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Atlanta: The Dirt That Won't Wash

The August 17 arraignment of suspect Wayne Williams on two counts of murder in the cases of Atlanta's slain Black youth was designed to accentuate the lies developed at the time of this man's arrest and even before it. While Fulton County sheriffs boasted in the hallway, "We don't really expect trouble, but we're ready for anything," the 170 spectators, half of them journalists, were forced to submit to metal detector searches before entering a courtroom literally ringed with heavily-armed police. In the simple legal procedure that followed, Williams pled "not guilty to both counts."

The arrest and indictment of Williams has been a real coup for the authorities, who were desperately seeking to put an end to the massive outrage, debate and struggle that have swept the country in the wake of the hideous Atlanta murders. It could truly be said that the whole world was watching, with millions condemning both the murders and the authorities.

And now, the madness is supposedly over, the police supposedly have "their man." The suspect is Black to boot. We are told to reassess all those nasty theories that national oppression had anything to do with the murders. Williams might even be responsible for a few more than two; the FBI has continued to insist over the summer that

Williams is "good for at least 14." Case closed—except, of course, for the trial. The idea here is to focus attention exclusively on Williams, to absolve officialdom of the myriad lies, coverups and contradictions that have marked events in Atlanta from the beginning and that have led many to believe that the murders were at least encouraged—if not directly organized—in high places. The Williams case itself is murky. Williams' involvement—whether he is being completely set up, is actually mixed up, or both—may clear up in weeks to come. But whatever the case may be with Williams, the authorities are literally dripping with muck, some of which we intend to rake presently. The state has

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Imperialism and the Flight of Voyager II Dinosaurs Meet Outer Space

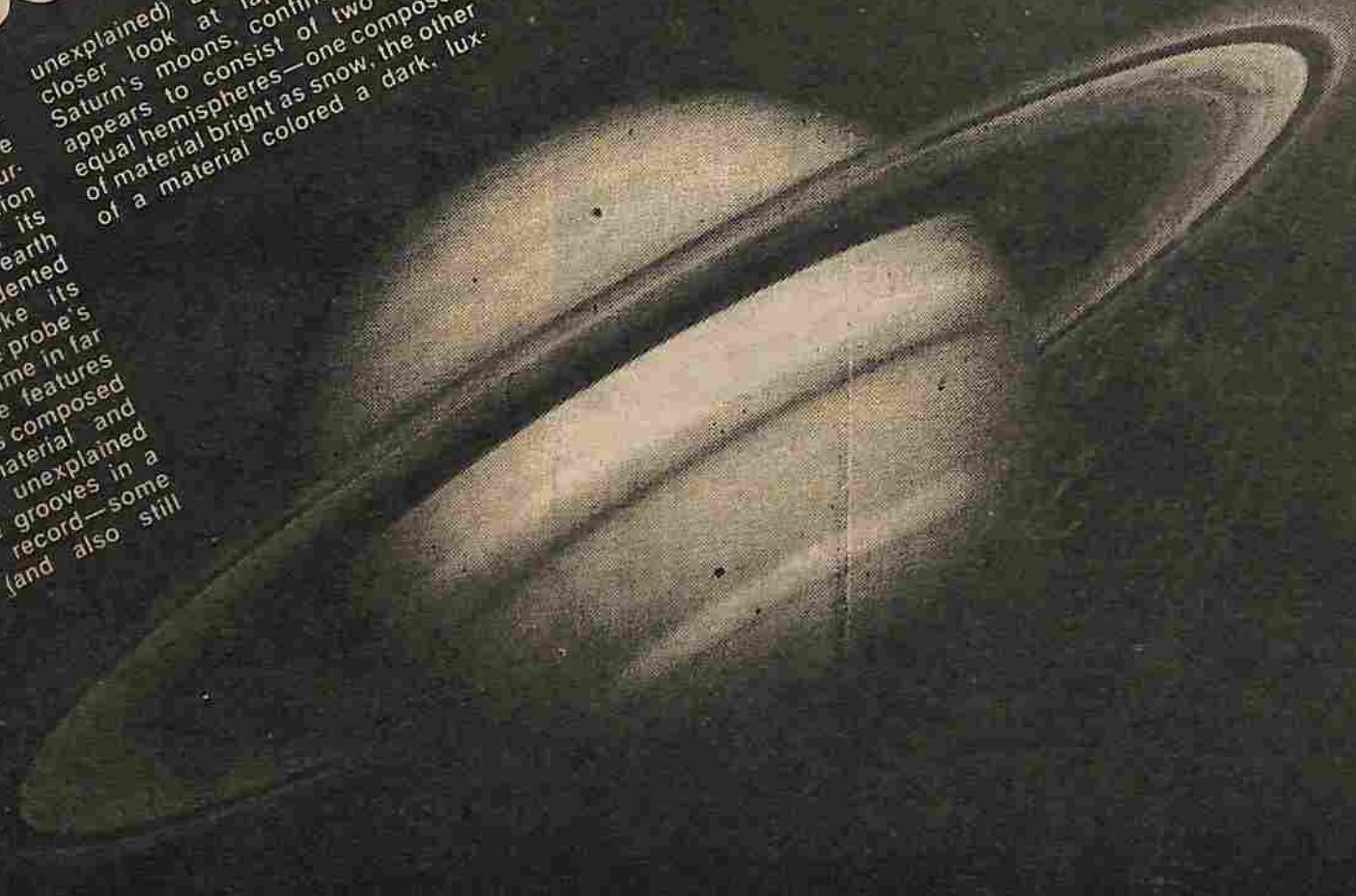
As Voyager II dipped in for a close look at Saturn and its amazing ring plane, passing a mere 63,000 miles from the planet's surface after a four-year, 1.24 billion mile journey through space, its data transmissions back to earth were opening up an unprecedented array of discoveries. Like its predecessor, Voyager I, the probe's cameras recorded—this time in far more brilliant detail—the features of the thousands of rings composed of frozen asteroid material and separated by as yet unexplained gaps resembling the grooves in a giant phonograph record—some forming intricate (and also still

unexplained) braided patterns. A closer look at Iapetus, one of Saturn's moons, confirmed that it appears to consist of two nearly equal hemispheres—one composed of material bright as snow, the other of a material colored a dark, lux-

uriant red. And, hovering over Saturn's cloudtops, a new and mysterious blue-hued phenomenon was sighted, spanning thousands of miles in the shape of a figure 6. No sooner had the data begun to pour

in than it was evident that present theories were already being transformed—some being challenged—some being confirmed—and that the information being gathered by Voyager II was ripe with the potential for revealing whole new physical properties of the universe. But for all the wondrous findings (as well as those that have yet to be gleaned from the huge mass of data), what was most notable about the long-awaited arrival of Voyager

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Missile Misses U.S. Spy Plane Over North Korea

On August 26, North Korean gunners apparently fired off a surface-to-air missile that exploded within several miles of a U.S. SR-71 super-spy plane. Not surprisingly, the U.S. immediately claimed that the SR-71 was in "international and South Korean air space." However, when asked to pinpoint the location of this incident, these same officials have refused to say a word. And when asked what the plane was doing there (wherever "there" is exactly), presidential advisor Edwin Meese answered, "Flying." Nevertheless, there was one accurate statement made by the U.S. in regard to this incident; they described the spy-plane's trek as a "routine mission." After all, committing acts of imperialist aggression is certainly "routine" for the U.S.

For years prior to the most recent incident, the North Korean government has been protesting the continuous violation of its air space by U.S. spy-planes. Less than a month ago, North Korea announced that there had been nineteen such incidents since June 19 alone. And of course, no one can forget notable "routine missions" of the past either. Like the *Pueblo* spy-ship that was captured in North Vietnam waters in 1968, whereupon the U.S. sent a naval task force, including three air-

craft carriers, into the Sea of Japan. Or the 1969 incident, where a Navy EC-121 spy-plane was shot down over the North Korea mainland; the U.S. responded to the latter one with six aircraft carriers, the battleship *New Jersey*, three cruisers and sixteen destroyers rushing into the Sea of Japan, the Yellow Sea and all other waters surrounding North Korea, while land-based combat aircraft were rapidly flown to the south from Vietnam. Or the 1977 incident when a U.S. Army helicopter flew across the demilitarized zone, and was shot down by North Korean gunners.

But, as noted, U.S. aggression into North Korean air space has been escalating in both intensity and frequency as of late. Due to North Korea's strategic location bordering both China and the Soviet Union and equally close to Japan as Cuba is to the U.S., checking out the scene in North Korea has become a crucial part of the U.S. war preparations. And the SR-71, with its ability to fly three times the speed of sound at 78,000 feet, seemingly offers the best way to find out all the necessary military details without getting caught. Not coincidentally, the proximity of North Korea to the Soviet Union also offers possibilities for some

quick incursions by the speedy SR-71 to find out even more important details.

Continuous flights over North Korean territory also have another purpose. They serve as a memory-jogging bludgeon to any who might have forgotten that the U.S. is firmly committed to its South Korean neo-colonial outpost in the region. This same point was made by the visit of the U.S.' fascist puppet Chon Doo Hwan to Washington last January, the first meeting of a foreign head of state with President Reagan; it was further underlined by Reagan's pledge that the 39,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea would stay there permanently, and the offer to Chon, of as many F-16 fighters as he wished. The continuous incursions into North Korean air space reiterate that the good old U.S. takes care of its fascist puppets, as long as they remain useful to its purposes. This is an important communication to those, like Libya's Muammar Qaddafi, who have been growing close to the Soviets of late (of course, last week's communication was somewhat more direct), and to those like North Korea's Kim Il Sung, who have tried to steer more of a "middle course" between the two superpower blocs—even showing signs of adopting positions more

favorable to the U.S. on some questions recently. In this light, the most recent incident is yet another U.S. cowboy attempt to stick it to the Soviets in preparation for the big shoot-out—and to take advantage of the fact that current Soviet "difficulties" in Afghanistan and Poland make it more difficult for them to frame an appropriate response in this region.

Of course, all this requires some tough talk as well—and as has become the pattern lately, the cowboys let it all hang out in their, most rabid, style. After a day of consultations to make sure that the wording had precisely the right inflection, the State Department issued a statement calling the North Korean missile firing an "act of lawlessness which constitutes a violation of international law." How dare they interfere with our "legal right" to invade their territorial air space? But never fear, the U.S. will continue to uphold "international law." The State Department spokesman added: "We will continue to fly such missions and will take whatever steps are necessary to assure the safety of our pilots and planes." □

AIRSPACE? SCHMAIRSPACE—THIS IS IMPERIALISM!

Two stories released by U.S. authorities, separated by enough time that they hope no one will notice, expose something of the real politics behind the recent well-publicized incident with Libya (and the one with North Korea).

200 Miles

Hampton, Virginia, Nov. 9, 1980. Russian bombers strayed close enough to the U.S. coastline twice in September to cause the launching of jets from Langley Air Force Base here to intercept them, the Air Force says.

"The supersonic F-106 fighters were launched from Langley Sept. 18 and again Sept. 24 as the prop-driven Bear bombers prowled 200 miles off the Virginia coast, just outside U.S. airspace.

"It was the first time since 1977 that Russian bombers had strayed close enough to scramble Langley's F-106s for an intercept. 'They're constantly out there, probing our air defenses,' said Lieut. Col. Don Carson, an operations officer.

"The 155-foot Bear bombers, equipped with 23-millimeter guns and electronic intelligence gear, routinely fly between Cuba and the Soviet Union on a course over the North Pole and along the East Coast.

"Langley officials have not determined why the two flights of the Soviet bombers came so close to the coast, although the September 24 flight co-incident with a United States Navy exercise in the Atlantic.

"In one of the intercepts, the Langley jets followed two Russian bombers off the coast for 40 minutes." (article reprinted in full from New York Times, Nov. 10, 1980)

"About" 25 Miles

After loudly denouncing the "madman Qaddafi" for "outrageous air space claims" (first the U.S. said Libya claimed 200 miles, then they said it was 12 miles including the Gulf of Sidra), the U.S. has continually refused to pin down exactly where the Libyan planes were shot down. However, the *New York Times* report on the press conference aboard the U.S.S. Nimitz stated:

"Some Libyan aircraft flying toward this area (the announced area of the maneuvers—RH) were apparently intercepted by American aircraft far closer to the Libyan coast than has hitherto been disclosed. Last week, the Defense Department said that numerous Libyan aircraft had been intercepted, but until today it had never given an exact figure.

"About the closest we came in any instances would have been 25 miles to their coast," said Rear Adm. James E. Service, commander of the Sixth Fleet's battle force, who commanded last week's exercise from the Nimitz."



Air Force F-4 Phantom intercepting a Soviet TU-95 reconnaissance plane over the Atlantic last year.



U.S. naval maneuvers, 1981

EVICTED OF BLACK SQUATTERS DOESN'T GO DOWN EASILY 1,000 ATTACK SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING

At the crack of dawn on August 19th a mile-long convoy of buses, trucks and police vehicles manned by hundreds of heavily-armed South African riot police set out from a Capetown police station bound for a squatters' camp in the Nyanga Crossroads area just outside of Capetown. After setting up an armed perimeter the police and their attack dogs rampaged through the camp for the next four hours, tearing down the makeshift, wooden and plastic-bag shelters. Over 2,000 squatters were arrested. Following the arrests, heavily-armed police remained in the camp to prevent a re-occupation by other squatters and to burn the remains of the shelters and the meager belongings of the squatters. Within a day, all but seventy of those arrested had been charged under a new apartheid law dealing with "illegal immigrants" and were summarily deported to Transkei, the so-called homeland over 400 miles away.

Coming at a time when the U.S. imperialists (and others in the West) and their South African junior partners are fond of pointing to the positive moves towards "reform apartheid" under the enlightened administration of Prime Minister P.W. Botha, these latest evictions and deportations, as well as other recent events, are quite revealing. Not only do they expose all talk of "reform apartheid" as a glaring farce, but more, they are indicative of the increasingly tenuous and difficult political situation facing the South African rulers and the U.S. in Southern Africa. Only a year ago, P.W. Botha was forever stating that apartheid had to be reformed if the South African ruling class was to prevent a revolution (of course, Botha's reforms were never meant to be more than cosmetic changes in petty apartheid like desegregating 5-star hotels and park benches), and in 1979 South Africa's Minister of Black Affairs, Pieter Koornhof, stated in Washington, D.C. that "apartheid is dead." Today, however, the apartheid rulers are whistling a different tune. At the recent opening of South Africa's parliament, a meeting which was supposed to rock the

country with news of reform, Botha declared his undying support for all of the fundamental principles of old time apartheid and white domination in South Africa. And Koornhof announced the formation of a committee to study the "swamping" and "overcrowding" of South African whites in urban areas by blacks. Using Capetown as an example, Koornhof pointed to the fact that "when 90,000 blacks have to cross the same bridge with 1,000 whites every day, unpleasant incidents can occur. It can be that it may be a solution for each to have his own bridge... in interests of good order." While the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* would have us believe that Botha has "suddenly abandoned reform" in a desperate attempt to win back 200,000 alienated Afrikaaner voters, in reality tightening up entrenchment of apartheid under Botha has much more to do with "the interests of good order" and preventing revolution, particularly in the context of quickening developments toward world war. As far as the U.S. is concerned, it wholeheartedly supports any move by South Africa to stabilize the internal situation. In fact, in response to the squatter evictions, the U.S. effectively killed even the slightest attempt to slap South Africa's wrists when it refused to join a French-initiated "official protest" against the evictions from the Diplomatic Corps in South Africa. To the U.S., a stable, pro-U.S. South Africa is the linchpin in attaining their strategic goals in southern Africa.

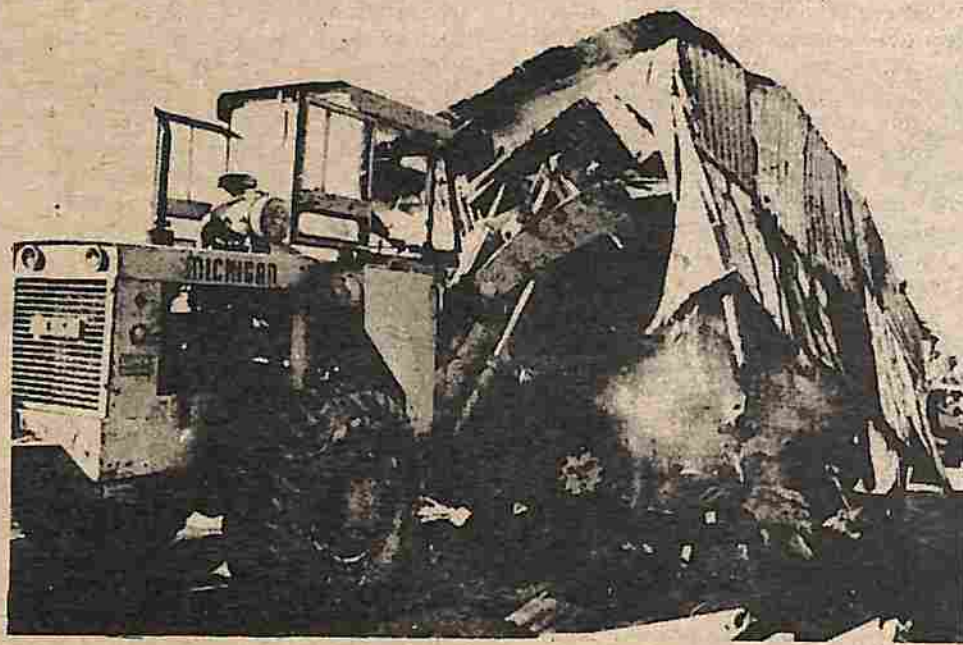
The deportation of the squatters and the armed demolition of their camp was the culmination of a month-long battle waged against a fundamental principle of apartheid rule: the declaration that the Azanian people are "foreigners" in white South Africa and have absolutely no rights, politically or otherwise, outside of the barren and remote reservations, euphemistically referred to as homelands. In commenting on the squatters evictions, Koornhof clearly disclosed the real concern and the political essence of the question when he ranted and raved about "an organiz-

ed campaign to wreck influx control" and whined about squatters returning from their deportation to the Transkei "giving the black power salute and singing freedom songs."

Under apartheid the masses of black people have been assigned to citizenship in one of 10 "homelands" or bantustans. Consequently they have been declared "foreigners" and "temporary sojourners" in white South Africa (i.e., in 87% of the country). Under the laws, all blacks must remain in their assigned homelands and are allowed to enter "white" areas only when they can prove that they have a job and housing and therefore are legally qualified for residence in white areas. Even then however, blacks must either commute back to their homeland or reside in specially assigned townships. And within that, some blacks are arbitrarily assigned a longer term residence qualification (although to emphasize their "temporary sojourner" status no black is permitted to own land or homes

in a white area and instead they are given long-term leases that can be broken by the government at any time), while others are allowed to remain in the white areas only so long as the contracts for their labor in the mine or industry last. These blacks, referred to as "migrant workers," are required to leave the white areas and return to their assigned bantustans at least once a year. To emphasize their temporary status, these workers are not allowed to bring their families out of the homelands and are required to live in single-sex hostels for as long as they reside in the urban area, sometimes for as long as 10 years. In 1970, 60% of the black men employed in the urban industries were migrant workers, 5% were commuters from nearby bantustans and 35% of the black women employed in urban areas were migrants or commuters. Once a migrant worker loses his job he is not allowed to remain in the urban area longer than 72 hours.

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South African police, using bulldozers and front end loaders destroyed Modderdam, which is one of the largest squatter camps in the Cape, in August of 1977. Nearly 15,000 people ended up homeless. This was but one of a series of demolitions of squatter camps in recent years.

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Bourgeoisie Digs in at Diablo

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) delayed for one more week the start of low-power operations at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, a plant constructed on top of an earthquake fault. The NRC is on very shaky ground politically, as indicated by plans to bring in up to 10,000 state and local police and California National Guard to deal with the blockade being organized by anti-nuke forces. The decision to start low-power operation of the reactor is obviously being made (and delayed) at high levels.

Nearly every hotel room in the town of San Luis Obispo is now rented out to police and security agencies or to the media. Police have been seen stopping and questioning cars on the highway near the reactor. The reactor itself is guarded like the war room at the Pentagon.

An inside source at the reactor described the elaborate security precautions: two barbed wire fences surround the reactor complex, one inside the other, with guard dogs in between the two fences. Inside that is a microwave detection device (like a series of photoelectric cells) which sets off a silent alarm when crossed. The alarm alerts the guards. These are Pinkertons, who are everywhere, some carrying rifles and wearing bullet-proof vests, some

pace back and forth on an outdoor overhead catwalk.

Getting into the plant complex requires having a low-level security clearance, going through metal detectors, sending anything you are carrying through an X-ray machine, and then getting frisked. All workers have to go through this each time they enter or leave the plant. Inside the plant itself, workers are now finishing minor construction; the retrofitting and shock absorbers, which PG & E claims makes the plant able to withstand an earthquake ten times larger than the one that the plant was originally built to withstand, are all already in place. Every door inside the reactor building itself requires two people, each of whom has to push their security card into a slot and then punch their secret code number into a computer. This insures that no one without a card and secret code number can get into the plant, that no one can move through the plant unless they are accompanied by someone else, and it allows the computer to keep track of where everyone is in the plant at all times.

All this is *not* standard operating procedure for nuclear plants. One source said that this is the "only plant in the country where no one can walk around by themselves—where you have to be in

pairs." All this is being done because of the political storm surrounding the plant, even though the plant complex is seven miles from the nearest of the four gates at the edge of PG & E (Pacific Gas and Electric) property where the blockade will be taking place. Obviously, with the kind of political flashpoint Diablo Canyon is becoming, PG & E doesn't feel like it can trust anyone—including the workers, technicians and engineers at the plant.

An article in the August 24 *Wall St. Journal* helps fill out the picture of the preparations for dealing with the blockade, in an article to let corporate America know what to expect in this battle. "PG & E is making a highly visible show of being prepared for violence, and of being ready to use force—in part, no doubt, to persuade potential demonstrators that it might be a good time to stay home. The utility has constructed an outdoor target range a few hundred yards from the plant's two reactors, and uniformed guards have been pumping ammunition into silhouettes of human bodies."

After mentioning the guard dogs described above, the article goes on: "I wouldn't call them killer dogs," says Robert Thornberry, the plant manager, "but they're pretty mean." A PG & E spokesman also claims that

thousands of rattlesnakes infest the 650,000-acre plant site and weren't removed because "it isn't for us to kill animals..."

The media is welcome to attend, accommodated by PG & E. Says the *Journal*, "PG & E has organized 'media pools' for the hundreds of expected reporters, photographers and TV technicians. But the pools can accommodate only 40 people, on two buses that will be controlled by sheriffs' deputies. Reporters generally chafe at such restrictions, and several who expect action on many fronts say they will accompany blockaders who trespass on PG & E property. The utility has asked the sheriff to arrest protestors and journalists alike if that happens." So, any reporter who plans on getting anything other than the sheriff's point of view on the blockade, had better plan on doing it from jail.

There is no question that the ruling class is throwing the gauntlet down on this one. The connection between nukes and nukes (reactors and weapons) has been thrust to the fore by the acceleration of events worldwide. No doubt the war room at the Pentagon will be keeping close tabs on what happens at the war room at Diablo Canyon. □

What Goes Around, Comes Around

British Army Vets March in Northern Ireland

On Sunday, August 9, over 3,000 people marched in the streets of Belfast, Northern Ireland, to mark and oppose the 10th year of internment. Internment, simply put, is indefinite detention without charge or trial. While the British claim that internment has "officially" been phased out, its replacement by juryless courts and bogus testimony from unidentified trooper X, Y, and Z, is an indication that since August 9, 1971, the authorities have only tried to get slicker in their vicious repression. Among the procession, which contained contingents from France, the U.S., West Germany, Scotland, Norway and Denmark in a powerful display of internationalism, was an additional sight that undoubtedly sent additional chills up the spines of the British ruling class. Among the demonstrators, and warmly received wherever it passed, was a contingent of over 300 ex-British soldiers and supporters from Britain itself.

It was a fitting show of solidarity and fraternization between the men who had once been sent to crush the Irish people and the "enemy." It was a declaration of struggle against their common oppressor. The turnout of British army veterans in Northern Ireland had even an added in-your-face-British-imperialism dimension to it: for August also marks the 12th anniversary of the British armed occupation that began in earnest in 1969. It was then, in the face of open civil war against the British-backed Protestant regime, that the rulers airlifted thousands of troops (including members of the Special Air Services—SAS counter-insurgency commandos similar to the U.S. Green Berets). At its peak in 1972, British troop strength was at 20,000 men—a per capita equivalent of around 2 million troops in a country the size of the U.S. Since then, the British have attempted to institute a policy of "Ulsterization," by beefing up and ex-

panding the local armed forces. This has brought the British troop numbers down to about 12,000. And now, at this demonstration in Belfast, the experiences of vets in an imperialist war were once again being brought to bear on the struggle and consciousness of those fighting for an end to British occupation of Northern Ireland. In fact, the first speaker at the day's rally was a black veteran, who had served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces in Northern Ireland. He immediately drew the links between the struggle in Northern Ireland and what was taking place in Britain during the recent festival of riots, and placed the struggle in the north of Ireland in even a broader anti-imperialist context:

"...I would like to express my personal thanks to you for welcoming me as an ex-soldier, one who for eight months in total, wreaked havoc and destruction upon your daily life, upon your very existence. I am sure you are

very aware that the situation in England today, as far as black people are concerned, is in no way very different from what it is for you here in the North of Ireland...

"For many years we sat back and took all the shit and rubbish that was being heaped on us, but fortunately, black people in England are now standing up and we are fighting back, as you are aware from what you have seen on your television and in your newspapers..."

"For many people there are many misconceptions as to what the struggle here in the North of Ireland is all about. It is talked about that it is religious bigotry, that it is sectarian bigotry. But we would like to say that as far as we are concerned, the sole reason for the struggle is that it is a struggle for national liberation—that is a struggle we, as black people, know very much about..."

"Now, at the moment we're only having to contend with the racist, fascist police. But how long will it be before we will also have to contend with the British army, who are occupying your country?"

"...if it should happen, then having seen the courage that you have portrayed, I hope that we will also be able to emulate you and stand up and fight, if it is needed, to defeat the British Army."

The very fact that here, in Northern Ireland, ex-"soldiers of the Crown" were siding openly with the struggle of the Irish people against British imperialism, must've given the imperialists fits. Indeed the U.S. imperialists are still haunted by the spectre of vets returning from Vietnam in the U.S., exposing, denouncing—even throwing back their medals on the Capitol and some saying, "next time we fight it'll be to take these steps." In fact, a number of the vets marching in Belfast were said to be inspired by the acts of resistance of Vietnam vets of the U.S. army, with some even citing the role that Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) played during the '60s and early '70s. And with other imperialist adventures including world war in the offing, one can only be inspired at the role that politically awake and class conscious vets can play in exposing the imperialist system and combatting it in other ways in the service of revolution—as this small example shows so well. □

Contains the text of "Iran It's Not Our Embassy," previously published as a separate pamphlet.

"Bob Avakian Speaks on the Mao Tsetung Defendants Railroad and the Historic Battles Ahead" is the text of a speech by Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA delivered on November 18, 1979 in Washington D.C. at a rally of over 800 people at an important juncture in the battle to free Comrade Avakian and the 16 other Mao Tsetung Defendants, arrested on charges totaling 241 years each. The government had been forced to retreat and maneuver, temporarily dropping all charges in the case in the face of broad and very active support for the defendants all across the country. Since that time the decision to drop the charges has been overturned in federal appeals court and the government's railroad is back on track.

Comrade Avakian's speech, delivered at a crucial turning point in the battle sums up what the government was up to at that particular point in the case and goes deeply into why they are going after the RCP and why they came down so viciously on the January 29, 1979 demonstration against Deng Xiaoping's visit to Washington D.C., which the charges against the Mao Tsetung Defendants stem from. Even more significant is Comrade Avakian's profound and sweeping presentation on the objective situation today facing revolutionaries and the masses of people, the real necessity and possibility for making revolution in the period ahead and urgently preparing to do so today. Finally, he speaks powerfully for an uncompromisingly internationalist and revolutionary stand in support of the struggle of the people of Iran, who had just delivered a body blow to U.S. imperialism with the taking of the U.S. Embassy and hostages in Tehran.

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ON THE MAO TSETUNG DEFENDANTS' RAILROAD AND THE HISTORIC BATTLES AHEAD

U.S. Spy VS U.S. Spy in Libya

For some time, the U.S. imperialists have been orchestrating an international propaganda campaign, which has mounted in hysteria over the past year, depicting Libya's leader, Colonel Muammar Qaddafi, as the "patron saint of terror"—to use Alexander Haig's phrase of last April. According to the constantly repeated, if always vague, allegations, Libya is a key link in an "international terror network," a beehive of training centers for "Third World embryo terrorist" assassination squads, and the center of a far-flung arms supply system funded by petrodollars.

Any close examination of the charges of "Libyan terrorism" quickly boils down to the predictable: Libya supplies funds and arms to the Palestine Liberation Organization; Libya has provided political support and aid to the Moslem insurgency in the Philippines; Libya has supported the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO); Libya has expressed verbal support for the Irish Republican Army's struggle against British rule, etc. Such support to liberation movements have been the facts with one apparent exception: over the past year, the U.S. began to accuse Libya of sending "death squads" into the United States and Western Europe to liquidate opponents of the Qaddafi regime. The charge that Libyan assassins were active in the United States was the main stated reason for the expulsion of Libyan diplomats in 1980 and the forcible closure of Libya's semi-official People's Bureaus in the U.S. in May of this year. The U.S. government was even able to point to an actual "victim of Libyan terrorism": a Libyan exchange student living in Colorado, who was shot and killed last October 14th. The victim, Faisal Zagalli, had been "warned" by the FBI six months before he was shot at his home that he was on "Qaddafi's terror hit list." We now have an excellent idea of where the FBI got its information: the man who shot Zagalli was an American, a Green Beret, a "retired" employee of the CIA, and part of the top secret CIA operation that had begun in 1976.

The identity of Zagalli's attacker has been known since his April 22nd arrest; the government tried to pass it off as one of the few isolated cases of "American mercenaries" in the pay of the butcher Qaddafi. In 1980, a federal grand jury had indicted Edwin P. Wilson, a veteran CIA agent, on charges of "illegally exporting explosives to Libya." Now, however, a lengthy article in the *New York Times* has detailed a CIA operation headed by Wilson, in cooperation with the U.S. Army, in which 10 Green Beret commandos went to Libya to, the *Times* reports, "infiltrate the Libyan government on behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency." The CIA denies the charges, but the *New York Times* quotes "many participants, and some federal investigators," as believing that "the mission had at least the tacit approval of the agency."

Luke F. Thompson, a Green Beret Master Sgt. who was involved in the early stages of the operation before returning to the United States, told the *New York Times* that when he was first approached about the mission, he checked independently with military counter-intelligence to see if it was "legitimate." He says that counter-intelligence officers called and told him, "We've checked this to the top and it's legal and above-board. You can pursue it as you desire." (our emphasis)

According to the *Times*, Wilson in 1976 "closed a business deal with Colonel Qaddafi to show his expertise in intelligence, arms and explosives to Libya for the training of terrorists."

Let's point out here that the *Times* "exposure" article stinks as bad as the CIA operations it is purportedly "exposing." Why the bourgeoisie has

decided to widely publicize this information at this time is unclear: the FBI and various grand juries have been probing various facets of it since 1977, and many bits and pieces had already surfaced. Undoubtedly, continuing disagreements within the ruling class on the role of CIA covert operations, a big issue in the recent eye-gouging at the top of the agency, has something to do with it. The *Times* article attempts to accomplish a couple of things: while seemingly "admitting" that the madmen who run what they have described as Libya's sprawling training camps for international terror are American Green Berets, it also hopes to conclusively establish that Colonel Qaddafi is indeed the "patron saint of terror," but is so backward that he felt forced to rely on good old American know-how, technology and expertise. Indeed, if there is one area where American chauvinist pride in being "no. 1" may be justified, it is in the field of international terror.

But this new "proof" of Qaddafi's fondness for terrorism is ridiculous on the face of it. What is most plausible, is that, on the Libyan end, the Green Berets were contracted to instruct troops in special forces tactics—military tactics, which by their very nature, certainly include a large component of "terror," but then, nearly every bourgeois military force in the world has a branch of special force commandos or something akin to it. The chief objective of the U.S., apparently, was to infiltrate the Libyan government, gain further influence, gather intelligence about Libyan intentions and perhaps do some things that would be useful, even in an indirect way, to U.S. imperialism.

On the heels of the *New York Times* article, Edwin Wilson himself bobbed to the surface in Tripoli and granted *ABC News* a special interview. He portrayed his training responsibilities with the Libyan army as routine, squad and platoon level infantry tactics, such as can be found in U.S. Army basic and advanced infantry training courses.

It would not be surprising if the Qaddafi regime, as appears to be the case, saw fit to hire American "mercenaries" for military training. Qaddafi, who already "employs" numerous East German, Bulgarian and Soviet training advisors, has always exhibited the desire to avoid falling into too complete dependence on any one particular imperialist. It may be taken for granted, by the way, that Qaddafi was well-aware of the CIA connections of his new employees when he hired them on. Their cover, as "former Green Berets and CIA men now in business for themselves," was paper-thin and customary.

It does not necessarily defy logic that the CIA would be training Libyan commandos at the same time as the United States is attempting to "destabilize" and possibly preparing to overthrow the Qaddafi regime. In 1977, when the CIA operation is alleged to have started, the U.S. was still working actively to bring Qaddafi under the U.S. thumb. Even today these efforts have not ceased; the threat to destabilize and politically isolate is closely related to inducements to Qaddafi to "exercise restraint" in his relations with the Soviet Union and keep alive his ties with the West, which are considerable as it is. In addition to Libya's role as a major supplier of oil to the United States, the U.S. oil industry has 2,000 employees in Libya and controls a large part of the oil production process. Libya imports large amounts of arms from Italy and maintains extensive commercial ties with both Italy and France. French imperialism, which has a special interest in North Africa, has been, if anything, more active in anti-Qaddafi intrigues than has the U.S. French intelligence, according to the *Middle East* magazine, helped orchestrate an abortive coup attempt

against Qaddafi in Tobruk, Libya, which was suppressed by Libyan and East German security troops.

Edwin Wilson himself claimed in his *ABC* interview in Tripoli that, until recently, the United States had "secretly supported" Libya. Wilson, of course, was speaking formally in his role as a faithful employee of the Libyan government. He did not expand on what "secret support" meant, but if it means anything at all, it is that at the time the U.S. hoped to bring the Qaddafi regime around to a more pro-Western position, and therefore did not necessarily favor moves to overthrow him.

Throughout this year, there has been a fairly open debate in the U.S. imperialist press over the pros and cons of doing just that; some forces favor such a move, and others oppose it, holding that Qaddafi's successors are likely to be even more pro-Soviet than he is.

Wilson's comment has significance for unraveling the murky and complex role of his Green Beret squad in relationship to "Libyan terrorism." It is a fact that Qaddafi's tilt towards the Soviet Union over the last several years has encountered wide opposition among pro-Western forces within Libya. Many influential figures in the government have defected, and now reside in Egypt, France, Italy, the U.S. and several neighboring African countries, where they are actively plotting a coup and seeking to enlist the support of one imperialist power or another in carrying out their designs. A May 27th *New York Times* article conducted a survey of the "available talents," ticking off a foreign minister and numerous other cabinet ministers, "wealthy

financiers," "prominent journalists," and other likely components of a potential puppet regime to replace Qaddafi.

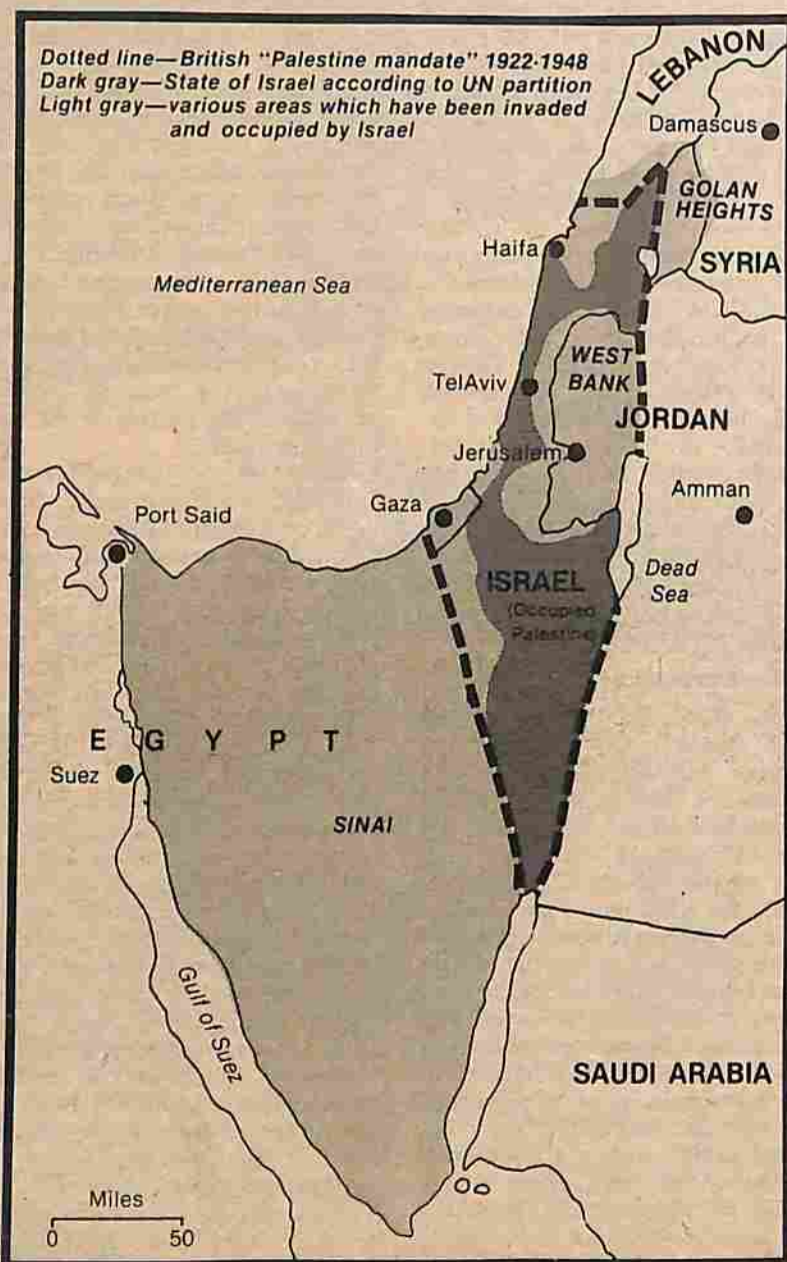
Now, according to Major Ad-dussalam Jalloud, Colonel Qaddafi's chief assistant, who was interviewed by the *Washington Post* on May 30th, it is Libyan policy to take measures against its exiles abroad "only when they actually took action against the revolution here and were cooperating with the Egyptian, Moroccan, or Israeli intelligence services." The fact is, though, that there is no shortage of "prominent exiles" who meet this description to the tee.

Therefore, it obviously is quite possible that Libya may have moved to actually eliminate some of these opponents, although the hard evidence of this—i.e., dead Libyan exiles—is scant. If such steps were contemplated, however, it is far from out of the question that the boys assigned to carry out the job were America's own Green Berets, sent to Libya by the CIA. It is, we suppose, barely possible that the attempted hit on Faisal Zagalli, the graduate student in Colorado, was such an instance; but this operation has far more the smell of a setup job designed to pin the "terrorist" label on the Qaddafi regime. As far as can be gleaned from the press, Zagalli may have been an anti-Qaddafi dissident, but he was politically insignificant.

But even if, after all, Colonel Qaddafi did retain a squad of Green Beret-CIA killers to train Libyans in techniques of terror, or to actually carry out "terrorist assassinations," then at least one thing in this confused story is clear: he certainly knew where to go to get the most terror for his petrodollars. □

ASK AN EXPERT

Menachem Begin on Libya:
"unreasonable territorial demands".



Professor Murdered by KMT Police in Taiwan

The Taiwan authorities claimed that it was "probably" a suicide or an accident. On the morning of July 3, the battered body of 31-year-old Chen Wen-cheng, a native Taiwanese and assistant professor of statistics at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, was found on the lawn of the graduate library of National Taiwan University in Taipei. Chen had travelled to Taiwan with his wife and son to visit relatives, but his return to the U.S. had been delayed by the Kuomintang (KMT) government which refused to grant him an exit permit for going abroad. On July 2, Chen was picked up by the Taiwan Garrison Command, the KMT security police, and interrogated for 13 hours straight about alleged anti-KMT activities in the U.S. The security police had ready on hand a mass of material on his political activities in the U.S., including photocopies of letters he had written, tape recordings of phone calls and transcripts of meetings where he spoke. Taiwan officials say that Chen admitted setting up foundations in the U.S. to raise money for *Formosa* magazine, an opposition journal advocating "Taiwan independence" which had been recently shut down for being "seditious." According to their story, after Chen was released, he either jumped out of remorse for his "crimes" or fell "accidentally because of fatigue" from a fifth floor fire escape at the campus. The autopsy conducted on Chen, however, revealed injuries that are normally associated with a beating rather than a fall. There are other glaring inconsistencies in the various versions of the incident dished out by the officials. Little doubt remains that Chen was a victim of cold-blooded murder at the bloody hands of the KMT regime and its secret police.

Taking over the island of Taiwan with full U.S. backing after being run out of China in 1949 by the Communist forces, the KMT regime has enforced martial law for 32 years to strike down any opposition to its rule. Taiwan became a strategic outpost in East Asia for U.S. imperialism, which had ignominiously "lost" China to the Communists. Even after the 1976 revisionist coup in China and the enlistment of the new bourgeois rulers into the U.S. war bloc, Taiwan still plays a vital, reliable role for U.S. imperialism, and hundreds of millions of dollars are pumped in yearly to prop it up militarily.

U.S.-sponsored Spy Network

Like the Shah's SAVAK in Iran, the National Guard in El Salvador and others, the Taiwan intelligence and police network receives direct training and assistance from the U.S. Big Brother. Comprising only a small minority of the island's 17 million inhabitants, the KMT needs such an extensive open and secret police apparatus to suppress resistance from the masses as well as bourgeois and petty bourgeois forces among the native Taiwanese who are demanding a bigger voice politically and an end to KMT domination. In 1979, for example, there were vicious crackdowns on anti-KMT riots that broke out in the cities of Chungli and Kaohsiung. Afterwards, there was a wholesale roundup of all opposition leaders, and they continue to be locked up today in a special island prison set up for political prisoners. In a case that is still "unsolved," intruders broke into

the home of one of those arrested, Lin I-hsiung, and brutally murdered his mother and two children.

Although the KMT still officially denies it, it is apparent from their possession of detailed materials on Chen's alleged activities in the U.S. that the police network extends to students and others from Taiwan living abroad. KMT agents belonging to an intelligence group called Tsai-hung (literally "Colorful Rainbow", but the Chinese characters are homonyms for "Catching Reds") are stationed in communities and campuses where Taiwanese are concentrated. The agents make regular reports on activities of anti-KMT activists, organize social activities to keep people safely within the KMT fold, and threaten the recalcitrant ones with reprisals against them or their families in Taiwan.

All this has been well known to the U.S. rulers and in fact both openly and tacitly encouraged by them. A classified 1978 document by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee reportedly examined surveillance in the U.S. by intelligence services of the Soviet Union, Iran, Chile, the Philippines and Taiwan, and found that Taiwan's operations are "among the most extensive and active, if least obtrusive." Ac-

ording to the *Far East Economic Review*, "The report is highly controversial. Informed sources said it is generally embarrassing for the intelligence services on the subject of cooperating with so-called friendly governments undertaking surveillance of their citizens in the U.S.... Although the sources were reluctant to confirm that the American intelligence services cooperate with Taipei in suppressing dissidents in this country, there are strong suspicions that this is the case." Of course this report, like other revelations by the U.S. bourgeoisie of "excesses" by U.S. intelligence services, is not meant in any way to stop such activities including "cooperation" with "friendly governments," but rather to encourage them to refine their operations, or perhaps aim them at slightly different targets.

The July 30 hearing by the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and Pacific Affairs on Taiwan spying in the U.S., prompted by Chen's death, contained no such references to U.S. involvement but focused in on Taiwan's "interference in the internal affairs of the U.S." and encroachment on "the quality of American democracy". One congressional participant in the hearing declared with great moral indignation that "The infiltration of American universities by informants who, directly or indirectly, report to the Taiwan government on the actions of the Taiwanese faculty and students in this country runs counter to the traditions if not the laws of this country." He might

have added that the activities of *American* intelligence agents in the U.S. as well as the world over fully correspond to the "traditions and laws of this country."

Despite this hearing, however, it is not expected that Chen's death will be pursued any further by the U.S. bourgeoisie. It would be like a dog trainer punishing the dog for carrying out his tricks and would pose some danger of the trainer getting exposed. According to *Formosa* magazine, now published in the U.S., an unidentified KMT diplomat is confident that they will "safely pass this crisis," indicating that they already have some assurances from the Reagan administration. *Newsweek* also noted even before the hearing was held that "Washington's ties with Taipei are already strained, and there is some question how far Congress, State or Justice will be willing to push the case." After all, the KMT regime is still a faithful U.S. lackey.

Triangular Relationship

But this question still remains: why did the U.S. at this time create certain waves around Chen's murder, even to the point of holding a congressional hearing on KMT spying and harassment of anti-government activists, when such activity has been going on for years with U.S. approval? One possibility is that faced with the blatant murder of a U.S. permanent resident and a well-known and respected member of the campus community, the U.S. decided to get some mileage out of advertising its "democratic" system at the expense of causing some embarrassment to Taiwan. (But remember, Taiwan is not according to current official linguistics "totalitarian," i.e., a pro-Soviet bourgeois regime but "authoritarian," i.e., pro-U.S., so this can't be carried too far.) Letting some of the dirt out also serves to warn Taiwan to hone up its intelligence activities. The KMT regime seems to have gotten the message—an

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Inquest Opens After 2½ Month Stall

Anger Percolates Over Cop Lynching of Black Football Star

Two and one half months after the lynching of Cal-State Long Beach football star Ron Settles by Signal Hill police, the coroner's inquest hearing began on August 20th. Despite the long delay, authorities have been unable to sweep this case under the rug as they had hoped. More than 100 people, the majority from the Black community in Long Beach, showed up at the opening day of the inquest—to find the court crawling with cops, seating for only 20, and those few admitted forced to pass through a metal detector. Nevertheless, the courtroom has been packed throughout the hearing, with supporters waiting outside in the hall for their turn inside.

Signal Hill police picked Settles up on June 2nd, beat him brutally, threw him in jail on trumped up charges of assault with a deadly weapon and drug possession, and then "found" him hung in his cell an hour and a half later. "Case closed—suicide," announced the chief pig, and the L.A. County Coroner announced that the death was "consistent with self-induced hanging." But far from the end of the story, that was only the beginning as every aspect of the police story has been and continues to be exposed as a lie. Police claim that Settles leapt out of his car and attacked them with a butcher knife. Eyewitnesses have testified that Settles was pulled from his car by police, and the knife was found after he was under arrest. Police claimed they never beat Settles, but the testimony of another prisoner (who was removed from the jail before Settles was killed) and of an independent medical examiner showed that he was beaten severely. Police then admitted that they did beat Settles in the booking room, but "only on the legs." The County Coroner then conducted tests to "prove" that bruises to Settles' face, neck, and upper body could have occurred as he hung himself. Then, on July 31st, probably to save his own

neck, the Signal Hill police chief admitted that police had beaten Settles on the face but only with their fists. He had neglected to mention this for 2 months because "it didn't seem important." A few days before the inquest began, the County Coroner released an autopsy report—death by hanging. This ignored severe bruises to one side of Settles' neck consistent with a police chokehold being applied. As for the absence of marks on Settles neck normally found in a hanging, the Coroner explained that this was due to "the way he had folded the mattress cover" he supposedly used to hang himself (despite the testimony of the other prisoner that there were no mattress covers in the cells).

A month ago, two days before the inquest was originally scheduled to begin, more than 1,000 people rallied in Long Beach to protest the murder. The Cal State Long Beach football team has since dedicated its season to Ron Settles, and the Settles' Justice Committee and the media have received numerous calls and letters from people about their experiences at the hands of the Signal Hill police—with many volunteering to testify in court. The inquest, however, has nothing to do with uncovering the truth about the death of Ron Settles. (The only question in the minds of most people at this point is whether the pigs lynched Settles or beat him to death and then hung him.) The inquest itself was called by the same County Coroner who has helped the police cover this murder every step of the way. A Special Hearings Officer was appointed by the Coroner for this inquest—"to avoid bias"—the same judge who oversaw the whitewash of the murder of journalist Ruben Salazar during the 1970 Chicano Moratorium. Salazar was shot in the head at point blank range with a teargas projectile but his death was ruled "accidental" and no cops were ever indicted for the murder.

At the Settles' inquest, the police in the Signal Hill Station at the time of the murder have all refused to testify. Their attorney told the media, "this is an obvious suicide in a jail, and a man gets up there thinking 'I have nothing to hide' (referring to the chief pig's admission that Settles was beaten on the face—*RH*) and made a statement with a minor inconsistency (!) and ever since then it's been blown out of proportion to the point where they think that they deliberately murdered a man."

At the inquest, it was revealed that police radio transmission tapes of Settles' arrest were "routinely" destroyed a month after the murder—after reporters had been denied transcripts of the tapes. Eyewitnesses to the arrest reported that Settles was "manhandled" by police while offering no resistance, and guns were held to each side of his head. And a police "ride-along" witness turned out to be the girlfriend of the arresting officer—the same girlfriend who covered for him 5 years ago when he beat a young Chicano to death.

At a time when the authorities are calling for more police in Los Angeles, this murder has put them on the hot seat. Even their trusted County Coroner may not be able to pull it out this time. As a result, the media, which largely ignored or downplayed the murder originally, has now made the inquest nightly news, carefully honing in on the Signal Hill police, a 26-man department in a 9-square mile section of Long Beach. No doubt the Signal Hill police are guilty of every crime now being "uncovered" by the media—and more—but the media is going to have a hard time convincing the masses of oppressed people in Los Angeles that Signal Hill police are any different from the 16 other police agencies in the L.A. area who average a murder every week. □

John Lennon's Murderer

Assassin in the Rye

Mark David Chapman, the assassin who shot John Lennon to death on December 8th, 1980, was sentenced on August 24th. He received leniency from the court; the presiding justice said that the maximum sentence of 25 years to life was "inappropriate." (Need we mention the thousands doing more time for less circumstantial evidence?) Chapman received a sentence of 20 years, and the judge directed that he receive psychiatric treatment.

Chapman delivered a brief and cryptic statement, an excerpt from J.D. Salinger's novel, "Catcher in the Rye," that he said "would be my final spoken words." Chapman's attorney, Jonathan Marks, told reporters later that his client had taken a "vow of silence." His case will probably be appealed. The press, as has been true since Chapman's arrest, portrayed the killer as an "irrational, lone nut." But Chapman's behavior during the sentencing proceedings was evidently designed to not only offer veiled political justification for the assassination. His "vow of silence," is reminiscent—whether "coincidentally" or not—of another "psychopathic nut" G. Gordon Liddy, the "loyal operative who wouldn't talk" of the Watergate era, who by 1980 was making the rounds of talk shows and openly advocating the assassination of political threats to the established order.

It was also reported that the court was under extremely heavy security. Chapman was wearing a bullet proof vest, which it is said he wears in prison. But if anyone thinks for a minute that Mr. Chapman takes such precautions for fear that some outraged John Lennon fan would do him in, a look into the case of Mark David Chapman leads one to conclude that his bullet proof vest and his much publicized "vow of silence" could well be meant to protect

him from some (dare to say) higher authority. (After all, Chapman said that God told him to plead guilty...)

If Chapman was "saying something" by publicizing his "mum's the word" policy, certainly his "final spoken words" were not the random choice of a mush-brained zombie. Speaking "calmly and clearly," according to the *New York Times*, Chapman read the following brief passage from "Catcher in the Rye," the book found in his possession the night he shot John Lennon.

"Anyway, I keep picturing all these little kids playing some game in this big field of rye and all. Thousands of little kids, and nobody's around—nobody big, I mean—except me. And, I'm standing on the edge of some crazy cliff. What I have to do, I have to catch everybody if they start to go over the cliff—I mean if they're running and they don't look where they're going I have to come out somewhere and catch them. That's all I'd do all day. I'd just be the catcher in the rye and all."

There is no need to develop a labored hypothesis about the "heavy symbolism" of Chapman's selection. Frankly, the general message is pretty obvious. The "thousands of little kids" who are running around playing thoughtless games is most specifically the generation identified with the 1960s, for whom John Lennon has been made a symbol. According to Chapman the "little kids" don't realize the danger, don't realize that "the society"—U.S. imperialism to be precise—is teetering on the edge of a cliff. The "catcher in the rye" has to bring these kids into line.

Chapman wishes us all to understand that he was carrying out this duty when he dropped into a military crouch and emptied his .38 caliber Charter Arms short-barrelled revolver at John Lennon, then dropped his gun and stayed

calmly in the doorway of Lennon's residence at the Dakota apartment building and leafed through his book. When a shocked doorman grabbed Chapman's arm and cried out, "Do you know what you just did?" Chapman replied with a steady voice, "I just shot John Lennon," and continued to read.

Enter... COINTELPRO

There is a widespread belief that John Lennon was fingered for political assassination by the government or by some organized reactionary force of the ruling class. It became clear within hours of the murder, of course, that the bourgeoisie was prepared to attach tremendous political significance to the murder. While weeping the obligatory maudlin tears, and issuing new calls for "gun control," standard fare on all such occasions, the mass media drummed home the message: "The '60s are dead. The '60s are dead" non-stop for weeks afterward. The media did not manufacture the shock and rage that millions felt when word of the shooting spread, nor the belief that the assassination was loaded with sinister political implications.

It is well worth noting that *Commentary* magazine, an influential reactionary journal which has concentrated in the last several years on preparing America's intellectuals ideologically and politically for World War 3, used the occasion of Lennon's death to deliver an all out attack on "the '60s generation" and on Lennon himself. *Commentary* bitterly condemned the mass observances and memorials which took place around the country as "the occasion—the first event in years to provide one—for collective self portraits of the generation whose faith in its own special stature may well be its principal distinction and sole enduring

accomplishment." Singled out for special scorn were those who took ten minutes off their jobs at the appointed time for the worldwide observance. *Commentary* complained that the mass media should not have played up "so indulgent and brazenly narcissistic an extravaganza," warning that "...the mourning rituals for Lennon reevoked for a moment the atmosphere of the '60s: the cowed silence that once prevailed in the face of the ludicrous claims and pretensions of the '60s activists, not to mention their assaults, violent and otherwise, on free speech, mounted in the name of idealism."

In short, the assassination of Lennon and the impact it had on society were objectively extremely political; this fact, and the stakes involved in understanding what lay behind the murder and the reactions it provoked, seemed self-evident at the time to society as a whole, to both the bourgeoisie and the masses of people. In this light, the belief held by many that Mark David Chapman acted in one fashion or another at the instigation of the ruling class deserves to be taken seriously. An examination of the available evidence certainly does nothing to dispel these beliefs.

Lennon came under intensive government surveillance and COINTELPRO harassment in the early '70s. During this period, Lennon was becoming increasingly active politically. His music was striking more militant and radical themes, and he was associating himself more directly with the anti-war movement. COINTELPRO documents of the time detail messages back and forth from J. Edgar Hoover, Attorney General John Mitchell, and other leading figures describing Lennon's associations with Yippie leaders and discussing the best way to "get" him.

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Drug Pushers Suppress Pain-Killing Invention

In 1970, two employees of the Minneapolis-based Medtronic company (manufacturers of pacemakers and other health care products), working in a basement and using parts purchased from a local hardware store, built a device the size of a shoe-box that would electrically relieve pain without having to be surgically implanted. They had based their invention on the medical practice of certain doctors implanting electrodes in a person's spine in order to use the electric current to block the transmission of pain signals to the brain. In their version of this procedure, electrodes were instead implanted in two small spongy pads that were placed on top of the skin in areas where large peripheral nerve bodies were located close to the surface. Their first experiment was at the Minnesota Hospital, where a patient was suffering from "phantom limb pain"—pain that results from an amputated limb (in this case a leg) where the nerves, bunched up at the point of amputation, continue to send wild and confusing signals to the person's brain. It can result in the person "feeling" that his leg is on fire, itching, freezing, etc., even though no leg is there. The invention proved to be a success, relieving the man's pain for the first time without the use of drugs.

In 1971, they formed a company to manufacture and market the device, which they called, "transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator" (TENS). The company was called Stimulation Technology Inc., or Stimtech. Soon after the company was formed, Stimtech set up a clinic to teach doctor recommended patients how to use the device. They quickly found that it was very useful in relieving pain from back problems, cancer, surgery, muscle aches, sports accidents, and even headaches—all without the debilitating,

and often dangerous, side effects of drugs.

By 1974, sales had reached \$1 million dollars, but capital wasn't able to be generated for continued research and development. And, the fact that the invention did not bear a corporate trademark meant that it remained virtually unknown, relying on various physicians' knowledge. Enter the Johnson & Johnson Company, who "routinely keeps an eye out for new products."

Johnson & Johnson laid it on thick, promising a share of up to \$7 million in profits, in addition to the initial \$1.3 million they bought the Stimtech firm for. The inventors were made executives in the Johnson & Johnson company, heading up the new Stimtech division. And, there was also a verbal agreement to put the device under the Johnson & Johnson trademark. That was 7 years ago. From the moment Johnson & Johnson entered into the picture the device was doomed to sit and rot—which it did. There was no overseas marketing, and no research and development, because that was to be financed from sales profits, of which, of course, there were none. The inventors weren't allowed to buy the invention back, for now it was under strict Johnson & Johnson control. In fact, the inventors were fired in 1977. Right now, the case is in court, with a recent ruling in favor of the original inventors under appeal.

In case you're wondering just why Johnson & Johnson, the menders of little kids' cuts and scrapes with their products, would do everything in its power to suppress an invention that would alleviate pain, one has to peel back the little Band-Aid that Johnson & Johnson hides behind. For in addition to Band-Aid's, Johnson & Johnson makes an



Stimtech Electronic Painkiller
Electrodes placed on skin deliver small amounts of electricity to nerves, blocking pain signals.

Johnson & Johnson's Tylenol Sales



entire line of Tylenol products, the biggest selling prescription and non-prescription pain relief product in the U.S. If anyone thinks that Johnson & Johnson is going to put a crimp in Tylenol drug sales that ran over \$380 million in 1980 (with a projected take of over \$500 million by the end of this year), just to produce something that might relieve pain cheaply and with no nasty side effects, then think again.

As one of Johnson & Johnson's lawyers put it in the recent court episode: "Where there is a possibility of making money in a certain area, or where one of our products may be superseded by another, we invest in it... If this was so profitable we would have exploited it."

Dinosaurs

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It was the rather cool and distinctly uninspired reception given it in the bourgeois television and press. The day of its arrival it barely inched its way onto the front pages. Gone was the barrage of patriotic hoopla bestowed upon the "grand achievements" of the Columbia Space Shuttle back in April, an event which was the occasion of eight-column headlines, round-the-clock news coverage, and an unrestrained orgy of chauvinistic flag-waving, as thousands from the Winnebago set trooped into the desert to witness and cheer the "incredible" landing of this glorified airplane which, after all, had only orbited around the earth a couple of times. Instead, the main theme being run out on the occasion of Voyager's unparalleled look at Saturn was summed up in headlines like RICH ERA IN PLANETARY STUDIES DRAWS TO A CLOSE. If anything, the coverage of Voyager II resembled a quiet, if somewhat elaborate, funeral—"a dramatic and melancholy moment of hail and farewell," as one paper put it, for what was described as "America's last funded mission into deep space... perhaps the last of its kind."

Musing on the countless probes the U.S. sent into space over the last 20 years, ABC's science editor Jules Bergman remarked wistfully that "the excitement of the early missions may never happen again," that from now on it will only be "memories." Why? Ostensibly because "there is only so much money available for missions into deep space." U.S. participation in an international attempt to pursue and intercept Haley's Comet as it passes near the

sun next year—a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity—has already been effectively axed as "too expensive." The only new space exploration that can be hoped for, we are told, is if Voyager II itself arrives on schedule at Uranus five years from now, a trip it has only a 65% chance of surviving. In response to questions about whether or not the president had any interest at all in continuing to explore outer space, Reagan's advisor Edwin Meese replied: "The president has indicated he is very much interested in space exploration... but obviously within budget."

The floating of such "economic" arguments for what is shaping up as the virtual abandonment of deep space exploration is, of course, quite beside the point. Proof of this is the Space Shuttle itself—openly advertised by the U.S. rulers as a "Pentagon in orbit"—which after huge cost overruns now consumes 93% of NASA's budget and is one of the reasons no more funds are available for deep space exploration. Clearly "economic constraints" are not the real question here at all, but rather the political and military necessities of U.S. imperialism as it begins to muster and concentrate its resources for the matter at hand—i.e., preparations for the impending war with its Soviet imperialist rivals for domination of the planet earth, a showdown which will be taking place not only on the familiar land, sea and airspace of good old *terra firma* but also in the environs of *nearby* space.

One dilemma for the U.S. rulers, however, is how to tone down the expectations raised by the hype they have been spewing out for the last two decades about "America's leadership" and supposed "dedication" to exploring the "outermost reaches of space" and "seeking the answers to the universe," etc., etc. Back in the '60s and '70s, the extensive U.S. space program served a number of purposes for the

ruling class. For one thing, while certainly there was an aspect of "pure" scientific exploration (both as a propaganda chip and as a means of insuring the participation of scientists genuinely interested in science), none of the U.S. space shots were without significant military hopes and implications. For example, the inordinate amount of time and effort spent to get a man on the moon (a target picked by John Kennedy) was partly fueled by speculation that this might prove to be a viable strategic base for enforcing U.S. domination of earth (when this proved a bit too costly and cumbersome, it was on to the more "practical" space shuttle).

But mainly, the moon shot and the entire space program—beginning with the frantic efforts to catch up to and surpass Sputnik and prove that, yes, "we" were more advanced than the Russian imperialists—was an important public opinion tool in the U.S. rulers' world expansion in that period. It was a massive advertising campaign for the American Way with the aim of impressing (and terrorizing) the people of the world with the U.S.'s vast technological superiority over its rivals and convincing the masses that U.S. imperialism and its stolen resources held out the pinnacle of hope for the "advancement" of mankind. The problem for the U.S. imperialists now is not at all that they want to pull back from the last 20 years of American chauvinism-in-space, but rather that they must bring it more into correspondence with a changed world and in particular the practical and immediate tasks of conducting war on earth with the "Soviet enemy."

Interesting in this regard was one of those pre-fabricated debates on ABC's *Nightline* show designed to help lay this transition out on the table. The current head of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Bruce Murray, complained about the lack of funds allocated for space explo-

ration. His argument in attempting to reverse the decision was that "the U.S. will no longer be seen as leaders" in space. The obvious problem with this sales pitch to the imperialists is that, while it was the chauvinist banner under which they "bought a lot of space" in the 1960s, now the world has changed and this particular brand of chauvinism doesn't cut the mustard in selling to the boss. Mr. Murray, though we are unaware of his background, came off like a disappointed scientist turned administrator who had been enticed by the seemingly endless prospects the U.S. imperialists were offering like candy to a large section of this stratum in the late 1950s and 1960s and now is left disillusioned and high and dry. Especially because he included in his complaints the fact that everything in space efforts was getting hooked into military development, Mr. Murray radiated the vibes of a man the imperialists might not find so useful in his job anymore.

Reagan's science adviser George Keyworth promptly offered reassurances that the new orientation is merely a case of "picking the fruit that is closest to the ground. We will continue to be leaders in space. It's only a matter of priorities.... We look forward to an extremely rich space program." The point was clear: today, for U.S. imperialism, the Columbia Shuttle is definitely the first "space priority" as far as America being No. 1 on earth, and only later in space—if, as they hope, they win.

Also interesting was the attempt to frame this little debate in terms of "economic necessities" and to avoid direct mention of the obvious military motives inherent in the changes that are being made. Sen. William Proxmire babbled on about the need for "fiscal responsibility in space" and "getting the most efficiency" for our space dollar. How the questions get set up is always an education. In this case it is "dollars for the space program vs. dollars for other things" (which in itself is a lie, since many dollars are being spent for *militarily* useful aspects of the space program). But when it comes to weapons the argument is set up differently: the "sides" are, "Will this weapons system or that one really match us up best against the Russians?" Proxmire went on to whine that it was time to stop messing around with costly space exploration projects and get down on the "earth applications" of the space program—all for the greater benefit of mankind, naturally!

Just how "richly rewarding" the imperialists hope the Space Shuttle will prove and precisely which "earth applications" Proxmire was talking about are, of course, already well known. The shuttle, it is hoped, will be an orbiting battle station that will provide a vast array of military services—destroying Soviet satellites and/or missiles with particle-beam weapons now being researched, servicing U.S. satellites and other space weapons, more efficiently spying on "enemy" activity, and, if feasible, launching nuclear, or even conventional, warheads toward the Soviets from space. This is all to be approached under the same hypocritical pretense as before of "expanding man's horizons," only this time with these horizons properly adjusted down to the concept of possible manned landings within the borders of the Soviet empire!

Dinosaurs Speak

If any evidence were needed that the U.S. rulers' space plans are being motivated not by the thirst of the masses for knowledge of the origins of man and the universe, but rather the thirst of vampires to divide up the limited confines of the earth for plunder, a few subsequent remarks by Proxmire were really quite an exposure. "We have been thrilled by space," he said, "but space has to make sacrifices like everyone else." This comical attempt to extend the U.S. rulers' "belt-tightening" argument, usually reserved for man, into the distant regions of the cosmos, reveals the incredible narrowness of the outlook of the imperialists, their utter contempt for the objective existence of the universe quite independent of themselves and their futile expectation that this reality and its laws will somehow magically accommodate itself to the dictates of the puny imperialist rulers of

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Carl Sagan's COSMOS

Correspondence on



The Great Red Spot of Jupiter, a monumental storm which has survived for centuries.

Entropy and Negentropy

The following was submitted as part of the continuing discussion and debate in the RW on the scientific and philosophical questions raised by Carl Sagan's Cosmos. The author writes: "Enclosed is a paper I wrote fairly recently... there are sections of it which speak directly to the points raised in the last letter in the 'Cosmos' series." (The last letter appeared in RW No. 117.) These sections have been excerpted. As with other correspondence in this discussion, the RW doesn't necessarily agree with the views developed in the paper, but we welcome the contribution and encourage response to these points, as well as others.

Marxists believe that all phenomena in the universe (including the so-called "forces" of nature) can be reduced to matter in motion, and the properties possessed thereby. The regularities of behavior exhibited by different classes

of objects—these are the laws of nature. All laws of nature suffer from one or all of the following limitations. 1) They apply only to a specific sphere of matter, or to events lasting for a certain period of duration. 2) They apply only to a specific period in the development of the universe. 3) Under certain conditions, laws can be superseded by other laws. The laws of nature are not absolute because the properties on which they rest are not absolute. Matter, and the properties of matter, are constantly changing, and hence the laws of nature change with them. The only property of matter that does not change (and which indeed is the source of all change) is the self-contradictory character of matter.

This gives rise to one law that is absolute—the law of the unity of opposites. Another way of formulating this law would be to say that there is a universal tendency for matter to seek

equilibrium. Disequilibrium equals contradiction (a unity of opposites). The constant resolution of contradictions (through the struggle of opposites) is an expression of matter (in all its myriad forms, and through innumerable different pathways) seeking to attain this equilibrium. But for every contradiction resolved, a new one arises (or exists somewhere else, or in some other aspect). Another way of formulating this would be to say that there is a perpetual tendency in the universe for potential energy to be transformed into kinetic energy. As one scientist put it, "The tendency for energy to 'break out' and escape away into the surrounding environment is always evident." But potential energy and kinetic energy are not exclusive opposites. Even the differential between the quantities of kinetic energy in different parts of the same thermodynamic system can constitute that system's potential energy,

leading inevitably to a state of maximum entropy, as occurs with gas molecules in a closed vessel.

The breakdown of massive particles into less massive particles, and likewise with atoms—these are all manifestations of the same tendency. So also, paradoxically, is the negentropy of life since this results from the proclivities of certain proteins to form non-covalent bonds with other compounds (all chemical reactions are an expression of this law).

As mentioned earlier, there is a universal tendency for MATTER to seek equilibrium. How this occurs depends on the particular mode or level of matter one is investigating. As suggested earlier, this sometimes leads to an entropic result; at other times, to a negentropic result. Energy, associated in the form of mass, represents potential energy. Within any system of matter, the principal contradiction is always represented by the opposition of an associative force and a dissociative force. The associative force is responsible for the potential energy of the system (for holding it together); the dissociative force for transforming that potential energy into kinetic energy.

Nothing much is known about the specific contradictions inhering in leptons, quarks, or hadrons, except their "color" charge is responsible for holding hadrons together. With atoms, the contradiction is between the electromagnetic attraction exerted on the electrons by the protons, and the kinetic energy of the electrons (centrifugal force) seeking to escape from the attraction of the protons.² With atoms, the propensity for electrons to escape leads, in the appropriate conditions, not to the atoms' disintegration, but to their association into more complex and more massive entities—into molecules of a qualitatively new substance (a compound). Hence, the result is negentropic. The process by which this occurs takes different forms, and a detailed discussion of it is beyond the scope of this paper (see any chemistry textbook on the formation of covalent and non-covalent bonds). Chemical compounds, which vary widely in their degree of stability or lack thereof, are also bound together by various electrical forces, and also disintegrate, either spontaneously or with an injection of energy, due to the kinetic energy (dissociative tendencies) of their atomic components. Though as with atoms, their internal contradictions may also result in the formation of more complex chemical aggregates...

Entropy and Negentropy

Thus, these two tendencies—towards entropy, and towards greater complexity of organization, have a common root (the tendency towards equilibrium) which is productive of different results depending on the specific properties of the matter involved. Thus entropy and negentropy form a unity of opposites.³ In the sphere of inorganic matter, the former is clearly principal; with life and consciousness, the latter is clearly principal.

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earth. No, Mr. Proxmire, "space" is not reducible to the U.S. imperialist space program.

The actual dinosaur mentality of these imperialists and the purely pragmatic content of their "pursuit of knowledge" was strikingly revealed as Proxmire further blurted out: "Space is vast. The planets will be there for a long, long time. We don't have to rush out there." At this point, noted astronomer Carl Sagan—also on the program to explain the discoveries Voyager was making—could not help but reply in disgust: "Yes, space will be there, but will we still be here? The two questions are linked together." Particularly in the context of this unbridled display of know-nothingness and excuses for the U.S.'s military plans, as well as the general atmosphere of "neutron fever" the imperialists have been whipping up lately, Sagan's retort was quite welcome.

What is apparent from the U.S. rulers' latest maneuverings on the question of planetary exploration is that man's quest for knowledge of the universe is not something that proceeds in a

straight line, nor is it a "disinterested" endeavor removed from "mundane" affairs of state. While the struggle for scientific experiment has its own laws and contradictions and will certainly continue (and blossom in unprecedented ways) in future communist society after governments and all class distinctions have been wiped away, it is no less true that under the present conditions of society divided into opposing classes, it is, like everything else, definitely a part of and ultimately determined by the class struggle.

Beyond the fact that this latest wave of anti-scientific philistinism is obviously being unleashed by the U.S. rulers to focus resources on more "useful" war preparations, it must also be said that not only is the prospect of further exploration of outer space increasingly useless to them at this time, but increasingly threatening to them ideologically as well. While the data received from Voyager II is still being sifted, weighed and assimilated, as Sagan pointed out it is possible that Saturn and its ring system may be a kind of "galaxy in miniature" whose internal dynamics could reveal much about the process by which our entire

Milky Way Galaxy was originally formed on a grand scale (i.e. a central core surrounded by flat spiral-like planes composed of billions of stars). Further study might provide important clues to the origins of our particular solar system as well.

Along with this, the discovery that one of Saturn's moons is engulfed in an "organic rain" added new impetus to the possibility that life exists on planets other than earth. As an article in the *New York Times* (naturally shoved back onto page 14) explained, by comparing the results of various space probes to Venus, Mars and now Saturn, scientists are beginning to recognize "how crucial the Earth's location relative to the sun is for conditions of life." Quoting Dr. Murray, they note that planets in similar positions around solar-type stars "must be watery planets capable of supporting life. Others have intuitively grasped this, but we didn't have the evidence until now." Not only is all this a threat to the current creationist offensive with sponsorship at the highest levels and the various other biblical theories peddled to the ignorant on the origins of earth and man, but it is a dangerous challenge

to their whole incredibly vain, egocentric and metaphysical supposition that man is the center of the universe, and, within that, that *they* (as present rulers of men) and their system must necessarily represent the highest order of being and the ultimate manifestation of human society.

Certainly the fact that the U.S. imperialists have taken the historic occasion of man's most exciting achievement in space exploration as an opportunity to announce a halt to such endeavors proves just the opposite. What Voyager II and the many space probes before it have shown is not only the great advances in mankind's knowledge, but also that this knowledge is far from complete and is challenged to ever higher ascent by a changing and inexhaustible universe. Ideological dinosaurs just don't measure up. □

RESISTANCE NEWS FROM IRAN

According to the reports the *RW* has recently received from Iran, the ground that the IRP-Khomeini regime is standing on is getting shakier and shakier. Resistance among the masses is breaking out in many places and is taking varied forms, much of it organized and led by the revolutionary Moslem Mojahadeen and Marxist-Leninist organizations.

Since the outbreak of sharp fighting in June it has become clear that the IRP's bid to monopolize power and crush the revolutionary forces in one swoop has not succeeded—even the few incidents that have made their way into the Western press demonstrate this. For example, a squad of Mojahadeen guerrillas, wearing uniforms of the Pasdaran (the regime's militia), recently marched into the Pasdaran headquarters in north Tehran—which used to be one of the Shah's resort palaces—and opened fire with RFG anti-tank rockets. Casualty figures were not released, but observers reported ambulances moving dead and wounded out of the building hours after the assault. All last week there were reports of armed clashes in Tehran between revolutionaries and Pasdaran, including one battle last Thursday that went on for a day—which points to intense fighting, not just "raids" on "guerrilla hide-outs."

So far the government's all-out counter-revolutionary assault on the masses has cost it much more than it has gained. Mass dragnets and executions have increasingly taken place right on the streets without even bothering to arrest and put suspected opponents of the regime on trial. In some places, particularly where the revolutionary forces are not strong enough to hit back decisively, this has succeeded in temporarily suppressing the masses. Overall, though, the bestial crimes committed by the regime have swelled the ranks of the resistance. For instance, in Tehran the authorities have started pulling bodies of Mojahadeen and others out of cemeteries, dragging them through the streets announcing that these "monafaghin" (traitors to Islam) cannot be buried in "Moslem cemeteries." Children as young as 3 and 4 years old have been executed for shouting anti-IRP slogans in the streets. After a fight in the streets of Jahrom, two young Mojahadeen supporters who had been injured were taken to a local hospital. As one of them, still unconscious, was being operated on, a group of Pasdaran burst into the operating room and announced that the Mojahed had been condemned to death and that they'd come to "finish the job." The doctors and nurses tried to stop them, but they viciously executed

him right on the operating table. The surgeon was reported to have been in shock for three days afterwards. As for the second injured Mojahed, who knew he would be executed next, he managed to write and smuggle out a letter to his friends, telling them to carry on the struggle against the government and the agents of the superpowers inside the IRP.

Many factories have turned into hotbeds of political struggle, pitting revolutionary and progressive workers against managers and the IRP-led Islamic Associations that supposedly represent the workers. In the city of Ahwaz in southern Iran, demonstrations of up to 1,000 workers from a number of steel plants have been held recently. In one mill, several hundred workers got organized, drew up a set of demands calling for the overthrow of the IRP government, attacked Ayatollah Khomeini for leading the attacks on the people, and kicked the Islamic Association out of the plant. The authorities and their Pasdaran stormtroopers counter-attacked, arresting 13 leaders of the workers, while a number of other well-known militant workers escaped and went underground.

In the poverty-stricken villages surrounding Ahwaz, as well, there have been a series of demonstrations against the regime involving hundreds of peasants from several villages; and, as in the cities, the youth in the villages have been especially active. While one of these demonstrations was going on (the location of which had been secretly changed to throw off the Pasdaran), nearly every door in the village was left open, just in case the crowd needed to disperse quickly. In one of these

villages, the local Pasdaran headquarters was taken over and disarmed.

Mass resignations from the Pasdaran have been continuing. 80 Pasdars recently quit in the city of Shiraz, and several dozen resigned in Kermanshah (at the southern boundary of Kurdistan) after witnessing the brutal execution of a number of Mojahadeen. Political ferment and struggle inside the regular armed forces has not died down either. The air force has been almost totally grounded since the end of July. A committee of reactionary mullahs is now supervising the air force, and 3 officers have been executed and 200 airmen arrested in the wake of the escape of Bani-Sadr and Mojahadeen leader Rajavi from an air force base near Tehran at the end of July. Already, sections of the regime's reactionary armed forces are beginning to fracture—a process that will accelerate as they face an increasingly conscious and organized armed people.

Another important development is that large groups of youth from cities in the north near the Caspian Sea, which have been strongholds of support for the Mojahadeen and the Left, have taken to the neighboring forests and mountains to start up guerrilla warfare. Several hundred youth have reportedly done so from Astara, 400 from Rezvan-shah. This is a sign that the revolutionary struggle is beginning to move to a higher level in some parts of the country, and that even spontaneously sections of the masses, including in the rural areas, are preparing to carry on protracted armed struggle against the reactionary regime, and to press forward in making the "second Iranian revolution"—as many in Iran are already beginning to call it. □

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Passport Revoked in St. Louis Flag Burning Case

RW:

The story of the state's retaliation for the burning of an American flag in St. Louis is still unfolding. I was recently ordered to an informal hearing before the District Court judge in St. Louis for a "renegotiation" of my bond conditions.

At the high point of the bourgeoisie's patriotic frenzy over the embassy seizure in Iran, three weeks after their spy nest was taken over, supporters of the RCP held a demonstration in St. Louis to support the Iranian revolution and the taking of the hostages/spies. To help draw a clear line of internationalist demarcation, an American flag was burned. Rich Bangert and I were arrested two months later and charged not with flag desecration, but with the destruction of federal property, namely one flag missing from in front of the federal building. Rich was charged with stealing the flag. We were convicted and sentenced to one year and \$1,000 each for the flag burning and Rich was sentenced to 6 months and \$1,000 for the theft. Two appeals to the Federal Appeals Court upheld the convictions. Now there is a writ of certiorari before the U.S. Supreme Court demanding they hear the case.

The day Rich and I were sentenced in March, 1980, we were placed on an unsupervised bond, meaning we didn't have to report in to the parole officers. Several weeks after the recent *RW* article (No. 101), right after we filed the writ of certiorari, and after some letters had been sent to the Supreme Court supporting our appeal, the judge decided that

we should be put back on a supervised bond. I had moved to another city, so the parole office arranged for me to report to the parole office in that city.

Then a few weeks ago my lawyer informed me that the judge was "up in arms" that I had moved. He ordered me to appear at an informal hearing in his courtroom on August 10. The judge told the lawyer that he heard "third or fourth hand" that I had plans to "escape the country" via Canada before the Supreme Court decision.

At the informal hearing the judge admonished my lawyer for advising me that I didn't need to receive permission from the parole officer before moving. Then, after the parole office said I had fully cooperated with them, the judge said he was not happy with the bond requirements, and sent me to the magistrate judge for a readjustment of the conditions.

They were apparently more than "not happy." The bond was changed from \$1,000 with no money posted to \$15,000 cash or surety; I have to report in person twice a week to a parole officer; I cannot travel outside of the St. Louis metropolitan area or within 100 miles of my new residence inside the United States; and I had to forfeit my passport.

More is involved here than a routine violation of bond conditions. I've called in, reported in, etc. as required, so there has been no "appearance of flight." Rather, the state was looking for an excuse to meet our refusal to back down from the internationalist position with repression...

Alan Kandel

Iranian Revolutionary Testifies At War Crimes Tribunal

U.S. Death-Dance in Iran: The Last 30 Years

The following is testimony presented at the Chicago hearings of the Mass Proletarian War Crimes Tribunal of U.S. Imperialism by Mohammed, a member of the Iranian Students Association, U.S. Mohammed also served as a member of the panel for the Chicago Tribunal hearings. This testimony was transcribed from tape by the Tribunal.

I am going to speak here to the major points and incidents which have happened since 1950 and how the U.S. got involved in and penetrated Iran since 1950, post-World War 2.

After World War 2, U.S. imperialism, which was basically unmolested and economically strong, assumed the leadership of the imperialist camp. The U.S. rose to stand up against the then-socialist Soviet Union and the entire camp of socialism. The suppression of national liberation movements in semi-feudal, dependent countries became also an important issue for U.S. imperialism to deal with, tactically and strategically. National liberation movements in backward countries posed grave duties before U.S. imperialism. Imperialist theoreticians tried to design their own plot in backward countries such as in Iran in order to put an end to the democratic revolution and to end

the liberation movements and to end another repeat of North Vietnam and China in the late 1940s. The question of land reform for the oppressed peasants of backward countries is a very sensitive issue. Either the proletariat is able to win over the unity of millions of the oppressed peasantry and defeat the imperialists and local reactionaries such as (was done) in China, North Korea, and North Vietnam, or the bourgeoisie implements its plan in deceiving the peasantry and in delaying the revolution such as what happened in Iran, post-World War 2. Therefore, the land reform initiated in Iran for the first time in the late '40s was an alternative to the democratic revolution initiated by the proletariat in backward countries.

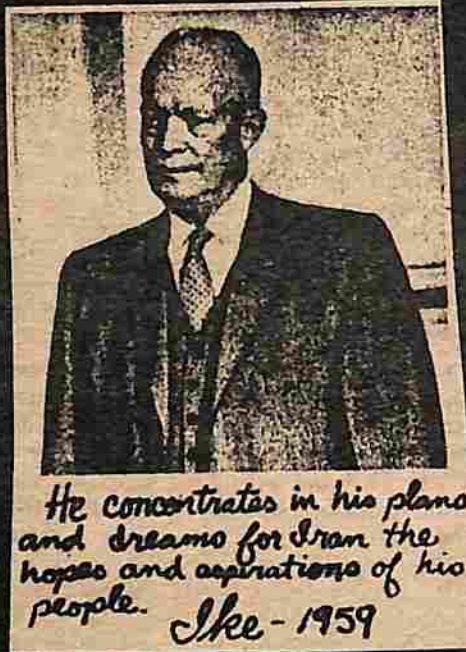
President Truman presented the Point 4 program, part of which constituted land reform, in 1949. It was the beginning of U.S. penetration and domination as the main imperialist power in Iran. Of course, in 1947, the revolutionary leader of the Kurdish people, Ghazi Mohammed, was executed by the U.S.

As today, Kurdistan was the bastion of national liberation movements at the time. The court minister of the ex-Shah and one of the biggest criminals in Iran participated in a series of conferences in

Wisconsin and in California discussing the implementation of land reform in Iran. During Truman's presidency several imperialist experts were sent to Iran whose function was basically suppressing and monitoring the peasantry in the rural area. In 1951 Mossadegh came to power. At this time still England was the dominant imperialist force in Iran exploiting Iran's oil resources. A popular anti-British struggle heightened, and hundreds of thousands of Iranians were drawn into the political arena. Mossadegh was the representative of the national bourgeoisie with its own class character and weaknesses. At the beginning, U.S. imperialism didn't mind a struggle of the Iranian people and Mossadegh against the British-owned oil companies. They were hoping that the British would weaken their position and let the new exploiters, U.S. imperialism, take over. But things didn't turn out as the U.S. had wished. British oil experts and exploiters were thrown out and the Iranian people defied and demonstrated against the messenger boy of President Truman, Averill Harriman. Nearly a dozen oil workers were gunned down while demonstrating and opposing his mission to Iran. As soon as U.S. imperialism felt a danger they decided to share the loot, their plan, and the outcome of their losses or

gains. In July 1952 Mossadegh, who was extremely popular, was dismissed as Premier, and a known agent of British imperialism was assigned as Prime Minister by the Shah to form a cabinet. This was a big insult to millions of Iranians. Therefore, hundreds of thousands flooded the streets and shouted "Down with the Prime Minister" and "We want Mossadegh." They defied the army tanks and the soldiers' bullets. Thousands were gunned down, but more and more unarmed people stormed the streets. The Shah and the imperialists were forced to retreat. The July 1952 uprising had been a great victory by the masses. The premiership lasted two days and Mossadegh was restored to power. The British and U.S. imperialism were like wounded snakes. They were secretly plotting and awaiting for a proper time to overthrow Mossadegh. A little over one year on the 16th of August, the Shah and his masters put to work their plan for a coup involving Kermit Roosevelt and Shaman the Brainless. (This man led a group which is a forerunner of the present knife-wielding and club-wielding Hesbollahi, who are very active, and any revolutionary they see right now they would shoot them on the spot.

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When we have this kind of man, the chances for peace grow.
Richard Nixon
1973



Iran under the great leadership of the Shah is an island of stability in one of the more troubled areas of the world.
J. Carter - 1977

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cial.⁴ However, in the universe as a whole, the tendency towards entropy is predominant, if only for quantitative reasons. To quote Victor Weisskopf:

"Every step to higher differentiation in this development requires an abundant amount of less differentiated material."

and

"... increase of 'order' in a living structure is always accompanied by a decrease of order in the sustaining environment." (*Knowledge and Wonder*)

This predominance of entropy has led some scientists (indeed, the majority) to prophecy the end of the universe, based on one or the other of the following scenarios. 1) The assumed predominance of kinetic energy in the universe over potential energy (gravity) will lead to the continued recession of galaxies away from one another until eventually the matter in the universe becomes so diffuse, and everything becomes so cold, that not enough kinetic energy (in the constituent parts of the galaxies) will be available to power any transformations or interactions. 2) That as stars run out of energy (which leaks out into space, thus becoming extremely dispersed) and become dormant, a state of thermal equilibrium will result, and the whole universe will become a cosmic graveyard of burned out stars.

Actually, upon further consideration, it can be seen that these two scenarios cancel one another out. The reason is that as stars lose energy, they eventually collapse, and, depending on their size, their contraction is eventually halted by various countervailing forces (the strong force repulsion between neutrons in neutron stars). However, in the case of stars over a certain threshold of size, it is believed that the force of gravitational collapse is such that no physical force can withstand it, resulting in the formation of black holes, which approach zero volume and infinite density. These black holes act like cosmic vacuum cleaners—sucking up cosmic debris by virtue of the incredible intensity of their gravitational fields. Thus, it could be imagined that the formation of these holes would result in offsetting the expansion of various regions of space, eventually resulting in the contraction of the universe as a whole. If this were the case, the universe would not expand forever, or slowly stagnate, but would undergo a constant cycle of expansion and contraction.

However, even among scientists who are willing to admit the feasibility of such a model, a new constraint has arisen. According to various calculations, if the universe were undergoing a constant cycle of expansion and collapse, then, for extremely complex reasons, its entropy (specifically the ratio between particles and photons, or between matter and radiation) in each new cycle would increase slightly with each expansion. Thus, even in an oscillating model, the universe could still be envisioned as eventually grinding to a halt. Undoubtedly, this constraint will be resolved as well. Man's struggle (or that of other conscious beings) for absolute knowledge is as infinite as the universe itself, and it is the opinion of Marxists that neither will ever come to an end (though there will be intervening periods in which conscious life is destroyed). Referring to scenario number two, Engels writes:

"What becomes of all this enormous quantity of heat? Is it for ever dissipated in the attempt to heat universal space, has it ceased to exist practically, and does it only continue to exist

theoretically, in the fact that universal space has become warmer by a decimal fraction of a degree beginning with ten or more noughts? The indestructibility of motion forbids such an assumption, but it allows the possibility that by the successive falling into one another of the bodies of the universe all existing mechanical motion will be converted into heat and the latter radiated into space, so that in spite of all 'indestructibility of force' all motion in general would have ceased. Hence we arrive at the conclusion that in some way, which it will later be the task of scientific research to demonstrate, the heat radiated into space must be able to become transformed into another form of motion, in which it can once more be stored up and rendered active. ... It is an eternal cycle in which matter moves, a cycle that certainly only completes its

orbit in periods of time for which our terrestrial year is no adequate measure, a cycle in which the time of highest development, the time of organic life and still more of beings conscious of nature and of themselves, is just as narrowly restricted as the space in which life and self-consciousness come into operation; a cycle in which every finite mode of existence of matter, whether it be sun or nebular vapor, single animal or genus of animals, chemical combination or dissociation, is equally transient, and wherein nothing is eternal but eternally changing, eternally moving matter." (*The Dialectics of Nature*) □

Footnotes

1. There is increasing evidence that even the most "basic" laws and forces of nature are historically conditioned—that is, they evolved and only made their

appearance at a specific stage in the universe's expansion.

2. It should be noted that the formation of atoms is itself an expression of the tendency of matter to move towards equilibrium—the deficit of positive electricity represented by the electrons and the surplus of positive electricity represented by the protons lead to the one being drawn towards the other.
3. For one thing, the energy lost to one system often provides the external condition (the impetus) for the growth of complexity in another system (as in life, and in endothermic reactions) or in a specific part of the same system (as with the formation of heavier elements in the interior of stars).
4. This change is closely connected with the predominance of closed (but not isolated) systems at the inorganic level, and of open systems at the level of life and above.

1,000 Attack South African Parliament Building

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The "homelands policy" and the accompanying influx control and pass laws have always been deeply hated and opposed by the masses of Azanian people. Since 1960 more than 3 million blacks have been forcibly resettled in the homelands, and according to official government figures today just about 50% of black Azanians reside in the bantustans. The bantustans themselves had never been accepted as legitimate by the masses of Azanian people. In fact they have been widely exposed as holding pens and dumping grounds for black people. Even the bourgeois liberal opposition in South Africa refers to the homelands, particularly the "independent" ones as "joke countries." The conditions in the homelands are abhorrent: poverty, unemployment, starvation and disease are rampant. The homelands were carved out of the remotest, most undeveloped and barren wastelands in South Africa. In the eyes of the apartheid regime the homelands serve as yet another way to control and repress the political opposition of the Azanian people. Although three of the homelands have declared their "independence" and the other seven are supposedly progressing towards this status, it is no secret that all of the homelands are politically, economically and militarily controlled by the apartheid regime. For the most part the homelands serve as "turf" for various warlords and gangsters to rule over and as kingdoms for tribal chiefs. One of the most outstanding examples of what the "independent" homelands means to the Azanian people is the Transkei, the first of

the homelands to be granted "independence." Transkei relies on the apartheid regime for 80% of its revenue and only produces one-third of the amount of food necessary to feed the people being held there. Although Transkei, and other homelands, maintained a good deal of the repressive legislation from the apartheid regime, still these areas have not escaped the struggle of the Azanian people. In order to deal with this situation in Transkei, Ronald Reed-Daley was recently hired as the commander of Transkei's army. Reed-Daley, the former commander of the Selous Scouts in Rhodesia (Ian Smith's elite terrorist commandos), will preside over what is widely recognized as Transkei's own internal security police.

Despite South Africa's forced resettlements, deportations and laws, millions of Azanian people continue to leave the bantustans and stream into the urban areas. These people include many women searching for work and the families of men employed in the urban areas. In order to stop this "illegal" flow of "immigrants" the apartheid regime has employed a whole battery of laws, police raids and "shotgun deportation hearings" and has instituted a deliberate freeze on housing for blacks in areas such as Capetown. As a consequence, families of black laborers are forced to take up residence in squalid and overcrowded hostels. Those unable to settle in a hostel often set up squatter camps in empty lots next to or inside of the black townships, openly declaring their refusal to return to the bantustans. There are roughly one million of these squatters throughout

South Africa today.

It was this situation that gave rise to the recent squatter battle in Capetown. On July 13th South African police began a series of raids on hostels in Nyanga and Langa townships, evicting and arresting over 1,000 "illegal" residents. Despite the constant raids, jailings, fines and deportation orders leveled against the "illegal" residents, first hundreds, then thousands, refused to leave and instead set up a squatters' camp. Numerous police raids were carried out against the camp, including one on August 11th in which the police not only burnt the camp down and arrested the squatters, but set up an armed guard and dug trenches around the camp to prevent a re-occupation. Still the squatters returned. Roadblocks were set up to prevent the delivery of food and supplies to the squatters from outside supporters. Again the squatters returned, eventually quadrupling in number. On August 19 the South African rulers launched their massive police raid and enforced deportation. Immediately following the demolition of the squatters' camp, over 1,000 demonstrators, mostly white, attempted to storm the parliament building in Capetown in protest against the arrests and were only held off by the use of squads of South African riot police and attack dogs.

The South African rulers are lashing out wildly in every direction against the Azanian people. But no matter which way it turns, the apartheid regime is constantly confronted with its own vulnerability and the spectre of its crumbling role.

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tried to deliver a pretty little package with the arrest of Williams and totally obscure their own muck. But there are more than a few blemishes on this package, and while the full significance of what follows is not yet clear, what is obvious is that the "lone killer" theory—projected about Williams—is completely bogus. Let's take a look at some of these blemishes in a case we are to believe is "solved," and just some of the dirt that won't wash off the hands of the authorities.

Late last month, District Attorney Lewis Slaton presented "secret evidence" in documents sealed even from the eyes of the defense attorneys. This resulted in a second murder indictment against Williams, for the murder of Jimmy Payne. But the DA's office suddenly realized that it might have more than a little trouble convincing a jury that Williams killed Payne when Payne's death certificate didn't say that he'd been killed at all! The death certificate said that Payne was a "possible

drowning" victim, and that the cause of death was undetermined. Not to be deterred by this contradiction, the state simply used the resources at its command. Within two days, the medical examiner, Dr. Saki, revealed that he had "goofed" when filling out the death certificate on Payne that had been placed in the public record. Of course, he says that all along the copies filed away at his office had read that Payne had died from "probable asphyxia." So the good doctor simply wrote a new one for the public record.

What's going on here? And what's going on with the disappearance of Charles Watson? Watson, 24, vanished the same time Williams was arrested. He had been serving time for robbery at the Middle Georgia Correctional Complex in Hardwick and was transferred to the Cobb County Jail near Atlanta in late May to help the police find two men who were possible suspects in the youth murders. Watson, who had passed lie detector and hypnosis tests on information he revealed to the police concerning the killings was released from the Cobb Jail every night for three weeks to look for these suspects. He

was followed by detectives at all times. But on the eve of the arrest of Williams, Watson disappeared. He has not been seen since, and, of course, neither has his suspect. A coincidence? While it is not known for sure what happened to Watson, and the police maintain that he simply split, the whole affair smells like some clean-up operation in which the police, the FBI or someone decided to dispose of any evidence that proved contradictory to the "lone suspect" Wayne Williams case. Watson's family denied that he had ever talked of fleeing, and given the fact that he had less than a year's time to serve on his sentence, it seems unlikely that he would have simply left town.

Next we come to some dirt which originates at a curious source, namely one Chet Dettlinger. Dettlinger is a former Atlanta Police Department Major, a racist ex-pig who was fired along with several of his cronies in the aftermath of an inter-department dispute several years ago. He has since done a stint in Washington, D.C. as a Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) officer and has recently been

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Correction

In the article "U.S. Preps Atlantic Armada" (RW No. 118) an incorrect figure was given for the number of ships involved. A total of 250 ships are involved in the maneuvers, including the entire U.S. Atlantic fleet.

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giving a series of public lectures about the Atlanta murders in his capacity as a police science professor at Georgia State University. Dettlinger's own role in all this is highly questionable, to say the least, his information seemingly designed to embarrass and discredit old enemies now in power in City Hall. Some of what he has said is bullshit, but some of the facts he has revealed have been checked out and are true.

It turns out that the police fabricated a lot of evidence. In retrospect, it's clear that this was done in order to fit certain murders into whatever line was being run by the authorities at the particular time. For example, Aaron Wyches, 10 years old, was murdered in June, 1980. Wyches' body was found beside a railroad track, directly under an overpass, at a time when the official line was that there were no "series of murders" of Black youth. His body was the first to be found outside the Fulton County line, and the De Kalb County officials ruled that Wyches' death was "accidental," that the youth had merely toppled from the bridge. The problem is that the bridge is almost impossible to fall off, with a 2-foot high concrete wall topped by two guard rails. And Wyches' body was in a carefully laid out position below, with no broken bones. While Dettlinger used this example to lambast the Task Force (set up last year by the present administration), it could hardly be held accountable for this lie, since there was no Task Force at that time (which was also a part of the line that the murders were not connected). The "accidental" death story was actually put out under the leadership of Dick Hand, the white police chief of De Kalb (and a close personal friend of Dettlinger's). Every news source printed this lie as the truth, and some continue to do so to this day.

Of course, the Task Force has been responsible for the same kind of "evidence" in its investigation. The body of Patrick Rogers, 15, was found floating in the Chattahoochee River in December of 1980. Throughout November and December, there was a pronounced effort to convince the public that the string of murders had stopped. Things were particularly tense because only weeks earlier the day care center at the Bowen Homes housing project had exploded, killing four Black youth and one teacher. Most associated the explosion with the murders.

The Task Force naturally denied that the death of Patrick Rogers had anything to do with the other 15 already under investigation. To bolster the idea, the police claimed that Rogers had most likely been killed in the process of robbing someone. Why was this line of reasoning introduced? Logically because, according to police, Rogers was already wanted on a warrant for robbery. This was true and widely reported in the press. There was indeed a warrant. But the warrant had been written *two days after* Rogers had been reported missing and, as it turns out, murdered! And more, family and friends told the *RW* that to their knowledge, the police did not even attempt to serve any warrant, even though the body was not found for several more days.

But neither of these stories could make it when all the lies exploded back in the authorities' faces with the brutal escalation of the murders, as bodies continued to be found with clockwork precision for many more months. Both Wyches' and Rogers' names were added to the Task Force list months after they had been killed, and after any real evidence was long gone.

In the case of Alfred Evans, 13, the second child to die, and the first to die from "probable asphyxia," the body was supposedly identified by dental records. But his body did not have a pierced ear, which Evans' mother insists he had, and to this day it is not known exactly who is buried in Evans' grave. To questions about the identification of Evans, the medical examiner, Dr. Stivers, told the *RW* that there was "no contention that he had a pierced ear" and that "his family ac-

cepted him and buried him." What this doctor conveniently omitted is the fact that the family was never allowed to see the body—which was a policy that the coroners used in most of the cases!

In Jeffrey Mathis' case, another possible switch, the Board of Medical Examiners voted that the skeletal remains were his. But the skull in question showed a definite pointed appearance, which did not match Mathis' look. The remains were found in underbrush that indicated the body had decomposed in the *fall*. But Mathis had disappeared in *March* of 1980.

Aside from this line of discussion, the *RW* queried the medical examiner on the question of any mutilation done to the bodies. He said, "There was only one young boy that came close to that. Part of his testicles were gone. We determined that was done by small animals." The *RW* had reported on April 24 the likelihood of castration in the murder of Michael McIntosh, whose body was found in the river, and whose sex could not immediately be determined, as well as the vicious mutilation of Angel Lenair. But this is the first time that an official has admitted, after two years of adamantly insisting the opposite, that there was anything wrong with the bodies of the youth that would indicate a racially motivated death.

In order to fit neatly into this whole

package, the police have also made a major change in their tactics this summer. After months of a heavy police presence in the Black neighborhoods, much of this has been temporarily removed. Most of the roadblocks have come down, the 100 extra state patrolmen in cars have been shipped back to the rural highways, and the "curfew violators" are rarely harassed, even though the curfew will be extended for another three months.

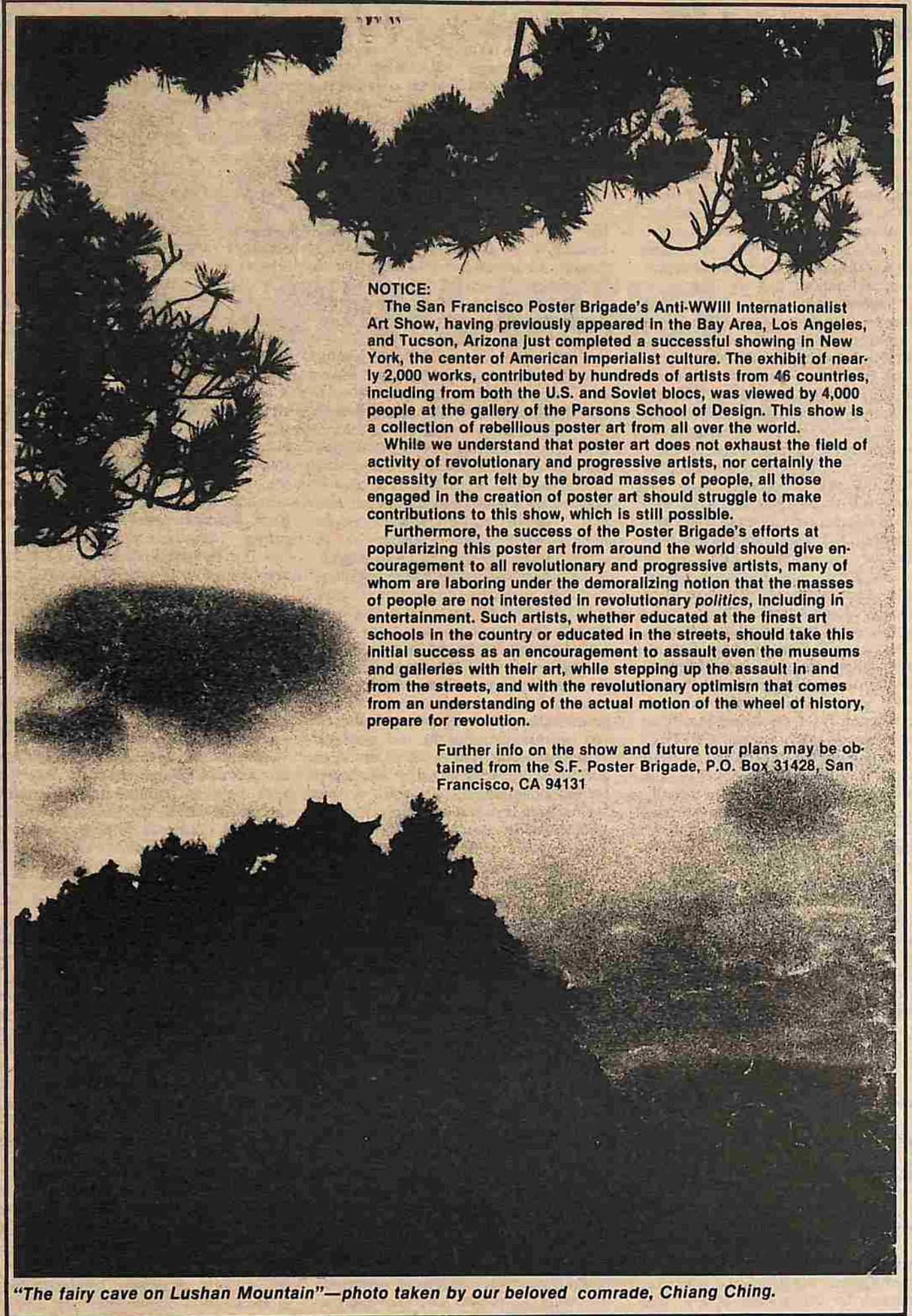
Pulling out the more obvious police apparatus had everything to do with the Williams arrest. After all, who would have believed the story that the police were there for the "investigation" any more, if they stayed on after the investigation folded? That would have been an open admission that the cops were there all along to enforce the "order."

But the police in Atlanta are still the police. On August 19, the SWAT team was called out to help serve an arrest warrant on an "uncooperative" Black man—in an attack where the man's door was pulled off the hinges by a tow truck. He was dragged out of the apartment. This force was used for a "suspect" who had been locked up in jail at the time of the crime he was supposed to have committed. The scene was sharp testimony to one of the changes coming from the situation in

Atlanta—a further unleashing of the police to run rampages, especially in Black communities.

But the unleashing of reaction has not been limited to the police. On July 28, Norman Rutledge, a 29-year-old Black Vietnam vet, was gunned down in cold blood, one block from the Bowen Homes housing project, a neighborhood where several of Atlanta's murdered Black youth lived. Rutledge was slain by three rounds of .38 ammunition that were pumped into his chest at close range by a white liquor store owner who claimed that the Black man "acted erratically." He died instantly. Almost as instantly the white murderer (whose well known racist verbal abuse against his Black customers had finally boiled over into murder) was released from jail on a \$1000 bond, when Municipal Court Judge Little reduced the charge from murder to involuntary manslaughter.

Meanwhile, the trial of Williams is slated for October. Try as they may, it will grow increasingly difficult for the state to obscure the glaring contradictions raised here and elsewhere. And much more remains to be drug into light. □



"The fairy cave on Lushan Mountain"—photo taken by our beloved comrade, Chiang Ching.

NOTICE:

The San Francisco Poster Brigade's Anti-WWIII Internationalist Art Show, having previously appeared in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Tucson, Arizona just completed a successful showing in New York, the center of American imperialist culture. The exhibit of nearly 2,000 works, contributed by hundreds of artists from 46 countries, including from both the U.S. and Soviet blocs, was viewed by 4,000 people at the gallery of the Parsons School of Design. This show is a collection of rebellious poster art from all over the world.

While we understand that poster art does not exhaust the field of activity of revolutionary and progressive artists, nor certainly the necessity for art felt by the broad masses of people, all those engaged in the creation of poster art should struggle to make contributions to this show, which is still possible.

Furthermore, the success of the Poster Brigade's efforts at popularizing this poster art from around the world should give encouragement to all revolutionary and progressive artists, many of whom are laboring under the demoralizing notion that the masses of people are not interested in revolutionary politics, including in entertainment. Such artists, whether educated at the finest art schools in the country or educated in the streets, should take this initial success as an encouragement to assault even the museums and galleries with their art, while stepping up the assault in and from the streets, and with the revolutionary optimism that comes from an understanding of the actual motion of the wheel of history, prepare for revolution.

Further info on the show and future tour plans may be obtained from the S.F. Poster Brigade, P.O. Box 31428, San Francisco, CA 94131

Assassin

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One memo quotes Richard Nixon as saying he wanted "that creep kicked out of the country."

Finally, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), which has a long and well known history of being used as a tool of political repression, was brought into action. The government dredged up a 1968 marijuana charge as the basis for instituting deportation proceedings against Lennon as an "undesirable alien." Deportation proceedings and numerous other forms of government harassment were prosecuted with voracity until the general chaos of the Watergate scandals erupted. Only in 1976 did the INS formally drop proceedings against Lennon, and since then, there had been recurrent threats to revive them.

Lennon was by no means the only cultural figure associated with the movements of the 1960s and after who came under this type of surveillance and repression. A.J. Weberman, a left-wing researcher, has detailed FBI files on Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, and others all of whom died suddenly of what were alleged to be drug overdoses with suicidal overtones. In the case of each of these figures, there has been "speculation" that they were murdered. Whatever did in fact happen to these individuals, only one who is ignorant of the crimes that have been exposed—such as the COINTELPRO campaign against the actress Jean Seberg, a political supporter of the Black Panther Party, which eventually drove her to suicide—could dismiss such "speculation" as "bizarre."

Neither is it wise to accept the myth that after the "tragedy of Watergate," the "excesses" of the COINTELPRO era somehow vanished into thin air. While the bourgeoisie in the mid-70s was in political retreat and reorganizing after the defeat in Vietnam, the current period of preparations for war with the Soviet Union clearly requires the unleashing of terroristic repression on a far vaster scale. These are points that the ruling class has made repeatedly itself, with its calls to "unshackle" the

FBI and CIA; all this is well known, and need not be reviewed here. The example of Gordon Liddy serves as a rough rule of thumb: the "psychotic Watergate criminal" of 1974 becomes a talk show hero and author of a fascist best seller in 1980.

So it is in this context that we must examine the background and movements of Mark David Chapman.

The World Travels of a "Lone Nut"

Chapman was born in Texas in 1955, the son of an Air Force officer who became an oil company executive and banker. Chapman went to high school in Georgia. While in high school, he became associated with a conservative "Jesus freak" movement: short hair, suit and tie.

After high school, Chapman briefly attended community college, then dropped out. Suddenly, he became very heavily involved with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). After a brief stint as a camp counselor, Chapman, according to press accounts, was "informed of a job in Beirut, Lebanon, opening up a youth hostel." Beirut was at that time in the midst of an extremely violent civil war. Whether it is commonplace for the YMCA to suggest to employees of a few weeks standing that they fly across the world to "open youth hostels" in the middle of a battlefield, we do not know. In any case, Chapman left for Beirut in June, 1975, during the peak of the worst fighting. He stayed only a few weeks, then returned. He claimed to be disappointed that the hostel scheme had proved unworkable, but he did produce cassette tapes he had made of machine gun fire in the streets, which he played for his acquaintances.

Chapman continued to work for the YMCA—at a camp for Vietnamese refugees set up at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. He worked at the resettlement camp for 6 months. After the camp quit admitting refugees, Chapman left Fort Chaffee, and enrolled at a bible college in Tennessee. But after one semester, he "flunked out," supposedly suffering from a drug problem.

Next, Chapman decided to take a "security guard training course" in Atlanta, Georgia, a course oriented towards teaching proficiency in the use of hand guns. After passing his pistol

firing test, Chapman engaged in a very brief stint as a security guard in Atlanta.

Then, Chapman suddenly removed himself to Hawaii.

Chapman is alleged to have attempted suicide twice during this period. He is on record as having been institutionalized at Castle Memorial Hospital on the island of Oahu, where he also held a job working in the print shop. But by 1978, he was sufficiently in command of his emotions to travel to Geneva, Switzerland for the World Alliance conference of the YMCA. There, he met David Moore, the YMCA official who had debriefed Chapman upon his return from Lebanon and supervised his work at Fort Chaffee.

There followed what is described in the press accounts only as an "around the world sojourn."

In October, 1980, Chapman purchased the snub nosed revolver he was to use in the Lennon shooting. In early November, he left Hawaii and travelled to Atlanta, where he had first learned the "security guard" trade. From Atlanta, he stopped briefly in New York, where he cased the Dakota apartments. Then he returned to Hawaii. Then he flew back again to New York, arriving on December 6th.

Where did Chapman get the money for this incredible travel itinerary? Not from his father, who claimed that the two had not spoken to each other since 1977.

As is well known, Chapman spent his entire time during his last trip to New York planning, then carrying out, the assassination of John Lennon.

So what are we to conclude from this account of Chapman's history, together with the clear political implications of the murder itself, the lenient treatment accorded Chapman in court, his own "loose lips sink ships" behavior—with the corollary of an allegorical "statement" justifying and politically explaining his act? Quite simple, according to the bourgeoisie: Chapman's motive was "personal aggrandizement, to draw attention to himself..."; Chapman, by carrying out the slaying, was "serving as a defense against his own suicidal wishes" and "killing himself psychologically"; Chapman was a "lone nut." *Overthrow* magazine, a publication of the Youth

International Party (YIPPIES) in its January, 1981 commentary on the murder, pointed out that "El Salvador and Argentina may have their death squads, but in the good old US of A the acceptable idiom of political assassination is 'the lone nut.'"

While it is not our purpose here to draw definite conclusions on the precise forces instigating Chapman, on the other hand the record as it stands leaves the field of "contrived theories" and "far our speculation" to those who wish to argue that Chapman was really nothing more than a lonely neurotic mixed up kid.

Why would the ruling class want to murder John Lennon? It is really not difficult to see why. Lennon's influence on the mass movements which were at a peak during his period of greatest activity was contradictory; a thorough analysis of his role is well beyond the scope of this article. But, as we mentioned above, the thing about Lennon was that he stood in the eyes of many millions, in a very general, even diffuse, yet enduring sense, as an artist identified with the spirit and the culture of an era of unrest and rebellion in U.S. society. The era known as "the '60s," of course, contained within it its own sharp contradictions; certainly Lennon manifested many of them in his own life and work. But his residual influence, even in retirement, remained enormous. When word came that he and Yoko Ono were returning to active life, were releasing a new album, and were planning a world tour, there was quite a bit of excitement in popular rock circles.

In brief, Lennon, exactly because of the breadth and depth of his influence, and his nearly universal identification with an era the bourgeoisie desperately needs to bury and rebury, each time "once and for all," was a very logical target, a very inviting target for the "catcher in the rye." The coming struggle, the era we are already living, indeed will be very different from the 1960s. But that's exactly why the imperialists are so afraid of and determined to blot out everything that was dangerous to them about that period. To boil it down to a single sentence, what is most different about the 1980s is that this time, the imperialists really are "standing on the edge of some crazy cliff"—and nobody is going to be playing games. □

KMT

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official government spokesman, while defending the right of the garrison command to interrogate people like Chen, conceded that "We should improve the procedure because of this unfortunate incident."

What seems to be also involved here is the triangular relationship between the U.S., China and Taiwan. While revisionist China and Taiwan are now both part of the U.S. bloc, the two bourgeois regimes each have their own narrow interests to push. Specifically, Taiwan is demanding that the U.S. proceed with the promised sale of advanced FX jet fighters, which China strongly opposes. There is general agreement within the ruling circles about the necessity of keeping a tight grip to the leash on both China and Taiwan. However, there is disagreement over what specific policies to pursue in order to best serve the global interests of U.S. imperialism. In this light, it is interesting to note that in a signed article appearing in the *New York Times* a few days before the hearing by the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, Stephen Solarz, the chairman of the very same committee, argued about selling the FX to Taiwan because "there is no reason to risk the seriously adverse consequences in our relationship with China—both strategically and militarily—that could ensue from such a transaction." At the end of the hearing, Solarz called for legislation to require Reagan to certify that Taiwan does not engage in "illegal" intelligence activity in the U.S. before any arms sales are approved. (Taiwan would certainly not go

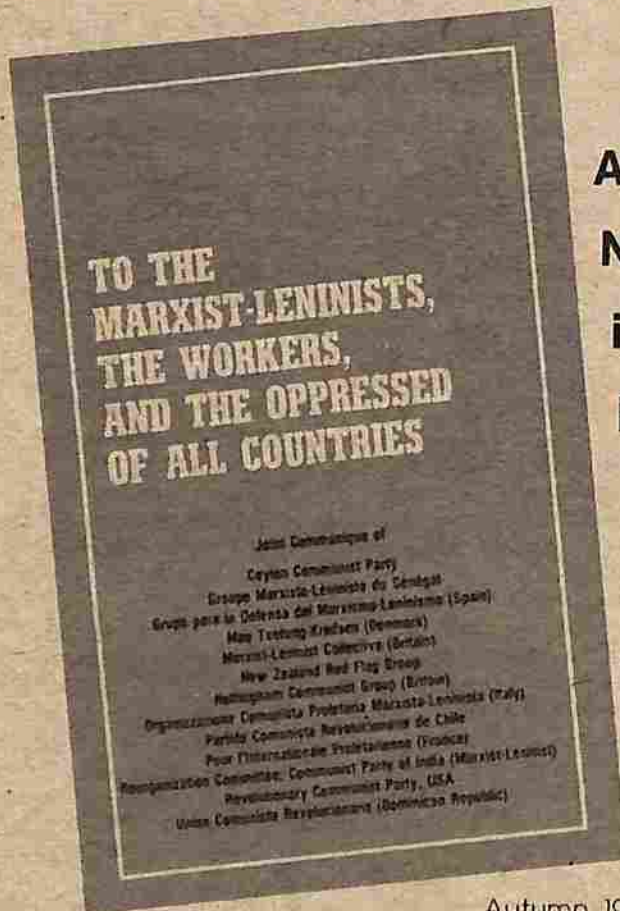
along with this, since it would mean admitting that they have engaged in such activity.)

The attention drawn to Chen's death by the U.S. (while they strove to keep it from developing into a condemnation of the U.S. role in supporting the Taiwan regime), therefore, was very possibly an effort by certain forces in the ruling circles who tend to emphasize the "China" side of the triangle to

make it difficult for "pro-Taiwan" forces to push through the FX sale and a general upgrading of diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

But whatever the intentions of U.S. imperialism, Chen's murder has already touched off considerable anger and activity among the anti-KMT forces in the U.S. In July, there were demonstrations in Houston, Taipei's sister city, and in Los Angeles, where one woman was ar-

rested for splattering the Taiwan visa office with bags of red paint. In Pittsburgh, hundreds of Taiwanese attending Chen's memorial service with paper bags over their heads to prevent being identified by KMT agents reminded many of the demonstrations by Iranian students in this country before the demise of the Shah. May CIA/KMT suffer the same fate as CIA/SAVAK! □



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Death-Dance

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This Shaman was a very strong man. He had his own mob; they were carrying knives and weapons. And in 1953 when the coup d'etat happened, actually there are documents that some people had knives and clubs in one hand and in the other hand they had dollars which weren't even exchanged into Iranian money while they staged the coup. They just distributed these dollars to these mobs led by Shaman the Brainless—that's the name the Iranian people have given him. So they did the same dirty work that the Hesbollahi are presently doing right now in Iran.)

Shaman the Brainless and other backward reactionary elements went to work, but their initial plan on the 16th of August was aborted. Shah fled the country. Once again the reactionaries were able to organize and hundreds of knife-wielding and club-wielding mobs hit the streets. Right on the spot they shot everybody and as I said on the 16th of August, 1953 their initial coup was at that time aborted and three days later Kermit Roosevelt and the rest of the U.S. agents, who were in hiding operating very near to the U.S. embassy and also inside the present U.S. embassy in Tehran—well, there is no present embassy in Tehran—they operated this coup d'etat and they brought back the Shah on the 19th of August, 1953. Several hundred people were machine-gunned by the roving military tanks. In a few hours the Shah was returned and several thousand progressive people were jailed and several dozen communists were executed immediately. The bloody hand of imperialism, particularly U.S. imperialism, the main general of the coup, was everywhere.

By now thousands had been shot to death or gunned down. People of Iran, even the most believing, began to taste the democracy American-style. The coup and the open vicious murder by the Eisenhower administration was not the only gift to the Iranian people. Internationally, in 1954, Iran participated in the Baghdad Pact financed and underwritten by U.S. imperialism to encircle the then-socialist Soviet Union. The members of this military pact which was later renamed CENTO were Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Britain.

In order to have a modern and organized network of suppression to keep the Iranian masses in line, as though the above plan and plot were not enough, SAVAK, a network of torture and barbarism, was established by the close supervision and the generous helping hand of the U.S. So, during Eisenhower's administration major things happened. First, the coup d'etat and the suppression of the Iranian masses. Second, the establishment of this network of torture. The third thing was that Iran participated in a pact which was designed by U.S. imperialism to encircle the Soviet Union which was still a socialist country.

During Mr. Kennedy's presidency we were gifted with the White Revolution. The main component of the U.S.-designed reform was land reform which destroyed the self-sufficient agriculture. No longer was the Iranian peasantry able to feed themselves. Iran kept on importing the most basic food items from the imperialist countries and exchanged its oil revenue for military hardware and these basic items. More and more Iran was dependent on U.S. imperialism. The imperialist prostitute media praised the Shah for his tactfulness, and the propaganda never stopped for two years about these reforms and the White Revolution. But soon this phony land distribution bore its fruit and the peasants were far worse off than before. In 1963 the economic conditions gave rise to a big uprising in Tehran and other major cities. The Shah's army shot and killed 15,000 people and injured several thousand. At this time Khomeini was sent to exile.

During the Nixon era, we were gifted with the Nixon Doctrine. It simply meant that local puppets performed the dirty work of U.S. imperialism for their

masters. In Iran it meant the suppression of the PFLO, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman, by the fascist Shah of Iran. This butcher launched 30,000 troops to Oman to annihilate and crush the armed struggles of the Omani people. This plan corresponded to the Nixon Doctrine of Vietnamization. The U.S. rulers were facing sharp opposition here at home by the American people. So they planned a direct slaughter of the Vietnamese masses by the Vietnamese, and likewise, the Omani by the Shah's reactionary troops, rather than direct U.S. involvement.

Mr. Ford picked up where Mr. Nixon left off. Mr. Ford gifted the Iranian people with the Resurrection Party, a single fascist party in which every Iranian had three choices: to join this fascist party, to go to jail or to leave the country. Of course, leaving the country was not for the masses of Iranian people even if they could afford it. It was basically for those Iranians who were pro-different wings of the U.S. bourgeoisie, like those who were supporting, let's say, Kennedy, and they were not in the same league with, say, Ford or the Republican administration: they had their own differences. Of course, they didn't have any contradiction in exploiting the Iranian masses, neither President Ford nor Mr. Kennedy. Neither of them had any contradiction as far as that was concerned.

At this time the Shah was enjoying an immense revenue from oil, and this stupid reactionary idiot thought he could buy himself a mass base with this revenue. Therefore, the Resurrection Party was his answer to the explosive situation in Iran. Traditionally after each president came to office they invited different puppets to assign them their role and dictate the policies of their administration. Suppression of the masses, execution of revolutionaries, dependency on the U.S. to its ultimate limit was the common demand of every president and their faithful lackey, Shah. During "Mr. Human Rights" presidency the Iranian people suffered probably the most. Today there are hundreds of maimed little children whose arms, fingers or legs have been cut before the eyes of their parents by SAVAK in order to force the parents to talk or to recant their revolutionary activities. Unfortunately I didn't bring some of these pictures, but I'm sure if you have been following the news, especially a couple of months after the February revolution in Iran, there was a tremendous number of pictures of children who didn't have hands or legs because they had been tortured by the reactionary regime.

Hundreds of adults were being toasted barbarically by the U.S.-trained SAVAK. These are all documented facts and U.S. imperialism should be put on the Mass Proletarian Tribunal for its war crimes. The people of the world are longing for the day when the people's justice will prevail. People have to avenge and will avenge the blood of Lumumba, Fred Hampton, Damián Garcia, Malcolm X and millions of other revolutionaries, whether it be Palestinians, Vietnamese or the people of El Salvador.

Now it would be worth mentioning a couple of examples of how foreign nationals are being treated in this land of freedom and democracy. I'll cite two examples which have been witnessed by several Iranians in this very Chicago. In a typical rally and demonstration against the reactionary regime of the Shah and his master, U.S. imperialism, in a not-so-typical neighborhood in Chicago—it was a very high-class neighborhood in Chicago—we had this demonstration against the Shah's foreign minister who was visiting; and we were supposedly and legally allowed to demonstrate and use a bullhorn. In this not-so-typical Chicago neighborhood our bullhorn was confiscated. They said, "You are disturbing the peace." Two female marshalls asked the police, the instruments of oppression, if any of their imperialist laws were violated. They threatened that if we didn't break up the rally right away, everybody would be arrested. We continued our demonstration and without any reason, except for the imperialist one, the two were snatched off the demonstration line and the cops threw them into the paddy wagon. The sergeant addressed

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his men to take them for a ride, by which we did not know what he meant. Our arrested comrades said later that the paddy wagon would speed up and all of a sudden come to a sharp stop, throwing their handcuffed bodies around the walls of the wagon. This so-called "ride" to the station, which was only three or four minutes away, took more than 40 minutes and caused serious injuries, including a fracture of the head and the ankle of one of them. They needed immediate medical attention. One of them was not taken to the hospital at all and the unconscious body of the other comrade was carried out after two hours to the hospital. Our comrades said they felt very much at home under the murderous regime of the Shah in this land of democracy and freedom.

In another incident 200 demonstrating students were once again arrested without reason. Even the police and FBI and secret agents later admitted that they couldn't fabricate anything but that we had to be punished for exposing the murderous Shah and his masters. So, immigration was called in to check our papers. Among us there were some American comrades who had to go through proving that their papers were okay. For several hours in hot summer weather, the heaters of the police wagons were turned on. Intense heat made several people throw up. We could go on and on and cite numerous examples to show the justice and democracy in this land of the free and the home of the brave. Other comrades could give their personal experiences in other cities to indict and put on trial U.S. imperialism.

The third example happened two days ago which everybody has heard of, the so-called hostage-taking in the Iranian embassy in Washington, D.C. The true story is that 61 supporters of the Mojahadeen organization, which is a revolutionary organization, had a 6-day hunger strike ending August 4th, protesting the execution of Saadati, a leading member of Mojahadeen. The following day they were surrounded and arrested by the fascist police of New York, and all of them were arrested for disturbing the peace in their own home. Immigration and the police conspired and collaborated and rushed to their residence at seven o'clock in the morning. These people decided they wanted to continue their hunger strike in jail when they were arrested. The next day about 25 (supporters of Mojahadeen in Washington, D.C.) went to the Algerian embassy section, which is allocated to Iranian affairs, to protest the arrest of these people who were not giving their names out. When they were there they definitely smashed everything they could get their hands on and they put the slogans, as you might have seen, "Down with Khomeini and the reac-

tionary regime," which is responsible for killing the Iranian people, especially Mojahadeen. Therefore, as they were leaving, one of the pro-Khomeini forces in the embassy started shooting. In the media there was no mention of how the incident happened, that this demonstration was basically a protest against the execution of Saadati, leader of the Mojahadeen. All they said is that these Iranians have stormed the embassy and have taken some people hostage. Presently the U.S. government, in collaboration with the Iranian regime, is trying to send these people immediately back home. From the experience we have, what happened to two of the supporters of the Mojahadeen, who were in Germany and were active, as soon as they landed in Tehran airport, they were taken and they were executed immediately. They are going to deport these people which also means they will probably be facing the same fate.

The case of those 12 Mojahadeen girls who were 12-18 (years old) should also be presented here to show the collaboration and direct help of U.S. imperialism. Any revolutionary, any people who talk about revolution in Iran today, are being threatened with death. And U.S. imperialism is very, very happy about what is happening right now in Iran because the most revolutionary people in Iran right now are being executed and are being wiped out. This is something the United States and the Soviet Union are very, very much happy about because for both of them the more revolutionaries that are executed and wiped out the happier they will be, and they will be able to stage and bring the type of government, a fascist government, they want, to power. Right now things are working for the regime very, very good. They really like it because the reactionary regime right now is executing and killing these Iranian people. They don't even mind killing children as young as 9 years old. The minister of justice, which is indeed the minister of torture and execution, has said that 9-year-olds are mature enough and they know what they are doing. Definitely three girls knew what they were doing, they were going to bring the present fascist regime of Iran down.

So, these 12 girls, without even asking or knowing their names the judge gave them to the firing squad and they were shot. They asked what were their names and the girls said, "Mojahed," which means combatant, and (they asked) the son or the daughter of—they usually ask these questions in court—and the girls said, "The people of Iran," and the fascists ordered them shot.

But hundreds of these youth, according to reliable sources, have picked up guns. And they are ready. □

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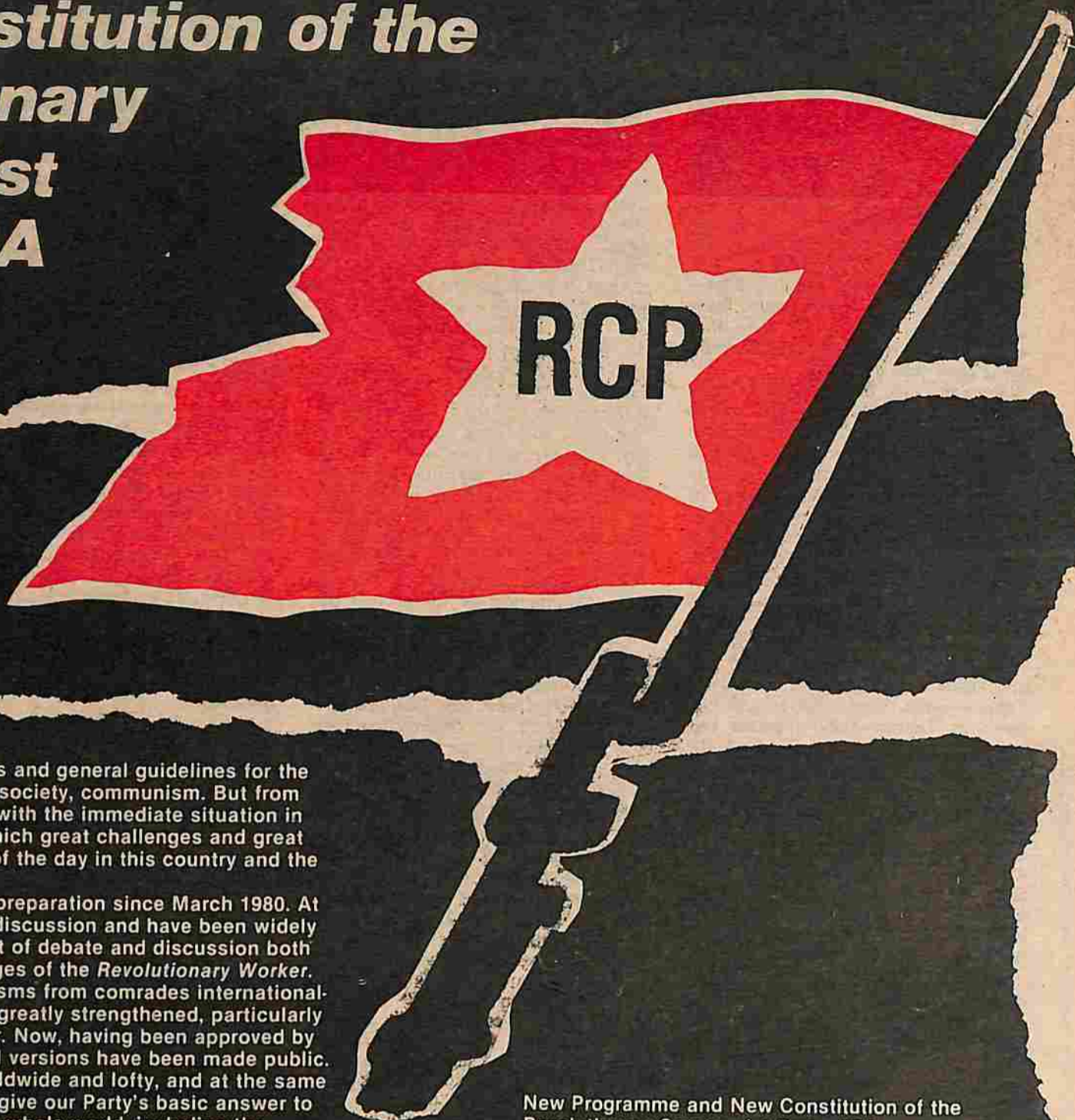
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