

The big corporations had *their* war in the Gulf. But look out, because *this is our war!*

SUPPORT THE STUDENT TAKEOVERS!

CUNY students and New York City workers must put an end to the mad plans of Governor Cuomo, CUNY Chancellor Anne Reynolds, and Mayor Dinkins to cut the CUNY budget by some \$96 million. This plan could mean the closing of at least two campuses since the average annual budget of a CUNY campus is currently around \$30 million. Along with this, the Governor's budget proposal aims to slash \$400 from the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), eliminate scholarship programs, cut out thousands of courses, lay off faculty and staff, curtail maintenance and library hours, and, just to make it "fair", raise tuition by \$500 per semester—\$1,000 per year!

Let's be clear about this: Cuomo, Reynolds and Dinkins are out to wreck CUNY and our futures; they must be stopped!

The Fourth Internationalist Tendency believes that this blatant attempt to dismantle the CUNY system and smash the futures of thousands of young lives is a conflict between the interests of the ruling rich and working people. Democratic Party leaders like Cuomo and former Mayor Ed Koch had the benefit of enjoying CUNY's no-tuition policy before 1976. Today these hypocrites not only want to change the rules, they want to completely erase the memory of what once belonged to the working people of New York City—a free and open college education. A college education is both a necessity and a right of all working people. We demand free tuition, open admissions, and a stipend for full-time students!

But the bad news about the Democrats doesn't end there. If tuition is raised and admissions is made more difficult as the Cuomo plan intends, then this is expected to result in the de-facto expulsion of about **one out of every four** CUNY students. You don't need a college education to see that this is not only class prejudice, but outrageously racist and sexist as well. Women, Black, Latino, and Asian students are expected to take a double hit of this capitalist "justice" doled out by the Democrats. The capitalist parties can find a billion dollars a day to fight an imperialist war in Iraq or for an obscene parade honoring the genocide of Iraqis, millions of dollars to pay interest to banks on New York City bonds, money for hundreds of security guards, and \$100,000 salaries for deans and administrators who expel students; but they can't find the money for essential human needs like education? Bullshit! And now

we see one of the reasons Dinkins wants to hire 50,000 more cops to smash in the heads of "unruly" students. Thank you Dave Dinkins—you're a fine example of what the Democratic Party is all about. You and Cuomo are no better than George "the education President" Bush.

Anne Reynolds, Cuomo and Dinkins want to displace between 50,000 and 75,000 students from CUNY in order to cut expenditures and pay off the debts of New York City. **We say abolish the debt!** Cuomo, Reynolds, and Dinkins want to push this through without a fight! Our message to Cuomo and Reynolds is forget it! Students, faculty, staff, and labor must pull together to stop the destruction of CUNY. The first step is to defend the student takeovers. The faculty must understand that these budget cuts hurt them too, especially adjuncts who teach over 50% of all CUNY courses.

But this fight cannot be won if it remains confined to the campuses. The attacks on CUNY students are part of a broader attack on the living standards of working people by the rich.

City workers must defend the right of their children to enjoy an affordable college education. The bankers and their politicians—Democrats and Republicans alike—want students and workers to pay for a fiscal crisis that is a product of their irrational and racist capitalist system. **CUNY students and city workers share a common interest in beating back this effort to balance the budget on the backs of working people.** Democratic party politicians like Cuomo and Dinkins, who pass themselves off as the

friends of labor, are leading this attack. *Students and workers need their own party—a labor party based on the trade unions and the oppressed—to fight for their interests.*

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EDUCATION IS A RIGHT!

- **No tuition hikes, no cuts in tuition assistance, no cuts in faculty or classes!**
- **CUNY should return to a policy of free tuition and open admission!**
- **Abolish the overpaid administration that expels students—for student, faculty, and worker control of the campuses!**
- **Tax the Rich—money for education, not for war! No expulsions or suspensions! Rescind all punitive actions! Stop all police actions! Cops off all campuses!**

A Brief Introduction to the Fourth Internationalist Tendency

The Fourth Internationalist Tendency (FIT) is a socialist group dedicated to help create a new kind of society. Instead of production for profit, a socialist society would be democratically organized to fulfill the needs of the majority for food, housing, health care, and other basic human requirements. Capitalist competition—which leads to wars, unemployment, and environmental disasters—would be replaced with social cooperation. This will lay the foundation for ending racism and sexism, discrimination based on nationality or sexual orientation, crime, chemical dependency, and other social problems stimulated by the degeneration of capitalist society.

The FIT has an internationalist approach because history has proven that socialism cannot exist in just one country or one region. Capitalism is an international system and has used its economic and military powers to distort the development of all nations—even those which have taken the first revolutionary steps away from capitalism. Socialism must be won on a global scale in order to expand democracy, achieve scientific and cultural progress, and safeguard individual rights.

The FIT wants to help create a mass revolutionary political party in the U.S. to fight against the present domination by a tiny ruling minority, and to establish a government of and for the overwhelming majority. The revolutionary party will draw on lessons learned from the historic struggles of working people in the U.S. and around the world in order to: promote a program addressing the needs of workers and oppressed groups; present strategies and tactics for struggles against the employing class; and organize efforts to win both immediate battles and long-term goals.

FIT members and supporters are involved in a broad range of working-class struggles and protest movements in the U.S. We are activists in unions, women's rights groups, antiracist organizations, coalitions opposed to U.S. war and interventions, student formations, and lesbian and gay campaigns. We help organize support for oppressed groups here and abroad—such as those challenging apartheid in South Africa and bureaucratic rule in China, Eastern Europe, and the USSR. We participate in the global struggle of working people and their allies through our ties to the world organization of revolutionary socialists—the Fourth International.

Learn more about our program, activities, and literature.

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