them — the food, the clothes, the cars, the houses, the banks, the factories, the transportation systems, the land, etc. This is what workers socialism and workers communism stands for. The only thing communist about the "Communist Party" bosses in the Soviet Union is the name of their party, and even that probably will not last much longer! ■

## Down with the imperialist Communist Party in the USSR! Workers democracy, workers socialism, workers communism!

*We are reprinting a leaflet against the military takeover in the USSR that we wrote on August 20 and distributed on August 21 at the Ford plant in Detroit.*

*The struggle against the military takeover is not over. Thousands of people are calling for trying and punishing the men who organized the military takeover; thousands are calling for investigating and even ousting Gorbachev; thousands more are pushing for banning the Communist Party and confiscating all of its property. They are absolutely right! As the leaflet says, the Communist Party has become more and more imperialist and capitalist. It is a training ground, a fraternity, a mafia, of those who wish to live at the expense of the people.*

*Bush, of course, is not on the side of the people. First he said to give Yanayev, the front man for the coup, a chance. Now, he says give Gorbachev a chance.*

*Some workers at the Ford plant were surprised when they saw us handing out a leaflet against the Communist Party in the USSR. Some said, "Aren't you communists?"*

The more the struggle proceeds, the more the masses of people will see that true communists — Trotskyists — are always with the masses of people against the exploiters and oppressors.

### Victory to the oppressed peoples in the USSR! Down with the Imperialist Communist Party bosses and their coup!

Now everyone can see even more clearly!

There is a profound *conflict* between the oppressed peoples and the workers in the USSR and the Communist Party bosses.

The Communist Party bosses are becoming more and more *imperialist*.

The Communist Party bosses want to *force* the oppressed republics within the USSR — Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, the Ukraine, Azerbaijan and others — to remain within the USSR (the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) against their will. They have sent troops to these areas to put down these people, disarm their popular

militias, and rule them by force. This is imperialism!

The Communist Party bosses say over and over that they want to continue Gorbachev's and Yeltsin's policies of *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (restructuring). What does this mean? They want to *open* Soviet industry and agriculture to U.S., European, and Japanese bankers; they want to *restructure* Soviet industry and agriculture. In other words, they want to *sell* large portions of Soviet industry and agriculture — which were produced by and *legally* belong to Soviet workers — to U.S., European, and Japanese bankers who will use these resources to *enrich themselves* at the *expense* of the masses of Soviet peoples. This is imperialism!

Naturally, young people and working people in the United States totally sympathize with the people that they see in the streets of the USSR, protesting, chanting, fighting . . . the Communist Party bosses and their tanks.

But what can young people and working people in the U.S. do to help their counterparts in the USSR?

- 1) Demand that the Communist Party bosses: *List the state of emergency! Get all Kremlin troops out of the oppressed republics now!*
- 2) *Support all the movements against the imperialists in the U.S. — the movement to recall Engler; the movement to get all U.S. forces out of Iraq and all foreign territories; Labor Party Advocates ... What is the difference between what Bush does to oppressed people in the U.S. (Blacks, women, white workers ...), and what the Communist Party bosses do to oppressed people in the USSR? What is the difference between what Bush has done to the Iraqi people, and what the Communist Party bosses are trying to do the oppressed Lithuania, Latvian, or Estonian peoples? Who is more callous and blood-thirsty!*
- 3) *Work to bring these movements together into a single movement for a workers party.* When working men and women of all races and nationalities in the U.S. are united, they will have the power to take back what they have produced — all the banks and basic industries. They will have the power to build a workers democracy, workers socialism, and workers communism, where the workers together own what the workers together have produced. There will be no imperialists, capitalists, middle-class socialists, or middle-class communists, trying to push the workers around.

Victory to the oppressed peoples and the workers in the USSR and the U.S.!

Down with the imperialist Communist Party bosses and their coup!

Down with Bush and the imperialist parties in the U.S.!

## More victims of racist, sexist, anti-working class justice in Detroit

Laquita Glover, 17, mother of two sons, was charged with one count of assault with the intent of causing great bodily harm and two counts of unarmed robbery for her alleged participation in the alleged beatings and robberies at Hart Plaza during the so-called "Freedom Festival."

She was obviously bullied into pleading "no contest"; she had no trial; she was sentenced to 1-10 years for assault and 20 months to 15 years for robbery.

Judge Dominick Carnovale also subjected her to another one of his pious, hypocritical speeches which showed his real concerns: the image of Detroit and making money in downtown Detroit.

"I'm not about to let anybody think that robbing and violently assaulting people on the streets of downtown Detroit is an allowable sport. This message is for you, Miss Glover; it's also for anybody, any others who might be considering such acts ... You have participated in a scene of violence that has been given extremely wild (sic), wide coverage ..." (*Detroit Free Press*, August 22, page 3).

These young Black women have already been tried and convicted on television. They are not getting fair trials and they never will in this racist, sexist, anti-working class justice system. What is their story? What do they have to say? — M. Guttschall ■

## Briefly . . .

*Spark*, a Trotskyist group in Detroit, held its annual festival on Sunday, August 18. Over 300 working people and their supporters in the Detroit area bought tickets to the festival. Many autoworkers attended. There were literature tables, a meeting, skits, and many different activities for children. Speakers at the meeting argued that socialism and communism are the only solution for working people and that the heads of the USSR really have nothing to do with communism. Others stressed the need for unity; if workers were more unified, they could really accomplish something. The skits made fun of the heads of the auto corporations ("The Three Stooges"), Engler (who was finished off by the "Total Recall Campaign" dressed up as "The Terminator") and sexist bosses in general (who were done in by "Thelma and Louise"). The *Trotskyist Committee* of Detroit sold 35 copies of *Truth* No. 264 at the Ford plant, the Spark festival, and elsewhere in Detroit. At first, some young and working people that we talked to tended to go along with what the media had to say about the young Black women allegedly involved in the incident at Hart Plaza during the "Freedom Festival." However, after they had an opportunity to think about it and talk about it some more, they were convinced that these women would never get a fair trial in Detroit and that they should be freed. Several told us stories about how they had been abused by racist police and court officials in white suburbs. We also passed out a leaflet against the layoffs at Ford and against the military takeover in the Soviet Union. ■

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The Trotskyist Committee of Detroit is named after Leon Trotsky, a leader of the first successful workers socialist revolution and a founder of the Fourth International, the world party of the socialist revolution. The Trotskyist Committee of Detroit is associated with one of the international tendencies of the Fourth International, the International League for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International.

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