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Bob Avakian
and the
Mao Tsetung
Defendants

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"This Party Is Different - We've Fought For That"

Bob Avakian
Greeters Volunteers



Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party and the current target of a U.S. government railroad, spoke last week to volunteers who have come to D.C. as political organizers in the battle to beat back the government's attack.

On behalf of the Central Committee, Comrade Avakian greeted the volunteers and then spoke to a number of key questions. The following is a slightly edited portion of his speech.

If we didn't have a hatred for this system, if we weren't fired with that kind of hatred, if we didn't have a burning desire to get rid of and bury it once and for all, we would have no right to call ourselves revolutionaries. Lenin once said, very clearly, in fact, without this kind of spirit you can't have a revolution...

But that spirit, he says, will also never make a revolution by itself. It has to be tempered with revolutionary theory and the scientific understanding to deal with the complexities of what a revolution is about and being able to bring forth the forces that can actually make revolution--and that's the masses of people in their millions and tens of millions.

When we go out here, we have to deal with these questions. What is it, why do we dare go before the masses of people and say there is a Party and the leadership in this country that can lead us all the way to making revolution? Is it because somehow these people are better people? Those inside are more dedicated and have a deeper hatred, more determination? NO! For that matter, if courage and heroism could make a revolution, the Black Panther Party would have made it! We can't forget that. Like I said, without that you're not going to make a revolution.

But where does the strength really
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They're At It AGAIN!

Only last Wednesday, efforts of defense attorneys for the Mao Defendants to subpoena President Carter and his files on the RCP were denied in Judge Carlisle Pratt's court. The defense wanted the proof hidden in these files--proof that Carter or others at top levels of government made a conscious decision to prevent last January's demonstration against Teng Hsiao-ping from ever reaching the White House and exposing Teng's visit as part of U.S. war preparations--proof that

the police were ordered to attack the march, and that this is what led to Bob Avakian and 16 others facing 241 years in jail each.

The government was "outraged"; the judge infuriated; the prosecution ridiculed the very idea as "irrelevant" and "immaterial". How ridiculous to charge the leaders of the U.S. government with conspiring to prevent a demonstration from taking place; how absurd to attribute political motives to the police attack on the march. No, to dig around for

evidence of such activity would be a "waste of time" the prosecution stated--no such activity could possibly have taken place.

Yet, only 3 days later, *they were at it again*. This time it was because Iranian students were demonstrating to demand the extradition of the butcher Shah back to Iran to stand trial. Like last January's anti-Teng demo, this was intolerable to the government, interfering with and exposing their reactionary plans. And so, Carter called

Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti and Washington, D.C. Mayor Barry into the Oval office, and came out with a *ban* on further Iranian (but, evidently, *not* anti-Iranian) demonstrations, and threatened arrests and deportations of Iranians who defy the ban.

So, is the notion of top level government involvement in stopping political demonstrations absurd? What they attempt to conceal one day, they themselves prove the next. ■

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come from to maintain a revolutionary line, maintain a revolutionary orientation, maintain your political bearings, through all the twists and turns, past all the detours, the dead-ends and the roadblocks the bourgeoisie puts up? Where do you get the ability not to go for those sugar-coated bullets as well as the ability to fight back in the face of the real bullets? Now the real bullets are coming, let's not be mistaken about that. The real bullets are coming, but where do you get the ability to fight back and deepen and broaden the revolutionary work as well as not get taken in by the sugar-coated bullets? Do you get it by gritting your teeth, closing your eyes and taking some kind of religious

posture -- "Get thee behind me, bourgeoisie, I will not be tempted"? That's not the way you're going to do it. That kind of idealism is not going to do it. But that's not the point.

There's basically two things, and they are really dialectically related, that are ultimately the basis we have to stand up to them and defeat all this. One of them is the masses of people and the other is the correct theory and principles of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought. By putting those two together, by dialectically linking them together and ever deepening and broadening those, that's the way we are going to be able to continue through all the complexities, through all the twists and turns, through all the forwards and backwards, all the victories and temporary setbacks, in this country and throughout the world. That's the way we are going to be able to overcome all that and stand with our class internation-

ally to advance to communism.

Without one or the other of those things, or if we let those two things be cut apart from each other or separated, we will not be able to withstand the sugar-coated bullets or the real bullets. That's important for us to understand in terms of our own orientation but also it's important for us to understand in order to arm people who are raising these questions in the broad ranks of the masses...

Where does the RCP come from? Where does line come from? Is it, in fact, a product of a few people? Is this the product of a genius or two? Is this person you're calling on me to defend some unique individual who is personally a genius or a great guy or--in fact--is this the product of the whole struggle, not just in this country but internationally, not just in the last 10 years but all throughout history, but most immediately and directly, of the last 10 or 20 years? Where did this line and Party come from? Did it come out of the sky or, in fact, was it the product of and forged in fierce struggle, both among the masses against the bourgeoisie and within the revolutionary movement against those who were, either out of well-intentioned, but mistaken motives or out of outright opportunism, attempting to lead people into a blind alley or swamp? We have to go into this. These are not academic questions that only a handful of people would be interested in hearing about or discussing...

We have to be ready to study Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought generally in order to grasp this more deeply, 'cause this is what is on the minds of the masses of people. We have to explain to them in a living and real sense what Mao Tsetung meant when he said that ideological and political line is decisive. We have to understand that ourselves and we have to be able to explain that to the masses of people. What does it mean to say that the main thing, the decisive thing that will ultimately

determine whether or not individuals and more than that, the organization of the Party, remain on the revolutionary path or degenerate into counter-revolution? These are questions we have to get down on and study, be able to grasp and to translate in our agitation, in our discussions with people, into popular terms so that they can grasp it and begin to see it.

Yeah, we have to go out there and agitate and make an impact, but we also got to, at the same time, talk to people. We have to learn how to do both. We have to learn to go out and broadly agitate and arouse a lot of interest and at the same time we have to learn to talk to people and not just talk at them, or else we're not going to be able to learn and they are not going to be able to learn. Either way that dialectic between us and the masses will be broken. And what do we have to say to them is not going to be gotten across to them and what we have to learn from them is not going to be able to be gotten across to us.

This party is different than any other party in the history of this country not because the people in it are better than the people who went before them and tried to make revolution, but because we do have their experience and more than that, this is the vanguard party because we happen to be the party whose leaders and members fought at every crucial point and all along the way, to arm themselves with the theory of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought and apply it concretely to the struggle here as well as keeping the whole world in mind and the final goal as well.

We fought for that! That wasn't something that was handed to us. Not something that came easy to us and it still doesn't. Not something we fought for and won and we can put on the mantelpiece like a trophy or turn into a bunch of meaningless and lifeless slogans and dogmas. That's not what we fought to get as far as we are

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Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants

8:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY **NOV. 14**
\$2.50

Oddfellows Hall
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Right now thousands of people in this city are reading the *Revolutionary Worker*, both the D.C. daily and the national weekly. It is the main political weapon in the fight to free Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants. More than that it is the weapon which will prepare us for the battles to come as we enter what will be the stormiest decade of this century. This paper and its revolutionary ideas need to be spread to every corner of this society. Form *Revolutionary Worker* networks in your neighborhood, schools, where you work.

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Vets Seize Monument

U.S. Hands Off Iran!

Veterans Day 1979--it seemed like a 30-hour day coming on the heel of an 8-day week of flag-waving, anti-Iranian hysteria when 30 seconds of the truth finally hit the evening news. Members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) and revolutionary youth seized the Washington Monument.

On Monday evening for over an hour this memorial to reaction became a beacon of international solidarity between working people of all nations as the Vets barricaded themselves in the observation area. From the windows, 490 feet up, they unfurled a banner: U.S. KEEP YOUR BLOODY HANDS OFF IRAN! THE SHAH MUST FACE THE WRATH OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE!

In a defiant act of solidarity with the Iranian people, the U.S. rulers were called out for the criminals they are. From the top of D.C.'s tallest monument, the government's schemes were bared: their protection of the butcher-killing Shah, their insidious maneuvering to whip up public opinion in the U.S., the plotting to intervene in Iran either through a CIA-backed coup or direct military intervention--all this was

Park officials were desperate to silence this bold challenge to the U.S. ruling class' propaganda blitz. Dozens of cops came pouring in. When the Vets unfurled their banner, officials cut the lights to be sure no one could read it's message. When the Vets dropped leaflets from the monument's windows, police cordoned off the area, refusing to let the press or other spectators get near copies of this statement. Police stormed the veterans' barricade. They arrested twelve people, members of VVAW and volunteers in the campaign to Stop the Railroad of Bob Avakian.

But this was not enough. Stung by this action, federal officials cooked up the charge of "destruction of federal property" and demanded \$7,000 ransom for the release of seven of the twelve arrested.

But the only thing destroyed by this action was the attempts of the bourgeoisie to push out their reactionary message unchallenged.

From their jail cells, the seven sent a message: "We call on the masses of people and particularly veterans to stand up against the reactionary wind that is being whipped up in this country. We demand the U.S. keep its bloody hands off Iran and Free Bob Avakian."



Vietnam Veterans "celebrate" Veterans Day by seizing the Washington Monument in a protest over the reactionary moves now being made by the U.S. government toward Iran. Leaflets drift down as cops cut through a chained gate to get to the vets.

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with. That's something we have to continually fight to deepen our grasp and application of. The moment we don't do that, the moment we give up that struggle in that realm, that's the moment we've turned back toward the path of counter-revolution, capitulation and betrayal to this system...

But we're not offering and we can't offer the masses of people any simple and easy and straight line to revolution. There is no cut-rate, week-end special way that we're going to get out of all this madness and no way to move on to communism except through constant struggle, twists and turns, reversals and setbacks.

But that doesn't mean there's not an answer to this. That doesn't mean we don't have the ability to analyze -- we have analyzed and we're going to keep on analyzing more deeply, what were the causes and lessons of the reversal in China as well as the Soviet Union before it. Why did the Vietnamese revolution get turned around?

And I've seen in my own experience that when we're able to provide scientific analysis

and arm people with this and the understanding of the proletariat and bring that home in a living and real way, it is tremendously liberating to the masses of people. But you can see over a period of time people grappling with these questions -- and beginning to make and then finally making a leap, beginning to get an understanding of how to scientifically understand these things and how it liberates them to act, to become active toward revolution, to become active once again, to become reactivated in many cases, toward revolution -- as they begin to see that there is a scientific way to understand this shit. That this is, in fact, the result and the product of the class struggle that is going on fiercely, that has to go on for a long period of time, but which will inevitably and ultimately result in the final victory of the proletariat worldwide and the advent of communism.

When we can make that a living reality and not just a slogan, and when we can show people how that relates to this party and this critical battle that we've got now, then we can bring them alive and we can activate them, we can not only win this battle, but we can push through a tremendous way forward towards revolution.

Nov. 18-19

Turn D.C.

Upside -

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STOP THE RAILROAD OF BOB AVAKIAN!

FREE THE MAO TSETUNG DEFENDANTS!

RALLY: November 18 1:00 pm
Howard Theater, 6th & T St. NW, DC

DEMONSTRATE: 8:00 am DC Courthouse
500 Indiana Ave., NW

ACTIONS ON WEST COAST NOV. 17 & 19

For more information contact: Committee to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants 2108 18th St., N.W. 202 387-8863

Traducción de la Edición Especial en D.C. sobre el juicio de Bob Avakian y los Acusados Mao Tsetung

Lo Hicieron Nuevamente

Hace sólo menos de una semana, los esfuerzos de los abogados de los Acusados Mao Tsetung, para obligar a que Carter apareciera en corte y trajera sus records sobre el Partido Comunista Revolucionario fueron denegados por el Juez Carlisle Pratt. La defensa quería las pruebas escondidas en esos records--pruebas de que Carter y otros oficiales de alto rango hicieron una decisión consciente de prevenir que la demostración de enero pasado contra el traidor presidente de China, llegara a Casa Blanca y de

que desmascarara dicha visita como parte de las preparaciones de guerra de los E.E.U.U.--pruebas de que se le ordenó a la policía atacar la marcha y que esto fue lo que llevó a que Bob Avakian y los otros 16 acusados enfrenten 241 años de cárcel cada uno.

El gobierno estaba "insultado"; el juez enfurecido; el fiscal ridiculizó la idea como "irrelevante" e "inmaterial"; ¿Qué ridículo el acusar a los líderes de E.E.U.U. de conspirar para prevenir que se llevara a cabo una demostración; que absurdo el atribuirle motivos

políticos al ataque policiaco contra la marcha! No, desenterrar evidencia de dicha actividad sería una "pérdida de tiempo" declaró el fiscal--semejante actividad no pudo haberse llevado a cabo.

Sin embargo, solo 3 días después, lo hicieron nuevamente. Esta vez fue porque los estudiantes iraníes estaban demostrando para demandar la extradicción del carnicerero Shah para ser juzgado en Iran. Al igual que la demostración anti-Teng del enero pasado, esto fue intolerable para el gobierno, pues interfería y exponía sus planes

reaccionarios. Así que Carter llamó a su fiscal, Benjamin Civiletti y al alcalde de Washington D.C., Barry, a su oficina Oval, y decidieron prohibir demostraciones iránias (pero, evidentemente, no anti-iránias) y amenazaron con arrestos y deportaciones a iraníes que desafiaran la prohibición.

Entonces, ¿es absurda la noción de que gobierno de alto rango se envuelva en parar demostraciones políticas? Lo que tratan de negar un día, ellos mismos lo prueban el próximo día.

¡EE.UU. Fuera de Iran!

Veteranos Toman Monumento

Día de Veteranos 1979--parecía como un día de 30 horas nacido de una semana de 8 días de ondear banderas americanas, de histeria anti-iranés, cuando 30 segundos de verdad llegó, finalmente en las noticias de la tarde. Miembros de Veteranos de Vietnam Contra la Guerra (VVCG) y jóvenes revolucionarios tomaron el Monumento de Washington.

En la tarde del lunes, por más de un hora, este recuerdo de la reacción se hizo el centro de solidaridad internacional entre

la gente trabajadora de todas las naciones, cuando los veteranos hicieron una barricada en el area de observación. Desde las ventanas, a 490 pies de alto, éstos extendieron una pancarta: ¡E.E.U.U. SACA TUS SANGRIENTAS MANOS DE IRAN! ¡EL SHAH TIENE QUE ENFRENTAR EL CASTIGO DEL PUEBLO IRANÉS!

En un acto de desafío en solidaridad con el pueblo iraníes, se les llamó por su nombre a los dominantes de este país: criminales. Desde el tope de uno de los monumentos más altos de D.C.,

fueron desnudadas las movidas del gobierno: su protección del rey de carnicereros: el Shah, su insidioso manipuleo para levantar la opinión pública en E.E.U.U., el complot para intervenir en Iran, lo mismo a través de un golpe por la CIA o con una intervención militar directa--todo esto fue revelado.

Los oficiales del parque corrieron desesperados para silenciar este desafío abierto a la lluvia de propaganda de la clase dominante. Docenas de policías

se derramaron por todo aquello. Cuando los veteranos abrieron su pancarta los oficiales apagaron las luces para estar seguros que nadie podía leer su message. Cuando los veteranos tiraron volantes desde las ventanas del monumento, la policía cerró el area, no dejando que la prensa ni los espectadores llegaran cerca de las copias de esta declaración. La policía derribó la barricada de los veteranos. Arrestaron a 12 personas, miembros de VVCG y voluntarios de la compañía para Parar el Complot contra Bob Avakian.

Pero esto no fue suficiente. Picados por esta acción, los oficiales federales fabricaron el cargo de "destrucción de propiedad federal" y demandaron \$7,000 de rescate para dejar libre a 7 de los 12 arrestados.

Pero lo único que esta acción destruyó fue el intento de la burguesía de empujar su mensaje reaccionario sin ser desafiados. Desde sus celdas de prisión los 7 mandaron un message: "Llamamos a las masas del pueblo y particularmente a los veteranos a que tomen posición contra el aire reaccionario que está siendo levantado en este país. Demandamos que E.E.U.U. mantenga sus sangrientas manos fuera de Iran y Libertad para Bob Avakian."

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¡ALTO AL COMLOT CONTRA BOB AVAKIAN! ¡LIBERTAD PARA LOS ACUSADOS MAO TSETUNG!

Reunión: Noviembre 18
1:00 P.M. -- Howard Theatre

Demostración: Noviembre 19
8:00 A.M. -- Frente a Corte D.C.
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