

SEP public meetings in Ann Arbor, New York, and California

# 70th Anniversary of the Fourth International: Socialism and the Future of Humanity

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The world economy is entering a period of crisis on a scale not seen since the Great Depression. The ideological buttresses of the capitalist system are disintegrating, as the miracles of the "free market" are creating chaos throughout the world.

Out of this crisis, questions that had been considered to belong to a previous era will arise again. Above all, the basic question looms: What is the alternative to capitalism? An understanding of what lies ahead requires an examination of the lessons of history and the experiences of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

At these landmark public meetings, held to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fourth International, leading members of the Socialist Equality Party will speak on the central questions facing working people and students all over the world.

The meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will be a major one-day event, and the SEP encourages students and workers throughout the region to attend. The meeting agenda includes:

\* **The SEP and the 2008 US Elections.** Jerry White, SEP candidate for US president

\* **Youth and the Struggle for Socialism.** Andre Damon, International Students for Social Equality.

\* **The Political Implications of the Economic Crisis.** Joseph Kishore, SEP national secretary

\* **Why the Fourth International was Founded: Trotsky and the Heritage of Classical Marxism.** David North, SEP national chairman and chairman of the international editorial board of the *World Socialist Web Site*.

Presentations and discussion will be followed by a special screening of Herman Axelbank's classic documentary, *Tsar to Lenin*, narrated by Max Eastman. Axelbank's work documents the Russian Revolution

through footage unavailable anywhere else. This will be the first public showing of the film in its new, digitally remastered, form.

David North and Jerry White will speak at the meeting in New York. SEP Vice Presidential candidate Bill Van Auken and Joseph Kishore will speak at the meeting in Santa Monica.

For more information, contact the SEP. Meeting details as follows.

**Ann Arbor, Michigan**

Saturday, November 1, 1-6 p.m.

University of Michigan, Angell Hall, Auditorium D  
435 S. State Street



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