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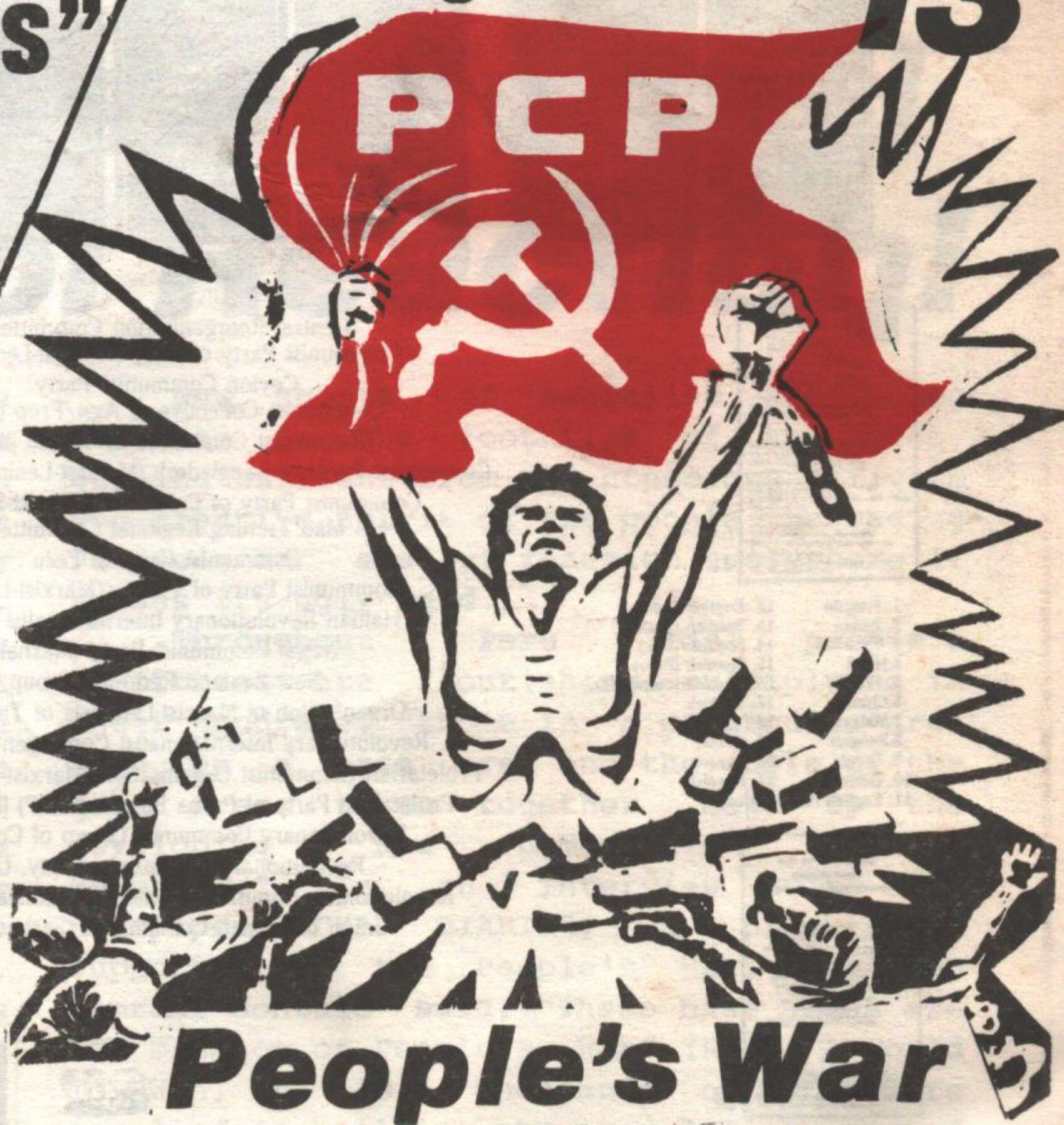
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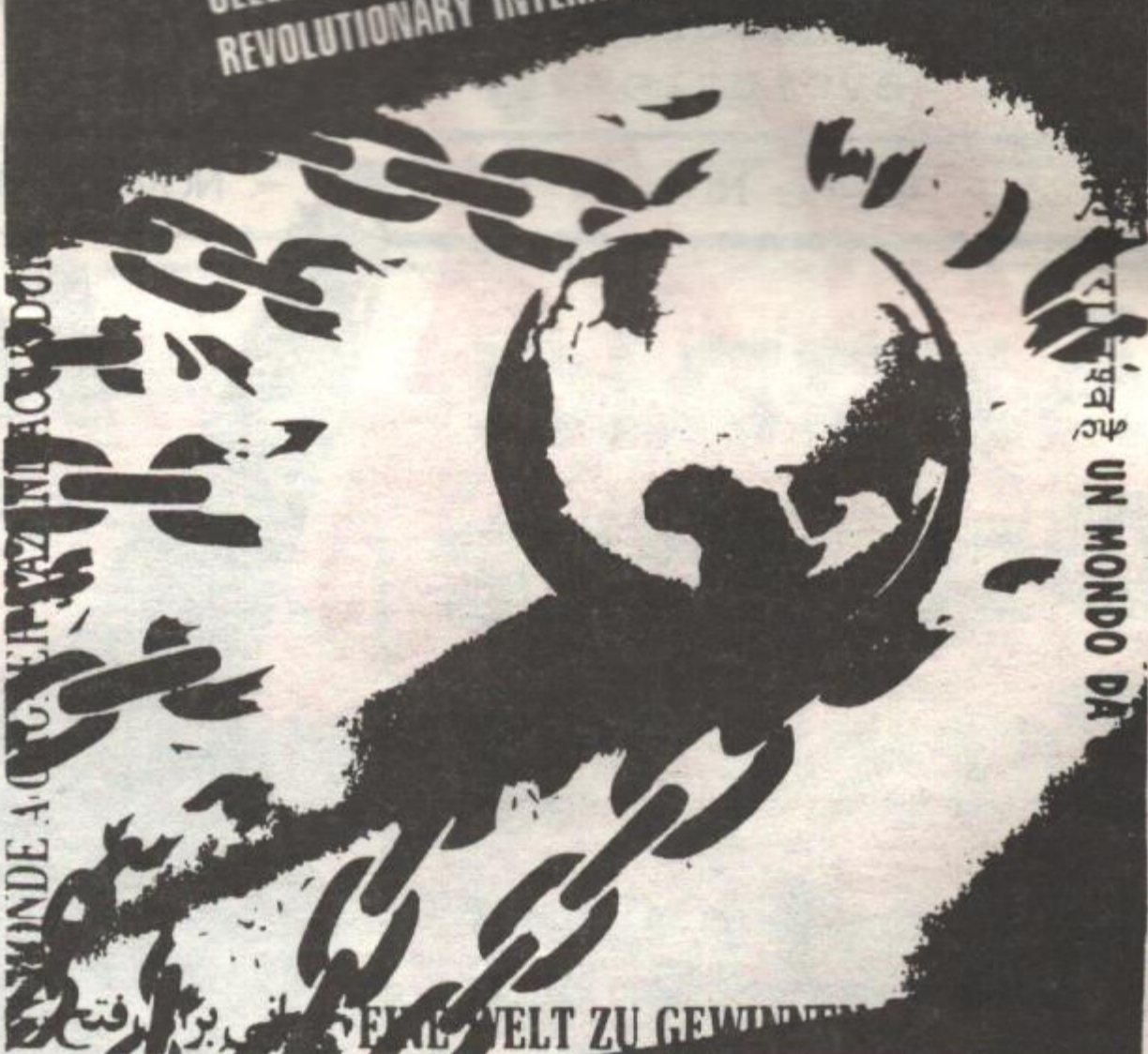
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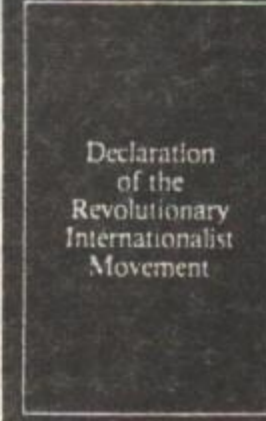












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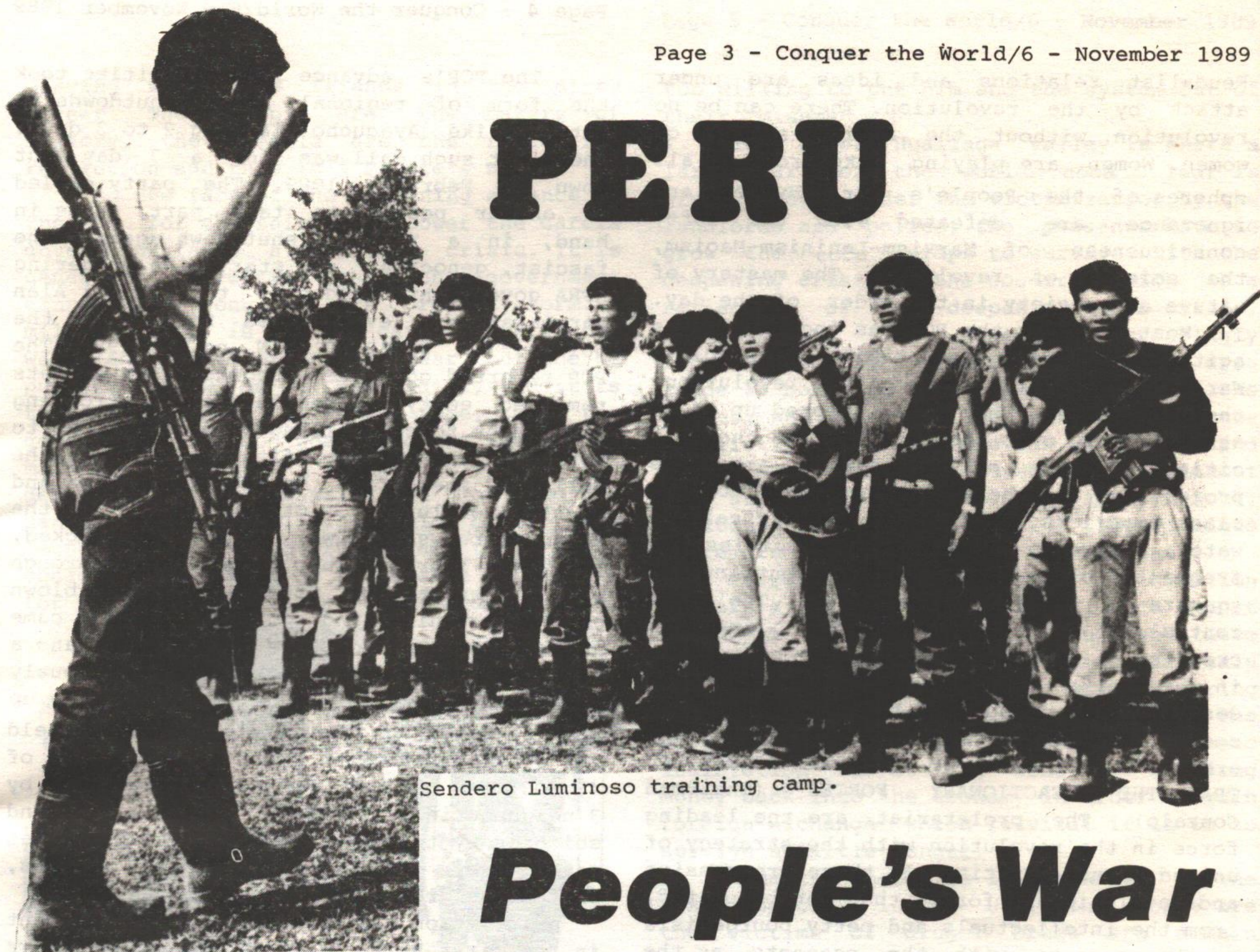
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PERU



Sendero Luminoso training camp.

People's War Blazes Forward in the Face of Reaction!

In the last year the People's War in Peru has made great strides forward in the name of the international proletariat. Even the bourgeois press describes that a quarter to a third of the countryside is now under the control of the Communist Party of Peru, popularly known as Sendero Luminoso. The reactionary army of the Garcia government has retreated to its strongholds in some areas of the countryside avoiding active patrols. This is for two reasons:

- 1) The reactionaries face a war of the masses, which, with all their white terror and death squads, they cannot defeat. They refer to the PCP as the "invisible enemy".
- 2) The unity in the reactionary forces is fundamentally weak and is itself based on terror.

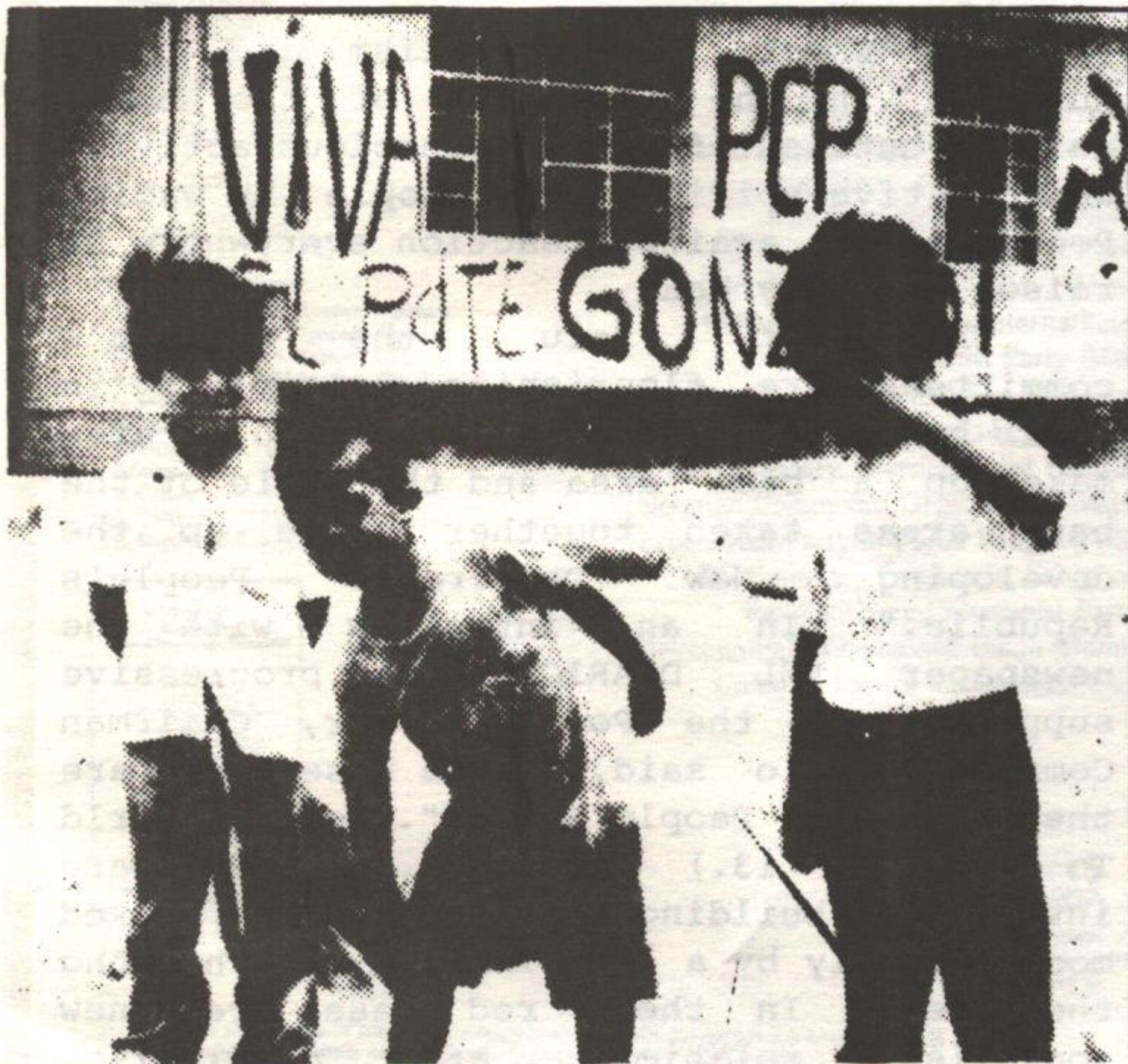
Sendero, knowing the conditions of many soldiers who are drafted to fight and who do not support the counter-revolutionary war, call on them to "KILL YOUR OFFICER AND JOIN THE POPULAR WAR". At present 40 percent of the conscripts and 5 percent of the officers are said to desert when sent to fight PCP forces.

New shoots of socialism are being nurtured in the foothills of the Andes, gaining nutrient from the conscious activism and creative spirit of the people by waging People's War against reaction everywhere it raises its ugly head.

Throughout Peru the people's committees' are flourishing, multiplying in their hundreds, "those in a particular area make up a base area and the whole of the base areas taken together make up the developing New Democratic People's Republic." In an interview with the newspaper "EL DIARIO", a progressive supporter of the People's War, Chairman Comrade Gonzalo said, "These base areas are the essence of People's War". (Read: A World To Win, no 13.) Thousands of people are involved in building the revolution, marked most recently by a leap in it's growth among the masses. In these red base areas new socialist relations are developing, collective work on the land and a concrete reorganisation of social life is underway.

Feudalist relations and ideas are under attack by the revolution. There can be no revolution without the active support of women. Women are playing a key role in all spheres of the People's War. Mystery and ignorance are defeated with the lofty consciousness of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, the science of revolution. The mastery of nature and society is the order of the day.

Most recently the PCP has increased its agitation in the cities, taking the People's War to the leading force of the revolution, the proletariat. They have stepped up their strangle-hold over the lifelines to the main cities, creating public opinion among the proletariat in the shanty towns and working class districts. The road, electrical and water networks feeding the cities are frequently blown up as part of putting the squeeze on the reactionary class. The PCP's control of these vital life lines is creating a "siege mentality", breeding hope in the hearts of the oppressed there and despair and dread in the hearts of the enemy. The PCP is preparing to turn these areas "INTO BELTS OF IRON TO ENCLOSE AND TRAP THE REACTIONARY FORCES" (Chairman Gonzalo). The proletariat are the leading force in the revolution with the strategy of united front. Uniting all those progressive and revolutionary forces that can be united, from the intellectuals and petty bourgeoisie to the peasants, with the peasants as the main force. The People's War, under the leadership of the PCP, is uniting all these forces into a mighty torrent to wash all reactionaries into the sea. And in its wake building Peru as a red base for the further advance of proletarian revolution throughout the world.



PCP slogans in Lima.

The PCP's advance into the cities took the form of regional armed shutdowns in cities like Ayacucho lasting 2 to 3 days. The first such call was for a 7 day shut down in February 1989. The party called "...on our people to take part, arms in hand, in a regional shut-down against the fascist, genocidal and starvation mongering APRA government headed by the cynical Alan Garcia and his evil armed forces and the police." (A WORLD TO WIN, no 13, 1989) The PCP reported complete success. The streets remained empty of people except patrolling government forces calling on people to go to work. A war of graffiti was waged on the walls of the cities between revolution and counter-revolution. Other towns in the region were shut down, roads were blocked, the few lorries that tried to get through were either painted with slogans or blown up. Army units and police stations came under attack, patrols were ambushed and a military convoy was attacked. Simultaneously there was a power blackout, the PCP blew up the power lines. Revolutionary forces held the city of Azangaro (with a population of 45,000) for 3 days. Followed in February by 3 neighbouring villages, as well as land seizures by thousands of peasants. March was marked by massive peasant strikes, protesting crop prices and debt payments.

Inflation was running at 7,000 percent in the first half of this year. Prices are spiraling upwards, increasing by 1,722 percent last year, whilst economic activity spirals in the opposite direction, downwards, by 25 percent since the same time last year. Malnutrition, even according to the bourgeoisie affected a million people in Peru in 1970, 7 percent of the population. Today they say 5 million people are affected, 25 percent of the population of 21 million. Bubonic plague is reported to have broken out in some of the "emergency zones" in the rural areas.

HALF THE POPULATION IS LIVING UNDER SOME KIND OF MILITARY CONTROL

The reactionary government army patrols the cities and country-side wearing balaclavas so as to cover their identity from the people, knowing if they were to be identified they would be killed. The army refers to the PCP as the "invisible enemy," they do not know who they are, who is watching them, who is preparing to attack them. The reactionary army hides its face from the people while it cannot identify the face of revolution. The people are the eyes and ears of the party. From the woman with the child in her arms to the old man smoking his pipe in the doorway, to the youth

playing with his friends in the dirty street. The people are the makers of history, the people are the force for revolution and this is a People's War.

In the face of the deepening advance of the PCP for the seizure of power the Garcia government faces a deepening crisis. It is generally accepted that the government cannot last long in its present form. A military coup is on the cards. Such a coup was planned earlier in the year but the US put the big NO on it. They think, and it is true, that a coup at this time, when the government is so weak and the revolution making advances, would only further destabilize the situation and play into the hands of the PCP. It would breed less "support" for the government and their death squads while creating favourable conditions for the further advance of the People's War.



Workers battle police in Lima, early September, 1988

THE ECONOMY IS IN RUINS, THE ARMY IS DEGENERATING AND THE GOVERNMENT IS ISOLATED.

The state of the reactionary class in Peru is clearly reflected in its leader, president Garcia. He "suffers" deep depressions over the present situation, and is frequently reminded of his future fate when bombs explode near to his palace, where he hides away. The "popular support" of Garcia and his regime is also "suffering" a deep depression these days, it now rests in single figures. Every day this butcher finds his back tighter against the wall. He calls more and more on the "aid" of the U.S. and the USSR to bail him out and fight the revolution. If he and his government find life too miserable to go on, let them step out of their fort and the proletariat and all those who have suffered under his rule and all those who know friends who have died in the government torture chambers and prisons, made in the U.S. and USSR, are only

too willing to put him and the system out of their "misery".

The Upper Huallaga valley is where a large part of the world's coca leaf is grown. Today, under the victimization by the landlords and police, the peasants have to grow the coca crops to survive. With the deepening crisis in the country, which is a reflection of the deepening world crisis, the peasants are becoming increasingly dependent on its production. The world's drug trade is bound up with the oppression of the masses. And it could not exist without the complicity of the Peruvian, Bolivian and Colombian governments, even more so without the support of the western imperialists, including the Soviet Social imperialists where drug addiction is on the increase.

Peru does an estimated 1.3 billion dollars a year in drug business. Such import dependent countries like Peru need these dollars. A number of government officials have been implicated in money laundering operations, most recently in March 1989. The government in Peru recently passed legislation to attract some of the drug money back into the economy in order to gain foreign exchange which is vital if it is to survive a little longer.

From the foothills in the Andes to the Black ghettos in the U.S., the people are the victims of drugs. Drugs are a main weapon in the imperialist arsenal against the people, its just one more way to exploit the people, keep them down and stop them from fighting. Either way it makes people think narrowly rather than about how to fight this system that keeps producing these conditions.

Several years ago the U.S. sent "advisors" to train and direct the Peruvian militarized police unit, the UMOPAR ("anti-drug" unit). Since this programme started, coca production has increased nearly 4 times. The funding and training has been supplied not to fight drugs, but to fight revolution.

The PCP has stated clearly that it's policy is to protect the peasants from having their land and crops stolen, and that without state power it is not possible to eliminate coca production. The peasants are encouraged to plant food crops on part of their land. The imperialist world media is trying to create public opinion against PCP, saying they are drug dealers and producers. Under this pretext they are preparing the ground inside the imperialist countries so that when they attack PCP for making revolution it will be reported as "fighting drug production". The fact is that PCP are working to free the peasants dependence on drug production by making revolution, building red base areas and drawing the

peasants into the People's War. Though the PCP can reduce the dependence of the peasants on drug production in the red base areas they cannot wipe it out short of seizing political power from the government, then destroying all the reactionary forces that created the conditions that give rise to drug production-dependence.

The revolutionary forces have stepped up their preparations for the seizure of power. So too have the reactionary forces stepped up their counter-revolutionary activities in a vain attempt to stop the revolution.

In the Upper Huallaga valley, government troops and "U.S. Advisors" are dug in at a fortified base. From this base they carry out their counter-revolutionary activity in the region that is marked by some of the sharpest struggle in the country. Under the guise of "drug reinforcement" the U.S. has increased its presence in the region. They have built a runway near Uchiza, using it to fly U.S. personnel and equipment to the area. In neighbouring Bolivia the U.S. now occupies a region under the same pretext of "controlling the coca crop", 300 U.S. troops are stationed there. The U.S. has also helped the Bolivian government to train what is called, the Leopards, a death squad that terrorizes and murders the people of the region in a vain attempt to keep the revolution down, again, not as they say to fight drugs. Part of the U.S. strategy in the region is to tighten "security" on the borders. There are other Maoist and revolutionary forces in the surrounding countries - Bolivia, Brazil and Colombia - and the imperialists are trying to isolate them from each other in an attempt to stop the spread of the "red stain". The imperialists are also setting up reactionary bases in Brazil. They plan to use the area as a strike base against the people in the region, they are also planning to set up a communications network across the Amazon.

The fighting between the Medellin cartel and the Colombian and U.S. forces is a battle between reactionaries. A point of fact is that this cartel rose to strength during the Reagan years when in return for using their airstrips in Colombia to supply the Contras with arms, the U.S. administration in return, allowed the cartel to import drugs into the country with little trouble. This cartel played a role in the Iran-Contra affair and was nurtured by the CIA when Bush was a leading figure in it. It too has its death squads, terrorizing the people. These death squads are trained by mercenaries from Britain and Israel, as well as the U.S. government and other imperialist countries. They have been sanctioned by the Colombian government, that means by the U.S.

government as long as they fight the Communists in the region. This is what they mean by exporting their expertise to "developing countries".

Bush said on prime time U.S. tv that "Our message to the drug cartels is this - the rules have changed." The rules have not changed. The U.S. has had active troops in Peru and Bolivia for a long time. The stakes have risen in the region though, to no small degree due to the intensification of the People's War. This "rules have changed" rhetoric is part of the new "Andean strategy", the U.S. has formulated to deal with the heightening contradiction in the region. Basically it means the intensification of the counter-revolutionary activity of the imperialists. The compradors have largely failed to defeat the PCP and the advance of the People's War. So the U.S. and the rest of the bloc are sending in its OWN troops to fight openly under the "war on drugs" banner.

CRACK IS ANOTHER EXCUSE FOR THE FASCIST CRACKDOWN.

This "Andean strategy" is one front of a two front offensive against the oppressed people. The plan was developed by the "drugs czar" William Bennet, the U.S. drugs administrator. One front is to increase military and economic "aid" to countries of Latin America, principally Colombia, Bolivia and Peru. The second front is to increase the federal aid by 64 percent in the U.S., to step up the fascist crackdown "to help the local law enforcement to take back the streets." This is a 7.8 billion dollars a year "anti-drugs" program and will enlist "the nation" against "drug traders and drug takers."

The British government too wants its piece of this bloody intrigue. It is sending troops to the region, troops that have been trained on the streets of Belfast.

THIS SYSTEM OF OPPRESSION IS INTERNATIONAL AND IT INVOLVES ALL THE IMPERIALISTS

Thatcher has called for a "world war on drugs", saying: "The full moral authority of the international community should be brought to bear against them" (Standard 6/9/89). This "moral authority" of the "international community" includes the USSR too. The secret services from the KGB to the CIA to MI5 are planning to put together an international unit to "combat terrorism and drug trafficking" (Guardian 15/8/89). The KGB leader said: "Co-operation is also possible on all issues to do with protecting human values." What the KGB are really talking about is protecting their

values, imperialist values, and their interests, imperialist interests. The USSR has been involved in Peru for a long time. They have been supplying arms to the government. Also the death squads were trained by North Korea under the orders of the Soviet Social imperialists. The revisionist forces in Peru are also an arm of USSR interests in the region. For instance, the group MRTA (Movimiento Revolucionario Tupac Amaru) works hand-in-glove with the government while serving both US and USSR interests. Another exposure of the revisionists fundamental unity with western imperialism, was when the Cuban government found common ground with the "drugs war". Castro proposed to the US that the US and Cuba co-operate against drug traffickers. He defined their struggle as a common struggle. Though the Western bloc, led by the US has opposing interests in Peru with the USSR, they are united in their hate of the People's War and of revolution.

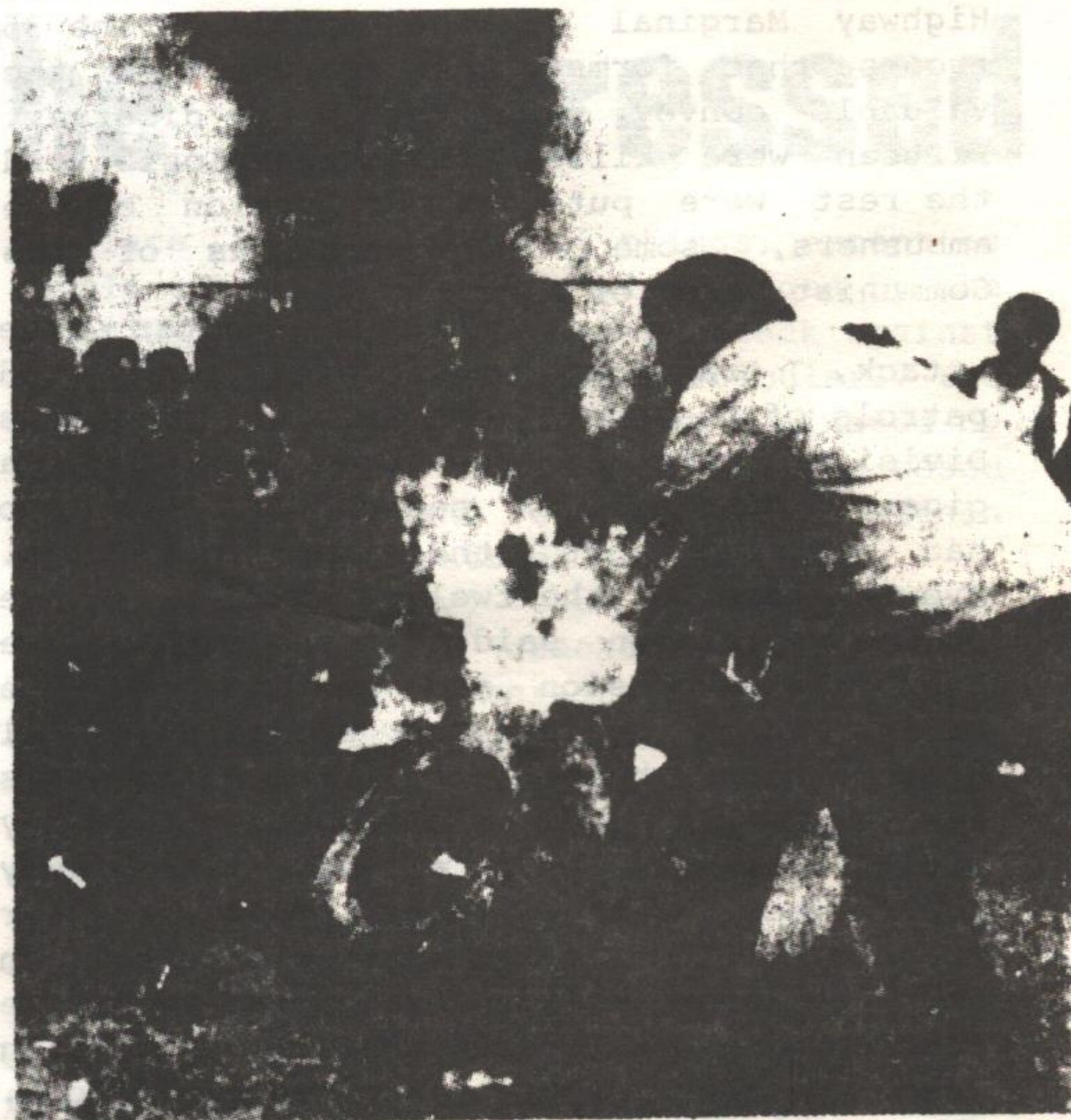
The crisis of the imperialist system is deepening and is reflected in the economic and political condition of Peru. This crisis is presenting great opportunities for the advance of the international proletariat, particularly inside Peru which the PCP is exploiting for the advance of revolution. The reactionaries are forced to fight the revolution and this itself intensifies the crisis of the imperialists, from East to West.

Advance of the People's War in Peru is the advance of the world's people for liberation from imperialism. We must support and organise to defend this revolution. The PCP has the principal of relying on the masses for everything and this is their fundamental strength. And it is to the world's masses they look for support and defence because this too is our strength, the people do not rely on one or another superpower but on the active spirit of the people.

The proletariat in Peru is one detachment of the international proletariat. And their carrying out of People's War today is linked with our preparation, here in the belly of British imperialism, for the seizure of power. The development of revolutionary situations like in Peru, are more determined by developments in the world as a whole than by developments in a particular country. The crisis facing the Peruvian government is the crisis facing British imperialism, it is the crisis of world capitalism. Just as we are all linked by capitalist crisis so too are we linked by revolutionary preparation and insurrection.

Today, we have the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, the key aspect in organising the strength of the proletariat internationally into an iron fist to smash

international capitalism. And when such times present themselves, as Lenin said, twenty years can become concentrated in a day. The infant revolutionary will become a mature fighter for revolution. We must prepare for such times. We must support the People's War in Peru as the seed of the future society. We must prepare ourselves today to fight and train new forces tomorrow in the heat of battle. The future belongs to the proletariat. The imperialists fight this war for their very existence because the People's War stands for the future, everything fresh, new and living. The imperialists fight to defend that which is past, everything stale, old and dead, and in the final analysis they will lose. Peru could be the battle that sounds the death knell of imperialism and becomes the clarion call to the oppressed and exploited of the world to step forward and seize the moment. ■



Blocking a main road in a Lima slum, July, 1988.

Support the People's War in Peru!

Long Live PCP!

Viva Chairman Gonzalo!

Stop Press... Peru

"REVOLUTIONARY WORKER" (October 9) published reports about aerial bombardments of Peruvian villages, in which entire villages were destroyed. Hundreds of peasants have died in these "flying tank" attacks and from mass acres by government troops, specifically because of their support for Sendero Luminoso.

The Peruvian troops are using heavily armed helicopters supplied by the Soviet Union and the U.S. Models sighted include the U.S. Bell, and the Soviet MI-17, MI-8, and their latest design, the MI-25 which can carry two dozen troops, fire missiles, and drop NAPALM. It is also equipped with a gatling gun, capable of firing 2,400 to 3,000 rounds per minute. This is the reality behind glasnost.

EL DIARIO reports "On Tuesday, June 20th, a convoy transporting war supplies to the antisubversive battalion the army has in Pucallpa was blown up on a stretch along Highway Marginal in the jungle....The 35 troops that formed the rearguard of the valuable convoy were thrown in disarray. Fifteen were killed in the explosion and the rest were put out of action by the ambushers, some 100 guerrillas of the Communist Party of Peru.

"Hours after the attack, transport helicopters and land patrols of the so-called Special Operations Division...came to the area and began a gigantic operation in search of those who had carried out the armed operation. Eyewitnesses to the twelve hours of savage police repression said: 'In the morning, we heard the explosion and gunfire from the Maoist attack against the soldiers. We all stayed in our homes until the helicopters arrived. When the soldiers got out - they would certainly have already taken away their dead - they looked everywhere for weapons.... Then, after more or less half an hour, we heard helicopters coming again. We went running out to see what was happening when we heard shots and more explosions. They were firing on the houses, on everything that moved below. They were bombing the villages.'" At least 80 peasants were murdered during these bombardments in Santa Rosa, Pacaya, Santa Cruz and other areas near Aguaytia. On July 7th, the entire village of La Morada was wiped out. There have also been massacres in Ayacucho.

These attacks are the implementation of the genocidal policies of "death from above" used by the U.S. in Vietnam, and of U.S. counterinsurgency training. As one U.S. official commented: "it would be less than candid to say we don't give them examples of what has been tried and failed - or worked - in El Salvador and Vietnam." Likewise, the Soviet Union is sharing its own repressive

equipment and experience with the bloody Garcia regime. They gained plenty of experience and "expertise" in counterinsurgency and mass murder through eight years of occupation of Afghanistan including the use of "flying tank" helicopters to destroy villages.

In the face of these genocidal attacks the People's War, led by the PCP continues to advance, liberating many villages attacking police and military posts, and army and police patrols. One example of many was the battle of Uchiza, where the PCP guerrillas attacked the police station and held a people's trial.

The mass meeting began with the singing of the Internationale, the revolutionary anthem of the international proletariat. After everyone had expressed their opinion, including the rank and file policemen, a young guerilla read a statement: "The people of Uchiza have found the members of this repressive police unit, who have become the most reactionary servants of the rotten

bourgeois order, guilty...unleashing abuse, murder and genocide against our peasant people". After receiving this verdict, the commander of the police unit was forced to raise the hammer and sickle flag over the Plaza. Then, he and 2 other police officials were shot. There were shouts of "LONG LIVE PERU COMMUNIST PARTY" and "DEATH TO REACTIONARIES. Later, some guerrillas painted murals and slogans on the walls surrounding the burnt-out police station, while others continued the mass meeting, explaining to the people the aims and achievements of the People's War.

The new counter-revolutionary offensive by Garcia and the imperialists, east and west, is bloody and viscous. But this reflects the weakness and desperation of the regime and its backers, not their strength. The oppressors fear the People's War, because the oppressed in Peru are fighting a real revolution to liberate themselves and take state power into their own hands - and they are making real advances. Never has the call SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S WAR IN PERU had more urgency.



Left: Stop the Genocide of the Dog Alan (García), his Armed Forces and his Bootlickers."



The "War On Drugs" Is a War On The Oppressed

Bush and Thatcher call for a "world war against drugs". What this means is a war against oppressed people everywhere. The imperialist ruling class use the "war on drugs" as an excuse to further intensify its bourgeois dictatorship. It is an offensive against the people in Britain, the US,.... and in the oppressed countries.

Do they expect us to believe this bullshit that Thatcher, Bush and Co are the guardians of the masses, that they care about the masses well being? Who was it dealing in drugs in the Iran-Contra affair, pushing the drugs into the ghettos of the US and thereby killing the oppressed people there, so as to arm the fascist death squads waging war against the Nicaraguan people? Well, it was the CIA, with Bush as one of the leading figures. Do they really expect us to believe that the same system that is causing misery, destruction and death all over the world, the very same system that promotes, manufactures, distributes, buys and sells drugs and death, and uses them as a means of social control, is suddenly concerned about addiction and is waging a war against it?

Drugs are a weapon wielded by the imperialists against the people of the world. Today, drugs are one of the major weapons in their bloody and fascist armory. So what is it these imperialist pushers are really talking about when they call for this "world war on drugs"? It is a war against those nothing to lose proletarians and oppressed people who dare to stand up against their rule, who dare to dream and to work for a world where the imperialists have

no place in the scheme of things, except as rubble. This current offensive waged by the imperialists is yet another attack against the revolutionary forces, particularly the Maoist forces in the countries dominated by imperialism, and against the oppressed peoples, radicals and revolutionaries within the imperialist countries themselves.

Internationally, the imperialists are using this fascist crackdown to secure their own interests. The oppressed nations are countries dominated by and dependent upon Western and Soviet imperialism. These puppet regimes have always needed foreign currency: to pay for their military build ups, to withstand the economic crisis inflicted upon them by the imperialists, to pay off their debts to the international banks, and to maintain their brutal dictatorship over the people. Which they are determined to do by any means necessary. And a major means is drugs.

In Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and other oppressed countries, the reactionary regimes have been encouraging the peasants to grow drug crops, which are then refined, distributed and sold around the world. The imperialists are tied up in every stage of this. So how come suddenly "poor", "deceived" and "horrified" Bush, Thatcher and Co know nothing about it, never expected it to happen, and had no idea about the existence and whereabouts of the drug cartels. And why, out of all the drug producing countries, have Peru, Bolivia and Colombia been targeted by these

murderers who proclaim themselves to be the "saviors of humanity"?

As leader of the Western imperialist bloc, the U.S. has brought the direct use of U.S. combat troops in the region out into the open, having first created public opinion for the introduction of these troops under the guise of the drugs issue. These troops are not there to deal with the drug problem. The U.S. tells the world that it is working to eradicate drugs. But the reality is that since their "anti-drug" programme began in Peru, the area under cultivation for drugs has grown fourfold. (See accompanying article) What a coincidence! What the imperialists really want to eradicate is not drugs but revolution. The "war on drugs" is the disguise for a new Vietnam style attack upon the People's War in Peru, where the Communist Party of Peru, a Maoist force, has liberated substantial parts of the country. With the increasing scale of the troops and weaponry sent to areas like the Huallago Valley in Peru, fascism is reaching new levels in the region. If the international proletariat has its way, this region will be the final resting place of these mercenaries and a storm centre of proletarian revolution. The U.S. troops are there to reinforce the borders of this region in a vain attempt to isolate the revolutionaries and stop the spread of the revolution.

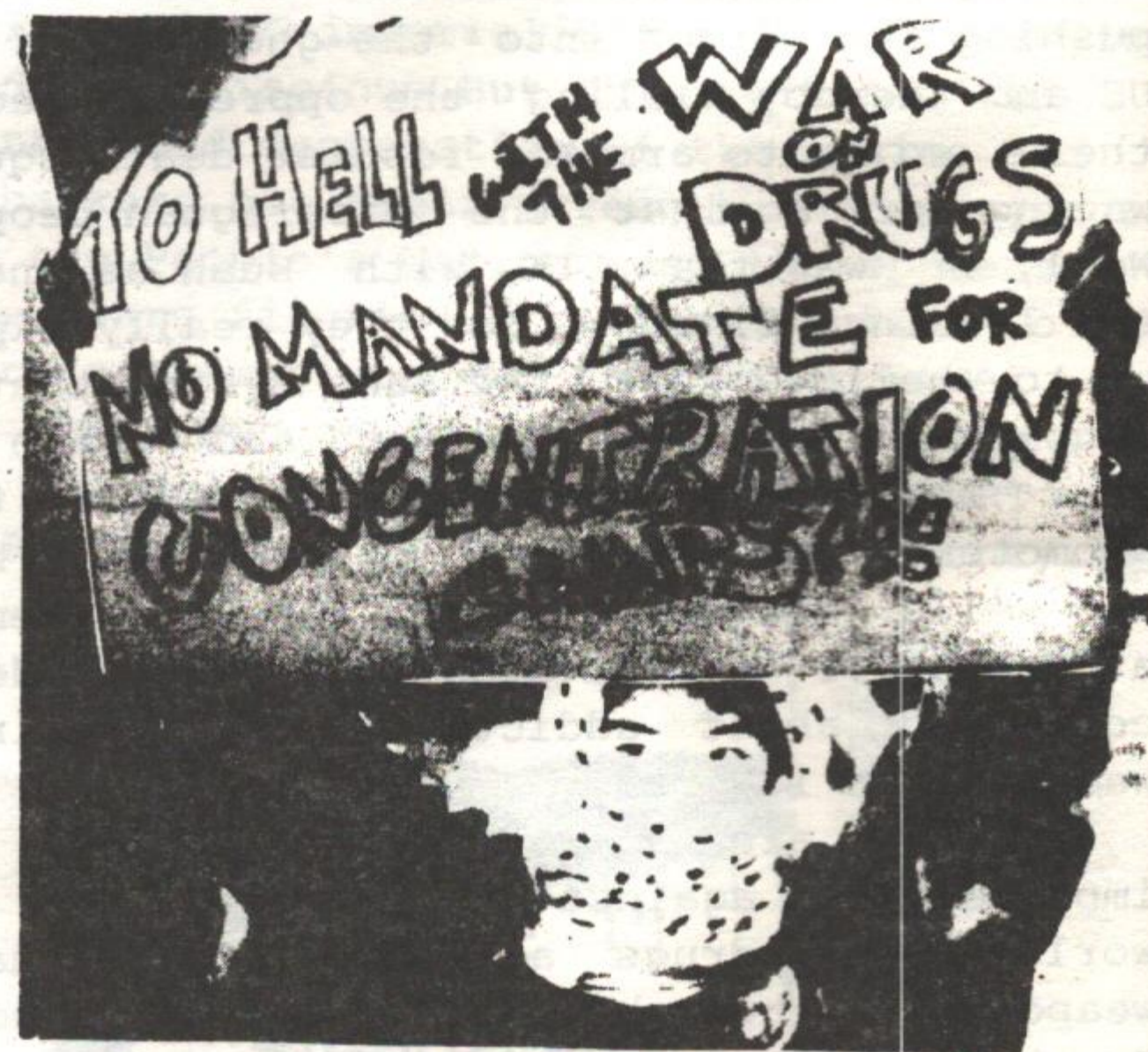
And now Britain has decided to openly join its fascist friends in this war upon the people. The Foreign Secretary, John Major, has announced that Britain is to send the British navy, to Colombia. British police will also train Colombian officers and help to set up a computerized data base. The British pigs are so generous in sharing their experience of applied oppression with their Colombian allies.

On the home front, this offensive is not only being carried out but steadily intensifying with:

- 1) Plans to increase the centralisation of the police, making it directly accountable to the Home office.
- 2) Plans to widen the net of policing by using electronic tagging. This scheme is at present being implemented in Nottingham. In the past, slave masters used to chain the rebel slaves ankles. Things have not fundamentally changed. Science has merely furthered this technique. Electronic tagging is the new ball and chain, and IS being used, today, against the rebel slaves in this masters world.
- 3) There has been a significant shift in the role of the secret services, away from counter espionage and towards domestic subversion and counter "terrorism", particularly to counter the rise of revolution. These imperialist gangsters are

forging new international links within the security forces, from the KGB to the CIA to MI5, in an attempt to limit the growing crisis that they face. This does NOT mean that they are paying less attention to their inter-imperialist rivalries, as this unity is on the basis of counter revolutionary activities. Their basic contradictions remain. But they are forced to pay more attention to the real discontent and outright hate that the people have for this system. The peoples willingness to stand up against the system and fight, is what the inner city rebellions were all about.

All these attacks by the British state upon the Black and oppressed people are designed to isolate them, to criminalize them, and to put pressure on them to conform, integrate, and not to rock the boat. All of this also serves the bourgeoisie as a basis to superexploit these oppressed people. Public opinion is carefully cultivated to justify all the pigs actions against the oppressed. Mr Kendall from Interpol, a representative of the most brutal and fascist international gang, exposed his class outlook when he compared immigrants to "opportunistic viruses in the body", hence justifying genocidal policies. This is the Nazi language that the imperialists have used to justify their mass murders all over the globe. It is no surprise that Black people like Jamie Stewart and Edwin Carr, and Irish people like Anthony Linnane are murdered by the British state, killed "accidentally" while under the "care" of the pigs, - in cells, in vans or in the streets. These



Rebel women protest "War On Drugs" in the U.S.

arrests and raids, in Wolverhampton, Southall, Peckham, Broadwater Farm..., the massive military occupation of the streets at the Notting Hill Carnival...etc. are excused or explained away by "drugs" - the catch all for the pigs. Either the nothing to lose, the oppressed nationalities were "trafficking", "selling", "swallowed it", "had it in their pockets" or whatever; the usual bullshit that the people come up against every day.

OPPRESSION KINGFISHER - "WAR ON DRUGS" TARGETS BROADWATER FARM.

The recent raid on the Broad Water Farm Estate was just another escalation of this bourgeois dictatorship. Operation - or rather oppression - Kingfisher, was on the one hand supposed to be top secret, but on the other hand the pigs made sure that carefully selected community leaders and journalists - people who are in with this system - were present to launch a full scale ideological offensive against the people. And of course only specially selected pictures were later shown to the public. How considerate of them, they didn't want to "upset people with a sensitive disposition". The version of events that we saw on the tv and read about in the papers, of police vans arriving, officers quietly arresting people and leading them away was a public relations exercise which had little to do with the brutal reality. The pigs arrived in furniture vans, and charged up the stairs and along the walkways armed with axes and batons, wearing riot gear and bullet proof jackets. A young woman said: "They just kicked down doors and dragged people out like they were animals." This is the real face of fascism.

The people who live on Broadwater Farm, and the many other estates like this one, feel this open terror and the iron fist of the bourgeoisie hammering down on them every day. The pigs stripsearched women in the pig vans on the road side - implementing a tactic first used in Northern Ireland against the Irish people. The only pictures showed by the media were designed to underline the stereotype of Black people as "criminals", and to portray the real criminals - the pigs - as "poor", "very polite", "civilised" and "concerned for the community". The fact that they could not find as many drugs as they had propagated was soon covered up by another lie - that the drug dealers had been tipped off, and hence had disappeared with the drugs. This is just another excuse to justify the raid, and to keep the system's social base happy by reinforcing the belief. They propagate

that the raid was justified, that there is lots of drug dealing going on the estate, but that this time the dealers escaped, thus preparing the ground for more raids in the future.

Even days after the raid the police were still occupying Broadwater Farm, under the guise of "protecting them and their children from drug dealing". The system is further intensifying its clampdown upon the Black, Asian and other oppressed people.



Pigs attack on Broadwater Farm.

The US is playing the leading role in the fascist crackdown, in their homelands as well as abroad. In the projects in Chicago and San Francisco, the homes of the nothing to lose, the Black and Latin Americans, and others who form the social base for revolution, are being turned into fortified prisons, with guards on the entrances, identity cards and electronic screening. People who are not on the licence are kicked out, as are all children over 18. Visitors have to be signed in and out. A similar strategy is already in place in Britain, under the name of "crime prevention", in

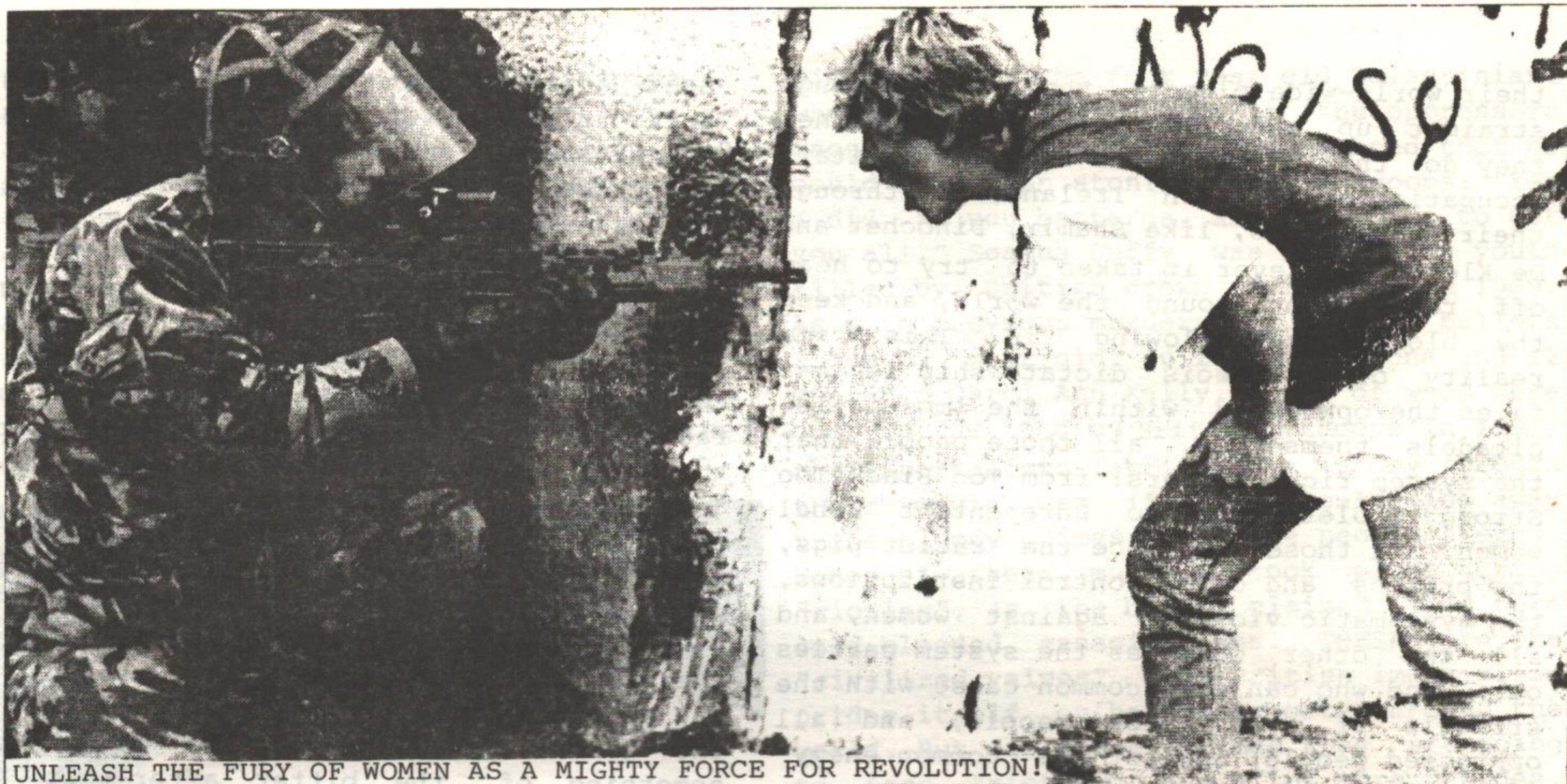
areas like Peckham, South London, where nothing to lose proletarians live. Electronic steel doors are fitted to main entrances, while other entrances are closed off. This is about keeping the people in when things get hot, not about keeping "criminals" out. Walkways are bricked off to limit movement from block to block. (They have learnt from the experience of their defeat in the Broadwater Farm uprising.) Estates like Peckham and Broadwater Farm are under continual surveillance. If some people don't believe that revolution is possible or where it is going to come from, take this lesson from the imperialists, it is clear that they believe that revolution is going to happen, and they know where, and that is why they're doing so much to try to prevent it!

At the recent police conference, there was a demand for increased powers to stop and search people on the streets, and a call for increased levels of random testing - under the excuse of checking people for alcohol whilst driving. They also want to use DNA testing when they arrest people - then people's identities are computerized and can be checked at any time - the perfect police state! And of course, whilst they will use DNA to serve their fascist purposes, they won't allow its use for immigration cases because that does not suit the reactionary British state. If they introduced DNA testing for certain immigration applications then they couldn't refuse entry to the families of immigrants anymore, because this test gives positive physical proof of family relationship. These tests are used to serve the rulers by keeping a close and tight check on the people. Just look at this neighbourhood watch scheme. It is a very brutal way of making ordinary people spy on one another and give reports about everybody's movements to the pigs. One can't even trust your own neighbour anymore, while everyone becomes a potential "criminal". All these tactics are nothing less than a form of martial law in imperialist countries to stop and search people who and where ever they want to. These are all steps in their fascist clampdown.

Douglas Hurd has recently said that we must have a war on drugs from the school to the home. What he really means is that all the public institutions like education, must be used to mould children's minds to conform to and obey the system. They must be taught to become selfish individuals, spying on others and being concerned only with their own interests. It is on the mothers that the main responsibility falls to bring up "nice" and "obedient" children. If her child steps out of the norm set by this system she is declared a "bad" and "unfit" mother. She

hasn't controlled her child as she was supposed to, and has even neglected him/her. All this crap and the morality thrown at women to make them feel guilty and to push them back into the home. The question of morality and standards is always used by the bourgeoisie to put pressure on women and hit them where it hurts them most - by creating a guilty conscience for them, frequently around their children.

This "war on drugs" that the imperialists have declared is also a war on women. Women's oppression is a key part of this system and has a universal character. They are trying to get women to take up the perverse morality of the imperialist system, that of being a "good" mother and "dutiful" wife and all the crap that goes with it. In recent tv propaganda, Bush was pictured in a hospital holding a newborn Black baby. The mother had been addicted to cocaine during pregnancy. Bush in a sickening display of hypocrisy was holding this kid up as an innocent victim of the mother's cocaine addiction and propagating that the "anti-drugs" campaign was to secure the health and lives of people like this newborn child. How does he expect us to swallow this shit? What he was doing had nothing to do with caring about the child, and everything to do with labelling the woman as an "unfit" mother. The reality is, as we all know, that Bush and his like, couldn't care less about the fate of Black babies. In the U.S. the mortality rate for Black babies is 3 times higher than for white babies, even higher than in some third world countries. The same Bush that held up that child is the representative of the system that has kept Black people down, that has pumped the ghettos full of drugs, that has ensured that medical facilities are severely restricted and virtually unavailable to Black people, and who wants Black people to live and die in poverty. Black people and other oppressed nationalities are being made addicted to drugs to keep them down, to keep them busy going after their daily dose of drugs to try to prevent the nothing to lose from rising up and fighting the system. Under the pretence of caring for young children, and saving them from the danger of drugs, Manchester police has recently launched a "truancy patrol" to pick up the children who are out on the streets instead of being at school and at home. And who is going to get the blame? Once again it is the woman, the mother who was incapable of keeping an eye on her child. The pigs don't care for these children, whether they live in bearable conditions or not, the system just wants to strike another blow at women and at the same time get yet another name on



UNLEASH THE FURY OF WOMEN AS A MIGHTY FORCE FOR REVOLUTION!

Irish masses:
it's Right to Rebel!

We'll Never Forget Internment.

The spirit of a risen people can NEVER be crushed. Internment, on August 9, 1971, was a desperate and viscious attempt by British imperialism to suppress the revolutionary struggle in Ireland. Hundreds of Irish nationalists in the six counties were rounded up - after British storm-troopers smashed into their homes - and taken to torture centers. Internment failed. The people's righteous fury erupted onto the streets. Like every example of British brutality, internment only caused the flames of resistance to burn more defiantly in the hearts of the oppressed - as the barricades blazed.

During internment, prisoners - many of whom weren't even active Republicans - were subjected to savage beatings and psychological torture and, later on, electric shock treatment, drug injections and yet more horrors. Hooded prisoners were thrown out of helicopters a few feet above ground, which they were told were flying high over Belfast. Then, as now, loyalist death squads were unleashed by the brit government against the nationalist

community. Demonstrations were forcibly suppressed. On Bloody Sunday in Derry, 1972, the British Parachute Regiment slaughtered 13 unarmed demonstrators. Most of them were shot in the back. This was conscious British policy. The commanding officer of the British death squad, Lt. Colonel Derek Wilford, was rewarded with the Order of the British Empire medal (OBE) - for it is exactly on such mass murder that British imperialism is built.

British rule in Ireland has meant shoot to kill victims with over 100 bullets put into their bodies, kids murdered with plastic bullets, the systematic enforcement of every degrading form of torture, and the actions of death squads trained in barbarism all over the globe, from Kenya to Malaya.

This is the REAL meaning of British "democracy". Faced with the determined resistance of the exploited and oppressed, the imperialists reveal the OPEN BOURGEOIS DICTATORSHIP that is the real guarantor of

their world-wide plunder, their rule through straight up gangster terrorism. (Whether they do this directly, as with the military occupation of Northern Ireland, or through their hired thugs, like Shamir, Pinochet and De Klerk.) Whatever it takes to try to head off revolution around the world, and keep the blood money flowing in. This same reality of bourgeois dictatorship is what faces the oppressed within the imperialist citadels themselves, all those people that the system rightly fears: from Too Black Too Strong proletarians to unrepentant rebel women, all those who face the racist pigs, the prisons and other control institutions, the systematic violence against women, and all the other outrages the system carries out - and who can make common cause with the struggle of the Irish people, and all oppressed people, against the common enemy-imperialism.

It is especially the danger of a revolutionary situation exploding in Northern Ireland and spreading with rapid fire to threaten their home base, that haunts the British imperialists. The oppressed in Britain, including large numbers of Irish people in the inner cities, could seize on an eruption in Northern Ireland to strike blows at the monster's jugular. The imperialists can't even reassure themselves that at least the struggle is way "over there" on some other continent that they've plundered (though there's no comfort for them there either, since the fury of the oppressed travels far and wide!). The oppressed Irish masses are like a giant barrel of semtex, threatening to detonate right in the middle of the West European capitals. The possible consequences of this for NATO is of major strategic concern. And this lies behind their desperate efforts to keep the lid on the situation in Northern Ireland (by using "counter-insurgency", media silence etc.). They have already had a taste of how the spirit of rebellion can cut across borders, when the 1981 inner city risings in England erupted at the time of the mass struggles surrounding the Hunger Strikes in Ireland.

British imperialism has used its war against the Irish people as a training ground in the repressive measures and "counter-insurgency" (fascism) that they use against the struggles of all oppressed people. And particularly for the stepped up repression they are preparing now, as they face growing difficulties on a world scale. Britain's experience in carrying out terror is exported around the globe, from South Africa to Colombia. The imperialists have also used their experience in Northern Ireland against the oppressed peoples, and those with a "fuck authority" attitude in Britain. As for example, the military police

used against the inner city risings. (Northern Ireland tactics were also brought to bear against mining communities in the '84 strike.) The new head of MI5 in Britain got his training in particularly brutal operations, as head of the Secret Service in Northern Ireland during the Hunger Strikes. In the same way, former head of the Metropolitan Police, Kenneth Newman, took up that job direct from the RUC. They test out fascist measures in Northern Ireland - from the strip-searching of women to police raids and murders - and this experience is transferred to the "mainland", as part of the implementation of bourgeois dictatorship in Britain.

But not only have the imperialists had the experience of fighting war against the people in Northern Ireland (and all over the globe). They have also experienced something of the bitter after-taste of defeat in the face of the people's struggle. From the beautiful burning down of the British embassy in Dublin, by a crowd of 30,000, in the wake of Bloody Sunday, to the heroic sacrifice of the Hunger Strikers, the Irish struggle has provided inspiration to struggling people everywhere.

The imperialists face a war in Ireland that they are NOT winning, and cannot finally win, just as they are not going to win it all around the world - because the most important strength doesn't lie in the repression with which they hit out as they desperately try to bolster up a system which is decaying and doomed. The most important strength lies with the conscious struggle of the masses, to make revolution and change the world.

Not only have all the imperialists attempts to defeat the Irish struggle failed, but the contradictions they face have only intensified the more they try to crush them. Today's new upsurge in the Irish struggle itself reflects the rising resistance to imperialism on a world scale, and the deepening of the imperialist crisis. Despite their huge fascist military arsenal, and whatever temporary strength they might have, the bourgeoisie are strategically weak, because they are the exploiting class that can only survive by oppressing the people more. But the harder they oppress the people, the harder the people are going to fight them, and the more the people are going to want to rise up and overthrow them. This is why, whatever measures they take, the imperialists are heading nowhere - except for the garbage bin of history. You can see this underlying weakness in Northern Ireland, where the brits face no-go areas, in parts of north and west Belfast. In areas like South Armagh, they have to be

transported by helicopter, and outside of their bloody operations, brit troops have to be confined to barracks, the only place they can be temporarily protected from the deep hatred of the oppressed Irish people (until the next mortar bomb attack.)

Recent events in Northern Ireland, the attempted imperialist crackdown and the peoples resistance to that, show all the more clearly the fundamental weakness of the imperialist system, and the seeds of the future in the struggles of the oppressed.



Internment bonfires.

BRITISH MERCENARIES KILLED SEAMUS DUFFY, BUT THEY'LL NEVER KILL THE IRISH STRUGGLE.

This August marks the 20th anniversary of the British troops being sent to wage war against the Irish people, and the 18th anniversary of internment. British imperialism marked this with the blood of the oppressed, in which the red, white and blue butcher's apron has always been soaked. On August 8th, 15 year old Seamus Duffy was murdered by the RUC. He was shot by a plastic bullet, fired at point blank range from an armoured jeep. People who rushed to help him were also shot at, and two youths trying to carry Seamus away were wounded. RUC scum went to the hospital where Seamus was taken and terrorized his family, loading a plastic bullet gun in front of them and pointing it at them.

Behind the killing of Seamus Duffy lies 800 years of oppression. But also the situation in Northern Ireland took a new leap 20 years ago, when the imperialists had to send their troops in directly, if they weren't to lose all control. And today marks a further intensification of the struggle, as the imperialists try, and fail, to enforce the message "Croppies Lie Down".

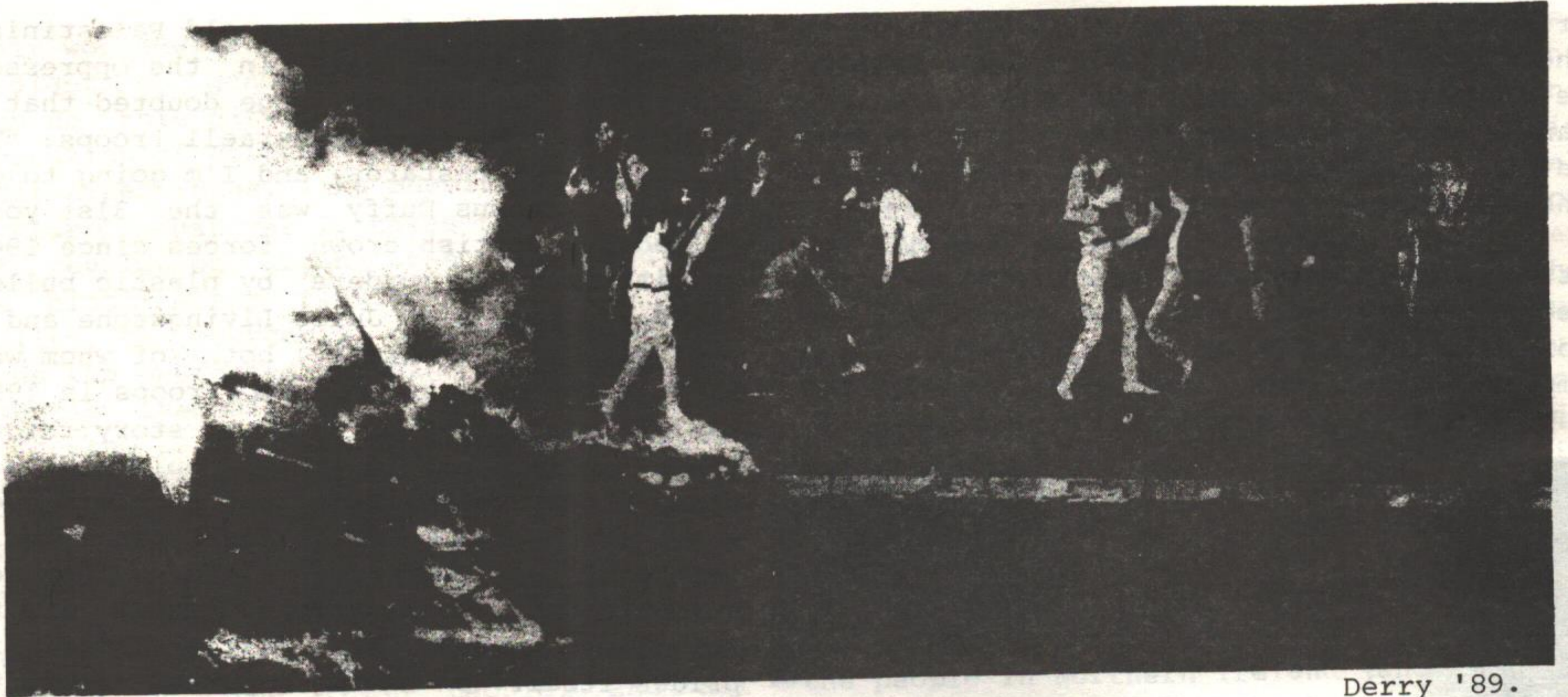
The imperialists fear the youth. That is why they murder them. When they look at the youth, and at all the risen people, they see the face of their potential grave-

diggers. Like the four year old Palestinian, who put it right back in the oppressors face, when an Israeli judge doubted that he could have been stoning Israeli troops: "Yes I did it you bastards, and I'm going to get you all." Seamus Duffy was the 31st youth killed by British crown forces since 1969. As with previous murders by plastic bullets (like 14 year old Julie Livingstone and 12 year old Carol Ann Kelly, both of whom were shot in the head by British troops in 1981) the imperialists fabricated a story through their media, as if they could hide away these bloody crimes from the people's eyes. None of these murders took place during "rioting", as the brits claimed. They were cold-blooded assassinations. THESE are the "civilized values" that British imperialism prides itself on having exported around the world. But for these crimes they are going to face "rioting" and a lot more besides, and beyond their worst nightmares, when mass armed proletarian revolution is the order of the day. And in response to this cowardly murder, rebel youth erupted onto the streets of Belfast and Derry, not only out of disgust at yet another British atrocity, but with a clear promise of what is to come.

IMPERIALISTS STEP UP COUNTER-REVOLUTION.

This murder is part of an all-round campaign by the imperialists to try and put down the Irish struggle. In the week following Seamus Duffy's murder, 35 Irish people were wounded with plastic bullets, 6 seriously. Just as the imperialists announced they're going to bring in a "more accurate" bullet. The pigs in Britain have plastic bullets in stock. (In Northern Ireland the brits doctor these bullets with razor blades and broken glass.) On August 24th, Laughlin Maginn became the 15th victim of loyalist death squads this year, and another Catholic was butchered by the death squads a week later, Paddy Mckenna in Ardoyne. British undercover soldiers "happened" to be on the scene. In Derry, the brits made dawn raids on the Creggan estate and smashed up homes in West Belfast. It was announced that the UDR regiment, home of the Shankill Butchers, was also to be fitted with plastic bullet weapons, and the imperialists have been training them up at Sandhurst. These are some of the imperialists preparations against the heightened resistance of the Irish people, that is staring them defiantly in the face.

In a sick twist, it was "leaked" that the UDR has been identifying targets for assassination to loyalist death squads. Irish people, who experience British terrorism everyday, know only too well that



Derry '89.

these death squads work hand in glove with British imperialism. They are part of the state apparatus. Before his murder by the UFF death squad, Laughlin Maginn underwent a long period of harrasment and death threats by UDR and RUC. These "leaks" also showed the full involvement of the Gardai (Southern Ireland police) in British terrorism. The imperialists have stepped up cross-border cooperation between RUC and Gardai.

It's possible that the imperialists will stage some kind of farce of "justice" against individual UDR or RUC men (although the first to be charged with giving information to the death squads, Corporal Hastie, is now back on duty). This might be tied in with an attempt to give some credibility to counter-revolutionary stooges, like SDLP and the Dublin government. The imperialists may be preparing to assassinate leading Republicans, and then use these "leaks" to distance themselves from the murders, so that the media can say "a few rogue officers" were responsible for "leaking" the identity of Republican suspects.

Whatever developments come out of these "leaks", it's certain that British imperialism, through the bourgeois media, will continue to present its role in Northern Ireland as "peacekeeping". Just as surely as they continue to carry out state terrorism, both directly and through the loyalist death squads which serve them (and these "leaks" were partly an effort to terrorize the Irish people). Any contradictions among the bourgeoisie over these "leaks", any "trials" or manoeuvres with their puppets (loyalists, Dublin government, etc.) will be contradictions over how to get the best results for British imperialism. For the Irish people, this can only mean more killings, more rape, more fascist repression - until imperialism is

overthrown. And Thatcher laid the real deal on the table when she rushed to Belfast, shortly after the first "leaks", to give "very, very, very" full support to the UDR.

"DEMOCRACY" HYPOCRISY

Following last year's broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein, the brits made further moves to block out media coverage of Northern Ireland. British spokesmen made several statements against the presence of international press corps (around internment commemorations) who they couldn't totally rely on. A freelance German photographer, Nick Vogel, apparently had bomb-making equipment planted in his car, to explain his arrest, after the RUC smashed his car windscreen with batons and dragged him away. They knew that Vogel had got pictures of the RUC paramilitary police attacking youths and other press people in Oldpark, and had tried to shoot him with plastic bullets at the time.

When South Africa is on the TV news, they solemnly inform us that the report was made under "broadcasting restrictions". They suppress and distort news from Northern Ireland in exactly the same way, but they don't solemnly inform us about that. One "freedom" the imperialists definitely believe in, is the "freedom" to propagate unlimited bullshit. As one Irish woman put it: "the only thing I believe in the British media is the date." The imperialists know that the world watches what happens in Ireland, that the reverberations from an upsurge in Ireland go right round the imperialist world, and this is what they want to suppress.

Around the 20th anniversary of the troops going in, the imperialists carried out a major propoganda offensive in the

media, to try and win sympathy for their troops, poison people's minds against the Irish struggle and prepare their chauvinist social base for more intense repression of the Irish people in the future. TV programmes pushed the official line of the Brits as "peacekeepers". But this is the real voice of the squaddie: "If you have a chance you shoot to kill. There's no two ways about it. He's dead...it's good fun... makes the job worthwhile to kill the gunman." (From a TV programme where the "peacekeeping" pretence slipped.) And this, from an ex-marine commando: "There wasn't a day went by when you didn't witness some incident of brutality, whether it was someone being dragged through a corridor by his hair or some woman who was smashed in the gob by the biggest guy in our unit once, just for screaming." (See the book, "Northern Ireland: The Women's War")

THE PROLETARIAT'S FLAG IS RED, NOT RED WHITE AND BLUE.

On this year's London Internment march, this propaganda offensive was thrown back in the imperialists faces, when the red, white and blue butcher's rag of British imperialism was torched by some Maoists. Rebel Irish youth gathered around the burning rag, saying "it's just like Belfast". When the butcher's apron burns today, this symbolizes the time when the proletariat will burn to the ground this imperialist system and everything it stands for: plunder, murder and rape. This was too much for the Trotskyite organisers of "RCP" (whose weekly rag is called "The Next Step" - into the shit.) Sickening British chauvinism burst out of "RCP" cadres, who show their real colours (red, white and blue) when the situation gets sharp. They tried to stop the flag burning. Perhaps they were worried that it might offend the dozens of imperialist Labour Party sponsors who were supporting their version of the march? The nothing to lose proletariat in Britain recognises no murderers' flag and no nation. What we do recognize, are the millions of sisters and brothers who are oppressed around the world, and we stand together with them to make our one class, the international proletariat, the class that is going to bury imperialism. This concrete international unity is today expressed in the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement.

The recent events in Northern Ireland show that, despite the imperialists brutal repression, the flames of rebellion scorch them in the face. This August, Belfast, Dublin and Derry saw the largest demonstrations against British rule for years. On the Bogside in Derry, and in

nationalist areas of Belfast, the youth rose defiant, torched vans and took on the armed forces of the state. For the imperialists, they faced a Gaza Strip right on their doorstep. The class-conscious forces of the international proletariat welcome this new upsurge with joy. The seeds of future victory are seen in the fierceness of rebel youth and women, contemptuous of the enemy, every time they step forward to make a stand. THIS is what the imperialists can never kill. And this is the raw material and social base that the class conscious proletariat can unite and lead, through the revolution to bring down British imperialism - as part of advancing the world proletarian revolution towards communism.

POSTSCRIPT....KENT BOMBING.

The British imperialists were rocked by a bombing on the "mainland" against the hated Royal Marines in Deal (Sept. 23) and Thatcher and Kinnock tried to outdo each other in anti-Irish invective. The bourgeois media seized on this bombing, to whip up anti-Irish racism, which will be used against the masses here. The press was full of stories of how anti-Irish graffiti was being put up and how supermarkets in Deal were removing Irish goods from their shelves. But the real situation here is that the British imperialists face the prospect of bombs in their home-base, and throughout Europe where their troops are stationed and this shows how literally explosive are the contradictions facing British imperial-ism. ■

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Outpouring Of RAGE At Nottingham Carnival

Notting Hill Carnival represents an important expression of Caribbean culture and Black culture in general. Every year after long and hard struggles with the imperialist oppressors, Black people take the Carnival to the streets of London.

At least once a year the Carnival has become a stage where Black people can not only celebrate their own culture, but where they can also give expression to their anger, frustration and resentment, accumulated over the years in schools, jobs and daily encounters with the racist and fascist police and British state.

Although every year, the system through its police, media and the local chauvinist white residents campaign to ban the Carnival or to remove it from the streets - the police because they fear they will lose control of the event; the residents because they fear the loss of their superior position and privacy - the determination of the Black community still makes it possible for the carnival to go ahead.

This year there were clear contradictions and splits within the organizing committee of the Carnival. The police used the fact that the Carnival is dependent upon funding from the public sector as a lever to control the event to their liking. On the one hand, there is the Commission for "Racial Equality", supposed to be on the side of Black people, but in

fact they are working hand in hand with the oppressive system. As a sign of this cooperation with the system, they cut this year's grant for the Carnival due to the "violence" during previous Carnivals and because they want it to become westernised and commercialized - which in effect means being integrated fully into the white chauvinist establishment culture, that the system promotes and creates. On the other hand there are those who don't want to cooperate with the rules laid down by the government, and who want to use the Carnival as an expression of their own Black culture and identity. An identity that has been formed over the hundreds of years of oppression, of colonial plunder and suppression and exploitation by imperialism so that a part of Black culture has become an expression of Black peoples resistance and fighting spirit against bourgeois dictatorship. In this sense, Black culture internationally, from South Africa to Britain is a threat to the oppressor because through their culture Black people are united in their hatred for the system.

The fact that most of these racial relations committees liaise with the police is proved by the fact that even some of the stewards chosen by Carnival's Organising Committee this year are nothing less than

police agents pretending to "protect" people but actually harassing and giving them away to police attacks.

The tensions and contradictions between Black people and the system, which are constantly created by the state to further oppress the people, are running high. Frank Crichlow, a Black community leader and organiser of the Carnival, who has acted in liaison with the police, was himself set up and picked up by the pigs. Over 60 police officers testified against him on drugs charges, but finally he was released because of lack of evidence and the case was an embarrassment even to the court. This incident, as with all the other attacks on Black people, proves that British imperialism is trying to criminalize the Black communities and to break their fighting spirit.

Tory MP Terry Dicks, a true representative of British imperialism has called for the Carnival to be banned or at least to be held in a closed environment such as a stadium or a park. The British imperialists want to move the Carnival off the streets. If the Carnival is in an enclosed area, the pigs could hit the people more effectively and cover up for it better, as there would be no community to oppose them. They well know that in the streets Black people will have the support of the people in their struggle against suppression. In a closed area, the Carnival would be more under the pigs control, forming part of the state's strategy of getting their full grip on other nationalities' culture.

The police, and behind them the whole system, are against any gathering of oppressed people, especially radical youth. Months before the Carnival, the media prepared the ground for the pigs attack on Black people during the event. Public opinion was created by the system - Black youths taking part in the Carnival were presented as "hooligans" and "looters", in an attempt to turn people against the Carnival and to justify the planned police attack against the people. This propaganda also creates a tense atmosphere during the event.

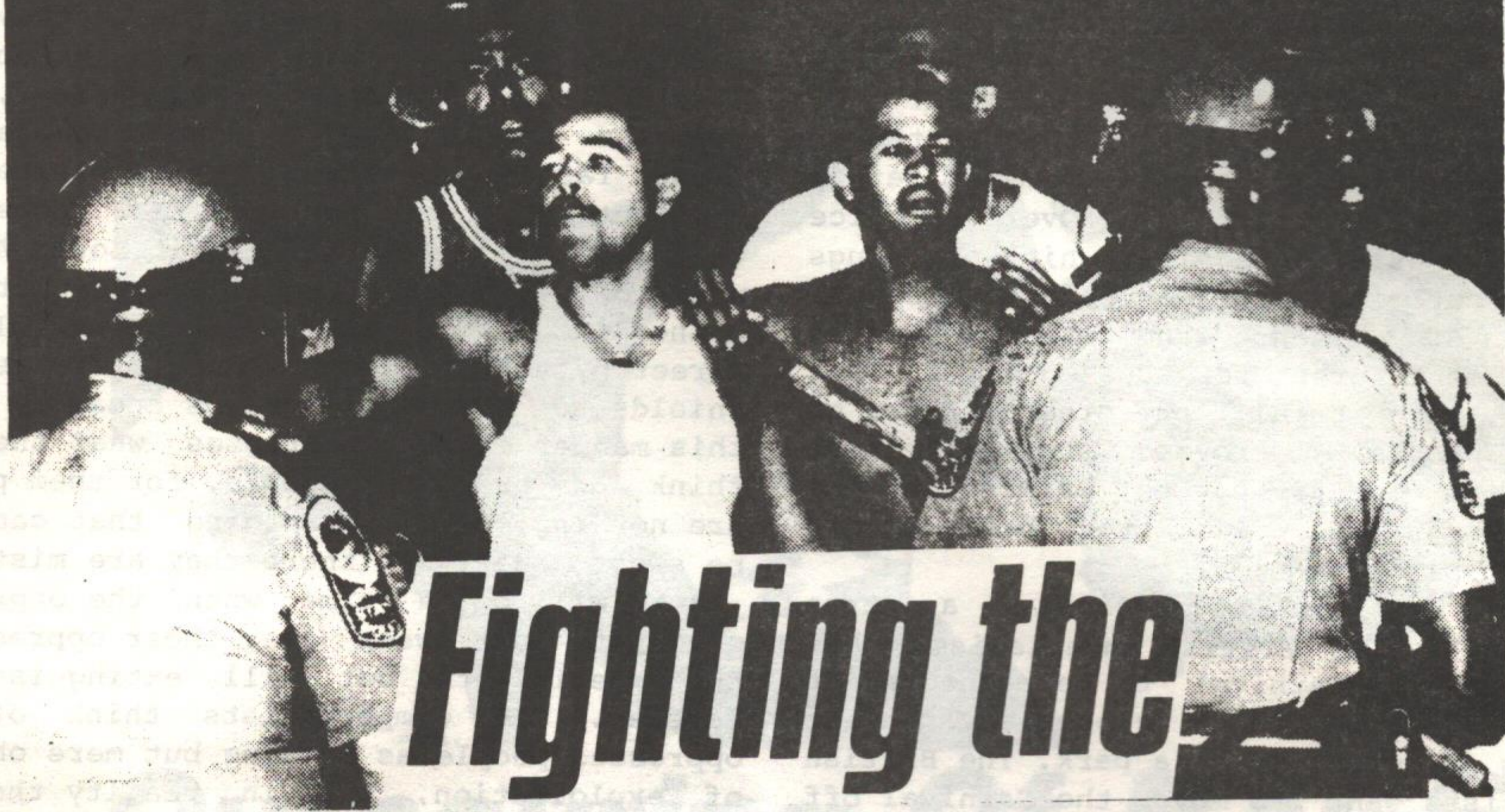
Even though this year's Carnival was held in the streets, the police saw yet another chance to brutally show their contempt and hate for the oppressed nationalities. High tech surveillance equipment and thousands of anti-riot officers lined the streets, backed-up by marksmen armed with plastic as well as live bullets, were all in place eagerly waiting to attack people celebrating their own culture - like wild beasts lurking and watching for their prey. They used so called early resolution tactics: squads swept

through the masses showing their "strength" by arresting and hitting people at random. An eyewitness said: "There were two rows of pigs on both sides of the street keeping their eyes on the people. When groups of more than 2 or 3 youths passed they were followed by plainclothed police, taken down a side road or a closed off street, away from the people, and searched and beaten." These fascist measures are explained as "protecting" the public from "potential troublemakers". This is like in South Africa where only two Black people are permitted to gather in the street. The area was cleared street by street, the front officers used shields to sweep the crowds ahead of them - this manner exactly expresses what the pigs think of ordinary people, for them people are nothing, merely something that can just be swept away. But there they are mistaken - there will be a time when the oppressed will not just sweep away their oppressors, the imperialists, but will extinguish them forever. The imperialists think of the oppressed people as nothing but mere objects of exploitation, but in reality they are everything, the most precious makers of history advancing proletarian revolution.

Even during this years carnival the pigs didn't have it all their own way, they faced a fierce fight, during which people hurled bottles and tins at them, anything which they could get their hands on, showing their hate and defiance for this brutal system. The harder the state comes down on them, the harder people fight back - so the imperialists had better watch out! Oppressed nationalities are at the forefront of uprisings against the oppressive system - a fact that the British state has experienced only too well.

The militaristic way the pigs have dealt with the masses at this year's carnival is not surprising at all - it's just one more battle in the over-all war the state has declared on the oppressed people, not just in this country but all over the world. The police's military-like attack serves as a training for what the imperialists are planning for Black people and other oppressed nationalities. The system is using racism and drugs to attack those with nothing to lose. Likewise, the bourgeois media is carefully preparing the ground for future attacks. Events like the Notting Hill Carnival present a potential danger to white supremacy and the power of the oppressors. Upholding the Black culture means for the imperialists that the Black people haven't lost their rebellious identity, and have not become subordinated to their oppressor's demands to be objects of exploitation and serve wholeheartedly this criminal and bloody state.

At 10 p.m. on September 2 Virginia Beach was rocking. 100,000 Black students and youth were in town to party for the annual Greek Fest. One last chance to chill out before the school year. But before the party even started, the governor had called out the National Guard. By 4 a.m. Virginia Beach was rocking in a different way—as students fought to defend themselves against one of the most brutal and massive military attacks on Black people in decades. The government had declared war on the Black youth.



Fighting the Power on the Beach

Driving south on I-95, just before Richmond, we passed an exit for a place called Ladysmith. I had passed through a town with the same name in the South African province of Natal. And seeing the name again, I was struck by the likeness between apartheid South Africa and the situation of Black people in the U.S.A. We were headed towards Virginia Beach on the afternoon of September 4. One hundred thousand Black students and youth had come to the seashore resort for a three-day party marking the last weekend of the summer. The party, known as the Greek Fest—because of the Greek letter names of the fraternities and sororities—had become an annual tradition. It started out as an event attended by Black fraternity and sorority members from predominantly Black colleges up and down the East Coast. Over the years the festival also began to attract Black youth from cities all over the East Coast as well as a large number of youth from the local ghettos.

This year the Black students and youth were brutally attacked by Virginia State and local cops and troops from the National Guard. The students and youth fought back hard against the clubs, guns, and dogs. On Sunday and Monday it had been difficult to tell where television news coverage of the defiance campaign in South Africa against “whites only” beaches ended and coverage of the battle in Virginia Beach began.

We arrived on the outskirts of Virginia Beach at sunset. It was very quiet but as we got closer to the ocean we began to pass by a few housing projects. Some local Black residents, proletarians in their mid-twenties, were hanging out at a convenience store. We stopped to talk and they brought us up to date on what was happening.

One of the men had a cap pulled low on his forehead and described himself as a “do what I can” day-laborer. He started the story. “You lucky you got here now. A few hours ago they had a roadblock up. Couldn’t go

nowhere. They was up and down Birdneck Road here. You had to show ID to get in past the roadblock. I live right across the street and I couldn’t get home last night cause I went out without my ID. Nothing I said made any difference. I could stand here and see the light in my place but I couldn’t get to it. I argued like a mother-fucker but they just stared right out at me. Finally one of these young cracker cops looked right at me and said, ‘Shut up nigger or you gonna be chewing on my stick.’ I just looked and laughed on the inside cause I knew some heavy shit musta come down for them to be doin like that.”

The other man, who worked maintenance at one of the hotels, interrupted here. “I didn’t have no trouble gettin home last night. I didn’t even try. I was right down there in the middle of it. This shit is hard around here and I been waitin on this for a long time. I walked around today talking to my friends and anybody else I could find—cause a whole lot of people being careful about going out right now. Some people was saying that these outside people making us look bad. I just said, ‘Yeah they are. We gonna have to do the same thing every weekend just to keep up with these people.’”

The brother finished by telling us how to get downtown and some of the ways the neighborhood people had found to get through the roadblocks the cops might have set up closer to the beach.

Eyes and Ears in the War Zone

We didn’t hit any roadblocks but when we got to within two blocks of the beach, on Pacific Avenue, the whole scene changed. It looked like the front line of a war zone. Camouflaged National Guard jeeps were parked with their engines running on every street corner for as far as our eyes could see up and down Pacific Avenue. Soldiers dressed in combat fatigues and helmets, with M-16 assault rifles in their hands, and ammo

clips draped across their chest stood nervously around the jeeps. A helicopter flew low up and down the street.

There were few cars and even fewer people walking around the area. But just a block ahead of us we could see bright lights and crowds of people milling in the street. We could just make out the hard beat of rap music blasting out of car stereos. That was where we wanted to be, but to get there we had to pass through a long dark block. Soldiers and cops were hidden in the doorways and shadows of the block. Beer-bellied white security guards at some of the smaller motels and rooming houses on the block had

As we started to head down the block we saw two young white guys standing on a corner across from some soldiers. One wore a baseball cap with the brim pulled down over his right ear. The left side of his face was swollen with purple bruises. We asked them what they thought about the attack of the police and the response of the Black students the night before. The one with the cap moved up close to us, checked for cops, and then began to talk.

"I want you to get this right. I support these brothers and sisters one hundred and fifty percent. I was right there with them, that's why my face looks like it does. They've been trying to get the white kids around here psyched up against the Black kids for a couple of weeks now. It worked with some but there's a lot of us that didn't go for it. They did everything they could think of to try to get us fighting each other. They even canceled certain bands this week cause they said Black people don't want to come to clubs and hear their music. They said if they let them play and if a whole bunch of white kids showed up at the clubs then there'd be a riot. Then they started talking about letting the Klan march down at the other end of the beach on Saturday. They acted like they couldn't do nothing about it.

"That got me going, so I decided I was gonna act like a spy all weekend. You know, I go out and wander around and then come back and tell people what was going down. I went down to check out the Klan march but they only had one Klan guy show up so they didn't march. There were a few Nazis around, maybe three, and a group of California skinheads. I've been passing the word for people to watch out for these bastards. Did you hear about that guy that got shot on the beach? They say they don't know who shot him.

"I saw the sweeps start to come down last night. All these cops lined up, a couple hundred facing down one side of the street and a couple hundred others facing down the other side. Then they just started moving, almost running, and just beating everybody with those long riot clubs. If you didn't move as fast as they thought you should they beat the hell out of you. I started following them around, seeing where they was lining up, and trying to figure out where and when the next sweep was gonna come down. Then I go out and warn as many people as I can."

Fight the Power

When we reached Atlantic Avenue, the main party street in the city, cops were all around, standing on corners and walking in packs up and down the street. With their slate-gray riot helmets, face masks, long clubs, and combat boots they looked like fascist goons in some futuristic science fiction movie. Police attack dogs growled and snarled from inside parked cop cars. But the cops were scared, real scared.

Tens of thousands of Black students and youth were partying up and down the street. Some walked for about twenty blocks and then turned around to walk it again. Others stood in groups, leaning up against the boarded-up windows of shops, clubs, and restaurants, laughing and joking. Hundreds of cars and 4x4 trucks full of Black youth cruised the strip.

The air was electric, it crackled with anger, defiance, and pride. Malcolm X T-shirts and buttons seemed to be everywhere. Every five minutes somebody in the crowd

yelled "Fight the Power" and a cheer went up in response. A carload of youth cruised up and down the strip with NWA's rap "Fuck tha Police" blasting out the windows.

A youth was doing a wild dance in front of one of the hotel plazas. He had a tape in his box that just kept playing Public Enemy's "Fight the Power" over and over. At the end of his dance he came up to tell me what he saw of the last two nights.

"There was this truck down on the end here. The truck was playing 'Fight the Power' and there was like fifty brothers dancing behind it. They was just dancing and going down the street behind the truck. So the police started gettin pissed. They said the brothers dancing was trying to start a riot. But I seen it, they was JUST DANCING. We were all just chillin and having a good time. Next thing I know they called in all this shit, all these helicopters and stuff. They got guns on their backs and all we doin is chillin, just tryin to have a good time.

"This shit is South Africa. Look at this. What are we doin? Why they gotta be like this? Okay, they put the pressure on us, so we put it right back on them—Fuck the Power! We had to express ourselves when we seen what was comin down. We didn't come here to bust windows. If they say we did, then why was we all up in them shops buying everything they had—even paying two and three times as much as they usually cost. We didn't do nothin until they hit on us.

"They been harassing us since we first got here. Seems like all we gotta do is be on the street and they be pushin us, stoppin us, searchin us. I seen this guy, he ran a yield sign and they pulled him over, roughed him up, searched him for drugs, and then searched his car. Another guy got stopped for riding in his car without his shirt on—in his own car. All this cause we Black. It's like they got something against us, like they didn't want us here from the get go. I knew something was gonna come down. Before I even came here I heard the Klan was gonna march. Everybody heard this before they even came here. I'm from D.C. and I heard it. This brother here is from Atlanta and he heard it. I say let them come and this shit just gonna get harder.

"I think you already got the Klan here anyway. Look at the way these cops are goin off. I bet they in the Klan. I seen 'em last night hitting on pregnant women, beating up women with little kids just trying to cross the street and get inside. They busted into restaurants and hotels too—draggin people out from inside and beatin up on 'em for being outside. They didn't show half the shit that's been going on out here on the news. The news people scared to show the real deal. They don't do it cause of the way the society's set up. Society says anytime you get a bunch of Black folks in one place havin a good time then they just gonna start to rip things up and cause trouble. So that's what the news is gonna show. They run on prejudice.

"Look at this! Look at this helicopter coming down so close with that big spotlight. They been doin that all night. Don't you think we oughta be upset. All these cops and National Guards tryin to move people out now. We ain't goin nowhere!"

Everybody Came on the Answer at Once

A young Black woman was sitting under a hotel marquee that read "Welcome Greeks Don't Worry Be Happy." An engineering student from New York, she was anxious to tell her story.

"I was right in the middle of everything. Sunday night we were all standing right over there. We were just standing there, talking and listening to music and watching everybody go by. Then all of a sudden we saw the army, it looked like the whole damn army. Then the army started running and we did too. Now, I'm from

New York and I like to think that I know what to do in times like these. But I've never been in nothing like this. We were all running and separated from our friends, and then the army and those damn dogs were all in there beating and clubbing people. The dogs were barking and biting people. Everybody around me is screaming.

"I said, 'What the hell is going on?' We ran down toward the beach but we know we could only go so far in that direction so we turned around and tried to make it back to our hotel. When we finally got there we tried to figure out what happened. Nobody knew. All we knew was that we were being beaten and chased and nobody knew why.

"Then it was like everybody came on the answer at once. I mean everybody in every hotel room on the block. You could almost hear it and you could definitely feel it. All this had happened because we are Black. No other reason. They don't do this to whites that go and party Fort Lauderdale. Somebody decided that Black people aren't going to be allowed to do this and they decided to send in the army and beat us out of town.

"Then I remember hearing some bottles drop outside so I went out onto the balcony. I couldn't believe it. It looked like everybody was doing the same thing. People were throwing all down on the police and army. People would throw what they had from their balconies and then jump up and down to celebrate. People stuck on the streets were trying to fight back too. They were throwing rocks and using their fist when they could.

"One of my friends was down there then. She said that this cop had stopped a young guy and was writing him up tickets for playing his car stereo too loud. She said this young guy just kept ripping up the tickets in front of the cop's face. She said the cop must of written up fifty tickets and then got mad cause the guy kept ripping them up. So the cop took out his club and smashed the windshield on the guy's car. Everybody had been standing around watching all this, and when the cop smashed the window people just went off.

"You know there were so many cops and army guys out here I felt like maybe I was in Vietnam or South Africa. And they would all line up with their arms linked and start running, shouting "CHUH-CHUH-CHUH-CHUH," and then they just broke loose and started chasing everyone and beating them down. I thought I was gonna die. The only thing that was missing was the hose. They even had the dogs.

"It's made me think about a lot of things. I'm going to be an engineer, this isn't supposed to happen to me. They don't want us here, plain and simple. They don't want Black people here. They don't mind charging us real high prices, a lot more than they usually do, but they don't want us here. I was ready to leave but I saw on the news they were saying that they had bent over backwards to let us come here. That got me mad, who are they to say that I can or can't come to wherever because of the color of my skin. When I heard that I decided to stay.

"I've been to Fort Lauderdale for the last three years for Spring break, and I'll tell you what, we were calm and quiet before they attacked us compared to what goes on down there. I know what it is! It's a coast-to-coast war on Black people. 1989 is the year that they declared a coast-to-coast war on Black people. And we are going to get fed up and start fighting fire with fire. Where there is no justice, there is no peace. We are all real pissed off right now. When I first heard about the stores and all, I was feeling bad about the merchants, but when I saw what they were doing to us out here I decided I don't care if they burn the whole block down.

"All my life my mother told me that if I hung around with the right crowd then nothing bad was gonna happen to me. Well, I did and I got this. One thing I decided is that I want to start hanging out with the wrong crowd. Nobody is going to speak for us. Look at the NAACP out here, what are they gonna do, they don't have any power down here or anywhere else. I don't have time for them. I'm just sorry I didn't come down here with the

wrong crowd."

"You My Brother, But You Got to Open Your Eyes"

Four blocks further down the street a group of Black and white teenagers were having a heated discussion about what was behind the attack on Greek Fest. A few of them came over to talk with me. A Black youth started it off.

"Look man, I don't care what nobody says, there's a whole lot of racist shit behind all this. I mean we're locals and we see this all the time, but it was a lot more out there now than I ever seen it. Last night we was just standing here and all of a sudden all these white boys come up to us—skinheads somebody said they was. Anyway, they come up to us and all these cops and Guards are all around, and these white boys they just start saying all this racist shit to us. They told us to get our nigger asses out of here if we wanted to see the morning. Now the cops and the Guards didn't do nothin at all, some of them even laughed. I was ready to go off, but I knew if I did I wouldn't be going home."

Another Black youth broke in here. "I mean, tell me one thing man, how come they always thinking that if you Black you doing wrong. You know my daddy got himself a brand new truck. It took him ten years to get enough to buy it. It's the only car we got and he used to let me drive it all the time. But I won't do it anymore this weekend. Not until all these soldiers and cops leave. I had that truck out twice and each time they stopped me and searched me for drugs. Then they started to ripping the truck apart and all the time they be sayin to me, 'Nigger, how you afford a truck like this. You ain't got no job, you must be selling dope and we gonna find it. Maybe you want to sell me some of it.' My daddy looked like he was gonna cry when he saw that truck."

A white youth had come over to join the group. He listened for a while and then started talking excitedly. "What do you mean this is racist. This isn't between me and you, it's the goddamn cops and Guards. We been friends since we were little, somebody comes down on you and they come down on me too. We hang together. You cut me and I cut you and we both bleed red. And you know man, just like everybody else down here, I'm all for Fight the Power."



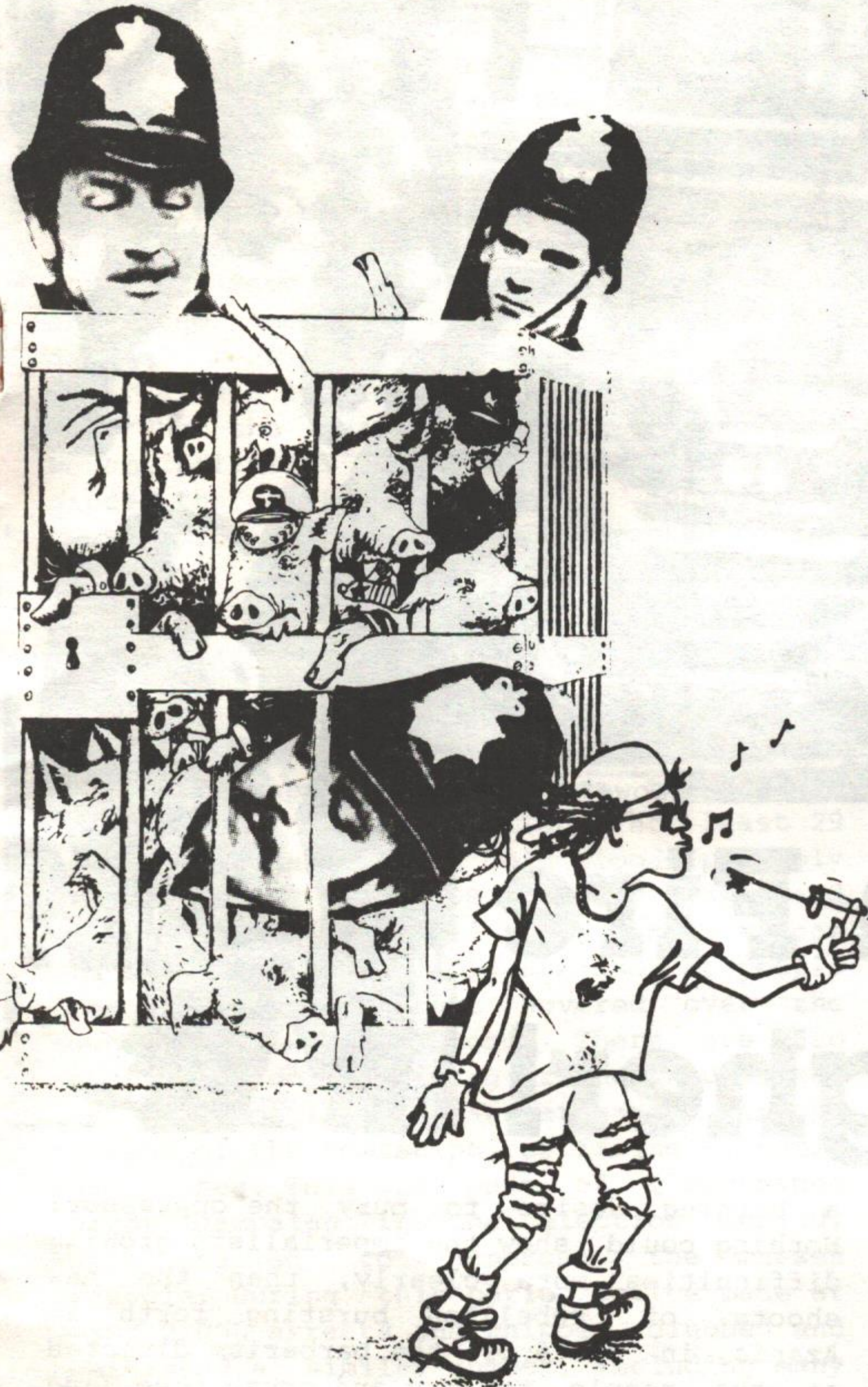
Virginia Beach clampdown.

The Black youth that spoke first spoke up again. "No offense man, but I got to say that there's a whole lot of racist shit coming down. You're my brother, but I got to get you to open your eyes man. Just cause you don't do this stuff you can't be thinking that don't nobody else. This whole country is into this, they into keeping

The "War On Drugs"

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A SOLUTION TO THE DRUG PROBLEM

their list of "suspected criminals" All of this shows the hypocrisy of these attacks upon women, particularly upon oppressed nationalities.

REVOLUTION IS THE HOPE OF THE HOPELESS AND WE STAND FOR REVOLUTION. PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION - TO DRUGS AND ALL THE OTHER NIGHTMARES OF THIS SYSTEM.

Likewise, all the other evils, of which drugs is but one, upon which this shit system is based, can only be eradicated when this system has been buried. A concrete example of how the proletariat has the power to wipe out drug use and production is in the stormy history of the Chinese Communist Party. Before seizing power in 1949 there

were 70,000,000 drug addicts, a result of imperialist domination and the opium wars they waged. On seizing power in 1949, in just 2 years the proletariat had wiped out drug addiction from society. Before, there had been an oppressive government that was hooked into the drug trade and had its interest in drugging the people. The revolutionary government didn't have that interest and were able to target the trade and the big drug dealers. It was able to provide treatment and inspire people to come off drugs and to participate in the revolutionizing of society.

Today, the Communist Party of Peru is waging a war on drugs by reducing the peasants dependence on production and sale for their livelihood. At the same time they are waging a People's War, raising the people's consciousness and activity so as to steel an army of the people, under the leadership of the party.

The imperialist pushers are using the "war on drugs" to carry out a war on the people, using drugs as a weapon in this war. The people have to wage a war against drugs, but that means a war against the imperialist pushers. "Without state power everything is an illusion." This is our orientation, with seizing state power and the carrying out of a revolutionary war against imperialism we shall wipe out the real pushers: the imperialists. Only by waging a war of the masses can we break the dependence of the people on the production of drugs and the consumption of drugs. Only in this way shall we break our chains of slavery and destroy our "masters" and oppressors.

-There must be immediate protests against U.S. and British intervention in other countries - Peru... Colombia....

-Plans to build new jails, and to extend prisons into the community must be opposed.

-Our youth who are the victims of drugs are being criminalised, while the real drug dealers go free. We need to expose the chemical manufacturers, the international gangsters, the politicians and the pigs who organise and profit from the drug trade.

-Women have been made a special target of the "war on drugs" hysteria. Pregnant women victimized by drugs have been singled out for criminal prosecution and denial of custody of their children..

We must not collaborate in any way with a war on ourselves disguised as a "war on drugs". An enormous reactionary and racist clampdown, a police state is being pushed at us, and much of it in the name of "fighting drugs". Truly, talk about getting rid of drugs without proletarian revolution is an opium smokers dream. ■



Soweto 1989.

Azania On Fire Take It Higher!

"God forgives, I don't.
For the heart of Africa is bleeding."
(Mzwakhe, Dub Poet of Soweto)

The legacy of Steve Biko, and the 1976 Soweto uprising, with its battlecry "For freedom we shall lay down our lives", is once again on the rise in Azania (which the imperialists call South Africa). Today's new upsurge in the masses' resistance comes when the apartheid monster, and its imperialist backers, needed it the least.

The widespread rebellions of 1984-7 shook South Africa, and beyond, to the core. The State of Emergency introduced then, because the "everyday" repression of the apartheid system could no longer keep the situation under control, demonstrated the fundamental weakness of the South African state, and of Western imperialism behind it - when faced with the fury of the oppressed masses. The armed forces of this fascist attack dog, which the imperialists have spent so much on building up, were mocked by the nothing to lose youth - who rose up, armed with little more than stones, but with

a burning desire to bury the oppressor. Nothing could show the imperialists growing difficulties more clearly, than the new shoots of rebellion bursting forth in Azania, in spite of the barbarism directed at the people to try and crush them (and following so soon after the upsurge of '84-'87.)

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

South African authorities admitted that from June there was a sharp increase in township "unrest" around the country. When police fired on a demonstration in the bantustan of Bophuthotswana, 100 miles north of Johannesburg, on July 1, the masses went on the offensive with firebombs, stones and axes. Youth and students were in the forefront of struggle in the townships around Cape Town, where barricades of burning tyres went up in the face of police attacks, and there have been fierce street fights against the police and army. In August the Cape Town resistance continued,

unbroken by police attacks with whips and tear gas. The upsurge spread to townships east of Johannesburg, after some residents were evicted from their homes for not paying their rent, as part of a political protest. On August 31st several houses of collaborators were burned down in Soweto. In Cape Province, Azanian people met police cars and other government vehicles coming into the townships with a hail of rocks. The sight of the masses taking out their hatred of the daily brutalities of apartheid, by striking down any and every symbol of the shit-stem they can get their hands on, drives fear into the hearts of the imperialists and reactionaries.

What the Guardian called "some of the worst political violence in South Africa since the 1984-5 townships rebellion"- "worst" for the bourgeoisie - erupted on the night of the elections (September 6th). Hundreds of burning barricades went up in Cape Town, and the masses fought in Eastern Cape, Natal and the Transvaal.

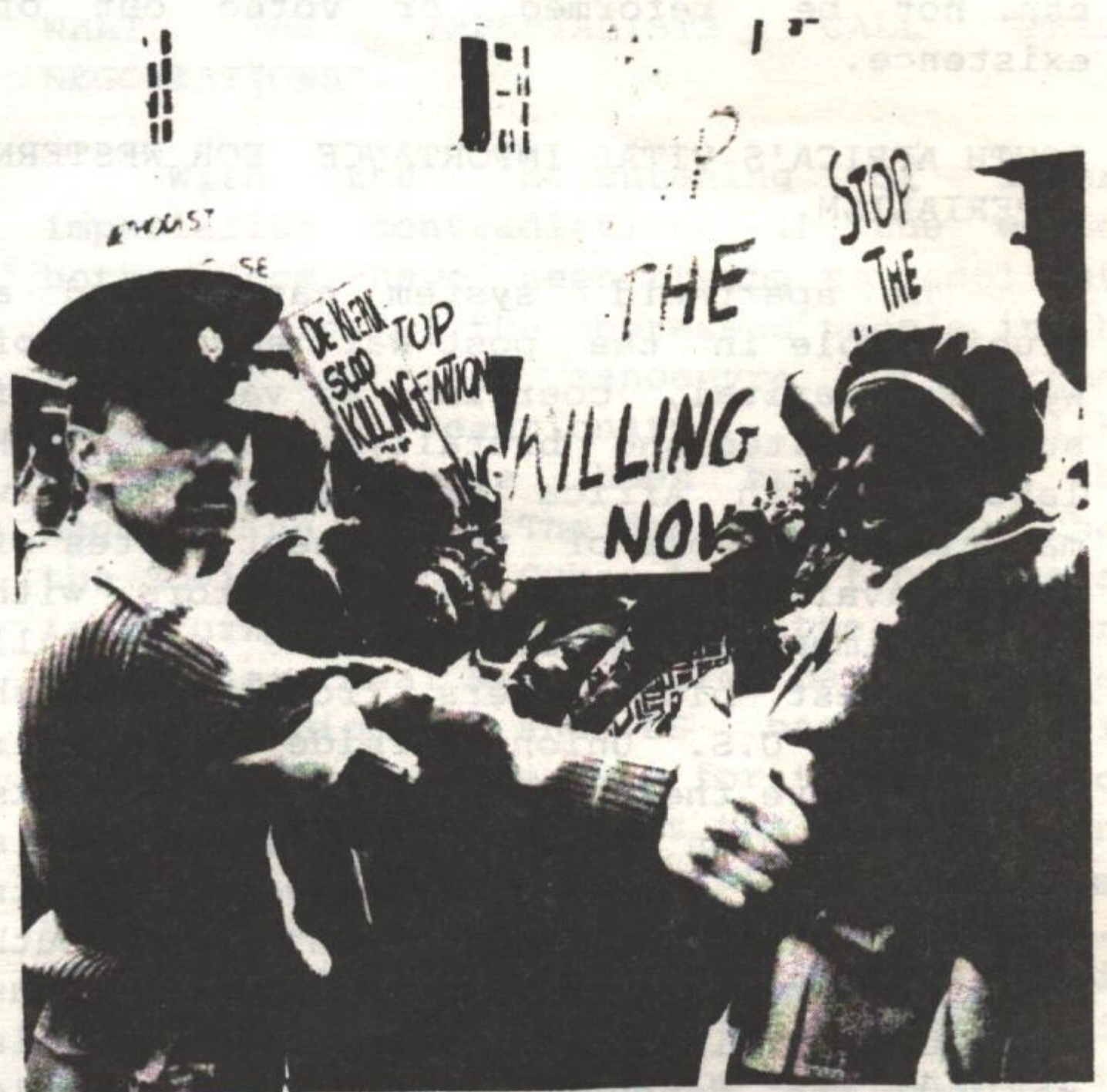
On election day in South Africa, "made in Britain" police thugs carried out mass murder in Cape Town townships, the area at the heart of the rebellion. At least 29 people were murdered in cold blood (possibly many more) and over 200 wounded. The dead included a 69 year old woman and a 6 year old girl. Police and soldiers shot at people from helicopters that hovered over the townships all night long. There are also reports of police riding around in unmarked cars and shooting Azanians at random in the streets of the townships, or firing directly into houses. This was part of a sustained terror campaign in the election period, which failed to suppress the masses struggle. During this period police made at least 2,000 arrests and whipped, clubbed and teargassed a similar number, including many children. British imperialism stands indicted for these murders, like so many others, from Sharpeville to Uitenhage. Britain today imports about 3/4 of South Africa's gold, and this is some of the blood that gold is soaked in.

DEADLY REFORM TALK AROUND THE ELECTIONS.

It's a sign of imperialists weakness that they can't just rely solely upon the Pretoria regime cracking heads (though fascist terror remains the fundamental guarantee of their interests). They also need to make some feeble noises about reform. U.S. and British spokesmen called the elections "a mandate for real change". There's more than blatant hypocrisy involved here. The regime urgently needs to create public opinion over how it's moving towards "democracy", in order to consolidate a loyal "opposition" and de-rail the struggle of the

masses. This lay behind De Klerk's decision to give the legal go-ahead to marches led by the Mass Democratic Movement (the UDF, ANC etc) in Cape Town and Johannesburg (September 13/15) when basically, only more brutal military force could have kept the people off the streets. The march organizers took the bait the regime was offering. Anyone "acting violently" on the march would be treated as an "agent of the system".

The west has carefully promoted political firemen, like Desmond Tutu and Allan Boesak, whose task is to stop the masses actually fighting back against the apartheid beast. Once the elections were over, Boesak called on the people to "conserve our energy", at the very time when the regime was to come down with savage repression. Tutu persuaded students in Guguletu township not to march on the local police station to demand the release of fellow students and teachers, arrested in earlier battles. When the students later left church, they were attacked by police with tear gas. At the same time as the regime looked to give credibility to more conciliatory opposition forces, they suppressed others. On September 23, a march of thousands of women in Pretoria was attacked by police, while nearby, Nazis held a government-authorized march. There's a saying among Azanians, "Once you strike the women, you strike a rock." Meanwhile, the political firemen couldn't drown the spirit of the rebellious masses. On September 21, a demonstration of 7,000 Azanians in Pietermaritzburg ended with a few hundred youth righteously taking to the downtown streets.



Women in the forefront of struggle.

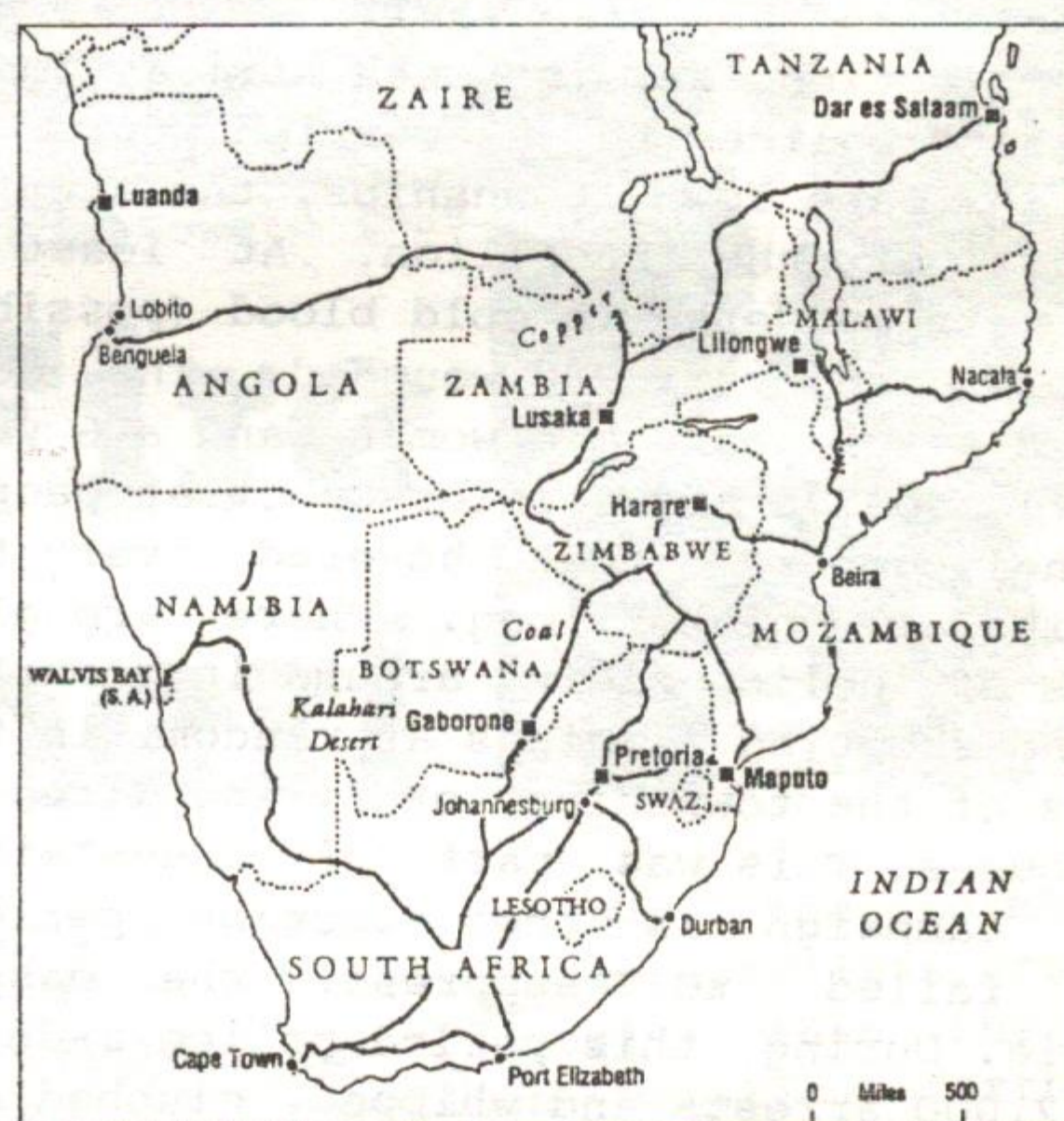
The real content of South Africa's reforms is that they might not use the whip so often against the people, since this has "given them a bad international image" (as the South African police put it.) Instead, the cops will rely more on their other "crowd control" equipment: electric cattle prods, riot clubs, assault rifles, shot guns and teargas. And their talk about "democratic openings" is to serve the same ends.

In the imperialist countries, the vote is used to rally public opinion to the system, and the vote is never where real decisions are made. In South Africa, the Black masses, 85% of the population, don't have the vote - they experience daily the bloody dictatorship that is the real basis of the bourgeoisie's parliamentary niceties. The white settler regime in South Africa is so hated, that it is forced to make noises about electoral change. Freedom doesn't lie in voting, but in the revolutionary overthrow of the state and its imperialist backers. Even if, on the basis of building up a loyal "opposition", the vote was extended, this would be for the purpose of giving credibility to a system that's based on the systematic oppression of Black people. Years of tragic experience, and the current daily reality in South Africa, shows that the "peaceful road" to change, advocated by Tutu, Boesak etc, is a road that is deeply stained with the blood of oppressed people and offers NO freedom, only the rattling of slave chains. To look at the vital strategic and economic role that South Africa plays for Western imperialism, is to see, all the more, that the apartheid beast can not be reformed or voted out of existence.

SOUTH AFRICA'S VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR WESTERN IMPERIALISM.

The apartheid system has played a crucial role in the post-war expansion of western capital, coercing a vast pool of super-exploited and brutally treated Black labour. South Africa provides cheap raw materials and some of the highest rates of profit available to western investors, with British imperialism leading the pack. All the biggest bloodsuckers, from the British ICI to the U.S. Union Carbide - remember Bhopal - have their claws dug into the backs of the Azanian masses. But today, this situation is turning explosively into its opposite. The post-war "boom" in South Africa has been replaced by the most serious economic crisis since the 1930's. This reflects the deepening crisis of the whole imperialist system, as the fundamental contradictions driving the system towards war intensify.

Beyond the vast superprofits that the Azanian people have paid for with their blood, South Africa is an ESSENTIAL link in the western imperialists war machine. South Africa is the number one supplier of chromium, and other key strategic minerals, necessary for fighting conventional and nuclear war. Nearly 80% of oil and 70% of raw materials used by the NATO countries of western Europe, pass through the sea lanes around South Africa's Cape of Good Hope. And the Simonstown naval base, originally built by the British imperialists in South Africa, is a key military intelligence base for NATO, which is being equipped to carry out surveillance of more than fifty countries. As British Air Vice Marshal, Stewart Meneal put it "Southern Africa is the key to the security of NATO's lines of communication.... and South Africa in particular has the facilities to provide the surveillance necessary for the security of European interests."



Not only South Africa, but the whole of this region has been carved up by the imperialists, who retain an economic stranglehold. According to world bank figures, African "debts" to the west totaled 109 billion dollars in 1987, 85% of gross national product. South Africa is a key to this economic domination. Control of the shipping lines around the Cape of Good Hope means the west controls supplies and materials to the states surrounding South Africa.

To tighten its grip, the west has waged vicious proxy wars, through hired thugs like UNITA in Angola and RENAMO in Mozambique. Even according to the bourgeois press, 100,000 are dead as a result of the war in Angola: one-third of Mozambique's 15 million people survive on what is euphemistically called international food aid-they are on

the brink of starvation. In the past 8 years, at least 1½ million Africans have died, as a result of this imperialist-sponsored devastation.

The western bloc also supports the frontline states (Zimbabwe, Mozambique etc) like a rope supports a hanging man. British imperialism trains the armies of Mozambique and Zimbabwe. For example, in March, Thatcher visited Nyanga camp in eastern Zimbabwe, where there is a British military team. Britain has given £210 million in "aid" to Zimbabwe and over £1 billion to the region (according to official figures). British imperialism was the first in the western bloc to "recognise" Mozambique.

Mozambique is key to the transport routes to the landlocked Frontline States, especially Zimbabwe, and most British "aid" is directed to safeguarding these routes. So, the imperialists play both sides of the fence - South Africa and the frontline states - in case of explosions against them in any one area.

The STRATEGIC role of South Africa, as a militarized attack dog to preserve western interests, like Israel in the middle east, makes it a linchpin of the western imperialists worldwide plunder. Especially because the whole of southern Africa has been turned into a key battleground for the deadly rivalry between the Western and Soviet imperialist blocs. This contradiction between rival imperialist cut-throats is the principal force influencing developments in the region, as it is on a world scale.

ROLE OF SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM.

In South Africa, the Soviet social imperialists are using the ANC as a bargaining chip to further their interests. ANC armed actions were always "marked by restraint" as the unofficial U.S. State Department magazine "Foreign Affairs" put it. Recently, the Soviets have been putting the squeeze on them to more or less drop any guerilla actions altogether. The ANC were expelled from bases in Angola, as part of the Angola-Namibia ceasefire, brokered by the U.S. and the Soviets. (They were sent to Ethiopia and Uganda.) None of the frontline states now permit ANC bases on their soil. The Soviet-ANC emphasis is on pushing for negotiations, and some form of power-sharing. Here is how the Soviet revisionists see the "liberation" of African people.: "A new generation of politicians, not so firmly bound by ideological fetters of apartheid, are coming to power in South Africa. Judging by their statements they understand the inevitability of changes and express their readiness to lead South Africa along the road of radical reforms." (PRAVDA, August 20) On election day, this "new generation of politicians" massacred at least 29 Azanian

people.

The western imperialists don't rule out a deal with the ANC at some point, incorporating them within the existing framework, if it is necessary to "stabilize" the situation. In London, in September, there was the latest in a series of meetings between the ANC and the Broederbond, leading members of the Afrikaner ruling class, including De Klerk's brother.

Soviet strategy in the region is conditioned by the fact that, short of an all-out confrontation they cannot dislodge the U.S. led western bloc's domination. For example, Angola plays a similar strategic role for the Soviets, as does South Africa to the west. It gives them a military garrison right in the middle of central and southern Africa, strategically located near the Cape sea lanes and on the South Atlantic. Yet despite the Soviets having state power through the MPLA, and reaping some super-profits through the cotton and sugar industries, the economy of Angola is very deeply in hoc to western imperialism. It is export dominated, and 4/5 of its exports, mostly oil, were going to the US by 1984. The Soviets retain Angola as a springboard for larger STRATEGIC moves, against their western rivals, even at the cost of continued western economic penetration. Likewise, the Soviets have provided up to £80 million military hardware annually to the Mozambique army, although Mozambique is principally western backed. The existence of competing imperialist interests, within the African states themselves, has potentially explosive consequences.

WHAT THE IMPERIALISTS CALL "PEACE NEGOTIATIONS".

With the heightening of inter-imperialist contradictions in the world, both blocs have been trying to "cool out" the struggles of the oppressed people in the region, as they manoeuvre for further advantage. Reactionary jerks like UNITA/RENAMO have been brought to the negotiating table. The deal seems to be that the Soviets remove Cuban troops from Angola, in return for a ceasefire in the civil war. (A similar deal was brokered between Soviet backed Ethiopia, and US backed Somalia recently, with the aim for the Soviets of freeing up troops to fight the Eritrean and Tigray national liberation struggles although they faced a disastrous defeat.) There is similar imperialist maneuvering in Mozambique. These "peace settlements" are in fact another means for the imperialists to pursue their predatory interests, and they

are continuing to push for this through their local forces. For example, the "ceasefire" in Angola was always precarious, even before it broke down. Particularly since the US made sure UNITA had 6 months stockpile of weapons, and once they ran out resumed supplying weapons to them, even as the imperialists were talking about a "peace settlement". For all that they need to try and "stabilise" the situation, the imperialists are driven towards a further intensification of their rivalry, to ensure they have the biggest share of the plunder, and it is the very nature of the imperialist method of production that is driving them towards war.

NAMIBIA

The imperialists have put out a lot of propaganda over how Namibia is the "last colony" which has now "won" its liberation. First, these bloodsuckers still have their teeth dug in throughout the region. And secondly, the events in this "peace process" show exactly what kind of "independence" is on the cards. Basically, this deal was arranged by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, with Angola, Cuba and South Africa, over the heads of the pro-Soviet force SWAPO. The price tag which comes with Soviet support for groups like SWAPO was made brutally clear in April, when SWAPO guerrillas, entering Namibia, were basically left high and dry by their Soviet backers, to be slaughtered by the South Africans. The Soviets buy and sell their client groups, depending on how it serves their interests, and then buy them back again. (In the same way the Soviets did not have a word of protest at the mass executions of their Tudeh Party revisionists in Iran, when they were trying to snuggle back in with the regime there.) The role of the UN has also been thrown into sharp focus in Namibia. They are nothing less than the imperialist powers in another guise, the "nice cop" side of the "nice cop/bad cop" routine. So, the UN forces, despite their "protestations", left the field open for the South Africans to carry out slaughter. All this is to ensure that SWAPO dance to the right tune when they very likely win the November elections. The Soviets are looking for their share of power through this, but the west is in no way letting go of its economic domination. Walvis Bay, Namibia's only good natural port, will remain in South African hands, with South African troops stationed there, and the Koevoets South African death squads have been integrated into the Namibian police force. The Economist noted approvingly, that SWAPO's "redistribution of wealth will be limited and tactful." (February 4)

Zimbabwe is a previous example of where the imperialists "granted independence", (that treaty was even signed in London) where former guerrilla leaders came to power, but the ties of imperialism and feudalism were not ruptured. Revolutionizing relations in the countryside is a key aspect of smashing these ties, but in Zimbabwe the white landowners kept their land. In Namibia 2/3 of the people are peasants existing by subsistence farming. Without waging a revolutionary war of the masses under the leadership of the proletariat, to arouse the masses conscious activism, to carry out the dictatorship of the revolutionary classes against imperialism and reaction, the masses of the peasantry remain shackled to semi-feudal relations, and the proletariat to imperialist super-exploitation. Take Angola, where 85% of the people are peasants, yet the vast number remain tied to individual subsistence farming.

SWAPO leader Sam Nujoma said "We would welcome the transnational organizations to stay and enter into a new agreement... which should be based on equality, mutual understanding and mutual benefit to both". (Independent, June 29th) But there can be no equality between a vampire (imperialism) and its victims, because the vampire will go on sucking the lifeblood out of the people until it gets a stake through its heart. That stake (in countries oppressed by imperialism) is the new democratic revolution, as Mao showed in theory and practice, which alone can break the country out of the deadly dependence on international finance capital and the world market.

The imperialists need an "independent" cover to continue their plunder of Namibia (Some 700 SWAPO people have been trained by the UN in "public administration" at the institute of Namibia they set up in Zambia) but this itself is an indication of the very limited maneuvering room for the imperialists in the region.



On September 23 the South African police came down on an anti-apartheid protest by thousands of black and white women in Pretoria. There were reports that more than 200 were arrested and elderly women and children were among those beaten by police. Only a few blocks away the Afrikaner Resistance Movement — an ultra-right white supremacist group — held a government-authorized rally to uphold apartheid. These racists wore khaki uniforms with Nazi swastikas.

DE KLERK ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF JAILED ANC LEADERS.

On Tuesday, October 10th, De Klerk announced that 7 leading ANC members (and 1 PAC) were to be released from long-term imprisonment, including Walter Sisulu. The apartheid regime, and its imperialist guardians, would have us believe that this is a sign of their "progressive intentions". Thatcher, one of the biggest jailers in the world, hypocritically called it "a major step in the right direction.... we hope that it will lead on to the release of Nelson Mandela and open the way for negotiations for a new constitution for South Africa." This was echoed by the U.S.

Firstly, these dogs have never had any right to imprison anybody, and we want to see the release not only of these ANC leaders, but of all the political prisoners held in South Africa's torture chambers. This announcement also shows the increasing manouevres by imperialism to try and dictate the terms of the opposition. They've allowed these releases, to try and get the masses to believe that there is some way to get rid of the apartheid oppressor, short of revolutionary violence, and to bolster those forces among the opposition seeking compromise. As part of this, police did not prevent large ANC demonstrations, a few days later, even outside the parliament buildings in Cape Town. As with previous "unbanned" marches, the organisers demanded that marchers were "peaceful" and negotiated with police for the march to disperse peacefully.

The imperialists are increasingly looking to forces among the "opposition" who are prepared to do a deal (although this in no way rules out more severe repression in the future.) The day after De Klerk's announcement, he met faithful church leaders, Tutu and Boesak, who put forward the ANC terms and described themselves as "facilitators for negotiations". At the Soviets behest, the ANC have been talking "negotiations" for some time: "A conjuncture of circumstances exists which... could create the possibility to end apartheid through negotiations." (ANC settlement proposal endorsed by the Organisation of African Unity.) These attempts to push the masses into a PASSIVE role, while they rely on "leaders" to "negotiate" away their oppression, are a deadly trap, that can only serve the interests of the U.S.-led and Soviet-led imperialist blocs. But when the likes of Thatcher talk about "negotiations", it is also a sign of how urgently the imperialists feel they need to get a hold on the situation in South Africa.

And make no mistake, this release of a

few selected prisoners in no way means that the arrests, torture and imprisonment of the revolutionary and rebellious sections of the masses has stopped. In South Africa repression continues as usual.



September 1989. Townships erupt.

CONCLUSION

Imperialism's vicious national oppression, which is one of the cornerstones of their system, is fueling the heightening prospects for revolution, in South Africa and on a world scale. The Azanian masses have had enough of "daily life" under apartheid. "Daily life... means seeing your door kicked in at early hours in the morning, seeing your kids picked up and beaten in front of you, seeing your parents being abused and called names - - your mother being called "bitch" and your father being called this and that and being assaulted... Growing up in Azania ...means that you are angry all the time." (A World To Win 3 Interview with Azanian revolutionaries.)

The bottom line is that when South Africa is rocked by rebellion, the western imperialists shit their pants. So do their Soviet rivals, when it threatens to break beyond the bounds of revisionist leadership. The west could not countenance losing control of this region, with its key political, economic and military functions, (though the revolutionary masses, led by the class conscious forces of the international proletariat, will have the final say on that.) The imperialists would go to war over this vital part of their empire, which is itself a key outpost in their preparations for a third world war for re-division of the globe. The situation in South Africa shows "what time it is" in the world. The imperialists hold on this region is shaky. The contradictions they face, with the

Roof-top protest
at grisly Risley.



Tear Down The Prison Walls Free All Political Prisoners

"Everybody is talking about crime, crime, crime, but tell me who are the real criminals" - Peter Tosh.

WHO ARE THE REAL CRIMINALS?

This criminal and terrorist state claims that it has no political prisoners, that its jails are full of criminals - of "thieves", "murderers" and "terrorists". But we don't buy this. We have been on the receiving end of this system's "justice" for too long. We know who the real criminals are. We know who the real thieves, murderers and drug traffickers are - the imperialists who are dealing in death, destruction and misery the world over. This system is guilty of countless crimes against humanity, and yet it puts us in the dock.

For years the west has been propagating around this pro-western imperialism guy, Sakharov and other Soviet dissidents, declaring that there are no such prisoners here, that such a thing could not possibly happen here with all this "freedom", "freedom", "freedom". It tells us how unbearable "the other side" is. But what does the west do with its Sakharovs? Just imagine what would happen if one of its top physicians announced to the world that s/he wanted to go to Moscow, taking with her/him all her/his expertise and information. Well, the illusion of freedom would not last very long. S/he wouldn't even get to the airport. S/he would be dead, institutionalised or imprisoned. Remember the three Asian scientists murdered over a year ago, whilst

working on a top secret military radar program for Marconi? This was sold to us by the bourgeois media under the guise of inter-Asian rivalry, but this is in fact the reality of how the west treats its Sakharovs. Not a lot of difference is there between what the west throws up its hands at in pretended horror, and what their power actually rests upon. An Irish prisoner recalls watching a documentary on Russian psychiatric prisons and "drug treatment", after which some of the prisoners commented on how terrible this was, and then some of them had to file out for their own "drug treatment". Both blocs propagate against each other on this issue, the west using Sakharov, the east around the Guildford four case. Gorbachev had planned to visit the Guildford Four campaign on a recent visit to Britain. East and west are united in their hypocrisy.

BIRMINGHAM, GUILDFORD, BROADWATER FARM....

The fact that the Guildford 4 have been freed is no victory for British "justice". The politicians are shouting their mouths off about this "justice" and about "mistakes". But the people understand what British "justice" is all about - this very same system that imprisoned and tortured these and countless other people around the world. We have seen and experienced its "justice" - plunder, murder, rape...

That they have been freed will not alter the fact that to be Irish in this society is to face constant state attack and harassment. As Paul Hill commented upon his release about the way this system targets and terrorizes the Irish communities: "This case, as with the Birmingham case, was an example to the Irish community. It was a method of terrorising the Irish community." Only the other week, five Irish men were picked up and interrogated for days, before being released without charge. The Guildford 4 are free, but this state will continue to operate as before

The Brit government does not admit to having political prisoners. It cannot. To admit this would be to admit to the open dictatorship and suppression that it practices daily. But we know what this British "freedom" is all about. We know that the prisons are not "rehabilitation centres", and that neither are they, as is more often declared, places where "society puts 'animals' to keep them from inflicting harm on law-abiding citizens." Prisons are instruments of this system to terrorize and control the people.

This stinking system hypocritically propogates that the reason for its high prison population is because it is protecting society, making the streets safe to walk, locking away dangerous elements, "cleansing" the neighborhoods of drugs and gangs. This "concern" for the community is a disgusting lie, and the very people who preach it are the ones who are behind the police occupation of our streets, the flooding of these streets with drugs, the criminalisation and constant harassment of our communities. As Winston Silcott has written in a letter from prison to a friend "the media and police are getting away with attacking Black people in this mad country, with this rubbish yardie stories". Day after bloody day we experience the hatred of this system towards those millions of us who have no stake in it, those of us who are resisting its control in some way or consciously fighting it.

The fact is that in this capitalist, dog eat dog world, the rich get richer and the poor get prison. The prisons are full of the poor, the oppressed nationalities, the nothing to lose, of angry women and rebel youth. The only thing this system is protecting by attacking these groups is itself, because of the threat that these rebellious elements represent to the system. Prison is yet another way that the state tries to control those of us, and there are many, who experience the greatest oppression, those of us who are boiling over with anger at the shit that this system throws at us, those of us who are looking

for a way to explode all of this madness back into the oppressors face. And this is why they criminalise us with labels, like "drugs", "gangs", "terrorists", "rioters", "unfit mothers" and "mad". This is why they lock us up. But we know who should be in there doing time. And it certainly is not us.

BRITAINS POLITICAL PRISONERS.

The oppression of this system breeds resistance to it and therefore political prisoners. There are many Irish people incarcerated in the stinking hell holes of Britains prisons, interrogation centres and psychiatric units. Because of the nature of the liberation struggle in Ireland great lengths are taken to depoliticise and criminalise the struggle under the name of "prevention of terrorism", "drugs", "drunkenness"....Some are consciously involved in the struggle, some at a spontaneous level, like the prisoners of the uprisings, which were the rebellious answers of the oppressed to this system's terror. Others are imprisoned through scapegoating - look at the Tottenham Three, the Birmingham Six... The question for the state is not whether they've done it or not. Their imprisonment and frame-ups are all about making an example and criminalizing the struggle. And the question for us should not be whether they are "innocent" or not. That is to accept the system's terms. How we see things is that if this state wants to charge us with threatening it, we plead innocent as charged because to us it is no crime.. The most oppressed strata of society - the oppressed nationalities are imprisoned mainly because of the threat they pose to the system. They are the most aware section of the masses having experienced oppression throughout their histories and every day of their existence. And in this sense, all those who are doing time for consciously resisting, for coming up against the powers -that-be, or through criminalisation, are all political prisoners.

Crime is a product of capitalist society, just as this system creates political prisoners, it also creates criminals - rapists, child molesters, murderers - who are at once the product of and the stormtroopers for imperialism, carrying out the anti women violence, the greed, the racial hatred upon which this "civilization" rests. These crimes will not be tolerated in a proletarian society. When the prisons are stormed in the heat of revolution, all political prisoners will be freed to play their part. But the criminals

who have acted as agents of the state will only be freed when they have been educated and transformed their consciousness. And those poisonous weeds that cling to and refuse to give up the terrorism of the oppressor will face the full force of the fury of the oppressed.

Crime is an inevitable product of capitalism and its ideology and the basis for crime can only be eliminated through the revolutionary struggle to overthrow and abolish capitalism. The majority of criminals are themselves victims of this system and will be remolded through the process of revolutionary struggle.

EXTENDING THE PRISONS INTO THE COMMUNITY

When reformers talk about the massive overcrowding in the prisons, they miss the point. The issue is not whether there are enough prisons or not. The fact is that this system is building new prisons and constantly extending the prisons into the communities through "neighborhood watch" spying, tagging, electronic curfews, "security" doors on housing estates, and the use of private security firms to back policing in places like Nottingham.... We all know the areas that these expansions of control are operating in and being extended to: Brixton, Toxteth, Wolverhampton Broadwater Farm.....

THE OPPRESSED NATIONALITIES IN PRISON

Black people are only 3% of the population, yet they represent 14% of male prisoners and 18% of all women prisoners. They, like women and Irish prisoners, generally receive the longest sentences, the harshest treatment and suffer continuous verbal and physical abuse. Let's get one thing straight, just in case there is anyone out there who has any doubts, this is not because they are criminal. This is all about what and who the state targets as criminal in an attempt to keep its power. It is to give a message - rebel and this is what you get.

To be Black or from an oppressed nationality in Britain is to be liable at any time to be picked up and detained whether at the airport, on the street or in your home under the country's immigration laws, which along with stop and search, and the "war on drugs and gangs" is used to attack and intimidate the communities. This is to create an atmosphere of fear that if you step out of line in some way you will be imprisoned or deported: one black youth was told by a judge to go on holiday to Jamaica and stay there, many others have been deported or warned that next time..... An eight months pregnant Nigerian woman was picked up for no other reason than being

Black, and detained for four weeks. She was recommended for deportation and only then was it "discovered" that she was a British resident. Recently the prison department has been recording ethnic origin of prisoners, but we can be assured that this is not to guard against racism, for that is flourishing throughout the system, it is because Black prisoners are seen as a threat to prison control. "There is about 40% in this jail. Anyway if these people see too much Black people together they get frightened." (Winston Silcott, writing from Wormwood Scrubs.)

BRITAIN'S CONCENTRATION CAMPS



There are many immigration prisoners incarcerated in these countries' prisons and detention centres. They are from the oppressed nationalities, mainly from Ghana, Nigeria, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Iran. Recently three and a half thousand Turkish Kurds arrived at Heathrow. After this, many planes with Kurds on board were turned back and immigration officers went to Turkey to stop Kurds boarding planes. Many Kurds have been deported, hundreds of others are in prison or detention.

Compare their treatment with the propaganda exercise around the East Germans "fleeing to the 'democratic' west." There are no restrictions on white immigration. Britain targets the oppressed nationalities because of racism and because these groups have had experience of the open fascism upon which this system rests. Many of the Kurdish refugees have also had experience in actively and consciously fighting it. As such, they are just the sort of refugees Britain can do without. Further, Turkey is vital for NATO's strategy against Soviet interests in the region.

Early in October 1989, two Kurdish

refugees, Siho Iyiguven and Dogam Arslan, who had been on hunger strike and faced deportation orders, set fire to their room in Harmondsworth detention centre to protest about their case and to draw attention to the barbaric, concentration camp conditions in which they and their comrades were being held. This was not a suicide attempt it was a desperate protest. The fact is that the authorities would not unlock the door of the room. The young men had to break the window and climb out of the blazing room in flames. Siho Iyiguven died, murdered by the British state. Many of the other Kurdish refugees and other detainees have been on hunger strike at Haslar and other detention centres.

The Home Office ludicrously claimed that there was no hunger strike - that detainees had simply refused their meals....Prison and immigration officials threatened to lock hunger strikers in their cells for 24 hours a day and to cut all telephone lines if they continued their protest. The Home Office attitude reflects their fear of a repeat of the 1981 Irish Hunger Strikes which did untold damage to the image of British "democracy", "freedom" and "justice", and their refusal to admit to the political nature of both the refugees and the hunger strike. The isolating tactics which were threatened, and almost certainly implemented, were designed to control and contain the issue by cutting off support and access to the outside world.

These men, one of whom is dead, had faced open dictatorship daily on the streets of Turkey. They had been abused and tortured. Their culture, their language was denied to them. They had seen and heard of entire villages being wiped out. All simply for the "crime" of being Kurdish. Of being rebellious elements in the four countries which Britain had torn and divided Kurdistan between after the first world war. (See A world To Win, no 5) No wonder Britain is not so keen to welcome the Kurds. These men had escaped from one fascist system to another

And it says a hell of a lot about British "democracy" that they were driven to protesting in such a way. And it says just how hard and unbearable these detention centres are, even for those who are used to living under a military junta.

PRISONS AS INSTRUMENTS OF CONTROL.

The system talks about rehabilitation and education of prisoners but this is not what prison is about it is about breaking peoples spirit, and making them into obedient subjects of the system. However, Bobby Sands, whilst fighting on hunger strike, spoke for all political prisoners, when he wrote: "They will not criminalise

us, rob us of our true identity.....
...depoliticalise us, churn us out as systematised, institutionalised, decent, law abiding robots."

The same weapons that are used to control people within the wider community are being used within the prisons - physical force, drugs, mental health, and Aids.

PRISON CONTROL - TORTURE AND RACISM.

Prison is about breaking resistance by any means. Paul, a Black youth, recalled collapsing at Hollesley Bay detention centre, upon coming round "I was called a Black bastard...an officer then hit me hard on the back with a cricket bat. I was in agony but all he did was to throw a bucket of cold water over me." Other Black and Asian youth were kicked in the stomach, crotch and racially abused. People are tortured every day in Britains prisons, and women are no exception.

In prison, the screws, as agents of the state, actively promote divisions between prisoners, for example by encouraging violence by white prisoners against the oppressed nationalities. As the Irish prisoner Ralph Maclaughlin wrote: "...the security junta has a vested interest in ensuring that racial tension is maintained at boiling point, in order to keep the prisoners fighting amongst themselves. Thus by internalising any conflict the prison regime remains secure. I know of a few prisoners who were guaranteed parole in return for stirring up racial tensions."



Irish political prisoners getting a breath of fresh air.

PRISON CONTROL - DRUGS.

Cattle in the Australian prairies are prevented from roaming too far by a drug called Largactyl. This is one of the drugs commonly used to zombify subversive prisoners. At Gartree Prison in 1978 the Black prisoner Michael Blake was forcibly drugged with Paraldehyde and was unconscious for 3 days. When his fellow prisoners heard they rose up, smashed the wing and took it over for the night. The doctor's report into the incident blamed it on "politically motivated prisoners and dangerous psychopaths", and recommended that these prisoners should be kept permanently in isolation units and that all socialist and 'undemocratic' books should be banned from the prison.

An official record of drug dosages was far higher for women than for male prisoners and must have been vastly understated. In 1982, in Holloway, 212 doses of psychotropic mind altering drugs and 365 doses of hypnotic drugs per woman per year were recorded, compared to only 25 and 50 respectively at the male prison Pentonville. As in wider society, women are medicated to control them and to keep them quiet.

PRISON CONTROL - PSYCHIATRIC UNITS

Britain's prisons are full of people in isolation, in psychiatric units and rendered "manageable" by drugs. Special psychiatric wings attached to prisons are being planned, and we know that this is not to ease the suffering of the mentally ill. We know who these wings will be used against. Winston Silcott and Martina Shanahan are among many of the oppressed nationalities in prison, who have been put in solitary confinement for long periods in an attempt to break their spirit. Martina's brother said that he was worried that his sister would crack up under the strain. Winston is constantly threatened with the psychiatric wing in a "clear start of an attempt to turn Winston into a psychiatric prisoner. First they take him in for observation and then they start treating him, that is, pumping him full of tranquilizers." (Broadwater Farm Defence Campaign.)

PRISON CONTROL - AIDS.

And then there is this issue of Aids. It is being used in the prisons, as in society, as a genocidal weapon against the oppressed, particularly women, Black and Gay people to further suppress them. Men and women have been gang raped in prisons and pig stations by pigs, staff and other inmates, often involving people who are HIV positive. It is only now that the

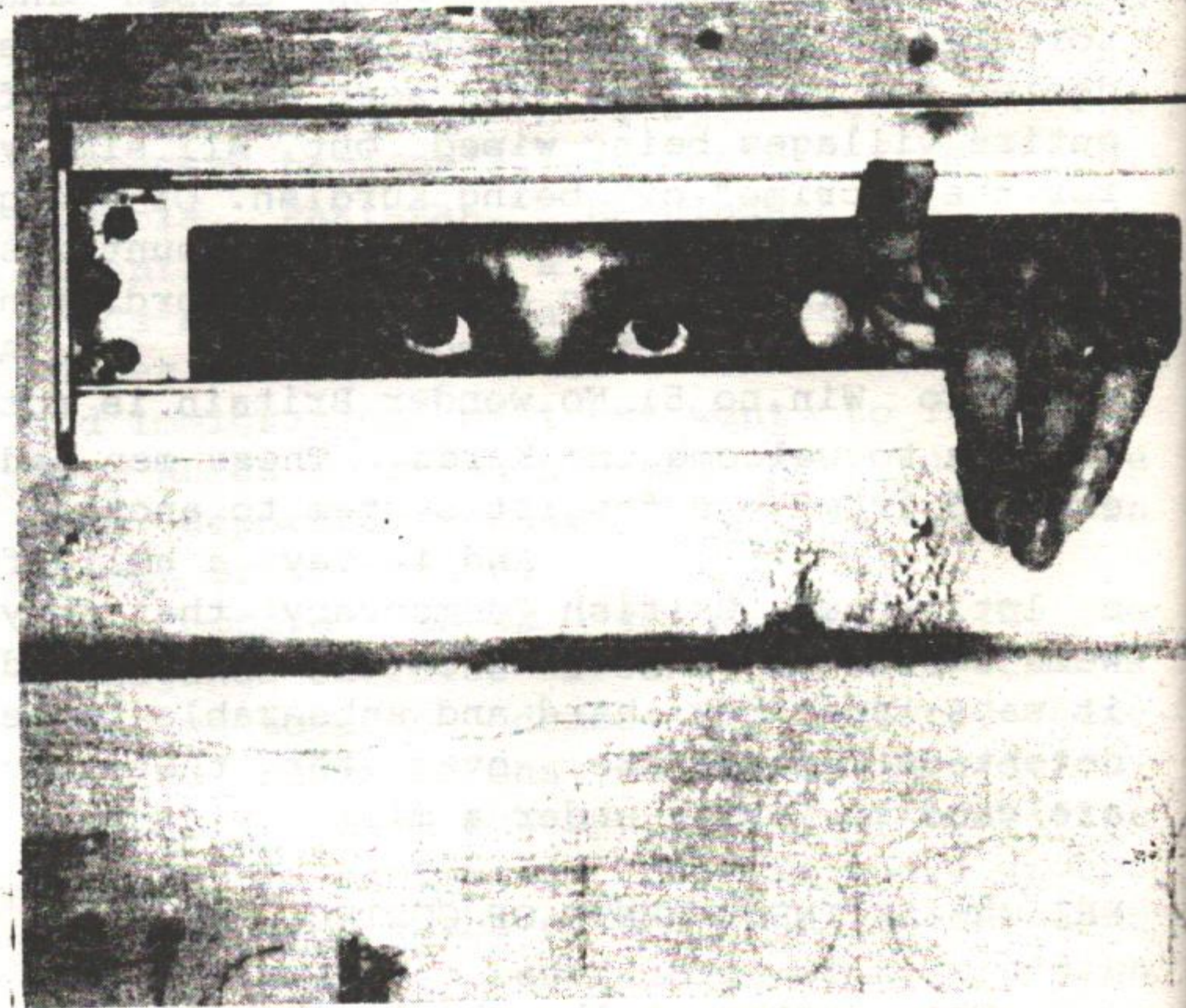
implications of Aids for the wider society are becoming clearer that its spread in the prisons is beginning to "concern" the powers that be.

WOMEN IN PRISON.

On every front of this systems war against the oppressed, it is hitting women, particularly those from the oppressed nationalities the hardest. There are far fewer women in prison than men, however, women are more likely to be sentenced to prison for the first offence and to get longer sentences. Further, thousands of women, are imprisoned in psychiatric institutions and mental hospitals. 1 in every 8 women, and 1 in every 12 men, in this country will be institutionalised for mental illness at some point in their life.

This system is rooted in the oppression of women. Because of the key nature of women's role, in relation to the family and the conservative values propagated around it, in maintaining the system, those women who rebel against the chains that weigh us down and bind us, body and mind are really punished. 1986 prison figures showed that women are disciplined twice as often as male prisoners. This is all to do with how women are perceived as deviating from the role that society wants of them.

TO BE A WOMAN IN THIS SOCIETY IS TO BE
IN A CONSTANT STATE OF SUPPRESSED RAGE.



Racist attacks and state repression
imprison the oppressed nationalities and
women in their homes.

To be a woman in this society that mutilates women physically and mentally is to be in a constant state of suppressed rage. The straitjacketed "ideal" woman - the "law abiding perfect wife", the "devoted" mother, the "passive", "pliable", "submissive" woman, the "good" girl, a woman is expected to be all things to everyone. And when she tries to break out of the mould that society wants of her, she really pays for it. A woman is punished twice, not only for the "offense" of going against the system but also for breaking out of and violating her "natural" role. This means that women are judged and sentenced for the "offense", AND as women, as a wife, as a mother, or as a sexual being. One ex-prisoner recalls: "Its like one prison officer we had, she came into the room one day and she sat down and she carried on and on about motherhood, how all of us with children should be ashamed as we were unfit mothers..." This system holds up the "ideal" of the family, yet it is responsible for sending women, often single parents to prison for very minor things. These women are being punished not for what brought them before the courts, but for their nonconformity, the fact that they are single parents, and therefore going against the systems dictates. Many women suffer terribly in prison with the fear that their children will be taken into care. This countries mental institutions contain old women who were put away many years ago, simply for having a child out of wedlock. And the representatives of this system who are responsible for these and infinite other crimes dare to talk to us about "morality".

WOMEN WON'T GO BACK - WOMEN FIGHT BACK.

Strip searching is a weapon used against both men and women, but particularly against women. It was introduced to break the spirit of the Irish women in Armagh jail, and like so many other repressive measures was developed and tested on Irish people and then extended for use in Britain to put down resistance. It is used against the oppressed nationalities, women, political activists, lesbian and gay people. It is used in prisons, customs, at police stations and in the street. Ella O'Dwyer and Martina Anderson have been constantly stripsearched. Jacqueline Moore was stripsearched soon after her child was born, bleeding and dripping milk. Her child was frequently bodysearched.

Strip searching is used in an attempt to degrade and humiliate women, to use their bodies as a weapon against them. However, as an ex-Armagh woman said: "I saw my nakedness as an indictment against them. They thought my womanhood would serve to help them to defeat me. They didn't understand that the

strength of ideals cannot be stripped from my mind."

WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY! UNLEASH THE FURY OF WOMEN AS A MIGHTY FORCE FOR REVOLUTION!

Generally women are brought up to blame themselves and to feel guilty, to turn their anger inwards. When they rebel they suffer not only at the hand of the state which under the guise of "curing" them doses them with valium or hides them away in psychiatric units and prisons. Even more effectively, because it is less obvious, the system punishes women through the women themselves, who having internalized the anti woman violence that this system rests upon and the chains of culture, "morality" and habits, are liable to turn their anger and frustrations inwards against themselves rather than against the system. The prison regime reinforces this, leading to many cases of mental disturbance and self mutilation. One woman wrote about the cuts she had done to her wrists: "... at the time it's the only way to let out the way I feel. I just slash them without thinking. I don't feel the pain at the time. It's only later I can't stand it." Another woman in Holloway's infamous C1 psychiatric wing hacked off her breast, tearing at a physical symbol of woman oppression. Women have died in prison after setting themselves alight and from throwing themselves around their cells. As women we have to turn our anger, our rage, against the system, not against ourselves.

There is a feeling amongst women that the enemy is male. One woman prisoner commented that all the women inside were doing time because of oppression by men, by the pimp, the batterer, the drug dealer... Whilst this is true, if we do not see that behind these men is an oppressive system that must be smashed, nothing will change. We do live in a patriarchal system. Male Right and the subjugation of women are rooted in the system. Woman's oppression is used as a bribe, as a bone to throw to men to further tie them in with this system. Men, particularly men of the exploited classes have got to decide whether they want to see an end to ALL oppression and to EVERY form of slavery or whether they still want to act like a slaveowner in relation to women. Brothers, lets be clear on this, WE CAN NOT BREAK EVERY CHAIN BUT ONE. Sisters, in revolutionary China, women held up half the sky. They fully participated in all spheres of society. As Chiang Ching defiantly declared "IT IS RIGHT TO REBEL!" With this understanding the pent up rage of women will be unleashed as a mighty force for revolution.

DEATHS IN PRISON ARE MURDER.

There have been numerous deaths in prisons and police cells. We will not forget Twany Hassan, Wilma Lucas, Jamie Stewart, Anthony Linnane, Christine Scott and the many others. There has been a constant stream of "suicides". In the year 1987-8 there were at least 40 in only 9 of the countries prisons. At Armley in just 9 months 5 teenagers on remand killed themselves. Any death in prison, whether from staff brutality and neglect or from the prisoner being driven to desperation is murder by this system. The investigations and public inquiries that follow are nothing but hypocrisy and cover up, to fool people into thinking that justice is being done, so that the system can continue as before, to cool down the anger of the people.

REBELLION IN THE PRISONS.

When prisoners from many different nationalities defiantly united with the Irish prisoners of war to play Gaelic football, all those involved were speedily dispersed to different prisons. When the system goes to such lengths it is clear that there is something behind it: It forcibly discourages the unity of militant prisoners, particularly between Black and Irish inmates. This is from the experience of the prison uprisings and roof top protests in which radical Black and Irish prisoners have played leading roles. It is also out of fear at the implications that this has for the wider struggle outside. These uprisings such as at Risley give inspiration to all those who hate this system and want to fight back against its injustice. The oppressed nationalities have had a history of continuous struggle against western imperialism and are at the forefront of the prison rebellions and urban uprisings. The real danger for the state lies when these prisoners come out, having learnt from each other and with a sense of a common struggle.

TEAR DOWN THE PRISON WALLS!

If we are from an oppressed nationality we are in prison, literally through "PTA" or "drugs", or in a prison without walls through racism and brutal exploitation and oppression. If we are women, we are imprisoned in one form or another, whether trapped and confined within the home and "natural" role, or in a prison cell. Rebellion against this system takes many forms. We unite with the fuck the system attitude of those who rebel and with those who break the oppressors law. But we also say that taking the drugs or the gang violence pushed at us by the downpressor is

by no means going to make the system go away. In order to do that we need to concentrate our various expressions of rebelliousness where they will have most effect. And that is against the whole system. As our comrade, Bob Avakian of RCP (USA) says: "...You haven't talked about bad until you've talked about taking them on. And you know who I mean by "them". Taking them on for real and for the whole thing. And that's what we're all about." We must tear down the prison walls, literally in the sense of freeing all political prisoners, and in the sense that this whole rotten system is a prison and the whole lot has to go.

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Power on the Beach

the Black man down. This whole country is fucked up. And you look man, you was tellin me just this morning that you felt bad for these stores down here. You know what, I think that every store that got hit last night deserved it. I don't care what anybody says. You and me walk into a store and who you think they gonna watch. I seen this goin down for all these college people here too. You know how many of those stores won't even let these people in the door just because they Black. And look at that across the street. Man comes out this morning and decides he's gonna paint that shit—look at that, 'God Bless Our Police Department'—on the boards on his store. You think I don't know what that means after what they did to all these people down here last night—unleashing canines and everything on them—just because they was Black and trying to have a good time. You my brother but you got to open your eyes."

Righteous

As the night grew later the crowds on the street started to thin out. But the defiance remained. Up ahead three Black students were standing on the sidewalk arguing about how things had to change. One student was angrily shouting that he didn't want to hear about anything except putting Black people in charge. Three cops in riot gear sauntered past. One of the cops decided to stop and harass the students. As the cop stood there asking questions about where the students were staying, one brother started to get down. "That's a pretty big stick you got there, man. I bet you could hit three people at once with that stick. You probably got a lot of practice with it last night, didn't you. Look around you man, there's a whole lot more of us than there are of you. And this time we're ready."

As the student continued to defy the cop a small crowd began to gather around him. One of the other students was really getting a kick out of the whole scene. "When we came down here they stood out there with their gas masks, clubs, and dogs and tried to scare the hell out of us. We hadn't done nothing and that's how they greeted us. All weekend we've been hearing their insults, always trying to provoke us into doing something so they could just jump on us. We knew they didn't want us down here. They told us that from jump street. A whole lot of us didn't believe that what happened last night could have really happened. But they made us believers. We got our eyes open now and we ain't gonna close them again. A whole lot of people might think what we did down here was wrong. Let them keep thinking that, they'll learn. And if they don't, fuck 'em. I think it was right and I'd do it again—just like that!"



June '89. Protesters hold up Mao as a great leader.



Tiananmen Square. Banner proclaiming: "Students, the workers have arrived!"

MAOISTS RESPOND TO EVENTS IN CHINA

Communique of the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement released 12 June 1989 by the Information Bureau of RIM

DOWN WITH THE BLOOD-SOAKED CAPITALIST REGIME IN CHINA!

Mao's prediction in a letter back in 1966 to his comrade-in-arms and wife, Chiang Ching, has indeed come true: "If the Rightists stage an anti-Communist coup d'etat in China, I am sure they will know no peace either and their rule will most probably be short-lived because it will not be tolerated by the revolutionaries, who represent the interests of the people making up more than 90 percent of the population."

Whatever the immediate outcome of the present upsurge by the millions of Chinese people, new openings have appeared for making another socialist revolution by overthrowing the present regime and reestablishing the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The genuine Chinese communists and masses of workers, peasants, and revolutionary students who set out to follow this tortuous path are not alone. Mao also instructed the genuine communists of the world what to do if the "right" seizes power in China." He said, "If the leadership in China is usurped by the revisionists in the future, the Marxist-Leninists of all countries should relentlessly expose them and fight against them and help the Chinese masses in their battle against the revisionists."

Since the coup in 1976, the genuine Marxist-Leninists of the world have been doing just that. The regrouping of the Maoists on an international scale in the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement who are either waging revolutionary war, as in Peru today, or preparing for it in different countries, are forging ahead on the path charted by Mao Tsetung. We are confident that the genuine revolutionaries in China will make great strides in their struggle to overthrow capitalist rule and put China once again on Mao's road. We pledge to do everything in our power to assist them. May the world proletarian revolution speak in Chinese once again!

Maoists Respond to Events in China

RIM HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE
IN LONDON.

An emergency meeting of the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, which groups together Maoist parties around the world, was held to discuss the developments in China. Last week the *Revolutionary Worker* printed the Communiqué of the CORIM, "Down With the Blood-soaked Capitalist Regime in China!" This communiqué was released June 12, 1989 by the Information Bureau of the RIM.

A press release issued by the Information Bureau stated:

"Information Bureau spokesman Abdul Karim, referring to the massacre at Tiananmen Square, said 'There is no way our Movement will rest until this bloody crime has been avenged.'

"RIM has been bitter opponents of Deng, as well as of the USSR which they denounce as 'social imperialist,' since its inception in 1984. Karim said, 'We have always said the spectre of revolution would rise again in China. Now it is happening for all to see.'

"Karim claimed Western press accounts of events in China 'downplayed the pro-Mao sentiment among large numbers of the demonstrators in China, especially among the workers.' He added that such an assessment was based on 'RIM's first-hand reports from Peking.'

"Karim reiterated RIM's demand for the immediate freedom of Chiang Ching, Mao's widow, and Chang Chun-chiao, whom he declared 'the foremost political prisoners in the world today.'

"Karim said, 'Political power grows out of the barrel of the gun. The reactionaries in China and all over the world understand this and the people must also. There is no alternative but to do as our comrades of the Communist Party of Peru (Sendero Luminoso, as the Peruvian RIM participants are generally called) are doing.'

"In view of the importance the RIM attaches to these developments in China, it was decided to hold an international press conference in London on Tuesday, June 13, only the second such press conference held by RIM in its five years of existence. As Karim put it, 'We usually speak by other means.'"

The press conference was held at the London International Press Centre. Following is the text of the press conference:

Moderator: The first speaker today is Carl Dix, who is a national spokesman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. Carl Dix is a long-time revolutionary who was imprisoned when, as a Vietnam-era soldier, he organised other soldiers to refuse to fight against the Vietnamese people.

Carl Dix: I want to begin by condemning the foul massacre of protesting students and workers unleashed by the rulers of China led by Deng Xiaoping. Revolutionaries and the oppressed worldwide were glad to see the large-scale resistance to the regime of Deng, Li Peng, and the other capitalist roaders who rule China. This development frightened these reactionaries with a spectre of their doom, and this led them to unleash the massacres, arrests, and other brutalities. These butchers have blood on their hands and they must pay for this monstrous crime.

Also, I want to speak to the distortions spread about the situation in China. The imperialist rulers in the



Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chao, leaders of the Cultural Revolution and the foremost representatives in China of Mao's line after his death. They were arrested by the revisionists in 1976, and heroically upheld the banner of Mao Tsetung and the Cultural Revolution. At their trial, Chiang Ching contemptuously told the revisionists, "It is not I, but your small gang which is on trial in the court of history."

West try to label these developments part of the crisis of communism. But in truth it is the crisis of capitalism restored. Deng and Co. overthrew working class rule in China after Mao's death, and arrested revolutionary leaders like Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chao, and imprisoned or executed many genuine communists who wanted to follow Mao's line. They also rapidly took apart the socialist system that the Chinese people had built. They reinstated the profit principle, dismantled the agricultural collectives, and opened up China to imperialist economic penetration. This is the source of the massive social ills facing China today, including corruption of high party officials, inflation, and the flood of millions of landless peasants into China's cities.

The hypocrisy of the imperialists in all this must be condemned also. As I understand it, in his speech today in apparent reference to developments in China, Ronald Reagan is going to say that these are the days of the triumph of freedom. But the only freedom that these imperialists and their spokespeople are interested in is the freedom to penetrate China and many other countries around the world and to enforce the domination of their system worldwide. The imperialist media and their rulers spent more than a decade praising Deng Xiaoping and his cohorts to the sky as forward-looking men and reformists. They had forged economic and military ties with China's rulers. Yet today they try to distance themselves from the massacre that their friends have unleashed in China.

And the claim that these imperialists deplore the use of violence in China rings hollow. They impose their domination worldwide through violence and today they and their lackeys never hesitate to call out the troops and the police to drown the people's resistance in blood.

Decades ago Mao Tsetung raised the slogan, "Only socialism can free China." Echoing Mao today, we say that only another socialist revolution can save China. We are confident that there are those in the midst of the upheaval in China who grasp this truth and are seizing on the opportunity to spread it created by the developments in China. Under the leadership of Mao and especially through the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, the Chinese people took unprecedented steps along the road of ending everything foul associated with the rule of capitalism. The parties and organisations united under the banner of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement pledge to do everything in our power to assist the formation of a Maoist vanguard in China to lead the Chinese people in getting once again on the path of Mao's road.

Mao Tsetung did not fail, revolution will prevail!

Moderator: Thank you. The next speaker is comrade Lili R. She is an Afghan Maoist and supporter of RIM. She is the widow of a well-known Afghan Maoist killed by the Soviet troops. She herself has spent two years in Kabul prisons. As she speaks in the Afghan language, our comrade at the back will translate for her after she has finished.

Lili R.: Mao Tsetung Thought contains thousands of points, and one of those teaches us that it is right to rebel against reactionaries. As an Afghan Maoist, I wish to declare full support for the recent movements of the Chinese people. I express my deep hatred of the reactionary regime of Deng Xiaoping, the capitalist roader who shamelessly usurped political power after Mao's death and restored bourgeois dictatorship. This most hated person has imprisoned Comrade Chiang Ching and Comrade Chang Chun-chao for the past thirteen years—the two close comrades-in-arms of Mao Tsetung who had made immense contributions in the cause of communism, especially during the Cultural Revolution.

Imperialist and reactionary forces and their press establishment, despite their hypocrisy on human rights, have not once raised an eyebrow against this imprisonment of our comrades. They are scared stiff of even naming them. As Afghan adherents of Mao Tsetung Thought and unlike the phony Maoists who support the reactionary regime in China, we know only too well how this reactionary capitalist roader Deng Xiaoping abandoned the Maoists, the revolutionaries, and the peoples of Afghanistan. Those capitalist roaders turned socialist China, the red bastion of revolution, into a feasting ground and shamelessly attacked Mao Tsetung Thought and replaced it with Deng's capitalist theories and programme. We know very well that the Russian social-imperialists would not have dared invade Afghanistan with 120,000 troops had it not been for the fact that Deng Xiaoping and Co. changed the nature of China as a base for world revolution. Therefore Deng Xiaoping's hands are not only soaked with the blood of the Chinese masses but that of the Afghan people and revolutionaries the world over too.

The very same Deng Xiaoping, in collaboration with U.S. imperialism, armed the backward reactionary forces in Afghanistan. They in turn used their weapons to suppress Maoist revolutionaries and Afghan masses. This corrupt capitalist roader who is second-in-rank only to renegade Khrushchev has indeed committed innumerable crimes. Capitalist restoration in China not only changed democracy for the majority to democracy for the minority rulers but also turned the Red Army into a bloodthirsty tool for the suppression of the masses. It turned the Chinese Communist Party into a bourgeois party.

As a consequence of restoring capitalism in China, we witness mass unemployment, large-scale shortage of housing, prostitution, and drug-dealing, all those phenomena alien to China under Mao. Women have once again been put into an inferior position, while during Mao's time it was stressed that women hold up half the sky. The socialist economy and the socialist mode of production has been destroyed, and instead private ownership and profit in command is practiced. This capitalist roader, Deng Xiaoping, who is going against the flow of history and who has done everything to turn back the pages of history, shall eventually be overthrown with the might of the people and socialist China will reemerge. We look forward to the day when once again the revolutionary intellectuals hand in hand with the masses of peasants and workers move toward the elimination of the contradiction between manual and mental labour, between workers and peasants, and between city and countryside. We look forward to the day when revolutionary students hold high the Little Red Book and shout, Forward to Communism!

Down with Deng Xiaoping!

Down with U.S. Imperialism!
Down with Soviet Social-imperialism!
Glory to the Martyrs of Tiananmen Square!

Moderator: The next speaker will be Comrade Luis Arce Borja who is editor of the Peruvian large circulation daily *El Diario*. Arce Borja recently interviewed Chairman Gonzalo of the Communist Party of Peru, and his newspaper is under heavy government attack for "apologizing for terrorism" in its open support for the Communist Party of Peru. Our comrade is going to read his statement and it will be interpreted paragraph by paragraph.

Luis Arce Borja: With regard to the struggle in China, in Peru we say with satisfaction that the world revolution goes forward with gigantic strides. The fight between revolution and counterrevolution is a deadly one. The events in China confirm that the principal tendency in the world is revolution.

The student and worker movement in the fight against Deng Xiaoping is not isolated from the struggle against revisionism at an international level. We can draw some preliminary conclusions from this phenomenon.

On the one hand it shows the validity of Chairman Mao's teaching on Marxism, that Deng Xiaoping's clique has to take recourse to the most criminal methods in order to keep itself in power as the reactionaries from the capitalist system have to do.

It also shows that the Chinese masses will have to take recourse to, as Chairman Mao said, armed struggle in order to liquidate the revisionists in this Asian country.

In Peru we have many reasons to look at events in China with much expectation, the reason being that the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) under the great leadership of Chairman Gonzalo is leading a great revolutionary war.

The strength of this working class party lies in the correct application of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, principally Maoism, and in the powerful influx of the oppressed masses in Peru.

The Communist Party of Peru is showing to the world the universal validity of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, principally Maoism. It is possible and right to carry out revolution without the support of an international bastion, though the most important thing is to seek support in the oppressed masses and in the revolutionaries of the world.

The PCP, which leads the struggle of the Peruvian people, carries out this revolution as an integral part of the proletarian revolution in the world. This is a concrete contribution to the liberation struggles in the oppressed countries in the world. We from within the international proletariat want to express solidarity with the Chinese people and repudiate the massive crimes of the revisionist and reactionary regime led by Deng.

Maoism should be the arm to combat and destroy the reactionaries in China, Peru, and in the whole world. ■

"Mao is With the People's Struggle"

The following correspondence came from immigrant day laborers in Los Angeles.

We, who are immigrants from Latin America living in the U.S., are with you, we unite with the struggle of our brothers the Chinese people. May the loss of our brothers' lives not be in vain, and may our struggle continue until victory.

We are millions and millions of oppressed in all the world, and the imperialist assassins have never been able to crush us. Once again they have covered themselves with blood. Blood of the Chinese people. They must pay for this.

Mao lives. Mao is with us and the struggle of the people, going forward, challenging. Forward with the legacy of Mao Tsetung.

Long live the proletarian struggle! Long live the Chinese revolution!

We denounce the actions of the Chinese government and the massacre which has occurred, and we support the actions taken in response. Ever onward to victory.

Bob Avakian Gets Down on Traitor Deng Xiaoping



Bob Avakian,
Chairman of RCP, USA.

July 1989: Deng Xiaoping and other reactionaries who rule China are continuing their suppression against the Chinese people. Many workers accused of acting against the government have been executed, and the Deng regime is trying to hunt down student activists and other opponents.

January 1979: Deng Xiaoping came to the United States and was welcomed by President Carter. A little over two years earlier, in October 1976, Deng Xiaoping and company had seized power from the proletariat in China after the death of Mao Tsetung. Deng's meeting with Carter officially marked China's capitulation to U.S. imperialism and enlistment in the U.S.-led war bloc.

But at the same time a "fitting welcome" for Deng was taking place right in the streets of Washington, D.C. Responding to a call from the RCP, USA and the Committee for a Fitting Welcome, five hundred people demonstrated against Deng and his U.S. masters. They demonstrated because they had been deeply affected and inspired, as had so many others in this country and around the world, by the revolutionary achievements of the Chinese people under the leadership of Mao. And they wanted to expose Deng as a traitor who was destroying socialism in China, bringing back capitalism, and opening the doors for the U.S. and other big oppressors to come into China once again.

The January 29 D.C. march was surrounded by 1,000 heavily armed cops who attacked as the demonstrators neared the White House. The police clubbed and beat many and arrested seventy-eight, including Bob Avakian, Chairman of the RCP, USA. But along with this January 29

D.C. march, Deng and his U.S. masters faced many humiliations during his trip. That same day a Revolutionary Worker reporter had stepped forward at a press event on the White House lawn and waved Mao's Red Book in the face of Deng and Carter. Deng faced demonstrations in city after city as he went around the U.S. These actions made a major political statement on behalf of revolutionaries around the world. It was an "international incident" signaling that revolution cannot be buried—not in China, not in the United States, not anywhere.

The actions by the Maoists stung the U.S. rulers, and they went for revenge. Felony indictments were filed against seventeen demonstrators arrested at the D.C. march, and Bob Avakian was pointed to as the "revolutionary leader" and singled out for special legal attacks. Felonies were piled on top of felonies, until each defendant faced a possible 241 years in jail. Over the next three and a half years a major political battle to defend the Mao Tsetung defendants unfolded. It ended in a great victory for the revolutionary cause—all charges were dropped against Bob Avakian, and the charges against the other defendants were dropped to two misdemeanors with no jail time. Because of legal attacks in this case as well as many other threats, Bob Avakian was forced into exile in France where the French government later denied him political refugee status. This left Chairman Avakian in a very difficult situation with no safe place to put his feet down—a situation which still exists to this day.

The following are excerpts from a speech made by Chairman Avakian just before the march in Washington, D.C.

I remember a song, I think it came out in the 1960s, by Nina Simone. I remember the words to it very clearly: it said, "I wish that I knew what it felt to be free." It's a very moving song, but the song itself does not provide an answer to that question. But we know we have the answer. It's not an answer we have only from books, but it was an answer being provided in living reality by the struggle and the achievements of the Chinese people and the Chinese revolution taking our class of people and the oppressed people throughout the world to the greatest heights we have yet scaled but not yet the greatest ones we will achieve in the future.

The Chinese people knew, as we long to know. They had the taste of freedom in their mouth, and they knew what it meant to be free. Not yet free of all classes. Not yet free of every bigshot who would oppress the people, but free of the kind of madness, that daily hell, that we have to go through in their so-called greatest of all countries. And Deng Xiaoping wants to tell the Chinese people and the people around the world that they should aspire to live like we have to live in this hell-hole that they call a country!

The Chinese people don't need Deng Xiaoping to tell them what it feels like to be free, because they knew what it felt like to be free, and Deng Xiaoping is trying to put them back in the hell-fire that they had to live in—and even worse than that—in the old society. But they knew what it felt like to be free. They knew what it meant to walk down the street any day of the week, any

hour of the day and be able to hold their head up and not be afraid of anything in this world, not be afraid for yourself and not be afraid for your kids. They knew what it meant, not just from personal pride but with a class understanding of where they were leading mankind in going. They knew what it felt like to hold your head up and not have to bow before anyone.

They were tasting and they were bringing about in reality what we can only still dream about, though we're working every day to turn our dream into reality. They knew that dream, and sometimes it seems an impossible dream, of what it would be like not to have these god-damn pigs coming down the street brutalizing us and shooting us down for nothing more than trying to walk with a little pride.

They knew what it meant to be free of discrimination, they knew what it meant to be free of back-breaking, mind-breaking, body-breaking, grinding work for some boss who doesn't deserve nothing himself more than to be stuck in the ground. They knew what it meant to be free of all the decadence and decay and humiliation. They knew what it meant to be free of a society where people are driven so half-mad that they'll kill each other over a parking space. That's what this "greatest of all countries" is all about, and we know because we taste its bitter taste in our mouths every day. That's why we throw it all back up and we're going for revolution.

The Chinese people, they knew what it meant, not through some magical gift from a condescending savior, or some god descending out of heaven, but through their own struggle on the soil which they nurtured with their own blood in their millions. But there were others, snakes in the grass, back-biters, double-dealers and traitors, sawed-off revisionist pimps like Deng Xiaoping, and the rest of these strutting peacocks who're gonna get cut down to size before too long by the Chinese people.

There were these people who maybe took part in the revolution, they even waved their achievements around like capital and told everybody, get in line and listen to me because I'm a veteran of the revolution. Maybe they took part in it, even maybe they were heroes in it up to a point, but their view of revolution was still the old self-seeking one.

They thought the revolution was about taking the tanks away from Chiang Kai-shek and letting them ride on top of them. That's what they thought the revolution was about—taking away the palatial mansions of the old exploiters and letting them live in them. They thought it was about taking away the holdings of the old capitalists and letting them take them over. That's what they thought, it was just a change of faces. That it was just a struggle among bourgeois cliques. That it was a question of using the people's struggle for your own gain, using it as capital like always happens whenever the bourgeoisie gets control of everything.

And so they didn't like the way the Chinese revolution was gonna go. They didn't believe it when Mao said we've got to go on to communism, this is only the first step. They said, "Oh, no. This is quite far enough. I'm tired." "I want to settle down and have all this for myself. That's what we made revolution for, wasn't it?" "What good is this socialism of yours if it don't let me live high and mighty like a king?" "What good is it if we gotta keep on struggling?"

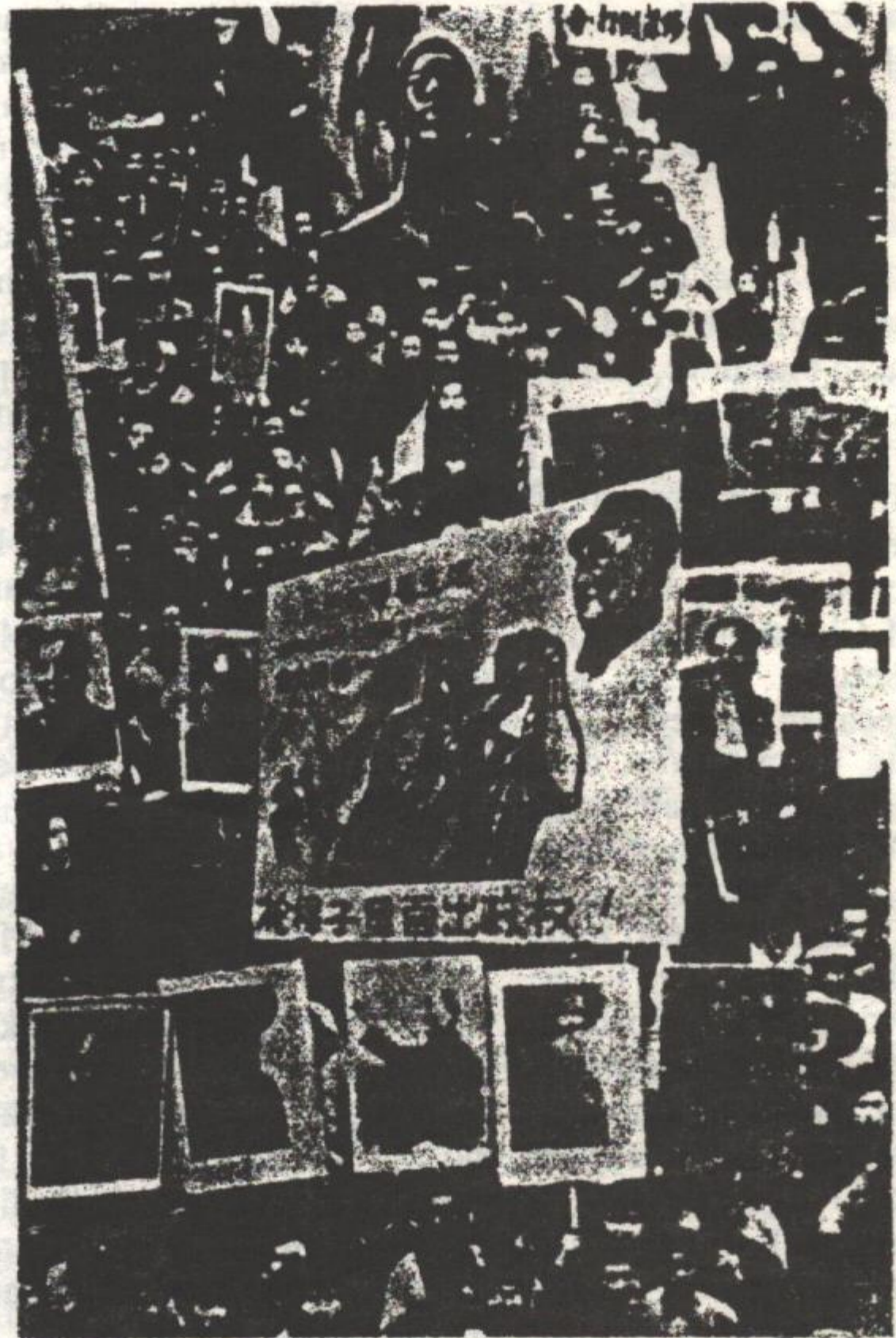
Now the masses of people, for whom it's a struggle every day, the people whose work, whose sweat, pushes society forward and whose struggle keeps things moving forward, they wanted to keep on making revolution. They wanted to keep on going forward because they saw there was much to be done to advance mankind to communism and that, as Mao taught them, even then we have to keep on struggling to resolve contradictions. We can never settle down and have a nice little tea party.

But Deng Xiaoping and them, they bitterly hated this. They had only wanted to make revolution in order

for them to get in, in order for them to have their chance to ride on the backs of the people. And they were even willing to go down on their knees once again before the foreigners if they thought they could replace Chiang Kai-shek as the one selling the Chinese people

They wanted to be the new pimps and that was their idea of revolution and nothing more. And Mao Tsetung said, "No, we've got to go forward." And they isolated Mao, and they attacked him. Oh yeah, they had honey on their lips for him then like they have to now, 'cause the Chinese people and the people throughout the world have learned from Mao and love him right down to the bottom of our hearts.

We ain't ashamed to say it. This class of reactionaries, this class of blood-sucking murdering dogs, of course they got nobody that they can stand up before the people and say here's a leader you should love. People would run him out of the room or laugh him out of the room. But we ain't ashamed to say we love Mao Tsetung to the bottom of our hearts because he stood with us and we're gonna stand with him and for everything he fought for. It ain't a one-man thing, but it's what he stood for. It's what he unleashed the masses to do and what we're gonna take up and continue to do.



1968. Over a million demonstrators fill the streets in support of the Black uprisings in the U.S.

But they hated Mao. They had honey on their lips but behind his back they plotted. And when there was difficulty. When the Soviets went bad, went backward, when the Soviets went back to capitalism. When Khrushchev got up and acted a fool talking about he wanted to go to Disneyland. When all these chumps got there and they said, just like Deng Xiaoping was saying, that revolution ain't nothing more than a chance for us to have yachts like you got yachts, all our people want is to eat goulash, that's all the masses of people want. They go out and work hard, they can't think about nothing more, they don't want to lift their heads up. Just give them a little food like slaves and let them stay in their place. When Khrushchev started running this trash, he said to Mao Tsetung, "You can't stand up and talk about fighting against imperialism and supporting people making revolution all over the world. You can't stand up

and talk about continuing the fight for communism. That's too dangerous. You're going to bring down the imperialists on our heads and on your heads. You're a madman. You're crazy. You're a leftist. You're everything wrong."

And these back stabbers in China, Peng Dehuai—you know who Peng Dehuai was, just a forerunner of Deng Xiaoping—they went behind Mao's back and they went to Khrushchev and said, "We agree with you. This Mao is a madman. He's an idealist. He don't know nothing about reality. He thinks the people care about politics and changing the whole world and being free. We know all they want is a little more to eat."

So they jumped out and tried to knock Mao right out of a position of leadership, but the Chinese people wouldn't stand for it and these revisionists were the ones that got a good ass-kicking at that time. But they plotted. Khrushchev tried to strangle China, pull out all its economic assistance and told 'em, you'll starve, you'll see, without us, without big sugar-daddies from the Soviet Union, you'll be nowhere. Mao told them, you can take your aid and shove it right up your ass, 'cause we'll see who's going to go on and build socialism and advance towards communism, we'll see what is the real strength and what is the real bastion of iron—you and your little flaky machines or the masses of people transforming the world through their tremendous struggle.

So they couldn't knock Mao down, but they encircled him. They tried to hound him every day. They even bugged his office, they even followed him just like these pigs here, and tried to cut him off from the people and cut him off from other revolutionaries. And things got so bad that in the 1960s in China—even while these dogs were still pretending that they loved Mao Tsetung and loved everything he stood for and agreed with his revolutionary line—things got so bad that in most parts of China you couldn't even buy any writings by Mao Tsetung. Why do you think they had the Red Book? Because the revolutionaries had to get Mao's line out to the people. You couldn't even buy it because these revisionists had control here and control there and they'd block everything.

So it had to come to a head and it did come to a head. It came to a head in the Cultural Revolution when Mao said, alright, we'll see. . . you think you've got control over the Party positions, you got the bureaucracy locked up, you're handing out the patronage jobs, well we'll see. We'll see who's got the real power down here when we unleash the masses. And all these revisionists ran for cover like rats and the people tracked 'em down like rats, club in hand. They smashed this dude Liu Shaoqi and Deng Xiaoping they drove 'em out of office, and this dude Lin Biao who turned traitor.

I remember when I was in China the first time in 1971, I went to an exhibit in one of the cities in China and there was this young girl, a peasant girl there in her teens. She lived out in the countryside where, before the Cultural Revolution, there was almost no medical care because all these bigshots like Deng Xiaoping said that the people of the countryside had to wait till they modernized the cities and then they could send some medicine out to them, but in the meantime, let them suffer. If we modernize them they'll all get healthy. But people were dying out there. We're talking about real things. People were dying out there.

This girl had a disease they said was incurable. She couldn't even lie down. She had to sleep sitting up. She was a young teenage girl. And now she had pictures of herself. She had an exhibit. She was exhibiting a lesson in the class struggle. She had an exhibit of what she used to look like because now she was grown and healthy, and the signs of her disease were hardly there. And I remember we listened with tears running down our cheeks when she said, "I hate that revisionist line of Liu Shaoqi. I hate revisionism." Because it was that revisionist line that said let the people, the masses of people in China go to hell, because we're going to modernize the cities

for the advancement of a few bigshots in the city and let the peasants die.

That's what Mao Tsetung and the struggle between revisionism and communism meant to the people in China. It meant things like that on an everyday level and it meant the big questions in society about which road and whether people were going to go forward.

And I remember one more thing in China 1971, there was this group of little kids about 5 to 6 years old. We went to visit a grammar school there. They talk about how terrible the educational system was under the gang of 5. I thought it was tremendous. I had never seen anything like it, because I'd never been to a country controlled by the working class before. And I thought this was the greatest thing an educational system could possibly have been.



Young Red Guards study Mao's Red Book during the Cultural Revolution.

These little 5- to 6-year-olds, and I'm telling you they weren't full grown adults but just like some of these young brothers and sisters around here now—they knew basically what they were talking about and they came out and did a dance about supporting the struggle of the people of the world against imperialism, and they *knew* what the hell imperialism was. If you were to ask some of these fools running around in the press, they could have talked circles around them about what imperialism and politics in the world is.

Now to me, that's education, because when you grasp politics and understand the way the world works and what the real forces shaping it are, you can grasp on that basis everything and move things forward step by step and through struggle. I remember that little dance and again we sat there choking to hold back the tears, and I remember thinking to myself, I would die before I let those imperialists in the U.S. drop bombs on these little kids. Because I know that they hate everything that's going on here and they'd do anything they can to wipe this out, even drop bombs on these little kids. And I remember carrying that feeling with me, but then what happened?

The U.S. imperialists were not able to drop bombs on China, they were not able to wipe it out from the sky or from the outside, but Deng Xiaoping and Hua Guofeng* did it. GODDAMN IT! They did it right from the inside, they did it without bombs having to be dropped. They wiped that out through their back-stabbing treachery, that they carried off in their coup of October 1976. And the hatred, I'll tell you, the hatred that I felt and the feeling that moved me to say I'd rather

die than let them drop bombs on those little kids, I've got ten times that hatred today in my heart. It fills me up with hatred for Hua Guofeng and Deng Xiaoping for wiping out what those Chinese people had gained, for wiping out the future that was being shown brilliantly in the faces of those young kids.

And today, they want to wipe out altogether the banner of revolution. They want to use both sugar-coated bullets and real bullets to wipe out revolution. They want to hold up Deng Xiaoping and Hua Guofeng—I'm talking especially about the people who rule this country and their kind throughout the world. They want to hold up what's happened there and say, "See? Revolution is impossible. Your dreams of being free will never be realized. You will never know what it feels like, not to have to go through this madness." That's what they're doing—they're using Deng Xiaoping.

Deng Xiaoping is talking about modernization and praising the benefits of living in a country like this, an imperialist country. We know what modernization means. Look at Washington, D.C. Here you've got all these *modern* buildings, here you've got all these *modern* imperialists, and the masses of people are living in ratholes, with *modern* rats, *modern* roaches, *modern* landlords, *modern* pigs, *modern* machines exploiting us.

No one has to tell us about the glories of modernization. Does that mean that we are against progress, that we are against modern machines, that we don't want to conquer nature and transform it for the benefit of mankind? Or that we want to see the Chinese people have to continue to suffer under the legacy of being dominated and carved up by imperialists, and the stagnation of feudalism, and what it's left behind in their country? Of course not, and no more did Mao or the other revolutionaries in China. But we know that modernization in order to benefit the working class has got to be carried out by the working class through its own struggle, and more than that, through its own planned and conscious activity, and with it in the driver's seat and in control of society. ■

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Azania On Fire

deepening world economic crisis, (both from their Soviet rivals and, decisively, from the revolutionary harvest they have sown, through decades of bitter oppression of the masses,) these contradictions are getting closer to boiling point.

To look at South Africa and this whole region is to see what a leech and a parasite British imperialism is on the oppressed people. The struggle in Azania has struck a chord in the imperialist centres as well. One youth, speaking about the rebellion in Handsworth, said "It's just like South Africa here. For us we don't see any difference." All those who experience British apartheid in the inner cities, can dance to the same beat of nothing to lose. And to look at the bloody crimes of British imperialism in South Africa, is above all to realise what a tremendous blow the proletariat will strike for sisters and brothers everywhere, when we make revolution in the belly of the beast. ■

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Outpouring Of RAGE

Arresting people on drugs charges is the pigs latest attempt to get more progressive people who are a danger to the state, off the streets. One guy who was brutally arrested - just because he was Black - said: "They grabbed me and started beating me with truncheons and fists. There were some cameramen about and when they came nearer they stopped beating me. On the way the arresting officers were discussing what to charge me with. They were saying they'd do me for drugs and I don't touch them." This incident is in no way an exception. This "war on drugs" is another tactic to enforce bourgeois dictatorship. This event also shows that the police can not always rely on their own media, which supports the pigs by creating public opinion for the state against oppressed nationalities, but which can also turn into its opposite by publishing scenes of police brutality and ruthlessness. In this case the pigs were afraid of their own media. But whatever the media is publishing or keeping away from the public the British state cannot hide its bloody face forever. The people know exactly who the real criminals are.

One of the imperialists many fronts against the masses of people is their current "war on drugs", which in reality is a war on the oppressed nationalities and those with nothing to lose. The attack on people in Notting Hill under this cover or any of the system's other excuses, is just another example of what British imperialism is doing to the oppressed nationalities around the world.

In the face of these violent racist state attacks that are going down, what is needed is not hypocritical - or even well-intentioned - calls for "peace and reconciliation." What is needed is to draw a hard line against white supremacy and to wage a bold, massive, non-stop and uncompromising struggle against this white supremacy and the system that upholds it. Historically among Black people there is a culture of resistance, and among Black youth today there is more and more an ATTITUDE - an attitude of defiance, of contempt and hatred for the powers-that-be. This is a very good thing indeed. It is something that everybody who has no stake in this system should learn from and draw inspiration from. The point is to give this a revolutionary direction - to lead this in going all-out against the system and all its rotten relations - to overthrow this and build something far better in its place. That is just what we intend to do. ■



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