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"Create Public Opinion
...Seize Power"

In your hands you are holding dynamite—the newspaper which, as the national weekly voice of the Revolutionary Communist Party, aims to be a powerful weapon for revolution.

Until today, there has been no newspaper like this in this country. And without it, it is impossible for the proletariat—the propertyless class of wage workers that truly has nothing to lose but its chains—to develop the broad understanding and build the deep organization necessary to win its liberation, and in so doing eliminate every form of exploitation and oppression. Without such a newspaper we cannot prepare to carry out the central task and highest form of revolution: the armed seizure of power. As Mao Tsetung said, "First and foremost create public opinion and seize power," and it is in this spirit that we launch the new national weekly Revolutionary Worker.

We are not talking about a newspaper in the hands of a relatively few revolutionary agitators. We aim to make this paper a driving force for revolution among the workers and the masses of oppressed people and to swell the ranks of the Party. There exists today the potential to put this paper in the hands of many more people, far beyond the ranks of the Party, and in taking this bold step, the Revolutionary Communist Parties aims to seize the time right now.

Is it not the case that there are tens of millions of people in this country who hate the system, at least what it does to them—many who awakened to political life in the storms of the 1960s and many more who will at some point in their life seek freedom of thought and word and action? Aren't there millions whose questions have not yet been answered, whose longing for an end to oppression has not been expressed, whose outrage is building deep inside, often concealed? Is it the case that their oppression has ended? No. Rather it has intensified. Their questions remain unanswered, and if fast are deeper and go more to the heart of the whole system.

But today it is still the case that the majority of workers do not see the necessity, nor the inevitability, of rising up to make revolution. We live in this most decadent of all countries, whose rulers have swollen themselves like a giant leech by sucking the blood of people all over the world including us here. And even though the system has been battered by defeats and growing crisis, enough reserves remain so that the capitalists can and will do everything to maintain and feed illusions among the people. To a certain degree, they still get away with it.

But this situation is not static. Their crisis breeding system is in a downward spiral. This situation is headed from bad to worse and there is a growing world war. And it is clear that as the rapidly changing objective situation intensifies, millions more will be awakened to political life and will be in search of some real answers to the question: Why the hell do we have to live this way?

Prepare for Revolution

In this situation what we need is a newspaper that puts it straight out—we don't have to live like dogs—a newspaper that will drive the beast into the ground and out of the pages of history.

And why is it that a newspaper is so necessary? Because we need to create revolutionary public opinion in order to prepare for making revolution—for the armed seizure of power by the masses in their millions.
More than 100 of the Shah's top henchmen—generals, SAVAK agents and government officials—have been put on trial for their crimes against the Iranian people and sent before the firing squads of the new regime. Many more were dealt with directly in the streets during the armed insurrection in February that swept away the Shah's hated regime. But the high and mighty rulers of the U.S. are expressing "shock" and "concern" for the "human rights" of their deposed allies in Iran. Just who are these people for whom our rulers are shedding their "human rights" tears?

Take Gen. Ali Neshat, commander of the elite Imperial Guards, one of the Shah's handpicked generals who directed the U.S.-trained and equipped Iranian Army during repeated bloody massacres against street demonstrations, killing upwards of 100,000 people during 1978 alone. Where was the U.S. ruling class' concern for "human rights" then?

A list of recently executed top revolutionaries and their vicious substitutes reads like this: Gen. Nasser Mod'addam, former chief of SAVAK (secret police); Amir Abbas Hoveyda, the Shah's right-hand man and Prime Minister for 13 years; Mayor Yahyahi, commander of Tehran's Qaz Prison where thousands of revolutionary fighters were tortured and executed; the army captain who lit the fire at a progressive movie theatre in Abadan that burned more than 800 people to death (to which the U.S. press added the disgusting lie that this was the work of "Moslem fanatics"); former Foreign Minister Khatabari who, in a last gasp attempt to save his own skin, blinded to a tribunal that the Shah had "personally killed several persons" while he was in power. This pack of vicious beasts who rode on the backs of the Iranian people for years, with guns and whips in hand, have earned the people's just hatred and fully deserve to be put six feet under. However, the U.S. imperialists think otherwise.

After 25 years of propping up and supplying the Shah's savage dictatorship with everything from F-14 jets to electric cattle prods, the U.S. government is now piously lecturing the Iranian people about "due process of law" and is worried about "violations of the rights" of its former henchmen. From his current hideout in the Bahamas, the Shah himself recently said that he was "horritied" by the executions of "Iranians whose only crime was love of country and will to serve its people." This is like Hitler shredding tears over the executions of Nazi war criminals—after all, they were only "serving their country" and "following orders.

The U.S. imperialists are concerned with saving the necks of the Shah's top officials and generals, not because they are "old friends," but because they don't want the Iranian revolution to go any further. And for good reason. The several thousand reactionary hatchetmen of the Shah who have been arrested or executed are only the tip of the iceberg. U.S. imperialism still has a strong base of support among Iran's big capitalists and landlords, and among the U.S.-trained officer corps and government officials. It is this social base that the U.S. is hoping to firm up and unleash against the Iranian masses in order to reverse the revolution.

Khomeini's Islamic Courts

These executions are continuing because the Iranian people in their millions are demanding them and much more. However, the whole way the Khomeini forces are carrying out these trials and executions is meant to turn the people's hatred away from the system of imperialism, especially U.S. imperialism, which, together with its Iranian partners in crime—the big capitalists, landlords, military officers and government officials—is responsible for the great poverty, backwardness and continued oppression faced by the masses of Iranian working people.

These "Islamic revolutionary courts" operate on a narrow, secretive basis, with the Shah's top generals and political h lack one accused of "sowing corruption on earth" and "warring with God and his emissaries." In contrast, Iran's Marxist-Leninists are demanding that the trials be conducted in public "people's courts," where the political crimes committed by these reactionaries would be brought out into the open before the masses of people. For example, Prime Minister Hoveyda did not "sow corruption" when he was some two-bit street hustler. He offered up Iran's great wealth to be plundered by U.S. corporations and banks. This was his greatest crime against the Iranian people.

This use of "Islamic law" can only serve to take the heat off the real criminals—the Shah and his top officials—the big U.S. and Iranian exploiters who are responsible for the way the U.S. has been forced to live in the first place. Furthermore, the pretense of defining "crime" and "criminal" by the Koran is a double-edged sword to be used against the people themselves, and especially against revolutionaries. The Islamic courts have also stepped into the business of punishing the people, often severely, for "crimes" such as gambling, drinking alcoholic beverages, adultery, etc. Far from mobilizing the masses of people to root out the remaining stronghold of imperialism and reaction, these well-publicized, weekly executions have become boons thrown out to placate the masses. And it is in all the more dangerous since these reactionary forces are regrouping and preparing to counterattack.

Already, a number of U.S. companies are beginning to get into the act.
Why are the authorities in this country— from the highest to the puni-
et—going through such twists and conclu-
sions to get their justifications for
their nuclear plants? Jimmy Carter
drove down to Three Mile Island
after the meltdown just to get a tan. TMI
generated more fear and outrage than any
natural disaster or atomic bomb. The
whole question of nuclear power, nuclear
weapons and nuclear war was brought
right down to the streets. The capitalists
try to say it’s just a matter of making
already-safely power plants and has now
a bit “safer” and that there is nothing
political about it. But their whole
expensive policy is to keep away from
international maneuverings and war
preparations. Even the Secretary of
Energy, Schlesinger, was formerly
Secretary of Defense.

The real answer is that class is committed
to keeping world superiority in the area
of nuclear technology. If large numbers of
countries and people rejected this
terrible logic and to fight it, then the capitalist
class would be in a big trouble. If the
questions in the fight start out
limited only to commercial nuclear
reactors, which actually create more
danger than all of the bombs, what are
they going to do?! This has the ruling
class uptight.

For the last thirty years, ever since the birth
of the so-called “atomic age,” the
following has been a haunting
dream for the ruling class. Shades of Hiroshima
and Nagasaki. Thousands of people disinte-
graded into dust before they could
see an eye. Countless others dying slow and
painful deaths. Nuclear energy and nuclear
warheads have both had a bad
reputation—to this very day they are
renowned as dangerous and murderous
milions. And there’s a basis for this,
in the hands of the capitalists, that is
exactly what they want.

This has been a big obstacle for the
capitalists, partly because their energy
needs depend on it. And recently the nuclear
industry brought tens of thousands into the
streets. One close brush with death on a
government-owned, co-operative
propaganda work begins to meldown
before their eyes. The ruling class is
not happy.

What Really Worries Them?

The same kind of reactors that make
aircraft carriers and to make bombs
and warheads. When people find out
that the reactors themselves can be just
as deadly as the bombs, what are they
going to think? Worse yet, what are
they going to do?! This has the class
ruling up tight.

The bastards aren’t sweating blood
because the good citizens of Mid-
dletown and Harrisburg and maybe
even the whole State of Pennsylvania
were given an inch of getting zapped.
They’re worried about what the masses
would have done to them and their
precious nukes if it had really hap-
pened. If you don’t believe it, then why and
how did the nukes on TMI (and everywhere else they’ve been scattered) get
there in the first place? And why are
the capitalists so intent on keeping them
running?

There are 72 commercial nukes in the
U.S. like the one at TMI, and none of
them is any safer than that one. Beyond
that, the government operates many
reactors, not for electricity but for
naval ship power and for weapons pro-
duction. They make more plutonium
(the end product of nuclear fusion, and
the stuff bombs are made of) than all
the commercial reactors combined. And
these reactors are no safer than the
rest.

From the very beginning, and every
step of the way, the ruling class has
scooped up its nuclear technology as a
vehicle to “improve” nuclear weapons, and
international terrorism and imperialist
blackmail, and as a source of huge
profits at the expense of the masses.
“Safety” has never been a top
priority. Indeed, the first two products
of U.S. nuclear research were dropped
on Japan at the close of World War 2.

After the war, weapons production
flourished and the capitalists began
looking ahead for ways to reap even
more “benefit” from the atom. They
dove into nuclear technology to power
their military ships—subs first. And driven
by the potential for incredible
profits and the allure of an “unlimited”
source of electricity (based on the pro-
posed development of “breeder”
reactors, which actually create more
plutonium than they use) the capitalists
pushed building into the development
of commercial reactors.

Anarchy

This headlong rush is yet another ex-
ample of the criminal anarchy
of capitalism—which drags everything un-
controllably after its blind and
senseless rush for private profit—this system’s
holiest cause. People are forced to work,
recipes are driven to war, and in
the case of nuclear energy, huge forces are
summoned up not to serve the people
and the development of society, but
capitalism’s narrow and destructive in-
terests. Safety, of course, is thrown to the
winds in this mad chase.

Officials in charge of atmospheric
testing of atomic bombs were
surprised to learn that radioactive
nuke waste created by the exploding
A-bombs actually fell back down
to earth in their rush to produce, test and
“improve” nuclear weapons, these
murdering gangsters had overlooked
the law of gravity.

At first they tried to keep the pro-
blem of fallout a secret. When people
began finding out about it, they assured
everyone that it was harmless. This was
a conscious deception on the part of
the ruling class. The same type of deception
marked the development of the nuclear
energy program.

The capitalists have long known how
to use uranium to generate electricity.
But to this day they have not developed
the technology to do it safely. Nuclear
reactors produce intense heat. They
must constantly be cooled down or else
their fuel cores will melt through any
structure which has so far been created
to contain them.

As it stands now, all reactors emit a
certain amount of radiation. In addi-
tion, virtually every commercial nuke
in this country has a history of accidental
radiation leaks of alarming propor-
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this country are shut down
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After the war, weapons production

The possibility of a rupture or explo-
sion in any of the existing plants is very
real, despite the sternum demands
of nuclear officials. A water leak making
contact with the fuel core under certain
conditions could result in enough
pressure build-up (from the rapid con-

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Depraved Re-Trial of Yvonne Wanrow

Seattle—They maintained their vigil all night, not daring to sleep, as they kept watch over their eight children. It had been a long night, August 11, for Yvonne Wanrow, her sister, brother-in-law, and her friend Shirley. But it was almost over. Suddenly two men crashed in. Seconds later as two crazed drunks hanged for Yvonne, she shot in self-defense, leaving one dead, the other wounded.

The dead man, William Wesler, was no stranger to Yvonne. Nor to the police. The 62 year old white man was a neighbor of hers on the Colville Indian Reservation in eastern Washington. That same day he had threatened Yvonne and her children. He was a known rapist. She had gone to the police demanding protection. They said, “Scatter some flour under your windows so we can identify any intruder—we can’t do anything until next week.” Desperately, she took her children to Shirley’s house. Shirley was more than sympathetic—her little girl had been attacked and given venereal disease by William Wesler 7 months earlier.

Now the manic lay dead. But the nightmare was far from over. Yvonne Wanrow was convicted of murder and sentenced to 25 years in pri

Letter From Prisoner at LaGrange Prison, Kentucky

I read The Worker and was amazed to find out that there still exist in this world an organized search for the truth of the lives of the oppressed and the isolated. The revolutionary words leaped from the printed pages and struck me with tremendous force.

To help make possible getting the Voice of the Revolutionary Communists to the prisoners, who have refused to be beaten down by filth like William Wesler, who, like the decadent system, deserves nothing more than a bullet in his head.

The courts have spared no effort in trying to pressure this fighter into coping with a plea. Her righteous stand was a real threat—a spark that had to be put out. A guilty plea had to be wrenched from her by an insidious campaign of intimidation by the capitalists and their agents which was designed to scare her into just trying to save her skin.

On April 25, Yvonne pleaded guilty to charges of manslaughter and 2nd degree assault getting 5 years probation.

After it was over she said, “I wanted to close the door to the courtroom struggle. I just wanted it to end so I could take up my life as a mother.”

But the capitalist dogs hounded her for seven years until they got a guilty verdict that they could plaster all over their newspapers—a verdict that says that an Indian woman and her children are fair game because she refused to live an animal at the mercy of the capitalists. The verdict of the people is already in the capitalist system—guilty as charged.

For Sale:
One Eye, One Kidney

“Destitute, unemployed mother willing to negotiate sale of one eye and one kidney.”

This ad ran for almost one week in the Dayton, Ohio newspapers. Saying, “I’m selling, not begging.” The woman who placed the ad would not accept donations and has refused to apply for welfare or to other organizations for assistance. “To even become identified with these places puts a stain on the character of life,” she tells the plains. So in an attempt to save her daughter, she went to the newspapers—willing to sell parts of herself to save her daughter.

The Worker said 

Shine the Light of Revolution Behind the Prison Walls

Contribute to the Prisoners Revolutionary Literature Fund

The Revolutionary Communist Party receives many letters and requests for literature from prisoners and other prisoners. We have even had to wear a bullet hole torture chambers from Attica to San Quentin. There are thousands of more brothers and sisters behind bars who have refused to be beaten down and corrupted in the dungeons of the capitalist prison system. If we fail to support the struggle, we 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 to Maravedi-Lentini, Mao Tsetung Thought behind the prison walls, the Revolutionary Worker is establishing a special fund. Contributions should be sent to:

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So what really has gone on in Uganda, and what is the real story on Idi Amin? The U.S. press has long called Amin one of the biggest tyrants in the world, singlehandedly responsible for the people of that country will be free. The U.S. moved quickly to recognize the bogus provisional government which was brought to power by Tanzania—hardly a surprising development since it was clearly the bloody hand of Idi Amin which was the main force behind Tanzania’s invasion. The groundwork for this move has been laid over the last couple years as the U.S. imperialists have bitterly de- nounced Amin’s crimes and waged a propaganda campaign against his regime—pure hypocrisy since the U.S. played a key role in Amin’s rise to power in the first place.

An excuse for invasion, Tanzania used the brief occupation by Amin last October of a small area in northern Tanzania as the “smoking gun” for Amin’s claims in early March that “the overthrow of the Amin regime is a matter for the governments of the U.S. and its allies (and) forces played the decisive, if not ex- clusive, role in bringing about the downfall of the Amin regime.” Tanzania’s victory was based on mass desertions from Amin’s army by the early ’70s. Both Imperialism, the dominant power in the first place.

The “Uganda National Liberation Front,” a dubious set-up which Nyerere helped pull together early last year, has stated that it expects the U.S. to now “play a tremendous role” in Uganda, and in an interview with a magazine called that what Uganda needs now is something order of the government, a “Small Platoon” (which sealed U.S. domination in Western Europe after WWII).

Idi Amin’s Real Role

All these events have sharpened even more the questions many have about Idi Amin. Just what was his real role and what was the real attitude of the imperialists toward him? The imperialists constantly expressed shock and outrage at Amin’s flam- bant gestures. But what do they forget? What was the famous picture of British businessmen forced by Amin to carry on their shoulders, reversing the old colonial tradition? Or his denunciations of the Israeli Zionists? Or his brief arrests of Peace Corps “volunteers” in 1973? And on the surface of things, to those who know what colonialism is and hate it, there might appear to be something positive about any African hero of whom Amin forced distinguished British emissaries to approach him on the mainland and promise him key things he was not what Amin said, or certain grand- stand plays, but he who served.

Amin was the creation of imperialism in Africa. Idi Amin’s were puny in compar-ison to the armies, the guerilla wars, the conquering of the imperialists who trained him and brought him to power, only to depose him when he was no longer useful. Amin was a product of the imperialist rule of Africa. At age 21, he joined the King’s African Rifles, a British colonial army in east Africa. Amin was made a commissioned officer for the valiant role he played in the brutal British attempts to put down the independence movement in Kenya. He later recalled this role when, before a crowd of African heads of state, he demonstrated how during this cam- paign he would personally go out and kill Mau Maus guerrillas with a handkerchief. The army he was later to command became the “national army of Uganda” after independence, but nothing was done to transform this army from the colonial mercenary force it had been earlier under direct British rule. This was typical of the Amin government, which in Uganda saw German, British and U.S. Imperialism as the dominant powers opposing the Ugandan masses.

Amerikkas the Black leader has been an asset in Uganda, providing opportunities and payment more or less kept it loyal. When problems in keeping the army content did develop, Amin simply found a target for his violent outbursts. This was the case, for example, in 1972 when Amin expelled Asians from Uganda. These people, many small businessmen and merchants, were made into scapegoats. The “Plan for Uganda” was presented to the Ayatollah and the mercenaries as the spoils of loyalty. The army was used to crush all resis- tance. The “Democratic Front” (U.S. CIA front, the Agency for Special Operations) hired the number of people killed under Amin’s regime in the tens of thousands. Typical was the suppression of a workers’ strike at the Kilembe Copper Mines in 1974, ordered by the army, the strikers massacred.

The photos above show the Vietnamese Veterans Against the War being attacked by the L.A.P.D., as the chief of security for the Academy Awards hides in the background, supervising of course. One cop said, “The Duke would have been proud of us tonight.” Inside, the decrepit Amin, created such “stability,” Amin was well rewarded in 1971. Milton Obote, Amin’s predecessor, had been overthrown in a coup in which angered the British and U.S. With the intent of crushing opposition to his own rule. Obote announced a plan to flatten famous various imperialist holdings. This was also a showpiece aired at saving his own but from his increasing-ly angry people.

Idi Amin’s Coup

The British and U.S. searched for a more stable, lacking, which they found in Idi Amin. In January, 1971, with the support of the British and the U.S., as the leader of his long-time ally, Obote, the Israelis, Amin mobilized the section of the army he controlled, pulled off a coup and dumped Obote on May 6, 1971. Six months, 6,000 members of the army fac- tion opposed him and Obote had also been shot.

This army was Amin’s life-line. An elaborate system of patronage, plunder and payment more or less kept it loyal. When problems in keeping the army content did develop, Amin simply found a target for his violent outbursts. This was the case, for example, in 1972 when Amin expelled Asians from Uganda. These people, many small businessmen and merchants, were made into scapegoats. The “Plan for Uganda” was presented to the Ayatollah and the mercenaries as the spoils of loyalty. The army was used to crush all resis- tance. The “Democratic Front” (U.S. CIA front, the Agency for Special Operations) hired the number of people killed under Amin’s regime in the tens of thousands. Typical was the suppression of a workers’ strike at the Kilembe Copper Mines in 1974, ordered by the army, the strikers massacred.

What Did Idi Amin Protect?

Shortly after the coup, the U.S. moved to squeeze out the competition and become far and away the dominant force in Uganda by the early ‘70s. Both Britain and Israel sought U.S. cooperation for economic measures against Amin. Not only did the U.S. refuse, it strengthened relations, parti- cularly going after Uganda’s coffee. With coffee accounting for over 90% of Uganda’s exports, U.S. influence increased. Many Ugandans have been done to the Uganda’s coffee by 1977, the rest going mainly to Europe. It is revealing to note information that was disclosed, buried, at a U.S. Congressional hearing on Uganda. Part of the picture came out when it was revealed that over 30 of Amin’s uganda members of the 1971, which the Bureau, were trained in the U.S. Amin was brought to power by helicopters and trained pilots at its facilities in Houston, Texas. A host of U.S. military in Uganda have been done to the regime. Locked down, for example, sneak around through the somewhat

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Wichita, Kansas—What started out as an outdoor rock concert at Herman Hill, near Wichita, Kansas, on April 15 ended up in what the local police described as a "full-scale riot." The concert didn’t seem to have a lot of participants, but it did attract a large crowd of people who felt that the pigs were taking their take of the city of Wichita. The concert went on for several hours and ended with the pigs breaking into the nearby homes of some of the local people who were very upset about the situation.

Cops Get Stoned At Rock Concert

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Defend the Houston Rebellion? HOW RUDE! Says CPML

Recently the Communist Party Marxist-Leninist printed two "letters" in its newspaper, The Call, denouncing the Organization for Revolutionary Communist Party (CPML) for its uncompromising stand in the struggle to defend the Houston liberation movement. The CPML has published a pamphlet called "Why the Houston Rebellion?" which clearly gives the CPML's position on the issue.

Bishop Muzorewa Elected In Rhodesia—House Slave Makes Go

Bishop Abel Muzorewa—newly elected black Prime Minister of Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). For some months now, a poet of the street called "Spitfire" has been singing and declaiming examples of a good house slave. The recent "democratic elections" which supposedly brought back majority rule to Zimbabwe (there are 230,000 whites in a country of 6,7 million blacks) are a farce. The white minority has been guaranteed the police, the military, judiciary and civil service for five years. In order to get even of a turnover to impress Western reporters, thousands of blacks were herded to the voting booth at gunpoint by the Rhodesian army.

5000 Demonstrators Bust Up Racist National Front Rally in Britain

A pitched battle broke out the evening of April 24 in London between thousands of demonstrators and British riot police in front of a National Front election rally. The National Front is a racist and fascist organization that advocates the forced deportation of Britain's nonwhite immigrants who have come from the Caribbean, Pakistan and India. According to this British version of the KKK, black and Asian immigrant workers are responsible for growing unemployment and for the "decaying" British society. More than that, the National Front has led provocative marches through London's immigrant neighborhoods as part of its efforts to build up a racist movement among whites in Britain. At this election rally in a western industrial suburb of London, more than 5000 demonstrators, blacks and Asians—showed up to shout down the National Front. And when mounted police tried to break up the demonstration, they were pelled with bricks, stones and water by the angry people. Fighting the police's attempt to shut down the rally, demonstrators smashed windows and police cars and continued to cast their votes with guns, aimed at Smith, Muzorewa and their imperialist masters.

New Israeli 'Peace Offensive'

In the last week, the Israeli military has shown the power of the "peace" offensive against the Palestinians in Lebanon since its full-scale invasion of south Lebanon in early 1982. "Using the pretext of "retaliation" for an earlier attack by Palestinian guerrillas on a resort village that killed an Israeli policeman and three others, the Israelis have been using their heavy artillery, jet fighters and naval gunboats to attack the homes of Palestinian refugee camps and Lebanese villages.

On April 24, for example, more than 20 Israeli jets, including U.S. Phantom and French Mirage, bombed and strafed nine villages and Palestinian refugee camps around Nabatieh in central Lebanon. Dozens of civilians were buried in the rubble and hundreds more fled north. The Palestinian Liberation Organization accused Israel of "pocketing" the 900 tanks and snowmobiles they burned in southern Lebanon in early 1982. The U.S. too much. They're in favor of trying to buy more time so they can get away with it. However, growing numbers of people in Britain are taking a militant and determined stand against the National Front and have no intention of letting them spread their racist trash anywhere in Britain.
Iran: Struggle Sharpens in Islamic Government

Three months ago, Ayatollah Khomeini and other religious leaders rode to power on the crest of a massive revolutionary upsurge that overthrew the Shah's hated regime. Among the Islamic forces who were previously united in opposition to the Shah, struggle has increasingly broken out into the open about the future course of the revolution in Iran.

On April 13, officials of one of Tehran's komitehs (the neighborhood committees controlled by the Khomeini forces) arrested two sons and a daughter-in-law of Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani. These three committes had just left a meeting with representatives of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, where they were apparently given information about the past and present ties to the U.S. government of Dr. Yazdi, one of Ayatollah Khomeini's right-hand men and the current Deputy Minister for "Revolutionary Affairs." This position has placed him in charge of all military and internal security affairs. Yazdi's men have kept the sophisticated spying and phone tapping equipment left from the Shah's regime in operation, and are now maintaining surveillance over Iran's revolution.

In protest over these arrests, Taleghani closed down his office in Tehran and disappeared for several days. From hiding he issued a statement warning that the country could "once more fall back into the hands of dictatorialism and despotism." This sparkled large demonstrations for several days running in Tehran, Ahwaz, Abadan, Tabriz and other cities in support of Taleghani and protesting the khomeini's actions. On the fourth day of demonstrations, between 50,(X)0 and 1(X),000 people marched for several days in Tehran and other cities, raising demands for fuller democracy and continuing the revolution.

The arrests and Taleghani's response indicate a sharpening struggle among the Islamic forces which have generally lined up behind Khomeini in recent months. On the one side there are people who have rallied around Taleghani, including the Mujahadens guerrillas, who have taken more progressive stands on a number of issues and have often cooperated closely with the revolutionary Marxist-Leninist forces.

In addition, there were arrests of 12 people in Khomeini's revolutionary left. Mojtaba Taleghani and his wife Ayatollah Taleghani (the League of Struggle for the Emancipation of the Working Class), a Marxist-Leninist organization which developed out of a split several years ago within the Mujahadens.

Ayatollah Taleghani

Taleghani is highly respected among many Iranians, in large part due to his firm stand against the Shah's regime. He was imprisoned for more than 12 years and came to respect the in-dominable spirit of the many Marxist-Leninists and other revolutionaries with whom he shared cells. After his release from prison in November 1978, Taleghani became a popular figure in Tehran and acted as Khomeini's leading representative there.

In recent months, he has increasingly come into opposition with Khomeini and his closest advisors over their fre- quent attacks on the Left, over the re- cent stringent attacks on the Left, over the recent rigid referendum that gave the people the "choice" between a vaguely defined Islamic republic and a return to the hated monarchy, and over the increasingly reactionary activities of many of the Islamic committees, or komitehs, as evidenced by the arrests of his revolutionary sons and daughters-in-law.

Still, Taleghani has continued to va- cillate between defending and criticizing the new regime. On April 18 he ap- peared in Qum to meet with Khomeini, and at all accounts came out dovish. However, his recent statements have only intensified the struggle between the two men. And while Taleghani has tried to distance himself from some of the "corrupt" elements that worked their ways into the komitehs, he has emphasized that the komitehs aren't the problem—"not only now but would have the duty of 'getting the weapons out of the hands of those groups who create trouble and violence.' This was an unmistakable reference to the influen- cial revolutionary forces, who led much of the fighting that toppled the Shah's regime in February. This comes at a time when, with the Khomeini-Ghadir knowledge of many former SAVAK agents have joined the Left. And the right wing Moud organizations have been recently formed to express the desire to continue the anti-colonial, anti-imperialist struggle.

The Taleghani affair has shown that popular forces who have up to now followed Khomeini's overall leadership are beginning to call into question it. It has further demonstrated the inability of the Khomeini-Bazargan government to consolidate their "Islamic republic," and stop the masses of Iranian people from pushing the revolution forward.
**Battle at Newport News**

**Virginia Shipyard Strike**

Newport News, Va.—The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., where 12,000 workers have been on strike was the site of a massive pitched battle yesterday. An attempt between hundreds of strikers and a huge contingents of cops and Virginia state troopers.

The battle began when the strikers dealt out some just punishment to many of the cops and anyone persistent entering the giant facility. Three of the main gates were shut down tight. The cops issued the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., a noted company union, was satisfied by the furious strikers.

The cops and the SWAT teams hit back and went on a rampage against the striking workers. They used tear gas and rubber bullets to get out after everyone they could get their hands on, viciously beating men and women alike. The cops invaded the strikers' headquarters and began beating people making everyone throw one worker through a glass door. Skirmishes between cops and strikers went on throughout the day. Many Black workers fought them each other.

The strikers had plenty to be up in arms over. For two months they had been working a three-shift-a-day.Ten NFC conglomerate that owns Newport News Daily News discovering recognition of the United Steelworkers as their union. But all during the strike they had coverage to the line that if the strike were strike respectable and legal, they would not—not on the picket lines but in the courtrooms and the NLRB.

The last straw came the week before the 7th when the workers learned of the press that USWA was going to call off the strike. The stated reason? They could not get some leading captains to agree to any surrender in which they would not be guaranteed their jobs back.

When the company heard this they upped their demands, calling for the workers to agree to an unconditional surrender in which they would not be guaranteed their jobs back. At a meeting on Friday, April 13 of 6000 workers that lasted over 4 hours, the strikers denounced this and voted to continue the strike.

They're worried about the troops. Once the Pentagon is really drawn in by economic necessity, not by virtue of the false promise of the true picture of the army they just don't seem to have the "morale" of the soldiers. A senior advisor to Defense Secretary Brown was told by the reactionary media, "The lives of these workers get a little "uplift"—even in a struggle against the enemy. But the real inexistence within this system of wage slavery—the capitalists will ruthlessly struggle to get the workers into bigger questions about the whole rotten nature of the system we live under, and the misery it creates.

Many workers at Newport News were discussing their problems, especially after April 16. Whether or not these workers succeed in winning this battle, there is a definite possibility they will be heard from again.

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serving to say that "anyone opposing this bill is a racist" because the way things are now it is mostly "the poor and Blacks" who make up the army and his plan is "fair." It is not only we can only reply, who did most of the fighting and dying in the drafted army the U.S. sent to Vietnam if it wasn't "the poor and Blacks" and other oppressed nationalities.

The U.S. army, whether drafted or "volunteer"—is a five-star reflection of the stinking character of this whole system that thrives upon the oppression of the "poor and minorities" and are of such "concerns" to this liberal dog of Congress.

The "All Volunteer Army"—A Flop

The real point of concern in ruling circles these days is that their current "all volunteer army" is a flop. Coming the U.S. Labor Council National Honor Country approach to recruiting had to be slipped up a bit. But the mood around January when the military had to be found. This has been shown to the fairest and most honest of all the policies about good money, good jobs and having a great time "seeing the country serving the country" are the same time. But the millions spent on their massive TV, magazine, and campaign ads haven't convinced enough people to sign up even with the high pay and the fancy packages they are offering.

The government's worries about the army run deeper than just numbers.

Cops, of course, are given a license to kill, especially in the Black and Latino communities, and in the rare instances when their bloody activities are examined at all they roam free on "no bill" while the courts "investigate" their cold-blooded murders. Meanwhile, plenty of poor people languish in jail because they can't meet bail, sometimes spending more time awaiting trial than they would if convicted.

The situation of Black people at the bar of justice apparently was getting to be too much for Judge Wright to take, and let Singleton without bail. Now, the authorities want the Judge thrown from the bench. The "equality before the law" might be OK for whites and intellectuals, but the ruling class wants its judges to remember what the real purpose of its system of "justice"—is to keep the working class and the oppressed nationalities "in their place."

Judge Wright had an interesting response to all this. "Maybe if they fire me I'll have to find an honest job."

**Authorities Freak Over "Turn-Em-Loose Bruce"**

New York—A Black judge in this city's Criminal Court is at the center of a whirlwind of controversy here. Mayor Koch has called him "bizarre," Sam DeMilia, president of the Patrolman's Benevolent Association, calls him a "racist." The press refers to him as "Turn-'em-Loose Bruce."

Actually Judge BoydsÃ¢â‚¬â„¢s greatest offense is of being judge unprepared for trial.

On April 11, the plaintiffs in a civil suit against a group of policemen were not in court.
Imperialists Weep; Call for Defense of their Empire

Sometimes when the capitalists get to blubbing among themselves they let it all hang out. In a recent "Special Issue" of Business Week magazine—a mouthpiece for businessmen—they do just that, screaming and yelling in genuine alarm about THE DECLINE OF U.S. POWER. The Statue of Liberty adorns the front cover, a gleaming tear rolling down her cheek. But she is hardly ready for "the huddled masses, the tired and the hungry" that the capitalists are so fond of telling us the stand for. Her tears are for the loss of freedom all right—the only freedom this has has stood for all along—the capitalists' freedom to maintain what Business Week nakedly describes as their far flung "empire."

What smacks you in the face about this special issue of Business Week is that the U.S. rulers are obviously crying—crying out loud that "there are signs of U.S. weakness everywhere and cracks are appearing in the system." And these are no crocodile tears for baseball, mom and apple pie, the good old American Way of Life. Gone is the usual pablum they feed us, their pious pretense of "defending freedom and democracy" to explain their presence in other parts of the globe. Business Week puts it straight out: "The U.S. emerged from World War II as an imperial power and has had to live with the problems of empire ever since."

A more open confession by the U.S. imperialists than this one has not been seen in the world could hardly be asked for! Despite all the yak yak they run to the commoners about Soviet "ambitions" and Soviet "domination," it is clear that the capitalists and their rulers are not against "empire," only against somebody else's empire interfering with their own.

The capitalist argument: "Between the fall of Vietnam and the fall of the Shah of Iran, the U.S. has been humiliated by an unnerving series of shocks that signal an accelerating erosion of power and influence." What follows is a lengthy discussion by the capitalists of exactly how to defend this power and influence as the beginnings of "a New Debate Over Guns and Butter." But it is obvious early on that what we are being prepared for is guns. Guns to defend the imperialists' "empire," Salvaging the U.S. economy, bailed out of the Vietnam quagmire, they have been losing control of the Persian Gulf's oil to the Soviets with startling frequency. Business Week says: "The international payments system, the heart of the U.S. economy, is that a vast global shift in power and influence." Instead Business Week reveals that what it really involved here is "a struggle for more than oil." "The danger," they declare, "illuminated with stark clarity by the explosion in the Persian Gulf, is that a vast global shift in political alignments could occur if control of the Persian Gulf's oil were to fall into hostile [read: Soviet] hands."

This would mean, according to Energy Czar James Schlesinger (who is appropriately described as "more a geopolitical town and county planner than a politician") that "given their dependency on that part of the world, Japan and Western Europe would have to show their orientation." In other words, our strongest allies, these S.O.B.'s, might not give way to another spiral through the deepening crisis of imperialism. As the Revolutionary Communist Party of Mexico says, "Politically, the whole world is in a state of crisis, the whole world is in a state of war."

But before the imperialists' military defeat in Vietnam, it seems it was easier for them to get over. "As both banker and cop," they brazenly admit, "the U.S. was the guarantor of the post-war global economy." Since the dollar was the world's reserve currency, Business Week points out, the U.S. was able to export its inflation overseas by running continuous international payments deficits. "With its nuclear umbrella and armed forces, the U.S. stood ready to guarantee this open economic system." Open economic system? Open for what? For the U.S. imperialists to shove their crisis down the throats of people in other countries on an international scale and suck away their economic livelihood at the point of a gun.

All this "seriating analysis" by Business Week serves to confirm the assessment made several years ago by the Revolutionary Communist Party of the deepening crisis of imperialism. As the 1976 Central Committee Report stated: "What does it mean that this is a major crisis, not just a 'cyclical downturn' and that it will continue to deepen, despite the temporary and partial 'ups' within it? It means that, as opposed to earlier times in the post-WW2 period, when the U.S. economy was hit by recessions, things have entered into a specific downward spiral (not a straight line downward) which will only give way to another spiral through the deepening crisis of imperialism in the world—revaluation of the world through war among the imperialists, revolution, or—most likely—both on a world scale."

Prepare For War

Thus it is not surprising that the Business Week special issue concludes by getting right down to brass tactics—bring on the guns! The final section heralds the U.S. military apparatus to use military power," particularly in the Middle East. They quote Defense Secretary Brown saying that he promised Middle East rulers that "the U.S. will take a more active role—militarily and in terms of economic development—in the region." And showing that troops speak louder than words, he added, "Our friends there will of course, wait to see our performance."

Various senators and defense officials are examined at length on their particular suggestions for briefing up U.S. military presence in the hot spots around the world. Senator Sam Nunn wants permanent stationing of U.S. fighters at Middle Eastern military airfields. Others propose stationing a Naval carrier task force in the area. The Joint Chiefs of Staff prefer a combination of both. And, of course, Business Week doesn't fail to resurrect the specter of providing the fodder for all these imperialists canons: "In the end, the real test of the U.S. commitment to begin serving as its own policeman in
Iran

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The question isn’t are we going to struggle or aren’t we? It’s the kind of struggle. The system forces us to struggle every day just to get by. The question is are we going to struggle blindly spinning our wheels or fighting each other? Are we going to struggle intelligently, deliberately, and consciously, with a clear view of our enemy and our goal of revolution.

This is no idle dream. We dare not only to dream of revolution but to work unceasingly for the fulfillment of that dream. We cannot afford to have a revolution going on today but the publication and distribution of the Revolutionary Worker, a newspaper which will have no revolutionary movement and build up the vanguard Party of the working class, the Revolutionary Communist Party. We must not stand idly by in the midst of a great task of building and unifying a revolutionary movement all across the country, one area after another, and make that the unifying demand, acting in common cause with a common guiding line. The great revolutionary Lenin answered the question of how he accomplished the goal of such newspaper like this:

...When bricklayers lay bricks in various parts of an enormous, unprecedentedly large structure, it is “paper” work to use a line to help them find the correct place for the bricklaying; to indicate to them the ultimate goal of the common work, to enable them to see not only each brick, but also every piece of brick which, cemented to the bricks laid before and after it, forms a finished continuous line.

Such without a newspaper as a guide line, the situation is that... Bricks are often laid where they are not needed at all, they are not laid according to the general line, but are so scattered that the enemy will say it was never intended to do that, but only made of sand and not of bricks.

In this way the Revolutionary Worker will train revolutionaries and will be the basic collective organizing weapon of the Revolutionary Communist Party. This paper will train a network of fighters, spreading this grand conspiracy far and wide—a conspiracy of slaves to wipe out this hellion system of wage-slavery that the capitalists dare to call “modern society.”

This paper is a weapon that will pass from one hand to another for the future. It will lay a firm foundation for the revolutionary move...
We won’t be little chump firemen with a little bucket of water running around wherever people rise up in flames of revolution. “Stop, stop, it’s too dangerous.” This may be called “responsible” and “acceptable.” But it isn’t acceptable to the people who are resisting and exploited and who are beginning to have consciousness of their ability to change things, who are fed up with the way they have to live, who want to rise up and fight that. It is not acceptable to go into this and tell them to get back on their knees. This is not acceptable to people who rise up to fight back against their oppression, and it is most definitely not acceptable to the Revolutionary Communist Party, which is the vanguard of the working class and the vanguard of revolution in this country and which refuses to go down on its knees and will stand forever with the masses of people wherever they rise up and lead them forward toward the goal of revolution and will never tell them that they should go down on their knees. We will never bring a firehouse to douse the flames of revolution that flit up, but we will bring a fire and a big bellows and help the struggle to spread and the struggle will burn the whole thing down...

Capitalism has long since outlived its usefulness, it can no longer contribute to the development of society, it will constantly force people to rise up in struggle against it. We must improve the conditions under this rotten system, let alone to try fundamentally change things and make the world different. So while you are able to see the victories that might score, and the temporary strength it may have here and there, it can’t be denied, and it is preparing now in its deathtrattle to show once again its real nature as a capital system. It is preparing to kill the revolution and contain the two biggest capitalist exploiters in the world, the U.S. and the Soviet bourgeoisie, to drive the people out of the world, the army, the navy, the CIA, the FBI, the FBI, the army, the navy, the CIA, the FBI, and all-powerful, nobody can touch them...
IN IRAN, AROUND THE WORLD, AND HERE AT HOME . . .

MAY DAY INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY
On this tiny globe
A few flies dash themselves against the wall,
Humming without cease,
Sometimes shrilling
Sometimes moaning.
Ants on the locust tree assume a great-nation swagger
And mayflies lightly plot to topple the giant tree.
The west wind scatters leaves over Changan,
And the Arrows are flying, twanging.
So many deeds cry out to be done,
And always urgently;
The world rolls on,
Time presses.
Ten thousand years are too long,
Seize the day, seize the hour!
The Four Seas are rising, clouds and waters raging.
The Five Continents are rocking, wind and thunder roaring.
Our force is irresistible,
Away with all pests!

Mao Tsetung
January 9, 1963

THE FLAMES OF REVOLUTION ARE SPREADING
The Houston Chronicle

Houston Courts
Sentence Prisoner to Death

On April 26, as court was in session in the Moody Park trial 3, another trial in another room in the same building in which Caguas was sentenced to death by lethal injection. He had tried to escape from nearby Huntsville prison—four men—two inmates and two hostages—were killed by the guards when they recaptured him. The trial of a 20-year-old man who had been convicted of "causing" their deaths by trying to escape.

They told the press, "They want to kill my husband, but the police won't do anything."

A $1 fine for the pigs who cold-bloodedly killed Joe Torres and death for Ignacio Cuevas. The threat of 20 years in prison for the three who stood with the Houston rebellion, who challenged the lies and the rules of this system of "democracy." How many people have been murdered or thrown in jail to be robbed of these hands of capitalists!

The whole trial is as rigged as the courtroom—often totally excluded.

There is a new blackout. Moody Park's voice blast out through the speakers.

"They want to conduct this trial in secrecy, in darkness, out of the light of day, just like the same conditions when they murdered Joe Torres. Just like the vampire who dreads the light of day they have been hiding in terror in the face of all the demonstrations and all the telegrams from factories, barrios and grapes from around the country. Free the Moody Park Three, free the rest of us."

"Pack the courtroom and make the filthy hands of these capitalists stand on the light of day."

The next day for the second time in a week, many people of all nationalities come forward to take part in a picket, chanting outside the courtroom. At first no one is let in. Then, after a fierce argument, eight seats are opened to the public.

What are the capitalists afraid of? They know that if they uncover that the more people know about this case, the more it will explode in their faces.

FREE THE MOODY PARK 3!
**TV Movie Review**

**Friendly Fire Takes Aim, Misses Target**

It is six years since the Vietnam War ended. By the end of that war, the anti-war movement had grown from a few thousand to millions of people in active opposition to that imperialist war. The movement reflected the deep-seated hatred of the war among millions of American people. The war had become the main question on the part of many of the nature of this blood-sucking system itself.

In the great film, "Friendly Fire," the story of a low-deck family, the Mullins, and their search to learn the truth about the death of their drafted son, Michael. Their angry determination in the face of continual obstacles placed in their path rekindles the burning hatred many feel for the war, the military and the U.S. government during those years.

Despite its fundamental weaknesses, the film had some positive things to it that were highlighted in a couple of scenes.

On Memorial Day, 1970, a few months after the Tonkin Gulf incident, the American Legion places flags on the graves of the local veterans. Gene Mullins defiantly stalks through the cemetery and pulls out the American flag from his son's headstone. As he leaves the scene, he turns on the rest of the Legion and travels to the town of Hamilton, a poor Kentucky farm family whose son is killed in Vietnam. He could have gotten out of the draft by claiming family hardship, but he was "ashamed" to refuse. Peg Mullins says, "We taught them to obey. Do what you are told."

That was all. But we know that's wrong. In the same way, it is also the case of the Black draftee in Michael's unit who is sent to prison after reporting to a superior officer who called him a "nigger." This gives a glimpse of the upheaval in the military. The Mullins' son and other officers and enlisted men, where flaggmgs of officers became increasingly commonplace.

The experience of the Mullins reveals that what we consider as governmental actions, like this couple's hopes for a quiet life on the farm and a rewarding and meaningful future for their son, are now a thing of the past.

While Friendly Fire brings forward part of the picture of the movement against the Vietnam war, there is no mention of the revolutionary aspects of this movement as seen here, when 1500 celebrated the victory of the Vietnameses over U.S. imperialism.

**Cincinnati Minister Jailed for Contempt**

"I Will Not in Any Way Aid the State..."

Maurice McCracken, a 73-year-old Cincinnati minister, has been locked up in the Hamilton County Jail since mid-January. He has already had to be hospitalized once and remains in poor health, partly because of the fact that he had maintained during his first month of imprisonment but more because of his age and the stressful conditions in jail. It is no exaggeration to say that his jailers are fully prepared to let him die. In fact the judge who ruled to incarcerate McCracken said, "He can remain there until the end of time."

McCracken had been subpoenaed by the court to testify in a Grand Jury hearing against two prisoners who had escaped from Lucasville Prison in Ohio. The two, along with John Conte, also a prisoner of Lucasville, who had corresponded with McCracken, had held the court in contempt for two days last November, releasing him unharmed. Conte was later shot and killed and the other two were captured.

The Grand Jury was called to indict the two survivors on kidnapping and other charges.

When the subpoena was thrust on McCracken, he took a stand. "I will not testify!" When threatened with contempt of court charges, McCracken didn't budge. "I will not in any way aid the state in the prosecution of these men. They were right to escape the hole called Lucasville." This was consistent with McCracken's past against prisons. He calls for their abolition and has united with the struggles of prisoners against the many abuses they face.

The black robes who preside over the court exploded with rage. They squealed loudly in the press, "How dare he, this is sheer and utter lawlessness!" The judge in charge gave McCracken one last chance to "come to his senses," but again McCracken refused to bow down before him and his "sacred authority." I do not have to follow their "rules," he stated, "I question their right to dictate to me what I must do." That did it. McCracken was arrested.

The fight is building as May 2 nears. At that time, according to the law, the Grand Jury must be reconvened and McCracken called on again to testify. As yet another dividing line in the battle between the oppressed and the oppressor, the fight is reaching down to tear their dreams apart. This is something the bourgeoisie can never live with, and something they will try to crush...the struggle to free McCracken...the struggle to end the prison system. It is something we must keep alive and build upon.

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**War Issue**

**Marines Stand Up to Brass**

The brass don't like a soldier who thinks too much. They want soldiers to join up in the Marines, Navy, etc., and be intimidated. "We taught them to obey. Do what you are told."

A lot of people had signed up for rides next to the leaflet. In no time, that for them it wasn't too hard to figure out that something is brewing that is preparing to fight, who he is preparing to fight, and who he is fighting for. This is a terrible example for the coming generation.

Three years after Michael's death, the American Legion places flags on the graves of the veterans who are sent to prison for protesting against prisons. He calls for their abolition. This is a terrible blow against "a whole system of justice." But it fell on many deaf ears. And in fact, it backfired.

Thousands of people from many different backgrounds and classes went outraged at the lockup of McCracken. The attempt to make him out as a criminal got reverted, as many saw the courts as the criminal instead. A movement sprang up, with weekly demonstrations and pickets at the courthouse, and rallies and benefits being held with as many as 150 attending.

Many of Reverend McCracken's close supporters view the abuses of the system as the main line in the battle against evil individuals. They think that all men can be persuaded to "do good" by appealing to them individually. For example, the message on a picket sign for the judge who had sent McCracken up, read: "Ordered, ugly, blood-stained hand of capitalism reach to tear their dreams apart. Like millions of students, workers, teachers and veterans, the Mullins were drawn into political life in opposing the war. The film nonetheless is one the bourgeois can live with. Nowhere in the film are our rulers confronted with a picture of their true nature and that of the war, as one of imperialist aggression and plunder. The anti-war movement is characterized in the film in terms of the most backward forms of opposition during those years; a movement centered around lobbying Congress, writing letters to senators, and holding demonstrations to pressure the government to end their "policy" of pursuing the Vietnam War. This stands in sharp contrast to the very militant forward thrust of this movement through which many came to see the imperialism nature of the war and the face of the real enemy here at home, the U.S. ruling class. Instead of drawing this larger picture from the Mullins' experience, the film smoothes over their bitterness and pain, and the storm of struggle it unleashed, under a cloak of one family's personal tragedy. The film was designed to make the living hell Vietnam became for the Vietnam veterans an individual, not a historical experience. This was the military's version of their truth, their own version, for the truth is never reaching beyond the death of their son or the personal distress of other veterans' families to the truth behind the war itself.

The film answers the question, "Why Vietnam?" by describing it as a "senseless," "immoral," "undeclared" war, an "impossible" policy kept using by the government's (in the person of Nixon) efforts to save face. The real imperialist thing that gave rise to the war is never brought into question.

What really threatened the U.S. ruling class was the development of resistance to the understanding through the anti-war movement that the Vietnam war was a war being waged by the Vietnamese people, and a war of aggression on the part of the U.S. imperialists. The film has portrayed them as things like vets throwing away their lives. In reality, the 1971 demonstration led by Vietnam Veterans Against The War, and voicing the sentiments of millions around the world. It is something we must keep alive and build upon.

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**"IT'S ONE HELL OF A STORY AND WORKING CLASS ART AT ITS FINEST."**

Brusch of Chicago, IL 60600
Free the Moody Park 3! appeared in That rude and crude, RCP again I did the savior you attacked revolutionaries for not worshipping then turn capitalists. The CPML's "revolution called the October League) in the CM dent as some kind of "messiah" for the Ford," and it mounts a withering Page 16—Revolutionary Worker—May t, 1979 around directing the workers' attention Just listen to the following blistering with their stupid banners trying to Israel's interference and expansionism CPML that poses the workers' trade politics! And along with that, it is the incredible pettiness of the "letter writers," the rank concern for his/her this D.A. by workers in a San Jose, workers to uphold the righteous rebellion in the USS Midway refusing to sail and outside the military. But they're on the imperialists' aims. There were The CPML has done in defense of these Don't help them or they'll increase opposition to their imperialist The CPML just can't help them anymore. They have joined in the reactionary enemy's occupation of the continent. But recently he's been bending—rely ...