

British Young Socialists Build Leadership Of Workingclass

by Tim Wohlforth
 MORECAMBE, ENGLAND--
 On Saturday morning, March 18 the coaches started pouring into this small seaside resort town on the Northwestern coast of England. The Young Socialists had been travelling all night from 11 over England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Some 10 coaches with 500 Young Socialists in them came from London alone leaving gathering points throughout the city at midnight.

The conference was the result of a year's work by the Young Socialists. In every corner of England these Young Socialists had battled for the program and policies of their movement and on this basis to build the Conference. They have now taken the political line of the Conference back to

their local areas for another year's struggles.

At noon the 1,000 young workers and their supporters filled the orchestra of the ornate Winter Palace theater to hear 19 year old National Committee member Pat Leonard's keynote report. 1966, she said, had been a year of hard work. The YS had been successful in bringing young and old workers in Britain closer together through major campaigns, and the workers and youth of Europe together through the Liege demonstration of October 15th, 1966. "We must go on to build up these two vital aspects of our policy."

internationalism

A good part of the first day of the conference was given

over to internationalism. Behind the speakers flew two large banners, one supporting the International Assembly of Youth being organized by the YS along with the French Revoltes group and the other protesting the imprisonment of such anti-imperialist fighters as Hugo Blanco and Dr. Davila in Latin America.

The struggle in England was seen as part of the world wide struggle against capitalism and for a new leadership for the world working class, for the building of the Fourth International. Specific resolutions called for the release of Hugo Blanco, the withdrawal of British troops from Aden, victory of the NLF in Vietnam, support for the Red Guards in China and commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the

Hungarian Revolution.

Fraternal greetings were delivered to the conference by the Revoltes youth group in France, a young German worker from Frankfurt, a representative of the Greek section of the International Committee of the Fourth International and myself as representative of the Workers League in the United States.

"We have always maintained that the crisis of capitalism in Britain and consequently of the Labour government, was part of a world crisis for which there is no solution outside of an organized, ruthless attack on the living standards and organizations of the working class internationally.", so stated Pat Leonard. The struggle against the offensive of the ruling class and the

lation to the creation of an alternative leadership for the working class was the main theme of all the discussions at the conference.

trade unionists

Within this context the presence at the conference of a number of adult trade unionists, key shop stewards from some of England's largest plants, was of the greatest importance. The British working class has developed a powerful shop stewards movement. Through these shop stewards workers' control within the plants over working conditions is far beyond anything we have in the United States.

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Peace Marchers Must Take Sides

There is war in Vietnam, and reaction to this in the form of anti-war sentiment in the United States. The events of the war -- the seemingly limitless supply of Vietcong troops, in spite of the tens of thousands claimed killed; the many times repeated testimony of U.S. troops, who recount the true feelings of the people they were sent to "protect;" the callous bombing "errors"--all these events show clearly that Washington is waging a brutal intervention to crush a revolution that has the support of the vast majority of Vietnam's population.

We do not address ourselves, here, to those such as SANE or the Socialist Party, who, understanding the nature of this war, yet remain conscious defenders and apologists for the capitalist system that has produced it, that had to produce it, and that will produce it like again and again while the system is allowed to exist.

no neutrality

But for those who understand the nature of this war and seek to seriously oppose it, we say the following:

You cannot be neutral; you cannot be in silent disagreement; you cannot hope for victory by the NLF in private. Those who understand the war have a duty to side unequivocally with the revolutionary forces which today are in battle against the imperialist forces which seek their destruction. Your duty is not

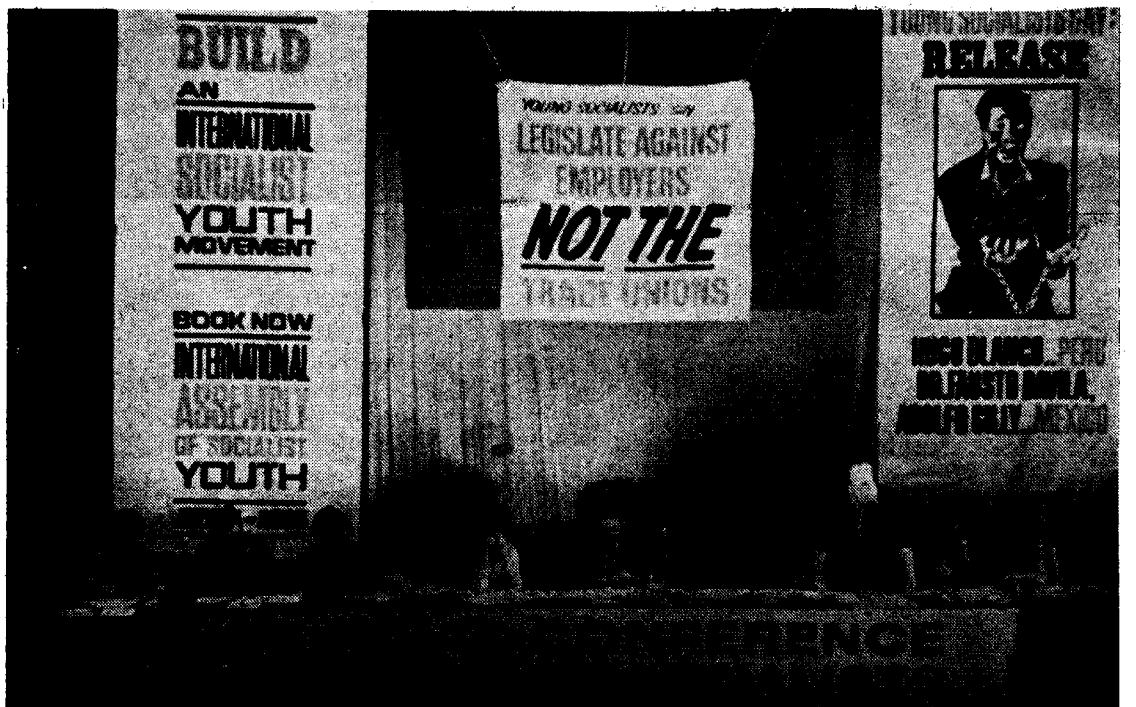
simply to be "against" the war, but to demand an end to the system that has produced it; to demand the victory of the Vietnamese who are fighting this system.

We have demonstrated against this war for more than two years. Protest against the war has grown steadily during that time -- yet the war has steadily "escalated" side by side with the increased protest. This is no accident. There is a direct relationship between the crisis of imperialism which forces the war to a more and more desperate pitch and the growth of the protest movement, a movement made up largely, so far, of middle-class students and intellectuals. And because of the middle-class nature of the anti-war movement there has not been made clear the class basis of the war, nor has the anti-war movement sought to rouse the only force in America which is capable of ending the war in a progressive fashion.

moderation

As the "umbrella" slogans of "Immediate Withdrawal" and "Bring the Troops Home Now" have failed to generate a mass opposition to the war, the pacifist and centrist-led movement now centered the Spring Mobilization Committee has consciously moved to the right and tried to broaden the movement by moderating further its already unclear political line. The vicious fraud that a moderate

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SPEAKERS' TABLE AT BRITISH YOUNG SOCIALIST CONFERENCE

no laws against unions

Workers Fight Against Condon-Wadlin

by Lucy St. John

Today American workers are faced with increased government intervention in their struggles for higher wages and working conditions. The government through its strikebreaking methods and threats of antilabor legislation has been acting to discipline the labor movement. The role of the state is clearly seen in the recent efforts by Albany to strengthen New York's Condon-Wadlin law. This law prohibits public employees from striking and calls for the immediate dismissal of the strikers and rehiring only on the condition that they will receive no pay increases for three years. During the last few years this law has proved to be an ineffective strikebreaking tool for the government. The UFT, (teachers) SSEU, (welfare workers) and TWU (tran-

sit) have waged successful strikes despite the law. The state legislature has been forced to pass bills exempting the strikers from penalties for fear of increased struggle on the part of the workers and the Albany politicians are attempting to introduce new penalties into Condon-Wadlin in order to create a really effective strikebreaking weapon.

whose unions

The question for both the Republicans and the Democrats is not whether such a bill should be passed but rather how much to fine the unions. These differences will disappear immediately after the next major strike by public employees, and an effective strikebreaking law will be passed overnight. The employers and the state are conducting an all out cam-

paign in the attempt to control the unions and subordinate them to the machinery of the state. The only real weapon all workers have is the strike, and in order to win their demands they must have the freedom to use it against the bosses. What is at stake is whether the unions are to be the organs of the workers or organizations to control the workers.

While the Republicans and Democrats in Albany are debating how best to discipline the workers, where are the labor bureaucrats? Most of them are either sitting on their hands hoping the bill will not be passed or are holding back-room conferences with capitalist politicians. The bureaucrats refuse to mobilize their members in a political struggle against the strikebreakers.

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Trade School Students Fight Board Of Education

by Judith Lee

Trade schools are a blatant example of how the capitalist system treats working class youth. While a student is learning, he is producing goods that are, in turn, being sold in stores staffed by adults. The H. S. of Fashion Industries in NYC is one of the schools in which this takes place.

To insure the administration of nearly 100% profit, students are forced to buy any article on which mistakes are made. The Board of Education claims that this policy is necessary to pay for the materials. This is absurd! Students in vocational high schools are in fact paying their way through school by producing saleable

goods.

These trade schools are run like production lines. The overwhelming majority of the student body is doing only piece work and is not actually learning a trade. The schools do not create a connection between the students and any apprenticeship programs in industry. For example, Food and Maritime H. S. graduate have just as difficult a time getting seamen's papers as do any other workers.

Since these students are trained on antiquated machinery and are learning skills that are being made obsolete by automation, they will have to compete with unskilled workers for unskilled jobs.

To make school more than a

waste of time and labor, students must form student body committees and demand that the city let the student body determine where the profits will go.

These student committees must also link up with the trade unions. Because they are producing commodities, students are already workers in an industry. The schools must be controlled by the trade unions. Also, since the students have spent three or four years in a trade, they should be guaranteed apprenticeship, with full union rights. The stores that sell the articles that are made in the trade schools must be staffed by the students, earning a salary according to union

scale.

Students at schools like Fashion Industries and Food and Maritime are beginning to show that they are conscious of the way the Board of Education is exploiting them. One militant fashion student said, "Why stay in school when you can be doing the same thing on the job, learning more, and getting paid for it too?" Other students are asking, "What can we do?"

It is not surprising that capitalism treats youth so callously. The trade school students must organize to fight for their rights, for job opportunities and decent working conditions. They must fight against a system whose only answer to their problems

is unemployment, the draft, and the war in Vietnam.

The 4th St. Neighborhood Center is organizing high school students throughout the city to fight together for their demands. Revolt, the socialist youth organization in agreement with the Workers League, wholeheartedly supports these struggles of working class youth. It will be fighting for demands such as putting youth to work building new housing, schools and hospitals at union wages. It will be fighting to make the youth a part of the production process, an integral and fighting section of the working class. Help build revolt. For more information write to 243 E. 10th St., Rm 8, NY.

POWELL & THE DEMOCRATS - WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

It is very clear that the exclusion of Adam Clayton Powell from the House of Representatives was a racist-inspired action meant to demonstrate to the Negro masses that increased militancy in the civil rights struggle would be met by increased repression and reprisals.

The issue is not that Powell is a great leader who has accomplished a great deal for the Negro masses in his Congressional position. That is a fraud which has been spread by the ruling class itself, with all of its lies about freedom and democracy.

corruption

Rather than praising Powell's supposed accomplishments, we should be exposing the true nature of Congress and demanding that the entire Congress be dissolved. They are all thoroughly corrupt, the paid representatives, not of the workers, but of the capitalists who nominate them and finance their elections.

Powell himself knows that this is the case but has always chosen to be a part of this system instead of an opponent of it.

Even the moderate Negro leadership has been forced to admit that racism is involved in the Powell action, but they are quick to reaffirm their loyalty to the system. But the more militant tendencies, including the black power advocates, have also not provided any leadership. Instead of showing how the Powell case proves the treachery of the capitalist parties and the need for a party of our own, they have lined up behind the Harlem Democrats who have renominated Powell in the new election.

The talk of a second voting line for Powell is just meant as a sop to those who are too disgusted to vote Democratic. This means nothing. A real break with the Democrats is carefully avoided by Powell and all of his advisors.

Powell gets it on the chin

from the Democrats, and his supporters turn right around and use this whole affair to tie the Negro people even more tightly than at present to the coattails of these same Democrats. Stokely Carmichael says we have to elect a black leader of Tammany Hall to replace J. Raymond Jones. Everyone talks about the importance of Powell's committee chairmanship, new legislation, and so forth.

What does any of this mean for the Negro masses, the unemployed, underpaid and superexploited millions of people who are concentrated in the ghettos of the large cities? Has J. Raymond Jones done anything for them as leader of Tammany Hall? Has Adam Clayton Powell lifted them up out of their poverty? Or have these people leaned upon the masses, used the masses to make themselves junior partners in the political establishment of the same system that exploits us?

Of course we can gain reforms within this system, but only by fighting for them, and that means fighting against the big business parties that represent and uphold this system. The Democratic Party is not our party. It is completely controlled by the bosses. We don't want crumbs from this system and we don't want to be junior partners. It is impossible to really defend Powell and to expose the move against him for what it really is without breaking from this system and from the Democratic Party.

Bureaucratic leaders and forces hold back the Negroes and the entire working class. We have to fight against the system that oppresses us. The one thing that the rulers are afraid of is that the workers will really begin to act in their own interests. They fear a labor party more than anything else. They will tolerate an awful lot of criticism as long as it doesn't seriously

challenge them politically, which is exactly what a labor party would do. Such a party would even in the beginning get more reforms by scaring the ruling class. Timidly tailing behind the capitalists can't get us anywhere.

Negro militants should start fighting for a total break with the Democrats and the beginning of an independent labor party. They can show the entire working class why unity behind a labor party is needed. We must defend Powell but not let him or anyone else stop us from seriously taking on the system.

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CONDON-WADLIN

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by forcing arbitration of all disputes, a no-strike policy, and the recognition of the rights of management, has something other than the defense of the workers' rights in mind. Mr. Gotbaum wants "orderly collective bargaining, with mediation and arbitration." He is worried that the law would place a loaded gun into the hands of the public officials at the bargaining table and impede his ability to make backroom, sell-out deals with the bosses. What Mr. Gotbaum and the rest of the labor bureaucrats are interested in protecting is their profitable position as mediators between the rank and file and employers. What is clearly needed is the mobili-

zation of all public employees in a political struggle against anti-labor legislation.

In a surprising show of militancy, Victor Gotbaum of DC 37 led a contingent of 2,000 workers up to Albany in an orderly "lobbying effort." This has been the only mobilization of rank and file members against the bill and is a step in the right direction. However, Mr. Gotbaum, who has been the most enthusiastic supporter of Tri-Partite, the bill to control city workers

This is an issue for the entire working class. American workers are all burdened by the deteriorating economic situation in which business is finding itself in a downhill slide and profits are being taken off the backs of the

workers. Workers are faced with inflation, rising taxes to pay for the bosses' war, automation and unemployment. Workers faced with this crisis can no longer be bought off, and what has emerged is a growing upsurge and militancy on the part of the rank and file. Increasingly, rank and file unionists are rejecting the offers negotiated by the bosses and the labor bureaucrats.

With the threat of this growing militancy and the need to hold down labor costs, the bosses are crying from every direction for the government to pass new and crippling legislation to control the workers. The government and its representatives are responding. While the Democrats and Republicans are debating fines for unions at Albany, Johnson has appointed a panel to study recommendations for anti-strike legislation, and Javits and Morse, in a touching display of non-partisanship, are calling for nationwide anti-labor legislation. What these enemies of the working class have in mind was recently made clear by one of their mouthpieces, A.H. Raskin, who recognizes the anti-strike law "as the saving element" and "the es-

tablishment of improved governmental machinery" for strikebreaking as "an affirmation - not a denial of democracy."

Just as a strengthened Condon-Wadlin will be passed overnight with a major strike by public employees, so any major confrontation in a large scale industry such as trucking, will provide the excuse for Congress to pass anti-strike legislation. While this threat hangs over the heads of American workers, what are the labor bureaucrats doing? Mr. Gotbaum and other local bureaucrats are "lobbying" with politicians in Albany, while Meany and Reuther are splitting their tickets between anti-labor Johnson and Hoffa-jailer Kennedy.

politics

State intervention in union struggles makes all these struggles political questions. Struggles against Condon-Wadlin and other anti-strike legislation clearly must be waged on a political level. But the Democrats and Republicans stand with the bosses against the workers. They stand only for bi-partisan tax increases, bi-partisan inflation, bi-partisan war, and bi-

partisan strikebreaking. The labor bureaucrats keep politicians out of the unions and betray the workers by refusing to make the struggle a political one.

labor party

The only way the American working class can fight anti-labor legislation such as Condon-Wadlin, and thus be able to struggle for higher wages and better working conditions is to break from the Democrats and Republicans and to build a party that will represent the interests of the workers, a labor party. It is clear that the initial call for a labor party will not come from the labor bureaucrats. It must come from rank and file unionists who have an interest in fighting the bosses. Rank and file militants must organize caucuses within their unions and fight the bosses and any anti-labor legislation and state intervention. They must demand the restoration of union democracy and control over their organizations. Only through political struggle, through a labor party, can the working class unite, regain control over and maintain the independence of their organizations of struggle.

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.....No Neutrality! Defend Red Guards.....

by Marty Jonas

It is the task of every revolutionary to take sides and participate fully in every manifestation of the international class struggle, rather than to stand by and comment on the struggle. On the Chinese revolution, as we have said, there can be no neutrality. We must see every struggle within the context of the international situation. The roles of the Soviet bureaucracy and the Chinese bureaucracy must be assessed in relation to imperialism and the working class.

Recent developments in China have confirmed our stand in support of the Red Guards as a vital revolutionary force. All of the details of the recent moves toward retreat and compromise are not clear. Whatever the lineup in the top leadership of the CP, and whatever the latest tactics of the Mao group, the moves to disband the Red Guards, the calls for moderation, for rectification and for an alliance with the army and party cadres all prove the existence of a very strong opposition within the bureaucracy and the party to the Red Guard Movement.

This proves once again that the Red Guard represents a mass movement against bureaucracy that they pose the question of political revolution against the bureaucracy, and that they expose the complete bankruptcy of the Chinese CP.

There are no grounds for pessimism because of any temporary compromise with the bureaucracy. The Red Guards are a major social force, the conditions which made their mobilization possible continue to exist and we will be hearing much more from them and the entire working class.

It is worth noting that rallies and marches still take place and they will undoubtedly continue. As a Red Guard said to the French journalist K. S. Karol, "Things will never be the same." If Mao himself is now embarked on a move to contain and control the Red Guards, this also proves the necessity of Marxist leadership and we can only say that the struggle has just begun.

sham neutrality

Middle class groups such as Spartacist, the Socialist Workers Party, and various "third camp" tendencies have all failed to view China in the context of its own internal crisis as part of the crisis of Stalinism and imperialism. Spartacist has abstracted China from the rest of the world and declared that Mao and his band of "young snots looking for jobs" are the main enemy of the Chinese workers. Spartacist's neutrality is clearly a sham. Abstaining from struggle, they have landed on the side of those who are looking for compromise with the Kremlin and imperialism. They

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ignore completely the class struggle and the role of the Soviet bureaucracy in relation to imperialism and the Chinese Revolution.

Little separates the Spartacist League from the SWP. Both pay no attention, except for sneering asides at the youth, to the real forces in struggle. Spartacist's demand for the building of a section of the Fourth International is completely empty. The Fourth International can only be built in struggle and Spartacist is on the wrong side. The Spartacist League -- no slouches in their effort to wreck the Fourth International -- fail to recognize the essence of the struggle in China.

which side

The SWP and Spartacist have tried to solve their problem by cheering on what look like working class struggles in China, such as the events in Shanghai. They try to press everything into the mold of an ideal struggle, the workers on one side

and the bureaucracy on the other. But unevenness in the struggle to build a revolutionary leadership is inevitable. At such times it is not a question of seeking ideal answers in the books or in historical precedents, but of analyzing the actual struggle objectively and evaluating the class forces in conflict. For the Workers League and the International Committee of the Fourth International the choice is clear: the Red Guards and their worker allies are fighting to defend and to extend the gains of the Chinese Revolution. The youth, as elsewhere, have begun the fight in China. They have led the way for the entire working class. It is necessary, however, to go on to unite the workers, peasants and students behind a revolutionary party.

The SWP's assessment of the latest developments is very revealing. The March 27 Militant says the following:

The "rectification campaign," now in full swing, aims at curbing, restraining and subduing the forces set in motion by Mao's appeals to the masses. These forces, were they to be permitted free play, would end in a powerful mass upsurge that would shatter all sectors of the bureaucracy and initiate a political revolution that would put the establishment of workers democracy on the agenda.

Whereas the SWP had originally nothing but contempt for the Red Guards, they now refer to Mao's "appeals to the masses." They have quietly changed their position and try to make it seem as though they have always supported the forces which they only recently referred to as of no significance and simply pawns in Mao's struggle for power.

sympathy

The significance of the SWP's belated recognition of the Red Guards is, once again, that they cannot take sides in a living struggle. Their sympathy is reserved only for comments from afar and only after they assume the struggle is over.

Of course the struggle is not over. The SWP is incapable of distinguishing the beginning of a struggle from the end of one. They run away from struggle, while the International Committee of the Fourth International and its supporters fight for the life and the development of the revolutionary process. The Chinese Revolution is continuing and the political revolution is being prepared.

DEFEND THE CHINESE REVOLUTION!
SUPPORT THE RED GUARD!

SWP-CP Gang Threatens Calling Cops On Revolutionaries

The character of the anti-war movement's leadership was made clear last March 18 at a meeting of the Spring Mobilization Committee held in the District 65 auditorium, when delegates who called for support of the Vietcong were threatened with police by those who occupied the speakers platform.

The meeting seemed to be going as planned. Mr. Bevel, National Director of Spring Mobilization defined the war in Vietnam as based on racism; Mr. Bevel labeled those who called for revolution from the floor as "white boys with

good jobs"; Mr. Bevel finally closed with a ringing appeal for the American people to learn brotherhood and to stop paying taxes. Then the chairman introduced Mr. Halstead, the SWP-heir apparent to A.J. Muste, who was to tell us what would happen in NY on the anti-war march of April 15.

At this point the spokesman for a group of delegates, formed in an ad hoc group to secure their right to express views other than those held by those who held the speakers' platform, made a motion from the floor to introduce for dis-

cussion the right of those groups to be represented on the speakers' platform at the April 15 march. Both the chair and Mr. Halstead tried to continue without so much as admitting that they were being spoken to. The ad hoc group refused to shut up without being heard; the chair threatened to call the police; Mr. Bevel advised "those CIA agents to go home." It was clear that the various groups represented in the Spring Mobilization leadership didn't want to talk about anything radical enough to be labelled "extremist" by Bobby Kennedy. It would hardly be polite, it seemed, to talk of supporting the Vietcong.

But the few delegates forming the ad hoc group didn't mind being impolite, nor did they seem to mind the risk of alienating those moderates whose only objection to the slaughter in Vietnam is that the U.S. is not going about it gracefully. And so they insisted on their right to be heard and--eventually--were allowed to present their motion (that the meeting discuss their right to be represented

by their own speakers at the April 15 rally) to the floor.

The motion was defeated on the floor, which was not surprising. Nor was it surprising that the SWP voted against the motion to allow talk of NLF support. What must have been, if not surprising, at least upsetting to the Mobilization leadership was the narrow margin by which the motion was defeated. In spite of the rude procedure the ad hoc group was forced

to adopt, its motion was supported by many who were quite outside the ad hoc grouping. The claim of the anti-war movement leadership that only a "safe", "moderate" appeal can gain support in this country is false. This leadership is not interested in telling the American people the truth about Vietnam, nor in attacking the system that makes that war necessary.

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is clear enough. Not only do they wish to freeze wages through their Wages and Incomes Law but they want to break the steward's movement in the shops and introduce what are called here "American methods." We call it the speed-up and American workers know full well what this speed-up has done to them.

There is no way out for British workers except to turn to the political struggle, the socialist struggle and to develop an alternative leadership. This is not easy for British workers to do as they by and large fight empirically from issue to issue on a trade union syndicalist basis rather than in a political way.

Therefore it is really a matter of historic importance that shop stewards are now turning to the political struggle. They are not doing this automatically. It is the result of the activities of the young workers and students in the YS who have mobilized the largest demonstrations against Wilson's wage freeze policies and have gone out to work with these trade unionists.

students

Students are also being drawn into the struggle. The whole position of capitalism has forced the Wilson government to cut student grants and there is now a larger movement of protest sweeping British universities. On Friday before the conference about 2,500 students marched at the London School of Economics.

Students belonging to the Young Socialists were also at the conference. They have been fighting for the students to see that the root of the problem lies precisely in this capitalist crisis and that students must join with the working class in this struggle to build an alternative leadership to Wilson.

Of course there is more to the Young Socialists than just politics. Being a living working class youth movement, heavy emphasis is placed on social activities and sports. YS football (soccer) leagues

are being developed throughout the island and the local branches hold many dances.

dance

Saturday night during the conference the large hall next to the theater was filled with the 1,000 young workers dancing to two well known rock groups, the Cryin' Shames and the Rick n' Beckers. Every one had a great time and -- which is unusual for England but not for the YS -- there was no trouble. The YS members know that if there were disturbances the police would utilize them for their own purposes to hurt a movement they had struggled so hard to build.

Sunday night the youth poured into their coaches for the long journey home. The coaches were filled with lively discussions and singing the whole way. Many of these young workers had never discussed political questions before in their whole lives. Now back in their local areas, the YS members are out selling Keep Left in the pubs, working with the older trade unionists in the fight against Wilson and for socialism, and preparing for the next steps in their work.

The next major activity of the YS will be participation in the May Day parade in London. Some eighteen floats are planned to symbolize the whole struggle of the world working class in the 100 years since Das Capital was published. They expect to have the biggest May Day outpouring in their history.

future

The Young Socialist movement is so important for American revolutionaries because in this movement we can see our own future. The capitalist crisis which forces Wilson to turn on the British workers is the very same crisis which compels Johnson to prosecute his filthy imperialist war in Vietnam and to prepare anti-strike legislation to handcuff American trade unions.

We have also got to build a new working class leadership



in the United States. In the course of this struggle we will run up against many of the same problems the British YS has faced. American workers, like British workers, resist politics while at the same time display a great militancy and fighting capac-

ity in industrial struggle. These trade unionists must be turned towards revolutionary politics.

socialism

American youth are a terrifying force for the rulers of our country. This is why they

want them all in an army strait-jacket. It is these youth -- white, Negro, Puerto Rican, Mexican -- who we must battle to reach with socialism and together with these youth penetrate the broad layers of the working class with socialist ideas.

MEXICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

The following letter was sent to the Mexican magazine "Politica" by 19 political prisoners including Dr. Davila and Adolpho Gilly:

"The revolutionary political prisoners of the Preventive Jail of the City of Mexico, Wards "M" and "I", accuse the Peruvian government of the intended shooting of the peasant leader Hugo Blanco and his fellow prisoners as part of the repression planned by Latin American bourgeoisies and Imperialism against the revolutionary movements of the exploited peoples of the entire continent. Our own imprisonment, the counter-revolutionary repressions in Mexico, the repressions and political assassinations in Venezuela, Guatemala, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina and other countries are all a part of this plan. All these repressions have failed, and will fail in their attempts to contain the struggles of the exploited masses against Imperialism and Capitalism.

"We demand the immediate liberation of Hugo Blanco, Pedro Candela, Hector Bejar and other workers, peasants and guerilleros imprisoned in Peru, and we call on the forces of democracy and revolution to denounce and repudiate the attempt at "legal"

assassination of Hugo Blanco, with whom we express our solidarity."

from our correspondent

Tepic, Nay. March 7. One of the few unstruck sugar mills in Tepic signed a reportedly favorable contract for the workers under threat of a strike similar to those which had caused troop occupation earlier this year. No details of the El Molino mills contract available.

Feb. 25. Gulf Coast stevedores won a pay increase of 12.5 % retroactive all February on their final threat of a strike against all Gulf customs brokerage houses.

Hermosillo, Son. Mar. 21. State troops occupied the electrical and telephone works, patrolled the main streets with machine-gun jeeps, and surrounded the University of Sonora campus after an anti-PRI (government party) union was formed by "anti-impositionist" students groups and the two farm federations, the CNC and CTM, which resulted in a riot and burning of PRI headquarters on March 21. Four persons reported dead, eighteen wounded in the riots. Troops cannot enter University property and so were arresting



DAVILA STILL IN JAIL

anyone who entered or left the grounds. Previous to the troops, goon squads were moved in from Sonora state to break up student rallies and parades. The latest development has been the resignation of the Mayor and city officials in protest over the "troop brutality" towards students. The PRI intends to run F. Felix as its 'candidate' for governor - the students, apart from supporting the opposition candidate, claim the PRI is imposing its machine choice on the state in this instance and in general is preventing the growth of serious opposition parties.

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line is necessary to build a mass movement against the war is now openly advanced, not simply by the CP and other long-time class collaborationist tendencies, but also by the SWP, which still tries to palm itself off as revolutionary.

These people now march under the slogan of "End the War". The pacifists, centrists (SWP), and Stalinists are trying to achieve a bloc with the liberals and reformists. That Norman Thomas and Dr. Spock differ on whether to accept this offer of a bloc indicates that the effort at this time is only partly successful. It is none-

theless extremely significant and a big step towards the destruction of the movement itself.

working class

If the slogan "End the War" can be used to pressure Johnson, cannot it be used equally as well to put pressure on the Vietnamese to give up their struggle and to accept "negotiations"? Obviously it can. The Spring Mobilization Committee is helping the Soviet bureaucracy to sell out the Vietnamese. This kind of an anti-war movement will be politically destroyed and dissolved into the Kennedy wing of the Democratic party unless its course is drastically

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