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STRIKE BULLETIN    APRIL 4    1730 EST

The popular mobilization behind Echeverria's speech continues to expand across the country. Most of the progressive press today heralds a strong speech from pro-development Minister of the Presidency Ignacio O'valle, assuring that there "will not be even one step back" on Echeverria's urban reform law, the principle target of the right-wing fascist attacks. Among other calls for meetings to support the President was one from Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, son of Mexico's progressive 1930's president Lazaro Cardenas. Several union and press figures have already explicitly compared Echeverria's call to Lazaro Cardenas' mass mobilization of 1937-8, when Mexico nationalized its oil.

The right wing, after frantic meetings for two days, finally issued a declaration to the newspapers charging weakly that Echeverria has been "misinformed" about the clandestine meetings of the Monterrey group. They insisted they would follow any "constitutional laws"—but the urban reform law "wasn't constitutional." The Monterrey group plans its own meeting tomorrow to mobilize its forces.

Echeverria himself is giving a major speech to a trade union confederation this afternoon. More details on this in update tomorrow.

Mexican Labor Party deployments yesterday briefed busloads of workers and peasants on the international campaign now growing around Echeverria's call. The response was a record 70 International Bulletins sold and almost 1600 pesos (130 dollars) collected in contributions—to be compared to levels of one or two bulletins and 25 pesos of fundraising at levels before the current mobilization.

TELEGRAM TO U.S. WORKING CLASS FROM POE (EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY)  
SECTION IN MILAN

April 4 Party Meeting, 16 o'clock

We are using your fight against austerity as an example and mobilizing workers to force through debt moratorium legislation on April 9 to save Italy's collapsing cities from austerity cuts and holocaust.

The strength of the U.S. working class in its fight for a new world economic order is what will determine our victory against fascist austerity in Europe.

—POE Section in Milan.

## ROUGE RALLY DEMONSTRATES POLITICAL STRIKE MOTION

Hundreds of Ford Rouge workers participated in the briefings and discussions at the U.S. Labor Party's rally being held outside the emergency meeting of the Rouge UAW local. The meeting, called to discuss possible action to be taken by the 40,000 member local against the policy of outside contracting, was totally dominated by the 75-man informational picket line consisting of Labor Party cadre from throughout the Detroit corridor. Buying over 350 New Solidarities and 70 EEA's, Rouge workers joined with groups of Teamsters to help circulate over 2000 leaflets to approximately 1000 workers attending the meeting.

## SAN FRANCISCO: EITHER A SETTLEMENT OR BROADER STRIKE

Negotiations between the San Francisco supervisors and striking unions broke off at 1 pm this afternoon for lunch; then a meeting of all pickets was announced for 3 pm at the airport. Picketing workers are saying that if an acceptable settlement is not announced, "No one will cross the lines tomorrow."

End of Strike Update 1730 EST.