

FOR A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO REBUILD OUR CITIES/USEFUL JOBS FOR ALL!!

At a time when the cities are literally crumbling, when the working class and particularly vanguard and progressive elements are under increasing attack by the State; when the capitalists and their politicians rattle sabres against the workers states for their heroic aid to the liberation struggles the capitalist world over; when political prisoners in prisons around the country continue to be brutally murdered and silenced; when undocumented workers are rounded up, held in detention camps and sent back to their country to starve; in this time of the extended twilight of detente and bourgeois democracy and the accompanying realignment of forces amongst both the international capitalist class and the international proletarian class; as the bourgeois state here in the U.S. prepares its institutions and agents for a direct frontal assault against the class and the communist movement well within the coming decade, at a time when the class has begun to fight back in spontaneous yet fleeting upsurges from New York City to San Francisco, yet still lack the organizational vehicles to capture the growing fury of the working masses—it is at this historic moment that all progressive forces must genuinely recommit themselves to providing leadership to the real men and women of the working class and its allies. This leadership, this Bolshevik leadership, must be manifest in our willingness, indeed our eagerness, to engage in the actual day to day struggles for survival that working and unemployed people this country over are faced with, and most especially in helping to coalesce actual mass organizations which can utilize the energy and spirit of millions of proletarians and oppressed to destroy the bourgeois state.

The International Workers Party is initiating the call for a National Committee to Rebuild Our Cities /Useful Jobs For All. This Committee is being established as a broad-based movement to draw together all progressive groupings around the country in a unified fight against all of the growing austerity attacks of the bourgeoisie—unemployment, cutbacks in municipal and state services, wage freezes, union busting drives.

The Committee will offer its fullest support to the July 4 coalition in its preparations for the July 4 demonstration in Philadelphia and will be working actively to build up for mass demonstrations later that month at the Democratic Convention in New York City.

BUILD THE SPRING OFFENSIVE--REBUILD OUR CITIES!!

For the past year, the IWP has issued a united front call to the entire Left and all progressive groupings and individuals to join with us in building the Nationwide Unemployed League; that League had its formal inception at a Convention on December 27-28. During this year, unemployed councils have been slowly developing and taking on the defense of the unemployed and oppressed—in demonstrations, unemployment and welfare hearings, mobilizing communities to prevent evictions of poor families, in strike support work, and several other areas. The New York City Unemployed Council, with over 700 members, has recently begun a Spring Offensive to Rebuild the City, to organize employed and unemployed, trade unionists, students, to fight against the ever-intensifying cutbacks. The focus of the campaign will be citywide hearings to be held on May 8.

At these hearings, the IWP will be urging the Council to take an active role in the National Committee to Rebuild our Cities, including the Committee's work in the July 4 Coalition. We encourage everyone to attend these hearings and work with us and the Council to build a New York Chapter of the Committee.

Even at a time of a deepening depression plunge (and even as Business Week Magazine bewails that the "economic recovery" now in full swing will alas not bring back the bygone days of capitalist prosperity and "full employment"), the U.S. working class, though with much militant grumbling, by and large retains its allegiance to the banks, the courts, the government—in short, to the bourgeois state. It is the job of communists, to at once organize the class where they are, to organize them around concrete issues and agitational slogans to intersect their daily observed and felt life experiences while at the same time wrenching them away from their remaining illusions in the bourgeois state. As well, it is critical, as the failure of so many revolutionary movements have

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tragically demonstrated that the demands of a mass movement in this country be non-cooptable, (while at the same time avoiding ultra-left, alienated phrasemongering).

It is in the above spirit that the IWP offers the following slogans as the basis for unity, and again urges the principled non-sectarian commitment of all working and progressive people towards the building of the Committee to Rebuild Our Cities:

1. Full Productive Employment at Union Wages.
2. End all U.S. War Production!
3. Cancel the Debts to the Banks!
4. For a General Strike of Workers and Consumers!
5. No Faith in the Capitalist Parties! (Democrats, Republicans)
6. Unconditional Defense of the Soviet Union, Cuba, China and all other Workers States and National Liberation Struggles!
7. Defend the Right to Organize!
8. Stop the Deportation of Undocumented Workers!

JOIN US AT THE CITYWIDE HEARINGS!!

**DEFEND THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS AND ITS ALLIES!
FOR A UNIFIED PARTY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT!
BUILD FOR JULY 4th--SMASH IMPERIALISM!**

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