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and the
Mao Tsetung
Defendants

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NOV. 18 - 19 TURN D.C. UPSIDE- DOWN!

STOP THE RAILROAD OF BOB AVAKIAN!

FREE THE MAO TSETUNG DEFENDANTS!

DEMONSTRATE : November 18
Time & Place
to be announced

RALLY : November 19
8:00 A.M. -- D.C. Court House
500 Indiana Ave. N.W.

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A critical juncture in a political struggle of tremendous significance, not only for the people of this country, but the whole world, is rapidly approaching. In the face of the ever sharper U.S. government assault on the Revolutionary Communist Party and specifically upon its Chairman, Bob Avakian, the call has been issued for a major rally and demonstration to take place in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, November 18th and Monday, November 19th, when a hearing on a major defense motion is scheduled to begin.

The demonstration and rally has been called at a time when, for growing numbers of people the intent behind the crime taking place inside the District of Columbia Courthouse has grown increasingly exposed. While it is true that the main form of this government offensive against the Revolutionary Communist Party has been in the legal sphere where our rulers have attempted to obscure their motives

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"THE GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO GO 'FISHING' FOR FACTS THAT WOULD PROVE WE ARE INNOCENT OF THE CHARGES IN THIS CASE--- BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT OWNS THE FISH POND."



Bob Avakian at defense table with lawyer, Stephen Bright

Judge Den

On Wednesday, November 7, court convened in what defense attorneys believed was to be a pre-trial hearing on several defense motions and other issues raised by the defense in the case of Bob Avakian and the 16 other Mao Tsetung Defendants. But Judge Carlisle Pratt had other plans. As the hearing opened, the tape recording in the black robe switched on and the message recorded there clearly came from higher up, from those that have engineered this railroad from the start--the top-levels of the U.S. Government themselves. And the message came through loud and clear: DENIED! DENIED! DENIED!

From the beginning of this case the government has *denied* that this is a *political* trial and has tried to graft a thicker and thicker skin of "criminal" charges onto the attack against Bob Avakian and the other defendants--up now from a single misdemeanor charge to 25 felony counts of assaulting police officers against each of 17 defendants. Defense motions before the court at this hearing are aimed at cutting through this thick skin by seeking proof locked up in files at the White House and in plush, inner offices of the F.B.I. that, in fact, the police attack on the January 29th demonstration

against Teng Hsiao-ping was directed by the highest U.S. Government authorities themselves.

Opening the hearing on the defendants' discovery motion (which is based on a legal procedure through which defendants can seek to obtain in advance of their trial certain information about the government's case against them), the judge ruled against the defendants on almost every single aspect of their motion. He *denied* access to statements made by the defendants to known and unknown police agents which are in the prosecutor's possession. He *denied* access to information concerning the numbers, names and actions of paid-police provocateurs and informants in the ranks of the January 29th demonstration. And he *emphatically denied* access to the files, memoranda, recordings and other materials in the possession of the White House, the Secret Service, the F.B.I., the U.S. Attorney's Office and other government agencies which would clearly expose what no one even bothers to deny: that Bob Avakian and the RCP have been the target of on-going, intensive surveillance by these agencies for more than 10 years, and that this surveillance stepped up in connection with the RCP's call

CARTER SUBPOENAED, TROOPS JAILED

On the morning of Thursday, November 5, four of the "picked troops" arrived in front of the White House and hung a giant six foot by six foot copy of a criminal subpoena on the wrought iron fence surrounding the White House grounds. The subpoena, addressed to "President Jimmy Carter or authorized representative", demanded that the ruling class and all of its police agencies hand over all of the secret tapes, photos, files and everything else they've collected on Bob Avakian and the RCP over the last year or so.

The presentation of this giant subpoena was aimed at dragging out into daylight all the schemes and maneuverings of the ruling class in their attempt to railroad Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants and expose them for all to see. This action was prompted by the government's refusal to recognize the

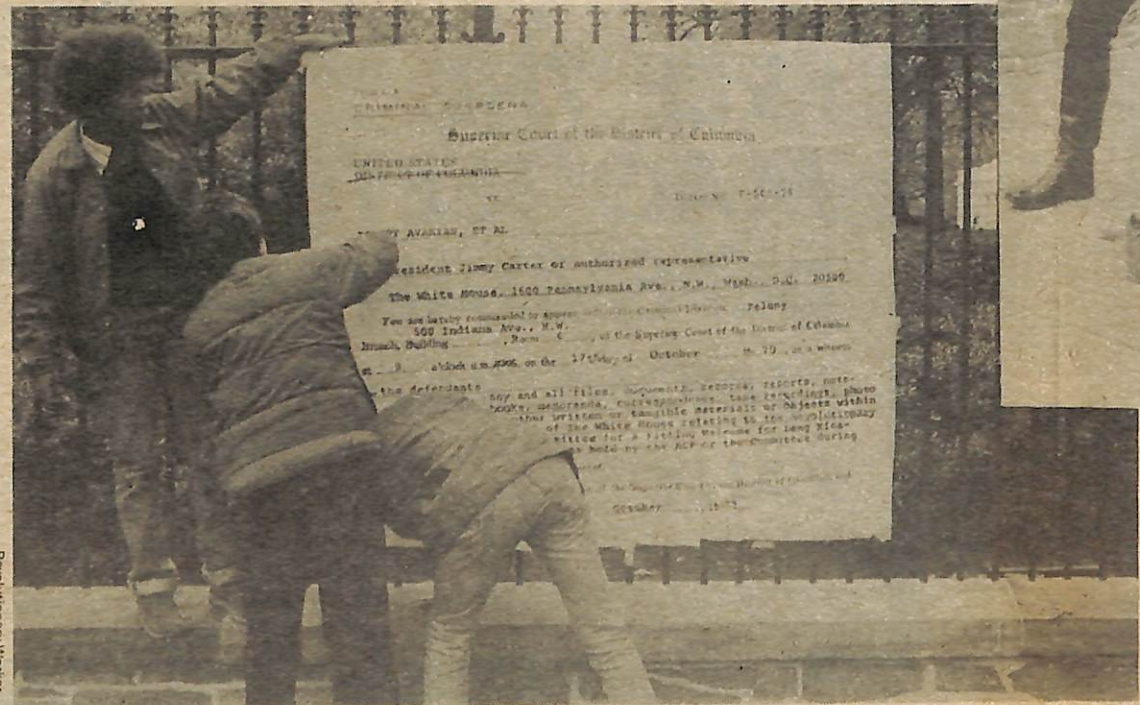
original subpoenas served and their withholding of evidence vital to the defense -- evidence that would clearly show the political nature of this case in spite of the government's fervent claims of a purely criminal case.

The four troops, including a worker from Louisville, Kentucky and a young Black woman from the local DC area, agitated for close to an hour, explaining to people what was going with the trial and why this action was being taken. As they talked, groups of people passing by as well as people coming out from White House tours stopped to check it out. Soon after the action began, the corner was filled with people discussing and arguing over the issues involved.

This was too much for the government to handle, they had

planned on keeping the whole railroad quiet and pushing it through as quickly as possible. After a frantic call from a White House guard, a whole squad of U.S. Park Police arrived on the scene. Twenty-six cops in full combat gear surrounded the four agitators and the giant subpoena. The cops were held off for about 45 minutes as new people continued to stop at a corner to check out what was going on. Finally, the cops attacked, beating and arresting the 4 troops and tearing the subpoena to pieces.

The 4 troops were hauled off in a paddy wagon, charged with holding an illegal demonstration, fined and released. But despite the government's efforts, they were unable to prevent the word about their railroad of Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants from getting out to a large number of people. In fact, their attack on this action only served to further expose them and their railroad. As one Black youth who witnessed the whole event said, "Damn, they got so many cops out here, they're treating you like you got a bomb. I guess you do, you got the truth!"



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to demonstrate against the visit of Teng Hsiao-ping to this country last January.

The prosecutor has held from the beginning that the attempts by the defendants to seek these materials is, in their words, "a fishing expedition." "The burden is upon the defendants to make a clear showing of the relevance and materiality of the documents requested" states one of their latest responses to defendants' attempts to gain these files. And the Judge agreed--he ruled against this section of the defendants' motion for discovery on the grounds that the information sought by the defendants was "irrelevant and immaterial" to the case. But how can it be "irrelevant and immaterial" to the case when these very files would also clearly expose that orders went out on the night of January 29th that anything and everything must be done to prevent that demonstration from reaching the White House--including a police attack on the demonstration, massive beatings and dragnet arrests. Bob Avakian, acting as his own attorney in this case, summed up the situation quite clearly in this hearing: "The government says that we have no right to go 'fishing' for facts that would prove we are innocent of

these charges in this case--because the government owns the fish pond."

In a move aimed at beating back another defense attempt to obtain these same materials, the Judge quashed defense-issued subpoenas on Jimmy Carter, Cyrus Vance (Secretary of State), William Webster (head of the F.B.I.) and other heads of top government agencies.

What the hearing on Wednesday demonstrated clearly is that with this railroad roaring through his hallowed courtroom Judge Pratt has openly begun to play the role of "fireman", stoking the engines that will attempt to carry this train through to "guilty" verdicts there. And woe to anyone who attempts to join in the efforts on the legal front to prevent this from happening. While the Judge's gavel swung down again and again to deny the issues raised in defense motions, his tongue lashed out at defense attorneys who stood up to protest the fact that apparently Judge Pratt had assumed the role of prosecutor as well as judge in this hearing. "Perhaps some counsel have matters other than litigating this case on their minds" was his warning when their protests interrupted the smooth "procedures" of his hearing.



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Judge Pratt

Yes, perhaps they do. Perhaps along with growing hundreds and even thousands of people around D.C., they have completely derailed this railroad on their minds. Perhaps they have, exposing the behind-the-scenes conspiracy of the U.S. Government to bury Bob Avakian and the Mao Tsetung Defendants in jail for 241 years on their

minds. Perhaps what is really foremost on their minds is freeing Bob Avakian and the other 16 defendants. And for them, and for growing numbers of other people every day, the results of this latest round in the legal sphere should serve to underscore the need to intensify our joint efforts to accomplish just that. ■



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last January, to the indictments and reindictments which mushroomed in the months following this demonstration, to the hearings in the courtroom as recently as this past Wednesday...the government has again and again pounded home the message that it is out for blood and that it is deadly serious about crippling the revolutionary movement by ripping away the Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party.

The stakes in this struggle were clearly laid out by an ex-Black Panther from Oakland: "The system will make us fight, but only the RCP can make us win." The government railroad of Bob Avakian is an attempt to make the masses go into this coming stormy decade without the revolutionary leadership that can guide them through, to not only resist their oppression but to seize the opportunity to make revolution should it arise.

In this political attack, engineered from the White House, the rulers of America have drawn a line and dared the people to step over it. These rulers have, by their actions, said to all people, "Forget your hopes for the future! Forget your dreams of change! Forget your efforts to rise up off your knees--for we plan not only to keep you on your knees, but to drive you into the dirt on your bellies."

But in the face of this the response of the people is growing clear and must get clearer still. This response must be built on November 18 and 19 so that thousands of marching feet

drum out the answer --

"NO! We will not let you get away with this blatant political railroad. We will not allow you to frame up Bob Avakian and the 16 other defendants under cover of darkness. We will resist and defeat this attack by our organized political action."

The focus of this struggle must be on building the strongest possible rally and demonstration on November 18th and 19th. Only the combined effort of us all, straining every nerve and muscle, can make the rally on the 18th and demonstration on the 19th the statement they must be.

Ever since the arrival earlier this week of 150 "picked troops", a combined force of political activists selected and sent by the RCP to D.C., the basis for swell-

ing the ranks of fighters against this government attack has been clearly demonstrated. This battle has touched broad social forces and already reached deep into the fabric of this rotting system. It has begun to call forward many people beyond those already agree with the RCP and its program for revolution in the U.S. But the potential exists to spread this battle much further and it is critical to take up this task and mobilize many hundreds from the D.C. area to take a stand now by coming out to the rally and demonstration on November 18-19.

November 18-19 is the next major round in a political battle that will play a decisive role in shaping the decade before us. ALL OUT FOR NOV. 18-19. TURN D.C. UPSIDE DOWN. ■

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by conducting this railroad behind closed doors, what has become increasingly clear is the highly political nature of the upcoming trial. From the original police attack on the demonstration against Teng Hsiao-ping

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

Juez Niega Todo

El miércoles, 7 de noviembre, la corte convino en lo que los abogados de la defensa pensaban iba a ser una vista anterior al juicio sobre varias mociones de la defensa y otros asuntos presentados por la defensa en el caso de Bob Avakian y los otros 16 Acusados Mao Tsetung. Pero el juez Carlisle Pratt tenía otros planes. Cuando se abrió la vista, la grabadora de la bata negra se activó, y el mensaje grabado en ésta claramente vino desde más arriba, de aquellos creando éste complot desde el principio: el alto nivel del mismo gobierno de EEUU y el mensaje salió claro: ¡DENEGADO! ¡DENEGADO! DENEGADO!

Desde el principio de éste caso el gobierno ha negado que éste es un juicio político y ha tratado de ponerle un pellejo más y más gordo a los cargos criminales del ataque contra Bob Avakian y los demás Acusados -- subiéndolos desde un simple cargo menor, hasta 25 cargos de felonía de asalto a un oficial policiaco contra cada uno de los 17 acusados. Las mociones de la defensa ante la corte en esta vista pre-liminar estaban dirigidas a cortar a través de ese pellejo buscando prueba escondida en los records de la Casa Blanca y en las lujosas oficinas internas del FBI, de que de hecho el ataque de la policía contra la demostración del 29 de enero contra Teng Hsiao-ping fue dirigido por las más altas autoridades del propio gobierno estadounidense.

Abriendo la vista de la moción de descubrimiento de la defensa (que es basada en un procedimiento legal a través del cual los acusados pueden buscar obtener antes de su juicio, cierta información en el caso que el gobierno tiene contra ellos), el juez decidió contra los acusados en casi todos los aspectos de su moción. Este negó acceso a la petición hecha por los acusados sobre agentes policiacos conocidos y encubiertos que están en la posesión del fiscal. Negó acceso a información concerniente a números, nombres y acciones de provocadores e informantes pagados por la policía, que estaban en las filas de la demostración del 29 de enero. Y negó enfáticamente acceso a los records, mensajes, grabaciones y otros materiales en la posesión de la Casa Blanca, el Servicio Secreto, el FBI, la Oficina del Fiscal General y otras agencias del gobierno, los cuales expondrían claramente lo que ninguno siquiera se molesta en negar: que Bob Avakian y el Partido Comunista Revolucionario (PCR) han sido objeto de continua vigilancia intensiva de parte de estas agencias por más de 10 años

y que esta vigilancia subió de grado en conexión con el llamado del PCR para demostrar contra la visita de Teng Hsiao-ping a este país en enero pasado.

El fiscal ha mantenido desde el principio que los esfuerzos de los acusados para obtener dicho material es, en sus propias palabras, "una expedición de pesca." "Está sobre los hombros de la defensa el demostrar en claro la relevancia y materialidad de los documentos requeridos", dice una de sus más recientes respuestas a los esfuerzos de la defensa para obtener éstos records. Y el juez está de acuerdo en que él decidió en contra de ésta sección de la moción de la defensa, en base a que la información requerida por los acusados era "irrelevante e inmaterial" al caso. Pero ¿Cómo puede ser "irrelevante e inmaterial" al caso, cuando estos mismos records desenmascararían claramente que fueron dadas órdenes la noche de enero 29 para que se hiciera cualquiera y toda cosa para prevenir que la demostración llegara a Casa Blanca -- incluyendo un ataque policiaco contra la demostración, golpizas masivas y arrestos indiscriminados masivos? Bob Avakian, ac-

tuando como su propio abogado en este caso, resumió la situación bien claramente en esta vista: El gobierno dice que nosotros no tenemos derecho a 'ir de pesca' de los hechos que probarían que somos inocentes de estos casos -- porque el gobierno es dueño del lago de pesca."

En una movida destinada a derrotar otro esfuerzo de la defensa de obtener éstos mismos materiales, el juez aplastó una supina (presentarse a juicio, bajo pena legal si no cumple) mandada por la defensa a Jimmy Carter, Cyrus Vance (Secretario de Estado), William Webster (jefe del FBI) y a otros jefes de altas agencias gubernamentales.

Lo que demostraron claramente las vistas en corte éste miércoles es que con éste complot siendo construido dentro de su sagrado salón de juicios, el juez Pratt ha comenzado a jugar abiertamente el papel de "carpintero" asegurando, con clavos y tablas, la fundación de éste complot destinado a traerles el veredicto: "culpable!" Y pobre del que trate de ayudar en el frente legal, de prevenir esto.

Mientras que chocaba su mallette una vez tras otra para negarles puntos claves presentados por la

defensa, como víbora, su lengua se dirigía contra los abogados de la defensa quienes protestaban el hecho de que el juez Pratt había asumido el papel, en éstas vistas, no solo de juez, sino también de fiscal. "Tal vez algunos abogados tengan algunos asuntos en mente además de la litigación de este caso" fue su amenaza a los consejeros cuando éstos interrumpieron el suave procedimiento de sus malditas vistas.

Bueno, tal vez, sí. Tal vez tengan algo más, en mente. Tal vez, como centenares, aún millares de gente en el área de Washington, tienen en mente derribar por completo este complot. Tal vez tengan en mente desenmascarar la escondida conspiración del gobierno de EEUU para enterrar a Bob Avakian y los Acusados Mao Tsetung por 241 años de cárcel. Tal vez lo que tienen ante todo en sus mentes es liberar a Bob Avakian y a los otros acusados. Y para ellos, como para crecientes números de personas cada día, el resultado de ésta última vuelta en la esfera legal nos debe enfatizar la necesidad de intensificar nuestros esfuerzos conjuntos para cumplir esto mismo.

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

Demostración: Noviembre 18
Hora y Lugar será anunciado

Reunión: Noviembre 19
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