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The Program of the Workers International League: *What We Fight For*

For the right to strike, union representation, and collective bargaining

Repeal all anti-union laws including Taft-Hartley. End compulsory arbitration and the victimization of trade unionists and those forming new unions. Unionize the unorganized!

For trade union democracy

All union officials to be regularly elected with the right of immediate recall by the membership. All officials to receive the average wage of a skilled worker, plus vetted expenses.

For a mass party of labor to power

The labor movement must break with the Democrats. Armed with class-independent, socialist policies that can truly answer the needs and aspirations of workers and youth, a genuine workers' party based on the unions would get a mass echo. For a fighting program against the attacks of big business and the bosses' political parties!

Full employment and housing

For a 30 hour workweek with no loss of pay. The right to a secure full-time job, full benefits, or a place in education. For union control over hiring and



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firing. Abolish temporary employment agencies. Voluntary retirement at age 55 with full retirement benefits for all. No to the privatization of Social Security. No to lay-offs. Quality housing for all, with rent fixed at not more than 10 percent of wages. For a massive program of public works to create jobs, rebuild our infrastructure, inner cities, and the Gulf Coast, and to eradicate homelessness.

A living wage for all

For a national minimum wage of at least two-thirds of the average wage with no exceptions. For a sliding scale of wages tied to inflation.

Free, quality health care for all

For a socialized national health care system. Abolish private health care and HMOs. Full access for all to the latest medical technology, treatments, and discoveries. Free science from the dead hand of corporate greed. Massively fund research and treatment for AIDS, cancer and other curable and preventable diseases. Nationalize the pharmaceuticals giants that squeeze their profits out of the health of working people.

Free, quality, education for all

Fully fund our public schools and colleges. End corporate encroachment into the classroom. End tuition fees and loans: for living grants and life-long learning for all. No to vouchers and the privatization of public schools and universities.

For the immediate and unconditional legalization of all undocumented immigrants

End all racist immigration and asylum controls. Full rights and amnesty for immigrant workers and their families. For the right of residency and dual citizenship. The right to speak one's own language. Access to Social Security with equal benefits for all. No to "guest worker" programs. For an end to raids, deportations and for family reunification. No to militarization and repression on the border. For the unity of the working class - the labor movement must be at the forefront of the struggle to improve conditions for all workers.

Outlaw all forms of discrimination – equal rights for all

Equal pay for work of equal value. Invest in quality childcare, housing and domestic facilities for all. For full reproductive rights up to and including abortion. No to racist and anti-worker police, courts, and laws. End the phony war on drugs in the U.S. and internationally. Abolish the death penalty and release all political prisoners. Defend our civil liberties. No to attacks on our civil rights in the name of the "war on terror". Mobilize the labor movement to combat racism and discrimination: workers' unity is the way forward!

A socialized plan of production for agriculture and natural resources

Protect the environment and jobs. End the anarchy of the market in the resource industry. Nationalize the food distribution giants and agri-chemical companies that destroy farmers' livelihoods. For a voluntary socialized plan of production for farming that would protect farmers' jobs and security.

Action to protect the environment

Only public ownership of the land, major industries, oil, mining and logging companies, energy and transport, can form the basis of a genuine socialist approach to the environment. Free and efficient public transportation for all. Socialist planning would ensure democratic control of production, using all available information and technology. Environmental plans would be measured in generations, not fiscal quarters.

Nationalization of the commanding heights of the economy: the major banks and corporations

Break with the anarchy of the capitalist free market. Nationalize the Fortune 500. No compensation to the millionaires, only to those in genuine need. All nationalized enterprises to be run under democratic workers' control and management, and integrated in a socialist plan of production. For genuine freedom of expression through the nationalization and democratization of the media

Socialist Internationalism

Pull out of the WTO, NAFTA, and other bankers' deals that are the tools of imperialist exploitation. No to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. No to and the FTAA. Cut the military budget: no to militarism and imperialism in the Middle East and around the world. Troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan! No to the war on working people at home and abroad! End the embargo on Cuba. Hands Off Latin America! Nationalize the multinational industrial giants and unite with Canadian and Latin American workers. For a Socialist Federation of the Americas as part of a World Socialist Federation!

Join us in the struggle for a better world!

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