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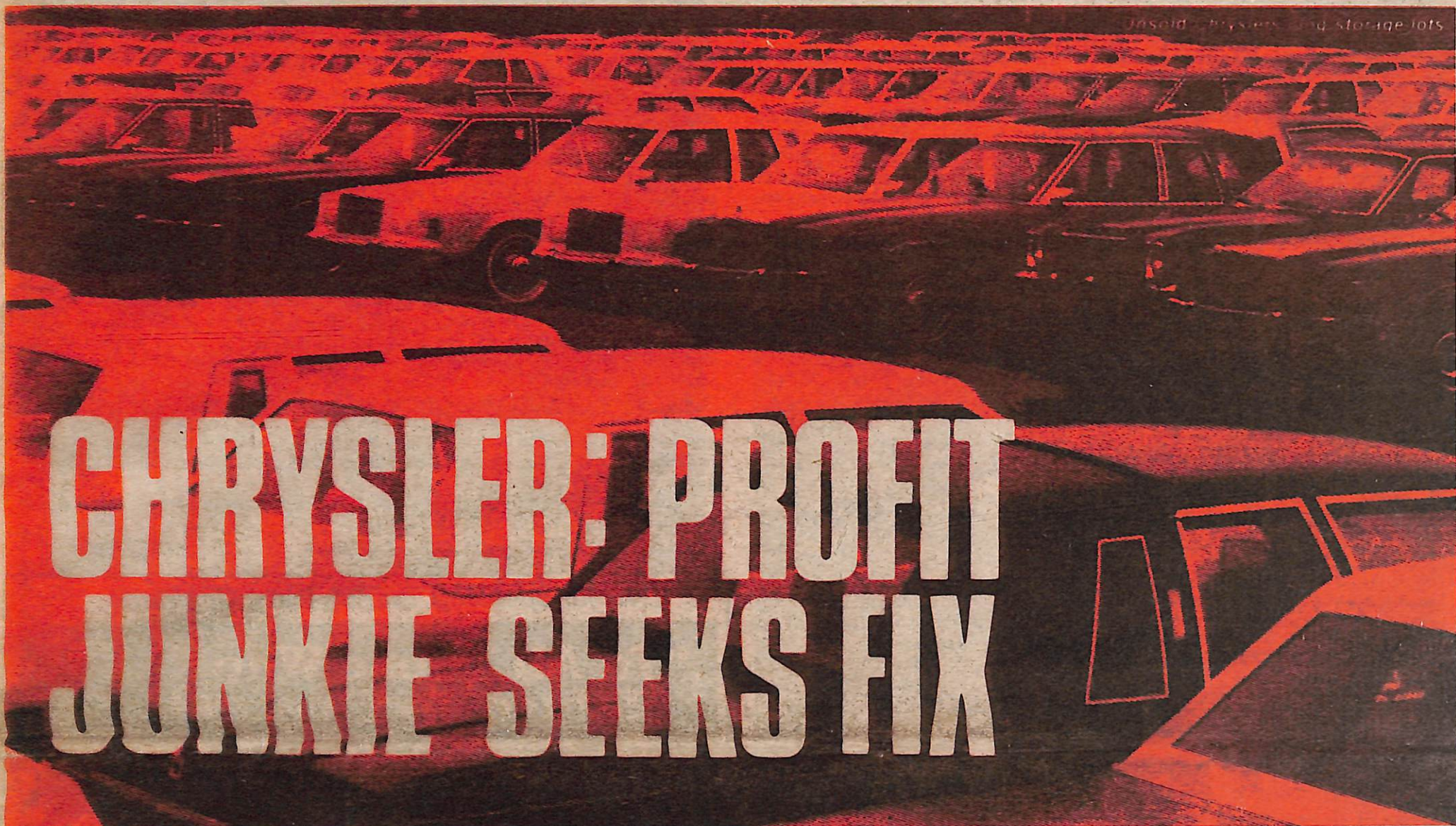
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CHRYSLER: PROFIT JUNKIE SEEKS FIX

The inevitable came on July 31, with the announcement that Chrysler had lost a record \$260 million in the second quarter of this year. This means that in this three-month period, Chrysler managed to lose more than the \$204 million they lost in the entire year of 1978. These developments confirm that Chrysler, 10th largest corporation in the U.S. and once a proud member of the "Big Three," has very nearly run out of gas. The same day Chrysler announced its losses, its ratings in the security market dropped another notch. Now the corporation, already in debt to the tune of \$1.2 billion, will have an even harder time getting credit. Meanwhile, the number of Chrysler's parts suppliers taking out insurance on accounts payable by Chrysler has risen 30% since January.

The capitalist class as a whole is watching Chrysler nervously. In the midst of growing talk of recession, and with economic indicators pointing downwards, a company the size of Chrysler going under would deal a monstrous blow to this increasingly shaky financial structure, sending not a ripple, but a tidal wave through the capitalist economy. Chrysler's problems come at a time when G.M., which has done the best by far in auto sales, is extending layoff periods in many plants across the country. They're putting off introducing their 1980 models several weeks because of their big backlog of unsold cars.

The only recourse for Chrysler is to drastically cut operations, throw more workers into the streets for good, and beg the government for money. After announcing plans to close down the Dodge Main Assembly and the Outer Drive Stamping plants for good, and after laying off 20,000 workers, Chrysler has appealed to the government for a cool \$1 billion in the form of a tax break over the next two years. This, they say, is absolutely necessary to stay

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THE DUKE WAS NUKED

DID ATOMIC FALLOUT KILL JOHN WAYNE? Apparently it did. News reports have linked the cancer deaths of those who worked on the movie "The Conqueror," filmed on location in 1954 in St. George, Utah, to a radioactive mushroom cloud known as "Dirty Harry" that blew over the town, months earlier, after a bomb test by the Atomic Energy Commission at the Nevada Nuclear Testing Site. In L.A., a spokesman for the Wayne family denounced the theory as "absolutely not true." "I don't put any credence in the story," said the actor's son, Michael Wayne, who coincidentally made his acting debut in the picture. Michael says he doesn't remember anything about a bomb test. This is like an ostrich sticking its head in the sand—in this case—radioactive sand.

But the residents of St. George remember. Between 1951 and 1962 they were subjected to fallout from no less than 84 atomic tests. "Dirty Harry," exploded on May 19, 1953, was the worst. It dropped on St. George alone "the highest 24-hour concentration of fallout ever measured in a populated area" according to the AEC—more fallout than the bombs that struck Hiroshima and Nagasaki. One woman said: "I remember the big cloud passing over. My friends remember brushing the ash off themselves as it floated down."

Naturally the papers are reluctant to state that Wayne's death was con-

clusively caused by the U.S. rulers' callous disregard for human life in carrying out their nuclear weapons tests. After all, the Duke spent his whole life on the silver screen creating public opinion for the U.S. imperialists' wars of plunder—wiping out the Japanese in "The Sands of Iwo Jima," the Mexicans in "The Alamo," the Vietnamese in "The Green Berets," blowing them all to celluloid smithereens with practically every weapon imaginable.

But the facts speak stubbornly for themselves. Embarrassingly enough for the U.S. ruling class, the inescapable conclusion is that, thanks to them, the Duke got nuked.

Along with Wayne, his co-stars Susan Hayward and Agnes Moorehead and the film's director, Dick Powell, all developed cancer within months of shooting the film and eventually died. Another character actor in the film, Pedro Armendariz, committed suicide after learning he had terminal cancer. The production manager and his wife, the wardrobe mistress, also died of cancer. And before he died of a heart attack, the make-up chief had to have a cancerous lung removed.

Ironically, the film was a total dud—a B-grade Ghengis Khan movie with Wayne done up with a droopy mustache, slanted eyes and all, that went over like a lead balloon. It was such a flop that producer Howard Hughes bought back the original print and kept it solely for his own personal

viewing. But director Powell was definitely a perfectionist. Before leaving St. George, he reportedly decided to ship several tons of red soil from the site back to the studio to add a realistic touch to the scenes that remained to be filmed.

One scene required Miss Hayward to crawl through a sandstorm while Wayne arrived on horseback and leaped off to rip the gown from her back. It was re-shot six times until Powell was satisfied, as electric fans whipped up an artificial sandstorm and everyone on the set inhaled the lethal dirt. And right in the thick of it was the Duke, playing the role of the "conquering hero," eating radioactive trail dust that would send him heading toward the last roundup.

Not at all amusing, however, is what happened to the others who worked on the film, including hundreds of Indians recruited from the local Chivwit tribe to be used as extras. According to tribal leaders, there has since been a big increase in cancer deaths among them.

The U.S. imperialists poisoned whole towns in Nevada, southern Utah and northern Arizona in their haste to develop nuclear weapons to dominate and exploit the entire world. While the papers claim that "Dirty Harry" swept over Utah as a result of a "freak wind change," secret documents released in Washington last March show otherwise. It seems that those conducting the

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Workers Pledge Wages to —\$1,000,000 FUND DRIVE—

These two letters were written by workers at Ford's Milpitas, California, assembly plant in response to the RCP's Million Dollar Fund Drive. They were printed up and passed out at the factory gates to get others to contribute, too. In the midst of the controversy stirred up on the inside ("Who is really giving money to these communists?") "Lady Biker" made a special point of making it clear to everybody around, "I wrote that—that's me!"

Fellow Workers,

I know where I don't stand. I don't stand with this capitalist system. Starting from the way it messes up people's relationships. Dog-eat-dog.

Until I started reading the *Revolutionary Worker*, I thought people were just screwed up. But reading the *Revolutionary Worker*, I've begun to learn it's the capitalist system that does this. The profit principle runs everything and that's what makes people look out for number one and screw everybody else.

The *Revolutionary Worker* pointed out to me for the first time that world war is coming and now I can see it in every one of Carter's speeches or the major media's headlines. They're saying it without really saying it.

It's important that other people see this, to realize that it's the capitalist system that's responsible for this war. It's not a war for us people—it's a war for their bucks. The *Revolutionary Worker* shows this over and over—these capitalists are fighting to divide up the world. That's why this newspaper is so important. We've got to stop this war before it happens. The *Revolutionary Worker* shows that stopping this war can only be done by stopping capitalism.

It also shows you that there are people raising hell—fighting this system—which the major media won't do.

The *Revolutionary Worker* wakes people up. You read one story in the *Revolu-*

tionary Worker and one in *The Chronicle* [a major San Francisco bourgeois newspaper—ed.] and you combine that with what a person experiences day to day and you can tell who's telling the truth.

I am going to hear Bob Avakian speak this Saturday and will give one half day's wages to support the revolutionary work of the RCP, particularly to spread the *Revolutionary Worker*, so that millions can read it.

M.W.

From a worker at Ford, Milpitas, California

To anyone who will listen,

For years I've been frustrated by our "free," "democratic" society. The treatment in all our dealings with society received by anyone without enough money to buy "approval," "goodwill" or "influence" (whether they be brown, black, yellow, white) doesn't come anywhere near to being just.

Till recently I believed that our society could be changed just by the will of the people within our own system of courts, laws, voting and other legal BULLSHIT. I was wrong!

If we vote in a proposition good for the common people, the rich bastards in charge turn it around so it hurts instead of helps, i.e., Proposition 13. Or if they don't want our vote to count, they ignore our voices—listen only to the broadcast coming from their henchmen and "miscount" our votes—i.e., last union meeting and many other instances can be cited.

I still believe that our world can change for the betterment of the average and lower-class people, but not by the system's "way," which is no way, but by armed revolution of the working class.

I wish there was another alternative but the rich folk who have their boot on our necks aren't going to be swayed by anything less—as they have so often shown us, to them we are less than slaves. For if we starve, they won't feed us, we can go unsheltered in all weather and unclothed and they will not clothe or shelter us—at least slaves had this security!

This society makes anything less than armed rebellion a doomed action.

And the leaders of our society know the rebellion is coming, and are doing their best to defeat it before its beginning. Imprisoning leaders of the revolution, propagandizing and hiding the mess behind a facade of "rightness" for "our own good."

I'm supporting the revolutionary cause by donating one day's pay to help finance expenses, AND I HOPE YOU DO TOO!

"Lady Biker"

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New 3rd
Party

POLITICAL CRISIS HATCHES HOLLOW EGG

The founding of a new political party, the National Citizen's Party (NCP), was proclaimed last week. Its founders, a group of "left liberal" and social-democratic foundations, environmentalists and professional politicians, proclaimed that the new electoral party was needed to counter the prevailing influence of the big corporations in American life, and to fight for the "redistribution of the wealth," tax reform, sane environmental and energy policy, and "overall grass roots democracy."

The formation of the National Citizen's Party, while its prospects for becoming a major force are cloudy at best, is another indication of the steady disintegration of the political system which has served the capitalists so well for so long. The U.S. ruling class has long boasted that its political system is among the most stable in the world. Indeed for a long period the two-party system has served the capitalists fairly reliably as a means for playing tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee with the masses while keeping an iron grip on power.

Unlike European parliamentary republics, we are told, "our system" of only having two major parties both insures that the people have a clear choice—between say, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, the tempting selection of 1976—and that the country will be governable.

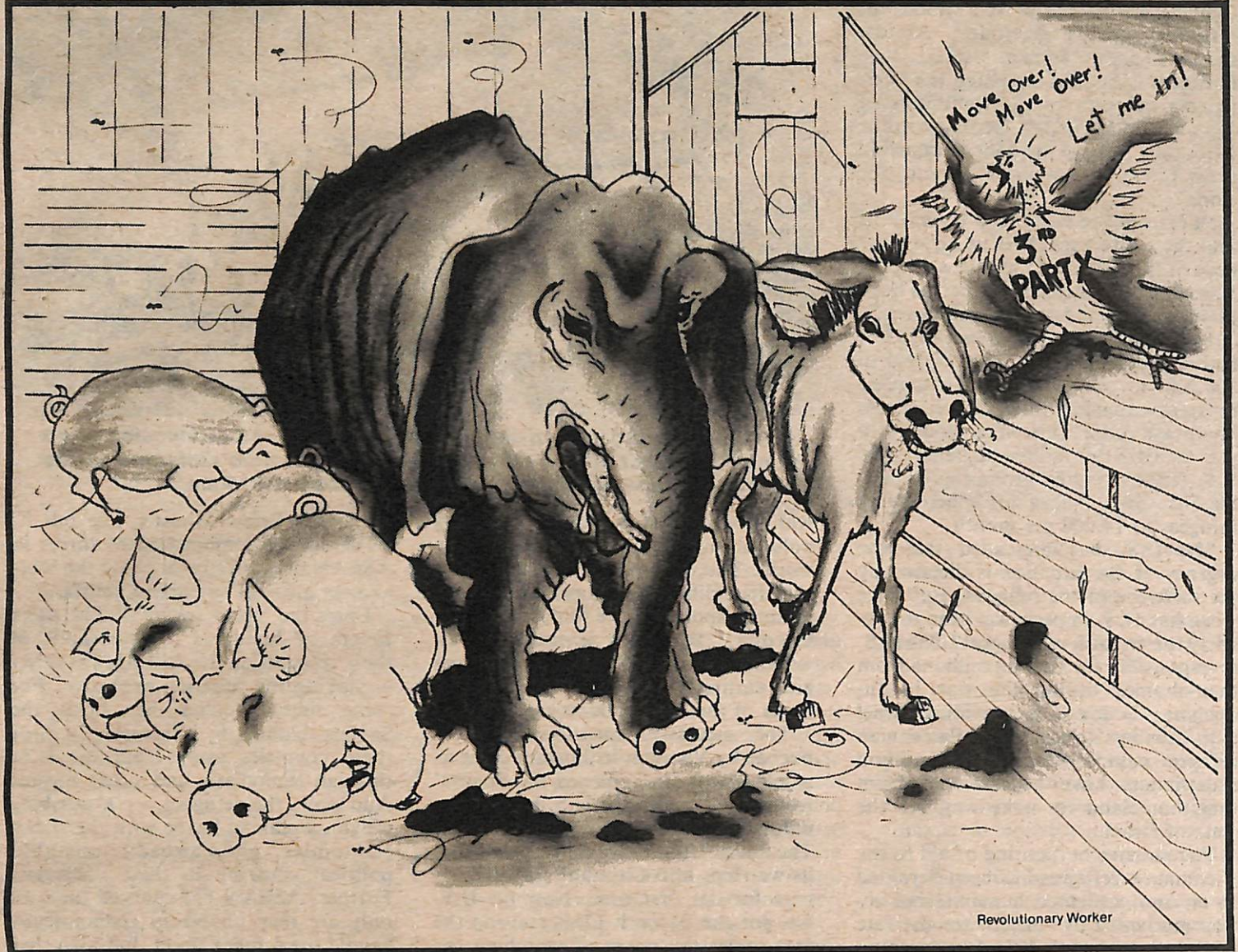
Third parties have played a significant role in American politics, but only as a "pressure valve" to handle social movements in a way favorable to the bourgeoisie. The most successful third party movement in recent years was the right-wing American Independent Party movement led by George Wallace, which was widely promoted by the ruling class during the period of widespread social turmoil in the late '60s. Its aim was to directly attack the social movements of the time. The AIP carried a number of southern states and garnered 13% of the vote in the 1968 election—an unusually large percentage for a "third party" in the United States.

The relative stability of the bourgeois political system in the U.S. has been a simple reflection of the relative stability of bourgeois rule in this country. This, in turn, has been a product of the U.S. capitalists' top-spot in world exploitation. However, the fact is the political system has been under increasing strain for the last twenty years.

The assassination of President Kennedy in 1963 was hardly an example of "orderly transfer of power." His successor, Lyndon Johnson, was unable to run for re-election in 1968 against the flames of Vietnam and the Black liberation struggle. That same year Robert Kennedy was assassinated, just minutes after winning the California presidential primary. Johnson was followed by Nixon.

In 1972 George Wallace, whose usefulness to the ruling class had about run out of string, was also the target of an assassination attempt which left him paralyzed. Nixon won a landslide re-election victory against McGovern—but then Nixon was forced to resign along with vice-president Agnew, and most of his cabinet and staff ended up in jail. Nixon was followed by Ford, who then lost to Jimmy Carter; today Carter's popularity rating, according to the polls, is lower than Nixon's all-time low.

The ideologists behind the formation of the National Citizen's party see the present situation as analogous to the period immediately preceding the American Civil War. The analogy is an interesting one but the main feature of that pre-Civil War period of interest to the National Citizen's Party is the fact that a new party was born then, the Republican Party, which arose to replace the dying Whig Party as one of the two major parties. This is the pro-



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fessed goal of the Citizen's Party today.

The most visible public figure in the new movement is Dr. Barry Commoner, a university professor and environmentalist, and a major leader in the mass anti-nuclear movement. It is likely he will be the party's presidential candidate in 1980.

Though the party clearly intends to draw much of its strength from the anti-nuclear and environmental movements, the programme of the Citizen's party on the whole is based on a return to the classical liberal myth that "government exists to serve the needs of the people." What this means in practice is a return to the era of expensive social programs on the model of the "Great Society," raising the false promise of "more butter, less guns," and various other liberal schemes to "redistribute the wealth." This party also opposes policies such as reliance on nuclear power and Carter's proposed program to lift restrictions on the burning of coal, which are "harmful to people."

No Return to "Great Society"

What those who cherish this social-democratic vision do not realize is to return to the heyday of the liberal social programs (never more than a bandaid on a cancer anyway), it would be necessary to return to the heyday of U.S. imperialism itself. What made it possible for the U.S. ruling class to make certain concessions at home under the name of "social welfare," if not their ability as the world's largest imperialist power to exploit and plunder vast areas of the world? That's where the crumbs came from.

It is no mere coincidence that the period of the most ambitious "social welfare" programs in the '60s was also the period when the United States was entering into its doomed struggle to stomp out the flames of revolution in Vietnam.

The rapid economic and political decline of U.S. imperialism since the '60s, in the context of an intensifying global imperialist crisis, and the rise of the Soviet Union to militarily challenge the United States, has made it necessary for the rulers to snatch crumbs back. Especially today, any hope of making this system "put people first" or "meet

people's needs" is an impossible and dangerous illusion. These same developments make it imperative that the exploitation of American workers be redoubled and that the people "sacrifice" in order to rescue the capitalists from their doom.

One result of this, of course, is increasing numbers of people, perceiving that the government is dropping all pretense of acting in their interests, may conclude the problem lies not in the fact the bourgeois political system can only serve the bourgeoisie and enforce policies dictated by the needs of the bourgeoisie, but that "the people" are not represented in the political arena, that there is no "effective political vehicle" really willing to fight for the people's interests. The development of a populist "third party" today, as in the past, may in the short run be an effective means of playing on these illusions and guiding people's growing discontent and unrest into channels "acceptable" to the ruling class.

Barry Commoner's views are, in fact, of such an "acceptable" sort. He voices many of the frustrations of those, particularly in the middle classes, who feel increasingly crushed under the weight of this system, but see no revolutionary way forward. Commoner, in a recent interview in *In These Times*, pointed to the failure of the mass anti-war movement in the 1960s to achieve any measure of permanent political power or a restructuring of the American political system; he describes this failure to what he terms an "enormous reluctance to engage in the nitty gritty of electoral politics." Commoner says he is determined that this will not happen again in the anti-nuke movement, and that "those of us who want a change in the energy system must create our own political vehicle."

This turns reality on its head—and in a very dangerous way at that. The anti-war movement's greatest weakness was the degree to which it became fascinated with electoral politics—not its reluctance to engage in them. The more it tailed the likes of George McGovern and Gene McCarthy, the more it lost vitality and power and dwindled as a powerful force on the real political stage of this country. Its

greatest accomplishment was the degree to which it broke from the system and led many to question, and even devote their lives to struggle against it. It is sentiments like this that the third party seeks to short circuit and plug back into the system.

Democrats and the Third Party

Whether or not this is the time to launch such a movement has been the subject of bitter debate within the "democratic-socialist" camp, a rather loose array of forces which includes the so-called left wing of the labor movement (led by Douglas Fraser of the UAW and William Winpisinger of the IAM, who is a member of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee and a follower of the bourgeois socialist Michael Harrington) and veterans of the "new politics" reformist wing of the Democratic Party.

The debate centers around, essentially, whether to form a new party or to throw all support now to Teddy Kennedy's expected 1980 presidential bid. In the end, the DSOC and the labor leaders turned thumbs down on the idea of a new party, at least for the time being. The Citizen's Party was further weakened by the fact that the West Coast left wing of the Democratic Party (Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda, and their crew) is firmly committed to Jerry Brown. But the proponents of the new party decided to go ahead anyway.

A few foundations and individuals contributed large sums to start the NCP. Despite its "grassroots" rhetoric, these big contributors were decisive in starting the party and are active in its leadership. The main organizer for the party is Don Rose, a self-proclaimed socialist whose last major feat was successfully managing Jane Byrne's campaign to become mayor of Chicago.

Thus for these "socialists" the issue has boiled down to a tactical question of whether, on the one hand, to form a new party or, on the other, to support Kennedy or Brown. Obviously, what's being discussed here is nothing resembling socialism!

It is in fact possible that this time around, the Citizen's Party will end up merely as a stalking horse for Kennedy

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U.S. Aid to Boat People: An Imperialist Fraud

In a show worthy of Barnum and Bailey, the recent U.N. conference in Geneva focused on the flood of refugees leaving Vietnam. Amidst speeches about human rights, Vice President Mondale compared the Vietnamese refugees to the thousands of Jews who fled Hitler's Germany in the 1930s only to have the door slammed in their faces by countries around the world.

"Let us not re-enact their errors," he told the conference, "let us not be the heirs of their shame." At last, said U.S. *News and World Report*, "there is hope of averting a modern-day holocaust."

By the end of the conference the U.S. had rallied its allies to offer asylum to 260,000 of the 400,000 Vietnamese refugees crowded into camps across Southeast Asia. This went along with pledges of \$190 million in relief. The U.S. led the way by promising to double its own quota of Vietnamese refugees to 14,000 per month.

The U.S. has pretended that the urgency of the situation is dictated by the suffering of the refugees. But since when has U.S. imperialism been touched by the anguish of refugees? The U.S. is responsible for forcing millions from their homes during the war in Indochina. Today it is providing Israel with bombers to strafe the Palestinian refugee camps—almost two million Palestinians have been driven from their homeland to make way for the state of Israel.

The massive outpouring of aid to the Vietnamese refugees has been heralded as an unprecedented humanitarian action motivated by concern for the fate of the "boat people." In fact, nothing could be further from the truth.

The only reason the U.S. has shown such great concern for the Vietnamese refugees and rushed to their aid is because the refugees threaten to weaken key pro-U.S. governments and upset the delicate balance of power in the region. The aid the U.S. has offered is no sign of generosity. Rather it is a cold calculation that picking up the one-half billion dollar tab to resettle the refugees is cheaper than its position in Southeast Asia being further undermined, or worse, losing the region entirely to its imperialist rival, the Soviet Union.

The U.S. and its allies have looked



Vietnamese refugees arriving in San Francisco. U.S. admission is no humanitarian act, it's an attempt to politically isolate Vietnam and the Soviets and build up its own influence in Southeast Asia.

with alarm at the rapidly changing political situation in this part of the world. The U.S. has been planning to shift its military forces away from Asia to hotter spots like the Middle East and Europe. It had already begun withdrawing troops from South Korea and cutting back on military aid to many of the Asian countries.

The successful invasion of Kampuchea by Vietnam in January came as a jolt, for it strengthened the Soviets' hand. In February the U.S. hit back by unleashing China to invade Vietnam. The Soviet Union responded by moving its warships into Camranh Bay in Vietnam for the first time. Now the U.S. has got the Seventh Fleet cruising the area under the cover of searching for Vietnamese refugees.

The situation is tense. Heavily equipped Vietnamese troops still occupy Kampuchea which borders Thailand. The Vietnamese army outnumbers the Thai forces four to one. As one observer said, "If the Vietnamese decide to throw the same invasion force into Thailand as they did into Cambodia the only thing to stop them is Bangkok's traffic."

In fact, there is deep concern among the countries that make up ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations—Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines) that, as

Singapore Prime Minister Lee put it, "There is no combination of forces in ASEAN that can stop or check the Vietnamese army in any urban conflict."

Enter the "boat people." The sheer weight of hundreds of thousands of these refugees on the ASEAN countries is making the situation explosive. For some time, Vietnam has done the Soviets' bidding by attempting to push these countries away from the U.S. through diplomatic and other means. And now, the refugees are a crushing weight, wreaking havoc with the shaky economies and already unstable political situation in these countries. Further, ASEAN has charged that not only are they unable to economically handle the refugee flood, but also that the Vietnamese have planted agents among the "boat people" to infiltrate and spy.

"The crux of the issue is that the flow from Vietnam is no longer just a humanitarian problem," editorialized Malaysia's main newspaper, "it has become as much a weapon of war as that of bombers. The security threat posed by the influx of Vietnamese along our valuable coastline...has come home to the government even if most long-distance Americans are still unaware of it." The Philippine prime minister summed it up, "ASEAN is on red alert."

Up until now ASEAN has been a loosely-knit organization committed in words at least to staying non-aligned (although its member states are individually clearly tied to the U.S.). The crisis in the region has forced ASEAN into a much tighter bloc with the U.S. firmly at its head. The countries have been strengthening their defense alliances; all except the Philippines have expressed willingness to help Thailand if attacked.

The U.S. has backed them up by increasing military aid, especially to Thailand. Secretary of State Vance has pledged that the U.S. will aid any ASEAN member attacked by an outsider. As an added measure, the withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea has drawn to a halt, leaving 32,000 to maintain a U.S. military presence in Asia.

Just how hot Southeast Asia has become was underscored at the economic summit held in Tokyo in mid-June and attended by the U.S. and its major European allies together with Japan. While energy was top on the agenda, the Vietnamese refugee crisis was a close second. The allies' joint statement added the usual comments about it being a "humanitarian problem of historic proportions," and then got down to their main worry—the situation "constitutes a threat to the peace and stability of Southeast Asia."

In order to diffuse the political situation there, the U.S. has moved with urgency to deal with the refugee crisis. It has pressured its allies, particularly Japan, to share the burden. As of the beginning of July, Japan had accepted only three refugees. It has now done an about-face—offering to pay for half of the U.N. cost, approximately \$105 million.

In addition, the political necessity of taking the refugees off the hands of its Southeast Asian allies has provided the U.S. with an opportunity to score some political points and mobilize some badly needed public opinion. The media has been filled lately with the "two sides" of the debate—either it is American freedom rescuing the refugees "who'd rather die at sea than

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A Public Letter to My Parents

This letter was published in the newspaper of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB). It was written by a 15-year-old brother in the Ohio RCYB. He was recently dragged from out of a dormitory at Kent State, after the pigs had surrounded the dorm. He was taken off to jail, and later put in the "custody" of his parents. Then his parents gave him back to the pigs who put him in a detention house. His "crime"? Walking on the Kent State campus, which they are calling "criminal trespass." He is now on two years probation in the state of Ohio, with three conditions on his probation: (1) he has to listen to everything his parents tell him, (2) he cannot set foot on the Kent State campus (he will be arrested on sight if he goes there), (3) he is not allowed to have any communication with the RCYB.

I hate all the shit that comes down. If you're young you have three choices: you can go to prison, you can slave in a factory, or you can go overseas and fight and come back in a green rubber body bag. You, my father, view me as a house slave and a tax deduction. You're just like a pig. You told me that if I ever got picked up, whether I did anything or not, I was going to spend four days in solitary in the detention house. I didn't think they'd let you do that but they did. I still had some illusions that there still might be some justice and shit. But that ended pretty quick. When I saw Binder (the Kent State administrator) he said I was disrespectful, that they'd press charges. You said that because I live under your roof, I should be what you want me to be and live up to your expectations. You want me to be a clone. You always compare me to some kids down the street who go to bed at 9:00 and get straight A's. They're just machines. When I went to juvenile court I wanted to yell out, "Mr. Judge, the next time I come here I hope it's to burn this place down!" After all this I want revolution more than ever. I'm not going to follow your rules. I'm going to be worse than I was before. In the detention house all I thought about was how to get out. When you looked outside all you'd see is barbed wire. I didn't have any lights in my cell. No one had lights. And you could taste the drugs in the food. Since I was in their little prison I hate them even worse, the capitalists. Without them I wouldn't have had to eat that shit. I think tons of people are in the same position I'm in. Look at Bob Avakian. I'm going to do more revolution than I did before. Me and my friends are going to step up agitation. Last year I was scared, but I'm not any more. What else can they do to me? They can kill me, but if they do I'll take three of them with me! It's Binder and the capitalists who's scared. First they tell us we're insignificant. Then they call you, then the police. They must be really scared because I think people can make revolution. We get duped. Like at school, even though we know all the things they threw at us is shit. It's brainwashing, it's like putting a tape recorder to our ears. I'm not sorry I got into revolutionary stuff. The RCYB is great. It's the only organization other than the RCP that's really revolutionary. If I didn't get into revolution what would it say? I'd be like one of their little robots.

an RCYB member, Kent, Ohio

SALT II Style Disarmament

A-MISSILES TO EUROPE

Aug. 7—The *New York Times* casually reported this week that the Carter administration has presented a proposal to allied governments calling for the deployment in western Europe of hundreds of U.S. nuclear missiles capable of hitting the Soviet Union. These would be the first USSR-targeted missiles stationed in Europe in 20 years. If the plan is accepted, the new missile force will be made up of ground-launched versions of the new Cruise missile, as well as an improved model of the Pershing ballistic missiles presently based in Europe—both with a range of over 1,000 miles and deployed on mobile launchers.

No doubt all this is what "peace-loving" Jimmy Carter and the U.S. imperialists meant when they said that SALT II would "lessen the danger of nuclear destruction" and provide "a more stable, predictable and peaceful world"!

This outrageous plan for nuclear

escalation only too vividly illustrates that SALT II, far from limiting the arms race, is in fact a cynical smokescreen for the spiraling war preparations of both superpowers. As the U.S. rulers get ready to go down in the big one—World War 3—they are arming themselves and their allies to the teeth. That this question of world war is an urgent one is underlined by the haste with which the imperialists are moving. With the ink still wet on SALT II and the treaty not even yet ratified, they are already pushing for allied acceptance of this latest plan to deploy medium-range missiles in Europe by the early 1980s!

The plan, of course, is being put forward in the name of "countering the enemy's build-up"—a time-tested means on both sides for lining up the masses behind the arms escalations of their own ruling class. The rationale of the new proposal, we are told, is to offset the recent deployments of Soviet SS-20 medium-range missiles aimed at Europe. These are not covered by SALT since they are not technically "strategic" (i.e. intercontinental) weapons. And the 200-600 new U.S. missiles to be deployed presumably will not be covered by SALT II either.

The "European proposal" is the latest fruit of the SALT II "disarmament" process which has already brought us the U.S. decision to deploy the MX mobile missile and the launching of the first heavily-armed Trident submarine. It is part of sharply increased efforts by the U.S. imperialists to reinforce its NATO forces in western Europe over the next five years. They have already earmarked over \$5 billion for stockpiling weapons in Europe (referred to euphemistically as "prepositioning material") for the years 1980-1985. They want to be ready on the spot for war—and soon.

But this latest plan is the most blatant move yet by the U.S. imperialists to come down the pike. It would give the U.S. the capacity to deliver large numbers of nuclear warheads to Soviet territory directly from continental Europe, a military advantage that will up the ante for the Soviets in any nuclear exchange. And by planting several hundred Soviet-targeted nukes on American bases right on the front lines, the U.S. rulers are signaling the Soviets that they are not about to give an inch in Europe—a prize coveted by both superpowers for its strategic importance to the rest of the world—and that even a conventional Soviet thrust there will risk an all-out nuclear exchange between the U.S. and the USSR.

Of course, the U.S. plan to place these missiles in Europe will not necessarily be smooth sailing. According to the *New York Times*, U.S. officials are worried because "allied political leaders are concerned about domestic opposition to the idea of allowing the U.S. to target the Soviet Union from European soil." Last year, widespread protests forced the U.S. to delay production of the neutron bomb, as allied leaders were put in the position of being unable to support it openly.

Obviously the masses of people in the western European countries are not exactly thrilled about the brand of "security" the U.S. is offering. In the event of war, the mobile launchers would move off their American bases and roam around the European countryside to escape possible Soviet attack. The very presence of these missiles at all will only make massive destruction more probable by putting western Europe that much higher, on the Soviets' nuclear hit list!

This political dilemma explains reports that west European governments are "ambivalent" over the medium-range missile proposal. Even faithful U.S. ally West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has said that Bonn would only go along with the idea if other governments allowed the missiles on their territory. He also suggested that deployment would be okay if coupled with "an arms control offer to Moscow aimed at limiting medium-range nuclear systems." Limit medium-range missiles by deploying them in the hundreds? Come again? It sounds all too familiar—like an instant replay of SALT II—disarm by arming to the teeth. Take your choice, the U.S. rulers are saying—between greatly increased war preparations, or even greater war preparations, the likes of which, incidentally, are becoming rather difficult to imagine. ■

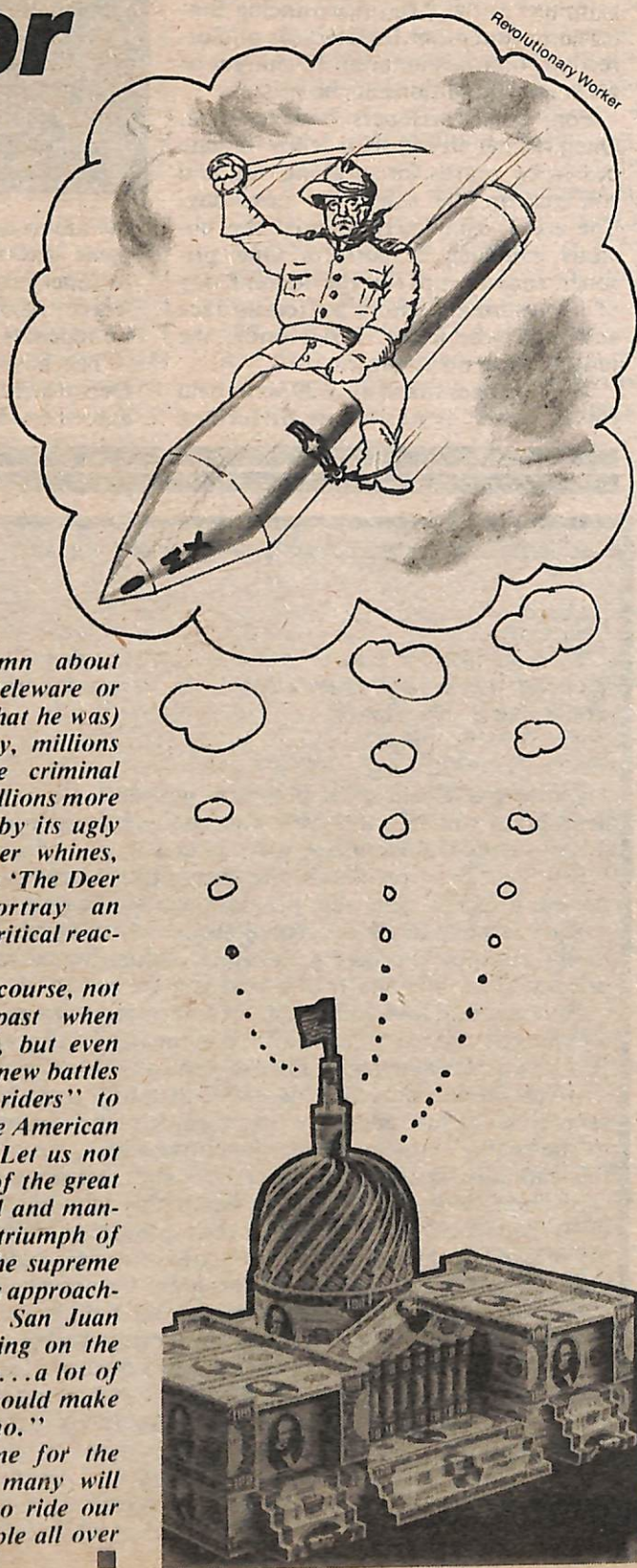


Search for a Rough Rider In the Sky

People don't give a damn about Washington crossing the Delaware or Lucky Lindy (fascist punk that he was) crossing the Atlantic. Today, millions burn with hatred for the criminal system we live under, and millions more are sickened and disgusted by its ugly deeds. The Newsweek writer whines, "Even when a rare film like 'The Deer Hunter' attempts to portray an unabashed war hero... the critical reaction is mainly carping."

All of this moaning is, of course, not simply longing for the past when America was in its heyday, but even more is a call to prepare for new battles—a call for new "rough riders" to come forward to fight for the American empire against its enemies. Let us not forget the immortal words of the great Bull Moose himself, "moral and manly" Teddy Roosevelt: "No triumph of peace is quite so great as the supreme triumph of war!" The time is approaching for a "new charge up San Juan Hill." The rulers are banking on the fact that "Given the chance... a lot of guys in mines or factories would make that ride back into the Alamo."

Well, when it comes time for the showdown, we'll see how many will "ride back" with those who ride our backs and the backs of people all over the world. ■



"Where have all the heroes gone?" laments a recent spread in Newsweek magazine, as it longs for the good old days when U.S. imperialism was on the rise. The "heroes of the Alamo," the "brave men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima," and men like Teddy Roosevelt—now these were "real men." They were willing to sacrifice their lives for the "greater glory" of God and American domination of other countries. They covered themselves with the "glory" of conquest and the blood of those they conquered. Newsweek tells the story of Jim Bowie (a wealthy slaveowner) at the Alamo. Here was a true hero. Even on his deathbed he had himself equipped

with an ample supply of guns and knives so he could slaughter as many soldiers of the Mexican Army, whose land these "freedom fighters for the Republic of Texas" were trying to steal, as possible. The writer comments, "Even in death... Bowie was surrounded by an eloquent heap of enemies. Will a modern hero ever capture a moment when a body count will seem eloquent?"

But alas, where are such men today, weep the butchers in business suits. "Why, our kids can't even hear the hoofbeats of the Alamo." The old legends portrayed so dutifully by John Wayne don't get over so good anymore.

Walpole Prison: Rebellion in Hell

Sunday, July 29, Walpole Prison, Massachusetts—Cellblock 9 prisoners seized 4 guards hostage. When prison Superintendent Fred Butterworth came to try to rescue his men, they grabbed him too. They acted fully aware of the repression they would face.

That afternoon Mrs. Campion had come to visit their son in block 9. She could see him through the bars and was walking toward him when a guard told her to go back to the waiting room. Her sons and other prisoners called out to her not to go.

Mrs. Campion had already been turned back once before that week because a metal detector went off when she passed through. The guards demanded she strip down and undergo a skin search. She refused to be humiliated. She knew she carried no contraband and that it was the guards who had set off the metal detector just to harass her and her son. They refused to allow her to visit her son.

This time as she hesitated, not wanting to do anything that would set the guards on her son, yet seeing him call to her, the guards hustled her out. This was the last straw. Within minutes Cellblock 9 was in an uproar—the guards were overpowered and taken hostage.

This act of defiance came hot on the heels of the defeat of a prisoner lawsuit. The federal court had slapped Walpole prisoners in the face, pronouncing Butterworth and other Department of Corrections officials innocent of charges of inhumane conditions at the prison.

For weeks prisoners had testified. One prisoner would see a fellow inmate beaten by guards for speaking out, and still get on the stand the next day. The court completely ignored the obvious evidence of torture. One prisoner showed up for the second day of his testimony with a puffed-up face and in a wheelchair. His Honor, the judge, made no comment.

The hostages taken July 29 were held for 11 hours. It was a case of turning



the tables on the taskmaster. An agreement was finally signed between the prisoner representative and Butterworth, recommending more visits and no reprisals.

The hostages were released and the Department of Corrections kept the agreement for about as long as it took



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These photos were taken at Walpole Prison in April by a Revolutionary Worker photographer when the press was admitted to the prison for the first time ever. They were taken in Block 10.

(above) Food and garbage were thrown on the floor by prisoners in a protest against the guards messing with their food. Many prisoners get sick from the crap that is put in the food.

(left) Building a "rat wall" to keep out the rats.

Butterworth to get back to his office. On the question of visits Department of Corrections spokesman Larry Parnell said, "If prisoners had their way, we'd just open up the gates and let everyone in."

As for the no reprisals part of the agreement—there was an immediate

shakedown and lockup, beatings and intimidation. The mother of one inmate said, "Their lives are on the line. Butterworth is going back on his word." The acting commissioner of corrections, Meachum, cynically responded, "Butterworth had no authority to make any promises."

This letter was received from a prisoner in Indiana:

July 27, 1979

Dear Editor,

I would like for you to print my article titled *Know the Enemy: De-program Yourself Whenever It Is Possible*. If the *Revolutionary Worker* is free to prisoners I would like a subscription.

Know the Enemy; De-program yourself! Once you reject this system and de-program yourself, then you will see just how serious "the struggle" is. After all, this system of government was created by the enemy—by means of revolution. When we talk of revolution the enemy calls us radicals, racist, terrorist, etc., etc. Believe it or not, you were programmed by the enemy.

All you have to do is become aware. When you become aware that the enemy hasn't stopped murdering, abusing, colonizing, exploiting, and putting you in prisons; then, you will realize that you are not "free."

How can you love your enemy??? The enemy writes down in a book and tells you all kinds of nonsense about a "pie in the sky" and you go for it. The enemy taught you how to go along with his program—by using trickery and terrorism.

If you are too smart for his tricks, then he'll try to bribe you and scare you at the same time. If that doesn't work, then, it's—prison and/or death!

The enemy is the multinational corporations, the enemy is the rich, the enemy is this capitalist system. The capitalist only cares about making money. They don't care about who will freeze to death this winter—or any other winter. If they did—they would not have pulled the oil shortage trick. We all know that all it's doing is making them richer and making us poor people suffer even more. But, yet, and still, you go along with the program.

This capitalist system doesn't care about JUSTICE. They tell us that this is a land of liberty and justice for all. I say—Bullshit! If that was the case I wouldn't be in prison. The enemy got you programed to disco. This doesn't only secure and serve their main purpose (\$\$\$), but it also keeps you asleep while they continue to commit all sorts of atrocities against not only Black people, but, poor whites, and minorities.

This is just some of the tricks and trades of the enemy. So de-program yourself and become aware of THE ENEMY. In order to win—you must know your enemy!!

A Luta Continua,
K.H.

Louisville Cops Knock Out Black Man's Eye

Louisville, Ky—"I've never had strong faith in the system. This system is primarily for the rich man. It's a capitalist system. Some people call this country god's gift to man, but to many people this is a hell-hole life on earth." The *Revolutionary Worker* was interviewing Fred Harris, a 23-year-old Black man who was speaking from experience. He had gone through hell on June 19. He brought to life the verse in Gil Scott-Heron's poem, "The mother-fucking dogs are still in the streets."

Fred told us what had happened on June 19. "I was driving my brother's car home, I noticed the police car behind me and spotted the car in front of my house. There were six cops in the car. They got out. One asked me to open the trunk of my car. I did. One cop said, 'This is the tire,' then asked me about some stolen shoes. He looked down at my feet and said, 'These are the shoes.' I asked to talk to my mother. They said no.

"At that time I was handcuffed, then a cop named Peter Whittaker grabbed my right arm, turned me around and beat me in the stomach with a long flashlight. I raised my leg to stop the licks and he broke the flashlight on my knee. They pushed me into a police car and Whittaker hit me in the eye with the

pieces of flashlight. I was screaming for my mother, bleeding and vomiting.

"They drove to a lot near my house and called the crime lab to take pictures," Fred continued. "After they saw me they didn't take pictures. I kept gagging, I was sick to my stomach. Whittaker told me, 'Nigger, if you vomit in this car you will lick it up.' When I got to the hospital the doctor asked them to take off the handcuffs. The doctor asked what happened. Whittaker told him, 'The nigger stopped my flashlight.' The doctor told me my eye had to be removed."

After the pigs had knocked out his eye Fred was charged with stealing parts of a junk car that had been sitting abandoned for a year and had been marked "junk vehicle" by the city. He was charged with theft, receiving stolen property, criminal mischief, possession of burglary tools, assault, resisting arrest, driving without a license and running a stop sign.

Pete Whittaker is still in the street charged with nothing.

Fred spoke bitterly about this kind of justice, "If this is the type of treatment a person has to expect then they should take the lawyers, the judges and shut down the courthouses and let's hold court in the streets." He spoke of



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 (above) Prisoners find ways to communicate between cells. Here a mirror is used to see down the hall. The ropes going from cell to cell are strips of bedsheets used to pass messages.



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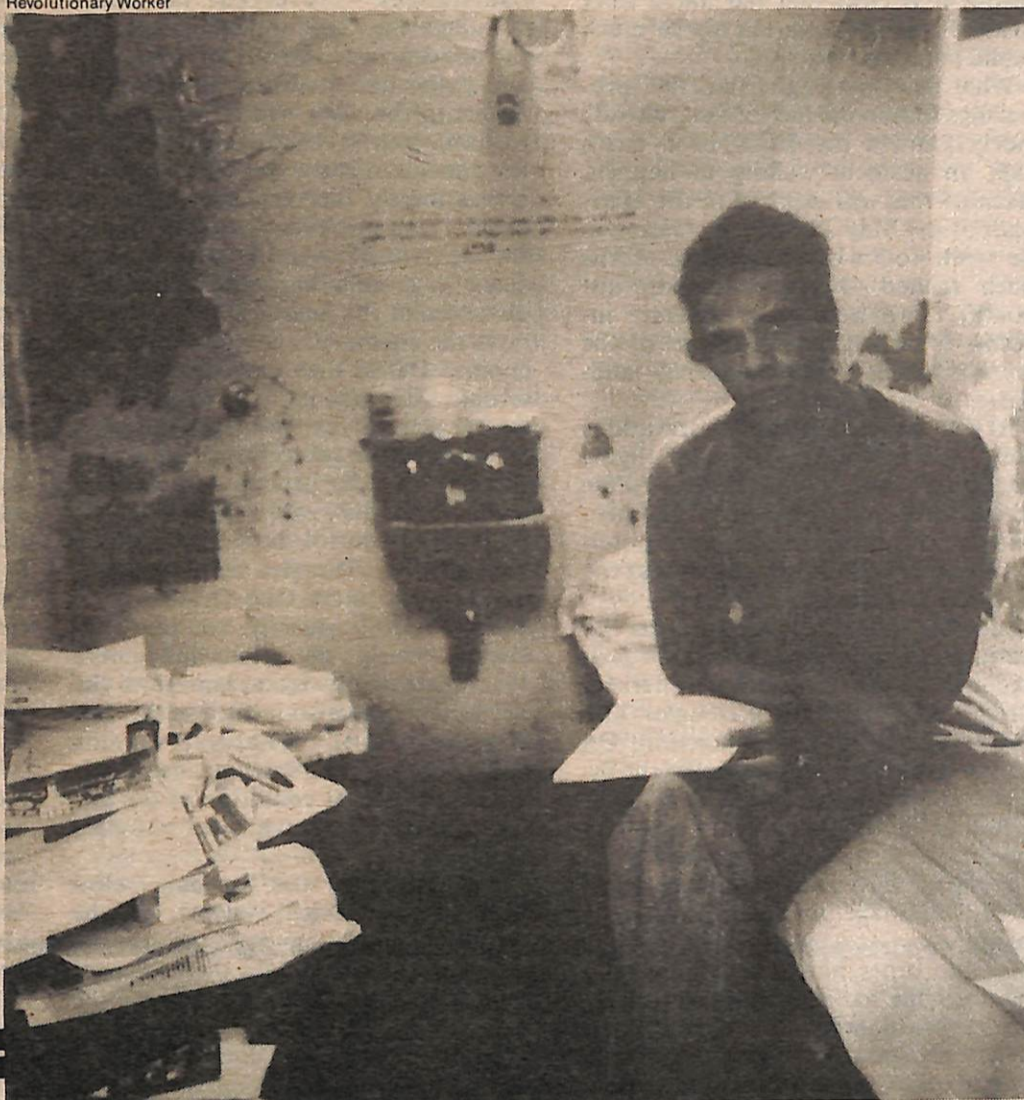
(right) Typical cell conditions in Walpole. And they wonder why there's rebellion.

Four men in Block 9 refused to take food for fear it would be poisoned. After a day with nothing to eat or drink the guards brought them some "orange juice." But in a few hours they were retching their guts out.

An affidavit from one of the men involved, Joseph Nichols, describes how, two days after the hostage-taking, he was brought in chains to a hospital because of chest pains. "In the car (guard) Collin said to (guard) O'Neill, 'Take the long way back. Maybe Mr. Nichols will try to escape and we can shoot him.'"

The Department of Corrections is out for blood. They are seeking to indict 8 men most active in the hostage-taking. There is no question how the judge will rule in these cases.

The action of the men in Block 9 was the act of relatively few prisoners but it represented the sentiments of all. Walpole has its notorious Block 10 where the Massachusetts Department of Corrections tries to isolate its most rebellious prisoners, but as one of the prisoners in Block 10 wrote to a *Revolutionary Worker* correspondent, "When I speak of prison, I don't mean it as just a place that imprisons me. It's really a small country or world—we're all separated but there's one common enemy who keeps us apart and encourages conflict. They make billions of dollars by keeping us confined and divided, paying us slave wages. We are a miniature U.S., our struggle is the same as the people out there." ■



July 13, 1979

I am a prisoner at the Kentucky State Reformatory. I would like to make an appeal to the people to contribute to the prisoner literature fund.

In this prison like most prisons in this country, the prison library is very inadequate to suit the needs of the revolutionary minded prisoner. The administration tries its best to keep revolutionary material out of the prison library, but the road to the revolution has already been laid in the prisons and is generating everyday.

I make this appeal for every prisoner that is confined in this country and I ask support from the people. So that the light can shine behind the prison walls.

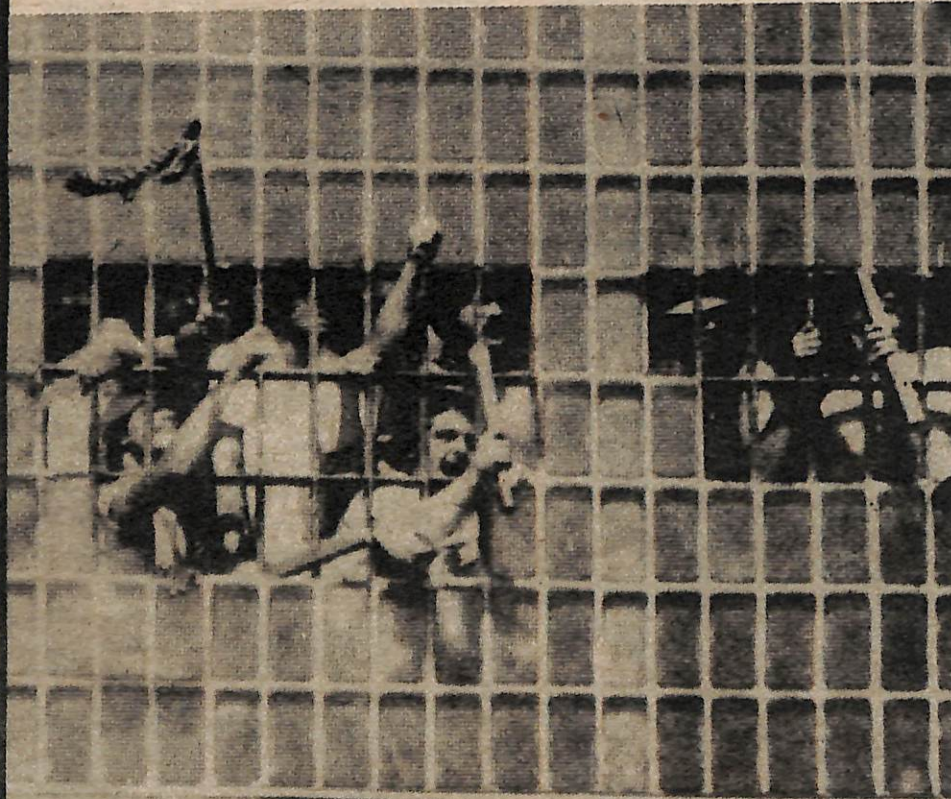
May peace and blessing be upon you.

Yours in Revolution, M.S.

revolution, "I'm ready for revolution and the revolution is the only way out. It's the only solution in this country—uncut, live, in color revolution."

And he had some words for the readers of the *Revolutionary Worker*, "The power is in the people. We should never give up no matter how slight the advancement or major the victory. It is only a battle. Until the war is won, commit yourself physically, mentally, spiritually and financially to the struggle." ■

Shine the Light of Revolution Behind the Prison Walls



Rebellion in NYC Tombs, 1970

Contribute to the Prisoners Revolutionary Literature Fund

The Revolutionary Communist Party receives many letters and requests for literature from prisoners in the hell-hole torture chambers from Attica to San Quentin. There are thousands more brothers and sisters behind bars who have refused to be beaten down and corrupted in the dungeons of the capitalist class and who thirst for and need the *Revolutionary Worker* and other revolutionary literature. To help make possible getting the Voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party as well as other Party literature and books on Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought behind the prison walls, the *Revolutionary Worker* is establishing a special fund. Contributions should be sent to:

Prisoners Revolutionary Literature Fund
 Box 3486, Merchandise Mart
 Chicago, IL 60654

Feds Cover DC-10 Cracks With Whitewash

Chicago, Illinois. Only minutes away from the site where 273 people plunged to their deaths in the crash and explosion of American Airlines Flight 191, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) opened hearings on July 30 into the cause of the worst airline disaster in U.S. history. These hearings which involved the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the NTSB, the McDonnell-Douglas Corp. (manufacturer of the DC-10), American Airlines, several unions and others, are still in session as we go to press.

They have been billed as a fact-finding investigation to uncover the truth of what happened in order to correct any safety problems and prevent loss of life in the future. But as the proceedings unfold, with a string of faceless corporate executives and their hired "experts" all testifying that "everything is fine" in the airline industry, it is clear that the stated lofty goals of this investigation are so much public relations crap.

What is emerging from the proceedings flies in the face of facts already widely known: the DC-10 is a death trap, an accident waiting to happen. Much of this was exposed in the aftermath of the May 25 crash. And even in the week following the lifting of the much lauded DC-10 grounding last month, there were three separate incidents of various malfunctions of the aircraft which caused emergency landings.

If you have made any reservations lately, you will notice that some flights are conspicuously booked up, while others are conspicuously empty. Evidently the public hasn't yet responded favorably to industry claims that the DC-10 is "cleared for takeoff."

So it is against this backdrop that the hearings are unfolding. The main protagonists in the drama are American Airlines and McDonnell-Douglas and they are caught in a contradiction. On the one hand, it obviously serves the interests of both American and Douglas to come away from the 191 wreck with a clean bill of health—to emerge from the disaster with as little exposure, and as little damage to their profits, as possible.

On the other hand, both American and Douglas are sorely aware of the millions of dollars of lawsuits that have already begun to roll in, and are therefore slinging a limited amount of mud at each other in order to fix the blame. The result of all this has been that the framework of the hearings has been largely limited to discussion of the particular crack in the particular pylon of the particular DC-10 that went down at O'Hare, while at the same time all concerned agree that the DC-10 and air

travel in general couldn't be safer.

McDonnell-Douglas Safety Manager Dave Gillis warbled about how the accident was a "one-in-a-billion" occurrence that happened under "bizarre circumstances"—a fluke and nothing more. The reasoning goes like this: since it is "highly improbable" that such a fluke would recur, there is no need to take any preventive measures, there are no safety defects in the DC-10, there is no need to re-design or change any aspect of its structure. In fact, the attitude among the corporate wheels of mutual congratulation and back-patting for the "marvelous safety record of the airlines" hangs so heavily in the air that the chairman of the hearings has been compelled to occasionally rebuke the witnesses with comments like, "Please, remember we lost a lot of people in this one."

What exactly are the "bizarre circumstances" referred to here? Although the most shocking aspect of the accident was the loss of the engine and pylon (the structure attaching the engine to the wing which was revealed to have been cracked), this itself was not enough to cause the crash. Instead, it was merely the incident which triggered a series of events leading to total loss of control over the aircraft. This chain of events has been completely dismissed at the hearings.

As the engine/pylon structure of the doomed DC-10 flew over the wing two seconds after takeoff, it damaged a slat, the mechanical extension of the wing activated before takeoff to give the plane enough "lift" to get into the air. Hydraulic lines and cables housed within the wing to control the slat's operation were severed. The slat blew shut at a critical point in the takeoff causing the plane to roll sharply to the left. Simultaneously, the pilot's instrument panel blacked out from damage to the electrical wiring also located in the slat. With the loss of critical stall warning and "slat disagree" instruments to alert him to the actual condition of the aircraft, the pilot had no hope of making a recovery.

The failure of the hydraulic, electrical and mechanical systems, and the fact that no back-up systems were activated to compensate for these failures, again raises serious questions about the safety design of the DC-10.

But none of this has been looked into at the hearings even though aircraft are supposed to be designed on the principle of "redundancy," meaning that if one system fails another will automatically take over. McDonnell-Douglas has repeatedly denied the need for any improvement whatsoever and American Airlines has concurred.

But was this chain of events a "one-

in-a-billion" chance occurrence? Not according to the Airline Pilots Association which, through persistent questioning, has been responsible for the little exposure that has leaked out of the hearings. They showed, for instance, that failure of the DC-10 electrical system has happened before, blackening out the pilot's instrument panel. This and other previous failures of the hydraulic system were viewed as irrelevant at the hearings.

Also viewed as irrelevant have been the 40 other cracked pylons discovered during the grounding of the DC-10s, except for a few cracks located in the same spot as the accident aircraft. Further, the FAA, McDonnell-Douglas, and American have all disputed or ignored the testimony of a NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) expert that more study should be done on the effect of gust loads (pressure from strong winds) as a possible link to the cracks found in different areas of the pylon structure.

With the lawsuits in mind, both American and Douglas have employed all kinds of specialists to cook up vast quantities of test data which, predictably enough, have come up with completely contradictory results, each proving conclusively that the other guy is to blame. Douglas asserts the cause of the crack is American's unauthorized, faulty maintenance procedure, while American claims a design defect in the pylon is what causes cracks to occur during maintenance.

To bolster its argument against American and, to single out the pilot of 191, a McDonnell-Douglas "expert" testified that in tests conducted in a simulator by the FAA, NTSB, and his own company, supposedly reproducing the same conditions facing the crew of Flight 191, somehow pilots managed miraculously to recover the plane in a "majority" of cases.

But the simulator tests where recoveries were successful relied heavily on the pilot's stall warning device, conveniently ignoring the fact that it was inoperative for the crew of flight 191 because of the electrical failure. Even after their own tests showed the crucial importance of the stall warning device, McDonnell-Douglas still refused to admit that a more sophisticated back-up system is needed to prevent failures.

And what about the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the agency responsible for enforcing airline safety? The FAA has agreed 100% with Douglas that these systems are sound and need no changes (except for some minor ones in the pylon). Since the FAA is little more than a rubber stamp for the decisions made by the airlines,

"Cleared for takeoff"

The DC-10s are flying again. Thanks to tests, inspections, and exhaustive investigations have reconfirmed the complete airworthiness of the worldwide fleet.

So now the DC-10 is back in the air, where it belongs, serving people. An every travel agent knows, this is good news. Since its introduction in 1972, the DC-10 has carried more than 220 million passengers and flown almost two billion miles. Today, it flies people to more places more often than any wide-body jetliner. It's an essential element in the world's transportation system. It's needed—and it's on the job, filling that need.

We at McDonnell Douglas know that these past weeks have been difficult ones for travel agents. We know you've had a big job, helping your customers reach their destinations with minimal inconvenience. We appreciate your efforts. We're happy to be back, helping you serve the public.



The DC-10
MCDONNELL DOUGLAS
On 1175 ft. Low Altitude

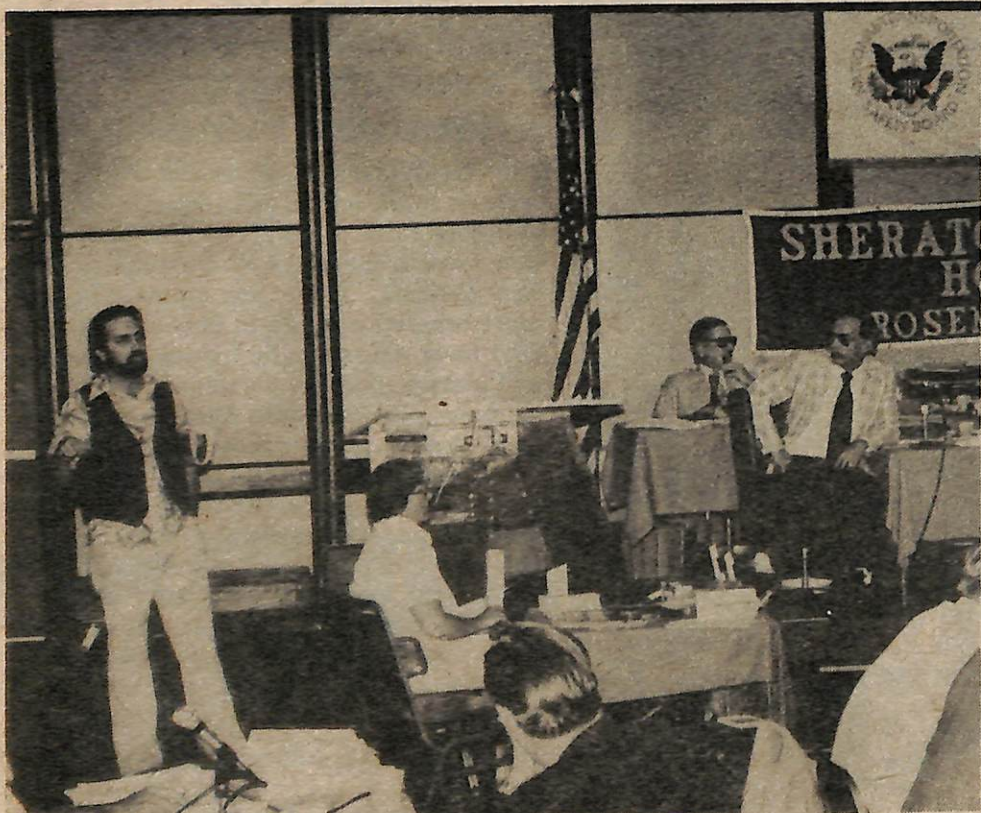
Ad prepared by McDonnell Douglas for publication in August travel magazines confidently anticipated the government whitewash of the DC-10 disaster—cleared for takeoff.

this is hardly surprising. The FAA's inspection force is so small they rely on "designated engineering representatives" (DER).

The DERs serve two masters, working both for the FAA, which does not pay them, and for McDonnell-Douglas, which hires them, pays them and can fire them. The engineering reports of the DERs are rarely checked by the FAA, and sometimes a DER is even charged with checking his own work. It is based on this kind of cozy relationship that the FAA has given its official blessing to the DC-10 systems in question.

While the charges and countercharges of the NTSB hearings may ultimately result in either American or Douglas assuming a portion of the legal suits (or, of course, they may result in officially exonerating both corporations of any wrongdoing), it is obvious that the whole thing amounts to a complete whitewash of the glaring safety hazards of the DC-10.

Why? For Douglas, any further questioning of the use of this aircraft could spell financial ruin. The company must construct and sell at least 150 more of these aircraft just to pay back creditors and break even. The same financial considerations are true for American Airlines, not to speak of the other carriers whose fleets are comprised of large numbers of DC-10s. The open collusion between these corporations and the government agencies and bureaucrats means that no NTSB hearing will ever reveal that the fiery deaths of 273 people in May had only one true cause: profit.



RCP member, whose brother was killed in the DC-10 crash, disrupts the well-orchestrated NTSB hearings. He denounces this so-called "investigation" as a whitewash and a fraud by the airlines and the government.

Oil Import Figures Doctored for \$\$

Recently officials in the Department of Energy, poring over the figures they collect, noticed an interesting fact. Their measurements showed that an average of 6.244 million barrels of foreign crude oil per day were imported to the U.S. this year. But at the same time 6.466 million barrels per day of foreign crude were reported arriving at U.S. refineries during the same period.

In other words, U.S. refineries have supposedly taken in 222,000 barrels a day more of foreign crude oil than came into the U.S. in the first place. This amounts to a total of 2.5 billion gallons "extra" of foreign crude. How could this happen?

No great mystery. Oil companies simply take cheaper, price-controlled domestic crude oil into their refineries but label it "imported" so they can charge the higher price that foreign crude brings. This little rip-off adds \$2 million per day to the price that people have to pay for oil products.

Of course this revelation goes against the line of "blame OPEC for higher prices and everything else" that the U.S. bourgeoisie has been pushing. But they have come up with a way to explain it.

Inspectors from the Customs Bureau have traditionally measured oil imports by actually taking measurements either on shipboard as the oil arrives or at storage tanks ashore. But in June the administration ordered Customs to stop measuring the oil. The Customs Bureau issued new regulations saying that now they would accept reports from the oil companies on how much is being imported.

This should effectively eliminate any embarrassing differences in the figures concerning foreign crude. And it also provides reassuring evidence of the tender solicitude of our rulers as they work night and day to make sure their slaves don't get too upset by knowledge of these little contradictions.

U.S.A. World Champion Extortionists or

How To Use Food As A Weapon



U.S. capitalists have used food as blackmail against other countries for years. Recently they have become more bold in their extortion schemes. Bumper stickers like the one above were distributed earlier this year in an attempt to win mass support for their strongarming.

"Cheaper crude or no more food" and "a bushel of wheat for a barrel of oil"—these have been slogans floated by the U.S. ruling class as they try to whip up hatred for OPEC and take the heat off themselves. They try to get over with the line that the U.S., as the major exporter of grains and foodstuffs in the world, can retaliate against the oil-producing countries by the use of its food exports.

Their aim in all this is far more to stir up backward ideas against "foreigners" than to actually *do* something new. The bourgeoisie has no intentions of *starting* to use food as a weapon—in fact, they have already been doing this for years.

Emerging from World War 2, the U.S. was the most powerful imperialist country, and also the world's biggest food-producer. In U.S. imperialism's attempt to subjugate the whole world, food played a vital role. As Hubert Humphrey said at the time: "I have heard... that people may become dependent on us for food. I know that was not supposed to be good news. To me that was good news because before people do anything, they have got to eat."

One of the main instruments for their food-as-a-weapon scheme was the "Food for Peace" program. This was instituted in 1954 as a way of dealing with "surplus" agricultural production—surplus, of course, not in terms of people's need for food, but in terms of making a profit from its sale. This was advertised by the imperialists as a great humanitarian effort, but in fact it was a weapon against the people of the world, wielded with cold calculation.

When the U.S. wanted to bring South Korean troops into the Vietnam War to make it seem that it wasn't just a war of U.S. imperialism against the people of Indochina, how did they do it? Using "Food for Peace," they gave the puppet South Korean government food, which was then sold to pay for the Korean troops in Vietnam, thus hiding U.S. financing of these troops.

When the U.S. wanted to buy up Anwar Sadat and put Egypt squarely under the thumb of U.S. imperialism, one of their means was 200,000 tons of grain which were sold to Egypt at lower rates under the Food for Peace program. This was intended, as then Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz pointed out, to help stabilize the shaky Sadat regime by providing the Egyptian president with the means to feed the hungry (and more to the point, rioting) masses. Of course, today overall conditions in Egypt are worse than ever.

When the U.S. was working to bring down the Popular Unity government in Chile in the early 1970s, withholding food was one of the imperialists' methods. Later, after the bloody coup in Chile, they helped prop up the fascist regime there by funnelling in food under this "humanitarian" program.

No Give-Away

And most of the food under this program has not been given away, by any means. In this as in other "foreign aid" programs, much of the aid simply has represented sales arranged on a government-to-government basis. In the case of food, the U.S. finances deals between the big grain traders in this country and importers in the recipient countries. And when it gets to these countries, of course, it is not distributed to people who are hungry, but sold in commercial markets to those who can afford it.

Like any imperialist program, this one operates with no regard for the needs of the recipient countries in even the most immediate terms. For example, in 1974 Bangladesh (then under Soviet influence) asked for 100,000 tons of wheat; instead, they were shipped 50,000 tons of rice, costing them three times what the same amount of wheat would have cost. As an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture said of the program: "Our primary concern is commercial exports." So besides its use as an imperialist tool of reward and punishment, the "Food for Peace" program has also represented a government-arranged and subsidized means for the U.S. agribusiness cor-

porations to rake it in through commercial sales.

These sales abroad hardly benefit small farmers in the U.S. While food prices have been rising astronomically, the amount the farmer receives has actually *declined* in many cases, and in the rest has held even or barely risen. The result has been large numbers of farmers out of business entirely, and others pushed to the wall—a fact dramatized in recent years by militant demonstrations on their part. Those who have particularly benefited have been the agribusiness corporations, the giant monopolies which dominate every aspect of food production in modern capitalism.

Steal It, then Sell It

These companies increasingly control agricultural production not only in the U.S. but around the world. And, in fact, they are often directly responsible for international starvation and malnutrition. For instance, U.S. corporations in the Philippines have bought up huge areas of prime farmland to grow bananas for export to Japan. Some of the Filipinos who once grew their own food there now work on the plantations for \$1.50 a day. Out of

this so-called "wage" they must buy food grown elsewhere. Still others who used to farm these areas are now completely unemployed.

The corporations which take over the land once farmed by peasants are not particularly interested in feeding people, of course, but only in their profit margins. The result has been that over the past 20 years, the diet of the bottom 40-60% of the world's population has actually been getting worse. To give a striking example, meat production in Costa Rica increased 92% from 1960 to 1970, but per capita consumption in the country went *down* 26%. In other areas of the world there has been mass starvation.

These agribusiness companies (like General Foods, Ralston-Purina, or Continental Grain) have been special beneficiaries of government programs in food and agriculture, but they're not alone. The whole U.S. imperialist ruling class has benefited and used the programs to increase their domination over the world. In recent years, since the early '70s it has been in the interest of these rulers to phase out "Food for Peace," and try to eliminate entirely any "giveaway" aspects the program ever had.

"Food growing is the first thing you do when you come down out of the trees. The question is, how come the United States can grow food and you can't."

—Daniel P. Moynihan, speaking to underdeveloped countries when he was U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

This is only a particularly grotesque example of the type of thing the U.S. rulers like to put out. Good old American hard work and ingenuity make U.S. agriculture so productive, they say, and everybody else could do the same if they'd only buckle down to work and learn from the American Way.

This argument is a lie and a fraud. True U.S. family farmers and farmworkers have worked hard, but so do millions of laboring people on farms in every other country. This doesn't make for the difference. In the first place, the U.S. has particularly good natural conditions for agriculture. Even Earl Butz, who usually likes to spout the chauvinistic line given above, was forced to admit on one occasion that "The U.S. has

the largest contiguous land mass of fertile soil, good growing climate, and adequate rainfall of any place on earth."

But this, although important, is by no means the whole story. The U.S. was born and grew where the then new and growing system of capitalism could develop relatively freely without having to fight in most areas against the old system of feudalism. Since feudalism was a system in which the ruling class (the aristocracy) derived its power from its control over the land (which was farmed for them by serfs or peasants), feudalism was able to hang on to a greater or lesser extent in the European countryside long after capitalists had become the new ruling class. These feudal (or semi-feudal) production relations held back the development of agricultural production; but in the U.S. agriculture was able to develop basically free from the fetters of these old social relations. The only place this was not true was in the South where sharecropping—basically feudalism—hung on after slave days. At that time capitalism was actually a new and progressive system; now, like the feudalism which it replaced, it has long since outlived its usefulness and acts as a

brutal and heavy chain holding back the progress of mankind.

What we have now is *monopoly capitalism*, which is the same as imperialism. And imperialism, as it reaches into the underdeveloped countries of the world, actually tries to *preserve* the feudal or semi-feudal set-up which it finds in the countryside. The imperialists find it in their interest to make an alliance with the old landlords who crush the peasants into the dirt. Thus it is none other than the imperialists themselves who are responsible for preserving and even increasing the agricultural backwardness of the underdeveloped countries. And then these same bloodsuckers try to blame it on the people of these countries, whom they ruthlessly suppress whenever the people rise to break this system.

Charity or an Economic Trap?

The reason for this shift of emphasis has been the economic crisis of U.S. imperialism, and the need to try to maintain a balance of trade, selling as much overseas as is imported into the U.S. Agricultural products were what the U.S. could most readily find a market for on the world scene, and so the commercial export of food was greatly emphasized.

At the same time, the ruling class hoped that increased control of the world's food markets would further shore up the domination of U.S. imperialism. As Earl Butz put it: "Agri-power will become important in future diplomacy and the United States is the custodian of agri-power in the world. We must keep it that way."

Or as Hubert Humphrey said in 1974, "Food is power. In a very real sense it is our extra measure of power."

It was around the same time, coming off the "energy crisis" of 1974, that the bourgeoisie began to sloganeer about food as a weapon against OPEC. To quote Butz in 1976, "There is a new dichotomy emerging in the world—that of petro-power versus agri-power."

The idea that he and others were trying to put over was that the U.S. had been a softy for too long—sugar-daddy for the world, giving away food right and left—and now everybody was taking advantage of poor old Uncle Sam, what with OPEC and everything, so the time had come to buckle down and get hard-nosed, using U.S. "agri-power" against these ingrates. Poor old Uncle Sam!!! Blame the foreigners!!! The shameless hypocrisy of these self-seeking bloodsuckers would make Dracula turn green with envy.

A story from Chile before the fascist coup there in 1973 sums up "Food as a weapon" quite well. A sympathetic American reporter was visiting there and staying in a dormitory where Chilean revolutionaries were living. He noticed "Food for Peace" sacks in the corner of the room and asked these revolutionaries what they thought about this U.S. program.

They answered, "We are very grateful to the U.S. This is the best thing they have ever done for our country, for all of Latin America." The American reporter couldn't believe what he was hearing. Chilean revolutionaries, fighting U.S. domination of their country had *this* to say? Then they continued, "These sacks are the best damn cloth we ever had for cleaning our guns."

And to add one more injury on top of insult, countries like these are the source of much of the highly touted "U.S." food production today. Vegetables grown in Mexico, fruit in Central America and the Philippines—all of this and more ripped off and claimed as yet another product of this "great American system."

SPEAKING OUT IN LYNCHING TOWN

After the article titled "Lynching 1979—Ugly Mark of Slavery" appeared in the July 27 issue of the Revolutionary Worker, reporters went back to Chester, South Carolina and uncovered more about the brutal slaying of Mickey Poag and countless other attacks against Black people, by an organized "hit squad" of reactionaries.

Chester, South Carolina. One of the young Black workers who found Mickey Poag's body has not been able to forget the horrible sight of a chain around his neck and ropes tying his legs. To her, it looked like his mutilated body had been dragged behind the car to the dark farm road and ditched there. County hospital workers who had seen Mickey Poag said they could only imagine what a cruel death he must have suffered. His own cousin, a hospital employee, was so broken up by what her fellow workers told her, that she could not make herself go identify Mickey. This has been the kind of outrage and sorrow that many Black people in Chester have felt since the lynching of the 17-year-old youth, last May 11. He was murdered because he was seeing a white woman.

But others have had a very different reaction. Springs Mills, the second largest employer in the state, opened wide their arms and welcomed back Harold Leonard, the father of Mickey Poag's girlfriend. Right after Mickey was murdered, Leonard, mysteriously left town for awhile. He is now back on the job and he has even got a promotion! Country sheriff Bobby Orr called off any investigation into the youth's murder after only questioning this man. The local newspaper's editor put a stop to his reporters investigating the death. And an airtight cover was put over the coffin of the murdered youth.

But leaks are springing up

everywhere. An influential Black man in Chester told a reporter for the *RW* some of the truth that the authorities are trying to keep buried with Mickey Poag's body.

O.L. Stroud is the local coroner and also works at a Ford dealership. With his signature on Mickey's death certificate, he finally has given someone a good deal—the ruling class. No medical autopsy was even done!

The well-to-do Black mortician said publicly that he can't remember what condition Mickey's body was in. Privately, though, Chris King tells his friends he would like to see some justice, but only after he's elected to the state legislature.

Several Black cops who saw the body have said there is no way the youth could have been killed by a car (the official story). They even say there was no search of the scene of the crime. In fact, the body was moved to the hospital before the coroner saw it.

These new facts have come to light along with bitter tales of other recent brutal murders of Blacks, and whites, who dared to break some of the traditions of slavery that are so dear to the hearts of Chester's ruling class.

Stories were told about a white woman, Ann Wilson, who was taken out of the mill one day in a supervisor's car, past the guard gate, then whipped and beaten to death—all because she was going with a Black man. We were told about the Ku Klux Klan that used to have its meeting hall at the edge of the largest Black neighborhood and regularly burned crosses to terrorize Black people. One woman told us that people in her apartment had stayed home for two days when a cross was burned there. Many other stories came out about Blacks who were brutalized and murdered—a Black woman raped and hanged, a Black man whose head

was cut off in a fight over a white woman, another Black woman whose arm was cut off. All of this in the 1970s.

The mother, father and brothers of James Franklin (a Black youth who was lynched in 1976) told us the horrible story of his murder. He was found mutilated with a dog leash around his neck—and his death was officially declared a suicide. Young James' body was found only one week after Mrs. Franklin had received a death-threat phone call because he was going with a white girl.

In a long discussion about the source of these and similar outrages, Mrs. Franklin asked the *RW* reporter, "Do you know why Blacks and whites keep going out together? 'Cause there ain't nothing wrong with it."

But, for some die-hard reactionaries who are so thoroughly blinded by their own backward stupidity, so completely emersed in the bowels of the bourgeois ideological bondage of racism, a statement such as that of Mrs. Franklin's is enough to incite them to pull the noose from the closet.

A letter has been received by the *RW* titled "Sex Discrimination among Blacks and Whites in the City of Chester, South Carolina." The young Black woman who lives in Chester writes, "I'm mostly speaking on behalf of the brutality among Blacks in Chester and other cities and towns. For hundreds of years the white master was having sexual relationships with the Black female who was working for them in their home. The Black female also had a family by the white master..."

The roots of these continuing incidents of blatant murder in Chester and elsewhere are pointed to in this letter. This is the legacy of slavery—the "acceptable" notion that a white man can do anything he goddamn well pleases with a Black woman while, on the

other hand, a Black man even casting eyes at a white woman is a crime punishable by death.

The appearance of the *Revolutionary Worker*, and especially the article exposing the murder of Mickey Poag, has made a deep impact on the town of Chester. As the newspaper was being sold in an integrated apartment complex, the mere sight of it invoked the wrath of one reactionary couple. They called the police and upon arrival, the cops threatened to arrest everybody if one more copy of the newspaper was sold. At that point, about thirty people came out of their apartments and stood around the *RW* representatives. Many more than that, including whites, stood nearby watching. The cops scurried back to their cars and two workers stepped forward and bought copies of the newspaper right under the noses of the police. Then the couple who called the police got back to their apartment as the group marched over to confront them. One youth waved a copy of the *RW* in the woman's face and yelled, "This paper tells the truth!"

In another of the numerous incidents sparked by the *RW*, one young worker posted the article on the company bulletin board in the very mill where Harold Leonard was rehired!

Chester, South Carolina, a rural mill town of 7,000. A town where in the 1940s five young Black brothers, the Griffen brothers, were tried, convicted and executed for supposedly raping a white woman. The Chester town officials held a memorial ceremony only a couple of years ago for these brothers. What did the city fathers say? Those days are gone forever. Chester has moved into the ranks of civilized society.

This ceremony was held only one year after the lynching of James Franklin and two years before the lynching of Mickey Poag. ■

Carter Leak: 1980 Unemployment 8.2%

The official Carter bedtime story about the impending recession runs like this: there will be a brief, mild interruption of economic growth, and "energy spasm" caused by that nasty OPEC. Nothing much to worry about folks.

But in the corridors of the White House where this stuff is made up for public consumption the picture doesn't look so rosy. On July 27, a confidential, revised economic forecast intended for internal government use only, drawn up by the same top economic experts who had officially predicted a mild recession only 3 weeks earlier, was leaked to the press. The unemployment rate will hit not 6.7% as publicly estimated but 8.2% by fall of 1980, the report said. Since World War II the official unemployment rate has topped 8% only once—at the height of the '74-75 recession when lines wound around blocks in front of unemployment offices in many parts of the country. An official figure of 8.2% would mean roughly 8 1/2 million people out of work, half again as many as are currently unemployed.

This contradiction of the official story was released as political infighting over economic policy sharpened up. The economic experts were rumored to be using the report as ammunition in pushing for a tax cut. Coincidentally, their predictions hit the papers on the same day the Republicans issued their campaign proposal for a tax cut to "provide jobs" through the old trickle-down routine.

But, while the economists gazed into their crystal balls in Washington, the

very week the report was issued brought fresh evidence that the illness of the crisis-riddled economy and threat of rising unemployment went far beyond any of their cures. The auto industry, often a bellwether of recession, increased nationwide layoffs, and Chrysler Corporation, openly threatening to fold, sent out thousands of "your temporary layoff has been changed to indefinite" telegrams to workers' homes. ■

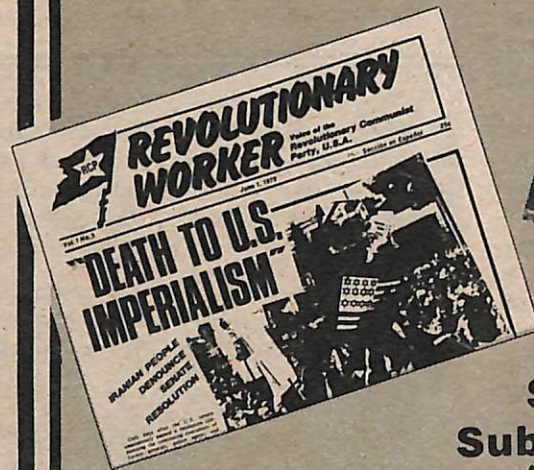
Boat People

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live under communism" or the flip side that has been getting more and more air play lately, "keeping those damn foreigners out, they're just taking away our jobs." Both these reactionary arguments fit in perfectly with the propaganda needs of the U.S. at this time to whip up a big America-first patriotic sentiment as they prepare for World War III.

The U.S. is playing the humanitarian role to the hilt. In a late-night performance at the White House Jimmy Carter joined a demonstration in support of the Vietnamese refugees saying, "We are going to let the Navy ships and planes find them and pick up the boat people. We are going to let the whole world know that America has a big heart." But as its actions in Southeast Asia and its moves toward world war show, the "big heart" of U.S. imperialism is the kind that needs a big stake driven into it. ■

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Jesse Jackson Preaches U.S. Gospel

When Jimmy Carter sat down with the Reverend Jesse Jackson on "THE MOUNTAIN" last month, the "moral and spiritual crisis" generally known to be the topic of discussion at the meeting was apparently broadened to encompass similar problems elsewhere. Shortly afterward, Jesse was off to South Africa to deliver what the press has described as a spirited message of pride to the Black people of that country. But far from the image assigned him of the American Black militant gone to raise hell with the South African racist government, Jesse Jackson carried out the latest errands for the U.S. imperialists.

It is true, as has been widely reported, that Jesse made several speeches in South Africa in which he labeled the white settler government a "terroristic dictatorship" and likened its apartheid policies to the "ungodly acts of Hitler." He also made vague statements indicating his displeasure at the continued presence of U.S. corporations in the country. But it is no accident that he was permitted to say things that, as the *New York Times* put it, "could have put a local Black leader in prison." He was even allowed to blast out on the state-controlled broadcasting network.

The South African government naturally resisted Jackson's trip at the beginning. But then, through direct intervention from the U.S. State Department, a permit to enter the country was granted.

Pretoria had little choice in the matter, and when you get down to it, little to worry about. Jackson wasn't setting out to raise an army to overthrow the regime. He was simply putting a little pressure on the South African government on behalf of the U.S. ruling class. South Africa's ugly appearance has needed a face lift for some time. And the message of Jackson's journey was that the government had better speed up the construction of a facade of liberalization which would make U.S.

relations with South Africa easier for the world to swallow.

Jesse Jackson was careful to couple his call to oppose South African oppression with calls to Black people to be non-violent. In a national liberation struggle against a vicious, heavily armed white settler regime, such calls to "peace" are nothing short of calls to suicide. This is the kind of influence Jesse Jackson seeks to win for the U.S. inside the Azanian movement.

Jackson's trip actually fit in well with the ruling South African National Party's new policy of granting a few minor concessions to urban Blacks. The party has, for example, recently given "legal" status to thousands of Black workers who had illegally moved into the cities from the impoverished Bantustans in order to find work. Of course, none of these minor concessions has made any fundamental change in the system of minority rule nor will they in the future.

The sham nature behind Jesse's trip was further revealed in the "direct political action" he took in Johannesburg. He called for "unity" among various reformist and religious forces that claim to be in the struggle to end apartheid.

But even the individuals who attended the meeting he organized for this purpose recognized the difficulty of such a "united front." This was because Jackson had also invited Zulu Chief Buthelezi, a notorious pro-imperialist and agent of the South African government. Chief Buthelezi supports the infamous so-called Black "homelands" being set up by the government and opposes any mention of the withdrawal of foreign capital from South Africa.

Later in his trip, Jackson had a meeting with Pieter Koornhof, the government minister responsible for "Black Affairs." Jesse described him as a "courageous man" for whom he had "high regard."

Bootlicker Visits South Africa



Jackson's antics earned him the sharp denunciations of a number of freedom fighters throughout the country. One leader from Soweto, where Jackson had spoken decked out in a red, white and blue track suit, blasted Jesse as a "diabolical western agent" and as Jackson continued to snuggle up to various reactionaries, he became increasingly exposed.

Now that he's come home, it's clear that Jesse Jackson's South Africa trip has put a little militant oomph into his reformist image here in the U.S. But besides rendering a substantial service to himself, he has performed an even greater service to the U.S. imperialists. ■

Chinese Beat African Students

Racism Restored with Capitalism

Black African students in China took to the streets of Peking recently demanding an end to racist attacks, some demanding to go back to their home countries rather than face continued harassment in China. The demonstration was sparked by a series of incidents, the sharpest one at the Shanghai Textile Institute, where an African student was severely beaten for refusing to turn off his radio while some Chinese students were cramming for final exams.

The following day, the Chinese students put up a poster at the institute denouncing all the African students there. When some of the Africans tried to tear it down, fighting broke out, continuing on and off for 36 hours. When it was all over sixteen Africans and an undetermined number of Chinese were hospitalized, some seriously injured.

The racist attack in Shanghai had been preceded by a similar attack in Nanking. Only three days before the Shanghai incident an African medical student was arrested and subsequently deported because he was going out with a Chinese girl—"insulting" her, the authorities called it.

All this crap has provided a field day for the bourgeois media that have covered it in this country. The capitalist press has pointed to these incidents as "proof" that racism is just as big a problem under socialism as it is under capitalism, that it's all part of "human nature."

But this bull turns everything upside down. Socialism has been destroyed in China. These racist attacks are nothing

but the more ugly marks of capitalism being restored. Exactly the same thing happened in the Soviet Union when capitalism was restored there in the late '50s. African students were insulted and repeatedly attacked in Moscow and other places.

Even the immediate situation that led to the Shanghai incident—students cramming for exams—didn't exist when Mao was alive. These kind of exams were done away with during the Cultural Revolution. Students were led on the revolutionary path of studying in order to benefit working class revolution and society. They didn't frantically cram their heads with things in order to claw ahead of each other in a rat race for privileged positions.

Revolutionizing education was one of the main focuses of the Cultural Revolution, and Mao was bitterly opposed at the time by the very forces who now rule China and promote competition and "getting ahead" as the law of society and a way of life.

These Shanghai students reportedly grumbled about the foreign students having better housing and better food than them. The whole disgusting scene reeked with the petty jealousy and self-centeredness of people who want to lord it over others. They would have been denounced when Mao was alive. Then there was less concern about how good your living quarters were and more concern about how well you were able to serve the people. Students combined study and going out among the masses of workers and peasants, not only to learn from the practical experience of the masses, but most of all

to learn firsthand what Mao called the "most important subject"—the class struggle.

Spitting on Internationalism

During the fighting at the textile institute, some of the Chinese students shouted "Black devils, you're living off the sweat of the Chinese workers." When Mao's line was in leadership, in the spirit of solidarity with the oppressed people of the world, especially in the countries under the boot of imperialism, China invited foreign students to come get an education that would enable them to return home and make greater contributions to freeing and developing their countries. This was part of proletarian internationalism—the spirit of communism. Because of this, while in China these students were treated as guests, and as a rule they did live slightly better than the average Chinese. Revolutionaries always fought for the understanding that China's revolution was only one part of the world revolution and that China should help all progressive forces in the world as part of the struggle against imperialism.

But there were always those who opposed such things. There were always those, especially among the top party bureaucrats, who felt their sons and daughters should have special privileges and who resented them being sent into the countryside to learn from the masses. There were those who put China—a bourgeois view of a rich China—first and above all else. To hell with the rest of the world's peoples' struggles. There were those like Teng

Hsiao-ping who fought tooth and nail against the revolutionary line of Mao Tsetung, and who were the main targets of the Cultural Revolution. Now that they hold power in China, it is no wonder that they allow racism and every other form of backwardness to flourish. As part of wrecking socialism and restoring capitalism, nearly every spontaneous bourgeois me-first ugly thing is being unleashed. These new rulers strut around like peacocks, trying to play the part of superpower bigshots, and in the process they are fostering the same kind of chauvinism toward the peoples of other countries that the Chinese people themselves were once victims of.

Before liberation, when China was under the heel of imperialism, there was a park on the Shanghai waterfront with signs hung out front by the oppressor that read "No dogs or Chinese allowed." How long will it be before the gates to the Shanghai Textile Institute bear the sign, "No dogs or Africans allowed"?

When a group of African students complained to Chinese officials last spring about the increasing hostility they faced, they were told that "racism doesn't exist in China." At a recent session of the National Peoples Congress, revisionist party chairman Hua Guo-feng went so far as to deny that the capitalist class still exists in China! The current rulers are trying to deny what everyone can see. They have every interest in hiding such things. To admit them would mean exposing themselves—the new chieftains and promoters of capitalism. In Mao's time these bourgeois things were exposed before the Chinese people so they could be the forces of struggle to suppress and uproot them. The rise to power of revisionism in China, just like in the Soviet Union, has given full reign to all the ugly features of capitalism, including racism, that were fought against tooth and nail under the revolutionary leadership of Mao Tsetung. ■

Workers Testify on Na

The atmosphere was electric in the Los Angeles Civic Center Auditorium as the first leg of the nationwide speaking tour of Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party came to a close on the West Coast. Slowly a 90-year-old man made his way to the literature table at the back of the room. He took a long look at the Chairman. Then he looked at the old fashioned money clip he held fast in his hand and pulled out one of the two bills he had and carefully placed it in the can marked \$1,000,000 Fund Drive. He nodded at the young revolutionary behind the table.

After hearing the Chairman speak, it was clear why the rulers of this country have launched a serious attack on Bob Avakian and the RCP, and why it was so important for people to step forward, defend the Party, help the Party spread and intensify its revolutionary work and contribute to the \$1,000,000 Fund Drive. One thing that brought this home was that everywhere the Chairman spoke, revolutionary workers, people from the oppressed nationalities and others stepped forward to speak about how having a Party and a revolutionary leadership was a life and death matter.

In every city on the tour revolutionaries from other countries, or people in contact with revolutionaries in other countries, told how the RCP's analysis of the revisionist coup in China, its defense of Mao Tsetung's revolutionary line, had made an important contribution to the political understanding of revolutionaries in their country.

Introducing Comrade Avakian at every program, people spoke from personal experience about what the imperialist system has in store for the masses of people and why we need the RCP. A young revolutionary in Hawaii said:

"My family comes from the Philippines. They were immigrants. They came to Hawaii in the 1940s. And why is it my father had to struggle and work 13 and a half hours a day and night and my mother had to slave and break her back and skin her bones slaving over a machine in a garment factory? And why is it that the six children in our family had to go around and scrounge up jobs just to make a living? And these are contradictions that I saw that I didn't understand. Why is it that people from the Philippines, which is rich in resources which could feed and house the people there, were forced to come to this country—this "great" country the United States? And now that they're in it, why are they still struggling? Why are not only they, but thousands and millions of other people struggling to survive in this country which is the "greatest" of all countries in the world? This is a question that came to me..."

A Vietnam veteran in Los Angeles told

why he became a revolutionary:

"I was born and raised in the slums of New York. I learned to fight by the age of 3. I was taught the meaning of discrimination and oppression in kindergarten. I found out that the only way you can have justice is by fighting for it.

"I believed in America and they murdered my mother in a New York hospital. I believed in the American Way and my brother went to Vietnam for one year and to Leavenworth for five years. I believed we had to fight for "freedom and democracy" so then I went to Vietnam and I saw how America tried to enslave the people of that tiny nation. In Vietnam I learned the truth. That the red, white and blue stood for all this murder and enslavement and oppression.

"I went to Vietnam to fight the oppressor of the Vietnamese people. I watched the U.S. Army fire mortar rounds on locations they knew would explode in friendly villages. I participated in operations where we would set off booby traps where non-combatants would trip over them.

"The U.S. turned this whole country into a death trap, and the standing order for GIs was, 'If it moves, kill it.' Failure to kill Vietnamese in the free fire zone meant immediate court martial. The Vietnamese people hated the U.S. and had more than enough reason to. I went to Vietnam to fight for freedom for these people and for me there was only one way I could do that.

"On my ninth month in that country I turned in my weapon. I refused to fight for the slavemaster again." (When this brother turned in his gun to the brass, they sent him back out into the bush without a weapon to get shot, but the men in his company agreed to protect him—ed.)

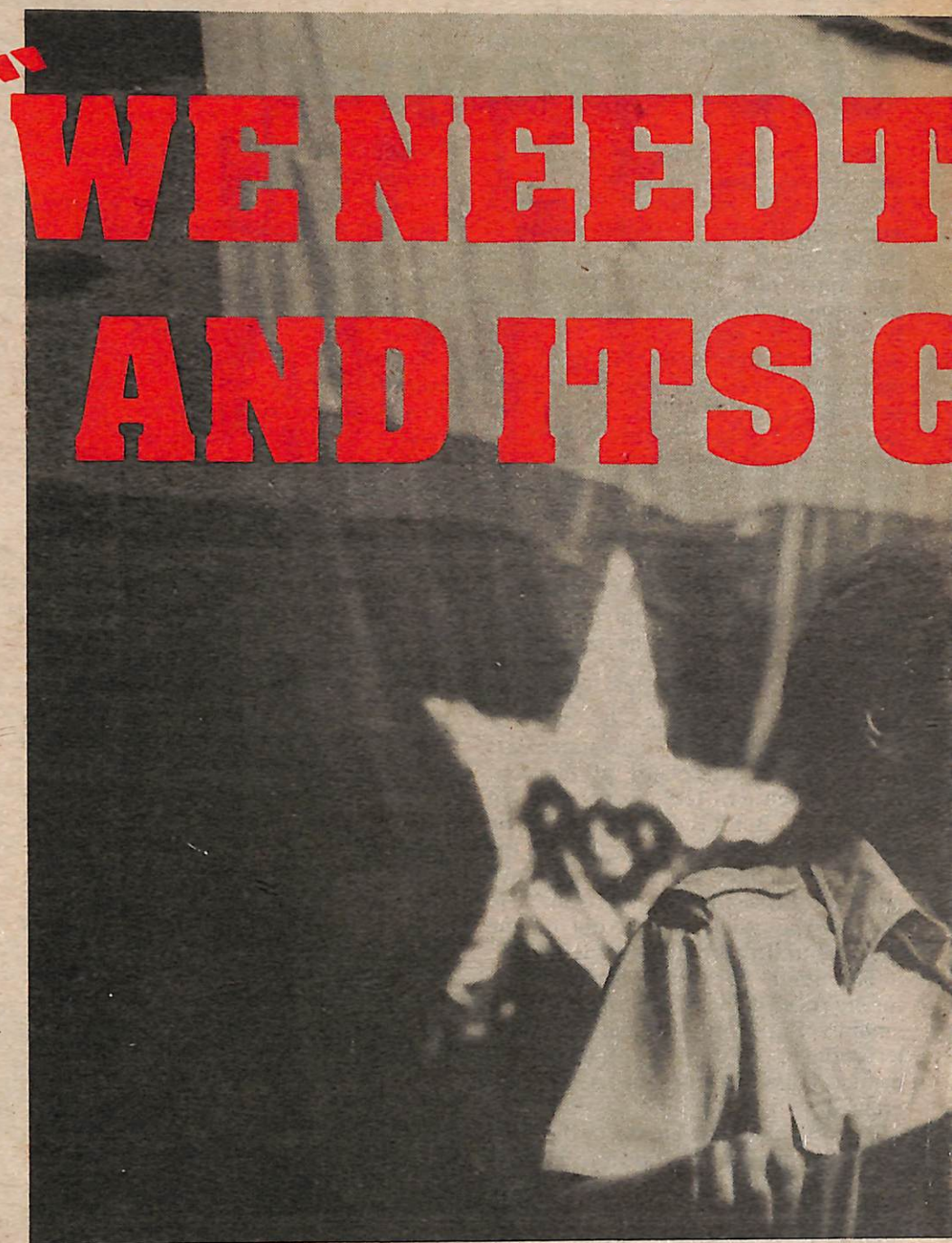
"I know that the only way that the millions of people in the U.S. will ever be free is by fighting for it. But how are we going to fight? Who are we fighting? And what must we fight for? These questions I had no answers for. That is, had no answer until I met the RCP..."

"Without the RCP I would still be sitting around like so many other people in this country who see things must be changed, who hate living the way we must live and have no idea of what must be done to make these changes.

"Because the RCP exists, there is an ability that the people of this country have never had before. It is the ability for us to make revolution.

"If Bob Avakian was not the Marxist that he is, then the RCP would not be the revolutionary organization that it must be. If Bob Avakian had put his own personal interest above the masses of people who live in this country and around the world, then we would not be here today. This man has one desire that we all share, and that is to be free from this system that drives us into the ground and then charges us for dying.

"Because of Bob Avakian's stand with the oppressed masses in their



millions to fight for their liberation, he is being attacked by the rich owners in this country. I am a revolutionary because of the life this system gave me. We have a Party that is capable of leading the masses of people in this country and overthrowing the system. If we are going to make revolution, we must have leadership. The kind of leadership that Bob Avakian and the RCP have consistently given us."

In Seattle, a worker introduced the Chairman with this story:

"Right now the ruling class in this country is out to crush the Revolutionary Communist Party. Seventeen members and supporters of the RCP and especially its Chairman, Bob Avakian, are facing hundreds of years in the capitalists' hell hole prisons. These bloodsuckers want to rip away from us what we need to make revolution in this country and we aren't going to let them. We need revolutionary leaders like Bob Avakian and the RCP, who are constantly taking up the revolutionary theory of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought and

are constantly taking it out to the working class and the masses of people. Every time I think about what these bloated toads that ride our backs are trying to do to the RCP, I think about the first time I ran into the Party.

"For 29 years I wondered what kind of screwed up world I'd been born in to. I saw my mother being ground down trying to hold two jobs—her and my dad beating the hell out of each other, blaming themselves because they couldn't make a better living. I saw Black people treated as less than human and never knew why. Young kids taking their lives because they couldn't see any future out there. I had a brother who did that, he hanged himself because he was tired of being poor. I couldn't see an end to the madness and asked myself, "Does it always have to be this way?"

"Then one day I was downtown and I heard this voice that was saying, "No it doesn't." And no, it wasn't a voice coming down from on high. It was this guy out in front of the unemployment office and he was talking about revolution. It was the RCP and no one else.

WHY THE GOVERNMENT WAN

Last week in Washington D.C. the Embassy 5 trial ended with the government getting its conviction. Four men, Mark Jackson, Curtis Mohn, Jim Nelson, and Jim Laudermilk were found guilty of felony destruction of the property of a foreign government. In addition, Laudermilk was found guilty of a misdemeanor charge of carrying a pistol without a license. The sentences for all were two years' probation plus Laudermilk got a three-month suspended jail sentence and three years' probation for the gun possession charge.

Since the incident at the Chinese em-

bassy last January 24, the government wanted strong felony convictions. If they had their way, these men would have been put away for years for \$800 worth of damage. What was at stake here? Why were the original indictments padded with trumped-up felony charges totalling a possible 25 years in jail for each man for some broken windows and white paint at the Chinese embassy?

The U.S. government had a lot at stake in getting these men. The action at the Chinese embassy last January coincided with the formal establishment of U.S.-China relations. As the U.S. was

getting ready to receive Teng Hsiao-ping (the vice-premier of China) in January, lead sinkers were pelted at the plate glass windows of the Chinese embassy and white paint was splashed over its front walls. This action was the kickoff of a whole week of activities by revolutionaries designed to give a fitting welcome to the revisionist Teng. The high point of this welcome was the Washington D.C. demonstration of 500 people that resulted in a police attack and the arrest of 78, with 17 now charged—the Mao Tsetung Defendants, including Revolutionary Communist Party Chairman Bob Avakian.

The U.S.A. hasn't been looking so tough lately as it has lost its puppet governments in Iran and Nicaragua and finds itself in a deepening economic and political crisis. In the midst of all this there were revolutionaries in the streets of the capital as Teng was arriving. The fact that the Soviet Union and China have begun to test each other's waters has the U.S. government on edge. So the U.S. ruling class found it necessary to make a statement to China by hitting the Embassy 5 with all they could. The U.S., they wanted to say, was reliable; it could take care of business—so don't jump ship.

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But the question we've got to be looking at right now is why this attack? What the hell is it about Bob Avakian and the RCP that the ruling class is so scared of?"

This revolutionary worker went on to talk about the history of struggle in the revolutionary movement and the decisive role of Bob Avakian and the RCP in analyzing the situation at key points, exposing the various opportunist and reformist dead-ends, and leading the struggle for revolution forward:

"But the biggest struggle was yet to come. This broke out over the question of the revisionist take over in China. Were revolutionaries going to tail after that revisionism and throw out the great achievements of Mao and the Chinese people or were they going to take up Marxism and sum up the situation and move on to making revolution? This was a very serious, though temporary, setback for the masses of people all over the world. Just think, the masses of people, the millions taking up Marxism and consciously changing the world. And then that half-pint revisionist,

Teng Hsiao-ping, turning all that around and telling the masses that all they could do is produce, produce, produce... The masses can't do anything but produce. They don't care about making revolution. Besides they're too stupid to take up Marxism.

"But revolutionaries in the RCP led by Bob Avakian said *Bull* to this. They took up Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought, summed up the situation in China, stayed on the high road to revolution, upheld the revolutionary banner of Mao Tsetung, and called on others to do the same. And I did. I took it up, and I only finished the tenth grade. And you can do it too. No, it isn't easy staying on the high road to revolution. It's never easy. But living under capitalism isn't easy. In fact, it's a hell hole. And besides, living under capitalism isn't necessary and revolution is..."

"I'm proud to be a revolutionary. I'm proud to support the RCP, and I'm proud to introduce to you the Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, Bob Avakian..."

(A letter submitted by a Party member to leadership on the West Coast, edited for publication.)

To the Party Leadership,

Dear Comrades,

I am writing this letter to volunteer myself for special work in the fight to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants and to Stop the Railroad of Bob Avakian.

Since I read about the indictment of the Chairman in the *Revolutionary Worker*, I can't even sleep well or work comfortably. The bourgeoisie is out for blood, they are viciously opening fire on the Party and the masses and particularly they are aiming their guns at our Chairman, Comrade Bob Avakian! Can we let them harm our Party and our beloved Chairman? Definitely not! We shouldn't even let them touch their blood-soaked hands on him. Bob is a precious pearl to the Party, to the masses and to me. I always think: where will the Party be, where will the proletariat be, and where will myself be, without Bob guiding the way, mobilizing the ranks, waging ruthless and uncompromising struggles time and again to defeat the opportunists who have tried to wreck the Party and sabotage revolution. Picking up the great red flag of Mao Tsetung and the Four and raising it high, Comrade Bob Avakian is a beacon light and a genuine great leader for our Party and the masses. He represents the great hopes and future for the working class in this country and has made significant contributions to its cause internationally! The working class in this country should be proud and rejoice over the fact that at this point in the development of the international communist movement, the Chairman of the RCP is among the front ranks of those who carry on the tasks left by Mao and continue to chart an uncharted course in the development of mankind.

Definitely, this bourgeois attack is a very serious test for our Party, a direct attack by the ruling class of a kind and on a level we haven't faced before, and the battle against it will be a truly decisive battle for our Party and for our class, a battle that demands work intensified ten times. And the group that leads the day-to-day work must be people with a firm grasp of the importance of this and of the political and ideological questions involved in building their struggle. That group should not be selected by pragmatism. No petty-bourgeois bullshit nor wishy-washiness can be allowed there. I know the placement of cadre needs to be considered with overall plan. I also know that I have other responsibilities. I volunteer myself here not to put myself above the overall needs of the Party, yet I do feel a strong urge to be in the group while carrying out other responsibilities and overcome difficulties at the same time. I have full confidence that, by firmly grasping the line of the Party and relying on the masses, we not only can free Bob and the other comrades and win this battle but also can plant the great red flag of revolution, the banner of the RCP, in the hearts of tens of millions.

Please put me in the Mao Defendants group. Enlist me in the front lines of this great class battle.

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But there was also a second reason the government was determined to get felony convictions in this case. They wanted to "prove" that the supporters of the RCP were crazy and hell-bent on destruction. This was important in setting a "legal" precedent which they will try to slip in to the coming trials of the Mao Tsetung Defendants.

For both these reasons they brought out their big guns—top men in the D.A.'s office. Still most of the felonies were stripped away in pre-trial hearings as the defendants' lawyers ruthlessly uncovered burned evidence, erased tapes and lying government witnesses.

When the judge in the pre-trial hearings accepted a plea of guilty to misdemeanor charges from the Embassy 5, more big guns for the prosecution stepped in and refused to accept this ruling. Finally the judge reversed her decision and four defendants went to trial on one felony charge each.

From the beginning of the trial, the defendants made no attempt to deny the facts of the case. They proudly admitted to having taken the revolutionary action at the Chinese embassy and delivering a shot to the jaw of the Chinese revisionists and the U.S. imperialists. They sought to make it clear

that this was a *political* statement. They based their case on winning over the jury to rise above the loaded law and the narrow so-called "relevant" facts and base their judgement on the political truth involved. They knew this would be quite difficult in such a short trial.

From start to finish it was a political trial and the government took some real licks. They were not able to keep it a purely "criminal matter" like they tried to do at the beginning. Despite the constant objections of the prosecution, each of the men described why conditions and events in China and the U.S.

promoted them to participate in the action at the embassy. Still the government got their stinking conviction of these revolutionaries and both sides in this whole battle are gearing up for the next round. It will begin soon as the Mao Tsetung Defendants, including Bob Avakian, go on trial.

As Mark Jackson said as he rose from the defendants' table after the jury read the verdict, "This court may convict us today, but history will free the Mao Tsetung Defendants and revolution will be made in this country."

The Duke

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test blasts deliberately waited for the wind to turn east over small towns like St. George so a radioactive breeze wouldn't move west toward L.A. or south to Las Vegas. Such concern for human life is really quite touching.

"They told us it was perfectly safe," said one woman, a resident of St. George. But the government knew damn well it wasn't as they systematically covered up or mysteriously failed to complete scientific studies that revealed the truth. One scientist said of his failure to carry through on testing the milk from cows in St. George: "It was just as well... I was afraid it would create a disturbance. It would not take much to start wild rumors." Studies sponsored by AEC officially ruled out radiation as the cause of thyroid damage found in 70 children from the St. George area.

But St. George residents need no "studies" to tell them what is happening as a result of the imperialists' atom bomb tests. One St. George woman, Irma Thomas, recently took her own survey when so many people there seemed to be dying from cancer. Within a one-block radius of her home she found that 30 people have either died from cancer or are suffering from it. Her husband has cancer and her daughter has a thyroid problem.

Death Penalty For Crossing Street

East Los Angeles, August 4. Luis Reynoso, 50 years old and the father of five children, had stopped at his neighbor's house to help them wash their car, then excused himself saying he had to get up early to go to work next morning. While he was crossing the street to his own home, a black and white sheriff's car drove up behind him with its lights off. Suddenly he was flooded with light, Reynoso turned around in surprise, and deputies Smith and Samaniego filled his body with 9 bullets.

Many of his friends and neighbors witnessed this cold-blooded murder. One neighbor was told by one of these pigs, "Go back in the house. You didn't see anything." One of the shots ricocheted off the sidewalk and broke a window in another neighbor's house. Two youths who saw the whole thing said, "You killed him in cold blood." They were immediately shoved into a pig car and held at the station for 10 hours—for "investigation."

The results of this "investigation"? Contrary to all the eye-witness reports, the sheriffs claimed that Reynoso had a toy gun in his waistband, that he reached for it and that this was when the pigs opened fire. All the neighbors saw Reynoso turn towards the officers, extend his hands outward, making no more towards his waistband, when he was gunned down. None of them saw a toy gun until, as one neighbor put it, "It mysteriously appeared in a deputy's hands while Luis was lying there." But no matter, according to sheriff's homicide Captain Walter Ownbey. Refusing to talk to the *RW*, Ownbey told other newsmen that this was an example of "proper police conduct." After all, the capitalist class needs to keep the Mexican and Chicano people in their "proper" place, so what could be more proper than to have these hired thugs murder one more Mexican in cold blood.

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"Dammit," she said, "That's my beautiful young daughter, and that damned stuff did it!" Hundreds of St. George residents are suing the government, but one man revealed the feelings of many when he said: "They are as guilty as war criminals, and I would like to see them put behind bars."

For the residents of St. George, what happened there was a vicious atrocity which continues today as more and more die from cancer, leukemia and Hodgkin's disease. As for the Duke, the only shame is that this reactionary fool never knew that the very U.S. rulers who were parading him around wrapped in red, white and blue were the ones responsible for the grueling pain of his many cancer operations, for cutting his lung capacity in half and for his drawn out, agonizing death.

In retrospect it is interesting to note that many of Wayne's films shamelessly promoted the idea that it is patriotic and fine to be used as cannonfodder for the U.S. imperialists' war machine. When Jimmy Carter visited Wayne just before he died, if he had just leaned over and whispered the truth it could have been a deathbed scene worthy of the tradition of "They Were Expendable" (or as a St. George resident put it angrily, "Hell, we were expendable"). John Wayne's death was truly a supreme and final irony. It was the final capper to the legend of The Duke—nuked to death by the very class he loyally served right down to his last aching breath.

Hollow Egg

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and will throw their support to him in 1980. Should he fail to run, should Carter somehow get renominated, or should the deepening economic and political crisis rapidly give rise to unrest among the masses of people, the Citizen's Party may attempt to act as the lightning rod, channeling social unrest into the third-party route and seeking to calm any possible upheaval.

Whether or not anything comes of the Citizen's Party, it is highly likely that some kind of "social-democratic" or "democratic-socialist" grouping will be knocked together as the revolutionary storms of the 1980s draw near. The *Programme* of the RCP points out that

"...the leaders of the so-called 'democratic-socialist' groupings... represent the petty bourgeoisie being crushed and looking for basic change without all the revolutionary struggle and the revolutionary science of the proletariat, which they denounce as dogma. They try to appeal to everyone with their 'democratic socialism' which is nothing more than capitalism with thousands of schemes or reforms, most of them not even achievable under capitalism..."

The new stirrings in this camp should be watched closely by class-conscious

workers and other revolutionary people. It is obvious that these forces smell "something cooking," and the fact that they are swinging into motion, trying to put themselves at the head of the social movement and bend it to their own aims, is just one more sign that we are approaching a period of great crisis and upheaval.

The Citizen's Party leaders' view of this great crisis is that it provides them with an opportunity to slice and sell a bigger piece of the American political pie by rendering a useful service to the bourgeoisie; they seek to become "one of America's two major political parties." That's why, as was mentioned earlier, they look back to the experience prior to the American Civil War, when the Republic Party came on the scene.

But the leaders of the Citizen's Party do not seem to understand history; they seem to expect a series of simple and mechanical repetitions. The next civil war will not be fought merely to clear away the monstrous anachronism of slavery to prepare for the unfettered development of capitalism. It will be fought to sweep away the bourgeoisie and to smash their political system to pieces, to pave the way for the struggle to eliminate all systems of exploitation forever. Only revolution, not a few dreams and promises of petty reforms, can accomplish this task, and only through revolution can the masses create a society based on serving the needs of mankind.

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L.A. cops attack VVAW demonstration exposing "The Deerhunter" at Academy Awards presentations.

Academy Awards 13 Go Free Charges Dropped to Protect Spy Files

Flash—All charges against the Academy Awards 13 were dismissed on Thursday, August 9. The thirteen Vietnam Veterans Against the War and the RCP members and supporters had been arrested and beaten by the L.A. county sheriffs while demonstrating to expose the *Deerhunter* at the Academy Awards.

For over a month, the defense had been requesting that the intelligence divisions of both the police and sheriffs departments turn over all their files on VVAW and the defendants. This was done to bring out the fact that it was the political impact of the demonstration and the political stand of VVAW that had led to the police attack and arrest. But the police claimed they had no files on VVAW, and that the arrests were the result of a "criminal assault on police by demonstrators." However, film clips obtained from local TV stations, which vividly showed a brutal unprovoked police attack on the demonstrators, were being shown in the

courtroom and pressure on the pigs mounted. Clearly they were lying.

Then in a surprise move Lt. Kilgore (better known as Kojak because of his fascist nature and bald head) who guards the files for the L.A.P.D., suddenly "found" some files on VVAW and the defendants. After going in the back room with the judge, Kilgore took the stand. Judge Newman ordered him to release the files. Lt. Kilgore then said that the police department would refuse to turn over the information because of "ongoing investigations of this dangerous organization." The judge then dismissed the case.

Immediately, the prosecuting attorney leapt to his feet and said he would appeal the case. But Lt. Kilgore, obviously running the show, said no. Given their lousy case and the fact that they were getting more exposed, they didn't want any of their spy files made public. The Academy Awards 13 are free. ■

Reactionaries Attack pro-Sandinista Film

Death threats and bomb threats by right-wing Cuban exile organizations have forced the cancellation of the scheduled showing of a pro-Sandinista film on the Nicaraguan revolution, "Free Homeland or Death," at King College in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The Committee to Support the Nicaraguan's Struggle, composed of progressive and revolutionary members of the King College Hispanic Club, has come right up against the reactionary Cuban leadership of the club, as well as their allies in the school administration.

The showing of this film posed a serious threat to the control of right-wing Cubans on the campus. The Cubans' flimsy excuse for banning the film was based on preserving the non-political status of the campus Hispanic Club. But the club, under the control of right-wing Cuban students, has been very political indeed.

As one student handed out flyers announcing the film, he was stopped by one Hispanic Club leader who blew open the supposed non-political nature of the Hispanic Club, "I know what your ideas are," she told him, "and I will do everything I can to get you thrown out of the college." The student was threatened with immediate arrest and later hauled into the office of the dean of students.

Despite the harassment, however, the CSNS continued to build for the showing. Just the day before the scheduled showing, a Cuban professor agitated among Cuban students against allowing the film to be shown. The professor, Orlando Edrira, told the students that communists were using the Hispanic Club's

money for subversive activities, it was shortly after this that the administration received threats that the film showing would be firebombed if it took place. They immediately seized upon these threats as an excuse to cancel the showing.

New Jersey is second to Miami in its concentration of Cuban refugees. The U.S. has consciously used the Cuban refugees as a social force of anti-communism, providing the upper strata privileges and upward mobility that immigrants from other countries don't usually get. Cuban banks, businesses, and professionals have been allowed to flourish as long as they preach "love the U.S.A."

King College is one such place where Cuban professors and administrators have been increasingly running the show. Another scheduled film showing on the Palestinian Liberation Organization was also threatened with bombs. The reactionary ideas of Cuban professors permeates the classroom where students report that if you express communist ideas in one of their classes you can forget about passing the course.

The most intense harassment and threats are reserved for revolutionaries, especially one Colombian student who has openly challenged the reactionaries and who led the fight to show "Free Homeland or Death" on campus. A car-load of cowards stopped him in his neighborhood and told him he'd better be careful or something will happen to him. "They want me to shut up," he says, "but I won't. I don't care about myself, even if they are going to kill me. I know they are dangerous but I am not afraid." ■



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Migra Desert Murder

The U.S. border patrol has embarked on a sinister new method for "attacking the illegal alien problem"—murder in the desert. Having doubled the number of border police in the San Diego area, and with a new fence under construction in the same area, the migra is attempting to divert all the immigrants from the urban area to the desert and mountain areas east of the city. In the words of one official, "We realize it could mean death for many from exposure or thirst."

William Selzer, an assistant to the chief patrol agent, told newsmen, "I'm just hoping that if we have the fence up and we have enough people, the only place they can cross is in those bad places," where the temperatures frequently reach 120 degrees. He admitted that a person "just goes out there, lays down and dies." But he quickly added that the migra isn't "trying to kill anyone—it's not the plan that they will go and die."

Remember Carter's Rebate? He Doesn't

The Carter administration will soon announce some changes in the wage-price guidelines announced last October. The standard for wage raises is to be upped, according to reports, from 7% to 8%, or 15.5% over a two-year period. Of course the actual rate of inflation since those guidelines were laid down has been over 13%, while wage raises have been kept at around 7%.

Meanwhile price rises have not actually kept within the guidelines. Administration officials are described as "surprised and chagrined" to discover that most companies simply ignored the price guideline standards. These officials say they want to make sure that this doesn't happen again this year, but are reported to have "no idea" how they will accomplish this goal.

In the midst of this, it is appropriate to recall Carter's bait to workers last October as he announced the wage-price guidelines—his "real wage insurance" plan whereby workers who complied with the 7% wage-raise standard would get a rebate if the rate of inflation went over 7%. There was never the slightest intention on the part of Carter or any other member of the capitalist class to institute such a plan. Its only purpose was to try to lure the workers into acceptance of wage raises at a rate much lower than that of inflation.

But in fact the rate of inflation has been worse for workers and the masses of people in general than the 13.2% inflation rate shown by the Consumer Price Index. Recent studies have shown that the rate of inflation for the necessities of life—food, fuel, housing and medical care—has been running at over 18%.

Against this background, it is more than a little doubtful that any workers will be very thrilled by the bourgeoisie's beneficent plan to set their "allowable" wage-raise rate at 8%!

The AFL-CIO executive council, the top labor lieutenants of the capitalists, say the answer is mandatory wage-price controls. If these could be carried through, the result would be exactly what it was in 1971-73: wages would indeed be controlled, but prices would not. The only reason Carter and the bourgeoisie are not recommending them is that they are afraid that trying to impose them would only arouse and stiffen the resistance of the working class.

Chrysler

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afloat. According to Chrysler, they need help until 1981, when the new models will come out that will get them into auto sales respectability.

This scheme of Chrysler's to save its skin at the expense of the workers probably comes as no shock to most people. There are, however, forces masquerading as working in the interests of the workers who have not only joined, but are leading the stinking chorus of "Save Chrysler," so thick these days around Detroit and elsewhere. Out in front has been Doug Fraser, president of the United Auto Workers (UAW), and he has been joined by other union officials as well as various politicians. Tailing along behind has been virtually every so-called radical group in Detroit.

The schemes of all these reformists, petty opportunists and political pimps has boiled down to a program of attempting to save not only Chrysler, but capitalism. And they all agree that the only way this can be accomplished is by submissively allowing the master to grind his boot even deeper into the hide of the working class.

Unfortunately, many have been seriously blinded by the lies thrown up from Fraser's entourage and are laboring under the false illusion that things will work out if one of the schemes which are so fashionable these days is only given a chance. Evidence of this is the fact that the UAW leaders actually mobilized over 700 people last month in a "Save Dodge Main" demonstration outside the Chrysler World Headquarters in Detroit. All the more reason to take a hard look at the bullshit that Fraser and friends are shoveling.

After Chrysler showed Doug Fraser its 1981 model lines he remarked, "After seeing those product lines, you get the impression that with some help, the Chrysler Corporation can become viable and increase its current position markedly."

In case anyone thinks that Fraser has picked up Chrysler's advertising account, read on. Because Fraser and the UAW International have done an amazing job in standing with Chrysler in its time of distress. True, these lovers may have their petty squabbles, but there's nothing like hardship to pull a beautiful marriage together.

Beautiful Marriage

Fraser's been grabbing headlines for a few weeks now, pitching for the government to intervene in Chrysler. His argument? "When you accept the proposition that all Americans benefit from these government regulations, it seems to me unfair that the Chrysler workers are the ones that have to bear the burden for the whole nation. American people, through their government, are obligated to assist the Chrysler Corporation."

Fraser, not known for his originality,

has raised a familiar point. Indeed, Chrysler has been running the line that federal regulations (like emissions standards, etc.) are the cause of its financial problems. This has been picked up by the whole "Save Chrysler" bandwagon. But even the *Wall Street Journal* understands the fallacy of this argument, recently noting that it "involves tactics more than truth."

In other statements, Fraser, along with other UAW officials, has made it amply clear that the UAW will treat Chrysler with kid gloves in the upcoming contract negotiations. They've already promised not to strike, and, following a precedent, have agreed to give Chrysler the kind of loving care AMC received in 1976. At that time, the UAW helped "save" American Motors by agreeing to wage and benefit cuts.

Fraser has insisted that his proposals for Chrysler's salvation are different from the company's. After all, Chrysler just wants a tax break, pure and simple. Fraser sees far greater possibilities—calling for the government to invest in Chrysler, getting government figures involved in company decision-making, etc. While Fraser makes it clear that he will be satisfied with any kind of government assistance, he likes this form the best. It gives him the opportunity to talk about "citizens" helping to run Chrysler.

A "Little Bit of Socialism"?

Fraser has a role to play in bigshot national politics. He is a voice of "liberalism," even vaguely defined "socialism," to growing numbers of people he knows are getting more and more dissatisfied with the way things are and are looking for more radical-sounding solutions.

What kind of socialism is Doug Fraser talking about? Well, a reporter asked Fraser how Chrysler would feel about the government taking some control of the corporation, and his reply will give some idea: "If someone puts a billion dollars on the table, I think they'll put up with a little bit of socialism." According to the UAW leadership, "socialism" (or a "little bit" of it) is what they have in most other "industrial" (in other words, capitalist) nations. "Socialism," according to them, simply means that the government plays a bigger part in the economy.

Of course, various social democrats have for years advanced programs under the signboard of "socialism" which are supposed to patch up the cracks in the capitalist economy. While this has not been a widespread phenomenon in this country, it has increasingly gained in popularity as the cracks widen to canyons. Europe is frequently pointed to as a model for this kind of "socialism" by many, including the UAW, and in this light it is interesting to note what "socialism" has meant for one of Europe's leading "industrial" nations—Britain.

In Britain the government has gotten increasingly involved in several key industries. These industries, including auto, mining and steel, were tottering dangerously on the brink of collapse, and the government stepped in with

loans, subsidies, etc. In appearance, then, the government saved jobs with this maneuver. And according to Fraser's view, government intervention also made industry more democratic, wresting complete control from private industries.

But in actual fact government intervention has meant concentrating greater power in the hands of a joint economic and political elite, to devise more efficient and vicious forms of exploitation.

For example, the government loan to the British Leyland Car Company stipulates that each installment of payments must be met with agreement from the unions to reduce the work force and "boost productivity."

Take the British steel industry—which was completely nationalized into the British Steel Corporation. The National Enterprise Board (NEB—the British governing body of nationalized industry) calls for 40,000 jobs in steel to be eliminated by 1985—at the same production level as today. Hardly sounds "a little socialistic." But that's because government-run industry is subject to the same laws of the overall capitalist system, which means that British steel, which was going downhill when the government took over, has just continued its downward slide.

Our readers by now should have noticed a remarkable similarity between this and what's going on back here with Chrysler. The point is, government intervention doesn't save jobs. It only amounts to assisting the capitalists financially, in return for more job eliminations, greater productivity, the works. Of course, the government, acting not only to safeguard the interests of the capitalist class as a whole but also in its capacity as a mediator in disputes between the individual capitalists, may well come across with the \$1 billion (from tax revenue, incidentally) for Chrysler. Many bankers and creditors stand to lose if Chrysler goes, and U.S. imperialism can still muster reserves to offset such a collapse, although this will not always be the case. Besides this, Chrysler has investments in war production, notably tanks, and this is certainly a factor in any government decision.

All this will certainly be the scene of intense struggle between the various parties as one capitalist scrambles to minimize his losses or maximize his profits at the expense of the other. Thus, not surprisingly, the chairman of General Motors has come out against the loan to Chrysler.

But when the dust settles, it won't take a genius to figure out who has had it stuck to him where the sun never shines. Comments from a number of politicians have made this clear. Even if all Chrysler receives is a tax cut, a clear commitment has been demanded from Chrysler that the company will clamp down. Former Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal expressed the most widely stated viewpoint when he said that the government should consider helping Chrysler, but "only after major sacrifices from executives, shareholders, bankers, and unions." Of course, when the smoke clears, "sacrifices" will have been made—and in spades—by one group alone, the workers. And, as noted, with the contract coming up this September 14, Chrysler and certainly Fraser aren't wasting any time in showing the government just how sincere they are about these "sacrifices."

Correction

In last week's *Revolutionary Worker* article, "When Will China Play the 'China Card'?", there were two errors: page 14, col. 4 should refer to "Peking Review, June 29, 1979" page 15, col. 4 should read, "As Mao emphasized, those who practice revisionism internally are bound to practice capitulationism externally."

Also, in the article about Gil Scott-Heron, his name was misspelled in the headline.

