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SHAH POTATO GETS HOTTER FOR U.S.



On December 2, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi boarded an Air Force C-9 jet and flew to Lackland Air Force Base, at San Antonio, Texas, where this internationally despised butcher is receiving sanctuary from the U.S. government. A White House press statement said that the United States "has agreed for humanitarian reasons to provide a secure convalescent facility where he can recuperate." Since then, the Shah has moved out of his hospital quarters at the Air Force medical center into a suite of apartments reserved for visiting officers.

This latest move of Carter and Co. to give the Shah a home as guest of the government has torn the last remaining shreds off their story that the Shah came to the U.S. on his own for medical treatment, and his new quarters certainly fit the role the Shah has played for the U.S. imperialists in Iran—their top lieutenant in the Middle East, head hatchet-man oppressor of the Iranian people for a quarter of a century. But the U.S. imperialists have discovered that they have a hot potato on their hands, and while Carter has not ruled out the possibility of offering the Shah political asylum in the U.S., one government official was quoted as saying, "We're in a full-court press to find the Shah a home."

In the first place, the U.S. rulers brought the Shah to the U.S. with cold-blooded calculation, knowing that it would trigger upheaval in Iran, including possible seizure of the embassy. But while the U.S. hoped that bringing the Shah would create a shake-up in the Iran government which would put them in a more favorable position to engineer a reactionary coup, the Iranian people have turned the tables on them. Now with American personnel in flight from eleven Moslem countries, the Tehran embassy personnel facing possible trial for being spies, the prospect of military

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"Death to Carter." Iranian students demonstrate against U.S. refusal to return the Shah to Iran, December 1979.

Secret Service Plots To Snatch Chairman

On December 6, press conferences were held in Washington D.C., Chicago and Los Angeles to denounce the latest attack by the government on Bob Avakian. Joining the Revolutionary Communist Party in these conferences were other forces, including the Committees to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants and lawyers. Below is the statement made there by the RCP.

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, the Secret Service began another phase of the U.S. government's plans to attack and jail Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central

Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party. These agents have been prying around Bob Avakian's home, and have showed up at the Party's bookstore in Chicago.

They've launched what they term an "investigation" into alleged threats on the life of the President, Jimmy Carter, by Bob Avakian. They are using as the basis of their investigation an August 19, 1979 article in the *Los Angeles Times*. In this article there are statements attributed to Bob Avakian which were in fact fabricated by a *Times* reporter and for which the *Times* was finally forced to issue a partial retraction.

The contradiction in the dates here is startling. If the remarks falsely quoted in the August *Times* article were of such "concern" to the Secret Service, then why the four-month delay in starting this investigation? They've waited until the media is working overtime to turn all eyes to the so-called "threats on American lives" posed by the Iranian people's just struggle against U.S. imperialism and their Shah. Now they also see fit to raise the charge of phony "threats" on another American life—the President, Jimmy Carter. They've waited until a tidal wave of patriotic

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RCYB in Greensboro

1 Year for Leafletting College!

Greensboro, North Carolina. On December 4, 1979, Judge Campbell passed sentence against four members of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB) arrested on the Greensboro campus of the University of North Carolina, the week before Bob Avakian's speaking tour on October 14th. Three of the RCYB members, who were convicted of misdemeanor "trespass and disturbing a public school," were sentenced to one year in state prison. The other one, convicted of misdemeanor "trespass" was sentenced to six months in the county jail. That's one year for leafletting in a classroom and making an announcement of Bob Avakian's speaking tour, and six months for wearing an RCYB T-shirt on campus!

The District Attorney Mike Schlosser, who has taken the unusual step of personally going to the campus to recruit witnesses against the revolutionaries, is the same D.A. who is supposed to be prosecuting the Klansmen and Nazis who murdered the five anti-Klan demonstrators in Greensboro. Schlosser has cried publicly about how *overworked* he is in the Klan case and has heaped congratulations on the police for a job well done, when they deliberately allowed the Klan caravan to drive in and murder the five demonstrators. And while the high and mighty prepare to let the Klansmen off, Mr. Schlosser has provided a living example of the fact that the Klan murders were aimed to declare open season on communists by his vicious zeal in prosecuting the RCYB.

In motion hearings at the RCYB trial, the government responded to

defense motions to subpoena Schlosser, the local FBI chief, and disclosure of local FBI records on the Revolutionary Communist Party, by saying that this was not a political case. "If this isn't the District Attorney's job, then what is it?" whined the prosecutor in the morning court session. The Feds were equally adamant that this was a simple misdemeanor trial. In fact they sent a U.S. attorney into court to personally argue for the prosecution against the defense motions. And when Judge Campbell announced that he would hear the trial in the afternoon, people in the courtroom watched in amazement as a flood of assorted state and federal cops left the courtroom.

At the afternoon session, the authorities opened wholesale intimidation. Anyone going into court had to show I.D., give their name and address, and submit to a frisking—unheard of in district court. To guarantee that there would be no masses of people at the trial, deputies ordered away anyone not connected with the case. As RCP members agitated in the hallways about what was going down in court, a young Black man stepped forward and eagerly pinned a button reading, "U.S. Imperialism Get Your Bloody Hands Off Iran!" on his jacket. "I've known what's going on in Iran for seven years. If war breaks out, I got a ticket for Iran, I won't be fighting for the United States." It is exactly this kind of revolutionary sentiment, which the RCP crystallizes, that the ruling class wanted to crush in this trial.

Through three and a half hours of testimony of lies and distortion by prosecution witnesses, the picture got

sharper. Campus security guards had ordered the RCYB members off campus, telling them that they would be arrested if they didn't leave. As the cops followed the RCYB members leaving campus, they consulted with their higher-ups on walkie-talkies. In fact the revolutionaries were arrested off campus while making phone calls and doing grocery shopping!

The fourth Brigade member was convicted despite the fact that no witness testified that he had disrupted any classroom, and despite the fact that campus security chief Jerry Williamson testified that he had been ordered to leave, and had walked only ten feet toward a stairwell from the second floor when he was placed under arrest. With this, they are saying that *any* non-student can be arrested on sight.

While the judge overruled all the defense motions proving the political nature of the trial and forbade political statements made by defendants and their attorney, the prosecution was allowed over and over to bring its own political case into court. Student witnesses testified about how "terrified" they were by these communists.

One of the prosecution witnesses, a student photographer who had turned pictures of this "disruption" over to campus police, was beginning to see that this was turning into a railroad. He deliberately tried to turn his testimony in favor of the defendants, saying that they hadn't really created enough of a disruption to be arrested for.

The prosecution grilled two of the defendants who testified, "Haven't you done this before?" "Don't you go around the country doing this kind of thing?"

It took Campbell less than ten minutes to read off the sentences. Max-

imum sentences. One year in North Carolina's notorious State Dept. of Corrections institutions for three, six months in County Jail for the fourth. A small crowd of UNCG students, who had been organized as a cheering section for the prosecution by a reactionary professor, sat in stunned silence. A year in prison for a minute of disruption was far more than they had figured. As the defendants announced their intentions to appeal, a reporter for one of the Greensboro papers said in shock, "I'm not forming an opinion, I'm not taking sides, but something strange is going on here."

This Tuesday trial leads up to an even more important trial in Greensboro for the ruling class—the bust of 10 RCP supporters for inciting to riot and other charges in Hampton Homes, a Black housing project, for a rally held there calling on people to go to Avakian's speech.

In the wake of open police involvement with the Klan murderers on Nov. 3 and the cops' blatant flaunting of their participation revealed by a recent police report, this sentence is deepening the ruling class' declaration of "open season" on revolutionaries and anyone who would resist this system. If there are any doubts as to what this adds up to, Sheriff Paul Gibson clearly spelled it out in this conversation overheard by a defense attorney at the district attorney's office:

Sheriff: "What's this subpoena about?"

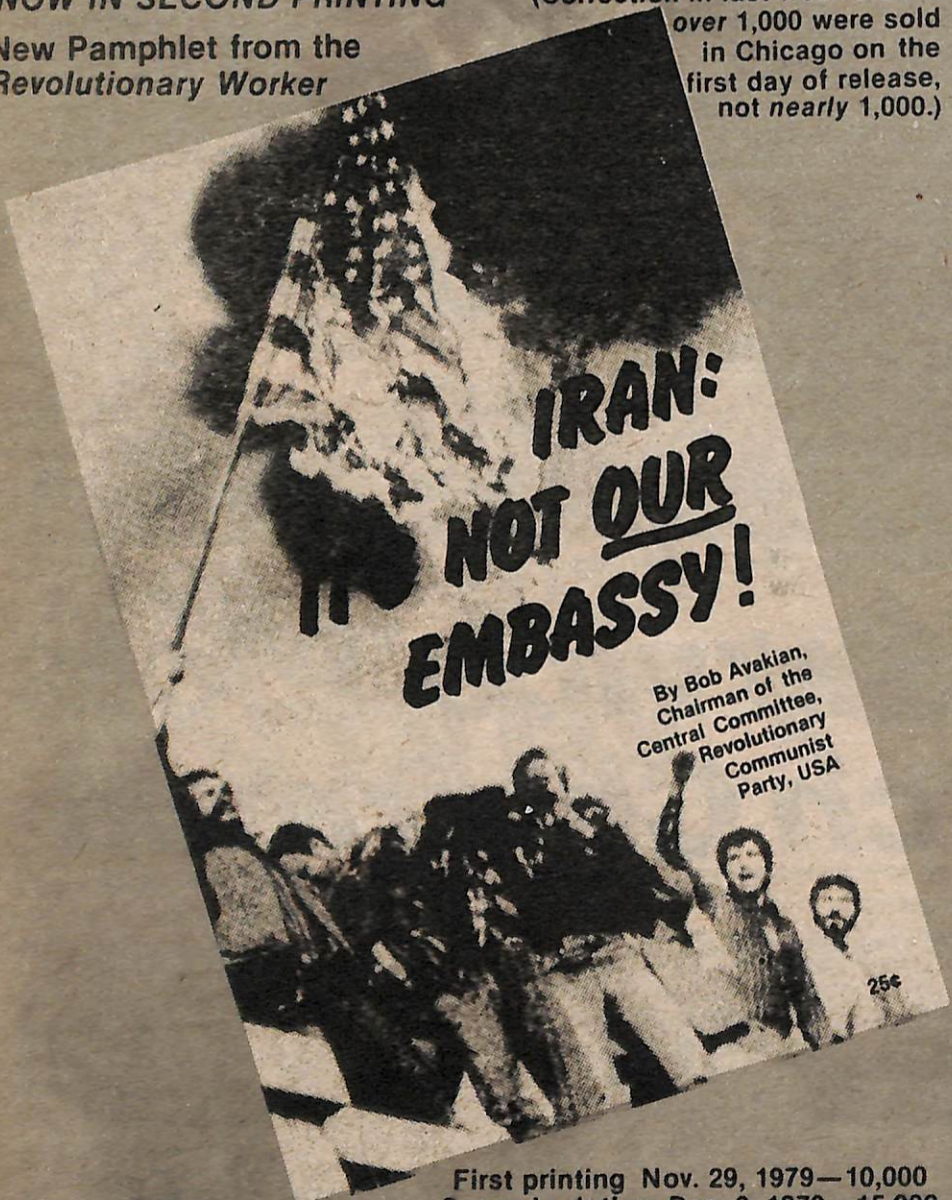
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**WITHDRAW THE APPEAL
DROP ALL THE CHARGES
ONCE AND FOR ALL**



To: The District of Columbia Court of Appeals, U.S. Attorney Carl Rauh,
and Asst. U.S. Attorney Mary Ellen Abrecht

We, the undersigned, condemn the U.S. Government's continuing efforts to harass, intimidate and jail Revolutionary Communist Party Chairman Bob Avakian and 16 others for 241 years. Though the judge presiding in their case dismissed the multiple felony count indictment against the 17 defendants on November 14, 1979—on November 23, 1979 the U.S. Government, with the judge's full cooperation, filed notice of intention to appeal this decision with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Clearly this attempted railroad of the Mao Tsetung Defendants is not yet over.

The judge's dismissal order cited a defense motion which charged "prosecutorial vindictiveness" by the U.S. Government against the Revolutionary Communist Party, its members and supporters. This motion cites the history of the mushrooming of criminal charges and top level government involvement against Bob Avakian and 16 other defendants in this case:

- First arrested on January 29, 1979 at a demonstration in front of the White House against the visit of Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping to the U.S., 78 persons were charged with misdemeanor riot.
- Within 12 hours, charges were hoisted to felonious assault on police officers when former U.S. Attorney Earl Silbert, of Watergate fame, personally appeared in court to state that the U.S. Government had "good cases" against all 78.
- In late June, 17 were notified of their indictment on 5 to 7 felony charges; Bob Avakian was among those indicted although up to the present time he has not yet been identified by any government witness as having been present at the scene of the crimes for which he is charged.
- In early July one group of 8 defendants was arraigned on 12 felony charges and a second group of 9 defendants on 15 felony charges; all were charged with misdemeanor riot.
- In mid-August, following a defense motion to consolidate the two groups into one common trial, the U.S. Attorney re-indicted all 17 defendants and all were re-arraigned on 25 felony charges and one misdemeanor.

So long as this case is pending in the Court of Appeals, Bob Avakian and the other 16 defendants can, at any time in the next 2 to 18 months or more, again face these same charges. They may still be forced to go on trial for their political views in a case which cannot be allowed to set the political climate for the 1980s.

When plans for this major trial of political repression targeting Bob Avakian and the 16 others were made, the U.S. Government failed to take into account the thousands upon thousands of people from all walks of life across this country who would and have begun to step forward to stand against this vicious attack. It was in the face of this ever-growing opposition to their attack on the 17 that the U.S. Government was forced to back off. But the U.S. Attorney's plan to appeal the dismissal of the charges amply demonstrates that the U.S. Government may very well try to reinstate these charges at a more favorable time.

We will not allow the opposition of thousands to the U.S. Government's attack on the Mao Tsetung Defendants to be sidetracked by the transferral of this case to the Court of Appeals. Most importantly, we will never stand by silently and allow the U.S. Government to work out new tactics to pursue this outrageous attack. We demand:

**WITHDRAW THE APPEAL • DROP ALL THE CHARGES ONCE AND FOR ALL
KEEP BOB AVAKIAN AND THE MAO TSETUNG DEFENDANTS FREE**

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El Salvador: Workers March Busts Open Press Blackout

More than 10,000 people, the vast majority workers, marched through the streets of San Salvador on Wednesday, Nov. 28th in a powerful demonstration of opposition to the bloody U.S. sponsored civilian-military junta government. Called by the National Federation of Salvadorian Laborer's Unions (FENASTRAS), and joined by workers from other union federations and individual unions, the work stoppage and march included workers from the electronics and textile industries, to construction and dock workers, to government employees—virtually every branch of industry in El Salvador.

The march demanded the immediate extradition of previous presidents Romero and Molina to stand trial along with all other members of the past and present governments who have committed assassinations, tortures, and other crimes against the people; freedom for all political prisoners and people who have "disappeared" at the hands of the government; immediate dissolution of repressive paramilitary organizations such as ORDEN and the White Warriors Union; the withdrawal of troops which occupy many of the country's factories; resolution of the demands of workers of eight companies currently on strike; and a list of economic demands such as higher wages and lowering prices.

The march was joined by several mass revolutionary organizations and by the Committee of Mothers of Political Prisoners and Disappeared Persons (Comite de Madres de Presos Desaparatidos Politicos). In spite of the junta's claims to have ended the abuses of the Romero regime, people are still "disappearing." For example, in one recent case while a woman traveled to San Salvador to report her husband missing, his body was found in the countryside near their home. Hundreds of people have been murdered by the government since the junta's rise to power.

The FENASTRAS march was the first large march led by the workers since the present government took power on Oct. 15 declaring martial law and increasingly suppressing the struggle of the masses of people. The junta has tried to keep the workers out of the political struggle against its rule with demagogic promises of 100% wage increases, health care and housing, etc.



Part of the November 28th march of more than 10,000 against the junta's bloody rule.

But this march threw all that back in their face.

The FENASTRAS march broke through a several week-old blackout of news of revolutionary activity in the El Salvador and U.S. bourgeois press, which has tried to present an image of peace and stability in the country by covering up the fact that marches and rallies are taking place virtually every day in every major city. In the countryside, 26 plantations have been taken over by the peasants, and on December 1, workers at the Entre Rios cotton cooperative in Zacatecoluza, which employs 4500 people, took over the mill and warehouses and are holding 60 company officials and office employees hostage.

The sharp rise in the class struggle has got the El Salvador ruling class very worried, and the right wing elements are screaming. The Cotton Growers Association is threatening a nationwide shutdown until troops are brought in to put down the agricultural workers. Plantation owners are investing heavily in building up their private armies. And openly fascist organizations such as the Salvadorian Nationalist Movement are making thinly-veiled public calls for a right wing coup in paid advertisements in the San Salvador newspapers.

The U.S. government through its embassy and special envoys, Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs, Viron Vaky and William Bowdler, has worked very hard to keep these forces in check, knowing that a right wing coup would probably bring a civil war

and the real possibility of a successful anti-imperialist revolution. Many of the workers, peasants, and students have armed themselves in the course of struggle, and the depth of the peoples' movement makes large scale defections from the military a very good possibility if such a coup took place.

As the seat got increasingly hot under them, the junta embarked on a whirlwind tour to other Central American countries and the U.S., hoping to get some economic help and boost its political image. They also carried out a valuable service for their U.S. masters, pushing hard for revitalization of the Central American Common Market (MERCOSUN) and the Central American Defense Council (CONDECA), two important mechanisms for U.S. control in Central America, seriously weakened by the revolution in Nicaragua.

When the junta's delegation came to the U.S., they carefully avoided all public contact with their masters in the White House or the State Dept. Traveling on tourist visas, they first went to New York, where they met with the block of Latin American delegates to the UN, and Ungo made a flowery

speech to the UN General Assembly about how the junta is respecting human rights and political freedom in El Salvador. Like his U.S. masters Ungo knows well how to utter a few pious phrases about human rights while carrying on the most savage and bloody political repression of the masses of people. Then the delegation went to Washington D.C. to meet with heads of U.S. government loan agencies and private banks.

But while the junta members were slinking around D.C., trying to keep their puppet strings hidden, the string pullers in the State Dept. were more open. Viron Vaky, stating that the immediate future of Central America "is difficult and dangerous," announced passage of a \$135 million economic and military loan package to Central America, the bulk of the military aid portion going to El Salvador and Honduras. Since El Salvador is not on the verge of war with one of its neighboring countries, it is clear what this military aid is meant for—to keep the Salvadoran masses down.

The State Dept. has also granted visas to deposed former dictators Romero and Molina. This was announced shortly after heavy pressure of public opinion had forced the junta to file for extradition of these two fellow butchers to stand trial in El Salvador. Guatemala and Panama have been more than willing to shelter the generals, but strong anti-imperialist and revolutionary sentiment in those countries may make it necessary for Romero and Molina to seek refuge in the U.S., probably Miami.

These moves by the U.S. government reflect its increasing desperation in the face of the struggle of the Salvadoran masses and that struggle's continued exposure of the junta. Despite the junta's pleading for the people to give its "humanistic revolution" time to consolidate its rule, the revolutionary anti-imperialist sentiments of the masses are growing, continually narrowing the U.S. options in maintaining its rule. ■

Pontiff's Crusade for U.S. in Turkey

Last week, Pope John Paul II, in his satin robes, and Patriarch Dimitrios I of Turkey, with his gilded crown, embraced and slobbered over one another to the delight of the western press. It was a ludicrous spectacle—the leading representative of superstition and ignorance in the entire world, Pope John Paul II, clutching the errant patriarch in a scene straight out of the medieval past. It was doubly ironic in light of the way the bourgeoisie has summoned up mindless reactionaries in this country, many who revere the Pope, to rally behind slogans like "Iranians, go home to the Middle Ages where you belong!"

The Pope spent the last three days of November in Turkey on an important mission for the U.S. ruling class. His was the unenviable and altogether futile task of cooling out tensions between "the Moslem world" and American imperialism in the wake of the takeover of

the U.S. embassy in Iran.

Turkey is a member of the western NATO alliance and has been largely dominated by U.S. economic and political interests since the end of World War II. But the country is 98% Moslem, and when the embassy takeover in Tehran sparked widespread uprisings against U.S. imperialism throughout the area, the rulers of the U.S. began to sweat blood over what might happen in Turkey.

Ever since the masses in Iran rid their country of the fascist U.S. puppet Shah, Turkey has been the only country sharing a common border with the Soviet Union in the middle east where the U.S. can station navy and missile bases and carry on surveillance against

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Pope reviews Turkish troops as 10,000 others are called out to quell the people during his visit.



CAUGHT WITH A POLITICAL SPOON IN HIS NOSE

Right after Jimmy Carter's empty and reactionary "Say Something Good About America" speech last June, the president announced the appointment of his close friend and confidante Hamilton Jordan to the position of chief of staff. "The President's right hand man." "More important than Mondale; more trusted than Brzezinski." "The second most powerful man in Washington."

In a desperate effort to avoid the inescapable conclusion that the real "powers behind the Washington throne"—the big bourgeoisie—were giving him up as hopeless, Carter tried to

New York disco in 1978, and at other times. Despite Jordan's heated denials, a federal court on November 30 ordered a special prosecutor to investigate the charges "and any other related and relevant allegation." No matter what the outcome of the case, everyone knows Jordan has been caught with his pants down and a spoon up his nose.

Of course, coke snorting is commonplace among young Washington politicians, it is by no means the most heinous crime being perpetrated in Washington today, even by the bourgeoisie's standards. But then this case has nothing to do with Jordan's

build up as much fanfare as possible around his big "shake-up at the White House." He tried to give everyone the impression that he had everything firmly under control. The defiant appointment of the baby-face political neophyte from Carter's home state (and not a popular fellow on the Hill) to be his main man was an expression of Carter's confidence in his own ability.

Before Carter could blink his eyes, the press started screaming out the news: "HAMILTON JORDAN IS A COCAINE FREAK!" A number of witnesses confirmed the story that Jordan had inhaled the illicit dust at a chic

violation of New York's "controlled substances" law, or with Jordan himself for that matter.

Only three times in the entire history of the country has a special prosecutor been used to investigate the executive branch of government, and in each case the exposure of widespread corruption was used to launch a political offensive against the president and his administration. Against Grant in the Whiskey Ring investigation, against Coolidge in the Teapot Dome investigation, and against Nixon in the Watergate investigation. On the chopping block this time is not Hamilton Jordan,

but the man who staked his reputation on Jordan in the first place: Jimmy Carter. Jordan has taken the place of Bert Lance as the vehicle through which to get at Carter. This is strictly a political case—and it's bourgeois, dog-eat-dog politics all the way.

The special prosecutor in the case is the first to be called under the 1978 Ethics in Government Act. The act was created in the wake of Watergate to provide the ruling class with the necessary legal tools to more easily dispose of any government official they feel is no longer serving their best interests.

Not only did the federal court order a



special prosecutor, they knew exactly who they wanted. One of the judges on the panel, Judge J. Edward Lumbard, had close ties back in the '50s with "a

tough young prosecutor," a man with a reputation for prosecuting and winning. Special prosecutor Arthur Hill Christy is a man with a lot of experience in high level political prosecutions—a big time bourgeois hit man. In fact, he was part of the team that nailed Adam Clayton Powell in 1967.

At the time, Powell was a very outspoken congressman from New York, the highest ranking Black person in Congress. Bourgeois to the core, Powell nonetheless did things the ruling class didn't approve of, like vote against the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. He was the only member of the House to do so. Like Hamilton Jordan, Powell was no paragon of virtue. He was charged in part with misuse of government funds and Congress—for example he supposedly took his secretary on a trip to the Caribbean. But, of course, that's a nicer place to take a secretary than to the bottom of a river, where Teddy Kennedy took one. And he's the man most likely to benefit from Jordan's prosecution, and now seems the bourgeoisie's top choice for president.

Leadership is very important to the capitalist class. And most definitely they need somebody they think people will follow after as he leads the country into a decade of deepening crisis and world war. Carter isn't making it. Charismatic Teddy looks like a better bet for them.

So if Hamilton Jordan and cocaine hadn't existed, these powerful sections of the bourgeoisie would have had to create them. Everyone in bourgeois politics is fair game. The capitalists wanted to embarrass and weaken Carter, and with Ham Jordan there asking for it, they jumped at the chance.

Rock Concert Deaths Reveal Bloody Business, \$ Politics

Many youth in the Cincinnati area were looking forward to the December 3 concert of The Who at Riverfront Stadium. It was a rare opportunity to catch one of the top rock bands around. The Who is popular for rebellious songs such as "My Generation" and a raucous show that includes the destruction of their guitars and amps at the end of the set. For 18,000 youth it was a chance to get away from all the crap of everyday life in the USA—the mind-numbing routine of school or factory life or being out on the street with no job and nothing in sight for the future. To escape this wasteland if even for a few hours it was well worth paying up to \$11 apiece and standing in line for hours as some fat rock promoter engorged himself with big bucks. But instead of escaping, people were thrust smack dab in the middle of yet another sickening atrocity perpetrated by the red, white and blue system of American free enterprise.

People began showing up as early as one in the afternoon and were waiting for the doors to be opened so they could be among the first in and get the best seats. This concert was 90% "festival seating" (general admission). You pay one price, seats are first come, first serve. In this case that meant around 16,000 youth would be in hot competition to get close to the stage. People were packed tightly across the plaza outside.

It was cold but spirits were high. By 7:00 young men and women who had been gathering were being herded together like cattle and readied for the drive to the pen. The motion was set up—festival seating, doors open at 7. From the back you couldn't tell what was going on up front but you could hear music coming from the coliseum as

the band set up. The doors must be open! The drive to the inside began. A wave-like motion forced people forward but there was no place to go. The doors were shut.

The crowd was swaying left and right. People were gasping for air. You couldn't breathe. People tried to stop the crush but there was too much confusion and once the wave began it was impossible to stop. One youth described the scene: "We saw people being brutally hurt. I saw arms being broken and snapped and people in pain. Everywhere you looked there were people in pain, screaming for their lives. They were all screaming for the ticket-takers to open the doors. They were screaming, 'Please open the doors, there are people dying out here.'"

"Finally they opened one door and began frisking people down, four or five at a time. People in the back saw that and pushed to the front like a normal concert. I guess whoever was in charge thought he was going to keep the reins on a herd of cattle. Finally they had one door open and there was a pile of bodies in front of the door, four or five bodies high, about ten feet wide."

The cops and authorities inside made it a macabre game, opening and then closing the doors, just for the reaction: "They could see people being crushed right before their eyes, but they just stood there watching. It was like being treated like cattle. They had all their money, the only thing they were worried about was gate crashers."

Eleven people died of asphyxiation, eight were hospitalized, and many more were injured as concert promoters looked on and along with the cops actually worked to make the slaughter as bad as possible. This was their perverse

way of displaying what they really think of the masses of people. The mayor arrived on the scene, straight from a dinner with Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill. After a bunch of phony phrases about his emotions, he and other officials decided the show must go on. The concert would not be canceled "because there'd be a riot." There might very well have been a riot, but not because people would be pissed off over missing The Who. Most of the youth did not know of the deaths until they got home. Cancelling the concert would risk unleashing the fury of these young people. Continuing the concert gave officials a chance to get everything cleaned up and keep the news from people till they were long gone, split up, and could do very little about it. The Who didn't even know about it until after the show.

Members of The Who were upset at the slaughter and outraged at suggestions that they knew of the deaths and continued the concert. Roger Daltry, lead vocalist, said it was "ridiculous and insane" to open so few doors for a crowd of the size at Riverfront Stadium that night. But The Who has not yet taken a clear stand condemning the concert's promoters and the pigs for perpetrating this crime and has continued its tour without interruption.

This raises the question of just what The Who is enraged at—the murder of 11 youths or the fact that the incident might hurt their careers? If their main concern is protecting their careers, fuck The Who and their careers.

Of course, there has been a deluge of pious statements of "sympathy and grief" from all corners of the bourgeoisie who jumped at the opportunity to blame the whole thing on drug and dazed, rock-crazed irresponsible

youth and the animalistic nature of the masses of people in general. Bourgeois mouthpieces have had a field day: A music critic: "Rock is not pretty, but then neither are its audiences. Their attire is ragged and so is their behavior. For them, manners are something to leave at home with the I.D. card and the parents."

Rock concerts are attended by "hysterical devotees" seeking "psychosexual and adrenal relief," said one hysterical devotee of psycho-reactionary bullshit. A university psychology professor could hardly control himself. "Human beings are supposed to have intellect and think. This was not only barbaric but animal-like. I don't know this group but they must be magnetizing these young people." One newspaper editorial put it this way: "...a generation of pleasure-seekers raised a generation of hedonists..." The chorus chants—people are animals, they're selfish and violent, they'll even trample their own just to get a good seat at the rock concert.

But just who are the real animals here. This was not the first time such a situation occurred even at Riverfront Coliseum.

In 1977 when Led Zeppelin played at Riverfront a similar scene unfolded. No one died but many were injured seriously. At that time a flunkey "task force" called for eliminating "festival seating" as well as enforcing fire codes. But festival seating is extremely profitable, anywhere from 3 to 5,000 more people can be packed into a concert. The matter was dropped. The report itself reveals why: "...The Coliseum management has a large investment in that facility. Certainly the city is appreciative of this fact and eager for it to pay off." Money, profits, it's the bottom line.

To the bourgeoisie, the masses of people are just so much garbage to be thrown around—cattle to be herded. This is the way people are treated from birth. Under this insane system even a rock concert becomes a life-destroying profit machine grinding people up in its wheels. The massacre at Riverfront Coliseum will not be quickly forgotten by the millions who have been sickened by it and the madness it reveals. But it must be made clear exactly who's responsible for it. It was not us—the masses of people. It was THEM—those cannibalistic animals who calmly counted the day's receipts and smiled as people were crushed to death on the sidewalk.

Shah Potato

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intervention difficult, and no country except Egypt openly willing to take the Shah, the U.S. bourgeoisie has been falling out amongst themselves and further revealing their whole reactionary plot. As they have attempted to toss the hot-potato Shah back and forth, these vultures in three-piece suits are spilling the beans on each other.

Carter and Co. have attempted to play the game of "blame it on Henry," unleashing their mouthpieces on Capitol Hill to say that it was "obnoxious pressure" put on them by Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller that made them relent and let the Shah into the country. Unnamed White House sources describe Kissinger as "dishonorable and devious." Columnist Jack Anderson, in an attempt to play "blame it on Henry," actually spilled a few beans saying on November 19, "But the State Department correctly anticipated what would happen. Its analysts warned that the Iranians would seize American hostages and hold them in exchange for the Shah if he showed up here."

But Henry didn't like the way the game was being played and countered with an article in the *Washington Post*. "Kissinger may be out of office but he is hardly out of power," quipped the *Post*, providing him with a full page to run his stuff. Kissinger's reply proved once again the correctness of Lenin's assessment that the great value of crises is that they make manifest that which has been hidden!

Kissinger points out that it was the State Department that first approached him and asked for assistance in finding a suitable residence for the Shah in the U.S. He reports that he then scurried to his patron David Rockefeller to set it up. Then he reports that the State Department put a "go slow" on the project and Kissinger became indignant. In his article Kissinger makes it clear the Shah really was a U.S. man. He traces how every U.S. President from Truman on has praised the Shah (he left out FDR, but the Shah included him), and he continues:

"And they were correct. In my own experience the Shah never failed to stand by us. In the 1973 Mideast war, Iran was the sole American ally adjoining the Soviet Union which did not permit the overflight of Soviet transport planes into the Middle East. . . . he used his own military power to ensure the security of the Persian Gulf and to discourage adventures by radicals. He firmly supported the peace process that culminated in the Egyptian-Israeli treaty; he was a defender of President Sadat against radical forces in the area. After his initial advocacy of higher prices in 1973, he used his influence to keep the prices steady so that the real price of oil actually declined over the period from 1973 to 1978."

In other words, he was everything American imperialism ever dreamed of in a loyal lackey and regional gendarme. This itself is an exposure. Used to be the U.S. made out that the Shah was an "opponent"—raising "our" oil prices. Now they say he was "U.S.A. all the way." They are every bit as cynical now in manipulating public opinion for their own scapegoat purposes.

Then Kissinger goes right to the point: "What will other friends of the United States in the area, in comparably perilous situations and perhaps even more complex domestic circumstances—leaders essential for a moderate evolution of the whole region—conclude if we turn against a man whom seven American presidents had lauded as a loyal ally and a progressive leader?" What the Mad Bomber of Vietnam and Nobel Peace Prize winner is trying to say is, if U.S. imperialism wants to stay on top, it needs animals like the Shah. And once it has them, it had better protect them or they aren't going to stick around when the slaves start to rebel or another slavemaster with a bigger stick comes along.

On another occasion, a recent speech before a meeting of Republican governors, Kissinger tried to "blame Carter," since Carter's boys were blam-

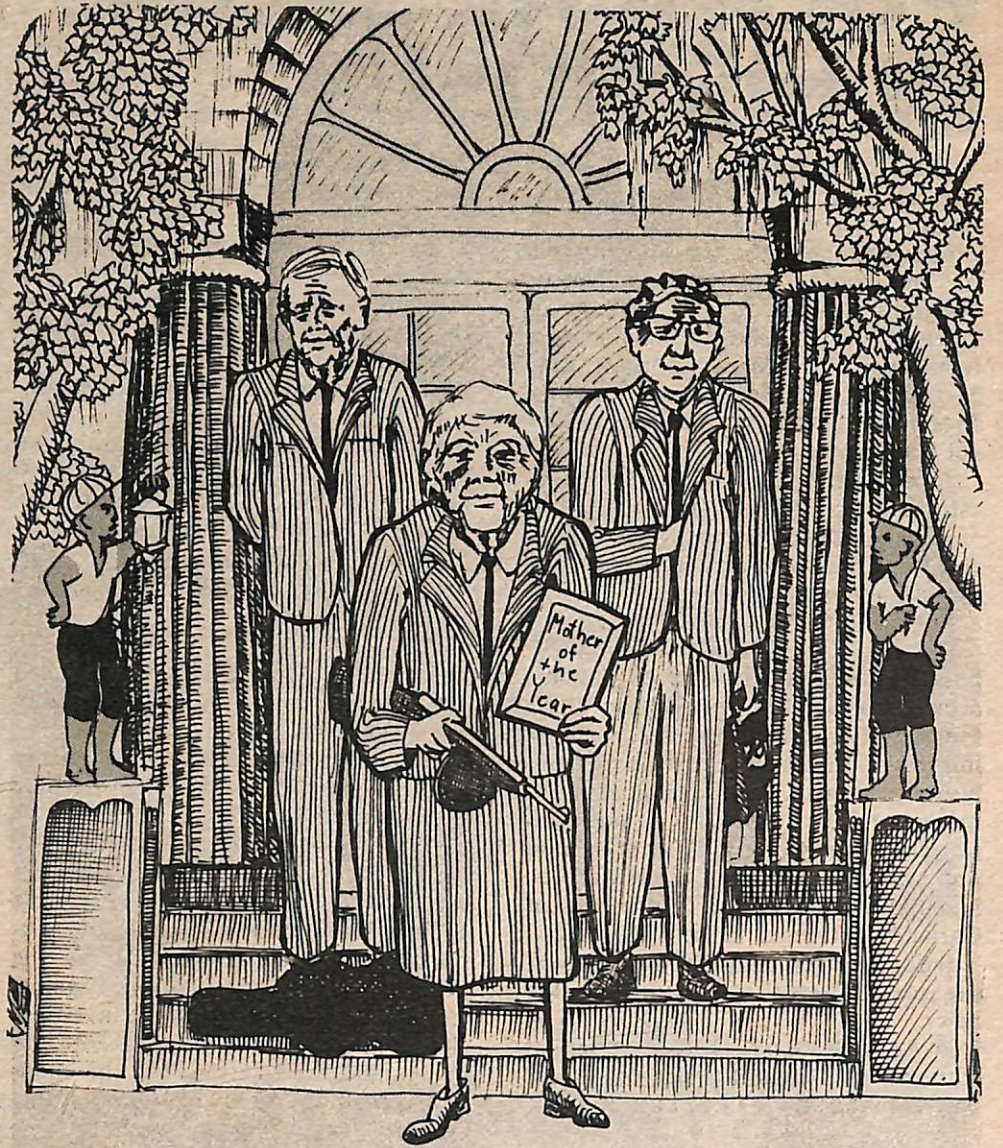
ing Henry. "Certainly many of those who came into office in 1976 (i.e. Carter—RW) entered with the conviction that we had an infinite capacity to change foreign governments without realizing that the beneficiaries of these changes often were going to be hostile to us, and that if we wanted to bring forces favorable to us into office we needed instruments like . . . the Central Intelligence Agency. . . ."

In other words, the crisis is getting sharp, let's cut the "Mr. Nice Guy" crap and all the "human rights" baloney and get down. Of course, as Carter now points out, the U.S. backed the Shah to the hilt economically and with the latest weapons. As far as the Shah's crimes go, Kissinger in his *Post* article concludes, "I do not doubt that wrongs were committed by the Shah's government in his long rule; the question is how appropriate it is to raise them, after four decades of close association, in the period of the Shah's travail. . . . I do not condone all the practices of the Shah's government, though they must be assessed by the standards of his region. . . ." In other words, he may have been a butcher, but let's not forget that he was *our* butcher, and besides, people who live in that part of the world are ignorant savages anyhow to whom human life is worthless—unlike us "enlightened, civilized" American authorities who pulled the puppets' strings and raked in the cash.

The struggle of the Iranian people which has backed these imperialists off from their original plans and has caused them to fall out has brought to the fore the very question which the U.S. rulers have been trying to avoid—the question of the Shah and just whose Shah he was. And while they have tried to focus attention on the hostages, screaming that U.S. imperialism is like "Gulliver among the Lilliputians," and is being walked on by all these nothing countries, the problem of where to put their butcher has focused unwanted attention on the Shah's crimes and just why it is that no government, except Anwar Sadat's, is anxious to give the Shah a place to live. In the light of all this exposure of the Shah's regime and the CIA-planned coup, Teddy Kennedy recently came out criticizing the Shah for having run "one of the most violent regimes in the history of mankind," and asserting that "support for the hostages does not mean support for the Shah." While Kennedy is being criticized by politicians, and the *Christian Science Monitor* blasted him as unwise, calling his statements "a political Chapquiddick," Kennedy is attempting a shrewd political maneuver to dissociate himself from all the exposure of the Shah's regime which is definitely having an effect on the masses, including some sectors which he is obviously counting on for support, while at the same time attacking the Iranian people for holding hostages; and most importantly, Kennedy never said anything about his own class, the U.S. imperialists, in Iran—it was all just the vicious Shah!

Now to make matters worse for the U.S. rulers, they can't get rid of the Shah! In a ridiculous attempt to cover their ass, the *New York Times* reported

Two Aspects of Miss Lillian



News item: Lillian Carter, mother of Jimmy, receives an award in Chicago naming her the Cultural Citizens Foundation for the Performing Arts' Yuletide Mother of the Year. News item: Miss Lillian says that if she had an extra \$1,000,000, she'd hire someone to kill Khomeini.

that Carter had agreed to send the Shah to Texas because he was so angered by the fact that the hostages were still being held in Tehran. The fact is that despite all the "good faith" for U.S. imperialism which abounds in the United Nations in the form of verbal condemnation of the Iranian government, when push came to shove nobody wanted the Shah. The one offer which came from Egypt's Sadat (who first housed the Shah on the junket which finally landed him in Mexico as the last stop before the U.S.) was unacceptable. Washington clearly didn't think Sadat could handle the trouble in his own country or the turmoil it would cause in the Middle East if the Shah were to land in Egypt. Then there was the possibility of South Africa. This was rejected as perhaps a bit too revealing of the nature of this Shah, and besides, his own father died there in exile and the Shah probably didn't like the "precedent." Mexico's President Lopez Portillo, who triggered the dilemma by refusing to renew the Shah's visa and saying that

even though his present visa did not expire until December 9 the Shah was not welcome back in Mexico, said that Mexicans "were not involved in the origins of the crisis" and "wish to remain uninvolved in its consequences." While the second part of that statement is certainly true—the Mexican government doesn't want the Shah around and they are not mainly concerned about the fate of their embassy personnel, as they say, but rather the repercussions in their own country—Lopez Portillo can't really think that anyone is going to believe that the Shah's arrival in Mexico was not a conduit to the U.S.

Clearly, the U.S. rulers would like to put the lid on this case, for as the dilemma drags on, it becomes clearer and clearer to millions around the world that the Shah does indeed deserve a home. . . . he should face the wrath of the Iranian people for his hideous crimes as agent of U.S. imperialism in Iran, and the Iranian masses are both righteously deserving and well equipped to lay the matter of the stinking Shah to rest. ■

AE Workers Fed Up with Anti-Iran Idiocy

When the Iranian people seized the U.S. embassy, a number of workers at GTE—Automatic Electric at Northlake, Illinois, fell hook-line-and-sinker for the chauvinistic garbage that was being dished out. Some in particular targeted some of the foreign-born workers in the plant, Moslems from India, and started threatening them. "Are you Iranian? Go back to Iran!" It wasn't enough that these backward workers couldn't see behind the red-white-and-blue smokescreen that the U.S. ruling class uses to cover up their dirty imperialist dealings in Iran and other countries; they had to shamelessly parade their ignorance of the fact that Iran and India are not even in the same

part of the world. (Perhaps these reactionaries were also among those who burned down the Albanian Islamic Center in nearby Stickney, Illinois, after painting "Iranians go home" all over the building.)

What these backward workers were reacting to was the fact that these Indian workers did not share either their ignorance of world affairs or their support for U.S. imperialism. They supported the Iranian people and thought the Shah should be sent back. Worse yet, they talked to other workers about what imperialist domination means for the people of the colonized countries.

The flag-wavers, loyal not only to the U.S. government but to GTE which had

signed huge contracts with the Shah for communications systems in Iran, were emboldened by media coverage of anti-Iranian actions. But when they stepped up the harassment of the Indian workers, calling them "Khomeinilovers" and physically intimidating them, suddenly a voice rang out in the department: "Khomeini!" Silence, and then another voice: "Khomeini!" Other voices repeated: "Khomeini!" When they looked around for the other Indians, the backward fools were shocked to see that the chant was coming from *American* workers—white and Black guys who kept this up on and off all day because they had their fill of these chauvinistic attacks. ■

Khomeini Referendum Fails to Stop Struggle



Police attack demonstration at U.S. embassy in Calcutta against U.S. refusal to give up the Shah. Over the past week similar demonstrations took place in other countries, following up the earlier ones in Pakistan, Bangla Desh, and India, as the U.S. embassy in Thailand was bombed, demonstrations took place in the mid-eastern countries of Kuwait, Bahrein, and Libya, reports leaked out through tight censorship of thousands demonstrating in the Saudi Arabian oil fields, as the Saudi government called out thousands of troops to try to put the people down.

Khomeini Pokes the "Great Pope"

It is true that the Ayatollah Khomeini is not a revolutionary—that in fact, he is an obstacle in the path of the Iranian Revolution. That he has sent his army to kill the Kurdish people, and suppressed communists and revolutionaries, instituted many backward practices to hold back the struggle of the Iranian people. And in the choice between the Ayatollah and the masses of Iranian people, the working class worldwide stands firmly behind the masses. However, given the choice between U.S. imperialism and its representatives like "the great pope," on the one hand, and Khomeini on the other—we readily choose the Ayatollah Khomeini. The following excerpts from a very sharp and satirical letter to Pope John Paul II from Khomeini, written in reply to the pope's call to release the hostages held in Iran, makes clear why:

"The 35 million people of this country are under U.S. imperialism and more recently under special pressure by Carter. . . . They have expected a paternal soothing gesture from the pope and were hopeful that the Pope would at least ask about the condition of the impoverished masses.

"...But alas, the cries of the impoverished masses always fell on deaf ears. We gave lives for a period of 50 years. Our people were massacred in masses. They imprisoned our people and tortured them in jail in a most inhumanistic manner. In those days there was no person who would venture to mediate. Never did it occur to the great Pope to defend the rights of this impoverished people. Never did it occur to him to act as a mediator so that they would leave this nation of impoverished masses alone. . . .

"I am now surprised to see that only at a time like this the great Pope has been moved to such an extent that he wants to see them (the embassy hostages—RW) freed in the name of humanity. Well, insofar as the conduct of our people with the hostages is concerned, I can say our youth are Muslims and that to my knowledge their conduct with them has been in keeping with humanistic principles, and as such there

remains nothing for you to worry about. . . .

"Our people had been subjected to much torment by the same person (the ex-Shah—RW) who is now in the United States. For a period of 37 years this nation was subjected to oppression from all sides under the plans which were devised and engineered by this same person. He massacred innumerable people on June 5, 1963. Since then he has probably killed more than 100,000 people and there remain hundreds of thousands of the people who were injured and who became invalids as a result of his brutish acts. . . .

"During this period we would have liked to hear a word from one of the spiritual leaders abroad, especially the great Christian leader, in sympathy with this oppressed nation. I cannot believe that the Vatican was unaware of what was happening here. I do not know what to do about this ambiguity. When people wonder if the Christian clergy agreed with these crimes committed, I do not know what to tell them. . . .

"...I wonder why the Pope offers to intervene in this affair in which an oppressed nation wants to discover some of the injustices done to it and to tell other oppressed people the kind of oppressions it has been subjected to. It wants to put on trial the oppressor.

"We would have liked to take the initiative to try this man (the ex-Shah) in another country. But the crimes he has committed, the documents we have on him, and millions of witnesses we have—the farmers, workers, religious clergy and academicians who have been oppressed—we cannot take over 20 million people abroad as witness.

"But as a sign of respect we have for the Pope we would welcome his representative and that of any other person, even a representative of our worst enemy, Carter, to attend this man's trial in this country.

"...Request the Pope to contact Carter, who has appealed to him, and scrutinize the problems. If the Pope really finds that all the oppression done to us, all these massacres and all the treasures taken away from this impoverished people who are deprived of

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While Khomeini and the Revolutionary Council were running around last week whipping up enthusiasm for the new Islamic Republic Constitution, which sets up Khomeini as a supreme life-long commander, the continuing mass upsurge spearheaded by the students' announcement that the embassy hostages would definitely be tried as spies, showed that Khomeini's supreme commandship is established only on paper.

The U.S. press has carried on about how the Islamic Constitution represents the triumph of the Moslem fanatics who are now proceeding to turn the clock back in Iran to the 11th century. But for these U.S. arch reactionaries, who have never hesitated to support the most barbaric and brutal regimes, their phony indignation rings hollow. Their railing is just a shabby trick to cast the Iranian peoples' revolutionary struggle in the same mold as this reactionary constitution.

In fact, at least in principle, the new constitution is right up the imperialists' alley. All the factions in the ruling Revolutionary Council, from the pro-western capitalist forces like Bani-Sadr to the reactionary feudals like Beheshti were united behind this constitution because it puts all the political power in their hands, satisfies the religious dogmatists among them, and leaves the door wide open for foreign capital to penetrate and dominate Iran. On the other hand, the constitution is bankrupt when it comes to actually dealing with the people's demands. For all its promises about ending exploitation and inequality, the constitution would legitimize the continuing oppression of the minority peoples in Iran, the age-old subordination of women there, and the continuing landless poverty of much of the peasantry, and it gives sweeping authority to attack any opposition—both in terms of Khomeini's veto power of any legislation, and in terms of open police power to go after anyone who threatens the "integrity" of the Islamic Republic.

When the Revolutionary Council appointed assembly of experts released the draft for this constitution 5 months ago, it immediately produced a storm of controversy and widespread opposition throughout Iran—among the minority areas and among broad cross-sections of the people. While the masses were demanding that sweeping changes were still needed to free Iran from the oppressive weight of centuries of imperialist domination and internal despotism, what they saw instead was a framework for Iran's future that would bind them to the existing order, not much change from the Shah's regime. Khomeini himself appeared on TV and radio, repeating again and again that passage of the new constitution was essential to restore law and order, and that anyone who opposed the Islamic government's policy and the proposed constitution was a counter-revolutionary agent of imperialism.

Now in the middle of this tremendous battle against the U.S. attempts to break the back of the Iranian revolution, Khomeini and the Revolutionary Council have hurriedly held the referendum on the constitution. So anxious were they to take advantage of the upswing in Khomeini's popularity due to the fact he has been forced to offer support to anti-U.S. struggle that they took the still unfinished draft out of the hands of the assembly of experts who were still working on it and held the referendum on the unfinished product. Television and radio announcements repeatedly demanded that all Iranians carry out their patriotic and religious duty and vote yes. But despite efforts to make voting yes on the constitution appear to be an act of defiance against the U.S., it appears now that as much as a third of the population boycotted the referendum. The strongest resistance came from the provinces of

Kurdistan and Azerbaijan and Baluchistan, where the Kurdish and other minority people know all too well and have fought bloody battles against the present government's continuance of the Shah's policies of repression and discrimination in these areas.

Kurds Rebel

In Mehabab, one of Kurdistan's principal towns, 37 polling places were set up but all but one had to be closed for fear of being attacked by the Kurdish people. The remaining ballot box was fittingly left in the hands of the sellout Tudeh (Communist) Party, who is kissing Khomeini's ass. But as these revisionists were taking the yes filled box back to election headquarters, an enraged crowd of Kurds attacked them and burned the box. Hosseini, a progressive religious figure who was stripped of his position of Ayatollah and branded as a renegade by Khomeini for supporting the Kurdish struggle, condemned the constitution as "undemocratic because it belongs to only a small part of the people—mostly the clergy."

Demonstrations against the constitution were also held in Tabriz, the provincial capital of East Azerbaijan. Still other elements like some of the educated middle class who are particularly offended by the constitution's blatant anti-democracy and its dogmatism, refused to vote. The Left forces which include the Union of Iranian Communists (UIC), the one-half million supporters of the revolutionary guerrilla Fedayeen group, and the progressive Moslems of the Mojahdeen refused to participate in the referendum. The UIC has strongly opposed this constitution from its outset as anti-democratic and unrepresentative and dictatorial.

The bourgeois press in this country has been careful to point up all the opposition against the new constitution, in order to show how "unstable" the Khomeini government is and therefore how natural it might be if there were a military coup against it to overthrow it. But this widespread opposition from a good cross-section of the population is coming at a time when the anti-imperialist struggle is at a high tide. More than anything else it is indication of the heightened political consciousness of the people who are not blindly following the "fanatic Khomeini" as the bourgeoisie would have it, but who are capable of recognizing and are standing on their own interests.

Even of the approximately 16,000,000 Iranians who did vote in favor of the constitution, the big majority did not do so out of love for the constitution's religious dogmatism and political reaction. They did so out of respect for Khomeini's image as an anti-imperialist fighter, and with the hope that the constitution's lofty phrases about equal rights and establishing the classless society would really bring about significant changes.

Khomeini and the Revolutionary Council now have the rubber stamp for their constitution. But implementing it is quite another story. Because the constitution is overall a reactionary and bankrupt document, it flies right in the face of the tremendous desire of the Iranian people who are demonstrating everyday in the streets around their demands for uprooting imperialism, improving their livelihood and taking the fate of their country in their own hands. Certainly as long as this current battle against U.S. imperialism goes on it is extremely unlikely that the Revolutionary Council will move hard to implement the constitution. At this point they and Khomeini have not dared to openly go against the people's revolutionary storm.

The students in the embassy again showed their strength as they demanded

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Showdown on Big Mountain

Big Mountain, Arizona. The U.S. government is shining up its bloody sabres for yet another cavalry charge. They are preparing to rip nearly 6,000 Diné (Navajo) and over 100 Hopi people from their lands in northeast Arizona. If they are successful it will be the biggest "relocation" of Native Americans since the 1880s. Under the land that the government thought was barren and worthless and "fit only for Indians and animals," the imperialists have discovered a coal reserve the size of the state of Rhode Island, with only these Diné shepherders standing in the way of a mass of strip mines.

The bourgeoisie's "energy crisis" and war preparations have made all-out exploitation of cheaply available coal, oil and uranium an absolute necessity for the capitalists. They have been mining the insides out of whole four corners (Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico), where Big Mountain is located. Today there are 33 uranium mines, three uranium mills, three coal strip mines, and four coal fire power plants in the area. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Relocation Commission has evicted hundreds of Navajos from their homes to make way for a projected 1100 uranium mines, several more coal strip mines, and a national nuclear waste dump.

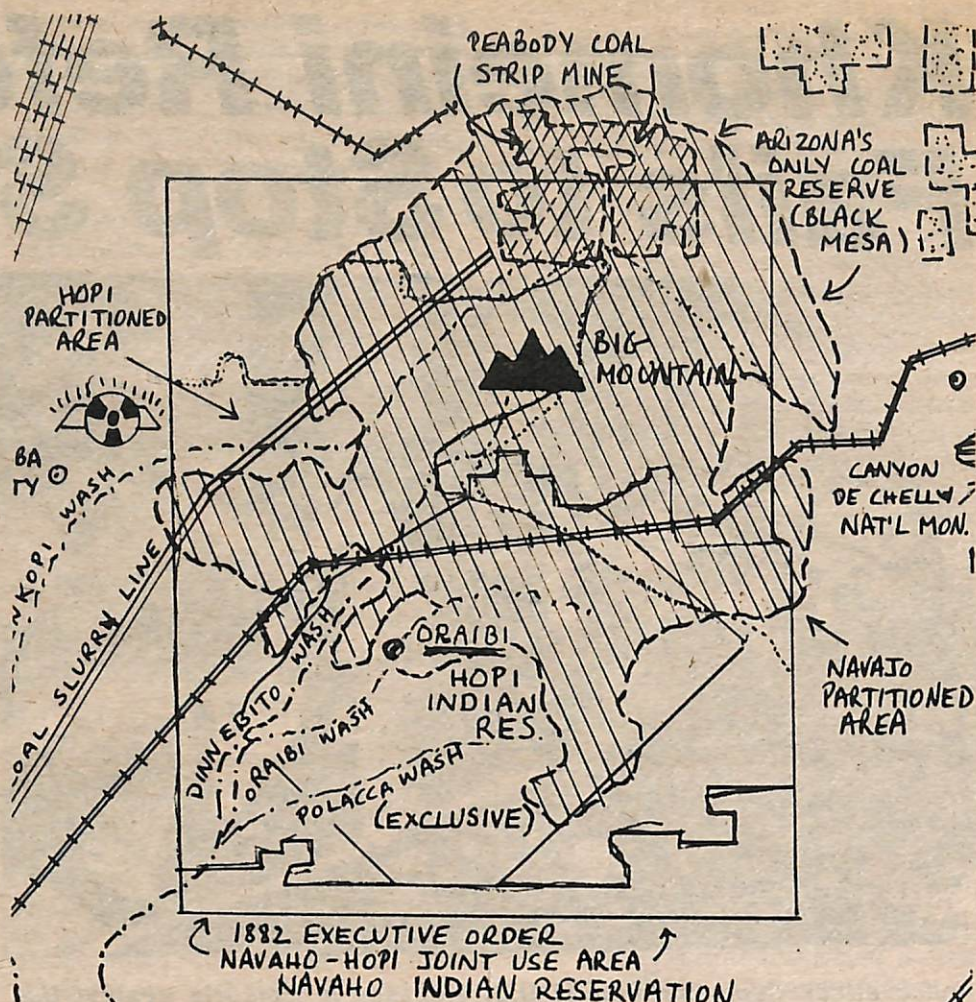
As the crisis intensifies, so does their need to swing into high gear to turn the hundreds more potential mines into a reality. But the Diné and Hopi people of Big Mountain have held on to their culture and traditions and refused to move off their land. They have bitterly resisted assimilation, continuing to speak their language and live the life their grandfathers and great-grandfathers did before them. In the early part of this century hundreds from that area were jailed and tortured for refusing to allow their children to be herded off to English-speaking, christianizing boarding schools. Given their traditional resistance and their determination to be left alone and preserve their traditional way of life, the government's offer of a metal modular trailer house, a color TV, and a few thousand dollars cash wasn't likely to

succeed. They would have to forcibly move them out, but they needed a good cover story.

So they proclaimed that they were going to settle an ancient Hopi-Navajo land dispute even though members of both tribes had lived together in the area for years. In 1974 Congress passed a law providing for partition of the Big Mountain area—and a fence to go up, dividing Hopi from Navajo land. Anyone living on the "wrong" side of the fence would be subject to relocation—in a city off the reservation. In 1977 when a special federal court drew the line, it snaked back and forth across the area on a course that managed to put the overwhelming majority of the people on the "wrong" side of the fence. The land was split 50/50 between the tribal councils of the Hopi and the Navajo.

Of course the tribal councils were created by the BIA in the 1930s for just this purpose—to replace the direct intervention of the cavalry with Indian faces to enforce U.S. imperialist rule and sign Indian names on the deeds to land stolen from the people. An example of their loyalty: Peabody Coal, the company already strip mining the mesa north of Big Mountain, received its lease from the Hopi tribal council. And over the outraged cries of the Big Mountain people, they also ceded rights for Peabody to pump as much water as it needed out of the parched land. Today, Peabody uses 3-1/2 million gallons a day to wash its coal down a slurry to the big coal-fired four corners power plant, while the springs and wells in the area dry up and the vegetation shrivels and dies.

The partition, fence and mass eviction are only the latest government attempt to wipe out obstacles to the gobbling up of Big Mountain. Since the late '60s they have stepped up their "stock reduction program" to starve out the people of Big Mountain and drive them off the land. They sent in "reforestation crews" with bulldozers to fill in the springs that people and livestock relied on for water, cut trees, and cleared the sage. Then they dragged heavy chains over the range land, killing the remain-



ing vegetation, "to prepare for re-seeding." A Diné elder, a 68-year-old woman, told the RW, "In the summer of 1976, the government flew planes where our livestock gather. They dumped some stuff out of the plane. They said they were re-seeding grass. That summer, everybody lost a lot of livestock. Near us, thirty sheep and twelve cattle. People called for an investigation. When the state agents came, they looked at five livestock. They said all five were struck by lightning."

But the people of Big Mountain aren't going to be moved out so easily. When the partition was announced, the government fence became the symbol of "relocation"—when the fence was completed the evictions would begin. "One day in October '77, the government trucks came and brought the fence into Big Mountain. My sister-in-law who is my same age (late 60s), she caught the fencing crew, so she got a stick and hit the foreman until they left. She came to all of us and we went together and tore down the fence. And then we sat down and discussed what we are going to do."

In November 1978, forty Big Mountain people went to the Navajo tribal

council at Window Rock, New Mexico to protest the fence and relocation. The tribal council unleashed eighty BIA police officers on them—nineteen, mainly elderly women, were beaten and arrested. But this and other attempts to beat down the struggle have intensified people's opposition. By this summer, hundreds of Native American activists came and camped in the path of a fence. Navajo and Anglo miners who were being poisoned in Kerr-Magee uranium mines quit their jobs and moved to Big Mountain to take a stand against the government and their relocations. Resistance is stiffening.

Last month, the people at Big Mountain sent their reply to eviction notices. Any government equipment on Big Mountain will be confiscated, any government personnel will be dealt with. Recently, the government sent more FBI agents and U.S. Marshals into the area. One of the women elders expressed the sentiments of the people: "If they come, I am not going to relocate in any way. If they force me, then I'll stand and fight. I am not afraid to die. I just hope I will be there when they come. I will stand and fight, like the peoples of Iran."

AIM Defendants Face Vicious Retrial in Oregon

Portland, Oregon. In the coming months, four American Indian Movement (A.I.M.) members—Dennis Banks, Kamook Nichols Banks, Russell Redner and Kenneth Loudhawk—face retrial on the same firearms and explosive charges that were thrown out of court in May 1976. At that time the charges were dismissed with "prejudice" (against the prosecutor), which supposedly means that the government can't file new charges in the same manner. But in a typical display of the flexibility of the bourgeois justice system, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recently rolled over this technicality by simply dismissing the reversal. The federal D.A., Sid Lezack, is moving full steam ahead to get the railroad back on the track.

In Nov. 1975, supposedly acting on an FBI tip from two "reliable informants" that Wounded Knee fugitives Leonard Peltier and Dennis Banks were traveling "in convoy," two Oregon state pigs forced a motor home and station wagon off the road near Ontario, Oregon on the Idaho border. The cops didn't find the men they were looking for, claiming they "escaped," but they did bust Kamook Banks, Kenneth Loudhawk, Russell Redner and Anna Mae Aquash who were in the two vehicles. Unable to support the original charge of harboring a fugitive, the government changed these charges to

possession of explosives and firearms when they supposedly "discovered" seven cases of dynamite, an assortment of rifles and pistols, and supposed bomb materials.

What happened to all this evidence? The authorities say they destroyed it because of "lack of storage facilities" and their "concern for public safety." They did, however, provide photographs of something burning which they claim was the dynamite being destroyed. Of course, only the FBI and the cops were present at the burning, even though they knew one of the defense attorneys was in town at the time. And at the trial an expert witness testified that, from the photograph, he couldn't even tell if it was dynamite burning, much less "the same dynamite" supposedly found in the defendants' car. Incredibly, the appeals court says in its recent ruling that the important thing was that he couldn't tell that it wasn't dynamite, therefore making the photograph valid evidence.

In the ruling, the court states that, where "the government's responsibility for loss of evidence is caused by actions that are... negligent in some degree, or inadvertently or intentionally done but with an element of good faith... in these instances a somewhat greater degree of prejudice (against the defendants—RW) may be tolerated." This

legalese could be used to justify any actions of the government, no matter what, as long as they had "an element of good faith."

The 1976 trial of these four AIM defendants was a focus of popular outrage and struggle, and in the face of this the flimsiness of the government's case was too hot to handle for Judge Belloni, who tried the case. The obvious frameup threatened to expose too much of the real nature of American justice and dirty Belloni's image in the process, so he wanted the messy thing out of his courtroom. That's why this capitalist guardian dismissed the explosives charges at that time, and when the prosecutor refused to go to trial on the firearms charges before appealing that decision, he dismissed "those charges as well."

The original trial took place during a period of all-out government assault on the Native American movement. As the published opinion of the Appeals Court says, "the events of the siege of Wounded Knee had occurred a short time before, and the government was still in the process of tracking fugitives from that sorry affair." A sorry affair indeed for the capitalists. The struggle of the people was hot on their trail. They had to step back a moment to adjust and reapply their "democratic" mask.

Of course, all along the government has not hesitated to resort to the most brutal suppression—murder and terror of the same brand used against the Native American people from the beginning of the American Empire. For example, Anna Mae Aquash, busted with the others in Ontario, was sent back to South Dakota where she was soon found dead on the Pine Ridge Reservation just a year after FBI agent Price had threatened her life. They knew it was her even though her body was badly decomposed because the FBI cut off her hands and sent them back to headquarters for fingerprinting. And while these same agents told her family she had died of exposure, they had to exhume her body to learn that they meant the exposure of the back of her head to a bullet.

With the struggle of Native Americans today on the rise, though not yet on the scale of the past, and the potential for much more in the future, the ruling class has set about attacking the struggle on all fronts. The blatant dredging up of this seemingly dead and buried case of the AIM defendants, along with other recent attacks on the struggle of American Indians, show just how intent the bourgeoisie is on crushing the resistance of the Native American people and at the same time how desperately fearful they are of it.

Bolshevik Newspapers ISKRA & PRAVDA



They Reared a Whole Generation of the Revolutionary Proletariat

The Revolutionary Worker is in the midst of a battle to double its circulation by January 1980. This is because the paper is our main weapon today in preparing to make revolution.

The newspapers of the Bolsheviks played this role in the Russian revolution of 1917. The newspaper *Iskra* (Spark) was founded by Lenin to be the main weapon in actually forging the Russian communists into a single powerful Party. It fought every opportunist tendency, especially Economism—the idea that the workers should keep their attention on the immediate, and economic questions, instead of revolutionary politics. It educated and united class conscious workers, building the Party. *Pravda* (Truth) was founded later, at a time when a mass working class daily paper was the need of the hour in the revolutionary movement.

The following two sections of the book "History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolsheviks)" deal with the role of each of these newspapers.

The fight against "Economism," the fight for the creation of an independent political party of the proletariat, was chiefly waged by *Iskra*, the illegal newspaper founded by Lenin.

At the beginning of 1900, Lenin and other members of the League of Struggle returned from their Siberian exile to Russia. Lenin conceived the idea of founding "a big illegal Marxist newspaper on an all-Russian scale. The numerous small Marxist circles and organizations which already existed in Russia were not yet linked up. At a moment when, in the words of Comrade Stalin, "amateurishness and the parochial outlook of the circles were corroding the Party from top to bottom, when ideological confusion was the characteristic feature of the internal life of the Party," the creation of an illegal newspaper on an all-Russian scale was the chief task of the Russian revolutionary Marxists. Only such a newspaper could link up the disunited Marxist organizations and prepare the way for the creation of a real party.

But such a newspaper could not be

published in tsarist Russia owing to police persecution. Within a month or two at most the tsar's sleuths would get on its track and smash it. Lenin therefore decided to publish the newspaper abroad. There it was printed on very thin but durable paper and secretly smuggled into Russia. Some of the issues of *Iskra* were reprinted in Russia by secret printing plants in Baku, Kishinev and Siberia.

In the autumn of 1900 Lenin went abroad to make arrangements with the comrades in the "Emancipation of Labour" group for the publication of a political newspaper on an all-Russian scale. The idea had been worked out by Lenin in all its details while he was in exile. On his way back from exile he had held a number of conferences on the subject in Ufa, Pskov, Moscow and St. Petersburg. Everywhere he made arrangements with the comrades about codes for secret correspondence, addresses to which literature could be sent, and so on, and discussed with them plans for the future struggle.

The tsarist government scented a most dangerous enemy in Lenin. Zubatov, an officer of gendarmes in tsarist *Okhrana*, expressed the opinion in a confidential report that "there is nobody bigger than Ulyanov (Lenin) in the revolution today," in view of which he considered it expedient to have Lenin assassinated.

Abroad, Lenin came to an arrangement with the "Emancipation of Labour" group, namely, with Plekhanov, Axelrod and V. Zasulich, for the publication of *Iskra* under joint auspices. The whole plan of publication from beginning to end had been worked out by Lenin.

The first issue of *Iskra* appeared abroad in December 1900. The title page bore the epigraph: "The Spark Will Kindle a Flame." These words were taken from the reply of the Decembrists [early Russian terrorist revolutionists—*RW*] to the poet Pushkin who had sent greetings to them in their place of exile in Siberia.

And indeed, from the spark (*Iskra*) started by Lenin there subsequently flamed up the great revolutionary conflagration in which the tsarist monarchy

of the landed nobility, and the power of the bourgeoisie were reduced to ashes...

Pravda

A powerful instrument used by the Bolshevik Party to strengthen its organizations and to spread its influence among the masses was the Bolshevik daily newspaper *Pravda* (Truth), published in St. Petersburg. It was founded, according to Lenin's instructions, on the initiative of Stalin, Olminsky and Poletayev. *Pravda* was a mass working-class paper founded simultaneously with the new rise of the revolutionary movement. Its first issue appeared on April 22 (May 5, New Style), 1912. This was a day of real celebration for the workers. In honour of *Pravda's* appearance it was decided henceforward to celebrate May 5 as workers' press day.

Previous to the appearance of *Pravda*, the Bolsheviks already had a weekly newspaper called *Zvezda*, intended for advanced workers. *Zvezda* played an important part at the time of the Lena events [massacre of striking gold field workers that produced an outpouring of outrage and struggle among Russian workers—*RW*]. It printed a number of trenchant political articles by Lenin and Stalin which mobilized the working class for the struggle. But in view of the rising revolutionary tide, a weekly newspaper no longer met the requirements of the Bolshevik Party. A daily mass political newspaper designed for the broadest sections of the workers was needed. *Pravda* was such a newspaper.

Pravda played an exceptionally important part at this period. It gained support for Bolshevism among broad masses of the working class. Because of incessant police persecution, fines, and confiscations of issues due to the publication of articles and letters not to the liking of the censor, *Pravda* could exist only with the active support of tens of thousands of advanced workers. *Pravda* was able to pay the huge fines only thanks to large collections made among the workers. Not infrequently, considerable portions of confiscated issues of *Pravda* nevertheless found their way into the hands of readers, because the more active workers would

come to the printing shop at night and carry away bundles of the newspaper...

The workers regarded *Pravda* as their own newspaper; they had great confidence in it and were very responsive to its calls. Every copy was read by scores of readers, passing from hand to hand; it moulded their class-consciousness, educated them, organized them, and summoned them to the struggle...

The workers reacted to every political event, to every victory or defeat, by sending to *Pravda* letters, greetings, protests, etc. In its articles *Pravda* dealt with the tasks of the working-class movement from a consistent Bolshevik standpoint. A legally published newspaper could not call openly for the overthrow of tsardom. It had to resort to hints, which, however, the class-conscious workers understood very well, and which they explained to the masses. When, for example, *Pravda* wrote of the "full and uncurtailed demands of the Year Five," the workers understand that this meant the revolutionary slogans of the Bolsheviks, namely, the overthrow of tsardom, a democratic republic, the confiscation of the landed estates, and an 8-hour day...

Pravda helped to organize the mass actions of the proletariat. At the time of a big lockout in St. Petersburg in the spring of 1914, when it was inexpedient to declare a mass strike, *Pravda* called upon the workers to resort to other forms of struggle, such as mass meetings in the factories and demonstrations in the streets. This could not be stated openly in the newspaper. But the call was understood by class-conscious workers when they read an article by Lenin bearing the modest title "Forms of the Working-Class Movement" and stating that at the given moment strikes should yield place to a higher form of the working-class movement—which meant a call to organize meetings and demonstrations.

In this way the illegal revolutionary activities of the Bolsheviks were combined with legal forms of agitation and organization of the masses of the workers through *Pravda*.

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Anger Boils in Steel Town

The fist of capital came crashing down on 13,000 steel workers in Youngstown, Ohio and in six other states last week. U.S. Steel, Big Daddy in the steel industry, announced the elimination of 13,000 jobs at six plants, saying the operations were "too costly and not profitable."

This announcement follows on the heels of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company's announced plans to "permanently furlough" 1200 workers at its Youngstown Brier Hill plant.

All this little more than two years after the shutdown of Youngstown Sheet and Tube and another "permanent furlough" of over 5000 steel workers. Within minutes after the announcement of this latest shutdown, the air in Youngstown is filled with explanations, excuses, accusations and surefire cures for plant shutdown.

The company of course trots out its tired refrain about high labor costs, excessively harsh environmental standards and the lack of governmental protection from cheap imported steel. The union officials bark and whine a bit about company mismanagement and

then repeat their standard post-shutdown vow "to do everything possible to save these jobs. We'll go right to the White House on this one."

Then there is the same group of pie-in-the-sky preachers who mounted a "save the mill" campaign after Sheet and Tube shut down. They've revived the schemes to turn soon-to-be closed-mills into community-run operations... with profits being "rendered unto Jesus."

And finally the news media is filled with personal interest stories. Pity the pathetic working man—victim of forces beyond his understanding and control, sitting there scratching his head and giving out quotes like "I really can't fault U.S. Steel for trying to make a dollar. That's what it's all about."

What it's really about is that U.S. Steel, along with other giants in the industry, is scrambling around trying to retrench as the industry and in fact the whole system sinks deeper into crisis. For years, U.S. steel companies have been getting their asses kicked on the international steel market. Compared to the new mills in the steel industry in

other countries like Japan and West Germany, their facilities and equipment are inefficient, outmoded and not as profitable.

These shutdowns are a continuation of the widespread closings in 1977 in the steel industry—an attempt by the steel companies to rationalize and reorganize their operation in the face of intensifying competition as imperialism lurches into the '80s. U.S. Steel is obviously pulling out of certain products and operations and concentrating its capital and production in more modern and advanced facilities.

The shutdowns are also linked to a more long-term trend for steel companies to diversify their investments into other sectors of the economy. But with war on the horizon and the U.S. imperialists needing a reliable source of steel for their military machine, this will only go so far.

These are the hidden forces victimizing the workers—the almighty law of profit—the workings of capitalism. Forces that can and must be well understood.

As for the "poor, victimized, con-

fused steel worker," he exists mainly in the fond dreams of the bourgeoisie and the images their media create. The workers at U.S. Steel's McDonald works outside Youngstown are pissed off and ready to rumble. There is much confusion as to the real causes of shutdowns. There is uncertainty about where to direct the anger that is welling up in these antiquated hell-holes. But the anger and determination to hit back at these attacks is there.

It was shown when 300 of these workers went to United States Steel headquarters in Pittsburgh to demonstrate, carrying signs that said, "Forget the fifty in Iran—United States Steel has 13,000 hostages." And even though at this time much of this anger is being bottled up by reformist leadership, the sentiment among thousands is to bust out of old ruts and come out fighting. The feeling among many was concentrated by one of the dozens of steel workers who bought the *Revolutionary Worker* this week, who said, "Revolutionary! Yeah—that's what we're all gonna be when they try and close this place down!"

Layoffs Hit 100,000 in Auto

Scarcely has the 1980 model year begun than all the big three auto makers have announced widespread production cutbacks, throwing workers by the thousands out onto the streets. By the beginning of December, 100,000 workers in the auto industry were on *indefinite* layoff. This week Ford has shut down twelve of its assembly plants to reduce dealer inventories, and General Motors idled an additional 11,000 workers.

The overall production scheduled for the October through December period is at the lowest level since the same period in the recession year 1974 (25% off last year). According to *Ward's Automotive Report*, the auto bosses' private industry newsletter, the auto industry is already in a recession.

What seems to be shaping up is another major over-production crisis at least on the scale of 1974 and 1975. Thousands of unsold cars and trucks have piled up on vacant lots and dealer showrooms. Chrysler, which is claiming to be on the verge of bankruptcy and is entreating the federal government for \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees, has resorted to trying to unload some of *last year's* Aspens and Volares by arranging for them to be used as prizes for the state of Michigan lottery. And, in order to stimulate sales on its 1980 models, it's offering \$300 rebates on the *first* 100,000 sold. But sales of Chrysler (as well as Ford and General Motors) have fallen drastically anyway.

Chrysler has gotten most of the front-page news lately—it set a new corporate record in the third quarter by losing a reported \$460.6 million, more than any U.S. corporation had previously lost in a *whole year*. In the deadly cutthroat competition with General Motors and Ford (along with the foreign auto makers who are strengthening their share of the U.S. market), Chrysler is being driven under, perhaps to follow the likes of Studebaker and Hupmobile into corporate oblivion.

Already, Chrysler has closed for good its Lyons, Michigan trim facility and plans to shut down permanently the huge Hamtramck assembly plant (Dodge main) in 1980. But Ford and even industry giant General Motors also lost a bundle of money in the third quarter on their *domestic* car operations. Faced now with plummeting sales, each still and even more urgently confronts the need to spend millions to greatly retool new and old machinery in a mad scramble to beat each other out by producing new gas-saving car models, and more importantly, to pro-

duce cars more cheaply. Ford says it lost a billion dollars last year on its U.S. car operations. It will lose another billion this year. Only due to its lucrative overseas operations and its aerospace and agricultural divisions did Ford manage to turn a profit overall.

In part, current high interest rates, instituted by the federal reserve, have had a chilling effect on "big ticket" consumer spending like automobiles and new housing starts. One main way the capitalists got out of the 1974-75 recession was by extending longer and

longer lines of credit to consumers. Many of these car notes, etc., are still being paid, and with workers losing their jobs through layoffs and job combinations, many are not able to pay off their present car, much less buy a new one. High interest rates also mean that auto dealers who must pay a form of interest on their inventories now rusting up waiting to be sold are having the economic strings tightened on them too. 468 dealerships have already folded so far this year—the highest number in over 20 years.

Changes in the auto industry, because of its close relationship with steel, rubber, oil, etc., have a tremendous ripple effect throughout the whole economy. This tailspin in auto signals deeper trouble ahead than has been talked about in the business press. And, within the overall deepening crisis of capitalism worldwide, especially if Chrysler should fall, the present downturn in auto could have much more than a simple ripple effect on the U.S. economy—it could be a shock wave.



Dec. 4—Dozens of armed and dangerous revolutionaries fanned out through Chicago on the tenth anniversary of the murder of Black Panther Party leader Fred Hampton. Armed, that is, with the weapon of the *Revolutionary Worker* and dangerous to the same dogs who snuffed Fred Hampton's life. These dogs, whether of the blue-uniformed, white-robed or three-piece suited variety are still stalking the streets.

Revolutionary agitators upheld the lessons of Hampton's life and his uncompromising stand against police terror on a West Side corner where, the day before, three pigs gunned down a Black man in a Burger King and boasted, "Well, we wasted another one." Riders on Chicago's subways took a welcome break from the grind of the a.m. commute, digging deep for quarters as "people's tribunes" exposed the deep fear and vengeance of the capitalists for revolutionary leaders like Fred Hampton and, today, comrade Bob Avakian. At Cabrini-Green housing project, memories of Fred Hampton and deep-seated longing for revolution were

jolted alive by the blast of a bullhorn.

Dozens stepped out onto the catwalks from their apartments and hung out of windows, fists clenched, during an afternoon rally and many more scooped up copies of the *RW* as agitators spoke to the possibility for revolution and the pressing need to wield the white-hot weapon of the Party's newspaper, widen its distribution and deepen its influence. More than 1000 copies of the *RW* were sold Tuesday in Chicago. The ten years since Fred Hampton's death have caused more, not less hatred for this dying and increasingly vicious system at Cabrini, and many came forward to commemorate his life by speeding up the realization in the 1980s of his dream of revolution. A few took extra copies to sell to neighbors, on some floors almost everyone bought one, and one older man took out a dollar, asking that a copy of the paper be dropped off at an apartment in another building in the project. Referring to the grip of religion on many at Cabrini, he said, "We can't get nothin' done down on our knees. I want my son to see this."



Marquette Park, Chicago

Nazis Attack Party, People Fight Off Nazis

On Saturday, Dec. 1, six Nazi storm-troopers arrogantly attacked two people selling the RCP pamphlet "Iran—It's Not Our Embassy" in the Marquette Park community on Chicago's Southwest Side. At the same time Nazi photographers were taking pictures of people selling the *RW* pamphlet in downtown Chicago. The Nazis planned their attack in a cold, calculating way, knowing very well that revolutionary agitation exposing the real situation in Iran would hit the streets that day, and banking on the fact that the people in Marquette Park would never support it.

But these brownshirted commandos were in for a surprise when residents stood up to defend the *Revolutionary Worker* sellers from the gestapo-style attack.

Marquette Park—throughout the country this name has become synonymous with reaction, conveying the picture of racist whites overturning cars and attacking Black people, with Nazis in White Power T-shirts leading the most violent assaults. Marquette Park...launching pad for the Nazis' planned march into the Jewish community of Skokie.

For years the Nazis have claimed Marquette Park as their home turf, arrogantly considering it a safe haven for them to carry out their reactionary low-life activities. But not only did this attack take place in the Nazi's so-called front yard, it took place in the context of a reactionary wind which has been whipped up around the Greensboro massacre and the ruling class' crisis in Iran. They've aimed to turn every neighborhood into a "Marquette Park," and to declare open season on anyone who opposes this reaction. In particular the ruling class has aimed its fire at the Revolutionary Communist Party and the stormtroopers on Saturday afternoon knew exactly who they were after.

It was 12:00 noon when the six Nazis marched toward the corner of 63rd and Kedzie, decked out in full fascist uniforms—helmets with visors, boots,

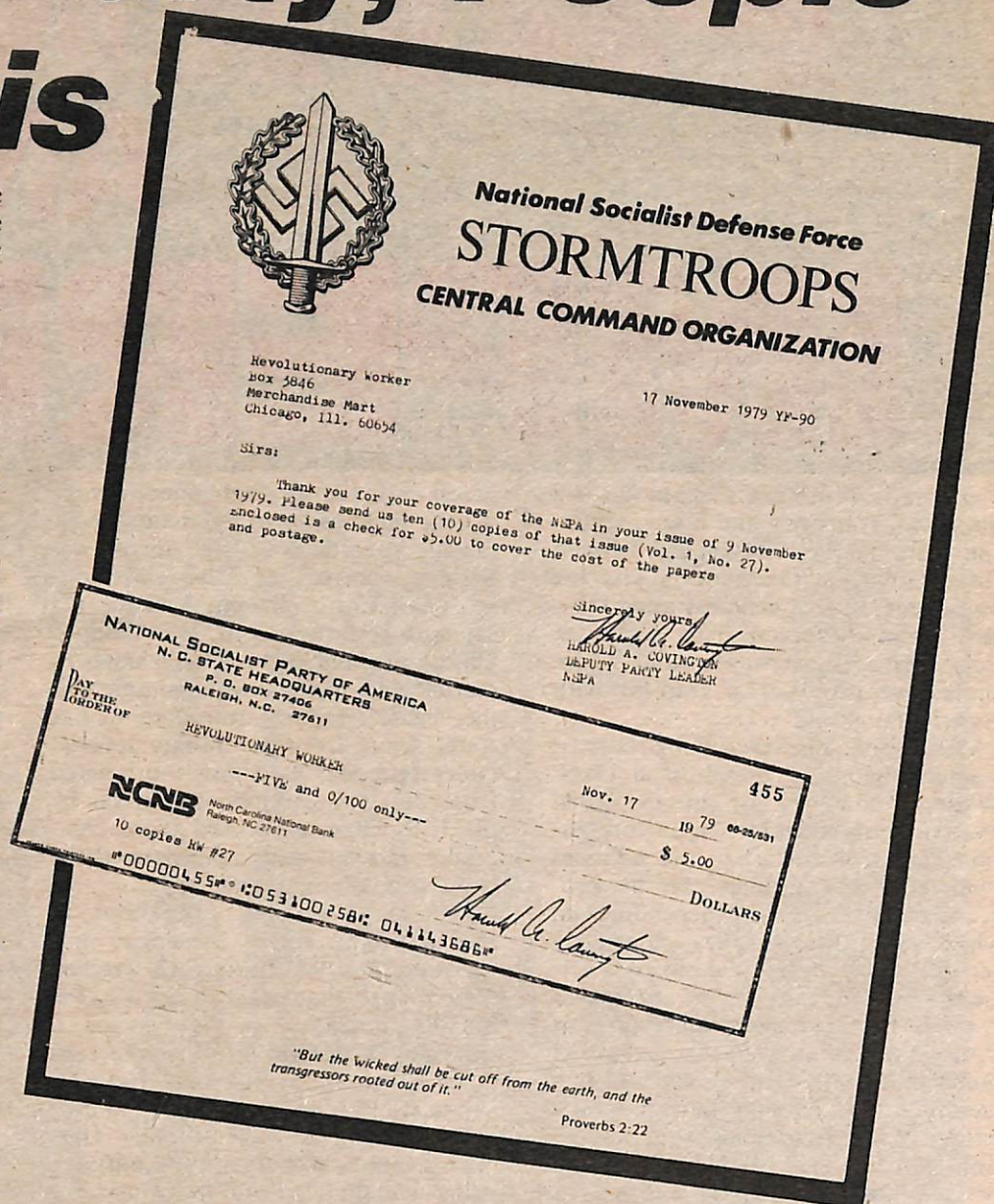
brownshirts, and swastikas. When these sewer rats in helmets heard one of the sellers tell them the pamphlet was by Chairman Bob Avakian, their eyes went wild. They surrounded the man and woman who were selling the pamphlet, bellowing "White Power, White Power" and "Better dead than red." It was six on one and the guy selling the Chairman's pamphlet was taking a beating. The woman loudly told people what was going on and the politics behind it and quickly came to the aid of her partner, and the biggest Nazi threw her to the ground, halfway into the street.

All of a sudden two women from the community stepped in, shouting at the Nazis. "You scum, get out of our neighborhood." The brother who had been set upon by the Nazis broke loose and, as he told the *RW*, "All of a sudden I saw this guy next to me throwing down his coat. I thought to myself, *oh no, we're surrounded*. Then this same guy faces the Nazis head on and says, 'All right motherfuckers, let's even up the odds. It's two against six.' Then another guy from the neighborhood jumps in and says, 'O.K., now it's three to six'."

That broke the ice, and others jumped into the fray. The neighborhood people were sickened by this cowardly attack of these fascist goons in Hitler suits. Many people have had a bellyfull of the Nazis running their white power crap, terrorizing the neighborhood and giving the people who live there a bad name. An older woman said later she thought the whole attack had started because the Nazis saw her smile at a Black couple who passed her on the street, indicating the heavy atmosphere of intimidation these fascists have generated.

When a 60-year-old woman was knocked off her feet by the biggest oaf Nazi, it was too much for the crowd of 30-40 people that had gathered, and they bore down on the stormtroopers. Seeing the tide against them, the Nazis

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Above is a little threat we received in the mail recently from Deputy Nazi Party leader Harold Covington. It seems the political exposure in our November 9 centerfold hit target. It was titled "We had it all worked out with the cops"—a phrase taken from an earlier letter from Covington. He was then referring to how "his men"—including some now charged with the Greensboro massacre—had conspired last summer with the cops to plan murder. And it is this point, once again, that stands out in Covington's current letter.

Covington is very confident of his protected status. So much so that he has once again sent legally signed documents, including a check. This Nazi has no worry that this helps confirm his murderous plotting role earlier. In effect he's bragging about his police immunity. At the time we released the evidence of Nazi/cop plotting, a lot of the press tried to find an excuse to ignore or discredit it. One thing they seized on was, "How can you prove it is really Covington's signature on that letter?" Our comrades pointed out at the time that we were sure the FBI had handwriting experts, and we were equally sure they wouldn't do anything about it. Covington seems intent on proving that we are right on about his Party's hand and glove relation with the authorities.

Troglodytes Split at "We Are One" Rally

Definition—Troglodyte: a person of a degraded type like the prehistoric cave-dwellers. (*Oxford Dictionary*)

The night of Dec. 3 was to be a thrill night for all the flag-waving anti-Iranian troglodytes in southern California. Local officials headed by an exalted troglodytic leader, Senator Paul "caveman" Carpenter, had reserved the 100,000 seat L.A. Coliseum for an expected crowd of 60,000 to proclaim "We are one" in a star-spangled outpouring of patriotic fervor in support of military intervention in Iran. It was to be America's red, white and blue answer to all those Iranians in the streets of Tehran. And the neanderthals came snorting and grunting the few phrases they were able to remember from the constant drilling of the U.S. imperialists—phrases like "God Bless America", "America We Love You", "Camel Jockeys Go Home", and "Nuke Iran".

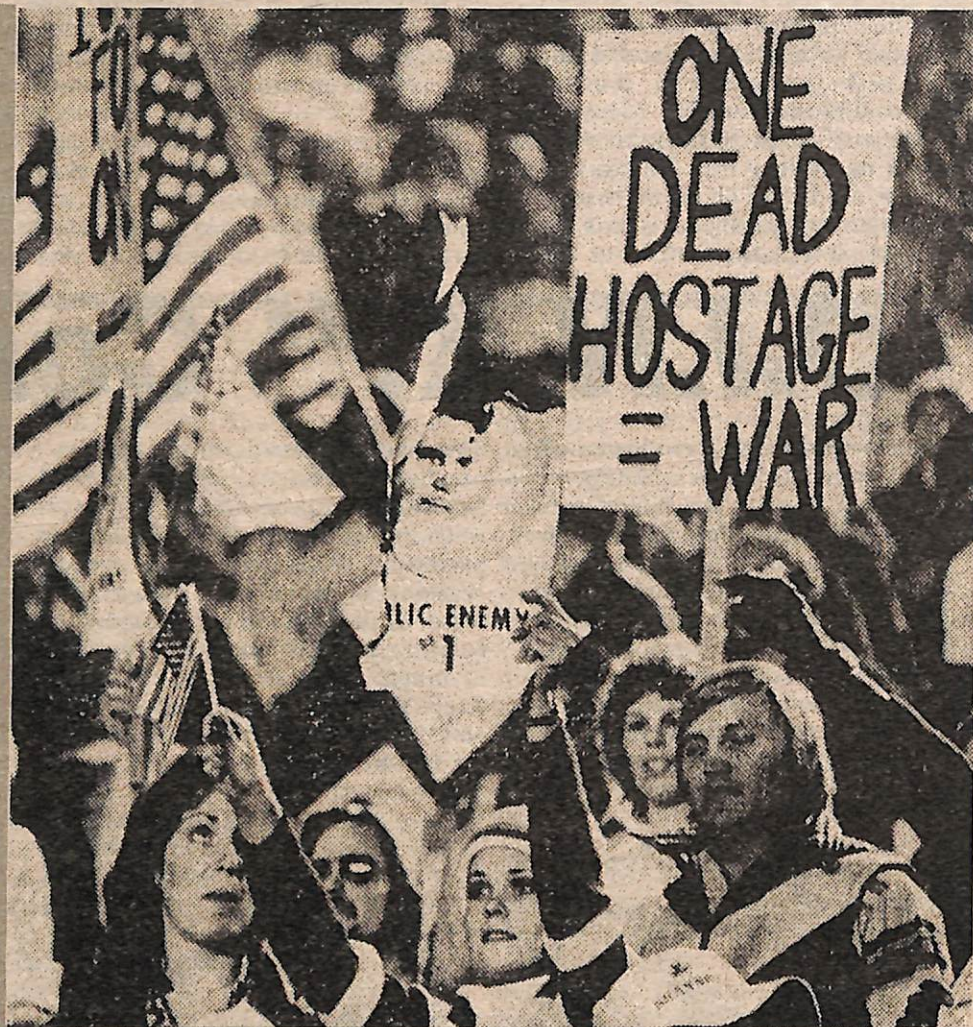
They were really looking forward to this and had been drawn by ads on the radio and TV stations throughout the Los Angeles area. Even a "community oriented" Black radio station was announcing it every half hour. No doubt rally organizers got the word out that cross burnings and the like should be kept to a minimum due to fire regulations. Amazingly, a few Blacks did show up, however, probably off-duty pigs and similar types.

It must be said that while the attendance at the rally was indeed quite

broad, ranging from KKK and Nazi members to John Birchers and diehard Nixon lovers, the number of troglodytes attending fell slightly short of predictions. In fact, there was a bigger turnout when George Burns stuck his cigar in the cement outside of Grauman's Chinese Theatre. Official estimates say the crowd totalled 6,300, while other sources report only 5,000—disappointing to say the least, even for the glassy-eyed reactionaries who showed up. Perhaps "caveman" Carpenter really did literally mean "we are one."

But their show went on. The Olympic torch in the stadium for the 1932 Olympics, also to be used in the 1984 games, was lit as Kenneth Hahn, chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors declared, "Very few times in the history of the Coliseum have we turned on the torch. It will remain burning until every hostage is released. That will be a signal to fellow Americans held as prisoners that we will not forget them." Shouts of "free our people" echoed and echoed and echoed throughout the deserted arena.

As the program droned on, sounding like a broken Kate Smith record—"God Bless America" three times, "Star Spangled Banner" and "Pledge of Allegiance" twice each, all in a two hour period—some of the patriots grew restless. A large section started chanting, "Nuke Iran," and a new chant adapted from the movie, *Apocalypse Now*, "I love the smell of



napalm" trying to drown out the overgrown Boy Scouts performing a 1776 Pageant on the stage. Already the "We are one" rally had split into two factions, described by one incredulous reporter as "Mary Poppins and Hitler's Youth." Reporters sent to interview rally participants came running back from their assignments aghast, "these people are very strange." The whole thing was quite an embarrassment to

those who had expected a nice proper Betsy Ross type affair.

As the pitiful little orgy of reaction drew to a close, Paul Carpenter and other government officials were undoubtedly in shock. Where were all their "freedom loving red blooded Americans"? No doubt the ruling class as a whole is just a bit surprised at the small number and low caliber of their shock troops.

PATRIOTISM AND IMPERIALISM

Events in Iran have sharpened some questions. Iranians—and a few Americans—are pictured burning American flags. Others in this country kiss the flag and wave it in demonstrating Iranians' faces. What does the American flag represent anyway? And where should we stand—with Iran or with America?

Patriotism, like everything else, is stamped with the brand of a class. While nationalism is, in the final analysis, bourgeois ideology ("my nation first"), in today's world national sentiments and feelings can be progressive or reactionary depending on whose class interests they objectively serve. As the great revolutionary V.I. Lenin pointed out, one of the major features of the era of imperialism is "the exploitation of an increasing number of small or weak nations by a handful of the richest or most powerful nations." Understanding this distinction—that the world is divided into oppressed and oppressor nations—is necessary to understand just what patriotism means today. In the oppressed nations of the world, patriotism is progressive, even revolutionary; in the oppressor nations, it is pure poison of the deadliest kind for the working class and all progressive people.

Iran is a perfect example of a nation oppressed by imperialism and of what the American flag represents, and why it is burned and stomped on around the world. Under the rule of the U.S. puppet Shah, Iran's growth was stunted, its economy strangled, its oil and natural resources plundered. The U.S., like all imperialists, "skinned the ox twice" as Lenin put it. They extracted wealth from Iran, squeezed her workers and then turned around and flooded the country with U.S.-produced goods—ruining local production. The country's once self-sufficient agriculture was ruined so badly that Iran had to buy food from the U.S. The peasants were driven under into cardboard slums or, if "lucky," forced to scratch out the

barest means of survival under the yoke of the landlords in wretched semi-feudal conditions. And there was nothing approaching even the bourgeois-democratic "rights" as in the capitalist countries as the U.S. dumped billions in arms in the Shah's hands to murder and shoot down thousands at the slightest sign of resistance to this rotten setup. Even the Iranian national bourgeoisie was held down, prevented from developing native capitalism by the U.S. imperialists and those comprador Iranians who administered the U.S. corporate tentacles.

Iran is no isolated case. Look at Puerto Rico, where American imperialism has so thoroughly wrecked the economy that nearly a third of the island's population has been forced to leave for a "better life" in the run-down barrios of U.S. cities. And how about the Philippines, another land of U.S. sweatshops, where under U.S. puppet Marcos the entire country is under a state of martial law to enforce U.S. robbery and exploitation. The same can be said for dozens of underdeveloped nations who have been kept firmly under the bootheel of U.S. imperialism which has sucked out their lifeblood for decades.

In oppressed nations like these, patriotism is a progressive force. Why? Because it is a reflection of the aspirations of the oppressed classes—particularly the working class and the peasantry, and including broad sections of the petty bourgeoisie and even sections of the national bourgeoisie—for self-determination, for national liberation from the grip of imperialism, for the development of their economy and for the achievement of the anti-imperialist revolution and the completion of its anti-feudal, democratic tasks.

In this situation, patriotism corresponds to what is rising and developing, and the patriotic classes and sections of the people can be an important part of a united front, led by the pro-

letariat, in the revolutionary struggle to throw off the stranglehold of imperialism and move society forward. And this struggle—the striving for national liberation—is objectively allied with the struggle of the U.S. working class as both face a common enemy in the imperialist ruling class of the oppressing nation.

By the same token, patriotism in the oppressor nations is thoroughly reactionary. It is a call for the masses to rally 'round the banner of the slave-master, to actively defend the pillage and plunder of the weaker nations and the enslavement of millions to the imperialist ruling class. In the advanced capitalist countries, Lenin pointed out, "the bourgeois, progressive national movements came to an end a long time ago. Every one of these 'great' nations oppresses other nations in the colonies and within its own country." (e.g. the Black people in the U.S.) While capitalism once played a progressive role in these countries, developing the productive forces and moving society forward, in the epoch of imperialism it has developed into the opposite—a brake on society—into "the striving for domination instead of striving for liberty" on a world scale and is rotten ripe for socialist revolution.

Internationalism and Patriotism

But if the patriotism and nationalism of the oppressed nations is progressive, how does this jive with the fact that the outlook of the proletariat is internationalism? The proletariat is a single class that knows no national boundaries and whose goal is the achievement of socialism and communism worldwide, a glorious future where there will be no national divisions and the antagonism which flows from them. As Lenin said, "The aim of socialism is not only to abolish the present division of mankind into small states and all national isolation; not only to bring nations closer together, but also to merge them." This is part of the transition from capital-

ism—where modern nations really arose and developed—to communism, which will be international society free of all class distinctions.

In the conditions of today, where the world is still divided into nation states, it is precisely the *internationalist* outlook that leads the proletariat of the imperialist countries to unite with the national struggle of the oppressed countries. Both face a mutual oppressor, and this is true even when a class other than the proletariat (i.e. the national bourgeoisie or petty-bourgeoisie) has the leadership of the national liberation struggle.

Take the situation in Iran where Khomeini, representing the upper petty bourgeoisie and sections of the national bourgeoisie, gave leadership to the revolution which toppled the Shah. This revolution was fueled by the strength of the Iranian proletariat, like oil workers who, though making only \$2 a day, spit on the 100% wage increase offered them by the Shah to bribe them back to work in 1978—and instead kept on defying the secret police and army and staying on strike to lend their strength to the revolution. And the workers shed their blood. But nevertheless the working class did not have hegemony in the struggle. Did this therefore mean that nationalistic sentiments and patriotic feeling of the classes in leadership should not have been supported? No, such a stand would have been completely reactionary, objectively allying with the efforts of U.S. imperialism to maintain its vice-like grip on the Iranian people.

It is true that the working class must gain hegemony in the national struggle in order for it to fully succeed, for the oppressed to achieve genuine liberation and independence from imperialism. But even where patriotic bourgeois forces are temporarily in leadership, the struggle for national liberation is imbued with a progressive thrust as long as it is moving forward to throw off the yoke of imperialist rule, a thrust which

"O.I.N.K." Conspires with Pro

While the "ladies and gentlemen of the press" seem to have absolutely no trouble covering every belch and fart uttered by neanderthal reactionaries on the situation in Iran, they are conspicuously absent, disinterested and incapable of getting their facts straight when it comes to covering actions in support of the Iranian people's struggle. This has been particularly sharp when it comes to the actions taken by veterans, and has caused some specula-

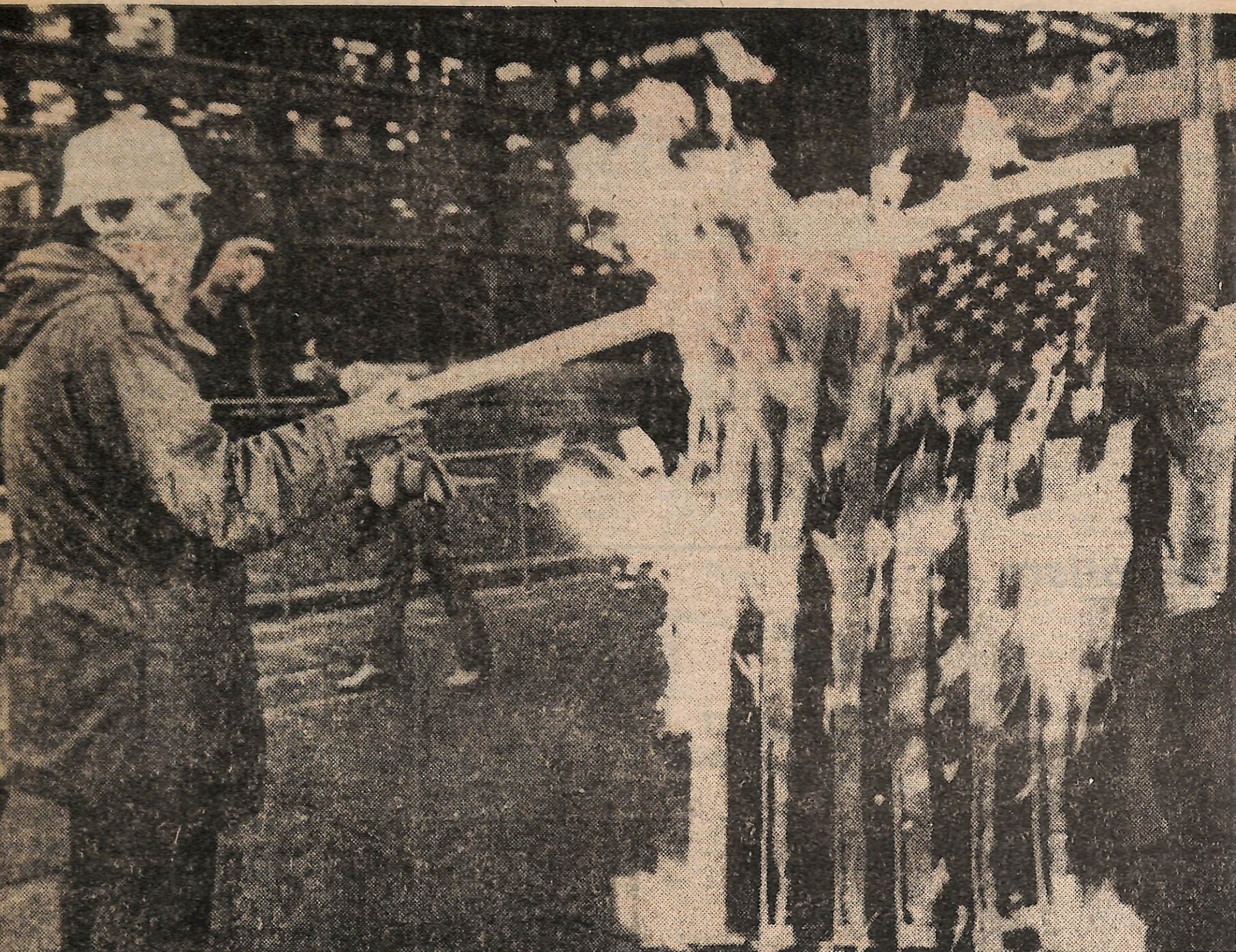
tion that the press is suffering from a peculiar phobia called "see-no-vet, hear-no-vet, speak-no-vet." That is, when the vets in question are doing embarrassing things like taking over the Washington Monument, or seizing the office of the brass in a Detroit military base, or demonstrating with hundreds of others in the streets, saying, "U.S. Keep Your Bloody Hands off Iran!" and "The Shah Must Face the Wrath of the Iranian People."

In Washington, D.C. alone there have been a number of press conferences, actions and demonstrations initiated by Vietnam Veterans Against the War in solidarity with the Iranian people. Yet in each case there has been a concerted campaign to distort or completely squash any news of the role that veterans have played. When VVAW seized the Washington Monument on Veterans Day in support of the Iranian people, the media either played down

the fact that veterans had taken this action or, like the *Washington Star*, totally denied that it was true. At a press conference called the day after the seizure by Vietnam Veterans Against the War and the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, who also participated in the action, not one of these human bullhorns for the bourgeoisie saw fit to show. Despite their silence, this event was announced in Tehran, Iran, on the radio.



the Monument Seven



Veteran burns flag in Cleveland on Veterans' Day, showing correct attitude toward this symbol of patriotism and imperialism.

is objectively in the interests of the oppressed (non-bourgeois) classes. To those phony "communists" who opposed such national struggles on the grounds that they were bourgeois, Lenin had this to say: "Just as mankind can achieve the abolition of classes only by passing through the transition period of the dictatorship of the oppressed class, so mankind can achieve the inevitable merging of nations only by passing through the transition period of the complete liberation of all the oppressed nations..."

Of course, such patriotic sections of the national bourgeoisie are at best

vacillating allies of the struggle of the masses for genuine and complete liberation. While held back in significant ways by imperialist domination and feudal relations in the countryside, at the same time they remain in many ways dependant and under the thumb of imperialism. Ultimately, they will not be able to stand up to imperialism unless the proletariat assumes leadership of the revolutionary struggle. Left in leadership, the national bourgeoisie's fundamental class antagonism with the proletariat and the basic masses cannot help but assert itself, and the overall dependency of capitalism in these coun-

tries on imperialism will too. These class forces, if leading the struggle, will inevitably waver and capitulate to imperialism and reaction.

In the period following the insurrection in Iran, it rapidly became apparent that because of the classes he represents, Khomeini was incapable of carrying the democratic revolution forward through to final victory. He conciliated and vacillated toward the U.S., refusing to nationalize the imperialists' holdings. He allowed comprador and pro-U.S. elements to worm their way back into the government and the military and set up a fascist Islamic dic-

tatorship heavily weighted with feudal and religious trappings. He sided with the landlords in opposition to the peasants' demands for land. Moreover, he unleashed a wave of anti-communism against the revolutionary Left and whipped up reactionary forces to attack the Kurdish people and other oppressed nationalities within Iran.

However, with the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Khomeini has suddenly been forced again by the underlying struggle of the Iranian people to stand up more firmly to U.S. imperialism. Where just a month ago he

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Prostitute Press

On Nov. 27, when a powerful demonstration of 200 marched through the streets of D.C. holding up a banner of revolutionary support for the Iranian people and explicitly initiated by both Vietnam Veterans Against the War and the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, none of the press in the area even acknowledged that veterans were present at the demonstration, let alone the fact that they played a key role in organizing and building for it. This in spite of the fact that it was stressed to them a number of times as well as being obvious throughout the march and rally.

Obscene Callers

In fact, the bourgeoisie is consciously suppressing any news of veterans standing up and exposing their designs on Iran and their plans for world war, and more than that mobilizing people to take action. And in carrying out this campaign, the bourgeoisie has been aided to the max by none other than VVAW, Inc., that group composed of a handful of ex-national officers kicked out of VVAW almost two years ago. This little group who have stooped so low as to file a lawsuit in Chicago against the VVAW for violating their "name and trademark" (see *RW*, Nov.

23, 1979) would better go by the name "Opportunists, Inc.," or OINK for short. At every turn they have jumped out to make sure that the press "got their facts straight," saying that "there were no veterans involved" in any of these actions. In fact they have been kept very busy trying to keep up with all the actions called by VVAW, in order to promptly call the press and disassociate themselves.

When VVAW seized the Washington Monument, one of these obscene callers, a Mr. P. Zastrow, whose Master's Degree in pornography literature has given him a special rapport with the prostitute press, called the *Washington Star* from his desk in Chicago to deny that any veterans had taken part in the seizure. And when the Vietnam Veterans Against the War invaded and seized the office of the commander of the national guard base in Detroit to build support for the Iranian people, this same P. Zastrow once again denied the participation of vets in the action, saying that it was only a few members of the RCYB. At this time he went even further, telling the *Macomb Daily*, "We have not had an active chapter in Detroit for several years. We've run into this before... A couple of weeks ago in Washington, D.C.

there was a demonstration with a Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade group that used our name also. It's a problem and I don't know what to do... We have been activist but now we are focusing on Agent Orange."

Perhaps MR. Zastrow might refresh his memory a bit if he took a look at a mailgram which he sent to the "non-existent chapter" of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War in Detroit on August 18, 1977, before being voted out of office. This mailgram was in regard to the determined fight of one Ali Hussin for 100 percent disability benefits, and says in part, "Ali Hussin symbolizes this fighting spirit and we stand with him on the battle lines until victory." Ali Hussin is none other than one of the veterans who was arrested in the seizure of the Washington Monument recently. And while this mailgram certainly demonstrates that MR. Zastrow and his friends will do whatever they think is opportune for their careers at the time, it further shows that he is a liar and a fraud, that he knows very well that veterans participated in these actions. In fact, he knows some of them by name, and they also know MR. Zastrow and what kind of guy he is and what class of people he's working for.

VVAW on the Air

However, in the face of all this, Vietnam Veterans Against the War has been

continuing to boldly step into the middle of the turmoil, exposing and opposing the war moves of the U.S. and playing a major role broadly creating public opinion against U.S. imperialism. In fact, in the same week as Iran demonstrations and VVAW actions occurred throughout the country, a local talk show had decided to present a program dealing with Vietnam vets and their overbearing emotional problems. VVAW heard about this program and tried to get on the panel, or at least in the audience to ask questions, but were flatly refused by the producer of the show who stated that the program was mainly concerned with helping these "poor sick veterans" and not with causing trouble around Iran. On the morning of the show, this same producer met a Vietnam vet, a man who was 100% disabled in the war, who was slowly dying from a disease he caught fighting in Vietnam. After seeing a briefcase full of pills that this person has to take daily she eagerly allowed him to sit on the panel. She was almost slobbering at the thought of a crazy dying vet being analyzed and pitied by the other members of the panel. But when the show began, all hell broke loose as this vet immediately laid out his stand. "When I went over there, I was full of the things you were taught in school, about democracy and all this stuff that we were going over there to fight to

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Atlanta Demonstration Supports Iranian People

After two weeks of portraying the American people as wild-eyed flag-waving John Waynes or Miss Lillian gunmolls rattling sabres at the Iranian people, Atlanta media hacks were forced to eat more than a little crow. A small militant demonstration of Americans and Iranians led by the RCP in front of the Atlanta federal courthouse on November 29 called their lies out for what they are and instead of rallying around the U.S. imperialist flag, set it aflame.

Rising to this challenge T.V., radio and newspapers tried to use this "OUTRAGEOUS CRIME" to whip up a frenzy of reaction against these "crazies." But what they got was a crazy of their own—the prosecution's star witness at a municipal court hearing of the two demonstrators busted on four hastily trumped up misdemeanor charges. This half-pint booze-guzzling nut they tried to promote as a "prominent attorney" (he is in fact a lawyer but if he were poor they would call him a wino) was part of an obvious bust set-up: "The police told me if I went in to get

the flag they'd protect me," he stammered and stammered in court. When the flag was burned, he had run straight into the demonstration to "rescue" it, clutching charred stars and stripes to his bosom after retreating to the safety of a waiting patrol car.

To the hilarity of a courtroom packed with American and Iranian supporters, this pathetic patriot and fitting representative of the drunken-power dreams of a staggering U.S. imperialism, testified how he had charged nobly into the demonstrators "like a football player through a group of wild-eyed screaming maniacs," wrestling the burning flag away. In fact he had been told by demonstrators, "Take it—it's your flag, not ours!"

The authorities' plans backfired. In a couple of days, supporters got over three hundred names on a petition demanding that the charges be thrown out, including one woman in a housing project who in one day gathered 90 names from her neighbors. Three of the four charges have already been dropped and the only one remaining is "misuse

of the national flag."

And if it wasn't enough to have newscasters gritting their teeth in forced-grins, right on the heels of this demonstration came another "outrage." The Free For All Baptist Church, a large Black church in the Atlanta area which has long had a reputation for social activism, came out in support of the Iranian people and against U.S. economic and military designs on Iran. At a press conference held by the church's Christian minister Rev. W.J. Stafford (who served jail time for his opposition to both the Korean War and the Vietnam War) and its Muslim Pastor, Abdul Muhammad, they upheld the takeover of the U.S. embassy, supported the demands that the Shah be returned to Iran, and opposed any U.S. military intervention in Iran as well as harassment and deportation of Iranians in the U.S.

The two people busted in the RCP demonstration were given a standing ovation when they spoke to the church's Sunday morning service and the congregation raised fifty dollars in

contributions to their defense. The Free For All Baptist Church, along with the Atlanta Clergy and Laity Concerned, called for an "Iran teach-in" in a statement which read in part:

"The Carter administration says we must defend our national honor and international law. But there was no honor in the U.S. government's support of the Shah, a brutal dictator who tortured and murdered tens of thousands of Iranians during his 26-year reign. Nor was the U.S. worried about international law when the CIA organized a coup in 1953 which overthrew the legally elected government of Iran and put the Shah in power.

"Iranian students seized the U.S. embassy in Tehran because of their understandable anger that the U.S. would harbor a notorious criminal like the Shah and because of the U.S. government's role in supporting the Shah for 26 years. As long as the U.S. government supports brutal dictatorships around the world, our embassies will be the targets of popular outrage... No U.S. Military Intervention in Iran!"

Patriotism

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was attempting to disarm the masses, now he has been put in the position of calling for guns in the hands of every citizen and even military training.

While Khomeini most certainly cannot be relied on to continue the struggle, nevertheless his present stand is an opportunity for the Iranian people to step up their fight against imperialism. And the stand of the U.S. proletariat must be to support this and all manifestations of genuine national and patriotic resistance in Iran and countries like it, that weaken our common enemy. When faced with the choice between Khomeini and the revolutionary struggle of the Iranian proletariat and the oppressed masses, we will definitely choose the latter. But when faced with a choice between Khomeini and the U.S. imperialists we will definitely choose Khomeini!

In fact, for all their ranting about "the evil Khomeini"—all their talk about "peace and democracy"—the U.S. imperialists have committed even worse international crimes than Hitler. And even if most Americans don't recognize this, living in the relatively privileged "home country", then hundreds of millions worldwide see it and live it every day. Just for starters, add up all the bloody coups the U.S. admits having pulled off over the years. And that's just for openers.

By supporting the patriotic national liberation struggle in Iran—and opposing American patriotism—the working class in an oppressor country like this one helps weaken its own ruling class enemy. And beyond this, by supporting this fight even when bourgeois forces like Khomeini are at the helm, we are actually helping to strengthen the ability of working-class revolutionary forces inside Iran to take leadership as the struggle grows. We are aiding a just struggle and showing concretely that the working class internationally is standing shoulder to shoulder in the common fight for the liberation of all oppressed nations and the final great goal of international communism.

As all the great leaders of the proletariat, from the days of Karl Marx, have stressed: A working class which fails to fight for the liberation of all nations oppressed by its ruling class is strengthening the chains of its own exploitation. It is only by fighting against all oppression that the proletariat can finally achieve its own emancipation. ©

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defend... but when I got over there, I found out it was a totally different story... At first when I came back I was pretty confused, I didn't understand, I was trying to figure out what was going on. You went out and looked for answers. And after checking out the whole situation, after being in the war I decided that it was wrong, it was for big business, for the rulers of this country and not in the interests of the people.



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The latest issue of *The Communist* contains a number of articles which represent a valuable contribution to the class struggle on the theoretical front:

- Full reply to Hoxha's wretched attack on Mao Tsetung Thought. When revisionism triumphed, for the moment, in China after Mao's death, many revolutionaries looked to Albania with hope. But now this article shows how Enver Hoxha's new book is really a stab in the back and betrayal of Marxism and revolution.
- Lenin's *What Is To Be Done?* and its role today. This book of Lenin's played a crucial role, not only in preparing the way for the Russian Revolution, but in other times and places. What Lenin says here has been the subject of debate among revolutionaries throughout the 1970s.

And in fact they're rattling sabres right now to get us to go over and fight and do the same thing in Iran again, right this minute. And the only people I hear saying anything about it is in fact Vietnam Veterans Against the War, which I belong to, who were not allowed to come on this program."

The producer's jaw dropped to her knees. She was furious and tried to end the show at the first commercial break. But the damage was done and to remove the brother from VVAW from the panel now would only create more controversy and raise more questions. Throughout the rest of the program, the stand of VVAW was put out to tens of thousands of people, not only around the situation in Iran but around the whole issue of imperialist war and what the stand of the masses of American people should be on it. At the end of the program, as the VVAW member was preparing to leave, the producer followed him shouting, "The FBI is investigating VVAW and now they're going to think I'm on your

side."

While the FBI will undoubtedly have no problem deciding where people like this producer, other media and small-time hustlers like OINK stand, there is some truth to her statement. The ruling class hates what the VVAW is doing. They are out to shut them up, and they'll use anybody or anything to help them do it.

FLASH

Chester, North Carolina. As we go to press, the Ku Klux Klan is planning a big march right through downtown Chester to a city-owned recreation area. Two Klan leaders organizing the march are Frank Scoggins of South Carolina and Virgil Griffin, whose troops participated in the Greensboro massacre.

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● Charles Bettelheim was the President of the France-China Friendship Association, but quit in protest against the revisionist takeover in China. Now he has written an analysis of the counter-revolution in China. But is his criticism really based on revolutionary Marxism, or not?

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Twelve of the fifteen Klansmen arrested in Greensboro were Griffin's men and most of them are now out of jail. The Klan march is timed to coincide with a march by the Chester Movement for Justice which has been waging a fight against the lynching of Black youth, Mickey McClinton Poag.

The Chester Movement had their march permit before the city gave one to the Klan and the routes of the marches are planned to bump into each other. This is a blatant plan on the part of the city to intimidate the Black masses of Chester and to unleash the Klan in Chester to stop the struggle. The Klan, which used to be openly active in Chester in recent years, has been operating at night and keeping out of the public eye, now has been emboldened by the Greensboro events to step out and do their dirty work in the light of day. While the atmosphere in Chester is tense, many are refusing to be intimidated by the Klan.

Court Ransom for Moody Park 3 Appeal

Houston, Friday, Nov. 30. The Moody Park 3 were once again appearing in the court of Texas judge Jo Keegans. And once again the mummified sow Keegans capably performed her role as a champion of capitalist justice. She denied a motion filed by an attorney for the 3 that would have legally classified the 3 as indigents, which would mean that they could get the transcript from their original trial without paying the \$12,000 the court reporters are demanding.

The transcript is vital for defense attorneys to have in order to appeal the 3's convictions; without it an appeal is virtually impossible except on the grounds of constitutionality. Keegans was well aware of this. After lengthy arguments by the defense bringing out the enormous expense of the previous trial, and the cost of simply appealing the conviction, let alone the cost of a new trial, Keegans had a curt response—"Motion denied." She also refused to say why she denied the motion.

But as much as Keegans hated to have to sit around all day to give her ready made answer, she was in a hurry to have the hearing take place. When the 3's lawyer went in earlier in the week to file for this hearing, she set it

for the soonest possible date, rather than putting it the usual two to three weeks away. The reason was made clear in a comment she made to the lawyer—"Is Travis still in D.C.?"

Through their channels of spies and snitches, word had reached Houston's ruling authorities that Travis Morales, one of the 3, was also a "picked troop" in the battle to stop the railroad of Bob Avakian. And more, if Travis didn't appear for the motion hearing she set so quickly, his bond would be forfeited and he could be jailed.

Clearly this \$12,000 ransom demand for the trial transcript is a deliberate and vicious attempt to stop the Moody Park 3 from even appealing their case. In the course of the past few months, the price of the transcript went from \$6,000 to \$12,000, which even today can hardly be accounted for by inflation.

The fairytale of "justice and equality before the law" is seen for the hypocritical lie it is when revolutionaries like the 3 are railroaded for taking a righteous stand with the masses rising in rebellion, then confronted with a mountain of expenses just to take this outrage on once more in the capitalists' courts. At the same time as this, T. Cullen Davis, a billionaire and one of

the most powerful men in Texas, hired the most expensive lawyers in the State and went back to court for as long as he needed to get off the "murder for hire" charges he was accused of.

Assistant D.A. Royce tried to use the hearing for a fishing expedition into the activities of the 3, asking where they had been, what they had seen, what they had been doing. Among other things, Royce was trying to bring out that there's some wealthy backers of the 3 out there who bankrolled the whole trial to begin with. But what he and the class he represents know and fear is what really happened—that it was the masses of Chicano people who rose up in righteous rebellion in Houston on Cinco de Mayo in 1978, and that it was the masses of working and other people coast to coast who rose to the defense of the 3 revolutionaries singled out by the bourgeoisie for prosecution. The words of Travis Morales from last May when he was convicted in this same courtroom are still ringing in the ears of Royce and those like him, "We said the Chicano people will never forgive and never forget the murder of Joe Torres. And they will never forgive or forget the railroad and conviction of the Moody Park 3." ■

Secret Service Plots to Snatch Chairman

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crap has been belched across the nation by the media—and, of course, after the government has observed Bob Avakian and the RCP actively fighting this crap.

In fact, back in August when the *Times* article was first published, Bob Avakian and the RCP immediately recognized that the distortions and falsifications it contained were aimed at setting up Comrade Avakian to be grabbed. Chairman Avakian immediately denied ever making the remarks attributed to him with respect to Carter in the *Times* article. Within days, the RCP moved to demand a retraction from the *Times* and took legal action to bar the U.S. government from using this article as the basis of the very same kind of attack they are now carrying out.

In August the ruling class and their mouthpiece, the *Los Angeles Times*, and lackeys in the court responded to the RCP's actions in connection with this article with jeers and taunts—they tried to paint the RCP's response to this frame-up as a publicity stunt. In Los Angeles U.S. District Judge Malcolm Lucas refused to grant a temporary restraining order against the U.S. government—which is now being refiled—to prevent them from moving to use this fabricated statement, claiming that the RCP had failed to prove that there was an "active investigation" going on in connection with this (mis)quote. Then two weeks later, due to the ongoing work of the RCP and others in cities across the country to expose what was really going on, the *Los Angeles Times* finally did print a partial retraction.

They repeated the false quote (though a spokesman admitted it was a "reporter's summary") but then they conceded it "was part of his description of the policies his Party would follow if it were to come to power." At the time in our newspaper we pointed out that by doing this "the *L.A. Times* removed all but the most far-fetched and politically self-exposing 'legal' basis for accusing the Chairman of this charge. Desperate as they are they still might try something. But if the government were to proceed against Chairman Avakian

now it would be even more clear to all that the threat they are afraid of is purely political—not some individual assassination, but political revolution."

Even now there will be some who will refuse to see what is going on in front of them: a continuation and escalation of the most vicious U.S. government attack on a revolutionary leader and a revolutionary organization since the 1960s. In the last year, Bob Avakian has been the central target of this attack. He has been arrested, jailed, held on \$10,000 bond, indicted on twelve felony charges, and re-indicted on 25 felony charges. Still today 241 years of possible jail time on felony counts hang above his head in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals from where they can be reinstated against him at any time.

Three weeks ago the judge presiding in this case against Avakian and the sixteen other Mao Tsetung Defendants dismissed the charges against all 17 defendants. The RCP called this a tremendous victory won by the struggle of the thousands and thousands of people who had stepped forward from every walk of life to oppose this outrageous top-level government attack. But at the very same time, the RCP pointed out that this was only a tactical retreat on the part of the U.S. government and warned that already they were maneuvering to launch new attacks.

Nine days later the government filed notice of appeal of the judge's dismissal so that these charges were sent to the Court of Appeals where they may well be launched against Avakian and the others again in the future. In the meantime, the government is going through legal acrobatics to keep the bail conditions even though there are presently no charges pending. Within a week after the notice of appeal was filed, the Secret Service opened their attack on Comrade Avakian in connection with the alleged "threats" on the President's life. Bail conditions, which the government is planning to continue on the appealed charges, can mean jail if new indictments are devised based on these S.S. maneuvers.

At the same time, starting with the recent murders of anti-Klan demonstra-

tors in North Carolina and the open police cooperation in this, there is an "open season" climate being set up in this country against revolutionaries. In the last several weeks there has been a sharp increase of violent Nazi/Klan attacks on RCP bookstores in cities across the U.S. Threatening phone calls are coming in daily. RCP members and supporters have been physically assaulted by gangs of helmeted Nazi thugs. Clearly Nazi/Klan terrorism is part and parcel of the bigger overall attack on Bob Avakian and the RCP that has been going on.

With this new and escalated attack on Bob Avakian through its Secret Service, the U.S. government is hoping to be able to accomplish what it has so far failed to do: to silence Bob Avakian and the RCP, even as they move to try to eliminate this revolutionary leadership entirely. But they will never accomplish this precisely because Bob Avakian and the RCP are continuing to take this and all struggles to the masses of people in this country, are continuing to mobilize the force of now thousands, soon millions in this country. It is the mass, armed overthrow of the system of capitalism—not individual assassinations, which our rulers themselves plot—that make them tremble.

The Party will continue and step up the overall work that must be done to prepare to make revolution in the United States; work that includes today especially building and spreading conspiratorial networks of the *Revolutionary Worker* newspaper of the RCP; activating and mobilizing thousands of workers and their allies to take a tremendous step into the future next May—May Day, 1980—in the streets of major U.S. cities. Finally the Party, and many that have united with us, will most definitely fight this latest Secret Service "investigation" as a continuation of the fight to keep the revolutionary leadership of Bob Avakian out in the streets. ■

When the word was just first getting out on the Secret Service investigation, before the press conferences some workers were already getting into motion. The following telegram was pulled together by Los Angeles Bethlehem workers on the very same shift they heard about this.

Referendum

Continued from page 7 that the embassy personnel be put on trial and foreign minister Ghotzbadeh, who is a reactionary intriguer, had no choice but to echo their position and announce that the students themselves would be the judges. Nor is it likely that the people will go for any government caving in to the U.S., even if some elements on the Revolutionary Council were looking to cool things out after the referendum. And with the political power that the masses of people on the Left have wrested for themselves in the last four weeks, it is a sure thing that Khomeini and the Revolutionary Council will run far greater resistance if and whenever they do implement this reactionary constitution. The supreme commander on paper notwithstanding, the Iranian people are still calling a lot of the shots. ■

"Great Pope"

Continued from page 7 shelter, bread and work even in the city of Tehran, while our wealth has been accumulated in foreign banks by this man (the ex-Shah), are justified. If he has not yet heard about this we do now inform him about what he has done. In the face of all these facts I do not suspect that the Pope will suggest that we set free these people without having that person (the ex-Shah) at our disposal and I do not think that the Pope will issue such a judgment.

"... We have but only a fair demand. We say you have taken our criminal and you are giving him shelter. We want you to surrender him to us. He is the same person who killed our youth, who roasted our young people in frying pans, who charred them on fire, and who cut their limbs. We demand that you surrender this person to us so that we may give him a fair trial.

"... I am hopeful that the Pope will show some concern about the condition of our people and I trust that he will not take it amiss if we say that under the circumstances, we cannot accept his request (to release the hostages—RW).

"But we would like to assure him of our good conduct with them (hostages) and I would like you to go and see these people in your capacity as the Pope's representative. I would like you to speak to them and discover for yourself whether they are being kept in an improper condition. But you need not worry about their being uncomfortable, for they are not. Admittedly, Mr. Carter has resorted to everything he could to rescue himself from this entanglement. He has been like a drowning person who attempts to hold fast to everything that might come his way. Once he endeavors to make us fear an impending military action. Once they say that they will impose an economic siege on us.

"... should this be the case we will continue growing wheat and barley in our fields and the yield of those crops will suffice us. Well perhaps we will have meat only once a week—and incidentally it would be a wholesome diet to eat less meat—maybe we will have one meal every day. But tell them not to try to make us afraid of such things. If we should be forced to either save our faces or fill our stomachs we will prefer to save our faces and let our stomachs starve.

"... We ask you to stretch your helpful hands to this nation, and we expect you to give paternal warning to all superpowers and demand the reasons for their wrongful acts." ■

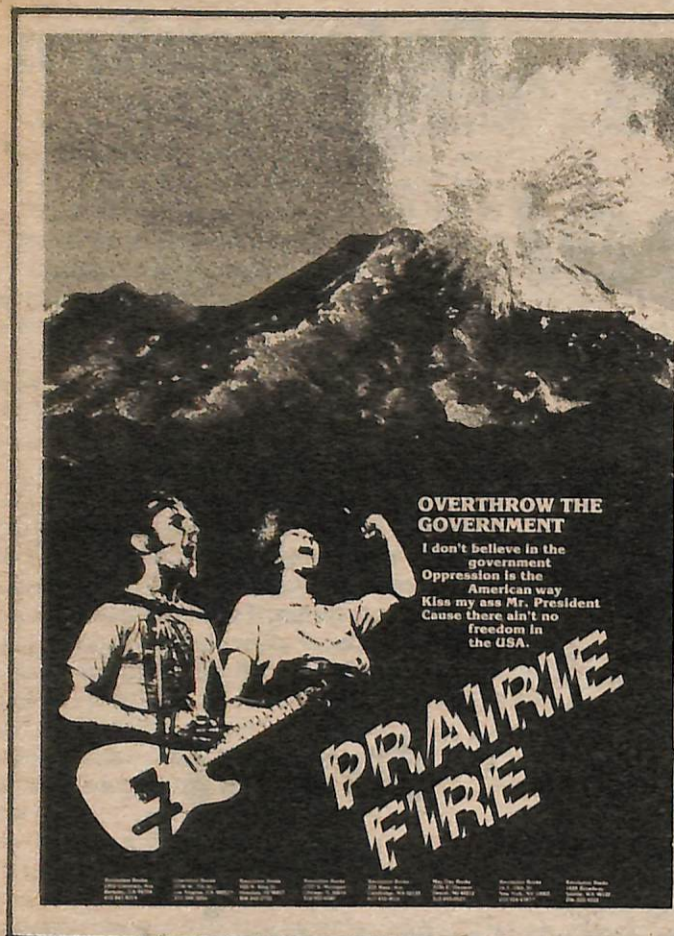
To Secret Service:

Your latest attacks on Bob Avakian are more proof of your desperation to get rid of the revolutionary leadership in this country. We turned your last attacks back on you and we are even more determined now to raise and follow through with the demand to:

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People Fight Nazis

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started shouting "nigger lovers" at the people, their consistent organizing cry in Marquette Park, which they hoped would rally some backward and reactionary people to their side. But the crowd didn't back off, and an enraged white youth grabbed their "White Power" newspapers and stomped them into the ground.

The only thing that saved the Nazis from getting the beating they deserved was the arrival of the cops, carefully timed to save their fascist brothers. It was hardly a coincidence that the cops were nowhere in sight when the Nazis launched their attack—an unmarked squad car had passed the corner just at the time that the *RW* sellers spotted the six stormtroopers, blatantly conspic-

uous in their uniforms and helmets, marching down the street. This is totally in keeping with the policy of sending hundreds of cops to protect the Nazis everytime a handful of them hold some reactionary parade or rally.

As soon as the cops pulled up, the Nazis started backing down the street, while one Nazi pointed at the revolutionaries, whimpering, "They started it." One woman shouted to the police, "You're letting them get away." He callously replied, "So what? Nobody's going to press charges anyway." "I am," said the woman, angered by the cop's attitude. And as some people went after the Nazis, forcing three of them to return, three more residents stepped forward and made their point by filing battery charges against them.

But the cops' collaboration with these right-wing goons didn't end there. They deliberately released the addresses of all those who filed charges against

the Nazis to the press. The *Chicago Tribune*, going against their policy of not printing the addresses of crime victims, dutifully printed all the addresses of the neighborhood people in the Sunday paper while listing the home address of the three attackers as the Nazi headquarters in Cicero. This was a flagrant set-up for right-wing retaliation against those who stood up to oppose the Nazis.

In spite of this intimidation, two more residents have stepped forward to be witnesses against the Nazis. In the days that followed the *Revolutionary Worker* blanketed Marquette Park with 3,000 leaflets exposing the fascist attack, and the *RW* sellers were back on the street, continuing to counter the flag-waving hysteria being whipped up around Iran.

All this has upped the stakes. The cowardly Nazis and the ruling class that back them up are bound to retaliate in desperation after suffering this defeat.

Pontiff in Turkey

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the Soviets. The situation in Turkey is highly unstable, much like the situation in Iran before the Shah was overthrown. Popular uprisings are a frequent occurrence, and are just as frequently met by barbarous attacks from organized gangs of fascists, promoted by the Turkish government with the full support and backing of the U.S.

The masses of people in Turkey know that the U.S. is largely responsible for the impoverishment and misery that is everyday life in that country. They are looking to Iran for inspiration, and this is the last thing the rulers of the U.S. want to see. Given the possibility that the embassy takeover in Iran might spark even greater uprisings in the area, Jimmy Carter went before national TV and, while at the same time trying to whip up anti-Iranian sentiments, hypocritically sermonized about the sacred history of the Moslem people and the grand traditions of Islam.

However, the imperialists needed to invoke a higher moral authority than the grinning, born-again harbinger of

the Shah, so they enlisted the Pope, a personal representative of god, to drive home their message, hopefully with less blatant hypocrisy. In Istanbul, John Paul II admonished Christians and Moslems everywhere to "recognize and develop the spiritual ties that unite us in order to protect...social justice, moral value, peace and liberty," and (it went without saying) in order to protect U.S. military bases, corporations and embassies!

John Paul had originally scheduled this trip before the embassy takeover in Iran. He has been actively seeking the merger of the Roman Catholic Church with Dimitrios' Eastern Orthodox Church. The purpose of the proposed merger of the two churches is to strengthen the hand of the U.S. imperialists against the Soviet Union. In this time of superpower rivalry on all fronts, such a merger could serve to drive a wedge between the largest branch of Eastern Orthodoxy—the Russian Orthodox Church—and the Kremlin, and could spark a revitalization of Ukrainian and Lithuanian nationalism, since Catholicism is still a strong force among the people of these two nationalities. This would not only be a giant headache for the Soviets in their efforts to strengthen national unity in preparation for war, it could pro-

vide the western bloc with a significant potential fifth column force inside the Soviet Union in the event of a world war.

Both John Paul and Dimitrios expressed great optimism after their meeting, but there are still big hurdles to clear before the two churches can merge. Among the major theological problems yet to be ironed out is the question of whether the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father," as the Orthodox would have it, or whether the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father and the Son," as Rome contends. Another glaring disparity between the two churches is whether you make the sign of the cross from the left to the right like the Pope does, or whether you follow the Patriarch and cross yourself from right to left. That these religious zealots find these some of the most significant and profound questions of the day completely discredits any comments they may have about "Moslem Fanatics" in Iran.

On this trip, John Paul II has been acting in the finest traditions of Christianity—to serve the interests of reaction. For example, in 1204 the most maniacal orgy of rape, pillage and murder in the history of "civilized" Christendom took place when the Crusaders sacked Constantinople. On this latest crusade

Bolshevik Newspapers

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Pravda not only wrote of the life of the workers, their strikes and demonstrations, but also regularly described the life of the peasants, the famines from which they suffered, their exploitation by the feudal landlords. It described how as a result of the Stolypin "reform" the kulak farmers robbed the peasants of the best parts of their land. *Pravda* drew the attention of the class-conscious workers to the widespread and burning discontent in the countryside. It taught the proletariat that the objectives of the Revolution of 1905 had not been attained, and that a new revolution was impending. It taught that in this second revolution the proletariat must act as the real leader and guide of the people, and that in this revolution it would have so powerful an ally as the revolutionary peasantry.

The Mensheviks worked to get the proletariat to drop the idea of revolution, to stop thinking of the people, of the starvation of the peasants, of the domination of the Black-Hundred feudal landlords, and to fight only for "freedom of association," to present "petitions" to this effect to the tsarist government. The Bolsheviks explained to the workers that this Menshevik gospel of renunciation of revolution, renunciation of an alliance with the peasantry, was being preached in the interests of the bourgeoisie, that the workers would most certainly defeat tsardom if they won over the peasantry as their ally, and that bad shepherds like the Mensheviks should be driven out as enemies of the revolution....

At the time *Pravda* was founded the illegal Social-Democratic organizations were entirely under the direction of the Bolsheviks. On the other hand, the legal

forms of organization, such as the Duma [Parliament—*RW*] group, the press, the sick benefit societies, the trade unions, had not yet been fully wrested from the Mensheviks. The Bolsheviks had to wage a determined struggle to drive the Liquidators out of the legally existing organizations of the working class. (The Mensheviks and Liquidators were two counterrevolutionary currents that arose from within Russian Marxism—*RW*). Thanks to *Pravda*, this fight ended in victory.

Pravda stood in the centre of the struggle for the Party principle, for the building up of a mass working-class revolutionary party. *Pravda* rallied the legally existing organizations around the illegal centres of the Bolshevik Party and directed the working-class movement towards one definite aim—preparation for revolution.

Pravda had a vast number of worker correspondents. In one year alone it printed over eleven thousand letters from workers....

The Bolsheviks at that time were called "Pravdists." A whole generation of the revolutionary proletariat was reared by *Pravda*, the generation which subsequently made the October Socialist Revolution. *Pravda* was backed by tens and hundreds of thousands of workers. During the rise of the revolutionary movement (1912-1914) the solid foundation was laid of a mass Bolshevik Party, a foundation which no persecution by tsardom could destroy during the imperialist war.

"The *Pravda* of 1912 was the laying of the corner-stone of the victory of Bolshevism in 1917." (*Stalin*) ■

Already the Revolutionary Workers Center in Chicago has received a phone call threatening, "We saw what the Cicero guys did to you. If you come around 71st Street, you're gonna get the shit kicked out of you, you motherfucking commies. The Klan and the Nazi Party is now united." The last part was an obvious reference to the Nazi/KKK collaboration in carrying out the cold-blooded execution of five anti-Klan demonstrators in North Carolina last month. Blatant police and government complicity in the Greensboro Massacre has served as a signal to reactionary forces to jump out and do the bourgeoisie's dirty work by attacking revolutionaries.

This recent gestapo raid in Chicago is part of the nationwide attack on the RCP. But even in Marquette Park, the Nazi's self-proclaimed base of reaction, the thugs of the ruling class miscalculated the response of the people. ■

to Constantinople (now Istanbul) John Paul said he "hoped" the current crisis of the U.S. imperialists, sparked by the takeover of their embassy, could be resolved peacefully. But he clearly left open the possibility that other, less peaceful means of resolving it (i.e., a U.S. invasion of Iran—a real christian crusade) "might be necessary." Such a holy war would, of course, receive the blessings of the church.

The Pope was not enthusiastically received by the Turkish people. Recognizing the real nature and possible consequences of his visit, the Turkish government mobilized 10,000 troops, armed with machine guns, to protect him and guard against a general uprising. All leaves for army men and police were cancelled, and Ankara and Istanbul were kept under martial law. And while the Pope tried hard to smooth things over for his U.S. masters, Dimitrios just about blew everything to hell by denouncing "religious fanaticism" and referring to events in Iran as "Luciferian anarchy." As one bourgeois report put it, "Dimitrios' remarks surprised everyone, including John Paul II. That was not the message the Pilgrim Pontiff wanted to (was contracted to—*RW*) bring to the Moslem world"—right now, that is. ■