

unions that would fight for workers' concerns through the direct action of the workers themselves, rather than relying on the government or professional trade union leaders.

On the tactical level, the WSA believes in the use of *direct action* as opposed to *indirect action* to win both short term and long term goals. Forms of direct action that we favor include "sit down" strikes, where people maintain control over their place of work; "squatting," where people jointly occupy unused buildings for their own use; "hot cargo," where workers refuse to handle products in order to support the struggle of others; "social strikes," where workers continue to provide their labor for the other working people in the community, but deny the revenue or control of their labor to the bosses; and community-wide or nationwide general strikes, which demonstrate the power that the workforce or general population has when it's united. It's the WSA belief that a massive general strike (or set of general strikes) along with the occupation of workplaces will ultimately bring down the capitalist class and government.

On the other hand, a strategy that relies on *indirect action*, such as electing representatives to government office, encourages the divisions between leaders and led, between those who make decisions and those who follow them. Electoral politics leads to State-imposed solutions because it tends to define issues in terms of what government policies a small set of leaders will implement. Because a political party is a vehicle for putting leaders in power, a political party can't serve as a vehicle for people intent on creating a truly free society.

The WSA particularly rejects the so-called "vanguard" party concept of the marxists because it can only serve as the embryo of a bureaucratic State machine, as we have seen in the "communist" or "socialist" countries. Such parties exist at the expense of independent working class movements and they have, once in power, developed managerial elites every bit as fascinated with militarism and pushing production as their capitalist counterparts.

To say that the WSA stands for working class self-liberation is not enough. The Workers Solidarity Alliance doesn't see things simply in terms of on-the-job exploitation.

Since exploitation and oppression take a variety of forms in this society, so must the struggle for social liberation. Movements expressing the will of various communities, women, sexual minorities, young people, national and cultural groups, the aged, the disabled, must also be encouraged and supported. We are op-

posed to all forms of discrimination and oppression that bar people from fully participating in society and realizing their potential as free individuals.

The WSA firmly believes in the concept of working class internationalism. We are proud of the fact that we have and will continue to aid workers throughout the world in their struggles for freedom, whether the struggle be in the Eastern European bloc, the U.S.-dominated bloc, or the so-called non-aligned bloc.

The WSA doesn't practice its internationalism in isolation. We are affiliated with the world body of revolutionary unions and groups, the International Workers Association (IWA). The IWA has existed as an explicitly anarchist and revolutionary unionist international since 1922, although the current IWA traces its origins back to the First International of the 1860s. The IWA is the international expression of revolutionary working class cooperation, coordination, unity, solidarity and struggle.

It is the WSA's hope and desire that you have found this pamphlet of interest. We have merely attempted to highlight some aspects of where we stand on certain questions, and how we differ from others who offer their own solutions to the problems around us.

If you have any questions regarding the ideas described in this pamphlet, by all means get in touch with us. We always *welcome* questions. We hope that you will contact us. And if you agree with our aims and goals, then please join us in fighting for a world free of exploitation, oppression, and domination.

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