

Build A Class Struggle U.A.W.



Phony Revolutionaries Exposed

Chicago, Ill.— Recent elections for local officers and convention delegates in United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 551 at the Ford Assembly plant here showed the anger of workers at the union misleadership and also helped expose some phony “revolutionaries” inside the plant.

The October League helped organize the “Stand United” slate of delegates which opposed the bureaucrats and put forward a class struggle program of fighting speedup, overtime, harassment and discrimination. Although the slate failed to win, it succeeded in rallying many workers to oppose both the bosses and the bureaucrats.

Also running in the elections was a reformist slate called “New Minds for a New Tomorrow.” Though claiming to be an alternative to the bureaucrats, this slate actually opposed the struggles of the workers, urging them to “wait until later” to fight for their demands and even striking from their program any reference to fighting discrimination.

What was also interesting about this slate was the fact that the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) and Workers Viewpoint Organization (WVO), both claiming to be “revolutionary,” buried themselves in this group in the hopes that they could ride on the coattails of these liberals to a seat at the convention. They spent day and night passing out “New Minds for a New Tomorrow” leaflets, promoting the group’s reformism and Kennedy-style liberalism. So much for the RCP’s and WVO’s brand of “revolution.”