

## Hugo Blanco deported



The following appeal was made by Hugo Blanco in Mexico City Sept. 19. It is reprinted from the Sept. 27 Intercontinental Press.

At the beginning of this month, the Peruvian teaching profession, organized in the Federación Nacional de Educadores del Perú [National Federation of Educators], initiated a strike of national scope in answer to the refusal of the government to improve their precarious living conditions, conditions that contrast vividly with the opulence in which the military lives. In spite of the efforts of the reactionary forces and the government, the strike movement was growing stronger day by day, supported as it was by the students, their parents, and broad sectors of the population.

The military junta, frightened at the dimensions of the movement, opted for a repression and violently broke up the teachers' demonstrations, jailing hundreds of teachers, students, and workers. Finally, the junta announced that they had deported various persons, including student and faculty strike leaders and myself.

I have been deported to Mexico, where fortunately I have been given permission to reside as a "visitante" (visitor), but I am ignorant of the fate of the rest of my "deported" colleagues. The press remains silent.

Could it be that the Peruvian government has killed them? Are they hesitating before carrying out the deed?

As a revolutionist and as a Peruvian, I am worried about the fate of my friends. I demand that the Peruvian government inform the world as to what they have done with these students and strike leaders they say they have deported.

I appeal to the student and political organizations, the unions, and the intellectuals who have in the past been able to stay the murderous hand of the military to mobilize once again in defense of Peruvians whose lives are in danger. This is a matter of the most extreme urgency. Immediate action is called for to achieve the liberation and the safety of these fighters.

## IRELAND MEETINGS

The Spartacus League is arranging a series of meetings in towns and cities round the country with speakers and the film *Urban Insurgency in Northern Ireland*. Watch out for further details of meetings in the localities listed below:

October	7th	York
	8th	Bristol
	11th	Cardiff
	12th	Stafford
	13th	Keele
	14th	Nottingham
	15th	Leeds
	18th	Lancaster
	19th	Liverpool
	20th	Manchester
	21st	Birmingham
	22nd	Coventry
	25th	Norwich
	26th	Colchester
	27th	Canterbury
	28th	Brighton

The Spartacus League will also be organising separate series of meetings in Scotland and London, also with the film. Details will be posted locally, but if you want to be put in touch with SL militants in these areas, write to the Spartacus League, 182 Pentonville Road, London N.1.

## Ceylon Oilworkers Defy Anti-strike Law

The first strike in direct defiance of Ceylon's Essential Services Order began August 31, when operators at the Sapugaskande oil refinery walked out, completely shutting down the plant.

The strikers are members of the Operations Staff Union, whose secretary, K. Tiruchelvam, was fired July 9 for expressing opposition to anti-strike legislation.

In the wake of the job action, nearly all the technicians, clerks, and laborers, who are members of unions whose leadership supports the government coalition, resigned from their unions and requested membership in the Ceylon Mercantile Union (CMU), which has opposed the State of Emergency as well as the witch-hunt unleashed by the Bandaranaike regime in April.

The workers took this step in order to avoid being used as strikebreakers by their old leaderships.

With the refinery out of operation, Ceylonese press reports indicated that Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike had requested strikebreaking assistance from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Four Egyptian technicians

traveled to Ceylon to investigate the situation, with the aim of determining whether Egypt could provide a sufficient number of scabs to get the factory running again.

On September 10 Bala Tampoe, general secretary of the CMU, sent a letter to T. B. Subasinghe, minister of industries and scientific affairs, protesting both the firing of Tiruchelvam and the regime's plans to break the strike. That letter, a copy of which was also sent to the president of the Arab Petroleum Workers Federation in Cairo, said in part:

"The Executive Committee of our Union considers that the strike should be settled immediately by negotiation with the Operations Staff Union, and that any effort to break the strike, by importing refined oil, or by seeking to utilise the services of operators from abroad to work as blacklegs at the refinery, would be completely unjustified and would be directly adverse to the interests of the working class and to the rest of our people, who will have to pay for the costs of such strike-breaking efforts." □

### THE "RECONSTRUCTORS" ARE THEMSELVES BEING "RECONSTRUCTED"

Comrades will know that despite our serious political differences with other revolutionary organisations, we have always attempted to debate these differences at a political level and have denounced the use of Stalinist-type slanders ("imperialist/bourgeois agents", "Stalinist spies", etc.). Therefore it is with regret that we note that two groups, which have always used this terminology with regard to the Fourth International in the name of reconstructing this same International, are now slandering each other in this absurd fashion.

The Healy group in Britain, known best as the publishers of the *Workers' Press*, and its "sister organisation" in France—the Lambert group—have recently, it seems, taken to using unisisterly language towards each other.

The role played by Lora in the recent events in Bolivia (cf. *International 6* for details) has forced Healy to publish a denunciation of him in the *Workers' Press*. Considering that Healy was, not long ago, quoting Lora to the effect that the F.I. leader in Bolivia, Moscoso, was agent of the bourgeoisie (and this at a time when Moscoso was being hunted by the Bolivian police), this about-turn has surprised Lambert. Thus the latest meeting of the Central Committee of Lambert's group had the following to say in relation to the denouncers of POR—the name of the organisation which Lora misappropriated when he split from the F.I.:

"The Central Committee of the OCI, member of the International Committee, declares that those who attack the Bolivian POR are attacking the party which has inspired and been the driving force of the Popular Assembly, the organ [sic] which represented the Bolivian proletariat's struggle to establish its own power and which was opening the way to the dictatorship of the proletariat in Bolivia. Those who are attacking the POR are thus declaring themselves as enemies of the dictatorship of the proletariat. They are going over to the side of the Imperialism and Stalinism. They are becoming agents of counter-revolution and are enemies, whether conscious or unconscious, of the Fourth International."

Neither Mr. Healy, nor his close comrade-in-arms Mr. Banda, were available for comment to a *Red Mole* reporter. We trust, however, that the comrades of the *Workers' Press* will not allow these slanders to go unchallenged, and that the combined talents of Messrs. Slaughter and Kemp will be brought into action to teach Monsieur Lambert the real meaning of the dialectic.

—Clarissa Howell

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