

COUNTERFEIT CREW UNMASKED

In the last few years the Revolutionary Student Brigade has emerged as the largest, most important revolutionary organization of the nation's campuses and has begun the process of building chapters in the ghettos and communities. Our purpose for existence has been to mobilize broad numbers of students and youth to stand with the working class and its Party in the fight for socialism and communism. Until now, the Revolutionary Communist Party was the party of the working class, the party of revolution. On that basis the RSB accepted leadership from and supported the RCP.

IT'S RIGHT TO REBEL AGAINST REACTION

In recent weeks the RCP has begun to consolidate around a counter-revolutionary line that abandons the struggle for socialism in this country and abandons socialism where it has been won - in the People's Republic of China. 40% of the Party has rebelled against this betrayal.

Despite physical intimidation and attacks, despite constant claims that the Brigade members are too stupid to deal with the political questions at hand, the overwhelming majority of Brigade members, including 90% of the East coast, and 85% of the western mid-west, the entire national office and 2/3 of its elected political leadership, have chosen to raise their heads and stand with the rebellion. We supported the RCP when it stood for revolution. We are forced to rebel against it when it abandons this task.

The oppression and misery that people throughout this country face, demands revolution and revolutionary leadership. The heroic strike of the coal miners taking place right now demands it. The anger and hatred millions of minorities have for the Bakke decision demands it. The victims of US aggression in southern Africa demands it. We are determined to help provide it. We are determined to help mobilize students in this country to stand with the working people world-wide. For final freedom and liberation can only be gained through revolution led by a revolutionary party. We are determined to stand with and contribute to building that party. Right now we are joining with hundreds of communists who have rebelled against the RCP's opportunist turn to do just that.

As we said at the 1977 RSB convention, "We are 700 youths and students from all across America determined to fight the rulers of this country, stronger, smarter and more organized than before. 700 who don't want to see the people being forced to fight one abuse after another year after year. 700 who are sure that we can help move the struggle forward to build a bright new world. 700 determined to be the generation that brings socialism to America."

It would be irresponsible for us to tell students of this country to support ANY party, or support ANY strategy for revolution. It would prove dangerous today, and outright disastrous tomorrow. Every student who has fought the rulers for the smallest concession knows full well that wrong leadership can lead to defeat. In the struggle for revolution, wrong leadership can lead to golden opportunities being blown and millions being condemned to continued but unnecessary oppression. Therefore, at a recent national meeting of the RSB, attended by two thirds of its membership, we made a difficult but necessary decision. The decision to uphold the interests of the people and the goal of revolution above former allegiances and to rebel against the opportunist RCP and its egomaniacal chair, Bob Avakian.

Some members of the RSB, particularly in the South and California have chosen instead to become Avakianites. We hope these wayward comrades will lift their heads up, choose to be communists, not Avakianites, and reboard the train to revolution.

At the same time, it is important to expose their attempts to pimp off the name and experience of the RSB. These former members of the RSB have chosen to form a cheap and counterfeit imitation of the RSB. This organization, called the "RCYB", has as much in common with the RSB of the last several years as any other phony socialist group running around on the campuses. NONE!

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OPEN LETTER TO PIPSQUEAK AVAKIAN 1/24/78

What You Couldn't Organize, You Can't Steal!

This short person's got no reason to live

We condemn your attempts to split our organization. We condemn your attempts to hijack our organization for your own purposes. We condemn your cowardly attacks on our members and our national office.

Our membership has recently become aware that a severe crisis has shaken the Revolutionary Communist Party. We are aware that nearly half of the Party, including half the leadership, have rebelled against your decision to support the Gang of Four and to conclude that China is on the revisionist, capitalist road. We are also aware that there are substantial differences on how to apply Marxism-Leninism to the U.S. Out of these two lines and as a product of the rebellion there have emerged two headquarters in the Party (your own and the Revolutionary Workers Headquarters). This line struggle is important. It is a struggle between Marxism and opportunism and between revolution and counter revolution. Those who take the wrong position are on the road to hell. Since we are a communist youth organization that stands with the RCP, that has been developed by the RCP and acknowledges the leadership of the RCP, this struggle has great implications for our organization. We as an organization that openly applies Marxism-Leninism are capable of determining right from wrong. As an organization that has for a number of years stood with the People's Republic of China, we are capable of determining the class nature of the Chinese Party and State. In short, the political differences in the Party could have been brought into the Brigade and struggled out.

This however has not been your approach. Brigade members under your influence attempted to organize secret Brigade meetings. Individuals representing your Central Committee have come to our meetings and declared them "illegal." We had tried to resolve this struggle in a principled way. A national meeting was called in Baltimore the same weekend as the benefits demonstration. A debate was proposed between the two headquarters. Instead you went ahead and organized a scab national Brigade meeting that only a sixth of the Brigade membership attended. Most chapters and areas were excluded. It was not called by our National Political Committee and in fact was in opposition to the decisions of two thirds of our NPC and the meeting it called. You defended this scab meeting from the Brigade membership itself with a paramilitary force of thirty goons in Cincinnati. They came complete with chains, bats, blackjacks and attacked our members - particularly the National Office of the Brigade. Six foot six goons wielding baseball bats clubbed women. Our members had come armed with nothing but Marxism-Leninism. It seems it was this weapon that you feared the most. Since then you have released a pamphlet that claims the majority of the Brigade and the Brigade as an organization supports you. This is an outright lie! There is not one chapter on the East Coast that supports you. In the Midwest the majority of the chapters oppose you. The entire National Office and two thirds of the National Political Committee oppose you.

Bob Avakian - who the fuck do you think you are. You don't own our organization. Nor will you be allowed to steal it. We are the proud inheritors of the traditions of the RSB and the Youth in Actions, not the sixty who met in Cincinnati. Our organization has fought the rulers from Wall St. to Kent State. We have withstood the various political assaults of the bourgeoisie. We have fought the perversion of Marxism-Leninism by opportunists. We will certainly roll over a pipsqueak like you. ■

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Our organization has grown and earned the respect of students because it has been a fighting organization. When ten thousand students stormed the New York State Capitol, we led the charge. When the KKK showed up in Tallahassee, we helped to run them out. Just this week we helped to force the University of Wisconsin to divest stocks in southern Africa. We have been on the frontlines of the major battles and we've fought like hell in the smaller ones too. From picket-lines and rallies around issues, from fired professors to late financial aid checks, students have known the RSB as the fighters, the radicals on campus.

We have taken this stand in opposition to a variety of grouplets on the campuses who openly call themselves Trotskyites (named after their hero, Leon Trotsky, who did everything to oppose socialism in the Soviet Union and was run out of that country over 45 years ago for being the counter-revolutionary scum of the earth). The RCYB has taken the same stand as these trotskyites but they lack the honesty to admit it. Many students have seen how these groups operate. Refusing to join with the struggles students are waging, they are forced to simply ignore them. Concocting proposals for the fight that are actual diversions, they make themselves objects of contempt. Their attempts to rip off the advanced fighters from every struggle just to build their own organizations has earned them hatred. Their intellectualizing and theorizing have earned them ridicule. These groups call themselves communists but they breed anti-communism. Communists become viewed as preachers and pimps. Mao Tse tung described similar people in China when he said:

"In a very short time several hundred million peasants will rise like a mighty storm, like a hurricane, a force so swift and violent that no power, however great, will be able to hold it back. They will smash all the trammels that bind them and rush forward along the road to liberation. They will sweep all the imperialists, warlords, corrupt officials, local tyrants and evil gentry into their graves. Every revolutionary party and comrade will be put to the test, to be accepted or rejected as they decide. There are three alternatives. To march at the head and lead them? To trail behind them, gesticulating and criticizing? Or to stand in the way and oppose them? Every Chinese is free to choose, but events will force you to make the choice quickly."

The Avakianites have chosen to trail, to gesticulate, to criticize, and most importantly to stand in the way of the struggle.



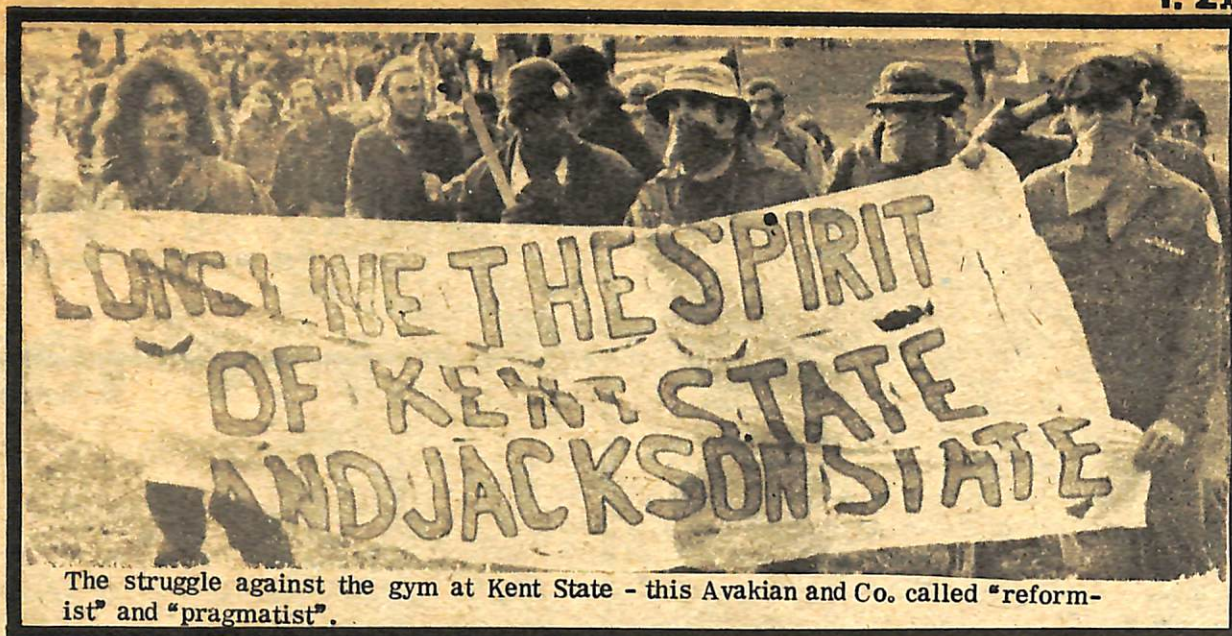
The fight against police repression in Humboldt Park - this Avakian called "embarrassing".

That's why Avakian argued that our organization shouldn't join this past summer with the struggle to stop police terror in the Puerto Rican community of Humboldt Park in Chicago. He argued that instead we should mobilize the youth to go to Kent State, because "this was a struggle they could be proud of". This statement is not only racist, it's revealing. It reveals these phonies have no interest in joining with and leading the ACTUAL struggles people are waging but instead choose to promote battles that THEY consider important. And then they lead these incorrectly.

A good example of how this works is Kent

In one short statement this representative of the Avakian clique exposed their contempt for the struggles thousands have been waging against the brutal regimes of southern Africa. Claiming to uphold revolution, these creeps oppose fighting to end the sale of the South African coin the kruggerand, sold in the U.S. to help prop up apartheid, as well as the struggle to end university investments in southern Africa.

Brothers and sisters, if communists aren't fighters, what are they? To the Avakianites, communists aren't fighters until the morning of revolution. Then they will hurry to pawn



The struggle against the gym at Kent State - this Avakian and Co. called "reformist" and "pragmatist".

State. At one point they argued that the RSB should lead students to block the bulldozers at the Gym site. It is not the particular tactic that is wrong, for at times it might actually be very useful and important. But for Avakian the question was not whether this tactic would advance the struggle, but whether or not it would get us on national news. Such actions can only lead to isolating the advanced from the masses of students, lead to defeatism when it fails and causes actual danger to those who participate.

But despite obstacles thrown in our way, the struggle to move the gym at Kent State was a tremendous victory. Thousands of students rose up to take on the KSU administrations plans to destroy the site where four students were murdered and bury along with it the lessons of the war and the movement that swept the country in opposition to it.

Standing together we delivered a powerful message to the rulers of this country, we are not the silent generation, youth unconcerned about injustice. We are a generation ready to stand up for what is right, ready to build a movement powerful enough to sweep them and their system of oppression into the pages of history textbooks forever.

At the 1977 RSB convention some of Avakians followers in our ranks openly stated the sickness of their position. Avakian's followers, in the course of opposing fighting university investments and the Kruggerand, complained, "For too long we have been mired in the struggle for reform, what we really have to do is propagate revolution." And another example, perhaps even clearer, comes from the Bay Area student leader. In characteristic Trotskyite logic he declared, "Who do we want in this organization? Do we want militant fighters? No, we want communists."

their books, pick up their weapons, march to the front lines and attack the government. Alas, revolution is not that easy. If communists don't fight today, they will not be capable of leading at the time of revolution. Communists who decry fighting are not communists at all. They are intellectual windbags. Many students have seen these kinds of "Marxists" on the campus. They glibly philosophize and are never around when it's time to build the struggle. Avakian wanted to turn the RSB into a collection of intellectual windbags. But it his RCYB that is quickly cornering the helium market.

But even as intellectuals these RCYBers fail miserably. They are just as incapable of organizing theory as they are the struggle. Instead of concrete plans for the whole organization to take up revolutionary theory, they send everyone home to study on his own. Those familiar with theory study further, those who are not are left to sink or swim.

THEORY SERVES PRACTICE

This is not simply a question of how to organize study. It runs much deeper. For them, theory is not necessarily something taken up to serve practice - the struggle of the people. Therefore there is no reason why the organization should study together, to integrate theory with practice. They separate theory from the work and promote the idea of "theory in its own right", or theory for its own sake. Instead of contributing to the deepening understanding of revolutionary theory, they contribute only to the trotskyite school of theoretical abstraction.

Intellectual windbags, standing apart from the struggle or merely concocting schemes to make ourselves famous, this is the RSB Avakian had in mind for us. But he wasn't content to leave it at that. For him and his clique, our role was to shock people with our communism. This led to their insistence that "communism" be in the name of our organization. Sometimes it was argued that communism would shock people and they say that is a good thing. Other times they would say that it was no more controversial than wearing a beret, so what's the problem. The first point at least is worth discussing for it does at least touch reality.

These new found Yuppies believe that a communist student organization should engage in ideological terrorism - against the people. The first time it was a farce, the second time a tragedy. Maybe the originator of this line is in the need of shock therapy but the masses aren't. The capitalists provide all the shocks the people need. A communists task is not to shock people. A communists task is to unite with the people, lead them in battle against the problems they face and explain the source of this oppression and how to overcome it.

The name RCYB went hand in hand with their view of what our organization should be. Instead of a mass organization, it should restrict its membership for the sake of ideological purity. Instead of uniting with the people, it should "live in controversy" by shocking people. It should increasingly abandon the struggle in favor of theoretical work. This has already come out as the RCYB has declared that the main aspect of the fight against Bakke is the ideological struggle.

But let's step back for a moment and see how the Avakian shock forces are fairing. Anticipating the isolation their revolutionary therapy might cause, they have chosen to bury their organization and their name into mass organizations built around different issues.

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This is not an example of political cowardice, but more of the errors the line leads to. Mass organizations that are needed to unite broad numbers of people are fine. But to build a mass organization for every little issue is in fact a mistake. The result is the communist organization sells its paper, holds educational programs, while the mass committee builds the struggle. The result is that the mass committee has trouble fully understanding the nature of the battle, and the communists are viewed as the "idea" peddlers. But most importantly it fails at the most critical moment, when students are engaged in battle to change the world, to offer them the way to do that. It fails to harness the determination of youth to contribute to society to build a bright future. This strategy fails to offer that life with a purpose and once again abandons the struggle and the cause of socialism.

For a short time the Avakianites were able to hide from most of us what their view of our organization was and were able to force the rest of us to temporarily accept it. As a result, while our 77 convention was overwhelmingly a success, it made the serious error of accepting the name RCYB.

At a recent national meeting, it was decided that in order to consolidate our past successes and move to even greater victories we needed to correct this mistake. For that reason we have decided to return to the name Revolutionary Student Brigade.

But why was the convention a success? Because our organization had emerged as a leading force in the battles of students and youth. Not any force, but a revolutionary communist force that combined good practice with open Marxist analysis on a variety of questions. Because it linked the battles on the campus with the broad questions and struggles throughout society. Finally, because it presented a frank and real view of socialism that popularized the tremendous difference it meant for the people. Leading up to the convention, important advances had been made in struggles like Kent State, the youth march on Wall Street, and African Liberation Day.



10 million youth need jobs - the RSB and revolutionary youth groups organized a demonstration at Wall Street to hit those responsible - the bosses and bankers. Avakian called this a "pet project".

This is the proud history of the RSB. A history the Avakianites had little to do with, certainly never led, sum up negatively, and will abandon entirely in the future. It is a history the RCYB will try to pimp off of but never succeed. The picture they paint is one students have seen many times before. Its a picture of one of a number of trotskyite sects that clutter the lobbys of the student union. The campuses are plagued with enough trot sects and have no need for the RCYB.

RCYB ATTACKS CHINA

In their head-long rush to abandon the struggles of the people, the inventors of the RCYB have left no stone unturned. Discontent with simply abandoning the struggle here they have chosen

to abandon socialism everywhere and in particular in the Peoples Republic of China (PRC).

Our organization has always popularized the PRC as a living example of the future of mankind. China daily proves socialism is a society worth fighting for. It shatters the lie that capitalism is the last and best social system. The working class in China is daily proving it is capable of ruling in its own name and for its own interests.



Socialism in China has created a new life for the people - wiping out hunger, poverty, illiteracy and disease. Avakian & Co. said continuing this progress was "revisionism and capitalism".

Around the world, millions are watching China. They are watching a poor country eliminate poverty, a backward country overcome ignorance, a formerly disease ridden country provide mass quality medical care for the people. These advances are demonstrating the superiority of socialism over capitalism and are a call to imagine what life could be like under socialism in an industrial country like our own.

China has been a dividing line. A dividing line between the capitalists and the people. The capitalists and their agents try to down-play and deny the advances in China, and the people are encouraged by them and popularize them.

It is around China that the RCYB once again exposes which class it serves. One of the ways socialism has been attacked is through the capitalist myth that socialism and poverty go hand in hand and that as soon as a socialist country gains wealth it becomes corrupted. The RCYB says the same about China! The rulers say socialism can never last because power corrupts and a new set of exploiters are bound to arise. The RCYB says the same about China! The rulers say socialism is an interesting experiment, but the people are bound to grow tired of it. The RCYB says the same! The rulers divide the Chinese Communist Party into two camps - those who favor revolution and ignore production, they are the revolutionaries, and those who favor production over revolution are the pragmatists, and oppose socialism. The RCYB says the same! They believe capitalism is being restored in China. This position rather than reflecting the position of the RSB since its founding has more in common with the CIA.

RCYB SUPPORTS "GANG OF FOUR"

And it has to. It is built around support not for the Chinese people, but for a small counter revolutionary clique known as the Gang of Four.

These traitors were thrust into the headlines in this country a year and a half ago when they attempted a coup d'etat following Mao Tse-tung's death. In the sixties these forces had come forward during the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. The Cultural Revolution was a mass upsurge that threw back attempts at capitalist restoration in China. But when the Gang were foiled in their chase after the top spots in the

consolidation of the Cultural Revolution and were criticized by Mao and hated by the masses for the disruption aimed at trying to enthrone themselves, they continued their trotskyite left posturing and actual right sabotage. Just like an aging star hates to see the type of movies end that had inspired their careers, the Gang hated to see the Cultural Revolution come to an end. Instead they fought for uninterrupted, turmoil, endless campaigns and non-stop cultural revolution. This went clear against what Mao believed when he

said events like the Cultural Revolution could only take place two or three times a century. More importantly it went against the actual tasks confronting the Chinese people necessary to strengthen socialism. The class struggle needs to continue above all, but it required new forms and developed around new questions. This the Gang of Four never chose to understand. As a result they failed to lead the class struggle where it was actually taking place. Secondly, they made class struggle simply over ideas the only task. It was fine for them to say as they lived off and lorded it over the people. But the fact of the matter was that serious problems had arisen in advancing production and technology. These problems meant a lot for the Chinese people. It meant whether the peasants were going to receive sufficient farm equipment from the cities. It meant whether the workers would get food to eat from the countryside. It meant whether sufficient technicians would be trained to build the steel plants, auto plants, military bases and so on - what is needed to make a socialist country strong. These were more complicated and difficult tasks than the Gang had imagined. And they were not simply the mass demonstrations and hardy red banners that had first inspired the Avakianites to dig China.

The Gang's response was to attempt to seize power and to turn their backs on the task confronting the Chinese people. The Avakianites have also chosen to turn their backs on the Chinese people. But as has been proven time and again if you ABANDON SOCIALISM WHERE IT EXISTS YOU WILL NEVER SUCCESSFULLY FIGHT FOR IT WHERE IT DOESN'T EXIST. This is why the RSB along with nearly half of the party's membership chose to rebel against this anti-communist line. To do otherwise would have been irresponsible. It would have rendered our organization incapable of leading struggle in this country. It would have made us incapable of popularizing socialism if we had to deny socialism where it actually exists. It would have been a betrayal of the Chinese people and a betrayal of the people in this country. It had to be done.

WHY THIS SPLIT?

But isn't this split just another example that the left can't get together? There is no deny-

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armor in many years - behind the Ethiopians war against Somalia.

The results have been staggering. Reports indicate that the Somalian army, until recently in control of 90% of the Ogaden province it had invaded, has been thrown back in the face of the combined Soviet-Cuban-Ethiopian counter-offensive. Somalia has called a state of national emergency and is pleading with the US, Egypt, Iran and other countries to aid it - arguing that the Soviets will not stop at simply driving Somalia back across its borders, but will push on until they at least control the northern section of Somalia, where the most important ports are located,

US IMPERIALISTS IN TIGHT SPOT

For a while, the US ruling class was almost completely iced - on the outside looking in - in the Horn. With Soviet influence already firmly set in Somalia and growing in Ethiopia - well, the outlook was dim.

But hurrahs went up and champagne glasses clinked in the White House when Somalia kicked the Soviet Union out.

But the US knew that it couldn't be content with being Somalia's new boss - especially as Somalia is now quickly losing its war against Ethiopia. So while backing Somalia, and warning (along with Iran) that it "will not stand by" if the Soviets and Ethiopians move on to invade Somalia, the US is doing its best to keep its hand in Ethiopia.

It is doing this mainly through the "Ethiopian Democratic Union". With its headquarters in London, this group is made up of elements that got the shaft when Haile Selassie's monarchy was overthrown. This was about as popular as calling for Nixon's return to office in this country. So, especially in the face of growing fascist repression the junta is using to thwart any resistance to its regime - the EDU dropped the bit about monarchy and started talking about "democracy" instead. The activity of this group is sure to increase in the months ahead - funded by US dollars.

THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE ARE NO ONES PAWN!

Just as "things didn't go the way" the US and Haile Selassie had "planned" for Ethiopia back in '74, both the Soviet Union and the US's plans for Ethiopia as a pawn in their superpower contention are bound to meet with, and are being met with, fierce resistance from the Ethiopian people. The Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP) and its military arm, the Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Army (EPRA) are calling on the Ethiopian people to oppose the designs of both superpowers. For this "treachery", the EPRP has been a special target of terrorist repression by the Ethiopian regime. The junta has already murdered 1000's of people in their wave of terror.

But the fact is that the Ethiopian people have no interest in seeing either the US or the Soviet Union "win" in the Horn. A US puppet under the cover of democracy while he robs the people blind is no better than a Soviet puppet under the cover of socialism.

WORLD WAR ON THE HORIZON

All these maneuvers, advances, retreats and contortions by the two superpowers are leading to world war between them. They need to re-divide the world and settle the question of who is to be top dog in the imperialist scramble for world power. This scramble NECESSARILY leads to war, sooner or later under imperialism. Whether it's small wars (like Angola yesterday, or Ethiopia today) or big wars (like WWI or II) - there is no way for the imperialists to settle their differences other than war.

The American people - along with the Ethiopian people and the rest of the world, have no interest in lining up with either superpower in the hopes of winding up on "the winning side". Because the only winner in that kind of war is one of the two ruling circles of the US and the Soviet Union.

Today what we must do is oppose any attempts of the US to enforce its will on the

Communism & Revolution vs. Dogmatism & Sectarianism

Documents from the 2 Line Struggle to Build the RSB

This pamphlet contains two documents from an important struggle in the RSB. One is a major polemic against a dogmatist tendency that tried to take over and wreck our organization. It contains as well, important lessons learned from years of practice, of communist organizing among American youth and students. The other is the frantic ravings of a frustrated student leader from Antioch, Ohio that puts forward, among other things, isolation from the masses in the name of ideological purity as the way forward for a communist youth organization.

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ing this split is a setback. It seemed for a while that the ability of our organization to lead the student movement was advancing greatly along with the ability of the party to lead the working class movement. Hundreds deciding to abandon revolution has to be a setback. Whole areas of the country being robbed of a communist party and a revolutionary student organization is a setback. But it would have been a far greater setback for everyone to have accepted a counter-revolutionary line.

These splits reflect the times. They reflect the times in several ways. These are difficult times for the people and communists alike to fight in. The last wave of social rebellion ended with the sixties. The new wave has yet to develop. Since the sixties the people have accumulated new experience and the working class has stepped to the forefront of the peoples' struggle. But until a new wave of social rebellion develops mobilizing people is difficult.

OPPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE

This rebellion will develop. As we said at the 1977 RSB convention "Oppression breeds resistance. If there is one thing we can expect from our rulers that's oppression. Today's fear of the enemy will become tomorrow's hatred. The sacrifices made today will turn into added reason to fight tomorrow. The calm of today will turn into the storms of tomorrow. Our task is to seed the clouds today, fan the breezes of discontent into gusts, the gusts into winds and to continue on to be the eye of the storm." The struggles between Marxists today revolve around how to seed these clouds and how to fan the breezes into winds. Or for that matter whether to do it at all.

These are important struggles that will determine whether there will be a communist eye to the future storm. The RSB is immersed in seeding those clouds with books and picket signs and with theory and activism. The RCYB has decided to hide from the clouds, flee from

the winds and simply forecast the arrival of the storm. When the storm comes they will be locked away in their house. Why is this?

Because learning how to make revolution isn't easy. There are no simple blueprints. It's a struggle to increasingly root Marxist theory in the actual terms of the class struggle. Some choose to abandon Marxism to merge with the struggle. Others, like the Avakianites, abandon the struggle and as a result turn their Marxism into wrong and impotent theory. These types of struggles are affecting Marxists around the world. These were important struggles that laid the basis for victory in the Chinese and Russian revolutions. These are struggles that take place and develop out of more firmly applying revolutionary theory to revolutionary practice. In the process some back away like the forlorn comrades of the RCYB, while new and fresh forces come forward.

Overall, the growth and development of the revolutionary forces is by far the greater phenomenon. It has to be. Capitalist to the core, this country needs revolution.

Crisis increasingly besets the rulers of the country. Millions of workers slave in factories only to leave with empty pockets and clenched fists. Youth just out of high school desperately searching for the key to the future in a society that chains us to the past. Dozens of nationalities who have been turned on by the capitalists in their drive for greater profit wait to eagerly turn against the rulers in full fury. Ruined shopkeepers, alienated professionals add their names to the list with reason to hate the rule of capitalism. In the midst of these social conditions a few hundred Avakianites abandoning the people seem like a grain of sand being washed off the beach.

And that is why the RSB is still convinced as we said at the 1977 convention, "We are the minority to become the majority. We are the first of many more. This young communist league will enable us to forge a whole other future for the youth to take. A life of standing with the oppressed against the oppressor. A life of serving the people today and contributing to liberate mankind entirely." ■



Soldiers of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Army - who are fighting to free their country from all foreign domination and their Ethiopian puppets

Ethiopian people. While aiming our struggle against our own ruling class in particular, we must join with the Ethiopian people in de-

manding that both superpowers get the hell out of Ethiopia, and support the Ethiopian peoples' fight to drive them out. ■