Celebrate the Life and Political Contributions of Betsy McDonald
45-year cadre of the Socialist Workers Party

Betsy joined the Socialist Workers Party in 1972 as a well-respected fighter in the labor movement and for Mexican-American and Black rights going back to the 1950s. In 1968, she supported the SWP presidential campaign of Fred Halstead and Paul Boutelle.

In 1978, Betsy joined the SWP’s campaign to get into industry to help build fighting unions and win workers to the party. She was 58 years old. She was known for promoting the SWP program, and circulating the party’s newspaper the *Militant* and Pathfinder books.

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**Hasta Pronto Amiga Betsy**

“From our earliest memories of you [in Tucson], protesting the Vietnam War, supporting the Cananea miners when the Grupo Mexico bullies devastated the strong Mexican labor union town, organizing against police abuse, to every action and social movement in Arizona, your image as a fierce fighter for full cultural and economic justice for all will remain with each and every one of us.”

— excerpt from message by Coalición de Derechos Humanos members
Isabel Garcia, Guadalupe Castillo, and Raquel Rubio-Goldsmith

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Il est absolument vrai qu’Hitler veut dominer le monde, mais il est également vrai que le groupe des capitalistes américains au pouvoir a la même idée. Nous ne sommes ni pour l’un ni pour l’autre.

JAMES P. CANNON

socialiste des travailleurs (SWP) et du mouvement syndical du Midwest des États-Unis, victimes d’un coup monté en 1941 et emprisonnés deux ans plus tard sous des accusations de complot pour promouvoir le renversement du gouvernement US. Leur “crime” le mouvement syndical une opposition à la course de Washington pour entrer dans la deuxième guerre mondiale.

agriculteurs d’aller se battre et mourir pour “vaincre le fascisme.

Les dirigeants US essayaient alors de convaincre les travailleurs et les ames P. Cannon a été le principal accusé parmi 18 dirigeants du Parti

Ce livre contient aussi “La politique communiste au procès de Minneapolis : James P. Cannon répond à ses critiques gauchistes,” qui tire les leçons d’un siècle de lutte de la classe ouvrière pour arracher le pouvoir d’État aux capitalistes.

A successful eleven-year campaign, ending in 1988, was waged to prevent the deportation of SWP member Hector Marroquin to Mexico. Hector was arrested when Betsy was driving him from an event in Phoenix. She followed them to the police station and helped organize a protest that won his release.

Betsy was active in raising funds and support to rebuild the SWP headquarters in Los Angeles that was burned down during the explosions around the acquittal.

Betsy with her comrades. Young Socialist members Gloria, Laura and a YS contact in a park outside Los Angeles. Betsy helped win many young people to the communist movement.

Socialism on Trial in French, Is Biology Women’s Destiny? in Arabic, and Teamster Politics. In the last years of her life, up until her final days, Betsy stayed active in the party’s Print Project to expand the Marxist arsenal.