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Revolutionaries Face Conspiracy Charges for Red Paint at U.N.

**Superpowers Out for
Blood of UN 2
Bail Set at \$100,000**

On April 30, as the Security Council of the United Nations was about to be gavelled into session, the chambers suddenly erupted in turmoil. An international political event had taken place that within minutes would be on the news across the U.S. and across the entire world. And it was certainly not the kind of political event that the imperialists who use the Security Council as a diplomatic forum for their maneuverings and preparations for war ever anticipated. U.S. representative William Van den Heuvel and Soviet ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky, front men for the two superpowers who are squaring off to plunge humanity into World War 3, stood shaken and in panic—their entire faces and their fine silk suits drenched and dripping with

red paint. Revolutionary slogans were shouted on the floor of the Security Council that were heard by hundreds of millions of people around the world: "Down with U.S.-Soviet War Moves! Our flag is Red, Not Red, White and Blue! On to May Day 1980!"

This powerful political action was extremely significant because it so boldly and clearly ripped the veils off both the U.S. and the Soviet imperialists' pious act of being the "peace-lovers," concerned only with defending against the other's aggression. It exposed the fact that both sides are preparing for a new world war, and with the powerful symbolism of drenching these two superpower stooges with red paint, raised the "spectre of revolution" of the interna-

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A U.S. Revolutionary in India

Part I: Rendezvous with Revolution

A comrade recently returned to this country from a visit to India, where she met Marxist-Leninist revolutionaries. The following is her report.

When I arrived in India after two days of traveling, I had no idea what was in store. What would the comrades I had come to see have to say? Would they be as eager to learn about us as I was about them? Would they even be there? I was hoping that the telegram would reach them and they would appear. My thoughts turned to the Central Committee report issued by the RCP at the end of 1979 which underlined the point that "we are proletarian internationalists, the working class in this country is in fact one part of the international army of the world proletariat, and we should in no way raise the

primitiveness and present low level of concrete unity among Marxist-Leninists to a principle nor fail to recognize that the forging and further development of such unity will greatly enhance the revolutionary struggle in each country and internationally."

I knew little about the revolutionary movement in India today, except that it had faced severe repression over the past 10 years since the earthshaking armed revolts which broke out in 1967 in Naxalbari, where communist-led armed peasants rose up and smashed the rule of the landlords in thousands of villages and spread the revolution across the country. The Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), which was formed in the heat of this great revolutionary war, was hit hard

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**Centerfold May Day
Photo Poster in this Issue**

Food Stamp "Rescue"

Attempting to Stave Off Rebellion

In the last few weeks news reports have circulated throughout the country about the imminent collapse of the federal food stamp program which millions depend on in order to eat month by month. A few weeks ago Secretary of Agriculture Bergland announced that unless the program was granted an additional \$2.65 billion by May 15 of this year, all benefits would be cut off on June 1. The last week has been filled with rush-job Congressional meetings, and Congress granted the additional funds for the program on Wednesday, May 14.

By 1977, 15 million people were receiving food stamps regularly, and today that number has risen to more than 21 million. This is still only about half the number of people who are actually "officially eligible." 87% of the stamps issued today are used by families living on incomes below the official poverty level. While the actual amount of aid given by the food stamp program is absurd, 36 cents per meal per person, still, it is all that stands between millions and starvation.

The food stamp program plays an important political role for the ruling class, preventing, at least temporarily, an obviously explosive situation. While reasons have been thrown around to explain why the food stamp program ran out of money—everything from "rampant fraud and waste" to lack of Congressional foresight—even the government, no doubt, wishes it were all that simple. But it isn't, and more, the recent Congressional patch-up job only amounts to bandaging an open sore which will become more inflamed in the future.

Three years ago, Congress allotted what it thought would be enough money to cover the food stamp program through 1980 and 1981. But a lot has changed since then. Today, the unemployment rate stands officially at

7% and is rising. Each 1% increase in unemployment adds another 1 million people to the food stamp program. Today, inflation stands at 18% and is rising. Each 1% increase in the inflation rate adds another \$58 million to the cost of the food stamp program. And all this is going on amidst discussion of cutting \$21 billion from the federal budget.

Even the most consistent bourgeois spokesmen perceive the nature of the tightrope that's being walked here. The *Washington Post* ran an editorial on Thursday, May 8, entitled "Food Stamp Money—Now" in which it sta-

ted "the effect of suspending the food stamp program even for a brief period of time will be terrible, and it will be terrible because the food stamp program is so precisely concentrated on the very poor." But the razor has another edge. As a spokesman for the food stamp division of the Department of Agriculture stated before the recent appropriation, "Even if we do get the money it won't solve the problem. Probably in August we'll have to go back and ask for more, there's still going to be inflation and unemployment. And that's not all—look at all the things go-

ing on today that Congress has to deal with—Iran, Afghanistan, Russia, the Olympics and on and on. It's all coming up at once, there's too much to deal with."

Too much to deal with indeed, and more for them to deal with in the future. The "terrible effect" envisioned by the *Washington Post*—in other words, a mass outbreak that comes pounding down their door, whether sparked by a cut-off in the food stamp program or some other jolt—is something that no Congressional patch-up program can ultimately curtail. □



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May 8, 1980—300 people demonstrate in Chicago against threatened cut-off of food stamps.



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NATO, Warsaw Race

U.S./Soviets Convene Foreboding Bloc Parties

The clouds of World War 3 further gathered this week as both imperialist superpowers, the U.S. and the USSR, rallied their forces in separate meetings in Europe. The press, both in the U.S. and in Europe, was filled with constant references to the eve of World War 1. Even West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt publicly stated that the present situation reminded him of 1914.

A conference of all the foreign ministers and defense ministers from the countries within NATO was convened in Brussels. The communique released assailed the ringleader of the rival imperialist bloc, the Soviet Union, for aggression: "Ministers expressed their concern that for the first time in the post-war era, the Soviet Union has used military force to impose its will on a non-aligned country of the third world and in a way which affected the overall strategic situation."

Such concern for the third world from this den of international gangsters

was indeed touching. Of course, the U.S. wants everyone to forget about its mass murders in Vietnam. And the U.S. isn't alone in seeking to bury the memory of previous imperialist exploits. At the Brussels table also sat the other NATO members who want the world to do some forgetting as well: England would like us to forget about Kenya, Belgium would like us to forget about the Congo, Holland about Indonesia, Portugal about Angola, etc., etc. But undaunted by this disgusting hypocrisy, the communique went on to rail at the Soviets for "this use of force which jeopardizes international peace and stability." The U.S., evidently, would also like the world to forget about its aborted "raid" on Iran only a few short weeks ago!

The criminal history of all the NATO powers, particularly NATO's leader, the U.S., gives a glimpse of the imperialist interests involved in the coming showdown with the Soviets. But the

bloc needs tightening, the junior partner's objections need overruling, and the man sent to accomplish this task was the new Secretary of State, Edmund Muskie.

In Brussels, Muskie announced that the whole range of U.S.-Soviet relations is at stake. While Afghanistan was the principal propaganda issue loudly touted by the NATO meeting, the question of Iran and overall preparations for world war were at the heart of the planning session. Although the NATO treaty obligates member states to go to war only in the event of attack in Europe and the North Atlantic Ocean, Muskie made it clear to the allies that the coming war was a global affair and that they would have to "think big." In particular, the European imperialists would have to sharply increase military preparations in order to free up U.S. forces for action in Iran and possibly for the defense of Yugoslavia. And although ground forces had not yet

been shifted, one U.S. Aircraft carrier and several destroyers have already been moved from the Atlantic fleet to the Indian Ocean fleet.

Muskie then proceeded to lay down the law on this series of three issues. He told the NATO ministers that the U.S. expects them to live up to a commitment to enforce an economic embargo on Iran after May 17, even though Italy, for example, has \$3 billion in outstanding contracts and 1700 workers in Iran.

The NATO war conference took up a number of specific measures, including increasing European ammunition reserves and increasing pre-positioning of heavy equipment in Europe for the U.S. divisions potentially to be flown in at the beginning of the war. The U.S. also called for the physical modifications of the wide-body commercial jets being used by European airlines to make their conversion to military transport easier in order to fly troops from the U.S. to Europe. As a "peace" gesture, the U.S. is expected to announce soon that it shall withdraw 1,000 obsolete nuclear warheads from Europe (leaving 6,000 more modern ones). This is supposed to offset Soviet propaganda over the withdrawal of 1,000 obsolete tanks from Europe last year (after the introduction of more modern ones).

Meanwhile...

As NATO met in Brussels, the Warsaw Pact gang was having a summit meeting in Warsaw. Brezhnev continued to issue renewed calls for detente, and the six Warsaw Pact countries blamed the current "escalation of tensions" on the deployment in Europe of nuclear missiles which can strike the Soviet Union. This, of course, has been the principal propaganda ploy by the Soviets for a few months, as the U.S. has stepped up its condemnations of the Afghanistan invasion. Like a pot calling the kettle black, Warsaw Pact commander, Marshal Viktor G. Kulikov, compared Carter to Hitler in his "driving for world domination."

As thousands of Soviet troops remain in Afghanistan, the Soviets point to the U.S. as the source of trouble, just as the U.S. points to the Soviets. A recent edi-

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If you don't want to die for Jimmy Carter, then . . . HOW ABOUT ROBERT E. LEE!?!

So you don't want to kill and die for the greater glory of U.S. imperialism? For its greater wealth and power over people here and all around the world? Well then, our President has an answer for you, straight from the mouth of another slavemaster war chief, this one from years gone by—General Robert E. Lee of the Confederacy: "It's your DUTY, and duty is such a noble thing."

This was the pre-war theme struck by Jimmy Carter on May 9 as he piously preached in Arlington Cemetery over the bodies of the reactionary chumps who died in the attempted U.S. military raid (so-called "hostage rescue") on Iran.

Arlington Cemetery is on land formerly held by the slaveowning Lee family, but this was not the reason Carter was quoting him. Jimmy was looking to the future, U.S. imperialism's grim and bloody future, and the difficulties he's facing in rallying the people to fight for it. He quoted Lee: "Duty is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less." And then Carter immediately went on in his own words: "The strength of our nation has always lain in the ability of individual Americans to do what we must. . . ."

Interesting, isn't it, to reach back into the slaveowning, dying, reactionary Confederacy for "the strength of our nation." Quite appropriate for these modern-day slavers whose system is equally reactionary, and just as surely bound for the grave of history. Carter and the ruling class were desperately determined that, as the arch over Arlington puts it, "We here highly resolved that these dead shall not die in vain." They want more—and more—to follow obediently as cannonfodder for the U.S. war machine as it gears up for World War 3. So "we here" at Arlington who were resolving on behalf of this so-called "future" included the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As the *New York Times* put it, "Rarely had so many dignitaries attended a military service."

Carter's theme of "duty" was significant for what it says about the position of U.S. imperialism. For all their reactionary "America Number 1" frenzy over Iran, the imperialists are aware that they still haven't really erased what they call the "post-Vietnam syndrome"

of opposition to U.S. war moves. And Carter was as much as admitting that they don't really expect to win people to enthusiastically embrace history's bloodiest venture yet—World War 3 between the U.S. and Soviet imperialists. But never mind if you like it—"It's your duty!"

Robert E. Lee was a perfect symbol for this theme. Almost every school book in the country, despite their "enlightened, anti-slavery" appearance, makes a great hero out of Lee. And what makes him a "hero"? That he did his duty, of course. Lee is portrayed as "unenthusiastic" about slavery, as approaching the Civil War with a "heavy heart," but fighting nonetheless. According to these capitalist history books, this dedication to duty makes him respected and honored by all—no matter what side. Who cares if he was the military commander of the forces of

slaveholding—he upheld the noble virtue of "duty" to reaction. And, of course, Robert E. Lee was also chosen by Carter because he is such a "beloved symbol" for the slobbering fools of the U.S. officer corps, who are reared at places like West Point and Annapolis on a diet of Robert E. Lee.

Carter was so singleminded about his one-note "duty" symphony that he referred to U.S. hostages as (you guessed it) "fellow Americans who could be accused of nothing more than doing their own duty in a hostile place." CIA agents? A U.S. spy center? Don't even bother denying it—it's just their noble duty.

Of course, if the nobility of it all is lost on you, then Carter's "duty" message had another edge on it: "This is your duty—and if you don't believe us, then we are preparing some very forceful ways to convince you." □

NEW PAMPHLET AVAILABLE

This pamphlet has been written to arm millions now awakening to political life with this science of revolution. It is a reprint of a series of articles which appeared recently in the pages of the *Revolutionary Worker* newspaper, a series which summed up and served as an introduction to an important new book to be published soon, *The Science of Revolution* (RCP Publications). This book will very sharply and thoroughly explain the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought and the line of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. This pamphlet serves as a very basic introduction to the profound lessons summed up in the book. As Lenin said, "Without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement." The difference is that between fighting blindly or fighting consciously with your head up. The difference is that between random sparks of struggle or using a blowtorch to destroy the chains that bind us.

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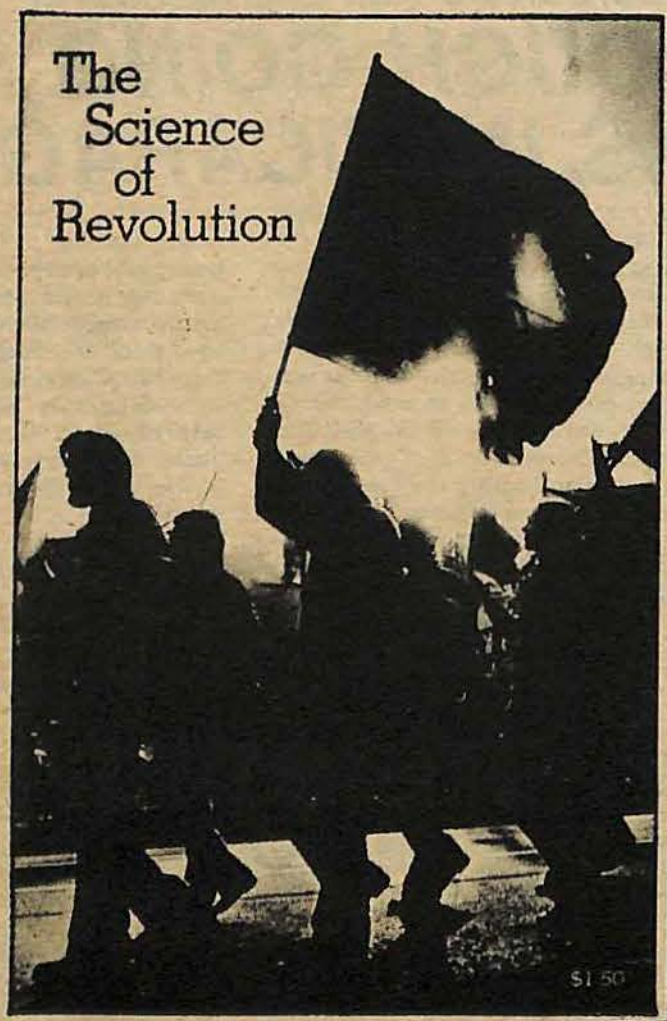
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International Support Growing for Mao Defendants

HÄNDE WEG VON BOB AVAKIAN UND DEN „MAO TSETUNG ANGEKLAGTEN“!

BOB AVAKIAN ET LES "MAO TSETUNG DEFENDANTS" DOIVENT RESTER LIBRES!

A speaking tour by a Mao Tsetung Defendant in West Germany and the formation of a Paris chapter of the Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants have marked the stepping up of this battle in the European theater of war.

"Revolution in America—a Possibility in the 1980s?" was the provocative question posed by leaflets and ads that brought out 150 people to successful programs in Heidelberg and the University of Frankfurt April 24-25. Pat Richards, one of 17 RCP members and supporters facing 241 years in prison after the January 1979 demonstration against the visit of Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping spoke about this case and about what lies behind these attacks on the Party and its Chairman. The meetings also discussed the conditions for revolution in one of the two superpowers—how the deepening crisis and blatant war preparations are affecting the people of the U.S. and what kind of class conscious force is emerging in response, particularly given the backward, flag-kissing image the U.S. bourgeoisie has painted of its working class to people around the world, as well as the relative lull period that has existed here in the U.S., like Europe, since the powerful rebellious movements of the 1960s.

This meeting was organized with the help of several groups in West Germany who issued a call for solidarity with the Mao Tsetung Defendants, and since then other forces, including progressive lawyers, have stepped forward to publicize and build support for the Mao Defendants in an ongoing way here.

In Paris, following the very successful March 15 meeting of over 300 supporters, the Paris chapter of the Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants has announced its formation and issued a broad appeal for support. The initial support work done here mainly by various Marxist-Leninist organiza-

tions from France and other countries has made it possible for this new committee to begin to reach out very broadly, drawing support, as a first report from the new committee said, from among "the many different people in France who rejoice at hearing of the possibility of revolution in the U.S., and who are inspired to discover that there exists an active force working in that direction. Many people here have expressed their determination that this force not be snuffed out by the U.S. imperialists."

As an "Appeal" published by the committee explains the significance of the case, "Progressives and revolutionaries in France and all those who see that the jailing of these American revolutionaries would be a blow to the progressive and revolutionary forces of the whole world, must lend their support to the Mao Tsetung Defendants. This support is in no way an act of charity: French imperialism, linked by military treaties and numerous economic ties, is an accomplice and an ally of U.S. imperialism in the race towards a war against the Soviet imperialists. At the same time that this repression was being unleashed against Bob Avakian and the 16 other defendants, powerful anti-imperialist movements were developing in the world such as in Iran, El Salvador, etc. Our passivity, would mean encouraging these imperialists to attack the peoples, all the while having free rein in their own countries."

Because the U.S. imperialists have oppressed so many people and because they have tied themselves so tightly to other imperialists and reactionaries the world over, this makes many people in Europe all the more eager to support the RCP and its Chairman who are working from within "the belly of the beast" to bring it down. The demonstration against Teng's visit to the U.S. for which these 17 now face prison was an international incident—noted (and

greeted) all over the world—and an internationalist one as well. As the Paris committee's "Appeal" says, "Their real crime is that in the January 1979 demonstration they announced before world public opinion" that "they upheld the revolutionary road of Mao Tsetung" and that "they opposed the plotting war moves of the American and Chinese leaders, just as they denounced the same war preparations of the other camp, the Soviet social-imperialists." These questions—the question of war and of revolution—are the most important ones facing the people of every country. Because their actions were profoundly internationalist in outlook and significance, there is a

huge reservoir of support for Bob Avakian and the Mao Defendants in the face of U.S. imperialism's attacks. And in this same way, this international support—which guarantees that attacks against Bob Avakian and the Mao Defendants will become an international incident just as much as the January 1979 demonstration—makes it all the more clear that the revolutionary struggle in the U.S. is a part of a single struggle worldwide, one that is greatly strengthened by the support of brothers and sisters everywhere.

To contact the Paris committee, write: **Comité de defense des Mao Zedong Defendants, chez C. Armand, BP 5, 93401, St. Ouen, France.**

**Superpowers Plot and Maneuver
ROUGH GOING FOR
U.S. IN NICARAGUA**

The battle lines of the class struggle in Nicaragua, in the aftermath of the revolutionary overthrow of the U.S.-backed Somoza puppet regime last year, are becoming more sharply defined. The U.S. imperialists' policy of maneuvering to regain their former position of domination through relying on and encouraging their so-called "moderate" allies in the Nicaraguan bourgeoisie and within the Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional (Sandinistas) has suffered important setbacks. Broad sections of the masses are continuing to stubbornly resist efforts to "call a halt" to the class struggle and stop the revolution dead in its tracks. And in the midst of this turbulent situation, the Soviet Union is stepping up its own bid for domination, in a still cautious but increasingly overt challenge in what U.S. imperialism has always considered its Central American "backyard."

At the time of the overthrow of the Somoza regime, the FSLN, which played a leading role in the struggle, was composed of a wide variation of political tendencies. Even representatives of pro-U.S. sections of the Nicaraguan bourgeoisie joined it, both

out of self interest in seeing Somoza (who was by far the biggest and wealthiest bourgeois in the country) overthrown and because they saw the handwriting on the wall. These political tendencies can largely be defined in three broad groups: a pro-U.S. wing of social-democrats who, in the main, favored some sort of western-style liberal democracy with some members of this wing having direct ties to social democratic parties in Europe; a pro-Soviet, pro-Cuba revisionist faction; and a wing of broad national forces of various classes mainly from the petty-bourgeoisie. At the time of Somoza's downfall all these tendencies united around the single goal of toppling the hated Somoza dictatorship. Most importantly the masses of people in Nicaragua were united behind this great goal and fought bitterly and heroically to achieve it—dealing a tremendous blow against U.S. imperialism who Somoza fronted for.

The overthrow of the U.S. puppet Somoza was the first vital step in ridding Nicaragua of imperialist domination—a towering achievement but not the final battle by any means. Im-

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It's 1980, and you don't have to be a mind reader to know what the bourgeoisie is thinking nowadays. A quick visit to your neighborhood newsstand yields a wealth of material.
 (Top left) The December 29, 1979 issue of The Economist, a British bourgeois magazine. A wizened and decaying fortune teller with a rather explosive view of the future. Could these hideous and dying parasites, well represented by this shriveled-up hag, be a tiny bit apprehensive about the tumultuous times they see ahead?
 (Top right) The January 21 issue of BusinessWeek. Nice, clear, straightforward message—get used to missiles and toast for breakfast. Gearing up for war is as much a part of the system as grocery shopping.
 (Bottom left) April 28 issue of Time. If you thought that the U.S. is try-

ing to get its allies together just to boycott the Olympics and put sanctions on Iran, think again. That's a six-shooter that Gary Cooper/Carter is packing, and it's a shooting war they're coming up on. And from the look on Cooper/Carter's face, it doesn't look like they're too damn sure they are going to win it.
 (Bottom right) April 21 issue of Time. A classic of bourgeois humor. Star-spangled fascist Gordon Liddy peeks out on a smoothly running well oiled steam engine of capitalism. Is it possible that, lost in the sleek technique of this particular illustration, the designers of this cover failed to note that in this modern-day "Star Wars" world of advanced computer technology, hydrofoils, monorails, and lasers, steam engines have long ago been consigned to museums as relics of the past?

International May Day Messages

Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile

To the Central Committee,
Revolutionary Communist Party, USA

We have been overjoyed and moved to hear, little by little, of the huge May Day campaign waged by your Party and of its successful culmination in important marches of thousands of revolutionaries who unfurled the red banner in various cities in the U.S.

Your Party has been unfolding a great struggle against the U.S. bourgeoisie itself, right in the heart of one of the superpowers. With great courage and heroism, your Party has been defying repression and carrying on revolutionary combat.

In those memorable days of struggle for May Day 1980, Comrade Damian Garcia, a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA was viciously murdered. With this assassination the bourgeoisie wanted to intimidate your Party and the revolutionary forces, but this has backfired; the indestructible example of Comrade Garcia is already being followed by many other revolutionaries who are joining the ranks of your Party to fill the tremendous gap left by Comrade Damian. An unbreakable fighter, Comrade Damian Garcia was not only a hero of the U.S. proletariat and people, but also of the international proletariat.

In the face of this new repressive blow, in the face of this barbarous

assassination of a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party of the U.S., our Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile lowers its red banners in memory of Comrade Damian Garcia, in full solidarity with your Party, swearing by his memory to continue advancing on the revolutionary road we have charted for ourselves.

Our own experience and international experience as well have shown us that savage repression by the people's enemies is a sign of their weakness, and they can never liquidate the revolutionary forces which represent the future of humanity.

For our Party, which is struggling under difficult, clandestine conditions against the ferocious dictatorship headed by Pinochet and against Yankee imperialism, the activities developed by your Party in the heart of our main enemy are cause for sincere, revolutionary joy. The Chilean proletariat and people sincerely appreciate the solidarity given by the proletariat and people in the U.S., as well as that of your Party.

On this occasion we also want to salute your Party for the important contributions it has made in the defense of Marxism-Leninism and the thought and work of Comrade Mao Tsetung, both against the present Chinese revisionist leaders and against the dogmatism and

mechanical thinking which have also appeared in the International Communist Movement.

Today the struggle against revisionism in all its forms and for the unity of Marxist-Leninists is an urgent task, one which your Party, along with other forces of the International Communist Movement, has firmly undertaken.

Comrades of the Revolutionary Communist Party of the U.S.: Accept once again our revolutionary greetings, as well as all our support. We wish you continued victories in

your revolutionary work.

LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTIONARY
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA!

GLORY TO COMRADE DAMIAN
GARCIA, LET US FOLLOW HIS
REVOLUTIONARY EXAMPLE!

LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN
INTERNATIONALISM!

Central Committee,
Revolutionary Communist Party
of Chile
May 13, 1980

Nottingham Communist Group

The Nottingham Communist Group sends revolutionary greetings to the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA and to the working class of America. We recall that it was the American working class who initiated May Day as an occasion for mass action and international working class solidarity. Now, under the leadership of the RCP, you are carrying forward and deepening the revolutionary significance of this great tradition.

For us in Britain, it is very encouraging to see the growth of a truly communist party right in the heart of the most powerful imperialist country in the world. Your example is an inspiration for us to intensify our efforts to rebuild the proletarian revolutionary party here in Britain.

You proclaim: "Our flag is red—not red, white and blue!"
We reply: "Our flag is also the red flag of the international working class—not the red, white and blue of British imperialism!"

May Day 1980

MAY DAY LETTERS FROM PRISONERS

The following solidarity statements were written by prisoners at the Oregon State Prison and read at the Portland May Day rally. A Native American and another brother flew the red flag on May 1st.

I'm a brother, been moving for awhile and now I'm incarcerated. Old people say a revolution is coming and changes must be made for the betterment of all people as well as for the earth. Society as it stands is crumbling and taking with it everyone, in its desperate act to rule all with an iron glove.

But sacrifices should not be unnoticed as well as unmarked. Events happen, good points should be noticed and brought out. People say that one person falls, a hundred of theirs will feel the effect. Police base their lessons on fear and pain but we all know that fear is based on the unknown. Once you do know, get moving... I myself am an eagle and a mountain lion and proud of it. When situations get too thick and one exit is left, better to make it and take a few with you than to stay and count it as a sacrifice...

Besides, what you don't get today will be taken care of by the seeds being planted today. Changes have to be made or at least started today while we are here now, and now is the best time to make these changes. Changes must come in the way of the fat man at the top. He's getting fatter and richer all the time. This richness should be put to better use than to start trouble with the rest of the world and then come running back with all the blind ready to support him. After all he went causing a lot of havoc and then comes home with his tail on fire...

Signed—Thunder

These brothers are isolated on a floor with prisoners who are pretty drugged out. In the face of this, they organized a discussion of about 5 or 6 other prisoners on what was necessary. "We all decided that when push came to shove and people were taking up the gun, we'd have to be on the front lines in that march for freedom." "Finally the time has come when the government can't pull the wool over the eyes of the people anymore." "This march is the landmark of the '80s."

MAY 1st PRISON LETTER ON THE DEATH OF COMRADE DAMIAN GARCIA

At this point I wish not to be identified as I am a prisoner of the capitalist system and I could very easily be exposed and eliminated by the capitalist pigs. As we live in a police state and the system could surely find a way to justify my death or any harm done by the pigs at this location if any harm at this location ever arose.

Comrades,

Do not misinterpret the results of the death of Damian as a display of strength of the police state of the capitalist system. As I see it, the death is a result of the fears that they have of the Revolutionary Communist Party and the realization that is surfacing—the strength and the potential threat to all capitalists of the world. As I see it, this police state is an example of the fear the system has because it knows it's weakening and in turn it is forced into these mercenary tactics. These excesses, its lies, propaganda and brainwashing techniques are attempts to justify their acts of oppression and disguise the inhuman acts against the people to keep the wheels of capitalism turning. As a fine example, the U.S. harboring a known criminal, the ex-Shah of Iran and then justifying it.

Signed—Peacock

Upon hearing of the police murder of Comrade Damian Garcia and wounding of Hayden Fisher, 24 prisoners at the Fulton County Jail in Atlanta, Ga. issued the following statement:

Statement from 24 Prisoners in Fulton County Jail, Atlanta

We prisoners at Fulton County Jail, Atlanta, Georgia, are outraged by the murder, by pig agents acting in behalf of their filthy rich masters, of the May Day Brigade comrade in Los Angeles. While we share the deep grief at the loss of the fallen brother—a loss we will not forgive or forget, that grief does not dull but sharpens our rage at this vicious butcher of a system. And it deepens our dedication to revolution.

That the pigs singled out brothers who took the powerful stand of raising the red flag at the Alamo—and struck a mighty blow against this imperialist system shows how viciously this beast will try to protect its empire, try to strike down all who wound it. But the U.S. working class of all nationalities will join its brothers and sisters worldwide this May 1st in further wounding, powerfully wounding this beast, hasten it to its grave! Where one comrade falls, many more will rise to pick up the red flag!

On to Revolutionary May Day 1980!

Signed by 24 Prisoners

New Anti-Evolution Crusade

**Bible Thumpers Demand:
Equal Time for Ignorance**

To the beat of a thousand thumping bibles, the pious have launched a new American crusade against evolution and science. The fight is on to drag "divine creationism" back into the classrooms, give it equal time with Darwin's theory of evolution, and inflict yet another generation with the strange fable that the first man was fashioned

from mud with a kiss, that his mate was cloned from short ribs, and that the entire universe is a recent creation hammered out in six action-packed days by divine spirit.

As most of our readers know, this is the twentieth century—and the ancient legend of Adam, Eve, Noah and Satanic snakes is as valid as the theory of a

flat earth. Over a century has passed since Charles Darwin convincingly documented that species evolve, one out of the other, over millions of years, in the struggle to survive and reproduce. While the "creationist" (as the ape-like creatures who oppose evolution like to call themselves these days) farts deserve all the ridicule and chuckles they get—it is important to see clearly that the political life in "modern" capitalist America is perfectly capable of resurrecting the most misty superstitions of antiquity, breathing the breath of life and respectability into them, and using them as a club against rebellion and critical thought.

And this is exactly what is going on. The "creationists" have crawled out from under their rocks in the rural Bible Belt, dusted themselves off, gratefully received generous funding from the capitalists, and have launched a well-organized and coordinated national campaign that is painstakingly aimed straight at the brains of youth and others. And they are receiving a hearing.

In at least 11 state legislatures, bills are pending that would require public schools to include "divine creation" in science courses. In the 27 states that have state-wide textbook adoption procedures, there is an organized move to have textbook selection committees only adopt those texts that give the Garden of Eden equal billing with evolution. Iowa schools are officially "recommended" to teach both. Even in urban centers such as those in Illinois and California, the issues have been raised in state legislatures as well as uncounted numbers of school boards. "Creationists" claim that in cities as different as Dallas, Texas; Racine, Wisconsin; and Columbus, Ohio school authorities are required to teach "both models" in science courses.

Conscious that their campaign requires a frontal assault on science, the "creationists" have managed to effect an interesting modification in their usual monotoned "The Bible says it, I believe it, and that's that." They are claiming that science itself supports the story of the Garden of Eden! Leading Illinois "creationist" Rev. George Zarras of the Moral Majority organization told the *RW* that "This time, we're going to come out real smooth, like the liberals do, using 'pure science,' and work from there. Because that's the only way we can do it. We're even calling school prayer voluntary meditation time these days." An "Institute for Creation Research" has been formed to produce

"scientific" textbooks that "prove" that evolution is unscientific. To dazzle the gullible, the "Institute" claims that their findings are endorsed by at least 550 "advanced degreed scientists in university-level research or in vocations of their professional expertise." Although it is not surprising in the slightest that in America the preachers could find 500 fools with doctorates to endorse *any* reactionary position, the creationists are using the prestige of "experts" in a heavy-handed grab for scientific respectability—and from there, equal time in the science courses.

A steady stream of pseudo-scientific drivel comes pouring out of this "Institute, including model textbooks, model school board resolutions and position papers, all to provide fundamentalist fuel for lobbying efforts and school board debates from coast to coast. "These scientists believe that all scientific evidence fits far more easily into the Creation Model rather than the Evolution Model. They do not argue with the facts of science, but only with the interpretation of those facts." "This means that the account of Origins in Genesis is a factual representation of simple historical truths." Evolution qualifies as "hypothetical philosophy, nothing more, nothing less." Practicing the hypocrisy that is inborn in Christianity, the preachers now solemnly discover the separation of church and state, and solemnly try to wield it in their cause, saying that by exclusively teaching evolution, the government is establishing a "state religion of secular humanism." In short, reasonable investigation, scientific facts and any sense of "fairness" or "academic freedom"—all point to the need for "equal time" for the stories of Eden and the Ark which purportedly have some kind of scientific validity.

Of course, no one is fooled by this thin cover. "Freedom of thought" and scientific understanding of the world are the last thing on the minds of these self-righteous souls. The issue is the Rock of Ages, *not* the age of rocks, as William Jennings Bryan put it in his defense of "the creation" during the famous Scopes anti-evolution trial in 1926.

The entire movement is a rallying cry for all those whose reactionary worship of the status quo has led them to the cross. As Rev. Jerry Falwell, ambitious head of Moral Majority, put it: "We want to bring America back...to the way we were." If two thousand years of scientific research and discovery can do absolutely nothing more profound than confirm the prophecies and legends of ancient nomads—then the lesson is that all science is simply foolishness, a waste of time that at worst can deceive us, and at best, can simply lead us back to the eternal truths revealed by divine means centuries ago. The fundamental message of this "scientific creationism" is to abandon critical thought and scientific analysis of the world, and return to the basic values of the "God-fearing" past. And, in fact, this has always been a basic teaching of Christianity; after all, wasn't the original sin nibbling on the fruit of the tree of knowledge?

More than anything else, it is the rapidly increasing desperation of the American imperialists that is creating a positive climate for this back-to-basics movement. These are trying times for the capitalists, times that require them to rally all those who worship their decaying order and weld them into a potent political force. And these are times that call for the bourgeoisie to propagate a whole host of "old-fashioned values," ideologies that stress ignorance, blind obedience to authority, and conservatism in an attempt to keep as many people as possible in their grip—who can then act as a force against those who inevitably and actively rebel against their rule. This is

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The reactionary, bigoted, backward ideology of creationist bible thumpers, nicely illustrated by their own hand. Below, samples from recently published creationist literature.



WHAT DID EVE LOOK LIKE?

We are not told, but John Milton in his famous poem 'Paradise Lost' calls her 'fairest of her daughters, Eve'.

This is not hard to believe, because as the crown of God's creation she must have been very beautiful.

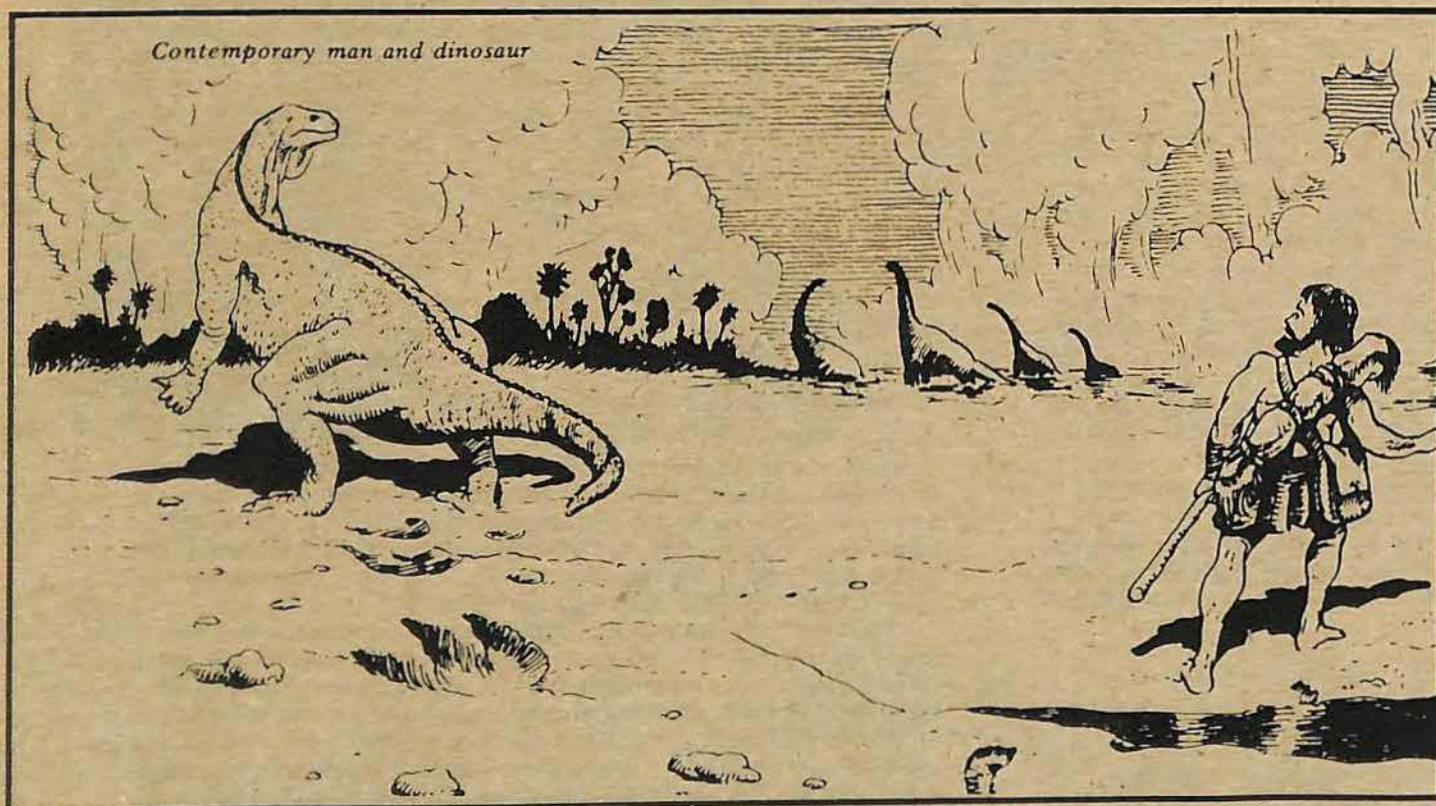
Was she blonde or brunette?

The question is a valid one because (as St Paul tells us in I Cor. 11) a woman's long hair is her glory, she may well be proud of it.

Have you ever thought of this fact: Man is the only primate whose head-hair never stops growing? (an Indian priest holds the record—26 feet! (GBR)).

Evolution-artists' pictures of ape-men are bad enough, but when they come to ape-women the effect is really frightful: flat-breasted, snub-nosed, wide-mouthed, short-haired, unkempt, and of course always *dark*. No blondes! No Swedish beauties!—because these would look far too feminine and human-like.

Remember (it needs to be repeated)—these ape-men/ape-women pictures are pure fantasy and fiction.



(Above) An illustration from some comic book? No, this purports to be an authoritative sketch of prehistoric times, even though most grammar school students know that dinosaurs died out millions of years before contemporary man came on the scene (knowledge the creationists seek to obliterate).

The Sham of Democracy & THE REALITY OF DICTATORSHIP

Speech by Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.

Following are excerpts from a speech by Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, which was given in Columbus, Ohio in the summer of 1979 during his national speaking tour, Part III.

We don't want to hear anymore about freedom and democracy without asking one question—Freedom for whom? Democracy for whom? Freedom for what? Freedom to exploit? Or freedom to be free of exploitation? You see, under this system a man and a woman can work for a capitalist for 25 years and this happens all the time, and because the capitalist has stolen the products of the worker's labor, the factories and machines and all, through armed force over them—as a capitalist himself he has the power of life and death over them. And this is the reality of this system. He can say, "I don't need you anymore—you're unemployed—I don't give a damn if you starve. Your family don't mean nothing to me! I never seen 'em and I don't want to see 'em and I don't want to talk about it. You're out of work that's all! Too bad, it's just business."

Now under this system the capitalists have the freedom to do that. It's not against the law—it's perfectly legal. And that's because the constitution was written in the first place by the rich classes of people in this country—the slavemasters and the capitalists. It's always been for them and it's always to keep them in power and their control over society and its wealth and to keep the masses of people, the poor classes of people, down in their place. And "their place" is as slaves—either in open slavery or in modern-day wage-slavery where you've got to go through the additional indignity of standing in the goddamn "employment line", as they call it, begging the Man to exploit you. You've got to go through all the indecency of having to answer a bunch of irrelevant stupid questions and insulting tests just to be told they're not hiring today. This is the way they treat the working class under this system. And you can see it. A couple of years ago, for example, in Detroit, they'd been going on and on, as usual, in the paper that there are all these people out here that are unemployed, but there's no problem with the economy or with the system; the problem is that they just don't want to work. But that old lie was exploded once again when Ford Motor Company announced in the paper they had 40 openings. Forty openings. They said that everybody who shows up at 6 a.m. in the parking lot can get an employment application. Five thousand people showed up. All these "lazy people" out here that don't want to work, showed up for 40 jobs, stood in line for hours. Finally, they came out—a few of these hacks who work in the employment offices—took a bunch of applications and threw them up in the air. They had the people fighting like dogs over 'em. Whether they even got a chance to fill out an application to get a job was life and death for them and their families, and there was only 40 out of them that was going to get it anyway. This is the reality of life under this system.

We don't want to hear anymore of your bullshit about freedom—freedom and democracy and all the rest of it. It's enslavement and it's armed dictatorship. You know I'm told they only teach you this high school civics bullshit about democracy and voting and all the rest of it and they tell you that when you enter the polling booth rich and poor no longer matter—you're equal—your vote counts just as much as Rockefeller's. And in a certain way they're telling you the truth 'cause neither one of them mean a damn thing. Decisions are not made in the polling booth. Decisions! First of all they tell you who's running in the first goddamn place. And it makes no more sense for the oppressed and exploited in this country to get hung up in all that, than it would back in the plantations if the slavemaster and his wife put on different labels and came out there and said, "Which one of you want to run this plantation? We gonna give you all a vote! You can vote for her or you can vote for me. Which one do you want to enslave you?" Or maybe some dude down the road who runs the other plantation decides he's going to come and run this one and see if he can be elected by the slaves to run the plantation. Who the hell wants the right, so-called right, to see which group of oppressors and exploiters is going to oppress and exploit you?

We don't want that right—it's not worth a damn! We want the right to be rid of being oppressed and exploited—to put an end to the sham of democracy and the reality of dictatorship. Dictatorship is not what they teach you in school. It's not a question of one per-



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son stands up and orders everybody around. No one person can run a society—a class of people gotta run society. How can one person run society—I'd like to see the cat that's doin' it 'cause we'd overthrow him tomorrow if they just put one person up there. They got a whole class out here. Let them pick anyone—we don't care—any of them. Let them try to run it for one day, see how long it lasts. No! It's a class of them. It's a system and they got an armed force there to keep you in your place—that's what the army's there for. That's what the police are there for. Step one step out of line and you'll find that out. And if you don't play by the rules, even unknowingly, you'll find out what the rules are. The murder of Fred Hampton, the murder of Malcolm X, that's the reality covered up by the sham, the hypocrisy of democracy.

You step outta line, you threaten them the least and you'll see what the reality of so-called freedom and democracy in this country is—you don't even have to be organizing politically against them. You can go out here in the streets and just walk the wrong way and maybe not look humble enough, maybe you got just a little too much pride and dignity. You hold your head up—you don't say "yes sir" and "no sir" or crawl on your belly when some cop comes up to you and massages his stick and waves it in your face. BOOM! You're dead. You don't have to do nothin', you just have to be there and he goes away and says, "I killed me another 'nigger,' another 'spik,' another 'poor white trash,' another whatever insult he calls you. Just to even think and criticize, and that dictatorship not only applies to the working class and oppressed people, which it does viciously, but even you get up into your middle classes—let's check out a little bit of the truth they put out in this movie—North Dallas Forty about pro football. Even the dude that doesn't have the right attitude, doesn't go along with the whole program, a privileged dude, making a lot of money. They smacked him down. And that's the reality of life out here. Anybody that challenges, questions, doesn't go along with the program and especially if you're among the basic masses of people on whose back this system lives—the full force of this dictatorship will come down on you.

Dictatorship simply means the rule of one class over another. And as long as society is divided into classes, we'll always have a dictatorship of one class over another. We're on the threshold of something new in history and that's a dictatorship that for the first time has two different characteristics. One is that when the working class and oppressed people rise up, we rise up as millions, not a handful of exploiters, and when we

overthrow and forcibly keep down and prevent the capitalists from restoring their system this will be the dictatorship of the masses of people representing the majority in society for the first time. But more than that, more fundamentally, this proletarian dictatorship is a dictatorship precisely to put an end to classes—to put an end to the division of society between rich and poor, between exploiters and exploited, oppressors and oppressed—to move beyond inequalities and social distinctions that give rise to exploiters and exploited and in doing so finally reach the position where society no longer has to have a government to suppress any segment of society because finally people really will have moved beyond the stage in history where society is divided into classes. And this is what we're aiming for, we don't apologize, we don't stand up here and say we're going to be "for everybody." "For Rockefeller just as much as a tramp in the gutter." Bullshit! You're either for one class or another. You're either for this system or you're for the system that can move humanity beyond this madness and begin to eliminate the daily hell that people have to go through...

Election Time

Election time! I love election time! Not because I ever want to vote for another one of these assholes that run out here all the time, these clowns that come out here and say, "Vote for me and I'll set you free"; not because I ever want to vote for another one of them. But I love it because nevertheless once you begin to see through their game you can recognize that they have to let a little bit of the truth about each other out at election time. Carter gets up and says, "Ford don't care nothin' about the people; he don't care if they're unemployed; his program's not gonna do anything good for the economy; he's not gonna preserve peace. Yadiyadyadiya." And it's true, Carter's telling the truth. And Ford gets up and says, "Carter's a liar; his program's not going to stop inflation nor deal with the fundamental problems in the economy; he don't give a damn about all the people who are unemployed and he's not gonna bring about peace either." Ford's telling the truth too. And that's the best part of it because they both gotta get up and show a little bit of the nature of each other, and more than that of their system, come election time.

I'm looking forward to next year. The deeper they're in crisis the heavier it's going to get. And you all heard Jimmy Carter about a month ago. He went up on Mt. David—or whatever, Camp David—and came down with tablets in hand and tried to give his commandments out to the people. And it was pitiful. Whining and moaning, it was an exhibition in whining and moaning—the people are losing confidence more and more. Damn right they are; let 'em lose more and we'll be out there giving them more and more confidence in their ability to overthrow this system that you have to admit they're losing confidence in. People know the next five years are going to be worse than the last five years. We can make this comparison since we're right here in Columbus (Ohio State University Campus—RW), it seems quite fitting. U.S. imperialism's old Uncle Sam is in decline and decay, is facing the same situation as one of its most bloated and posturing, arrogant and yet pitiful, overstuffed, ridiculous and reactionary apologists Woody Hayes. Here they both are, angry, frustrated and infuriated, they can't bully their way and kick their way around anymore. People aren't going to listen to their shit, ain't intimidated anymore; they can't take these people they regard as punks and whip 'em around anymore. People are seeing through them and they are headed for extinction and millions of people will cheer when they are finally abolished and put in their grave.

And that's what they're worried about. They know that this system of theirs is on its deathbed. They don't scientifically understand it, they can never really recognize it, let alone admit it, but nevertheless they hear the rumbling. They can see the uprisings in all the outlying areas of the world where they're plundering and looting and they can see once again the natives getting restless and slaves beginning to rise up and talk about freedom again. And they're worried and growing more desperate. But the more desperate they become, they don't become kinder, they become more vicious. I don't know about some of you here, your experience, but usually when we talk to an audience of people we say it's like chasing a rat through your house. When you swing and try to hit him with a baseball bat and he looks up and says you might as

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Chrysler Wreck Headed for Junk Heap

On May 7th, the Chrysler Corporation, one of the largest corporations in the world, teetered on the verge of complete collapse. The rapidly crumbling company reported a first-quarter loss of \$449 million—one of the largest corpor-

ate deficits in the history of this country. Reports in Detroit were that Chrysler was so short of cash that it couldn't meet its payroll for the week without outside financial help. At the same time an agreement with the Cana-

dian government to supply \$200 million in aid fell through. The company was smack up against the wall until Treasury Secretary G. William Miller approved the financing plan drawn up after the \$1.5 billion Chrysler bailout

was granted by the government, thus clearing the way for the company to draw upon the federal loan guarantees.

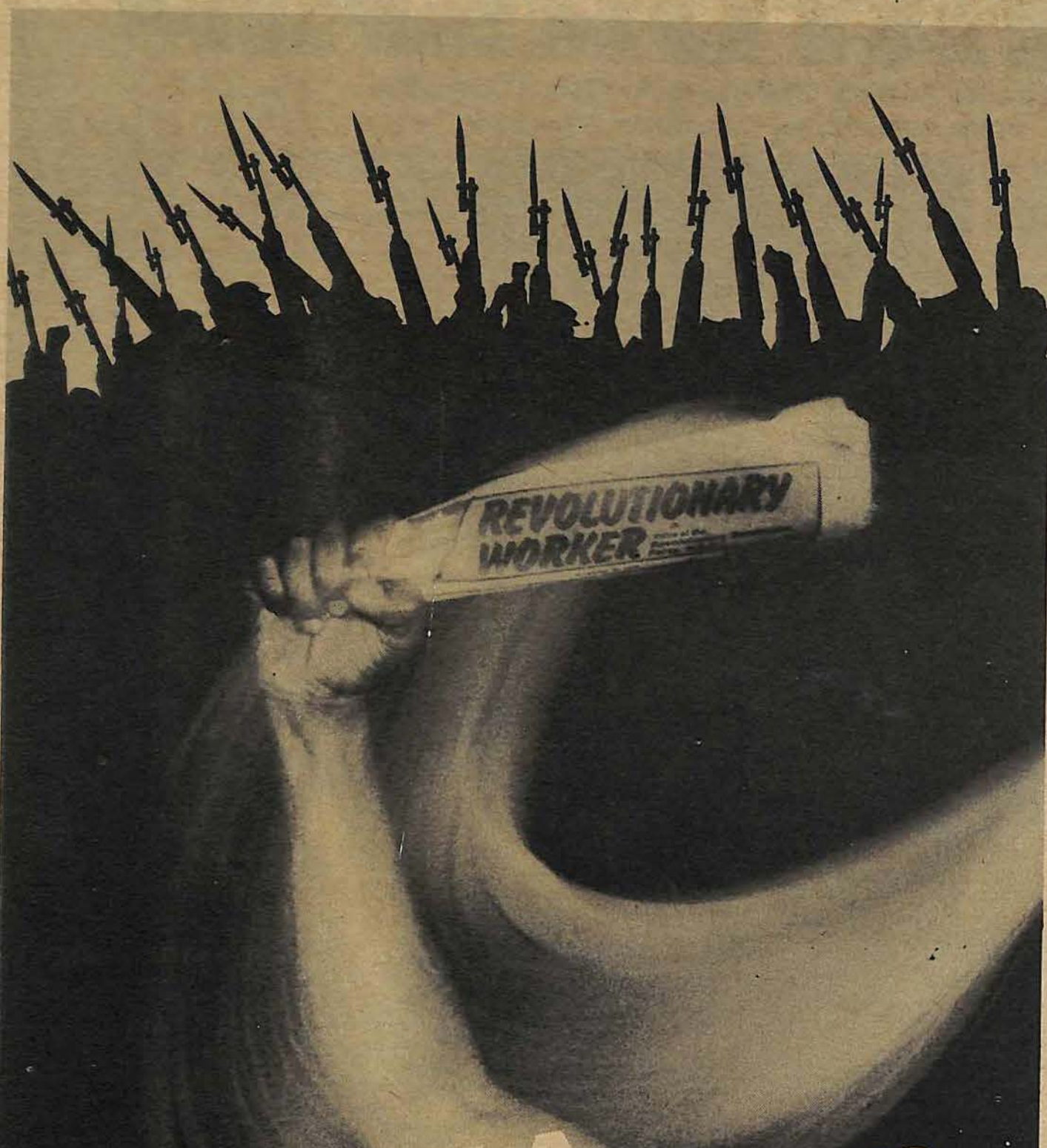
Without this \$1.5 billion fix, Chrysler would not be able to make it through the summer and the company is doing far worse than it predicted at the time the bailout plan was being drawn up. Its losses were \$100 million more than anticipated for the first quarter of this year and according to the Federal Loan Guarantee Board, Chrysler's loss for the full year of 1980 will top \$1 billion. Sales of cars and trucks built in North America have plunged 41% and 41,000 Chrysler workers have been thrown out on the street on indefinite layoff, more than a third of its workforce. Stockpiles of unsold cars are overflowing as thousands of cars sit rusting.

It is now a virtual certainty that Chrysler has had it. It is not at all surprising that several weeks ago Chrysler attorneys are reported to have gone to federal court to bone up on bankruptcy procedures. The government, however, has no choice but to continue to prop up the company in order to soften its fall. A sudden collapse of a company of this size could be a disastrous shock to the shaky U.S. economy. The bourgeoisie is desperately trying to prevent such shocks as it maneuvers to put itself in the best position to wage a world war with the USSR, a war that must be fought and won in order for the U.S. to significantly improve the situation its crisis ridden economy is in by grabbing a bigger share of the plunder of the world (See RW No. 36, Jan. 11) Treasury Secretary Miller said a Chrysler bankruptcy would have lowered the gross national product of 1980 by \$5 billion and 1981's by \$6 billion, and resulted in increased unemployment of 75,000 this year and 100,000 in 1981. He further said it would have worsened the U.S. balance of payments by \$1.25 billion in foreign car exports. According to one Chrysler creditor it was either bailout the company or face a return of only 30 cents on a dollar on a Chrysler liquidation which could drive some of the creditors themselves to the point of collapse.

As the condition for the loan, the government and the banks are demanding that Chrysler become a smaller company. As part of this Chrysler will fire 19% of its white collar employees, and make only a handful of big cars, and accept a permanently smaller share of the U.S. auto market. It will shut down 2 more plants, bringing the total number of Chrysler's plant shutdowns to 6, and adding another 2,560 to the ranks of tens of thousands of Chrysler workers out on the streets.

Even with this government aid it is not at all out of the question that Chrysler could collapse soon anyway. In fact the Chrysler debacle is taking place in the midst of a deepening crisis in the auto industry as a whole which is not only a bellwether for the rest of the economy but is a branch of industry that has a profound influence on the entire U.S. economic set-up. As the imperialists themselves say, "As goes the auto industry, so goes the country." Last month domestic-made car sales fell by 31%. Nearly 800 dealerships have closed in the last 9 months. In Detroit the unemployment rate among auto workers is 25%, almost 4 times the national average. For the first time in recent memory, each of the big three automakers could be in the red this quarter—GM, the healthiest of the big 3, said it may lose money for the first time since 1970 and cut its last quarterly dividend by 63%. Ford Motor Co. lost \$164 million in the first quarter. One Wall St. analyst called the auto industry a "disaster."

The imminent demise of Chrysler, the real prospect of "disaster" in the auto industry as a whole, and the fragile state of the entire economy are important signs of the storms and upheavals that lie in store in the near future and are definite indications that world war is not far off as the imperialists desperately strive to maintain their system and their rule by any means necessary. □



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"The *Revolutionary Worker* is our main weapon. This is a conspiracy. This is a conspiracy spreading and deepening, spreading out like the cells of a beehive among broader and broader ranks of the working class and oppressed people. And it's got to spread consciously and actively much more broadly and much more deeply. Whether you're in Chicago, Cleveland, Atlanta, Florida, New York or wherever, every week, you and thousands of other people like you already are getting armed and educated with the line of our Party. At the same time that you are taking this paper, reading and spreading it among others, thousands and tens of thousands of people are also doing so throughout the

country. Spreading this conspiracy, broadening and deepening it, laying the basis for revolution.

"You know some people say, 'Listen, I don't dig it when this is the main weapon we got. I want to deal with the real deal. I want to get on with the real weapons. When you get to the point of a gun then come and let me know. I can't deal with a weapon that's made out of paper.' Well I can understand and sympathize with that sentiment, but if you really feel that way and if you're serious about it, if you really want to see things develop to the point where we can not only take up guns and go down like martyrs, but where we can actually lead masses of people to rise up and win, then you've got to wield *this* weapon now. Otherwise we're not going to get to the point where we're going to be able to seize the opportunity even if it does arise to rise up and lead masses to make revolution."

Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, U.S.A.

Good Morning Amerikkkka

May Day and the Prostitute Press

In analyzing just how seriously the enemy took May 1st, 1980, it is quite revealing to look at the prostitute press, which, it must be said, certainly worked overtime on May 1st, and played their part in a class-conscious way, to be sure—for the bourgeoisie. The night of May 1, a round-up of "insignificance" from different cities hit the national news as well as local TV evening news reports in almost every city where May 1st demonstrations were held. The following day, May 1st was front page, first or second section in 10 cities where there were demonstrations. And the more the media screamed about "insignificance," the more that anyone the least bit skilled in reading between the lines of the lies of the press could see just how significant the May 1st actions were and how seriously the capitalist class was taking this. Furthermore, they discovered an urgent need to recognize the existence of the working class, resorting to dragging out reactionary "workers" to oppose May Day: one classic example of this was quoting one backward element who had said, "I'll go with whoever feeds me, but I can't spit on the red, white and blue. That's our flag." They even took to reminiscing about the history of May Day as a workers' holiday—by which they meant the trade-union mainstream and strictly economic struggles. And in some places, they even dragged out so-called "leftists" to talk about how the RCP is crazy. It was definitely a case, as the old theater-master Shakespeare put it in one of his plays, of "Me thinks he doth protest too much." But try as they might to cover it up, the hounds and bitches of the bourgeois press could not hide the fact that the revolutionary workers had stormed the stage of history on May 1st 1980 and changed the political climate in this country.

And taking it one step further, particularly in areas where they felt that they could mobilize their reactionary social base, the media went all out not only to try to discredit May 1st but to make open calls to local reactionaries to attack the marches and spread terror among the masses to keep them off the streets.

Two sharp examples of the open role played by the media in actively organizing for reactionaries to attack the May 1st demonstrations were in Ohio—in the Cincinnati and Cleveland areas.

In Cincinnati, WCPO-TV, Channel 9, consistently refused to cover anything about May Day until two days after Red Flag Day, when they picked up on the story of how a local Mao Tsetung defendant flew a red flag on her house, and several backward people on the block flew the red, white and blue. As the TV reporter was filming his story on the block, several people marched up carrying red flags, and the in-depth news special after the news that night showed a very favorable interview with a May Day Committee member, including a statement that the L.A. Police Department was behind Damian Garcia's execution. On the following Tuesday a different reporter showed up at her house for more information because the show "wasn't done right the first time." The coverage that night was very different, as the TV showed her house address, where her husband worked, and had interviews with a few backward neighbors about the "violent reds."

On the night before May Day, the 11 p.m. news broadcast showed the Workers Center and the route of the march, and interviewed people from the May Day Committee, asking if there were plans for violence. As part of that they ran a 5-minute segment of a disabled

veteran (well known locally for defending U.S. imperialism), calling on people to line the route of the march with American flags and for churches to ring their bells at noon. That same night, rocks were thrown through the windows of people living near the Workers Center, and the Center had swastikas painted on it. On May 1, radio station WLW, twice before the rally, called on people to "come out and protest the May Day march," and that "maybe this nausea parade in downtown Cincinnati will react like a vaccination... You have to let just so many germs enter the body before the body wakes up and builds immunity. When will we wake up... after it's too late... after we've given our country away from within without firing a shot. Where is our patriotism? Where is our national pride?" (To take a few liberties with another quote from Shakespeare, "All the world's a stage—and some people would make really good floor boards!")

In nearby Dayton, where there was no march scheduled (local people would go to Cincinnati, 50 miles away, to march), the mayor was covered in the media canceling a local meeting on a power rate hike because of "possible violence on May Day." Local radio station WAVI had May Day as the topic of discussion where the announcer called on people to "let us know what you think about this march... Here in Dayton all twelve communists say they are going to throw their weight around today on May Day. Maybe some other people feel like throwing something else. But, let us know what you think about this march."

The actual coverage of May Day in Cincinnati was another fine testament to "objectivity" as they puffed up the numbers of reactionaries, made out the attackers of the march to be "workers," and played this report with a background of Merle Haggard's "You're Walking on the Fightin' Side of Me." And on the night of May 1, WLW openly congratulated the reactionaries for attacking the march.

In Cleveland, 48 hours before May Day, the bourgeois media went full-time, whipping up a reactionary campaign against May Day—preparing and organizing for the reactionary violence to come. A TV evening news report summed up the media's orientation by saying, "We don't usually report rumors, but in this case we are going to make an exception." What followed were non-stop, night and day news reports, mainly on the TV, of possible Black-white gang clashes on May 1 in different parts of the city—putting out different stories linking it to May Day, sometimes saying that it was organized by the May Day Committee, other times denying it—all to create an atmosphere of confusion, chaos and violence on May Day. This was intensified with the broadcast of an emergency Board of Education meeting to station extra police in the schools. Channel 5 interviewed mothers saying they were keeping their kids home on May Day, while the mayor called on the people of Cleveland to rally 'round the system, maintain calm on May 1, and cooperate with city and police officials. Newspaper articles appeared with the police stating that they were preparing for violence on May Day and watching closed-circuit police intelligence films on the RCP and the May Day brigade. On April 30, the evening talk shows were about May Day, Black-white confrontation and the expected violence. On May 1, WHK, the largest country and western station in the area, had the DJ, Jimmy Dee, saying "Let's get out

the baseball clubs and make May 1 'hit a commie over the head' day."

In Youngstown, Ohio, where no march was scheduled (local people were to go to Cleveland for the march there), May 1st, 1980 had become a big social question when the May Day brigades hit Youngstown and 10 brigaders were arrested there. The media played up counter-May Day marches before May 1st, and the mayor called for possible state police aid on May 1st itself.

While all this should really come as no surprise, what is revealing is that the bourgeoisie went to all this trouble to orchestrate their press and the reactionary chorus, consisting of Nazis, KKK'ers, bribed gang members, police

dressed as workers, union hacks, and assorted other backward fools, to stop these "insignificant" demonstrations. And what their dual tactics reveal still further is that they recognize that they are in serious trouble and also recognize in their perverse and distorted way that there is a significant social base for revolution among the masses—that people are listening, and more than that, looking for revolution. The problem they have is that they consistently underestimate the masses or leave them out altogether, because despite all their police and spies and mouthpieces, they are incapable of fully comprehending that there is in fact a force which has nothing to lose but its chains. □

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The Great White-Haired Hope

Why would Representative John Anderson, the third ranking member of the House Republican leadership, the ranking Republican on the House Rules Committee and the ranking Republican on the Joint Committee on Energy, throw away his seat in Congress to pursue a hopeless campaign as an independent candidate for President? To hear Anderson's trainers and handlers tell it, it's just because his heart is noble, his intellect so broad and his conscience so pure that he feels compelled to save the country by "telling it like it is." Unfortunately, there are a few people swallowing all this.

In a way, the Anderson phenomenon was assessed, if inadvertently, by Chicago columnist Mike Royko around the time of the Illinois primary. Royko is a sarcastic (and cynical) writer for the *Sun-Times* who, when he is not on vacation, fires his literary weapon at just about everything. Royko's column on election day morning saw two friends meet on the street, one heading toward the polls to vote, the other heading toward the bar to get drunk. An argument ensues, the sober-minded character attempting to convince the other that the trip to the polls is more appropriate, his friend attempting to convince him that the candidates are rotten, that all politicians are rotten and that this particular Tuesday would be better to observe through the bottom of a shot glass. One by one, the candidates are reviewed, and, with the exception of Anderson, soundly thrashed by Royko; bit by bit the civic obligation of the man headed toward the polls is chipped away. Naturally, both, instead of only one, end up at the bar.

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Face it, who can really get it up over Jimmy Carter? And everybody knows what a crusty old motherfucker Ronald Reagan is. But while John Anderson is not the man the bourgeoisie has selected to lead the government for the next four years—years which may well see the most severe threat to their rule in history—he's a new, honest face and is playing an important and very specific role for them: that of leading some dissatisfied people right back into their arms. So let's take a brief look at the great white-haired hope who has descended from Rockford, Illinois onto the cover of *Time* magazine and the

6:00 news. And while we're at it, let's take a look at what he's preaching, as well.

The last time John Anderson set out to save the country was in 1961 when he was first elected to Congress. The outstanding legislative accomplishment of his first term was the introduction of a constitutional amendment to recognize "the authority and law of Jesus Christ, savior and ruler of the nations." In 1964 he was a member of the GOP's "Paul Revere Brigade" which crisscrossed the country campaigning for Barry Goldwater for president. Through the 1960s he had an almost perfect reactionary voting record in Congress. And Anderson, like Carter and Bush, served on the Rockefeller-inspired Trilateral Commission—a joint committee of capitalists and their politicians from the U.S., Japan and Western Europe. Then came Anderson's much ballyhooed conversion into a "liberal."

For present purposes, it is only necessary to cite one piece of evidence in the case of this "conversion"—also, appropriately, from *Time* magazine. Their feature, "John Anderson Breaks Away," remarked: "He started to change in 1968, after the riots that followed the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. shocked him into a realization of the depth of social turmoil in the U.S."

In reality, Anderson didn't change much at all. What changed were the objective conditions, especially with the U.S. Defeat in Vietnam, the economic decline, and the massive upsurge of rebellious movements in the U.S. With regard to these problems, Anderson is now billed as both "thoughtful" and "candid"—the one candidate who dared to speak the truth. But what is Anderson's big "truth"? It is essentially that the struggle to save the capitalist system and to prepare for a world war will require the masses to accept a lower standard of living. Looking grim-faced, Anderson often begins his speeches with, "Americans have become a spoiled, self-indulgent nation. It has become an ugly political tradition to tell people only what they want to hear. It is my duty to tell you the truth." Or, as Anderson put it in a recent interview, "The days of wine and roses are over for a while. I'm talking about the politics of sacrifice."

And exactly *who* is to sacrifice—and how much so—becomes clear with a

glimpse at Anderson's platform. A key element of this is his energy plan, which, would reduce oil imports simply by pricing gasoline out of the market for most people. A 50¢ per gallon increase in the federal gasoline tax is the ticket, says Anderson. He notes that "I just frankly tell people we're going to have to make a little sacrifice and drive down consumption with a higher price."

Not unexpectedly, Anderson is a supporter of nuclear energy to make up for the cuts in petroleum consumption. But perceiving that Three Mile Island type accidents will be inevitable with nuclear reactors in the hands of "cut-the-costs, boost the profits" capitalists, Anderson has proposed that the nuclear accident liability limits set by Congress be doubled, thus allowing the victims of these accidents to collect a little more money.

Another example of Anderson's "politics of sacrifice" is his plan for the millions of representatives and unemployed youth in our cities. They are to be used as cheap labor to replace older workers and be given labor discipline in the process. As his position papers state: "Anderson believes that youth needs special assistance in entering the employment world. Numerous studies have shown that the minimum wage laws have the effect of eliminating job opportunities for young men and women." On three separate occasions before the House of Representatives, Anderson has proposed the establishment of a "youth opportunity wage." The measure would have allowed employment of teenagers at 85% of the minimum wage for the first six months of employment. "Business would be encouraged by the lower minimum wage to hire young people and mold them into valuable employees," said Anderson.

On the question of war, Anderson tries to portray himself not as a hawk, but as a cross between an owl and an eagle. But the latter two birds, like the hawk, are also birds of prey. Anderson voted for the Tonkin Bay resolution, for the neutron bomb, and for the Trident Sub Program. His opposition to the MX missile comes only from his belief that the Trident Sub Missiles are less vulnerable and cheaper. Anderson supports the deployment of new nuclear missiles in Europe and is a big booster of the new rapid deployment strike force.

While establishing a record as a liberal by voting for meaningless

reforms, Anderson regularly chops away at appropriations for social welfare. He voted against black lung benefits for miners, he has proposed massive cuts in the CETA programs, and he wants to reduce the cost of living increase in social security benefits. He also voted to restrict the power of the Federal Trade Commission (which is supposed to protect the consumer) and used his influence in Congress to prevent a congressional financial audit of the Federal Reserve System.

All in all, quite a list of accomplishments for a fellow the anchormen have taken to describing as a "cult figure." His followers, notes *Time*, consist of "largely white collar workers and well educated suburbanites who worry about whales, pollution and consumerism."

But Honest John's most devoted "followers" sit not in the suburbs, but in the financial and commercial centers of the cities—people who think, and worry, about the steady decline of electoral participation and who dream up new ways to lure the flock back in. Upon announcing his independent candidacy recently at a late April press conference, Anderson explained exactly why he was running. "The danger," noted Anderson, "is that a significant portion of the nation may not choose to participate in the political process in November." He then went on to stress that he was not forming a third party and that his campaign would actually bring more people into the electoral shell game and ultimately back into the ranks of the Democratic and Republican parties. When asked whether his candidacy might not tip the election to Reagan, Anderson allowed that once his mission of restoring confidence in the American electoral process was completed, he would gladly bow out of the race. "I care enough about this system and this country that I would not blindly and stubbornly and out of pure vanity and ambition stand in the way if the country had to choose between the lesser of two evils."

Nobody has to worry about buying a used car from Honest John Anderson—he's not even selling them. And as for what he is selling, well, despite the arrival of the great white-haired hope, that's a little item that may wind up on the junk heap in the not too distant future. □

CRACK OF LIGHT SHONE ON WALLA WALLA CRIMES

Spokane, Washington. The hearing on the class action lawsuit brought by Walla Walla prisoners against the State of Washington, held in the U.S. Courthouse in this small city in eastern Washington State, was expected to last three weeks. It lasted only 4 days, deliberately cut short by U.S. District Court Judge Jack Tanner who demanded that almost all testimony be submitted in writing and incessantly pushed lawyers to "get on with it." Inside the courtroom, Richard Bromthus hobbled to the witness stand on crutches. Suffering from an ingrown toenail, he was refused medical treatment by prison officials until finally his entire lower leg had to be amputated. Carl Harp told of the night when he and 7 other prisoners were mercilessly beaten and he was raped by guards who forced a nightstick up his rectum. A former guard testified that associate superintendent Cummins recommended beating prisoners as a form of "rehabilitation" in a training class for new guards.

The stakes for this trial were set over the past year, as Walla Walla prisoners have gone on strike, seized prison buildings and yards, flooded cellblocks and demolished their cells in repeated revolts against the intolerable degrada-

tion they are subjected to. And these uprisings have thrust the crimes committed by the ruling class in dungeons like Walla Walla into public view. Numerous groups, including prison support groups, religious organizations and the American Civil Liberties Union and other legal rights organizations took up, to varying degrees, the prisoners' struggle. The state's continued lies, their insolent claims that nothing was wrong at Walla Walla, that the prisoners were "animals" who needed to be "taught a lesson" and "showed who is in charge"—all this was blown away by the fury of the prisoners' uprising and the support that these actions sparked on the outside. Even the bourgeois press—which had a standard policy of all ignoring prisoners' accounts of the atrocities committed at Walla Walla while providing front page coverage for the "explanations" of state officials—was forced to express skepticism at the prison authorities' increasingly ludicrous claims.

It was in this situation, with the ruling class still reeling from the blow struck by the Walla Walla prisoners, that federal judge Tanner took the unusual step of not only hearing the

prisoners' lawsuit but hearing it within a few months after it had been filed. While prisoners were battling to bring the exposure of the prison authorities into the federal courts, the federal government was trying to use the lawsuit to clamp the lid on the struggle of Walla Walla prisoners. Shortly after the suit was filed, Judge Tanner issued an injunction against brutality on the part of the prison administration. The injunction, of course, wasn't worth the paper it was printed on. It didn't stop the beatings of any of the prisoners, and it was never intended to. It was intended to create the illusion that the federal government was going to make Walla Walla "humane." Meanwhile, U.S. Attorney James Gillespie, who only a few short months before had publicly declared that he saw no reason why the guards who raped Carl Harp and beat 7 other prisoners be fired or disciplined, now entered the lawsuit as a "friend of the court," supposedly on the prisoners' behalf.

The authorities have been forced to temporarily abandon their open offensive against the prisoners at Walla Walla, and the federal government has had to feign support for the prisoners' demands. Even now, before Tanner has

issued his ruling on the lawsuit, the state has had to make some token reforms, like releasing some prisoners from the segregation unit into the general prison population. Some cells have also been cleaned and repainted. But the state's real intentions are shown in the continuing transfers of leaders of prison resistance to out-of-state prisons and Tanner has refused to block these transfers.

A crack of light has been shone upon the crimes at Walla Walla in recent days, and even if the authorities attempt to launch new attacks on the prisoners in the period to come, they certainly stand weaker and more exposed as a result of the uncompromising stand of the Walla Walla prisoners. □

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by government repression as the army encircled and finally contained these flames, and its chairman, Charu Majumdar, was captured, dying in captivity in 1972. A great many of the thousands of revolutionaries who were jailed at that time are just today getting out of prison. In addition to a decade of repression and some serious setbacks, Indian revolutionaries also had been faced with the same critical questions facing revolutionaries everywhere, most especially, how to view what had gone down in China after Mao's death, and how to evaluate Mao and his teachings in the face of blistering attacks on him by both the new revisionist rulers in China and the Albanian party led by Enver Hoxha which had once claimed to be Mao's close ally. The fact that Mao Tsetung Thought had had so much influence in India, that it had taken hold in the mass revolutionary upsurge, was part of what had brought me to India, since in the last few years the question of whether or not to uphold Mao and his contributions to Marxism has concentrated the key political questions dividing Marxism from opportunism in the international communist movement. I was very eager to know what Indian comrades thought about this.

I had been closely following the journal *Mass Line*, published by Indian revolutionaries who upheld Mao's contributions in the face of the revisionist coup. Knowing little more than the content of the articles and the mailing address in India, I sent a telegram; and there I was, thousands of miles away from the U.S., getting off a plane, secure only in the knowledge that my mission was important, that somewhere in this country of 600 million people there were some who were traveling the same road as genuine revolutionaries around the world, and that if they received my message, and if it were possible, they would be there to meet me.

I stepped off the plane in Bombay and parted ways with the other European passengers who were on their way to India's tourist spots. I made my way through Customs and then to the front door to ask directions to the domestic airlines. One step out the front door I got my first taste of the misery and degradation that U.S. and Soviet imperialism have generously given the Indian people. At 5:00 a.m., the length of the pavement in front of the terminal was filled with old men and tiny children asleep in each other's arms, huddled together for warmth.

Walking through the security gate to the section for domestic flights, I picked up a copy of the English language newspaper, and the story that caught me seemed to flow from the wretched

scene outside. It was the account of a riot the day before in the outskirts of Bombay, where the police had attempted to raid a shanty town to evict the landless peasants who had made their homes there in cardboard shacks. The battle had raged all day as peasants using rocks fought off the cops in spite of beatings and tear gas, refusing to leave the few meager things that they had—maybe a pot to cook in and the cardboard roof over their head. At the end of the day, with the police no closer to evicting the peasants than they were in the morning, the article reported mysterious fires being set, burning 500 of the shacks and clearing the way for new construction as was the original intent.

When I finally got on board the next plane, I looked around and took note that I was the only foreigner, and wondered just what my destination would be like. When we finally arrived at a small local airport that was more like a pasture, I made my way through the crowd of people awaiting friends and family and looked for a conspicuous place to stand. One thing was immediately clear. I wouldn't be hard to find since I was the only American around. While waiting, I struck up a conversation with a young woman. I asked her if she knew of a safe hotel to stay at in town, if there was a bus to get to, and she answered no to both questions and warned me that I shouldn't be traveling alone in this part of India, especially since I was a woman.

Her ride came and we said good-bye. I was left alone in a rapidly dwindling crowd of travelers. After about 30 minutes, I began to get nervous. Figuring that something must have been fouled up, I was about to head for town in a taxi when suddenly the woman I had spoken with earlier stood beside me.

She and her brother had decided it was too dangerous to stay by myself, and they insisted that I was to come with them until I could locate my friend.

I was enormously relieved to be rescued by someone familiar with the country. Although I was no closer than before to locating the comrades from *Mass Line*, at least I could take some time to plot my next move. The ride to their house provided me with a look at the living conditions which over the next week I would see over and over again. Coming from the U.S., this is the other end of the world: the country was one giant proof of the truth of what Marx meant when he wrote of capitalism creating on one hand a pole of wealth and on the other hand a pole of misery. In a country with a population of 600 million (there are more children in India than there are people in the U.S.), the destitute not a minority to be tucked away from view—for tens of millions of people the city streets and sidewalks are for living and sleeping, and the gutter is for bathing. For the 75% who live in the countryside, conditions are even worse.

Imperialism creates degradation in every country it reaches into, but here there was poverty and primitiveness that I could scarcely believe. The things that people in the U.S. would consider the most basic necessities like a roof over your head, or sanitation, are non-existent for the majority of people. Millions upon millions of people are forced to live in intolerable subhuman conditions so that the U.S. and Soviet social-imperialists can wallow in the wealth they have extorted from the Indian people. The crimes of imperialism against the people of the world settled in a sickening knot in my stomach—all the hatred I had and the determination to destroy it were reinforced a thousand times those first few days.

In case there was any doubt as to why India was such a backward country, as

proof that its conditions were not due to some quirk in its own internal development but to the ruthless foreign exploitation, there were billboards all over the country that advertised the fact. It wasn't the particularity of each message, but rather the fact that most of them were written in English! Here, thousands of miles away from the "English-speaking world," was another reminder of imperialist rule—English was the only common language spoken in all parts of India!

The country had suffered through not just the past 30 years of U.S. plunder and the more recent heavy hand of the Soviets, but 200 years of British colonialism leading up to that. The English language was deposited in all corners of India along with the railroad and state apparatus as they brought their bloody form of "civilization" to the Indian people. To hold on to their prize, the British solidified the caste system to unify (subjugate) the country. They backed the rule of the jotedars (landlords) whom the imperialists always make their peace with in order to prohibit the growth of a national economy, to keep the country backward and therefore more easily raped of its natural resources and labor. For instance, while turning India into a giant cotton plantation to feed the hungry textile mills of Manchester, they forbade Indians to make their own cloth from the cotton in order to prevent the growth of industry there and keep the country dependent.

With the weakening of the British empire in the wake of World War 2, the U.S. and eventually the Soviets moved in. India continued to develop as a country twisted by imperialism, where the most backward productive relations exist side by side with markets flooded with imperialist goods, where ox-drawn carts share the roadways with giant trucks, and elephants are used to lift

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1974—Bombay, India women demonstrate against the soaring prices of necessities.



India is a country twisted by imperialism, conditions of extreme backwardness and poverty existing side by side with luxury and imperialist goods. (Left) Millions of people live in shanty towns and slums like this on the outskirts of Bombay. (Right) 80% of the people of India live in the countryside, where only a few wealthy farmers can afford tractors. Most peasants still till their land using ox-drawn wooden plows.

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heavy imported construction materials. The responsibilities of communists in the imperialist superpowers was driven home to me time and time again—the ruling class of the U.S. had robbed these people in the name of the American people, and then told us that the crumbs they tossed to us made the system "ours." Here was part of the springs from which the foul "American dream" flowed, the nightmare inflicted upon 600 million Indian people. It brought to mind the section from the RCP Draft Programme, which says, "The proletariat in the United States has a great responsibility and a great mission: to carry out a revolution which, once victorious, will be like lifting a giant bone-crushing burden off the backs of the people of the whole world. . . . As it liberates the productive forces in this country from the shackles of capitalism, the working class in power will unleash them not only for the benefit of people here, but to assist the exploited and oppressed the world over in their revolutionary struggles and in the revolutionary transformation of their countries, which have been, to no

small degree, held back by imperialism. This will be genuine aid and will be nothing like the 'foreign aid' of the imperialists, which is used to further ensnare and enslave the people of other countries."

The first night with my airport "rescuer", J., I was taken to a family gathering of about 30 of her relatives. J's family was middle-class, small store owners, which meant their house had a cement floor instead of dirt, and cold running water. Most of them, perhaps reflecting their class position, had bought many of the lies about how wonderful the U.S. was. While there was a grain of truth when compared to the widespread misery of their country, their views showed not anger against U.S. crimes, but envy and fondness for the very country responsible for their own problems. In fact, it was clear that while very nice people, one of the reasons they took me in was exactly because I was American. (Later my Indian comrades would have a good laugh over how comprador ideology—the ideology of imperialism's lackeys, which often infects the middle class and even broader sections as well—for once worked in the service of the revolution.)

As the evening wore on, I argued

with them about life in the U.S. J's brother, a production worker in a fertilizer factory, showed me his Harold Robbins book collection and then proceeded to tell me how the only people who don't work in the U.S. are lazy. There I was, many thousands of miles from the U.S., and the same propaganda they shove down our throats here came spewing out of this guy's mouth. I tried to explain what it was like in a country where almost every family had a car and divorce is common, in stark contrast to the feudal tradition of India where all marriage is arranged. When a woman marries she is a slave, not just to her husband but also to his mother, and there is no such thing as divorce. The only way out is suicide. I got a glimpse of the many backward and feudal ideas that the strangling of India's development by imperialism has perpetuated. Because I was a woman traveling alone in a strange dangerous country, J's brother had appointed himself my guardian and keeper, and he quickly enlisted his entire family to hunt for my missing friends whom he questioned me about with great skepticism. He had no idea that I was here to make contact with revolutionaries.

On the third day, I finally received a

reply to the telegram I had sent when I got there. I was to wait, someone was coming, signed "Mass Line." At this point the tightrope I was walking with J's family started to become dangerous. It didn't take long for them to figure out just who *Mass Line* was, and J's brother demanded that I take the next plane home. I insisted that I had to wait, tried to calm him down, but to no avail. Every hour he became more distraught and worried about my safety.

I waited on pins and needles till suddenly two young men appeared at the door. J's family immediately retreated to the kitchen to decide what to do. In those few moments I quickly filled the comrades in on the story I had cooked up to explain my strange presence to J's family. Quick on their feet, they passed J's cross-examination, including inquiries about the "Naxalites," and we made a hurried departure. I thanked J's family for their more than generous hospitality and kept my fingers crossed that they wouldn't call the police. We headed immediately for the bus station and grabbed the first bus going in a different direction from the one that we had told J.

Part Two: Spring Thunder in the Villages

On the bus—traveling through village after village—we finally got the chance to get acquainted. The comrades had just received my telegram the day before, and had travelled all night to reach me before "trouble" did. It took them awhile to get over the shock that I had come with so little information on the situation there and that I was travelling alone.

As they described the political situation in India, I began to understand the reason for their distress. *Mass Line*, I learned is published legally, but the organization whose line it supports, the Reorganization Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), is illegal and underground. At the moment my telegram arrived the government was combing the villages and forests, hunting down "Naxalites" who had organized an action against a hated landlord in the Wynad Forest. For the next few days we were constantly on the move. My presence caused formidable problems—in this part of India travelers from the outside are uncommon, foreigners all but unknown. I literally drew crowds of curious children and other onlookers every time I went into the street. If the authorities were looking, I wouldn't be hard to find and I was worried that my brash arrival and connection with my comrades from *Mass Line* would put them in great danger. They assured me things would work out okay, but sternly gave me an education in the differences in revolutionary work in an imperialist country like the U.S. where the facade of bourgeois democracy that exists today offers conditions which seem like luxuries compared to India—and on the degree to which our thinking in the U.S. was affected by the experience of "peaceful times"—which are coming to an end here and barely existed in the countries where imperialism stands nearly naked.

And while conditions in the U.S. and India are different, I couldn't help but think that we in this country still have much to learn about building a Party organizationally in a way that it is both accomplishing its political tasks today and is preparing for the future revolutionary crisis.

In India, as in the third world in general, the rule of imperialism and its allies stands out far more starkly. The Indian ruling class itself is split between private capitalists generally tied to U.S. imperialism, and an extensive state monopoly capitalist sector tied to the USSR through loans and commercial agreements, and this is a conflict which is less and less something to be settled through elections. Although elections are used to legitimize the existing state of affairs to the middle classes, they have little meaning for the vast majority of the masses, especially the peasants—3/4 of the population—whose lives

depend on the whims of the landlords and their "goondas" (goons) and corrupt local officials. In the country as a whole as well as in many states where the revolutionary struggle has been sharpest, the government has abandoned even the pretense of "rights" and openly resorted to armed suppression by declaring a "state of emergency."

Both of the comrades I was traveling with had been imprisoned under Indira Gandhi's state of emergency act. Many revolutionaries are still serving indeterminate sentences. Presently *Mass Line* is making use of the government's policy of allowing publication of newspapers, but it is assumed that this will only be temporary. While it can, the journal has reprinted articles from parties like the RCP of Chile, the Union of Iranian Communists and the RCP, USA, upheld Mao Tsetung Thought, and generally propagated the revolutionary line of the Reorganization Committee of the CPI (M-L).

The Reorganization Committee is made up of CPI (M-L) members in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh who split from the CPI (M-L) over the coup in China and are presently undertaking the difficult task of reorganizing the party in the rest of the country. They are one of a small but very significant number of forces in the world today who clearly uphold Mao Tsetung Thought and defend it against attack from both the Chinese capitalist-roaders and the revisionist rantings of Enver Hoxha.

We made use of every minute we could, be it walking or riding on buses or trains, to ask questions about the state of the movement in our respective countries and to discuss the international situation at length. They had been following closely the trial of Bob Avakian in the *Revolutionary Worker* and knew quite a lot about the situation in the U.S.

I asked about the history of the Naxalbari rebellion and what they thought the possibilities for revolution in India were. As I listened to the comrades I was struck by the similar effect the coup in China had had on two parties thousands of miles from each other with no real previous contact.

Their determination to carry forward Mao's legacy had challenged them not to just uphold Mao Tsetung Thought, but to apply it, to become thoroughgoing dialectical materialists who would wield Marxism in order to change the world, developing it and advancing it in the process.

The Indian comrades have tackled the theoretical front with ferocity—publishing a book on the philosophical problems of revolution written by a leading member of the CPI (M-L), who spent 8 of the last 10 years in prison and put his attention to waging the struggle to uphold Mao Tsetung

as soon as he was released in 1979. They're also translating Mao's recently published *Critique of Soviet Economics* into one of India's many local languages.

After talking all afternoon about philosophy, I asked why they stressed the importance of the theoretical struggle. They replied that prior to the coup in China, they always thought that the Chinese would take care of everything. Afterwards, it was clear that they would have to figure it out themselves. Through the process of investigating the coup and the class struggle under socialism, they came to understand that it would be impossible to carry forward Mao Tsetung Thought or further change the world without taking up the struggle on this front.

Anyone in the U.S. who would belittle these contributions is not aware that in India you can't walk down to your

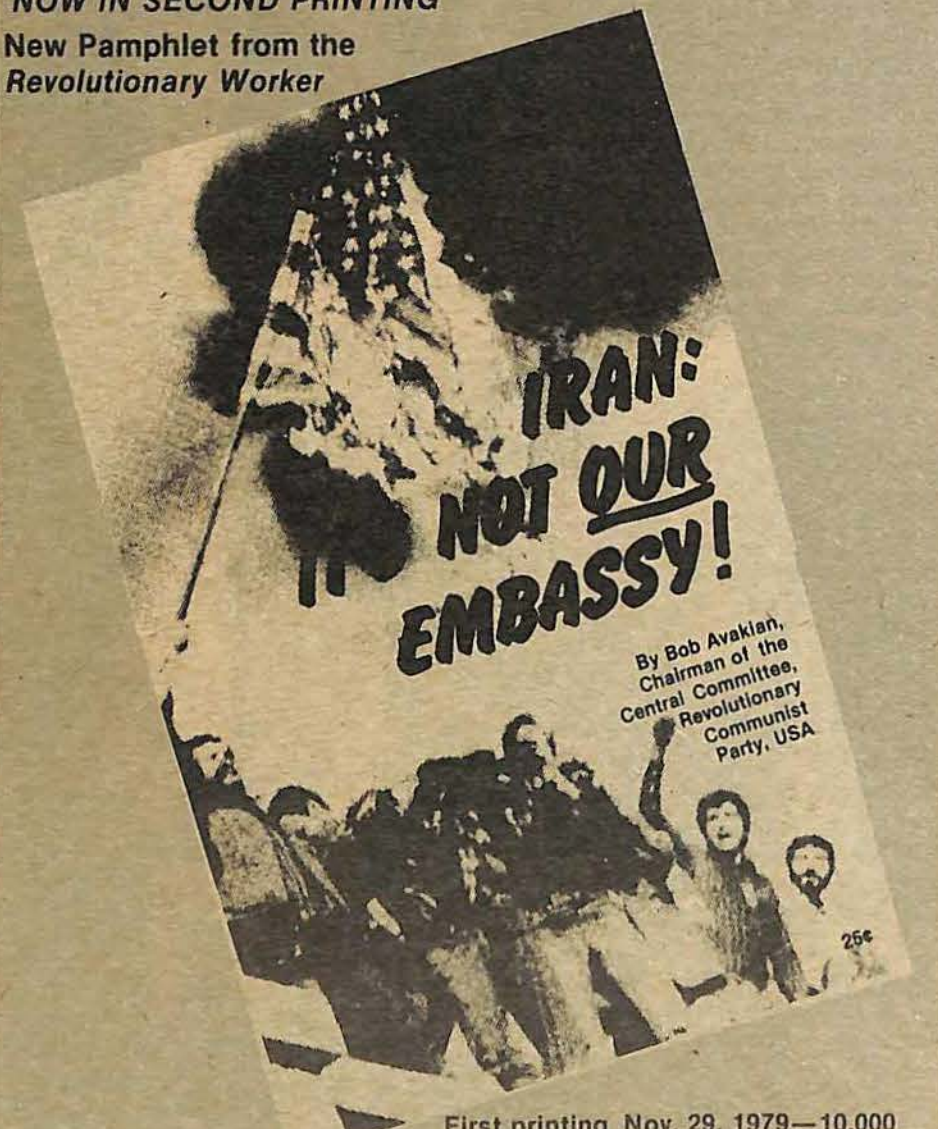
local library and write a book. Persons with books and information are scarce and the political situation requires that the writing of such things be largely done in the secrecy of a peasant's hut or between the damp walls of a prison cell.

They recounted the history of the revolutionary movement in India which is both glorious and bitter. A history of heroic battles betrayed by various revisionists who grabbed leadership of the communist movement and of tumultuous struggle in the ranks of the communist party.

The original Communist Party of India, formed in 1920, was never able to win leadership in the tremendous struggles against British colonialism which swept the country, and ended up tailing behind Mohandas Gandhi, who represented the upper strata of the national bourgeoisie. Under Gandhi's direction,

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ERA LEADERS DEMAND: 41¢ MORE AND AN EQUAL PLACE IN THE NEXT WAR

"41¢ an hour more and an equal part in the next war" would have been a fitting chant for the leading ladies of the National Organization of Women (NOW) to bellow at the May 10 ERA march and rally in Chicago. Such an upfront statement of their politics would, of course, not have had the desired effect on the crowd of 30,000 largely middle-class women who had come. Outright war calls would have left these aspiring generals clad in white and green (the colors of the dollar bill) like Gloria Steinham and Bella Abzug with very few troops indeed. Better to hand out buttons reading "59¢" (signifying the fact that women only earn 59% of what men do), limit the issues taken up at the rally to the most narrow reforms, spread a bunch of unrealistic baloney about how true equality is just around the corner and can be realized by winning a few two-bit reforms, trot out a host of politicians from Jane Byrne to John Anderson, include a message from Jimmy Carter, and, of course, fly a generous number of American flags and sing praises to the glories of the red, white and blue democracy in the freedom-loving U.S.A. No, a little tact was definitely in order to sucker people into falling for the real political objectives these pimps for U.S. imperialism have in mind.



Front of the ERA march in Chicago—reformism, patriotism and police protection.

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NOW president Eleanor Smeal, a rabid warmonger, played the role to a "T," droning on about "women's wages are still worth 59¢ on the dollar of men's", men-

tioning virtually nothing else about the all-round oppression and degradation women face in this society. And, of course, the solution to the last inequality is at

hand, according to Smeal. The solution? "Every person in this park must call a legislator every day." Recently the same Ms.

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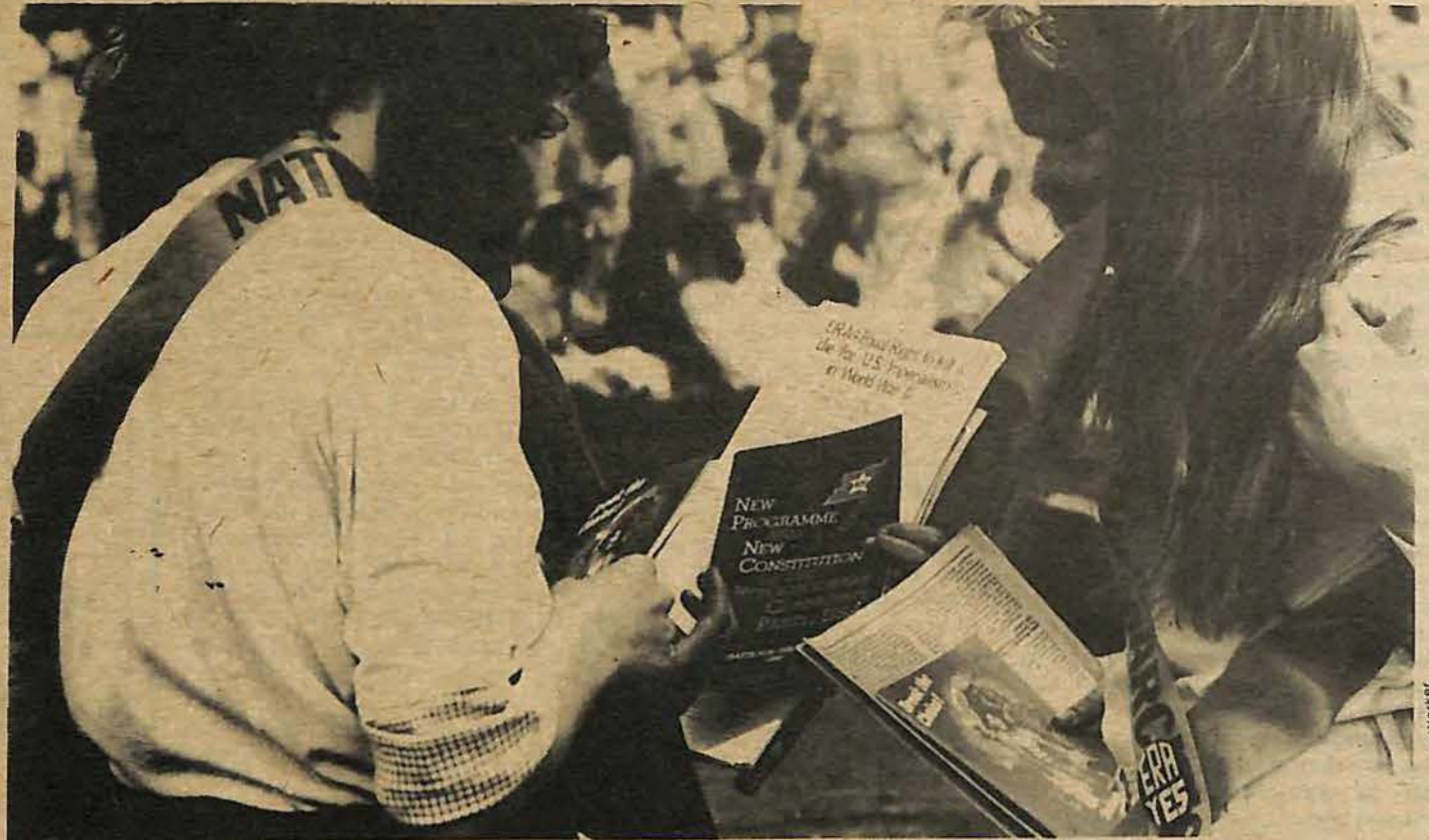
Dare to Grapple with the Battle Plan for Revolution!

On Thursday, May 1st 1980, as alarm clocks began to ring, for thousands of all nationalities this would not be just another day to punch in at Slow Death Inc. Nor to walk the streets waiting for the next brutal and degrading episode of "This is your life in amerika, Boy." Nor to sit at home with the blues and "Search for Tomorrow." No, on May 1st 1980, it was "don't go to work, don't go to school"—it is red flag time. That red flag of internationalism, of class conscious struggle was in the streets. And literally millions of people around the world who heard the news took great encouragement from the fact that right in the U.S.A. revolutionary workers and oppressed people raised that flag and defended it.

What do we learn from this and what do we do now? In his statement to the *Revolutionary Worker*, May 5, 1980, Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party put it like this: "First we must see clearly what happened. On that day a qualitative leap forward was taken in the development of a revolutionary proletarian movement in this country—taking its place in the ranks of class conscious workers internationally. A force of revolutionary workers, determined to see the battle through, has arisen at a time when this imperialist system is in big trouble, and is preparing for war and when unprecedented revolutionary opportunities lie ahead. With May First our ability to seize these opportunities has jumped ahead."

"The aftermath of this event—the excited, inspired and further awakened response of many, many thousands shows that we could have even done better. And this means that we have to sum up the lessons of this event, especially how serious its impact really was, how serious the class conscious workers took it, how sharply it was taken by the enemy." And high in the crow's nest of the ship of state those birds of prey who call themselves polite names like "industrialist," "financier" and "politician" took it seriously, resorting even to murder to stop May 1st 1980.

A new force is arising—a force largely asleep in the storms of the 60s, but now mounting the stage of history



Women at the ERA march in Chicago check out the New Draft Programme and Constitution of the RCP.

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in the 80s—a force of revolutionary workers who went into the streets not for more "bread and butter issues" but for the liberation of all mankind. And the ruling class took it seriously and tried to stop it precisely because they realize that they are in a lot of trouble and are heading for lots more. They struck down Damian Garcia, a member of the RCP after he and 2 others raised the red flag over the Alamo. But a prisoner in the Atlanta city jail spoke for many when he wrote these words on a brown paper bag:

Damian Garcia is dead
But in his death I came alive

Every day we are murdered bit by bit
I am 40 years old
A veteran, and a Black man
My brother has been murdered
Cold-blooded, gangster scum death
I'm running out of patience

Damian Garcia is dead

But in his death I came alive
He held the blood-red flag as his own
blood flowed
I never knew I had a flag
Until Damian Garcia died
Rage is nothing new to me
And I've seen death before
But I'm 40 years old and running out of patience

Damian Garcia is dead
What you gonna do?

I'm gonna take his place, motherfuckers
And if you slit my throat and open my belly
I was dying anyway bit by bit
I lost an eye in the army, got shot in the
back by a pig
I'm 40 years old, run out of patience
Ready for Revolution

Damian Garcia is dead
But in his death I came alive

Pass me a red flag
Hand me a gun
And when the time comes and we' all ready
I'll be one with the millions

And I'll whisper to myself
This one's for you, Damian
'Cause in your death I came alive

In the wake of these events, the Revolutionary Communist Party has called for all those who had their heads turned by May 1st 1980 and all those who aspire to revolution to take up, study and help sharpen up a new weapon for the future—the *New (Draft) Programme and Constitution of the RCP*. The RCP strongly urges groups and individuals to get in contact, to discuss and struggle over this Draft Programme—over what it says about the present situation and about the concrete aims and plans of the class conscious proletariat in revolutionizing all of society.

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The Sham of Democracy and the Reality of Dictatorship

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well not even bother to do that and just keeps on going. You try everything else and finally you corner it. You got it so it can't move and it's backed up into a corner, it's going to come out at you. It's all the more vicious because it's more desperate. It isn't running anymore, he doesn't even bother to smile, he just bares his fangs and gets ready to attack you once again even more viciously. And that's the nature of this system, it's falling in decay because of its own rotting foundation and because of the struggle of people against it all over the world. And the more this happens the more vicious and desperate it becomes. The more it lashes out and drops its tattered veil of democracy.

Look at the indictment that we're facing right now (now on government appeal—RW). Here we are charged with assaulting police officers with a dangerous weapon, 22 counts of that alone. Now I don't know about you, but every time I read in the newspaper, hear on the TV that so and so and such and such is accused of assaulting a police officer, the first thing I think is the pig beat the shit out of him. Ninety-nine times out of 100, and the 100th time he missed. Now that's what you know after you've dealt with these pigs out here on the streets. After you've been in their prisons and seen what the reality behind all this sham and democracy is all about. Their case is so shabby, so shabby that it clearly reveals the political nature of what they're doing and the open fact that they're trying to intimidate people from standing up and joining with our Party and working for revolution. And 13 out of these 22 counts of assaulting a police officer with a dangerous weapon, either the cops who we're supposed to have assaulted, and in some cases the person who is supposed to be doing the assaulting, is listed as "unidentified." Now that gives you some idea—17 people are supposed to have aided and abetted an unidentified attacker in attacking an unidentified cop. One or the other, unidentified one or the other. Now you can see that's a sham. That's a farce. That's not what they teach you in the 8th grade about how the legal system works. But that's the reality of it and they're doing it to try to openly intimidate people. Not just us, but by attacking us, by attacking our Party, they're attacking the masses of people. They're attacking their ability to have leadership as things sharpen up, as the crisis of this system deepens, as the confidence of the people in the government and this system begins to fade more and more. They don't want and they're determined there shall not be a revolutionary leadership out here among the masses of people. They're afraid—not because we're bad. It's because we have a scientific understanding, which does in fact make us bad in the sense that we can go out and unleash and channel and direct the hatred and anger of the masses of people—the ones with the real strength and power to make revolution and change the whole world.

It's not a question of individuals; it's not a question of a few people; it's whether you're able to grasp the scientific understanding and the correct theory and ideology and political program that can enable you to go out and see beyond the temporary and superficial, get down beneath the surface of all the bullshit that goes on out here—all the crap they try to deceive people with. Get down to the essence of what people's lives are about. What this system is about and what it inevitably leads to. What it forcibly drags people into. Help them to grasp, to understand, that what's going on out here does come from this one source.

We're pulling for the common interests that we have in rising up and fighting and shattering every bond of oppression, all forms of exploitation, all forms of degradation and humiliation of any section of the people—women and men—Black and other minorities as well as white. We want to rise up millions strong. We're not interested in feeling a little bit better over the fact that maybe a few of us won't catch it as bad here as some other people do, or that people in this country aren't as exploited and oppressed as people in other countries. We're not interested in that kind of game, we see through it. We're only interested and only determined to rise up and unite the masses to abolish ALL of it, and going out and educating the masses of people that those are our interests.

Equal Before Law?

Now they tell you in this country and they have you study in school—everybody's equal before the law—one of the great American principles. Bullshit! Just go in there to traffic court, or any court, and see how this equality works out in practice. First of all, if you're part of the working people or oppressed people in this country you go in with the whole dead weight of this society and the way that you're conditioned and degraded weighing down on your shoulders. Telling you, "You ain't shit, you're nothin', you're dumb, you're ignorant, foolish, how can you possibly stand up to this judge? If the cop says you did it, you did it. Why would he lie?" You go into court and listen to this judge when the person says "Not guilty," and the first question the judge asks is, "Why would the officer give you the ticket if you didn't do it?" That doesn't matter if the judge is a fool or a goddamn liar, it comes out the same anyway. And in case that isn't enough—in case you go

in and still hold your head up—you're not impressed by all the propaganda and brainwashing about how you're nothing—then they got the bailiff there. You go into court and everybody's overflowing the courtroom and the bailiff comes striding up, arrogantly swaggering, looks at people who may be having the indecency to talk to each other like human beings and says, "SHUT UP, BE QUIET, TAKE YOUR HAT OFF, TAKE YOUR HANDS OUT OF YOUR POCKETS, GET YOUR GUM OUT OF YOUR FACE, DON'T READ THE NEWSPAPER, DON'T TALK, DON'T SIT, DON'T STAND IN THE AISLES, SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP."

That's the reality. I've just been in Traffic Court. And then the judge comes in, all deep and distinguished, sanctimonious and pompous. Just then, the bailiff straightens himself up and says, "All rise in the courtroom, the Honorable Fossilized J. Dinosaur presiding, all rise." And everybody's got to stand up. Now think about it, the motherfucker didn't have to stand up when we came into the courtroom. Yet when he walked in we all had to stand up, yet it's all supposed to be fair and square—equal before the law—BULLSHIT! The judge held some dude in contempt of court for wearing a T-shirt, told him he wasn't properly dressed in the court: "This is my 50 x 50 marble fancy curtained plantation! Don't you come in here without showing proper respect for me! You wear the right clothes when you come in here mister!" And of course if you turn around and say to the judge, "Well, you're about the silliest lookin' motherfucker I've ever seen in that ridiculous black robe," well your ass is in contempt of court and you can go off to jail for 6 months just for that. The judge is probably some fool that's been dead for years and they wrapped a black robe around him and stuck a tape recorder in his mouth with one word playing "GUILTY, GUILTY, GUILTY, GUILTY..."

You know these TV programs that have these cutaway, rotating stages that bring these people around. I'd like to do that for a lot of these liberals out here. Those that talk about, "Well there may be many things wrong, but if you conduct yourself properly, after all, there is due process and you can get a fair trial in this country. I don't say perfect, there are many things wrong, I'll admit that, but if you go along with the proper procedures you can get a fair trial. I'm certainly convinced of that." Well, if you are it's because you got money and you're probably going out and playing golf with the judge at the same country club or went out to the same whorehouse the weekend before. When he sees you, he probably calls you, "sir." But not the masses of people.

I'd like these liberals to see a little cutaway. Talk to anybody who's ever been in jail and like almost all poor people couldn't make the bail, they bring you down out of the jail—herd you around like chained cattle, put you in this bullpen and when your number is called up they shove you out the door to go in front of the judge. And before they do that they beat the shit out of you once again. And you're supposed to go out there and the last thing they tell you is, "You'd better not fuck up when you go out there, better not make us mad or we'll beat your ass three times worse when you get back here. Remember that when you go out into the courtroom." Now this is the reality in a small way, it's the reality but in a big way of this so-called democracy—it's dictatorship backed up by the point of a gun and they will shoot you right in the courtroom. If you get out of line they will manacle you. They did it to Bobby Seale; they did it to George Jackson, they will manacle you and they will shoot you. RIGHT IN THE GODDAMN COURTROOM, if you push it all the way down: "I'm a person, I've got some rights, I'm supposed to have"—which in fact you don't have under this system; you are nothing but a slave under the heel of their armed dictatorship. And that's what we gotta wake up to and realize. This democracy is a sham. Hypocrisy.

Better Off Than Russia?

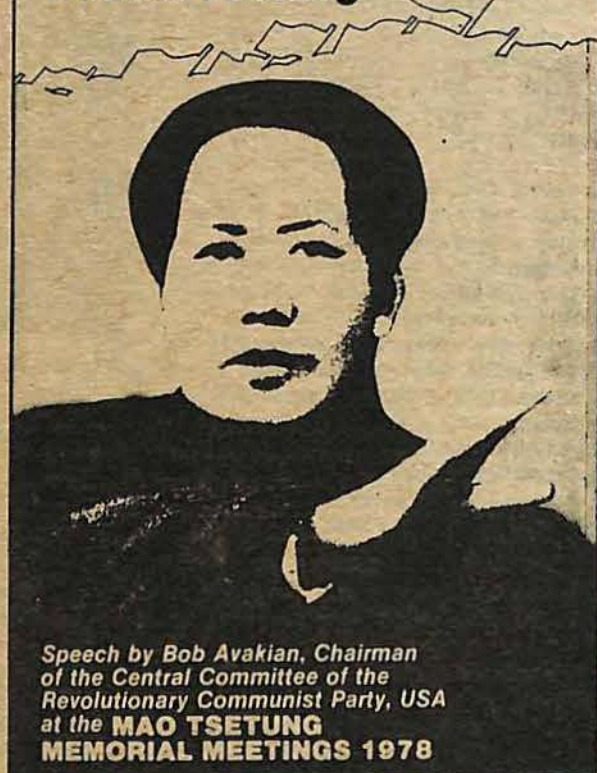
You see, look what they always tell us. We went out one day, someone around our Party from Pittsburgh (and it's no different there than anywhere else); he went out with a copy of the *Revolutionary Worker*, our newspaper, in one hand and a bullhorn in the other talking to people about what's going on in this country and the world. I'll tell you right now, pigs in this country go into a frenzy when they see the combination of a bullhorn and a *Revolutionary Worker*, they freak out. They must have to go change their pants after their shift every time this happens. See, they come out there and they jump on this dude, and he's talking about get down with the *Revolutionary Worker*: "Get down with the Revolutionary Communist Party, get serious." They jump him, start beating him up and try to grab the bullhorn away from him, trying to knock him down. He gets on the bullhorn and says, "See, this is democracy. You're supposed to have all this freedom of speech, but as soon as it starts threatening them, this is what happens." They beat him down, drag him off to the paddy wagon and start beating him up some more and he still isn't giving in. He's still shouting to the people

through the paddy wagon, "Check it out. This is the REALITY of this country's so-called democracy." They beat him up some more. Then they got him down to the police station and he's still standing up to them and not backing down, not apologizing, and they beat him up a third time. As they beat him up the third time, some big fat-bellied pig walks up there, slobbers down over his face and says, "You oughta be glad you're not in Russia." And that's the REALITY of living in this country.

And you can bet at the same time in the Soviet Union, some capitalist—because that's who runs the Soviet Union now since the time of Khrushchev—those capitalists and their armed forces were beating the shit out of some dude in the Soviet Union saying, "You oughta be glad you're not in the United States." This is the game that they're running on us all the time. "Somewhere else, somebody else's getting it worse. If you don't like it here, why don't you go to Russia." These backward clowns out here, they tell us that. Well we tell them, "Why the fuck don't you go to Russia if you love capitalism so much, why don't you go over there, see how it's working out over there." We tell them further, that if we were in Russia, since it's a capitalist country now, we'd be doing the exact same thing over there that we're doing here. Exposing it, educating and organizing the people there to rise up and overthrow capitalism, reestablish socialism and move on toward communism. "And YOU, fool, you'd better wake up because if you were in Russia you'd be doing the same thing over there that you're doing over here: Praising the rulers to the sky, kissing up to whoever's in power. And talking about how there couldn't be nothing better." You see, the one freedom they'll allow you in this country and will NEVER take away no matter what, the one freedom that they'll in fact encourage you and give you free time to exercise, especially if you're one of the oppressed masses, is to open your mouth, move your lips, but have the words of your oppressor come out of your own mouth. You will have the freedom as long as you live to open your mouth and talk a fool and parrot the very lies of this ruling class. They will never take that freedom away. And unfortunately right today there are too many people still exercising it. That's the one freedom they will encourage you to exercise. To stand up and move your mouth and move your lips and have the words of your exploiter and your oppressor come out of your mouth. Parrot their lies, their sham, their hypocrisy, covering up the reality of what's going on. But while some people are still exercising this right—this so-called right—more and more people are waking up and that's what our Party represents. It represents the advanced force out among the people who are awakening to political life, seeing beyond the lies, hearing from the Party the message that we don't have to live this way.

Society doesn't have to be like this, and furthermore it's not gonna be; we're going to rise up and abolish it and move humanity to a completely higher stage. □

The Loss in China and The Revolutionary Legacy Of Mao Tsetung



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PIG MURDER WHITEWASH IN FLORIDA

As he drove towards home on the night of Dec. 17, 1979, things were looking up for Arthur McDuffie, a 33-year-old Black ex-Marine and Miami insurance salesman. He had sold so much insurance, the company had decided to send him on an expense-paid vacation to Hawaii. He had plans to meet his former wife, with whom he had reconciled, to buy a Christmas tree to decorate as a surprise for the kids.

But the closest McDuffie ever came to seeing his ex-wife again was when his badly battered and nearly lifeless body was brought into Jackson Memorial Hospital that night where she was on duty as a nurse's aide. On the way home, McDuffie had allegedly run a red light and tried to outmaneuver some of Miami's "finest." When police fired three shots, in a ghetto area known to Miami police as the "combat zone," he slowed to a stop and yelled, "I give up." He was then surrounded by a phalanx of Dade County police who pulled him from his motorcycle and decided to "teach him a lesson." While one cop held him from behind, at least eleven other foaming-at-the-mouth pigs jumped on top of him for eight minutes and proceeded to beat his brains out with flashlights and billyclubs. Miami city police, who also arrived on the scene, were told to "forget they saw anything." After four days on a life support machine, McDuffie died of massive head injuries.

These brave, uniformed scum wasted no time trying to cover up this outrageous and brutal murder. First they tried to drive one of their squad cars over McDuffie's motorcycle in a clumsy attempt to make it appear that his injuries had been suffered as a result of a crash while "evading" the police. When that failed, they beat on the

motorcycle until it was a mass of twisted parts and broken glass—and not satisfied with this, two officers later broke into the shop where the cycle was towed so they could break off the oil pan. The initial report filed by officers claimed that McDuffie had struck his head on the pavement after losing his helmet and crashing into the curb. They also had the nerve to insist that they had used "only the force necessary" to subdue the supposedly struggling suspect.

It was all to be strictly routine. Just another routine explanation for just another routine event. But what was a matter of routine for Dade County police ended up exploding like a bombshell in their faces. This time it would be impossible to cover up the story of these blue-suited murdering dogs—a story which smelled like day-old fish. Suddenly the Miami PD announced they were conducting an "extensive investigation" because of inconsistencies in the officers' reports.

The Dade County medical examiner later testified that McDuffie had suffered the most devastating brain damage he had seen in 3,600 autopsies—something equalled only by a four story fall as he put it—and that McDuffie's skull had been cracked open "like an egg." The murderers were at a loss to explain how, after sustaining such massive injuries in an "accident", McDuffie was able to "jump up on his feet and strike an unidentified officer" or how it was scientifically possible that every working part of his motorcycle had been methodically smashed to smithereens. They were also unable to explain how their use of only the "necessary force" to subdue the 138 lb. man resulted in six severe head wounds, obviously caused by blunt objects, which splattered McDuffie's blood over

4 feet away.

As the details leaked out, mass outrage at this transparent police execution began to erupt. Hundreds marched through downtown Miami on the day of McDuffie's funeral carrying a symbolic black coffin. Protestors converged on the Dade County courthouse demanding "Justice for McDuffie." But only five cops ended up being charged with crimes like "manslaughter by unnecessary killing", "being an accessory" and "fabricating evidence"—although it was common knowledge that at least 12 had been involved in the beating itself, not to mention the attempted coverup. As pigs were resigning right and left, squealing on each other and seeking immunity from prosecution for turning state's evidence, Dade County's public safety director piously proclaimed, "The facts are blatant and obvious. It was revolting, the most shocking damn thing I've seen in 20 years of police work." One cop remarked, "They just went crazy" and yet another "shocked" officer was widely quoted as saying, "They looked like a bunch of animals fighting for meat."

All this sudden concern about "crazy cops" was hardly surprising since in the weeks before the murder, the *Miami Herald* had been running articles designed to convince the public that the department was "cleaning up the police force" and "weeding out the bad eggs." The fact that three of the five indicted had in the past been rewarded with outstanding service commendations gave way to the fact that between them, they had compiled a truly "outstanding" record. All in all, they had racked up 47 citizen complaints and 13 internal review probes in the last seven years. One of the indicted cops, William Hanlon, noted an "unofficial" scale of 1 to 30 used by Miami police to rate injuries they inflicted on people; on the night of the beating, Hanlon radioed that McDuffie "looked like a 29." All five indicted were on a list of officers who were supposed to receive "guidance" from superiors. But talk of weeding out the bad eggs ran into a roadblock when it was revealed that the only guidance these cops received back at the station after they beat McDuffie consisted of instructions to falsify and refalsify reports. You can bet what wasn't revealed would indicate that the weeding necessary is far beyond the capacity—but mainly the class interests—of those who are calling for it.

Black residents vowed to continue daily protests in front of the courthouse demanding the cops be charged with murder. It was clear that a showcase trial and a little wrist-slapping was not going to get over in Dade County. The authorities quickly moved the trial to Tampa because of "too much publicity." The real reason for this change of venue, however, was indicated by Ronald Wright, Dade County's chief deputy medical examiner, who mused: "I don't think they'll get a conviction in Tampa. Tampa has a

Mid-west, pro-police mentality... Jurors tend to believe cops."

When the jury selection for the trial began in Tampa, it was abundantly clear that this was to be an exercise in going through the motions. Defense attorney Ed O'Donnell told prospective jurors: "You all look like nice people, but we have a lot at stake. We're not trying to probe into your lives but we've got to find out what kind of jurors you'll be." Obviously this was one jury that was not going to be composed of Blacks or anyone else who might be disposed to bring in a verdict of guilty. At one point another defense attorney openly complained that: "The Hillsborough County residents who have been questioned so far as prospective jurors are low-income, blue collar workers who don't like police..."

To no one's surprise the six-person jury ended up being composed of an accountant for the city, an engineer for Amoco Oil, two armed service retirees (one a lover of John Wayne movies), a marketing administration specialist, and a data systems analyst who admitted his hobby is reading police stories written by ex-cops. One Black man who had come to watch the jury selection could be heard muttering under his breath, "Shit, shit!" Police murders are also a fact of life for Blacks in Tampa where five have been killed in the past year, one shot in the back and another handcuffed and thrown in the river to drown much like Joe Torres was in Houston 3 years ago. When another young Black who had been watching this farce left the courtroom in disgust saying, "They're all guilty," one of the "impartial" jurors ran to the judge screaming, "He tried to influence me!" The Black man was promptly arrested outside and charged with "contempt of court."

Court was called to order and the trial is now in process. A massive whitewash is obviously in the making. Attorney's for both "sides" openly dicker with the judge over the preferable defense strategy—"excusable homicide" or "justifiable homicide." Federal Justice Department observers sit nodding out in the gallery. One defense attorney even suggested that the dead McDuffie had ruined his client's life. He said that his client "had only one dream in life, and that was to be a policeman. That dream burst on December 17, 1979—all because of one person."

Already Judge Lenore Nesbitt, imported to Tampa from the Dade County Circuit Court, has directed the acquittal of one of the five, Ubaldo Del Toro, who helped concoct the false story that McDuffie had been injured in a crash. The state's case against him was "purely circumstantial" she cooed, adding that the prosecutors failed to prove he committed a criminal act by assisting the other defendants in the coverup. Verdicts on the others will be delivered after all the evidence is heard. □

Free Geronimo Pratt Miss Liberty Unmasked Again

It was an hour and a half before they had started to realize what was going on and by then it was too late. On Saturday morning, May 11th, Edwin Drummond, a member of Amnesty International, and Stephen Rutherford were well on their way, climbing up the back of the Statue of Liberty. Before long their purpose was evident as a 25 foot banner was unfurled. In clear red and white all could see "Liberty was Framed. Free Geronimo Pratt."

These two climbers had taken this action to focus attention on the continued jailing of ex-Black Panther leader Geronimo Pratt, who has been filling a life sentence on a phony murder rap since 1972. Drummond and Rutherford also called out the activities of the FBI and COINTELPRO activities which led among many things to the conviction of Geronimo when attempts on his life failed. (See *RW* Nos. 23 and 33)

The bourgeoisie was not pleased with this action which did succeed in getting a lot of media coverage. They do not want memories stirred up of what millions came to learn about this system at the time Geronimo was jailed. The ruling class will stop at nothing—jailings and even murder—to prevent people from going up in its face. Open and covert actions on their part against political activists and revolutionaries are not only continuing but rapidly increasing as the political situation in this country sharpens up and big storms and upheaval loom.

Immediately after Drummond and Rutherford reached half-way up the Statue and announced they were going to stay the night, lies were run out by the authorities. David Moffitt, superintendent of Liberty Island, accused the two of driving spikes into the Statue causing \$80,000 worth of damages. This was totally untrue since the climbers used only their hands, feet, and suction cups to make the climb. And the two men revealed later in a press release that there was indeed hammering going on, but that it was going on inside and that it was done by the

police.

Behind the \$80,000 worth of damages fairytale there was, however, a political point. How dare these two or anyone else trample on the Statue of Liberty, it was like trampling on the good ol' USA itself. How dare anyone point out the hypocrisy of this symbol of so-called liberty.

The *Daily News* ran a cartoon editorial a few days after the climb. And though it was intended to provide a reactionary summation of the action, it revealed more about the "Liberty" of U.S. imperialism than the bourgeoisie had intended. The cartoon depicted a mean and burly Miss Liberty booting the two climbers in the air, hurling them to the ground. Quite unintentionally this gave a far more accurate depiction of "liberty and freedom in the USA," than their usual lying propaganda that we are subjected to day in and day out. □

What the well dressed corpse will be wearing:
Special suit for fighting high intensity fires, part of military display at Daley Plaza in Chicago for Armed Forces Week. Another attraction was a Howitzer labelled "Charlie's Angels"—the nickname of the unit from which the commando force was drawn which recently got burned up in Iran.



May 1, Portugal: "Our Flag is Red Too"

Comrades,

May 1 was a day of struggle against the government and for a people's government. The bourgeoisie held marches all over the country. The CGTP (pro-Soviet revisionist-dominated trade union federation) and the UGT (trade union federation dominated by pro-U.S. "socialists" who are part of Portugal's government) came to the streets to divert the people from their real tasks. Many workers joined their marches.

The newspapers, radio and TV said not a single word about the red May Day, but they spent pages upon pages and word after word on the CGTP and UGT marches.

But despite all that May 1 was red. A lot of people got together in the march held by the PCTP (Communist Party of the Portuguese Workers). They shouted, "Down with the government, We want a people's government," "NATO Out of Portugal," "For an increase in all wages," "Peace, bread, national independence, democracy, liberty and socialism," "Death to fascism and social-fascism (referring to the U.S.-supported fascist government overthrown in 1974, as well as the pro-Soviet government in Portugal overthrown shortly after)," "Long live the working class," "Long live the worker-peasant alliance."

After the march there was a rally in front of the parliament. The masses shouted, "Down with the reactionary parliament." A woman spoke first, about the misery of the people and the actions the government has taken to increase this exploitation and misery. She was followed by a member of the Workers' Commission of the rail-



May Day demonstration in Lisbon, Portugal led by P.C.T.P.

way union (the railroad company is one of the largest in Portugal). He talked about the fight of the workers against the government and against the yellow (traitorous) unions like the UGT and the CGTP.

Arnaldo Matos, General-Secretary of the PCTP, spoke last. He talked about the meaning of May 1 from the fight in Chicago for the eight-hour day and the martyrs of that time. He said that world war is now very likely to break out and accused the Portuguese government of taking the side of U.S. imperialism. He told us that our duty, if world war does occur, is to turn it into a civil war and make revolution. After that he

spoke for a long while about the political situation in Portugal and the strong possibility of a coup if the AD government (the pro-U.S. Democratic Alliance) doesn't win the general elections next winter, or if its president, Soares Carneiro, isn't elected in the following presidential elections.

This was in Lisbon. There were also revolutionary marches in the rest of the country. The other parties that claim to be Marxist-Leninist joined the CGTP marches.

P.S. This is a clipping from the *Correio da Manhã*, a bourgeois newspaper that supports the government and the AD. I think it's about an action of revolu-

tionaries in your country, (the dousing of the U.S. and Soviet UN ambassadors with red paint—RW) because the slogan given in the article is "Our flag is red, not red, white and blue. Down with war."

Free the two revolutionaries!
Death to imperialism and social-imperialism!
Bread, peace, land, freedom, democracy and national independence!
Our flag is red, too!

Revolutionary Greetings,
XXX

Letter from Iranian Students in Buffalo

"Can't Stop May Day"

From the streets of Chicago in 1886 to the streets of Tehran in 1979 and to the streets of Cleveland in 1980, the workers of the world poured into the streets to celebrate May Day. You could hear the workers chanting, "Long Live the First of May" while the people were looking at the march and thinking about what in the world those so-called foreigners are doing in the march. But we chanted back, "Workers of the World Unite." We were showing them what proletarian internationalism is and that all of the workers in the world, no matter where they're coming from, what kind of race they have, are getting exploited by the goddamn system. We wanted to show the capitalist pigs, "no more work, no more school" on May Day, and we're going to keep on doing this until the time comes. Then we will take up the guns and tear the system down. We wanted to tell them every year on May Day we're going to remember what the pigs did on May Day 1886 and what they did to Damian Garcia, and we're going to keep that in our hearts forever and we will give nothing to the capitalists except our deepest hatred. We wanted to show them no matter how many pigs, how many FBI agents, how many immigration officers, how many hired people they're going to get over there to stop the march, they won't be able to do it, and we will keep rolling in the streets with our red flags and fists waving in the air, and with our mouths chanting "Can't Stop May Day." Yes, we're going to stop their goddamned imperialist domination with every drop of our blood, and we will promise them our red flags will be washed with our red blood. We wanted to show the system our red flag is the flag of the working class, and the working class all around the world should and will take this stand with the red flag. We wanted to tell them we won't be serving no capitalist system and we don't belong to nothing but the working class, and we will chant, "We are not Americans, we are proletarians" forever. May Day 1980 was celebrated all over the cities in this country, in Iran and all over the world, and the workers of the world proved that they are taking more steps closer to the proletarian internationalism and every year on May Day the working class will shorten that distance.

Dear Comrades, I want to assure you that the people of Iran, especially the working class of Iran, will fight with you, shoulder to shoulder, against imperialism, and nothing can stop the solidarity of the working class of Iran and this country.

Long Live the Solidarity of the World's Working Class
Against Imperialism!

Long Live the Solidarity of the Iranian People and the Working Class of this Country!

Death to U.S. and Soviet Imperialism!

Long Live the First of May!

A group of Iranian students
from the University of Buffalo, New York

Bloc Parties

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tion of *Moscow News* illustrates the line these social imperialists run to the Soviet people as well as the rest of the world. "Afghanistan," say the Soviets, "clearly exemplifies the strategy of American imperialism. This strategy provides for interference, including armed intervention (!—RW) wherever people become the masters of their own destinies and wherever foreign oppression is stamped out."

As the Warsaw Pact was busy deploying new nuclear armed SS-20 missiles, it was significant that the summit conference was attended by Rumanian chief Nicolae Ceausescu. In recent years, Rumania had dropped out of Warsaw Pact military maneuvers and had flirted

with the U.S. camp. In particular, Ceausescu had refused to endorse the invasion of Afghanistan. Yet he was the first head of state to arrive in Warsaw as the heightening confrontation is forcing the little wolf cubs back into the den.

As the bloc parties of the two international gangsters came to a conclusion, it was obvious that another step in the ever quickening pace toward war had been taken. Each blasting the other as the aggressor, the imperialist, etc., etc., both were further exposed as top international gangsters whose imperialist conflict is the driving force toward World War 3. □

Corrections

In our Revolutionary May Day coverage in the May 5 Red Flag Edition of the RW there were several errors in the article "May 1st Erupts Across the Country."

- The number of people in the Detroit march was incorrectly reported as 150. The actual number was 200.
- While several workers from the Brach's candy plant in Chicago did come to the May Day demonstration, there was no walkout at the plant.
- The Latino workers on the Bay Area march were not only from the Mission District in San Francisco but also from the Fruitvale area in Oakland.
- The clinics in the Fruitvale area flew red flags on May Day. They did not close as reported in the article.
- At the rally in New York City, the revolutionary group from the Dominican Republic that gave a statement was the Movimiento Popular Dominicano (ML).

A misplaced sentence in the last few paragraphs of the article "Taking the Pulse of May Day" in the May 9 RW gave an incorrect impression. In fact, the 26 women clerical workers from a major Detroit newspaper mentioned in the article who left work to attend the march did so in support of May Day.

Authorities Seek Post May Day Revenge

In the wake of Revolutionary May Day, the bourgeoisie has been launching a number of open and blatant attacks on the RCP and other revolutionary activists. Freaked by the powerful demonstrations on May 1st, the capitalists are unleashing their police and kangaroo courts wherever the red flag continues to shoot up or whenever a copy of the *Revolutionary Worker* appears on the streets. They are lashing out like wounded animals seeking revenge for May Day and attempting to stop the Party's revolutionary line from getting into the hands of the people, whose eyes are being opened. And in contrast to the slickness of their COINTELPRO-type covert operations, these latest attacks bear the mark of increased desperation as they are stooping to the lowest forms of physical intimidation—open police harassment, beatings, arrests on trumped up charges, maximum sentences, and out and out frame-ups.

In Greensboro, North Carolina, for example, a number of court cases that have been pending against revolutionaries are being moved on with a vengeance. On May 12, a woman was convicted of "trespassing" for stepping over a yellow property line at Cone Mills and sentenced to *four months in jail* after the company told the judge they were frustrated in their attempts to prevent the *RW* from being sold there and that "something had to be done about it." The same woman is also appealing another bogus "trespass" charge slapped on her when she was fired from her job at Levi Strauss for refusing to take Bob Avakian and May Day buttons off her machine and continued agitating in the plant.

Another Greensboro man has already been doing six months in jail for taking a few steps onto University of North Carolina—Greensboro property in violation of a suspended sentence for previously agitating in a UNCG classroom last October around the national speaking tour of RCP Chairman, Bob Avakian. And since May Day, several other people have been busted for "violating noise ordinances" as the cops follow anyone selling the *RW* like vultures waiting to swoop down on the slightest pretext.

The recent sentencings are an indication of the zeal with which the capitalists plan to prosecute other cases that are coming up in court. Not coincidentally, the seven defendants who already received a mistrial on charges of "inciting to riot"—after police busted them for spreading the word at Hampton Homes housing project about Bob Avakian's speaking tour last October—are suddenly getting subpoenas

in the mail informing them of a new trial. And the authorities have shown that they will sink to the sneakiest, lowlife tactics in order to get these convictions they want so badly. In the current trial of two people charged with burning an American flag on March 28—Button Day—court officials eager to oblige the defendants' "right to counsel" tried to assign them two court appointed lawyers who are defending the KKK in the Greensboro trials of the murder of 5 Communist Workers Party members last year.

In the San Francisco Bay Area in the two weeks following May Day, police have busted no less than *fifty-three people* with bail totalling \$35,000 in a series of coordinated and vicious attacks.

Much of this was focused in the Mission District of San Francisco's Latino community where 100 people joined the Cholo Brigade to march on May 1st and the police are particularly anxious to seal off the community from any contact with the RCP. With thousands of unemployed, many of them youth, jamming the streets for the long, hot summer and with revolutionary struggles heating up against U.S. imperialism throughout Latin America, the Mission has become a veritable hotbed of political activity. The city fathers definitely do *not* want to see the red flag flying there or the *RW* spreading revolutionary ideas up and down the streets. The Saturday before May Day, eleven people were arrested as a banner



Mission District, San Francisco, shortly before pigs attacked.

Roberto Blanco

Good Morning, May Day!

Oakland, Calif.—When she woke on May 1st, Harriet got her 6-month-old his bottle, dressed him and got ready for a day like any other when you're Black and on welfare, living in Oakland. When she stepped outside into the chill morning air it was different already. There were police cars all over the neighborhood and helicopters circling above. "What's all this?" she thought. Then she remembered, "This is May Day."

A month before, she'd been driving through downtown Oakland and had seen red blood running down the front of the new Oakland jail. At least, she thought it was blood, but then she realized someone had poured red paint down the facade. It made her think how many people had been killed and brutalized in those prisons, like her husband, who even then was serving time in Soledad. In the days that followed, she saw the spray painting on the walls and a bright colored poster with the worker stepping out. She made the connection between the red paint at the jail and the red flags of May Day. But it wasn't until the week before that she bought her first *RW* and learned what

this holiday meant, and where it would take place in Oakland.

Now, the police had jolted her back awake, like that first sight of red paint. Eventually they would lead her straight to the march. She saw the orange pylons to keep the marchers in line and scores of motorcycle pigs. Driving with her son, she tried a number of times to get close to the march, but the police had the march surrounded and were diverting all traffic away. At one intersection she tried to swerve around a cop sitting on his bike. He jumped off and screamed at her, "What the fuck do you think you're doing, lady? Don't you see me here directing traffic?"

"I see you," she said, "but I want to drive down this street."

"Lady, don't you see what's down there?"

She looked down the street, and sure enough, there were the red flags of the May Day march. "Oh," she said.

"Yeah, lady," replied the pig. "Now do you understand?"

"Yes," she said, jamming the car in reverse to find another route to the march, "I understand that you're scared to death."

Parking the car, she ran with her baby in her arms, finally reaching and marching in step with her new-found comrades. As she arrived, a man on the sidewalk was screaming, "Read the bible," as two young women moved him out of the way.

"Repent, ye sinners!" he yelled.

She thought, "You talk about repenting, then you'd better go talk to those guys in the uniforms."

As she marched the rest of the way with her young son in her arms, she saw many people come out of their houses, not just peek through their curtains, and some would even join in. "What a sight," she thought. How could she tell her husband what it was like, how the working people had responded and how the ruling class took it? She knew that here in front of her, history was being made.

Harriet asked her brother later that day if the May Day Brigade had marched into his plant.

"No," he said. "But someone did stick a red flag on my car."

"What did you do with it?"

"I hung it on my wall." □

for Damian Garcia was strung across Mission St. and the cops desperately tried to stop the turnout on May 1.

But on May 3, red flags flew once again from the telephone poles in the Mission and appeared in stores and people's hands, as the May Day Brigade marched down the street to the square at Mission and 24th which is becoming a traditional place for revolutionary gatherings. After several hours of frothing at the mouth, while crowds gathered, many buying the *RW* along with red flags, cops cordoned off the area and began beating and arresting people. A brawl erupted as people fought back against the cops who were knocking down women and children and clubbing people indiscriminately. One woman was thrown up against a cop's motorcycle and her hand deliberately placed on the hot manifold, burning her severely. 18 were arrested on 11 misdemeanors and seven felonies and the cops continued beating people. The Internationale was defiantly sung back in the cops' faces. Throughout these attacks, pigs could be seen driving around and jumping out of their cars to rip red flags out of the hands of people that bought them and tearing May Day posters out of store windows.

The following Saturday, May 10, the cops just about dropped their load as the Brigade marched right back into the Mission once again attracting a large crowd. One person was pulled from the march, beaten and arrested. Another was chased and brought down at the point of a gun. Pigs bloodied the nose of still another, who was beaten around the head before being taken downtown. When one Brigadier scaled a light pole and hoisted up a huge red flag at the intersection of Mission and 24th, all hell broke loose (see photo). The cops started clubbing everyone within reach. It took two cops 45 minutes and two cans of mace before they were finally able to get the brother on the light pole.

Ten more people were arrested on charges of assault and resisting arrest, but the police by this time were becoming desperate. Inside the police station as people were being booked, a cop came in holding a folded \$1 bill with some white powder in it, exclaiming: "Oh my, I didn't think proletarian revolutionaries got into such things... My goodness, it looks like cocaine to me!" They then proceeded to charge all but one arrested with "possession of illegal habit forming drugs" setting bail at from \$2-4 thousand each. This transparent frame-up is an indication of the lengths the bourgeoisie will go to to get the RCP and anyone connected with May Day. The "suspected cocaine" was supposedly found inside the police paddy wagon—which, even if it were true, would not be terribly surprising to anyone familiar with the habits of the SFPD!

In the days after May Day there were also numerous other busts for selling the *RW* in different parts of the Bay Area on charges like "trespassing" and "soliciting without a license." In many cases those arrested were kept for hours in the back of police vans, including one man who was kidnapped and driven around by police for five hours until Brigaders mobilized residents and lawyers to bombard police headquarters with calls demanding to know where he had been taken. One woman was dragged before 4 red squad pigs who said, "Your comrade has written a statement denouncing the Party. You have nothing to lose. If you do the same thing we'll free you right away." Getting nothing but contempt in response, they then threatened to throw her in a cell with drug addicts "who will beat you up." These "drug addicts" turned out to be ordinary prisoners who were insulted by the cops insinuations.

Despite the bourgeoisie's claims that May Day was "insignificant," the fact that May Day is two weeks past and that their attacks continue to multiply is evidence that this country's rulers are in fact very much aware of the historic significance of what happened on May 1st. They realize all too well that an advanced section of the working class has burst forth onto the political scene in this country in a way not seen in decades and is powerfully declaring its intention to stay! □

Red Paint at UN

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tional working class in a way that scared the hell out of the imperialists and delivered an unmistakable message to people everywhere: the flag of the imperialist fatherland isn't the only flag that is going to be flying in the U.S. in the 1980s.

This action exposed so much that U.S. Representative Van den Heuvel went into action to try to blur it over before he even changed clothes. "Van den Heuvel was puzzled by the attack," reported *Newsweek* magazine. "I can't figure whether they were for or against detente," he said. "They shouted something about war. When he hit me, I thought he was for it. When he hit Oleg, I thought he was against it." This was nothing but a lame and transparent attempt to keep up the very myth that the paint-splashing incident had served to rip to shreds: the other side is the "warmonger" our side is just trying to keep the peace and defend ourselves. Van den Heuvel's comments themselves show that he wasn't really "puzzled" by the attack at all but was desperately trying to repair the political damage done.

The U.S. government has reacted with furious vengeance on the two revolutionaries charged with the attack: their bail was set at \$100,000 apiece, and the case was rushed to the grand jury, which quickly returned a 3-count indictment, including two counts of conspiracy—alleging that "the defendants did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other and with others to the grand jury unknown... to assault, strike, wound, offer violence and make a violent attack upon the persons and liberty of foreign officials, official guests and internationally protected persons..." Steven Yip has been bailed out, but Glenn Gan is still in prison, with the government demanding \$10,000 in hard cash for his release. The two men further enraged the government by refusing to utter a word in response to FBI interrogation or to "cooperate" at a kangaroo court hearing the morning following their ar-

rest, held before they had even been allowed to speak with their attorney.

The ridiculously high bail and the quick return of heavy conspiracy indictments in this case are not only a measure of how deeply the U.S. and the Soviet Union (whose embassy has made its "interests" in seeing "justice done" in this matter formally known to the U.S.) are stung by the incident at the UN. The conspiracy charges are being provided by the government in order to try to give the FBI and the rest of the state intelligence and repressive apparatus an excuse to poke around. In a special section of the indictment detailing the alleged "overt acts" committed "in furtherance of said conspiracy," Steven Yip and Glenn Gan are accused of having "applied for and received a United Nations photographer's pass as a representative of the *Revolutionary Worker News*."

This is an exceedingly clumsy and sinister attempt on the part of the U.S. government to target the *Revolutionary Worker*, the voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party which is being read and becoming a weapon in the hands of many thousands across the U.S. If the government is talking about a conspiracy in connection with the *Revolutionary Worker*—then they don't have to look far. It is to be found everywhere this newspaper is sold—to tens, even hundreds of thousands of people. These readers form an openly advertised conspiracy of slaves, getting consciously prepared for revolution against their slavemasters. This is the *Revolutionary Worker* conspiracy and there are more co-conspirators every week.

"Conspiracy!!!" Whose conspiracies were exposed when the red paint splashed and the red flag flew on the floor of the Security Council? What plots were uncovered when Van den Heuvel and his Soviet opposite number, "Oleg," both stood shaking and dripping with the symbol of the approaching doom of their class at the hands of the revolutionary people of the world? Who is engaged in "force, intimidation, and threats," who is committing hideous crimes every day and is plotting, scheming, conspiring, and more and more openly moving to commit the most brutal and violent crime of all—shoveling millions of human beings into the furnace of World War 3, a struggle to see which plundering, exploiting criminal imperialist power has

Banho de tinta diplomático

Os embaixadores americano e soviético na ONU foram pintados de vermelho por dois jovens desconhecidos que entraram a gritar na sala do Conselho de Segurança, em Nova Iorque.

Dois guardas da ONU dominaram rapidamente os desconhecidos e puseram-nos fora da sala.

O embaixador norte-americano Vanden Heuvel ficou coberto de tinta que se espalhou igualmente pela carpete do chão e por várias cadeiras, sem que se tenham registado quaisquer feridos no incidente.

Quando os dois homens entraram na sala, o Conselho preparava-se para iniciar o debate sobre uma resolução árabe de apoio ao estabelecimento de um Estado palestino independente.

Não ficou claro que o incidente estivesse relacionado com a resolução que os Estados Unidos já tinham anunciado ir vetar.

"A nossa bandeira é vermelha, e não vermelha, branca e azul. Abaixo a guerra", gritou um dos desconhecidos.

Os dois diplomatas preparavam-se para tomar lugar na reunião quando apanharam o banho de tinta.



Dois jovens, suspeitos de terem atirado tinta sob os dois embaixadores, são escoltados por guardas de segurança da ONU (Telefoto Upi/Anop)

Clipping from one of the main newspapers in Portugal.

the "right" to suck the blood, the wealth and the life from the people of the world?

The obvious answer to these questions provides the very reason that the incident at the UN was a major political incident, and the struggle to defend the UN 2 is a very important political struggle. The government seeks to lock the two defendants away for many years, but not because of any violation of international protocol, or to pay for the cost of cleaning Van den Heuvel's suit; it is the political "crime" of raising the red flag and the slogan, "Our Flag is Red, Not Red, White and Blue," and the growing revolutionary movement which this incident spoke so powerfully

for, that the ruling class fears so greatly and is determined to crush.

Much of the world experienced a moment of glee at the spectacle of the U.S. and Soviet delegates both reeling in paint-drenched panic (including, undoubtedly, a number of UN delegates who are not complete flunkies from countries bullied and oppressed by the imperialists, who must have striven mightily to suppress a smile while UN General Secretary Kurt Waldheim piously called for "investigations" and promised "tighter security.") But while this incident was still flooding the headlines, May Day 1980 dawned. □

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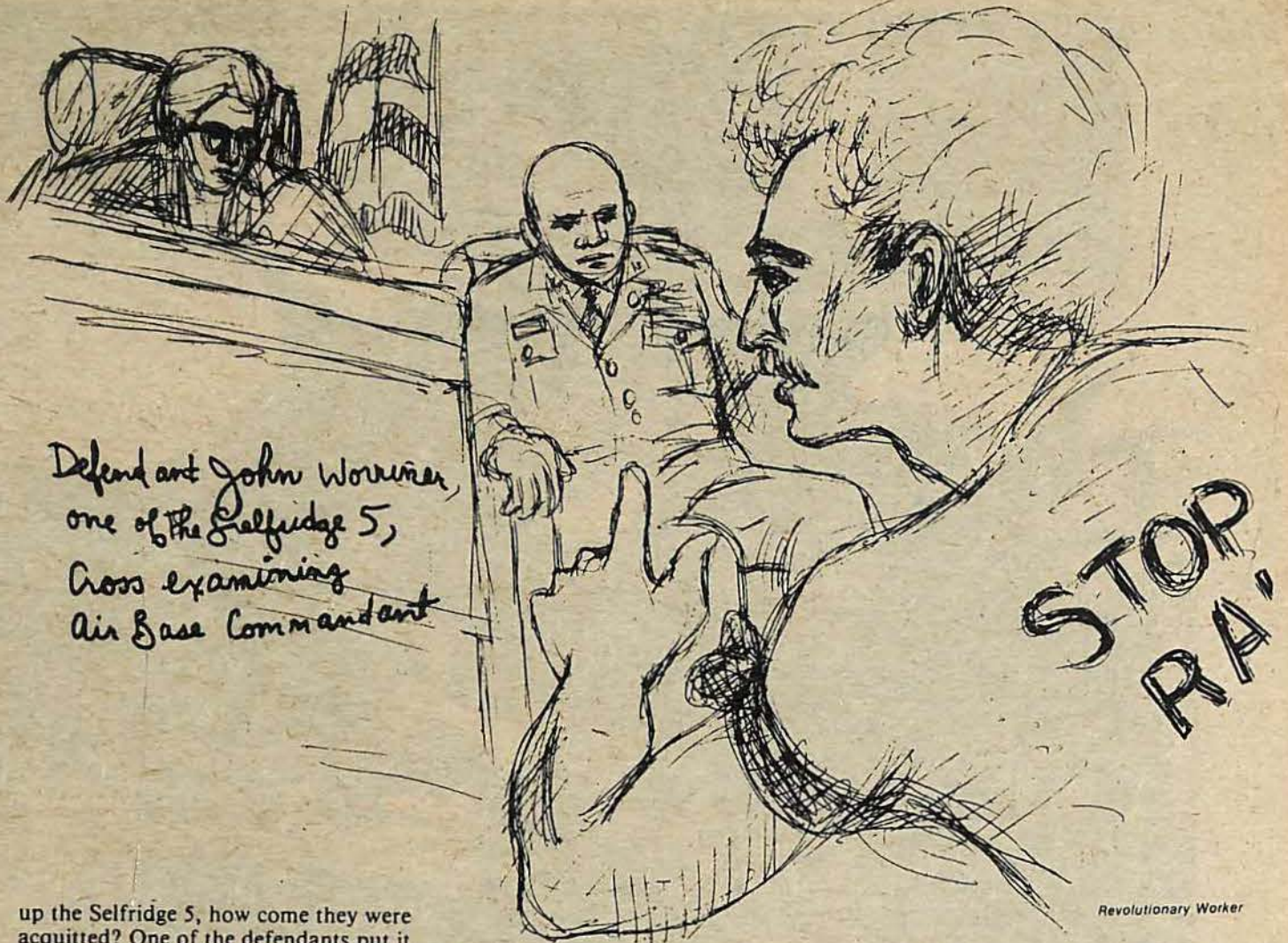
Charges Dropped in Selfridge 5 Case

Detroit, May 15. A victory has been won with the acquittal of the Selfridge 5, facing up to 6 months in jail for their takeover of the Commander's office at Selfridge Air National Guard Base last November 27th, in support of the Iranian peoples' revolutionary struggle. Not only here, but in Iran too, millions were inspired when the 5 boldly entered the office of the Base Commander and demanded that he tell his bosses at the White House and the Pentagon, "No military intervention in Iran. U.S. get your bloody hands off Iran." This action was taken during the "hostage crisis" amidst very strong threats by the U.S. government to intervene militarily in Iran. The action of the Selfridge 5 blew away the lies the government was trying to construct that all the American people were flag-waving John Wayne's ready to parachute into Iran.

Right from the beginning the ruling class was howling for the blood of the Selfridge 5. Especially the fact that 4 of the 5 were veterans was a real blow to them. The media portrayed the Selfridge 5 as wild-eyed terrorists. The FBI has been hanging around the home of and has been harassing the mother of one of the 5. The government changed the charges twice from the original charge of "trespassing," trying to come up with charges they thought could lock up the revolutionaries for sure. They "lowered" the charge so the 5 would not have access to a jury trial, and assigned them Robert DeMascio as a judge, one of the slickest, most sophisticated judicial servants of the capitalists in the area, who had proved his skills pushing a court-ordered busing plan on the people of Detroit a few years ago.

DeMascio showed his fangs from the beginning. A supporter was slapped in jail on \$5,000 bond for carrying a pocket knife, which he had offered to surrender at the door and which had already been taken from him at a metal detector before he entered the courtroom, went to the bathroom and was busted in the bathroom! One of the defendants, who had been released from a jail in another city to attend the trial but had gotten sick with a chronic illness on the way, was handcuffed and dragged off to federal prison the minute he entered DeMascio's courtroom one day late—no explanation permitted.

If the ruling class was so eager to lock



Defendant John Worcester, one of the Selfridge 5, cross-examining Air Base Commandant

up the Selfridge 5, how come they were acquitted? One of the defendants put it simply, "They wanted to get us as political prisoners so bad they tripped over themselves doing it." The government's case was so weak the judge was continually chiding the prosecutor, telling him in effect, "if we're going to get these people we've got to get our act together."

The lynchpin of the government's case was to prove criminal intent by the 5 to knowingly sneak onto the base, disrupting the base's "mission" (training airforce personnel and threatening the lives of those in the commander's office).

But it turned out that the rules had not been posted for the defendants to have been able to "knowingly break them," no one could identify the defendants as having sneaked onto the base (one guard identified the wrong defen-

dant) and a receptionist refused to identify the defendants despite the fact that the FBI had visited her in December and obviously tried to pressure her to do so. And a witness for the prosecution who had been in the room when the Selfridge 5 read their proclamation said, "I'm not macho, but I never felt afraid." In other words, that it was not a threatening situation.

If this case was conducted in the dark with only the defendants around, the railroad still might have gone through. But supporters of the Selfridge 5 packed the courtroom every day, passing out leaflets about the case during the court recess. A statement of support was being circulated. If the government had tried to get a conviction on the basis of such a raggedy case, they would have been exposed broadly.

A grim faced DeMascio appeared on the morning of the 15th and made a revealing statement. He said, "the evidence of guilt here is overwhelming. The defendants entered the base, knowing they did not have permission, brazenly and disrespectfully took over the commander's office. It was more than just a protest over military intervention in Iran. Their philosophy clearly goes beyond that." But he then turned to the prosecutor and dressed him down for not having provided enough evidence to nail the defendants on the particular crimes that they had been charged with, implying that they could have been convicted on other crimes. The message was clear "we ought to have been able to get these people, but you screwed up." □

Mao Tsetung on Questions of Philosophy

"The oppressors oppress the oppressed, while the oppressed need to fight back and seek a way out before they start looking for philosophy. It is only when people took this as their starting point that there was Marxism-Leninism, and that they discovered philosophy." Following is an excerpt from Talk on Questions of Philosophy (1964) by Mao Tsetung, who made tremendous contributions to the development of Marxist philosophy.

Engels talked about the three categories (laws of dialectics—RW), but as for me I don't believe in two of those categories. (The unity of opposites is the most basic law, the transformation of quality and quantity into one another is the unity of the opposites quality and quantity, and the negation of the negation does not exist at all.) The juxtaposition, on the same level, of the transformation of quality and quantity into one another, the negation of the negation, and the law of the unity of opposites is "triplism," not monism. The most basic thing is the unity of opposites. The transformation of quality and quantity into one another is the unity of the opposites quality and quantity. There is no such thing as the negation of the negation. Affirmation, negation, affirmation, negation... in the development of things, every link in the chain of events is both affirmation and negation. Slave-holding society negated primitive society, but with reference to feudal society it constituted, in turn, the affirmation. Feudal

society constituted the negation in relation to slave-holding society but it was in turn the affirmation with reference to capitalist society. Capitalist society was the negation in relation to feudal society, but it is, in turn, the affirmation in relation to socialist society.

What is the method of synthesis? Is it possible that primitive society can exist side-by-side with slave-holding society? They do exist side-by-side, but this is only a small part of the whole. The overall picture is that primitive society is going to be eliminated. The development of society, moreover, takes place by stages; primitive society, too, is divided into a great many stages. At that time, there was not yet the practice of burying women with their dead husbands, but they were obliged to subject themselves to men. First men were subject to women, and then things moved towards their opposite, and women were subject to men. This stage in history has not yet been clarified, although it has been going on for a million years and more. Class society has not yet lasted 5000 years. Cultures such as that of Lung Shan and Yang Shao at the end of the primitive era had coloured pottery. In a word, one devours another, one overthrows another, one class is eliminated, another class rises, one society is eliminated, another society rises. Naturally, in the process of development, everything is not all that pure. When it gets to feudal society, there still remains something of the slave-holding system, though the greater part of the

social edifice is characterized by the feudal system. There are still some serfs, and also some bond-workers, such as handicraftsmen. Capitalist society isn't all that pure either, and even in more advanced capitalist societies there is also a backward part. For example, there was the slave system in the Southern United States. Lincoln abolished the slave system, but there are still black slaves today, their struggle is very fierce. More than 20 million people are participating in it, and that's quite a few.

One thing destroys another, things emerge, develop, and are destroyed, everywhere is like this. If things are not destroyed by others, then they destroy themselves. Why should people die? Does the aristocracy die too? This is a natural law. Forests live longer than human beings, yet even they last only a few thousand years. If there were no such thing as death, that would be unbearable. If we could still see Confucius alive today, the earth wouldn't be able to hold so many people. I approve of Chang-tzu's approach. When his wife died, he banged on a basin and sang. When people die there should be parties to celebrate the victory of dialectics, to celebrate the destruction of the old. Socialism, too, will be eliminated, it wouldn't do if it were not eliminated, for then there would be no communism. Communism will last for thousands and thousands of years. I don't believe that there will be no qualitative changes under communism, that it will not be divided into stages by qualitative

changes! I don't believe it! Quantity changes into quality, and quality changes into quantity. I don't believe that it can remain qualitatively exactly the same, unchanging for millions of years! This is unthinkable in the light of dialectics. Then there is the principle, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." Do you believe they can carry on for a million years with the same economics? Have you thought about it? If that were so, we wouldn't need economists, or in any case we could get along with just one textbook, and dialectics would be dead.

The life of dialectics is the continuous movement toward opposites. Mankind will also finally meet its doom. When the theologians talk about doomsday, they are pessimistic and terrify people. We say the end of mankind is something which will produce something more advanced than mankind. Mankind is still in its infancy. Engels spoke of moving from the realm of necessity to the realm of freedom, and said that freedom is the understanding of necessity. This sentence is not complete, it only says one half and leaves the rest unsaid. Does merely understanding it make you free? Freedom is the understanding of necessity and the transformation of necessity—one has some work to do too. If you merely eat without having any work to do, if you merely understand, is that sufficient? When you discover a law, you must be able to apply it, you must create the world anew, you must break the ground

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mediately (and actually even before Somoza fell) both the U.S. and Soviet imperialists and their friends in Nicaragua set about maneuvering to get control of the situation. Complicated struggle took place and is still taking place in the country including in the government and in the Sandinistas themselves. The FSLN pledged to insure an atmosphere conducive to "private enterprise," and sent delegations to the United States expressing the desire for economic relations and requesting massive economic aid to restore the war-ravaged Nicaraguan economy. The initial government of national reconstruction was heavily weighted with representatives of the Nicaraguan bourgeoisie—elements pointed to by U.S. imperialist strategists as forces that must be "relied upon, propped up and encouraged" so as to lay a favorable basis to snatch back the gains of the revolution and recover from the defeat the U.S. had suffered.

Clearly, the role of the bourgeoisie in Nicaragua after the fall of Somoza could not and cannot be ignored. Certainly sections of the bourgeoisie could be and had to be united with—sections who opposed foreign domination and supported the independent development of the country free from imperialist meddling. Winning the support of patriotic sections of the bourgeoisie is important in being able to rebuild the country on a new basis. But those sections of the bourgeoisie allied with the imperialists of whatever stripe had to be dealt with in quite a different manner—they had to be isolated and crushed. Furthermore, the bourgeoisie as a class could not be allowed to run or dominate the government, because by its very nature it would seek accommodation with and capitulate to one imperialist power or other in the face of inevitable difficulties and heavy pressures from these imperialist powers. In fact, the key to building an independent country as well as advancing further toward socialism lies in unleashing the masses of people. It is only the working class that can lead this, in alliance with all those oppressed and exploited by the imperialists.

But the FSLN, itself made up of many representatives of various bourgeois and petty bourgeois nationalist elements, clearly has not followed such a course. In fact, the new government and policies of the FSLN are an accurate reflection of its essentially bourgeois-nationalist character. With the two superpowers squaring off more and more sharply in every part of the world, tremendous pressures to compromise with and capitulate to one or the other of them are being put on the leaders and governments of the oppressed countries, many of whom have taken various nationalist, even militant nationalist stands in the past. Push is coming to shove and these forces are more and more forced to get in line. The FSLN and the Nicaraguan govern-

ment are no exception. While these bourgeois nationalist forces can definitely play a progressive role for a time, fundamentally these class forces do not see the potential that the masses of people themselves have in keeping their country free from foreign domination and in making revolution, constantly strengthening and transforming the country. Nor are these classes able to actually mobilize the masses to continually step up their struggle and make new bold advances. This is not a moral question or a question of subjective desire of any given group or individual, but a question of the actual outlook and interests that various classes have.

Often these forces actually take steps to hold back the struggle of the masses so things don't get out of their control. Such has been the case in Nicaragua where the FSLN initiated a campaign to disarm the masses, forbade any executions of National Guardsmen or other criminals of the Somoza regime, and imposed a ban on mass takeovers of factories and farms. Nothing must be done, the FSLN position went, that would discourage foreign investment and economic assistance. Some forces within the FSLN wanted to rely primarily on the United States and the western bloc nations for reconstruction aid and investment; others favored seeking aid from the Soviet bloc, or attempting to play the two sides off against each other to reap the greatest "benefits" and to attempt to preserve some measure of non-alignment or "independence." But while the FSLN proclaimed many plans for extensive reforms that it believed would benefit the masses, the view that nothing could be done without a stable work force and a "normal" society considered attractive to outside investment led the FSLN to actively discourage and even sometimes to violently suppress the revolutionary enthusiasm of the masses of workers and peasants, who by no means were ready to "settle down" following their breathtaking taste of revolutionary victory with the fall of Somoza.

These bans and restrictions have therefore been fiercely resisted and criticized—and often downright ignored—by the masses, and the FSLN has itself been forced to back away from its hard-line stance on some occasions. The following UPI dispatch of March 8, 1980 gives some flavor of the level of mass ferment in Nicaragua.

"Nicaraguan businessmen have warned that food and industrial production will be severely damaged if the government does not halt takeovers of farms and businesses by disgruntled peasants and workers.

"The communique issued Thursday by the Superior Council of Private Enterprise said that peasants and workers are violating the decrees of Nicaragua's revolutionary government through illegal expropriations and takeovers.

"These situations 'seriously damaged the credibility of the government, which...tries to legislate to maintain order and...sees itself submitted to pressure by leaders who march alone, without obeying the general alignments

of our revolution, the communique said.

"In the last weeks, there has been an atmosphere of anarchy and social disorder, demonstrated in the takeovers of businesses and haciendas.

"How can we hope that farmers produce food when they are constantly threatened by agitators that take haciendas, destroy machinery, and imprison farm owners?" the communique said.

"The crisis is at hand."

Over the last two months, such unrest has become more widespread. At the same time, the U.S. imperialist policymakers have been facing a policy crisis. The \$75 million aid package for Nicaragua which has been sitting in Congress for months, had been considered a critical tool for influencing the course of events and propping up those sectors favoring closer ties with the U.S. But doubts are growing now whether the "carrot" approach will be successful in bringing Nicaragua firmly back into the U.S. corral—primarily due to mounting fears that Nicaragua is slowly becoming "another Cuba"—i.e., being drawn into the Soviet camp.

It sheds a revealing light on the FSLN's "aid is everything" orientation that they organized a demonstration of 20,000 Nicaraguans throughout downtown Managua in a march on the U.S. embassy to protest congressional amendments to the proposed aid package—amendments which made the "assistance" conditional on the Nicaraguan government's stand on "human rights"—an obvious code word for the exclusive rights of U.S. imperialism and its supporters within Nicaragua. The same month, a top-level Nicaraguan delegation traveled to Moscow to sign a highly publicized series of agreements on "economic and technical cooperation." Thousands of Cuban "school teachers" and technicians have been in Nicaragua for some time, and their number is growing. East Germany is also providing technicians. And Nicaragua's increasingly pro-Soviet line in foreign affairs—and especially its abstention in the United Nations on the resolution condemning the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan—has raised special alarms in the U.S. State Department.

In late April, the sharpening situation was dramatically illustrated by the resignation from the 5-member reconstruction junta, the body responsible for day-to-day government in Nicaragua, of two prominent representatives of the pro-U.S. Nicaraguan bourgeoisie—Alfonso Robelo, a millionaire industrialist, and Mrs. Violet Chamorro, one of the owners of *La Prensa*, the Managua daily which serves as chief forum for the views of the "private sector." At the same time, Enrique Dreyfuss, another leading capitalist spokesman, wants an attack on "the group of Marxists within the government who want to carry this revolution still further towards the Left."

Other business groups and bourgeois parties, including the Higher Council of Private Enterprise (COSEP), are withdrawing their representatives from the government and apparently intend

to boycott the newly formed Council of State. There are a number of other signs that the alliance which had been formed between the FSLN leadership and the Nicaraguan capitalists who have favored continued close ties with U.S. imperialism is breaking up. This, however, could change also. There have been many back and forths since Somoza's downfall as various interests and forces are jockeying and there will undoubtedly be many more.

Barricada, the official FSLN newspaper, stated that Robelo's resignation was part of the U.S. imperialist plot orchestrated by the U.S.-assisted Secretary of State for Interamerican Affairs, William Bowdler, as part of the plan for U.S. imperialist intervention throughout Central America. There is widespread speculation that Robelo intends to lead an open right-wing, pro-U.S. opposition movement.

The situation in Nicaragua today is extremely tense and is in a period of rapid flux. While there are still voices within the U.S. ruling class urging the tack of "patience," "friendly, humanitarian aid" as the best policy for propping up pro-U.S. forces, it is also clear that the sudden withdrawal of key U.S. allies and bourgeois leaders from the government is a move in the direction of paving the way for an El Salvador-style coup or some other form of overt U.S. imperialist intervention, and this is a very real danger. The revolutionary struggle of the people of Nicaragua is unfolding not only in the context of an explosive situation throughout Central America, but at a time when the world's two chief imperialist camps are preparing for war. The contention between the United States and the Soviet Union is having and is bound to have an extremely sharp impact in the complex struggle within Nicaragua itself. Should the U.S. imperialists attempt to instigate a coup or launch a direct military intervention to crush the Nicaraguan revolution, it is quite likely that they will do so on the pretext that Nicaragua is about to become a "Soviet base area in Central America." And as for the other side, while there are Cuban school teachers in Nicaragua today, experience has already shown that Cuban soldiers could just as easily take their place.

Certainly, the United States is afraid of Nicaragua becoming "another Cuba." But all of their maneuvers and machinations are basically directed, not merely at insuring that Nicaragua remains "independent," but is firmly subjugated within the U.S. imperialist camp, and it will attempt to employ whatever means necessary to crush the Nicaraguan revolution. The resignation of two U.S. allies and representatives of the Nicaraguan capitalist class in the government is an important lesson for the people of Nicaragua: it has helped to rip away the phony mask of "class harmony" and has been a severe blow to the U.S. strategy of destroying the revolution through using "wolves in sheep's clothing." There are undoubtedly many in Nicaragua also who are aware that the U.S. imperialists are not the only wolves who sometimes pose as sheep. □

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the reason we are seeing wide publicity and generous funding given to countless "moral movements," against every sin from evolution to sex education and abortion, and that we see these "moral movements" taking their place in the ranks of a swelling reactionary force that includes the Phyllis Schlafly's and the anti-busing crusaders. A political pole is being erected to rally every conceivable reserve of the established order, to marshal the most reactionary and backward-looking forces in American society, and to throw them into political battle in defense of god, flag and country.

In the campaign to build reaction, "scientific creationism" has a particular role to play on the ideological front, a role that religious "know-nothingism" has historically played in the United States. They are fighting for a very particular view of humanity and

its ability to transform itself, society and the world. As a "creationist" pamphlet put it: "If man is taught that he is of animal lineage, he is able to do as he pleases, restrained only by fluctuating value systems." A spokesman elaborated, "I'm convinced that the problems we have in America...in terms of dissonance and rebellion and disobedience and juvenile delinquency are directly related to the concept of evolution." In short, once people realize that humans were not necessarily created for the specific purpose of obeying divine laws, a dangerous and subversive idea is turned loose: Humanity can remake itself and its society. Here is the real "freedom" at issue in the struggle.

The "creationists" make a big stink about how evolution reduces humans to animals, erases our unique relationship to higher orders, and therefore spurs

the decay of civilization. Georgia's Honorable Judge Dean lectures that without God, "an atheistic, barnyard theory of ethics" arises. Another "creationist" spokesman announces, "I maintain that if you teach a kid that he's an animal and that his behavior is based on his environment, then he's going to act like an animal. Look at the streakers!" But who is it that really believes that humans are just animals, incapable of conquering "their appetites," driven by an essentially evil "Adam nature," and condemned by that very nature to spontaneously gravitate into savagery and depravity? It is these bible-thumping charlatans who insist on a view of humans as beasts that have to be tamed and punished by superior external forces. And more, even more ironic, at the very same time it is these same preachers of ignorance who also want to pull mankind back into the animal state, by denying and attacking the very distinction that raises us above animals. It is precisely the potential to rise above being blind slaves to forces beyond their

understanding and control, and more and more consciously to transform nature and society by grasping their laws and on that basis playing a dynamic role in changing the world, that distinguishes human beings from apes and other lower forms of life.

Even while the capitalists unleash and promote religious "know-nothingism," there is little chance that it will be allowed to go to its logical conclusion and completely blot science out of the classrooms. Capitalism can't allow that, and furthermore doesn't need for that to happen to benefit from the creationist movement. While capitalism has always fought to restrict and narrow science and is fundamentally unable to advance science beyond a primitive state, the complexity of modern production requires that some science be promoted and taught to a select few. Whatever disagreements the capitalists may have over how hard to push "creationism," they all see religion as an important force to unleash in the period ahead.

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MASS STUDENT REBELLIONS HIT SOUTH KOREA

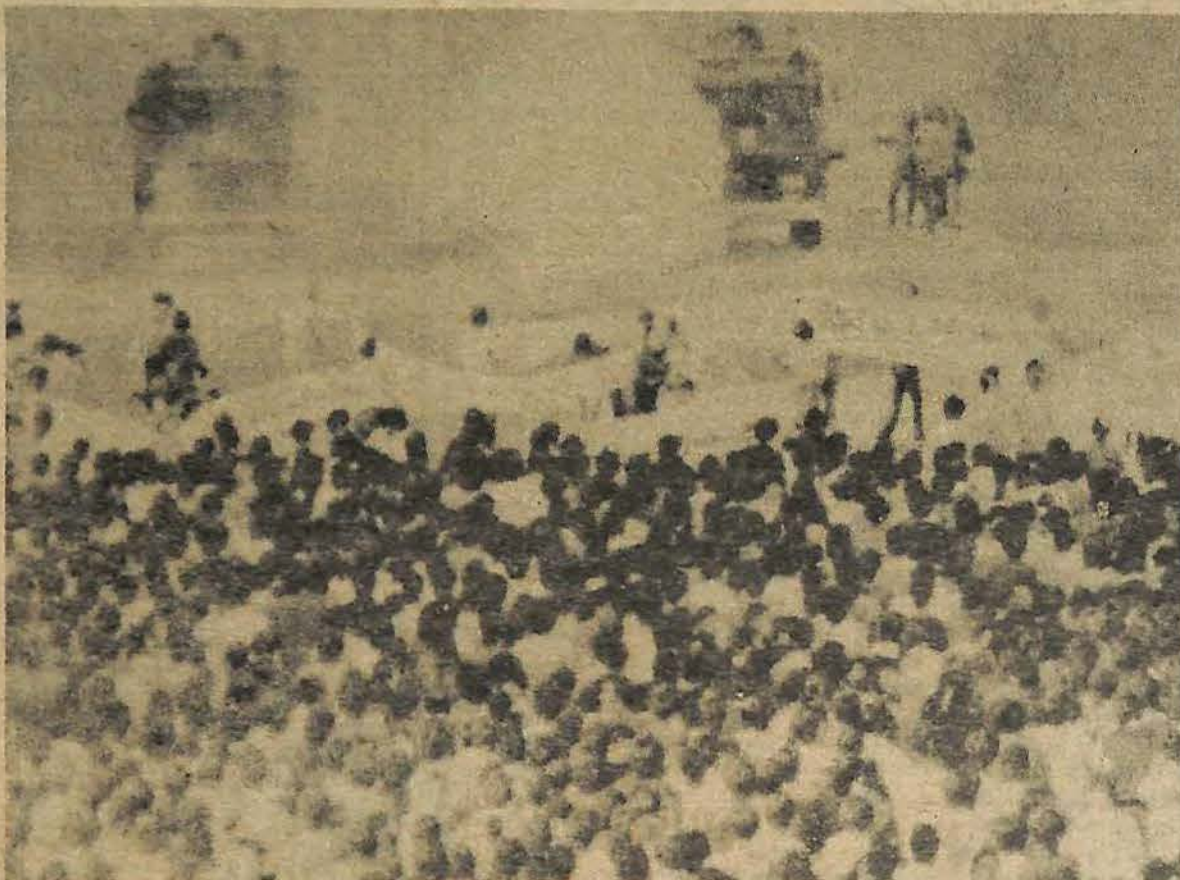
South Korea's U.S.-backed fascist regime has been thrown into crisis by a new, massive wave of anti-government demonstrations which have continued to mount in both size and militancy since they began May 13th. The rioting, involving tens of thousands of students and others in South Korea's capital city of Seoul, is the heaviest and most significant since the mass eruptions which preceded the assassination of long time U.S. strong man, President Park Chung Hee in September of last year.

The main downtown districts of Seoul were completely paralyzed on May 15th as army troops with automatic rifles and supported by armored units ringed key government buildings and battled waves of stone throwing protestors. Many police vehicles were overturned and set ablaze. One bus commandeered by demonstrators was driven into a line of policemen, injuring 7. Other large outbreaks are reported in cities throughout South Korea.

The crisis has become so severe that South Korea's figurehead Prime Minister took to the airwaves to appeal for an end to the protests, and President Choi Kyu Chan, another "civilian" front man for the martial law regime, cut short an economic mission to the Middle East.

According to the Associated Press, the demonstrations are being staged "in support of demands for an immediate end to martial law, free elections and the resignation of Lt. General Chon Too Hwan, head of the Defense Security Command and Korean Central Intelligence Agency." But while there is a widespread demand for democratic reform, unrest in South Korea goes a lot deeper than just a desire for more "democracy," and threatens the rule of the South Korean regime itself. In fact, the United States has been urging its puppet administrators in the country to hastily implement a series of cosmetic "democratic" reforms in order to head off an explosion of mass rebellion which could very possibly lead to toppling the present government.

President Park, himself, long a loyal tool of the U.S. imperialists, was bumped off with the tacit approval of the United States (if not under the direct orders of the American CIA) by the former head of the Korean CIA, Kim Jae Khu, because of his refusal to yield to President Carter's orders to clean up



Seoul, South Korea—thousands of students face off against cops.

his domestic policies. Shortly before Park's assassination, *Newsweek* magazine was quoting a prominent South Korean opposition leader as saying, "No one can be sure that a situation similar to that in Iran will not take place in Korea," and President Carter recalled the U.S. Ambassador to show his displeasure with Park's "repressive" policies—which had sparked a series of riots severe enough to raise serious questions over the security of this vital U.S. strategic outpost in North Asia.

The leaders who took over following Park's death were supposed to implement a program of "gradual democratization." But nothing has been "democratized" at all. South Korea, where there are more than 38,000 U.S. troops stationed, has long been heralded as an "economic miracle"—for the various Western capitalists who exploit it, that is. South Korea is a large exporter of textiles, steel, ships and cars worth 10s of billions of dollars. The billions produced by the imperialist dominated economy, of course, are never seen by the workers. Rapidly worsening economic conditions, including skyrocketing unemployment and inflation are adding fuel to the burn-

ing anger of the South Korean people who already have suffered acutely under U.S. rule. The regime has always relied on a brutal reign of terror and an all pervasive KCIA spy system similar to the SAVAK apparatus of the Shah's hellish rule in Iran, in order to keep the people, the vast majority of whom hate the government and U.S. imperialist domination with a passion, in locked step. The failure of similar methods in Iran, and Nicaragua, has caused panic in the U.S. State Department: the thought that such a thing could happen in South Korea has produced many plans for "reforming" South Korea's government before catastrophe strikes. But South Korea's military leaders also fear that

allowing even a hint of reform would only open the floodgates and eventually lead to revolution.

Getting rid of Park was a desperate move on the part of the United States. And the fact that things are plunging into deeper political crisis, has extremely serious implications for the U.S. imperialists. South Korea is not only an economic goldmine for the United States and other western capitalists, it is a strategic military outpost with a crucial role to play in the United States' coming war with the Soviets. The heroic struggle the South Korean people are now waging is dealing righteous blows not only to their South Korean oppressors but to the U.S. empire as well. □

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This becomes particularly clear when the feeble "liberal" opponents of "creationism" open their mouths. Various teachers' associations and The National Academy of Sciences oppose placing "divine creation" on a par with evolution in science classes—but they are quick (even eager) to point out that they certainly believe religion has a vital role to play in society in general, and perhaps even in the schools. In California, for example, the debate resulted in discussion of "divine creation" being made a mandatory part of the curriculum for social studies rather than biology classes.

Only a century ago, frisky, rising capitalism embraced evolution as a weapon to batter down the medieval walls of the rigid feudal system as it scrambled to tear farmboys out of their rural slumber and match them up to increasingly large and complex machines. Young capitalism was willing to encourage "fluctuating value systems" and embrace a view of the world that allowed for change and transformation—after all, it was the major force doing the transforming. And Darwin's theory, itself reflecting the competitive capitalist society in which it was put forward, was eagerly used to in turn justify capitalism and its struggle of "fang and claw" where the fittest capitalist survives and prospers.

Now the shoe is on the other foot, and it is the capitalists who are clutching at eternal values and the illusion of

an unchanging world. And so here we have it. A society so decadent, so moribund, that its rulers are terrified that people will even get a glimpse of the possibility of "fluctuating value systems" that they might conceive of questioning existing authority. And so the green lights and green bucks flash. The "creationists" are given national forums, conferences are organized, editorial space is handed over, elaborate church organizations are mobilized—and a political movement is born that meets the needs of the capitalists. On the one hand, the very fact that they dredge up ancient mumbo-jumbo about arks and doves, snakes and sin, exposes their utter bankruptcy. And on the other hand, the "creationist" offensive is a significant, if small, part of an entire reactionary political and ideological offensive. There is fertile ground for the belief that social decay proves we should "turn back to God." This society is so oppressive that millions find their only hope in fantastic legends about paradise in the heavens of outer space and saviors that walk on water. This very desperation of people looking for something better than the hell that surrounds them—looking for some hope and decency in the future—is being systematically exploited for reactionary purposes. The struggle for the minds of the people is being intensified and it needs to be taken seriously. □

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Smeal spoke out fervently in support of drafting women to be cannon fodder for the U.S. war machine, saying, "If there is to be registration it must include women. We are a key part of the trained and trainable pool of young people required to operate today's military. . . . Today women match or excel men in qualifications, including combat effectiveness. In the next real emergency (read: WW3—RW), women will serve where needed." This is a clear illustration of the ruling class's method behind this big ERA campaign today: push narrow reformism to blunt the struggle of women and turn it down a deadend street, and even more importantly, push war fever in the name of equal rights for women. This is what the ERA is all about.

But surely, the masses of women at this rally and in this country as a whole have no interest in such a program, and the bourgeoisie will definitely not have a clear field in this arena. Not

everyone by far who came to the march found themselves lured by the barking of the Bella Abzugs and Eleanor Smeals. One quarter of the rally got tired of the droning from the podium and left. A small but significant radical section of the crowd searched for something far different from the disgusting show that was being foisted on them. And they weren't disappointed, as a contingent of women wearing revolutionary red, members and supporters of the RCP, marched through the sea of white and green, propagating quite a different message which indicted and exposed what the real purpose of the rally and the ERA was. In response to the demagoguery and chauvinism of the NOW madams, this red women's contingent asked the following question in their leaflet—and answered it:

"Equal rights to be cannon fodder. Equal rights to die for the U.S. imperialists who are responsible for women's oppression and all oppression. Equal rights to stab the working class and oppressed people of the world in the back by standing with U.S. imperialism . . . Is this what women burn with desire for? HELL NO!"

"How can we say that whites should be over Blacks, that Americans should be over other countries. . . we cannot, we do not, we will not. The revolution of the proletariat is to go forward and eliminate every form of exploitation, every form of oppression, every form of inequality, and we will not stop until that great goal has been accomplished in the whole world."

—Bob Avakian

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when India won independence from Britain after World War 2, imperialist domination continued in a new form—neo-colonialism—and the U.S. moved in with investments and enslaving loans to push out Britain.

Revolutionaries in this original CPI revolted in 1964 against the revisionists who promoted tailing after Gandhi and Khrushchev, and carried out defiance of the leadership by supporting the peasant uprising in Telengana, which is now legendary among Indian peasants. The revolutionaries left the CPI to form the Communist Party of India (Marxist), but due to a lack of thoroughgoing political and ideological clarity on the differences with CPI, the CPI(M) degenerated into parliamentarianism, centrism, and finally ended in the Soviet orbit.

In the late 1960s, led by Charu Mazumdar, the revolutionaries within the CPI(M) rose in revolt to take up Chairman Mao's line on people's war and New Democracy, and led the Naxalbari uprising in West Bengal, where armed peasant rebels held state power in 2000 villages for three months, before they were put down in blood by the government's encirclement and suppression campaigns. The Chinese Communist Party upheld this struggle in a *People's Daily* Editorial entitled, "A Peal of Spring Thunder," stating: "In the past few months, the peasant masses in this area, led by the revolutionary group of the Indian Communist Party, has thrown off the shackles of modern revisionism and has smashed the trammels that bound them. They have seized grain, land and weapons from the landlords and plantation owners, punished the local tyrants and wicked gentry, and ambushed the reactionary troops and police that went to suppress them, thus demonstrating the enormous might of the peasants' revolutionary armed struggle. All imperialists, revisionists, corrupt officials, local tyrants and wicked gentry, and reactionary army and police are nothing in the eyes of the revolutionary peasants who are determined to strike them down to the dust. The absolutely correct thing has been done by the revolutionary group of the Indian Communist Party and they've done it well. The Chinese people joyfully applaud this revolutionary storm of the Indian peasants in the Darjeeling area as do all Marxist-Leninists and revolutionary people of the whole world."

The *People's Daily* editorial became a battle cry throughout the CPI(M). Members left the party in large numbers and were joined by millions of youth from universities in the cities who went to the countryside. Naxalbari sparked a prairie fire of peasant uprisings across India. Backward villages were turned into advanced revolutionary base areas. Peasants seized the land and held meetings to burn all the deeds and documents that had tied them to serfdom, when 50 to 90% of the crops had to be turned over to the landlord. Landlords were tried and sentenced to death. Lesser parasites were paraded through the villages wearing dunce caps. Understanding that their struggle against the jotedars (landlords) would be subjected to the armed repression of the state, the peasants armed themselves with weapons like bows and arrows and spears until they were able to capture guns from the enemy. Revolutionary committees were created and run by the peasants and red political power established.

This was no mere movement for more land. It was a revolutionary war for state power, a rebellion against a whole way of life. To illustrate just how deeply feudalism had gripped the people in the villages and countryside, and how deeply the peasants had transformed their consciousness, Charu Mazumdar wrote of them that they not only seized land, they not only attacked and killed landlords who had once held the power of life and death over the villages, they even stormed the landlords' houses and ate the food that had been prepared for the landlords' tables—an act of defiance against tradi-

tion and the caste system as sacrilegious as pissing on a shrine to the Virgin Mary.

In the midst of these rebellions that flared across the country, the CPI(M-L) was formed in 1970, and Charu Mazumdar was elected its chairman. With the rebellions threatening to spread and engulf the country, the Indira Gandhi-led United Front government, which included the CPI(M) in West Bengal, unleashed a massive wave of terror and repression against the struggle. 10,000 of the Naxalites were killed and as many imprisoned as the reactionaries desperately smashed the mass struggle and its leadership. The CPI(M) drenched itself in the blood of the masses by identifying and helping to murder thousands of activists who had once been part of the struggle within its own ranks.

Although the massive uprising was temporarily smashed, it showed the power of Mao's line and the vast reservoir of revolutionary fervor it could unleash among the masses.

In 1972, Charu Mazumdar was captured. In his 70s and in frail health, he died under police torture while in prison. His death was a severe blow. It came at a time when the revolutionary movement was suffering serious setbacks and ruthless suppression at the hands of the reactionary Indian ruling class.

Sharp struggle broke out over how to sum up the lessons of Naxalbari. Prior to his death, his line had come under attack from different quarters of the CPI(M-L) and afterwards, this turned into an all-out assault. For the last eight years, the debate over Charu Mazumdar's line has been raging in the Indian revolutionary movement.

The comrades from *Mass Line* told me how the Party leadership was usurped by different opportunists, either repudiating Charu Mazumdar or distorting his line, tying it to Lin Piao, or later on by a faction that tied it to Hua Kuo-feng. But it was not until the coup in China following Mao's death in 1976 that what had been a confusing political and ideological struggle came to a head and clarity on international and national issues was achieved.

Out of this struggle the CPI(M-L) Reorganization Committee emerged in 1979, based on upholding both Mao Tsetung and the line of Charu Mazumdar, particularly on the question of economism in regard to land reform vs. establishing people's political power by smashing the state machinery at the local level (the village) and establishing new organs of power while advancing people's war by utilizing all forms of people's struggle in a way that is conducive to waging the armed revolution against the armed counterrevolution.

They are actively carrying out this line in practice, principally in the countryside but also in the villages and cities. The comrade's line is that the working class must lead the revolution. This means building the leadership of a Communist Party, as well as working among the workers to combat economism and organize them to support—and even to go join and lead—the agrarian revolution, the main form of the revolution. Signs of peasant struggle re-emerging under revolutionary leadership are already apparent. On the walls throughout the towns and villages are posters which claim credit and tell the story of the recent action in the Wynad Forest region, where a landlord who had terrorized the peasants, raping women and beating people when it suited his mood, was executed.

In this mountain village, where the CPI (M-L) Reorganization Committee cadre had been doing political work among the tribal people for a long time, the peasants were at first reluctant to respond to the propaganda in favor of killing this enemy, "the dreaded Madhatil Thomas, who could kill a bull with one blow of his head. Hitting his enemies, the poor peasants and workers, with his head was his specialty," as *Mass Line* later described him. So the guerrillas said that they

themselves would take on this task, but only if the people in their numbers supported them. They picked a busy market day and 2000 people came. As *Mass Line* described it, "the guerrilla squad started telling the people that this is the time to take revenge against this class enemy who has made life miserable for thousands of people in the area. Slowly people surrounded Thomas. The guerrilla squad was among the people. People accused Thomas for committing hundreds of crimes against them. It turned out to be a people's court. The class enemy tried to escape with the help of his goondas. But they were surrounded by the people who were accusing him and shouting the people's verdict against him. At this time the peasant guerrilla squad moved into action and annihilated this hated class enemy in front of thousands of people."

In response to the specter of Naxalbari haunting them, the government has combed the forest area, torturing peasants and trying to extract information that would lead the government to the guerrillas, as well as generally trying to terrorize them into submission. Far from achieving this, one month after the execution, a procession of 1000 peasants chanting that the execution was a just verdict and carrying red flags, marched past a landlord's family on market day.

Much of our conversations revolved around the international situation, the developments toward war and the prospects of either revolution preventing world war or world war giving rise to revolution. The analysis of the RCP, USA has presented many new questions for revolutionaries in India who have not had the same access to news of world events in the way we have, being situated at the heart of U.S. imperialism. For me this drove home the point that those advantages which come from being a party in an advanced imperialist country, not just after, but prior to the seizure of power, should be made the property of the international proletariat.

When I arrived in India I knew very little about an incredibly important country. Our knowledge in this country of the revolutionary movement in India showed very sharply exactly how

primitive contacts with revolutionary organizations in other countries are. By the time I left, it was clear we still had much to learn, but my expectations had been realized. India has a rich history of struggle, including a recent history made by millions of peasants led by a revolutionary party applying Mao Tsetung's line to the concrete situation in India. This also starkly pointed out the tremendous urgency of bringing together those forces in the international communist movement capable of using Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought to forge a bright new future out of the possibilities presented in this next decade, where as Bob Avakian points out, "When we emerge on the other side, we and the whole world will be drastically changed."

In 1928, Mao Tsetung compared the situation in China with the situation in India. He showed how the red political power could exist in China due to the chaos caused by the constant fighting of the warlords and the turmoil created by the imperialists carving up different parts of China, while in contrast, India was dominated and unified by 200 years of British rule. India's revolutionaries have correctly pointed out that this is no reason to not wage people's war, but as we enter the 1980s, it is of great importance to see that the same conditions which gave such freedom to the Chinese Communists are ripening in India. With both the U.S. and the Soviet Union directly contending for hegemony in India, and with world war on the horizon, the crisis that will mature in the next decade is very likely to give rise to a new, even more intense, revolutionary situation in a country that has long been pregnant with revolution. This alone could change the world, not to mention the changes that would come in turn from its effect on other countries.

Revolutionary-minded people around the world would be wise to keep their eyes on the situation in India, a country of 600 million people wedged between China and the Soviet Union, which promises, in the words written by Mao Tsetung about the Chinese peasants, to "give rise to a mighty storm, like a hurricane whose force is so swift and so violent that no power, however great, will be able to hold it back." □

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and edify buildings, you must dig mines, industrialize. In the future there will be more people, and there won't be enough grain, so men will have to get food from minerals. Thus it is that only by transformation can freedom be obtained. Will it be possible in the future to be all that free? Lenin said that in the future, aeroplanes would be as numerous in the skies as flies, rushing hither and thither. Everywhere they will collide, and what will we do about it? How will we manoeuvre them? And if we do, will things be all that free? In Peking at present there are 10,000 buses; in Tokyo there are 100,000 (vehicles) (or is it 800,000?), so there are more automobile accidents. We have fewer cars, and we also educate the drivers and the people, so there are few accidents. What will they do in Peking 10,000 years hence? Will there still be 10,000 buses? They may invent something new, so that they can dispense with these means of transport, so that men can fly, using some simple mechanical device, and fly right to any place, and land wherever they like. It won't do just to understand necessity, we must also transform things.

I don't believe that communism will not be divided into stages, and that there will be no qualitative changes. Lenin said that all things can be divided. He gave the atom as an example, and said that not only can the atom be divided, but the electron, too, can be divided. Formerly, however, it was held that it could not be divided; the branch of science devoted to splitting the atomic nucleus is still very young, only twenty or thirty years old. In recent decades, the scientists have resolved the atomic nucleus into its constituents,

such as protons, anti-protons, neutrons, anti-neutrons, mesons and anti-mesons. These are the heavy ones; there are also the light ones. For the most part, these discoveries only got under way during and after the Second World War. As for the fact that one could separate the electrons from the atomic nucleus, that was discovered some time ago. An electric wire makes use of dissociated electrons from the outside of copper or aluminium. In the 300 li of the earth's atmosphere, it has also been discovered that there are layers of dissociated electrons. There, too, the electrons and the atomic nucleus are separated. As yet, the electron has not been split, but some day they will certainly be able to split it. Chuang-tzu said, "A length of one foot, which is divided in half each day, will never be reduced to zero." (*Chuang-tzu*, Chapter 33G "On the various schools," quoting Kung-sun Lung.) This is the truth. If you don't believe it, just consider. If it could be reduced to zero, then there would be no such thing as science. The myriad things develop continuously and limitlessly, and they are infinite. Time and space are infinite. As regards space, looking at it both macroscopically and microscopically, it is infinite, it can be divided endlessly. So even after a million years scientists will still have work to do. I very much appreciate the article on basic particles in the *Bulletin of Natural Science* by Sakata. I have never seen this kind of article before. This is dialectical materialism. He quotes Lenin.

The weakness of philosophy is that it hasn't produced practical philosophy, but only bookish philosophy.

We should always be bringing forward new things. Otherwise what are we here for? What do we want descendants for? New things are to be found in reality, we must grasp reality. □