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The backing of the Democratic Party by the leading bureaucracy of the AFL-CIO is a complete betrayal of the rank and file workers. The energy and finances of the only mass working class organization in the United States are being sold out to the so-called "liberal" representatives of the capitalist class. This is a situation which is completely in contradiction with the class interests of the American workers. The members of the trade unions are expected to not only hand over most of their lifetime in work to the bosses, but through the actions of their own leadership must give up their political independence as well. The Democrats have already proven in thousands of incidents that they cannot be trusted to look out for the workers. They cannot even fulfill 1/10th of the meager promises they make. This leaves the labor movement only one alternative – a declaration of complete political independence. And what better opportunity exists for such a move than now? The Democrats have proved their utter worthlessness as far as working people are concerned - they cannot oppose Bush on any significant issue.

Only a system of workers' democracy - socialism - can genuinely improve the conditions of life for all workers. But to recognize this fact is not enough. We must develop a concrete plan of action to begin the fight back against the attacks of the bosses and their government. **We must emphasize the utter incapacity of the Democrats to defend the interests of working people – and this has always been the case. It is therefore imperative that we build a real alternative to the two capitalist parties – we can no longer allow a handful of rich people to control our destinies!**

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